

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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CITY CLERK CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. The meeting is starting. Could you all, in the back, sit down, please? All right. Welcome, everyone, to the City of Riviera Beach. Tonight we have our regular City Council Meeting. Welcome. Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

Roll Call

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters? Chairperson Cedrick Thomas? Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Judy Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Deputy City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Pamala Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. We have a quorum.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'd like to invite everyone to stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge. (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance). Okay. Thank you.

AGENDA Approval: Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Miss Jones, do we have any additions or deletions to the agenda?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair, item number 5 on consent had been advertised as being removed and I just wanted to reiterate that one, item number 5 on consent.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. And that's it? Okay. Thank you.

Disclosure by Council

Adoption of Agenda

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Do we have a motion to accept the agenda?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

I. 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 PRO TEM PARDO: If anyone would like to speak on any agenda items, we have cards in the back. Please fill them out prior to the item being discussed by council. And give it to staff over here on the -- on my right -- on my left. I'm sorry. Do we have a motion to accept the consent agenda?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I move.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk? And we have no public comment cards on any of them.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you. That is the end of consent agenda.

MINUTES

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 05-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE EXISTING CONTINUING SERVICES CONTRACT TO PROVIDE**

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH CORZO CASTELLA CARBALLO THOMPSON SALMAN, P.A. (C3TS) NOW KNOWN AS STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR COMMENCING JUNE 1, 2014 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2015; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 06-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH TO CO-HOST A HALF MARATHON EVENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH MULTIRACE, INC., ON APRIL 12, 2014; AND PROVIDING IN-KIND SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 TO ASSIST WITH THE HALF MARATHON; AND FURTHER, APPROVING THIS EVENT TO BE AN ANNUAL EVENT CO-HOSTED BY THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 07-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH TO CO-HOST A TRIATHLON/DUATHLON EVENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH MULTIRACE, INC., ON JUNE 21, 2014; AND PROVIDING IN-KIND SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH THE TRIATHLON/DUATHLON; AND FURTHER, APPROVING THIS EVENT TO BE AN ANNUAL EVENT CO-HOSTED BY THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
4. RESOLUTION NO. 08-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH PENN CREDIT CORPORATION FOR DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
5. RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE NUMBER ONE (1) RANKED FIRM, MCKINLEY INSURANCE SERVICES, INC., OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, TO SERVE AS AGENT OF RECORD FOR THE CITY'S EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE PLANS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Removed*

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 09-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY TO ACCEPT VOUCHERS FROM THE COUNTY'S DROWNING PREVENTION COALITION PROGRAM FOR REDEMPTION FOR PAYMENT OF SWIMMING LESSONS PROVIDED BY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Petitions and Communications for Filing?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: None.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: None. Thank you.

II. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

7. **PRESENTATION FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILWOMAN JUDY L. DAVIS TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR GOOD WORK.**

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And colleagues. Oftentimes City employees feel that they don't get any official feedback from us for the hard work that they do. So I decided to begin an initiative to recognize the various departments every month or so for -- to show them that we appreciate them. And Public Works just happened to be the first department to be recognized simply because as I would go about my business in the city day to day, I was seeing a lot of what they were doing. So anyway, I'm going to call up the Director of Public Works at this time, Mr. Brynt Johnson, to explain the -- the organization of his department.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Good evening, Council. Brynt Johnson, Director of Public Works.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: While she gets the slides ready or the presentation ready, I'll briefly go over the various divisions of Public Works. Public Works consists of five main divisions. They are Streets, Stormwater, Property Maintenance, Vehicle Maintenance and Engineering. A lot of -- you know, you can also call us -- you can really say six divisions because we have Administration built in there

as -- as well. Primary functions of -- of Public Works is to maintain the City's right-of-ways, maintain all of the vehicles in the City, handle a majority of the capital projects that come through, do plan review, site plan review, the City's stormwater system. I think that's one I forgot. Stormwater. We maintain the City's stormwater infrastructure amongst other things. From time to time you'll see us also moving furniture around throughout the city. And from there I'll turn it back over to Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Johnson. Okay. I'm going to take you through just a little bit of what I have been seeing and -- and tell you a little bit more about what Public Works does. All of the employees in the Public Works Department is -- they are OSHA trained, which means Occupational Safety and Health Administration. They have been trained in OSHA requirements and all of that. Also, they are trained in first aid, CPR and AED trained, which is the defibrillator training. And Mr. Johnson also initiated or implemented the City's first request for traffic-calming devices. We have a policy in place for residents to do that.

Also, another important thing that Mr. Johnson has done is -- there is such a thing called maintenance of traffic. It's a certification that is provided through the State of Florida and some of our employees had not had this certification. So now I'm proud to say that all of the employees have this certification. Any time anybody works on the streets, they need to have this. So thanks for doing that, Mr. Johnson. And they also implemented the Let's Talk Trash brochure to inform citizens and to address frequently asked questions.

Their Engineering Department oversaw the -- no, go back -- oversaw the W. 36th Street reconstruction. They're managing the 13th Street reconstruction and they installed approximately six speed humps during the last fiscal year throughout the city to reduce vehicular accidents and to protect children at play in the neighborhoods. They also review all of the site and construction plans for engineering compliance. Stay right there. Currently they have repaired approximately 1,000 linear -- linear feet of sidewalks throughout -- throughout our city, and I've seen them doing some of this work on my street. I didn't ask for it but there was some cracked sidewalks there, including National Village, Z Terrace and Lake Shore Drive. And what I've also seen is that they are making sure that our street signs are in place and you have seen the stop stripes at our stop signs because there were none.

And I'm going to go ahead and show you some of the pictures at this time of some of the work that they have been doing. You see the Welcome to Riviera Beach sign. They keep it very nice. And the next slide is looking east, I believe, on Blue Heron Boulevard. Their Landscaping Department or Division is -- is doing some great work there. That's a west view on Blue Heron Boulevard. Just some repairing potholes. Well, go ahead and keep going. Okay. This is in Monroe Heights where they're doing some sidewalk repairs. And I believe that is --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Alan Winn

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- Mr. Alan Winn in a hole somewhere. There he is again cleaning the vines from the City complex. So -- and that's our street sweeper. Mr. Johnson has informed me that they really need another one so that's a -- a conversation for a later date. But anyway, I just wanted to take the time out to recognize some of the work that they do. And I will be recognizing departments maybe, you know, one every month or so. And if my colleagues approve -- I believe it's item 12 on the agenda -- I'll be providing them a late -- a light lunch on Friday. Thank you all very much. And thank you to the Public Works Department.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's great. Great job.

8. PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON TO RESIDENT, ROBERT "BOB" GONSTEAD, PRESIDENT OF SICA, FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION AND MANY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Hey, my friend. Thank you very much. We have a lot of residents in our community that volunteer, give a lot of their time with little recognition. And they have a positive vibe to themselves. And those are the type of people that I like to recognize 'cause they're going to be instrumental in moving our city forward. And certainly I feel that Mr. Gonstead, who I might also say -- and I hope it doesn't hurt your reputation -- is a friend of mine. And he and I met about four years ago in 2010. We were organizing a group of people to deal with some issues in the City. And he volunteered to come forward and be a part of that. So at this time I'm going to turn it over to my capable legal assistant -- I've given you another employee, Pam -- legislative assistant aide to give us a little background about Mr. Gonstead.

LEGISLATIVE AIDE BLUE: Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Miss -- Madam Chair, members of the board and the Riviera Beach community, I'm honored to say that Bob is also a friend of mine. He's a native of Madison, Wisconsin, graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, with a BS degree in Economics and History. He also has post-graduate diplomas in commercial banking and commercial lending from the University of Wisconsin and the University of Oklahoma.

Prior to relocating to Florida, Bob was the executive vice president of a commercial bank in Madison, Wisconsin. He was a board member with the United Way of Dade County -- I'm sorry, Dane County. Not Dade County. I'm sorry. Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Dane County, and president of the Wisconsin Chamber -- or Chapter of the National Arthritic Foundation. Bob and his wife Carol have been permanent residents of the State of Florida since 1995. Bob has been extremely active, not only in Riviera Beach, but throughout Palm Beach County. He is the past president, the current past president of SICA, having served for many years. He is the current chair of the Beaches and Dunes Committee, vice chair of the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach, EDAC Advisory Committee, which is a part of the CRA. He's vice president and treasurer of Protect our Beaches Coalition and a member of the Martinique II Condominium Association.

Bob, Mr. Gonstead, thank you for all that you do and all that we know that you will continue to do to help move Riviera Beach forward. Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Bob. And now I will present his certificate. And let me just say that some think that I may make decisions in a vacuum but I do not. I do have people on both sides of the bridge that I do speak to and consult and get feedback, criticism and observations. Bob happens to be one of those people. And in meetings, Bob is normally the good cop and I'm allegedly the bad one. But Bob, this certificate is presented to you in grateful appreciation for your many years of dedication and tireless devotion to the Riviera Beach community. Presented this 5th day of February, 2014, Bruce A. Guyton, Councilman District 1.

BOB GONSTEAD: Thank you very much.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

BOB GONSTEAD: Well, thank you, Councilman Guyton, and thank you, fellow council members. This is an honor that I am very proud to accept and I accept it on behalf of all the past, present and future volunteers in Riviera Beach who are trying to make our city a better place to live, work, learn and play. A special shout out or thank you -- this award would not have been possible without help from -- a little help from my friends. A special thanks to my fellow board members at SICA. A special thanks to Mike Sloser and his board members at COASI. A special thanks to Bill Contole, his board members at the Citizens for Responsible Growth. Kimberly Jackson and Lacey Byrd and the board members of Committee for a Better Riviera Beach.

Volunteerism is a -- I think it's a great thing. The byproduct of it, which is most important besides contributing to your community, is you meet a lot of really nice people who become really great friends. Now, not everyone can volunteer for various reasons. But I'd like to conclude my remarks with the fact that everybody can vote. It's a privilege and it's a responsibility that we all vote in this community. That's one way to volunteer. On March 11th, there's a very important election coming up, a special election. It relates to our marina. And my final words are, Don't guess but vote yes. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you very much, Bob, and congratulations. Well done. Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Okay. Well, I think you're going to stay there.

9. PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON TO RESIDENT, MARGARET SHEPHERD FOR HER PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. As Miss Shepherd comes, I would just like to recognize that I've been observing her for the past few years. She's always at council meetings. She's at CRA meetings. She's at community meetings and she always has a positive vibe. We've got to move the City forward. This is a person that I've grown to have a lot of respect for and sometimes, like I and Bob, we have different

opinions but we respect the differences and we continue to work together. This is somebody that I feel is exemplary and we -- she needs to be recognized for her hard work. So at this time I'll have my legislative aide to come back again and give us a little background about Miss Shepherd.

LEGISLATIVE AIDE BLUE: Madam Chair, members of the board, Riviera Beach community, Miss Margaret Duncombe Shepherd was born in Detroit, Michigan. Shortly after graduation from culinary school her entrepreneurial spirit led her to start her own catering business, Heavenly Host. Margaret's commitment to volunteerism began early. From 1978 to 1984 she devoted her time and energy volunteering at the Detroit Library. In 1985, Margaret moved to Florida. I'm sure Detroit Library hated to lose such a good volunteer. I know she's a volunteer at the Riviera Beach Library, as well.

Moving to Florida did not put an end to her commitment or to her volunteerism and community activism, even though she had a day care center to run. And the name of that center was Shepherd and Burgess. Miss Shepherd moved into the Ivy Green Development in 2004. With her boundless energy, she was instrumental and played a vital part in having it torn down. She was vice president of the Residents Council at that facility. Mrs. Shepherd is a proud and active resident of the City of Riviera Beach. She always seems to be at her best when she's in the thick of things. Her many affiliations and memberships include, she's a member of the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach, the Barracuda Bay Swim Team, and the Black Tea Party. Her past memberships, Riviera Beach Planning & Zoning Board, Riviera Beach Educational Board, Riviera Beach Friends of the Library.

Miss Shepherd, you are a valued asset to the Riviera Beach community. She is also -- and I can say this proudly -- a member of the Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church here in the City of Riviera Beach. Reverend Griffin Davis, Sr. is the pastor. That's my pastor, too. Mrs. Shepherd is the mother of three. She has five granddaughters, one grandson and one great-grandson. Miss Shepherd, we thank you for all that you do, for all that we know you will continue to do to help to move this City forward. Thank you again.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: To the members of the board, everyone in their own seats, I'm really honored today. I work very hard. I also volunteer at Inlet Grove. I also have a reading program down at the Mandel Library on the third floor where I read to the children. I also was a Guardian ad Litem for almost 15 -- some of those things you forget -- for about 15 years. I carried about 28 cases. If no one's really familiar with the Guardian ad Litem Program, it is a program that you get an opportunity to speak for children that has been battered or they need someone to stand in for them. I was very much into a high-profile case with Judge Alvarez, and I stayed around for many, many years just talking to Judge Alvarez. We're very good friends. And with that I thank you. My better half is not here and that's Summer. I hope she's doing her homework. But she said, "Nana, I just got to peek at you." So I -- I gave her a few opportunity moments to do her homework but yet, you know -- to -- to look at channel 18.

My slogan is to move the City forward. My slogan is to say yes. It is time that we stop the foolishness. It's time to stop the procrastination. It is just time to see our city as well

as everyone else moving forward. I lived in West Palm Beach for about two years and I tell you, the ideas that they have, they took the ideas from here.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: Nobody really knew that. They have Rybovich Village, which really came from here. The marina, it came from here. The events in Newcomb Hall really came from here. A lot of things that they're doing came from Riviera Beach. So it's time for us to get on the bandwagon and when we vote on March the 11th, I hope we say yes. Let's not procrastinate any more. And with that, I thank Mr. Guyton. I've been watching Mr. Guyton for quite a number of years when Bobbie Brooks was here. And then when Clara came in. He is a man that I love to hear speak. He has a distinct voice that really penetrates the heart. I was sitting in the hairdresser the other day and I hope this would help him. A lady started talking about him. And the hair on my head just -- just raising up a little bit, you know, 'cause I wanted to hear. I was up under the dryer. And she said, "I worked with Bruce at Palm Tran."

Of course I had to pull the thing up 'cause I really wanted to hear then. I just really want -- and she say, "He is such a gentleman --" I'm gonna get her name -- "a gentleman and a scholar." I said, "Hear, hear. I know him." "I knew him," he says, "Miss Shepherd, and I know you, too." So I thank all of you and from my family. My mom and dad were born and raised here. There are no secret of who they are. They're my Uncle Freddie Lee Hyatt, who was chief skycap for Eastern Airlines for many, many years. So we're not a secret here. But with that I want to thank you and, Mr. Guyton, thank you so much for being you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, Miss Shepherd.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And let me just quickly read. We've got to move on. And let me also say that we have a lot of people in our community that volunteer, that -- that do have a positive vibe. And I will be recognizing others, as well. But tonight Miss Shepherd, in recognition and appreciation of your dedication, devotion and active involvement for progress in the Riviera Beach community, presented this 5th day of February 2014, Bruce Guyton, Councilman District 1. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Congratulations again and thank you, Mr. Guyton. Item 10.

10. PRESENTATION BY MR. JOHN BARTOSEK, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening, sir. Please state your name for the record.

JOHN BARTOSEK: Good evening, Mayor and Commissioners. I'm John Bartosek.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Bartosek, sorry about that.

JOHN BARTOSEK: I'm Communications officer at Children's Services Council. Bartosek.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Sorry about that.

JOHN BARTOSEK: And I apologize for being late. A little storm out there and 95 was a little tied up so I apologize. Good evening. As I said, we are -- thank you for the opportunity to meet with you today and share some of the recent work at our Bridges sites. With me this evening are Terri Ferguson, who is director of Bridges at Riviera Beach, which is a program of Children's Services Council, Lucy Jerome who is a navigator at Bridges and Lenita Sanders who is a program officer at Children's Services Council for the Bridges. You're all familiar with Bridges and Children's Services Council, so I'll just remind you briefly that the Bridges at Riviera Beach is one of the 10 Bridges sites that is established by Children's Services Council.

Before we -- there we go. Thank you. Before we -- before we share with you the latest report, I'd like to ask one of our members of the Bridges here to talk with you a little bit about her experience as a -- as Bridges. Thank you.

RENEE TUFT: Good afternoon. I'm Renee Tuft [phonetic].

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Welcome.

RENEE TUFT: I -- I will say for myself as a parent and a grandparent, it's very rewarding to have some people like that in -- in Riviera Beach, in our community 'cause they done helped me out with quite a few things. They listen to me, cry to 'em, and I'm -- I'm -- I'm a bit of a crier on certain things. And Lucy, Tracy -- I mean, Terri and Miss Debra (inaudible) -- Miss Lorna, unfortunately, is not here. But all of them there be for me. You know, like I told them when time when we were just having a ladies' group meeting, "I don't care what y'all say. I know they're here for me, you know?" So I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- I mean, I'm very glad they're there on all kinds of things, with my grandchildren. Just getting to meetings and just -- sometimes just getting away from the house and doing things together.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

RENEE TUFT: And just speaking amongst us females and things that I'm -- I've been going through that I can get suggestions from the other females that be in there. I mean, it's really good. But the main thing for me is just having them there to listen. I don't have it all on myself. And thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: You're welcome.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, thank you, ma'am. Thank you for sharing that with us.

JOHN BARTOSEK: Thank you very much, Renee. Our latest project with -- with the Bridges sites involves an in-depth report on the community assets and the resources available here in the Bridges communities, Bridges at Riviera Beach neighborhoods. I'd

also highlight some of the challenges there, especially involving children growing up healthy, safe and strong. The report that the Bridges staff is distributing is in several parts. Part of it, the first part is an introduction to the Bridges and a summary -- a general overview -- and a summary of all of the Bridges sites together.

The second part is about the Bridges at Riviera Beach specifically. The report is at the census tract level so it's smaller than a ZIP code and it allows all of us working together to focus our resources where they're needed the most. Children's Services Council through the Bridges is currently working with local community partners to increase effectiveness, impact and access to existing programs and services here in the community in an effort to address some of those challenges.

We want to work with Bridges and the City of Riviera Beach to expand on the many good works that's already underway here, including the WIC Nutrition and Education Services to expectant mothers and families with children under five through the monthly Saturday clinic; increasing awareness and access to local VPK or pre-K programs for parents of four-year olds to support successful entry into kindergarten; and ongoing collaborations with local schools such as Atkins TLC, Bentley's and Fannie Mae Tots and elementary schools such as Washington, Bethune and Lincoln Elementaries; to coordinate services which support children and increase access to prenatal services -- excuse me, to parental services like Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, Home Safe, Community Voice, Food Bank, Health Department immunization van and the Kids Kloset. The Bridges' report is also available on our website and we're also having additional copies printed to share this information. Our website, by the way, is cscpb.org. That's Children's Services Council Palm Beach County, cscpb.org.

While we're here we also want to update you very briefly on the new reading and literacy campaign that we launched in the fall, in late September, with the Literacy Coalition and with the school district, which is called Our Happily Ever After begins with Reading. We have a reading package, as well, I believe that we're distributing and that includes our report on Why Reading Matters, our campaign brochure and copies of the bookmarks that we're using. We also have had copies of this report and the bookmarks on -- that we'd like to leave on your display table in the city offices, and some new cards hopefully reminding people of our -- of our PBCReads.org website.

We certainly want to thank all of you commissioners and the City for working with us. We would also like to extend a special thanks to J.A.Y. Ministries for their willingness to house the Bridges Program. Chairman Cedrick Thomas' Administrative Aide Hope Gentry, Council -- Council members Terence Davis' Administrative Aide Regina Williams, Miss Cynthia Cobb, Director of Riviera Beach Library, and Dr. Camille Coleman, Area 4 superintendent with the Palm Beach County Schools for their ongoing collaborative work with Bridges' recent initiatives. Either I, Terri Ferguson or Lenita would be happy to answer any questions that you have about the Bridges or our reading campaign.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you, sir. And thank you for doing what you're doing in our community. We appreciate it. Okay? Are we good? Everyone's good?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I just want to say thank you, as well.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. Thank you very much for the presentation.

JOHN BARTOSEK: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Keep up the great work. And ladies, thank you for coming out tonight. Okay. That is the end of Awards and Presentations. We will move on now to Public Hearings item 11.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. RESOLUTION NO. 10-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE MARINA DISTRICT PHASE ONE SITE PLAN, COMPRISED OF ELEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE MARINA DISTRICT MASTER PLAN, PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MARINA EVENT CENTER, INCLUDING NEWCOMB HALL, BICENTENNIAL PARK RENOVATIONS, RECONFIGURATION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY, NEW SURFACE PARKING AREAS, TEMPORARY MARINA OFFICES, AND LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS, ON APPROXIMATELY 12.6 ACRES, LOCATED EAST OF AVENUE 'C' AND WEST OF THE MUNICIPAL MARINA DOCKS, INCLUDING ADJACENT RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Properly moved and second. Good evening, Miss McKinney.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Good evening. Mary McKinney, Director of Community Development. And this is the site plan approval for the marina master plan phase one. It has been approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on October 24th, 2013, and the CRA Board on November 13th, 2013. And so this evening we'd like for City Council approval so we can move forward into the construction phase of it. On the screen here we have the illustrative plan that shows the layout of the phase one of it. And then this area, of course, is Bicentennial Park. Here's the lawn seating area which will also be available for vendors and lawn seating when there are performances. Stage is here. There's a small concession area right to the side of the stage. Now, on this side of the building is an interactive water feature. And then there are bathrooms in this area here. The walkway along the beach wall is here and then over in this corner of the park is another bathroom/restroom area. The beach area will be available, of course, for kayaks, any kind of beach activities when there -- we have provided an access way down through here for the kayaks to be brought down by way of pickup trucks or however they're -- they carry them.

Over here is the new Marine Event Center which will house the new Newcomb Hall Ballroom. The new Newcomb Hall Ballroom is about 4,000 square feet and it'll seat between 260 to 300 people. There -- the old Newcomb Hall was about 2,000 square feet and it seated about 135 people. So the new Newcomb Hall Ballroom will be twice the size of the old Newcomb Hall. So in the Marine Event Center there will be a restaurant, café, and on the second floor there will be an area for the public to lease for any kind of events, private events or -- and then on the other east side of the second story will be a bar/restaurant type of open area so that there'll be lots of seating to view out over the marina and the water. Down on the east side of the Event Center is the layout for the future restaurant row, restaurant developments. So in this area here we assume that the new Tiki would be built and then the other -- any other developers that come in down here, we'll be ready for them to come in and develop them.

The promenade along this area for the public to enjoy the waterway and the marina. On this side here are areas for drop-off, areas for drop-off and drop-off. The temporary marina facilities will be moved to the southeast corner. It will be mobile units and the marine offices will all move into this area here. And then the development construction will be able to start on this side of the park. And then when the Marine Center is done, they can move into this side of the park. Over here is the facility where marina will be able to do their work, do their storage and any other types of facilities that they need on that side. There is parking available for the entire site. Approximately 500 parking spaces will be available for the whole event. So at this time we're asking for Council to approve the plan for phase one and to allow the City to go forward into the next stage. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you, Miss McKinney. Before we go to Council comments, we will hear from the public. First card we have is Bessie Brown and then after Miss Brown, uh, Norma Duncombe.

BESSIE BROWN: Good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening, ma'am.

BESSIE BROWN: I -- I was always -- I was asking questions with the new Riviera Beach Center -- Events Center. So I guess Newcomb Hall name will not be acknowledged I guess in this new development? The other question that I have that says the Newcomb Hall Ballroom. I like this -- you know, the setup, design and all that, but you know, the problem -- the biggest question that I have is that we -- we share all these beautiful designs from the outside but we see no layout on -- on what the -- the buildings is actually gonna look like on the inside. And I -- I hear Miss McKinney says it's -- it's -- it's going to turn into a new -- a Ballroom and it's going to have more space than we currently have, which is definitely not true, because I -- I've actually rented Newcomb Hall, and we've had -- we've -- and people have rented Newcomb Hall with much more than just a hundred and -- hundred spaces.

And so, you know, I -- I -- my thing is that I don't have a problem with redevelopment. Never did have a problem with redevelopment here. It's just that every time we come to

a meeting or something, something changes. The name changes. Now -- and this is the first time we've actually been given the information that the new Newcomb Hall would have 200 seats because I've asked several times, Are we -- is it going to be smaller? And I see that it is. And the only thing that I -- I -- I just would like for Council to acknowledge and let the people know what you're doing and -- and -- and how you're doing it. And when -- when -- and when the public does ask questions, that you do answer them instead of just answering them only when, you know, things are presented just for -- for you to approve. The citizens, taxpayers -- we're taxpayers -- you know, and -- and we would like to know how this is going -- you know, what's going to be done, who will use it, how it's going to be used. But see, none of that has ever been answered. We've had plenty of meetings but now -- and now we're actually getting a new building with a new -- with a new name and it's smaller than what we had before.

And one other thing. And on the plans on the floor -- on the plans here, nice plans, but the -- but the entire marina is not dockage area. It's not -- it's not showing on the -- on the plans. Why don't -- why is that not on any plan here? I just -- because, you know, we have -- we have good -- you know, beautiful presentation here, you know, little plans. But you're not showing the total dockage, all the slips and stuff out there. And if you're going to do, you know -- give -- give -- give us information, give us the complete information project.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you, ma'am. All right. So we have the clock working now? All right. Miss Duncombe and then Fane Lozman.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Okay. I'm Norma Duncombe and Council, Chair and Mayor and board members, I have a concern. Basically, the picture looks very pretty up there. My church has always had, up until recently, summer picnics for the -- for the families of the church in Bicentennial Park. And -- and I -- I'm not saying that it's -- it looks smaller, but I'm not really sure of exactly the size that you have there. And before we had -- we -- we could take the children there because there were, like, a little court there that they could shoot baskets and what have you.

And Bicentennial Park, the name just exude family, neighbors and what have you. And I'm just wondering if you are going to accommodate that. Newcomb Hall was primarily a senior citizen's center and it doesn't seem that provisions are being made for the senior citizens of this city. It seems as if -- who's going to operate this building? Is that going to be under the Recreation Department so that activities will be planned for senior citizens, for them to have someplace to go during the day and during the afternoon? Because that's basically what it was before. It seems as if this is an operation that will eliminate the majority of the citizens of this city. Senior citizens who would like to be -- go there for activities.

It looks -- the layout looks very good but I -- I just think there -- there are some things that really need to be clarified. And what is the time element for doing each phase of that? Is the Newcomb Hall going to be one of the first things that will be done? I'd like an answer for that, because I don't know anybody in this city who has not been to an activity at Newcomb Hall. That was -- has always been a place that people could have

activities, weddings, parties, meetings. I don't play cards but they -- the senior citizens played cards there and during the day. I think it's a need for those type of activities. But what it sounds like now, the -- the -- the Ballroom and what have you is something that's going to be rented out and it's not going to be something available for the average citizen of this city. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, Miss Duncombe. Fane Lozman and then Margaret Shepherd.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. For starters, where did the marina property come from? It came from a gentleman who gave it in a bequest. He donated it to the City, a man by the name of Charles Newcomb. He did that a hundred years ago. Where does this council get off naming what should be the new Newcomb Hall as a Marina Event Center? That is the stupidest thing I've heard in a long time. We'll just say, Oh, let's go down to the Marina Event Center. What marina? If anything it should be the Riviera Marina Event Center, but why would you even name that? This community, for the last hundred years, has known Charles Newcomb, Newcomb Hall. So the building should not be called the Marina Event Center. That is just ludicrous and if it -- and if it does turn out to be that way, Riviera Beach needs to be incorporated into that name. But I think it should remain what it was, Newcomb Hall.

And the use, as Miss Duncombe said, should remain the historical use of the property. That Newcomb Hall is being rebuilt 'cause they said it was too old. It didn't morph into all of a sudden we're going to have a restaurant there and we're going to have a restaurant row there. We're going to have some concession stands in Bicentennial Park. That property is not big enough to support all these different restaurant/bar type facilities. The Tiki Bar is -- really, the Tiki Bar has more than enough capacity to satisfy the amount of people that will be coming in and out of there. So if you add a second place, okay. Why are you taking Bicentennial Park that should be a park and putting that building in the middle of it? I have a problem with that.

But the point, I have a problem in that that plan doesn't look like the Treasure Coast plan that everybody went through all those meetings with and the Mayor was out there where they had that -- what, the Utility District or the Water Department where they had all the maps. That -- that plan doesn't look like what people wanted to have four or five years ago.

You know, a comment was made, Oh, the CRA Board already approved that. Now we get back to some comments made earlier, Don't guess, vote yes. The point is, don't guess, vote yes. This is a City project. This never should have gone to the CRA Board for approval. It's the City this controls this property. You know, the referendum that's coming up in March, the answer is to vote no to allow this to continue to remain a City property under City control. Not to lease it out to a private individual who has relationships with council people sitting up there, including you Guyton and Miss Pardo. So the point being is that this is a City project. It should go back to the Treasure Coast plan that was in effect, that was approved back in 2008, and one way to have that happen is to vote no in March in the referendum and then we'll get this back on track to

what we spent -- I don't know how many hundreds of thousands of dollars with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Conference to draw up the plan.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Margaret Shepherd.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach. The one thing that I want the general public to know is that we have been sitting on property that should have been developed many, many years ago. I don't understand people that's coming from Palm Beach Gardens, North Palm Beach, Lake Park, on down to Miami or what, coming into our city telling us how to develop our land.

This is our land. And we should have the opportunity to develop it any way that Council and the public chooses. It is your vote if you want to see Newcomb Hall, the Events Center. I think giving it a name is fantastic. The Ballroom. It open up your imagination. We all know what it is and so what is the big deal? I encourage you, the public, as you're out talking to me, that I'm going to exclude one thing: I will not talk about my city. My city where my family has their blood smeared all -- even in this chamber. I think that it's time to move forward. It's imperative -- it's so imperative that you go to the polls and vote. You keep hearing them say, Vote no. I want to encourage you that if you want to see this city move forward, please say yes. Don't be distracted by people that have nothing going on in their life.

They have no real vision but to come here and make sure that they sue this city over and over again with your taxpayers' money. They're taking your money out of your pocket where you can enjoy life. I'm ready to go to the marina. I don't have a boat but I -- I'm just looking to sit out on Newcomb Hall looking over at the horizon and seeing the ocean. I'm looking to walk on the sand. I'm looking to see the big boats. I'm infatuated with big boats. I want to encourage you, please come out. Please don't be distracted by people that do not live here, do not pay taxes, but every time you turn around they're taking you to court and they are sucking up your tax dollars. I encourage you -- I encourage you to please, please touch one of your council persons and say, I am ready to make that move. That move is going to move us to give our -- our employees jobs. Our employees need that raise they have not gotten in what, five years? I think if you move this project forward, these people will be able to have a life beyond life because right now these people that's coming here, they're -- well, they say they're wealthy. I don't know. But it's just imperative that we live this life. And I thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you very much. Okay. Do we have any comments from Council? Mayor? Mayor, I apologize.

DANIEL TAYLOR: Yeah. I -- I put a card in. You didn't call my name.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, hold on a second.

DANIEL TAYLOR: Yeah, I was the first one here and put it in.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. And your item is 5281 Ocean Drive.

DANIEL TAYLOR: That's mine. That's correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: There's nothing --

DANIEL TAYLOR: That's my address where I pay taxes on for the last six decades.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay, fine. And you have down here the item was 5281. There's nothing about item 11 on here.

DANIEL TAYLOR: Well, (inaudible) that I want to speak my piece. I filled the card in so it was an error on my part.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Let him comment.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mayor, did you have a comment?

MAYOR MASTERS: I do. One of the things -- is this mike on? One of the things that I've been thinking a lot about in this new year is that -- to make an appeal to everyone to respect the views of those that may disagree with any one of us up here. And sometimes we have the tendency to think that because people disagree with us that they're not loyal or they don't love the City or they're -- they're against redevelopment. And I thought about -- and I'm prephrasing this -- paraphrasing this as I move on, President Obama, Democrat, put four people from the Republican party in his administration because he wanted to hear divergent views and respect the views of others.

Having said that, I just want to make an appeal that we be as inclusive as possible and listen to everyone, because Scripture says a little child shall lead them. So my question to the Manager -- may I ask Miss McKinney a question?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Just -- it's just a question.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Explain to me the -- the stage area in Newcomb Hall. It's going to be like a portable stage or can a portable stage be put there? Because I know it's been used for, you know, performances before, young people and seniors.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Can you --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: If you -- right. If you look at this exhibit that's up on the screen there, you'll see the stage is -- let's see. Oh, sorry.

MAYOR MASTERS: Inside of Newcomb Hall, I mean.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: No. It's in the Bicentennial Park. And you can see the stage there with the cover on the stage and then at this you'll see the stage looking from the west to the east. The stage is on the right. And that's about a five-foot rise for the stage, but that won't be there all the time. That will be a temporary elevation. And when the stage is not in use, the rise will be -- riser will be gone, the temporary riser will be gone and it'll be -- just be a platform. You know, if there's anybody that's playing in the park or -- and that there's no events going on. But that's the stage. The little concession area and the cover for the stage in Bicentennial Park.

MAYOR MASTERS: So maybe I'm not understanding something correctly. But that is a portable stage and that can be moved inside Newcomb --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Well, they'll -- the height will be moved. There'll be a stage height that'll be moved in and then taken away when there's no events. So that it'll be almost flat.

MAYOR MASTERS: But I'm talking about -- I'm -- I'm sorry. I'm talking about inside of Newcomb Hall.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: There will -- well, inside --

MAYOR MASTERS: Will there be a portable -- can there be a portable --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right. Inside Newcomb Hall -- and I don't have any interior drawings here, but inside of Newcomb Hall there'll be an area in the ballroom where you can have a stage --

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: -- and events and then there will also be two meeting rooms in Newcomb Hall in addition to the -- I mean, I'm sorry, the Event Center, which the new ballroom I assume will be named Newcomb Hall Ballroom.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: And the whole building will be the Events Center 'cause it will encompass more than what Newcomb Hall encompasses now.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm fine with that. Thank you.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Davis, you good?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Anything?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. We in our city have been neglected for years. We have opportunities that we have had let -- that we have let escape us. We as a community, as a city, deserve a lot more. As it relates to varying opinions, I personally encourage it because whatever would make this process and project better, I am in favor of.

I encourage constructive criticism but oftentimes what we get is destructive criticism saying that, Don't do anything. Stay the same. Let's just say that I support development but just not now. Just -- just, you know, let's slow down. I've been here all my life. For the last 40 or 50 years I challenge somebody to tell me a major project that we have had to this magnitude. We have had progress. A couple of new grocery stores, some residential developments. That is not enough for us to generate the type of revenue to better the quality of life of our residents.

In order for us to reduce water bills, in order for us to reduce taxes, we need private development, period. Nothing comes after period. Because public development generate no property taxes. We can build a \$10 million event center and we would get zero property tax unless we have some private development component attached to it. So we need to understand that we have been, as residents, our own worst enemies.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We have not had the courage to say that, one, there will be no perfect project. When you get into the permitting stage, we're going to find things that we're going to have to adjust and tweak and make better. That's inevitable. That doesn't mean stop the whole project. That mean you identify the problem, you recognize and associate yourself with the solution and you keep it moving. But enough of, Let's not do it now. I was on this council 20 years ago and I'm going to close my comments. We had a \$300 million project on the table. The same sentiment, Not now.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We have to be careful. We don't need it. We're going to give away our property. We're this -- we have lost ground. Palm Beach Gardens, West Palm Beach, Jupiter, everybody's building around us. I look at economic indicators. We have double-digit employment, unemployment. That is a big problem. The way you generate employment is through private development. The government can't hire everybody. So we need people coming into our community, building, developing and expanding their businesses. The other thing I look at is those -- the -- the percentage of us living under the poverty line. The last census said that we were

close to 25 percent. You know what that mean? That many of our residents do not have the disposable income to patronize our local businesses.

We deserve better. We are not going to have a perfect project. As we identify the issues, we also identify solution. But to suggest that we should do nothing is completely unacceptable to me. On my last note -- and there are people saying that the event center is not going to accommodate seniors. Absolutely untrue. Completely untrue. What we've done, we have expanded it to incorporate more activities. So -- and as it is now, many of our seniors go to Lindsey Davis over there. That's where they have their little gatherings and they meet frequently. But they can go to Newcomb Hall, as well, as they do.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: There are going to be misleading statements to put doubt in your mind to not vote yes. In closing, I'm just going to say that we need to be careful of people with ulterior motives that mean no good to our community and only here for their self-serving purposes. But those people who have legitimate concerns, I personally -- I want to hear them. Staff will deal with them and we're going to keep this project moving forward. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir. Well said. Anything, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No. Nothing.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. Madam Clerk, roll -- we're ready for the vote.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Absolutely yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Absolutely yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you very much. Okay. We will move on now to item 12.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC -7:00 PM Non-Agenda Item Speakers (Three Minute Limitation)

Please be reminded that the City Council has adopted a set of "Rules of Decorum Governing Public Conduct during Official Meetings", which had 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 removed from the podium, from the meeting and/or the building, if necessary. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Public Comments shall begin at 7:00 PM unless there is no further business of the City Council, which in that event, it shall begin sooner. In addition; however, if an item is being considered at 7:00 PM, then comments from the public shall begin immediately after the item has been concluded.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: First comment card, Daniel Taylor. And then after Mr. Taylor we have Norma Duncombe.

DANIEL TAYLOR: Good evening. I'm Mr. Taylor.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening, sir.

DANIEL TAYLOR: I own property at 5281 North Ocean Drive. And like Bruce Guyton, I've been here all my life, as well, and was born here in 1961. I've buried both my parents in a cemetery in Riviera Beach along with my brother at 21 who was killed by a drunk driver. I'm also a member of the Hilltop Baptist Church, and last time I checked, my name was still in the stained glass. So I've got -- I do have some history here with the City.

Miss Pardo, I think you and I are going to get to know each other real well in the next couple of months or years. You're District 4, correct?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Correct, sir.

DANIEL TAYLOR: Okay. I own that property that you referenced last time as a little piece of grass with a fence around it. And that piece of property is a little bit more than that. That property consists of almost 11 acres. And for development purposes, when the State sold that land off TIF deeds, the bulkhead line was 1,500 feet from the shoreline. So that, give or take, maybe four acres plus or minus. The property is still currently zoned at five units per acre, which basically would give me 15, 20 residential home sites. As you're aware, I've come with the applications because I received a dock permit from the Corps of Engineers and DEP. And the City took it upon themselves to deny that permit based on my partner Fane Lozman's case in the United States Supreme Court where he was successful. And you denied my permit based on that a dock is an accessory to a primary residential structure.

Well, the Supreme Court said that a primary residential structure can float. And for me to get to my home I need my dock. I'm not disturbing the environment. I'm not adding

to the traffic pattern. I have received my DOT permit for curb cuts, which I came in last week and I paid over \$1,000 for the curb cuts, the riprap work, and also to bring up the elevation of the property. And I was told by a building official that he would not accept my check. It was a little disturbing when I heard that but I was -- I convinced him to take the check. Don't even believe I'm getting a fair shake at the application process so I had to get with Jimmy Ryan, my attorney, had to file a Writ of Mandamus. So this is going on and on and on. I'm not going away. I'm not going anywhere. I am retired now. And for the record, those 15 properties that the City has, when you get your ducks in a row, I will write the check and I will buy every single one of them at 100 percent. Not 85 percent. Okay? Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you very much, sir. Norma Duncombe and then Fane Lozman.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: The Mayor has left and I first of all would like to thank him for trying to let people on the board know that their job is not to attack people who come to this podium, because we are the citizens here. And we have the right to have an opinion without being attacked. Now, let me address what I came here primarily for and then I will come back to that. I want to set the record straight. Three years ago, 2010, when the referendum was passed that the City would own and operate the marina, there was nothing in that referendum that said that the -- the marina could not be developed. People are being lied to when they are being told that there was nothing that could be done.

The Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners owned the airport. The airport was developed by developers. But the thing that they did was they put in their agreement that every business in there would give income to them off the top of their gross amount. And that could be done right here in the City. As it stands now -- and I want to make sure you understand -- I don't have an ulterior motive. I have what I need. I have everything that I need and some more. I have owned property in this city from the time that I was in my early 20s. I didn't wait for my parents to die in order to own something. I have always owned something here.

And what I'm saying is that the same thing that could be done here. You have a contract and you do not have anything in that contract that would guarantee jobs for people in this city. You talk about the high unemployment rate. But there's nothing in that contract that would guarantee training and giving jobs to young people in this city. Now, I'm telling people you have a choice. You can vote yes and you can make somebody richer than what he is, and they will give you a turkey on Thanksgiving. Or you can vote no and have the revenue come to the citizens of this city. You have a choice. And I'm telling you you vote your interest. Vote no on -- on the 11th of March because you are being taken for a ride and it would be a disgrace to the young people that we want to pull up in this city. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, ma'am. Fane Lozman and then Darius Robinson, Inlet Grove. Good evening, sir.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. We want to put private money into the lot at 5281N. Ocean Drive. We want to build a dock for a quarter million dollars and we want to put some floating homes in there, each over a million dollars. We want to build those floating homes right here in Riviera Beach and put young people who go to the Maritime School a job building them. One of those floating homes is going to be a vacation home for disabled veterans where they can bring their family one week a year. So 52 different disabled veterans can stay on a floating home. So we want to develop and bring money to the floating home community, but Mary McKinney doesn't want to give a dock permit unlike the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers.

So give us a dock permit and we'll put people to work. And not only that, we'll raise the property taxes of this empty lot because floating homes pay property taxes. But we had an e-mail here that was mistakenly sent by Miss Judy Davis. And in the e-mail Miss Davis says, "Okay. Here we go. Supreme Court was crazy to vote the way they did." I have news for you, Miss Davis. The Supreme Court voted that a floating home is a residential structure. They pay property -- whether you like it or not, as a U.S. citizen, the law of the land is ultimately made by the Supreme Court. Okay? We're entitled to this dock. And you ought to tell your -- Miss McKinney to give us the dock permit and not make everybody jump through legal hoops.

Now, let's step back, talking about some comments that Miss Shepherd made, the City sued me. They arrested my floating home. It made its way to the Supreme Court and I won. Yesterday, a year after they -- more -- what, a year and a half after they ruled, there was a hearing in Fort Lauderdale. A hearing to determine what were the damages, how much money should I get for the home, for my home that the City went to a U.S. Marshal auction, purchased and then destroyed for \$6,900. Miss Ryan flew in two attorneys from Tampa to argue that I shouldn't get anything. I was there and I defended myself and the judge thought I did a great job and she said so.

Miss Ryan, why would you fly in two attorneys from Tampa to argue that I shouldn't get anything? And -- and still try to argue that the value of my floating home should be based on a vessel survey? The Supreme Court ruled it's not a vessel. Why didn't you have a building contractor? Why didn't you argue it yourself? How many thousands of dollars did you spend yesterday flying Birthisel and Massey in from Tampa? You have maritime attorneys in Fort Lauderdale. You have maritime attorneys in Palm Beach. Why would you fly two guys in from Tampa to argue that I shouldn't get anything after I won at the Supreme Court? Do you have any explanation to that? You know what may happen? When that judge rules, she may say I get \$170,000 or \$100,000 to get a new floating home 'cause you wanted to destroy the old one. You're gonna have to answer for all these hundreds of thousands of dollars of money you've been wasting lately.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir. Darius Robinson and then whoever the representative from Valley of Love Ministries is. Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Maria.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You want me to respond to --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Go ahead. There's no need to.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Sir, good evening.

DARIUS ROBINSON: Good evening, Mayor, Council.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

DARIUS ROBINSON: My name is Darius Robinson. I'm the night school principal here at Inlet Grove, which is right next door to the City Hall.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Welcome.

DARIUS ROBINSON: I just wanted to get the word out. We're the only school in Palm Beach County that offer VA benefits so any veterans can come to our school, as well as we're one of the only schools to offer a nighttime nursing program, as well as skin care, which are pretty popular in our community. So I just wanted to get the word out to the community and find some constructive ways to partner with the community so we can find ways, you know, to put people in this neighborhood back to work. You know, so they can be qualified for these jobs. Some of the classes that we offer are -- of course we offer the GED prep class. That's paid for through the District. All the -- all residents of Riviera Beach have to do is pay \$30, prove that they're a state residence, and the District picks up all the costs so they're able to earn their GED.

Another class is for ESOL Program for students that want to learn English. Of course practical nursing, which is LPN, CNA Nursing Assistant Program, as well as skin care specialist. Some other classes we have offered are Basic Computers, Final Cut Pro, Autocad, Web Design, Small Business Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Adobe Photo Shop, Fork Lift Operator and Makeup Artist. So I'll leave information. I'll also leave y'all my card so I would love to set up a meeting with you and see what we can do to get the community involved in what we have to offer.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's great. Thank you very much, sir.

DARIUS ROBINSON: All right. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Looking forward to the meeting. Officer?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Is that your last card?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Would you please do me a favor and go out -- outside the chambers and please tell them to keep their voices down? We can hear them shouting in here. Thank you, sir. All right. The next comment card is from Valley of Love Ministries. And then after that we have Susan Bennett.

MARIE ANTOINETTE JEAN-PIERRE: Good evening, everybody.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening.

MARIE ANTOINETTE JEAN-PIERRE: My name is Marie Antoinette Jean-Pierre. I'm the president of the Valley of Love Ministries.

BRIAN LOBBY: And my name is Brian Lobby [phonetic]. I am the manager of the Valley of Love Ministries. We are here to let Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County know who we are and what we do. The Valley of Love Ministries provides emergency shelter, food, clothing, bus passes, counseling; we help people apply for Medicaid and food stamps, transportation as well as phone and fax services. The ministry does have a community room with TV and an entertainment center for the homeless. We have computer classes and a full-time computer center, and we also have a prayer room for people going through spiritual problems.

Now, we -- we just went through an issue facing an eviction, and it got to the point where we had a 24-hour eviction notice put on our door. Through -- through the grace of God we were able to keep our doors open and we were able to resolve that. But right now we are on a 20-day extension. The Valley of Love Ministries does not ask anybody for any money for services rendered. We are completely run off the generosity of businesses and people in our community. We are open 24/7, 365 days a year. We will accept anybody at any time for any reason. The Valley of Love has -- has been open for four years now in Riviera Beach.

We have some amazing people that work there. I mean, every single person that walks through the door is treated with dignity, is helped immediately and we always try to do our best to make sure that everybody leaves with all their problems resolved. We accept -- we accept clothes, food, financial donations and we -- we -- we really want the community to know that we are here. I don't think that a lot of people know that the Valley of Love is there and what we do and to the extent of what we do. I believe we are the only shelter in Palm Beach County, the only homeless ministry in Palm Beach County that will accept anybody at any time for shelter. Families.

You know, we just recently had a 93-year-old lady and her daughter come off of the street. Was dropped off at 3:00 in the morning, had nowhere to go. And this is when it was cold outside. I mean, it -- it broke my heart to see her walk through the door. But I was so glad that we had a place to give her to stay. Now, we just -- we just faced a situation where our doors were almost closed. And I sit here and think if -- if our doors were closed then, you know, she would have had nowhere to go. I mean, I -- I -- I can't even imagine where -- where she would have went. You know, I believe the Valley of Love Ministry is here for a reason and it needs to stay open. We are located at 1901

Broadway. We're -- we're right next to the Miami Subs. And -- and we -- we definitely encourage anybody and everybody to come out and check us out and -- and -- and see what we do and who we are, 'cause I believe we need to stay open and I believe we're an important part of this community.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's great. Thank you very much.

MARIE ANTOINETTE JEAN-PIERRE: Okay. The phone number to get in touch with us, 561-502-8757 or our -- the office number is 561-844-2400.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

MARIE ANTOINETTE JEAN-PIERRE: Thank you very much.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. And then --

MAYOR MASTERS: I want to say something.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- one second, please, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So anyone in the community, if you would like to help the Valley of Love Ministries, they're located at 1901 Broadway. Their telephone number is 561-502-8757. And their e-mail address is the ValleyofLoveMinistries@yahoo.com. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. Miss Marie, if you would come back. Valley of Love Ministries, come back for a second. I want to say a couple of things. First of all, everything you have said I know to be a fact.

BRIAN LOBBY: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: I want the listening audience to know that I support your cause. And I know for a fact that people have gone there, helpless and hopeless. The only place in Riviera Beach that I know 24 hours, that -- that I have been able to directly take people there myself or refer. And you've always been there. And I want to make a moral appeal to businesses in this community and others to go by there tomorrow and see what can be done. As you know, former Councilman Shelby Lowe and I have given hundreds of dollars in the past. And I am committed to help you raise money or do what I can legally do to make sure that your doors stay open. Now, what -- my question is this: You have a 20-day extension.

BRIAN LOBBY: Yes, sir.

MARIE ANTOINETTE JEAN-PIERRE: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: How much is needed to keep it open?

MARIE ANTOINETTE JEAN-PIERRE: \$3,000.

MAYOR MASTERS: \$3,000?

MARIE ANTOINETTE JEAN-PIERRE: \$3,000, yeah. Because my church help me yesterday. First Riviera Church of -- Church -- First SDA Riviera help us yesterday. They help us with \$4,000 and we were supposed to pay 6,000 yesterday. And we're still behind \$3,000.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm not for sure what I have in Community Benefits, but I know you're a 5-oh --

MARIE ANTOINETTE JEAN-PIERRE: 501(c)3, yes. We are a 501(c)3.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- 5-oh -- (c)3. But maybe if it's possible, if I can give a thousand or 1,500, I'll do it. But in the meantime, continue to do what you're doing, because you gotta stay open.

MARIE ANTOINETTE JEAN-PIERRE: Thank you.

BRIAN LOBBY: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: But I'll see what I have and try to make it possible.

MARIE ANTOINETTE JEAN-PIERRE: Thank you very much, Mayor.

BRIAN LOBBY: Thank you very much, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: For my part. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you again. And good luck to you. All right. We have Susan Bennett and then Ann Ready [phonetic].

SUSAN BENNETT: Susan Bennett, 3000 N. Ocean Drive.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Welcome.

SUSAN BENNETT: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Good evening.

SUSAN BENNETT: I have been a part-time resident. I became a part-time resident of Riviera Beach in 1998 and a full-time resident in the year 2002 and have been actively engaged in the community. I have watched over a decade this birthing struggle of this marina project. I feel we are as close now as we have ever been to a successful delivery.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

SUSAN BENNETT: I think -- I applaud you for your efforts and action tonight in passing item number 11. I think the next step is in the hands of the citizens. On March 11th, I am encouraging everyone to please vote yes. It will not only help the recreation aspect of this project, the image of this city, but it will also bring great economic benefit to all of us. Vote yes, please, on March 11th.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, ma'am. Ann Ready. And then --

MAYOR MASTERS: Don't guess. Vote yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- Margaret Shepherd.

MAYOR MASTERS: I like that.

ANN READY: Good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening.

ANN READY: I'm Ann Ready and I am a resident of Riviera Beach. And I, too, wanted to speak to the marina development referendum. I'll keep it short and sweet. I believe it's in the best interest of all Riviera Beach residents to grow our economy in a responsible and sustainable way. Allowing private investment in the marina will provide thousands of jobs, enable economic growth and grow the tax base. The plan and approach are sound. They're well thought out, and they'll provide benefits for all of us in our whole city for years to come. I encourage residents to vote yes on March 11th. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Don't guess. Vote yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's great. Thank you very much, ma'am. Last card, Margaret Shepherd.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: To the Council, to all of you in your respectable places, I'd like to shift gears and talk about the Martin Luther King celebration. I wanted to say to the general public and to you all -- you were gone, Miss Jones, but I know your spirit was here. This was one of the best that we have ever had. I had the opportunity to paint a house with Mrs. Doretha Perry. I'm hearing that she's retiring so that was really, really good to be with her for those few hours. And the Kanye West --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Cornel.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: I keep saying Kanye West and Summer -- poor Summer -- poor Summer's trying to correct me.

MAYOR MASTERS: You almost said Alan West.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: Kanye West, whatever his name is. I tell -- whatever -- what -- that's the first time I -- I really even thought about him. But he was a good match for this city. He was a very good match and I thank you, Mr. Guyton. Summer just enjoyed herself. And that little lady walked the room during the celebration and just started picking up cards, networking. And I think the Honorable Michael D. Brown was giving her cards. And I told her, "Save those cards. You never know who you're going to need."

And the luncheon at the Newcomb Hall -- I think someone said this is the last time -- jubilee was in the air because we know that this is the last time we would do -- be cramped up in that particular type of building. And we just knew that the event was so bubbly. Everybody knew that we are moving forward. I tell you, it's just a atmosphere now that people know that things are changing within the city. So you know, we want to thank you for that. And I thank you for recognizing our Public Works and little Kim here. Kim comes out in the morning about 6:30, 7:00 in the morning talking to the flowers. She -- I -- I watch her. She -- I'm drinking coffee and she's down there, whatever she's doing, sprinkling -- and she -- she whatever, pump them up. And she's just talking. I said, "Wow, that lady is something." So y'all have a jewel. And of course, you know, Alan -- Alan Winn is the one that put a face on Ivy Green. I told him he better cut those hedges and I tell you, early morning, he was out there cutting them hedges 'cause I was kind of mad. So Alan is always in a hole somewhere. If you want him just go through the city and you will find --

MAYOR MASTERS: Alan, you better get out the hole.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: -- and, in fact, Public Works is really moving forward. They are really putting a new face and -- and just the grass, everything -- I mean, it's just a livelihood here in Riviera Beach. And for people to not want us to grow, God bless you. That's all I can say, because you have a right to speak and say whatever you want. I'm happy. The public is happy. So my -- my thing is, say yes. And let's move forward a little bit more. And I thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you very much, Miss Shepherd. Okay. That's the end of Public Comment. We will continue with the rest of the agenda. There is a great possibility we could be out of here by 7:30.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Legal Discussion.

V. REGULAR

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

VI. COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUEST

12. CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH - \$1,500 - COUNCILWOMAN JUDY L. DAVIS - IN RECOGNITION OF THE VARIOUS CITY'S DEPARTMENTS. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Board Appointments, item 13.

13. CITY COUNCIL TO APPOINT OR RE-APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE FIRE PENSION BOARD.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So we will say that it is Mr. --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Bobby Brooks --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- Brooks, correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to be reappointed.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: To be reappointed.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: My second stands.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Perfect. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Discussion by City Manager, item 14.

VII. DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

14. REPORT ON THE SALE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS CITY OWNED REAL PROPERTY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER BASED ON OFFERS RECEIVED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PUBLIC AUCTION HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, Madam Chair. There's about three items I would like to talk about or have staff talk about very briefly under my comments tonight. The first one will be a report from the auction of City-owned properties held on January the 25th. I think it would be important and just wanted you all to know how that auction went. The second item that I would like to ask is that Miss Mary McKinney, if she would update you on the Senior Roofing Program and the process and applications and where we are with that. And then I'll have a third item at the end of that. So right now I'd like to ask Benjamin Guy, the Director of Purchasing and I.T. to give you an overview of the property auction.

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING & I.T. GUY: Good evening, Mayor, City Council.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening.

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING & I.T. GUY: Ben Guy, excuse me, Purchasing Department and I.T. As the Manager indicated, briefly we held our first ever public auction for City-owned surplus real property. We had a total of about 48 properties. About 30 residential vacant lots, four commercial vacant lots and I believe there were -- there were five residences, single-family homes and one townhome. And 30 of the offers for the properties actually -- they met or exceeded the minimum requirement for the sale of property under our policy, which is 85 percent of the County-assessed value. And in fact, many of those offers either met or exceeded the property-assessed value, the County-appraised value for the property. And in fact, we generated \$376,000 for those 30 properties, which were valued at \$295,975 by the property appraiser. So those offers actually came in a little over \$80,000 above the County-assessed value.

Now, we had about 16 other properties where we had competitive offers; however, those offers did not meet the minimum requirement of the -- of the policy, which is the 85 percent of the County-appraised value. So those offers are outstanding. We made inquiries with the offerers to see if they were willing to meet the 85 percent minimum for the sale of the property. We only got one affirmative. The rest of them indicated that either they were not willing to meet the minimum or they might consider it. And those -- those properties totaled \$193,000, was the property-assessed value for those. And our offer -- our offers totaled \$140,750 for those properties. And I'll be happy to answer any questions if -- if there are any.

MAYOR MASTERS: I have a question, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay, go ahead, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: The -- the minimum was 85 percent for the 16? That's the -- a person have to meet that -- whatever number you -- whatever percentage you just gave in order to purchase the house?

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING & I.T. GUY: Yes, sir. Under our current policy the City can only consider offers that are at least 85 percent of the County-assessed value.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Then my question is -- and we've got 16 and only one of them said that they would probably do it or something?

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING & I.T. GUY: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: One of -- okay. So that leaves 15.

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING & I.T. GUY: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: What do we do with those 15 houses?

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING & I.T. GUY: Well, that is a decision where staff would look for direction from the board.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And I guess I -- Madam Manager, do we have -- I know what the policy is, but do we have any leeway to alter the policy to -- to drop that 85 down a percent to something more reasonable to the rest of them or do we just -- how do you -- how do you handle that, Madam Manager?

CITY MANAGER JONES: You would have to revise your policy first. You could not accept them or entertain them until you revise your policy. And then we could either go back out and auction those respective properties again or according to the policy, an individual can write us and make us an offer that is within that 85 percent range and then we will take it through the process.

MAYOR MASTERS: So we do have some options?

CITY MANAGER JONES: There are some options, though.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Guy.

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING & I.T. GUY: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Are we good? We have one public comment card on this. Okay. Mr. Raj Shah?

RAJ SHAH: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Miss Chair and Council Members.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening, sir. Welcome.

RAJ SHAH: My name is Raj Shah. And firstly, I wanted you to know that I -- I really like the things that you are trying to do for Riviera Beach. My son goes to Suncoast. My wife works at St. Mary's Medical Center. And I like the growth. And I bought some properties because my objective was that my family can move here. My relatives can move here nearby. And I think that there is a lot of opportunities and the area is improving significantly.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

RAJ SHAH: I have a few questions. If you really look at it, when you put something in auction, why wouldn't people bid more? Is it lack of awareness or the appraised value is not correct? For example, I purchased one of the item, item number 5 that I made a copy of the picture. I evaluated all the properties that was available. And by the way, Fisher Auctions, they -- they did excellent job in my opinion. When I evaluated, I looked at the next lot, which is the same zoning, and the land value is \$18,000. The next one

is 18 or \$19,000. So I assumed that property appraiser is not -- is just -- because this -- this is appraised at \$55,000. So I bid and nobody was willing to bid because people compared the numbers before they buy it. So I call the property appraiser after I get a -- got a call from the auctioneer that, "Your value is lower." I said, "Well, explain to me the --" so we call the property appraiser, sent him an e-mail. Said, "How come the next property is \$18,000 land value? The one after that same zoning is again 18 or 17,000 land value." They said, "Well, we do not care to correct it because it has been with Riviera Beach for a long time. So the next value, land value for the same size lot, exactly same square feet is 17 or 18,000." So when I went for the auction, I look up all the numbers, said, "What is the land value?" Because it's a plain land.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

RAJ SHAH: So I bid 150,000, 150 percent of the appraised value. But the -- when I got an e-mail from the -- I send an e-mail to property appraiser that, "Explain me how -- how is the value so different?" And they said, "Well, we don't have to correct it because we didn't collect taxes so it doesn't matter if it says million. It doesn't matter." I said, "Well --" so there is a reason that is a property that is being discussed. And I could get individual appraisal if needed. I could -- I got the property appraiser (inaudible) for the next two properties in the picture I give to you. But there has to be some kind of consideration, I believe.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So you purchased this property? You did purchase the lot?

RAJ SHAH: In the auction, yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: How much did you pay for it?

RAJ SHAH: We paid 25,000 because when I compared next one was 18,000 --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

RAJ SHAH: -- I figured that I'm going to pay up to 25. So that's how we --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

RAJ SHAH: -- purchased.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Well, we appreciate that information and our staff will be looking at it.

RAJ SHAH: Thank you very much.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay, sir. And -- and welcome. Thank you for investing in Riviera Beach.

RAJ SHAH: Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. That's one of the 15 properties that Mr. Guy spoke about.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That the offer that came in was -- did not come up to the 85 percent.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And his -- and the issue is that he had with the property appraiser is, but you got this one appraised so much higher than the two right next to it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. Okay.

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING & I.T. GUY: Okay. And just one quick point of clarification if I may. He made an offer. He -- I mean, there's not a purchase because there hasn't been a sale or a transaction --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING & I.T. GUY: -- to transfer the property.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING & I.T. GUY: He made an offer.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING & I.T. GUY: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Great. All right. Madam Chair, you want to continue? That was the first item.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. Yes. The next item will be by Miss --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa. Excuse me.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Oh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Did you have something, Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. I -- one -- one -- one observation as it relates to the 85 percent land value that we have been selling City property for. We need to be consistent in that. As we know, we have an issue with the day care that was trying to buy some City property and they offered the 85 percent.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And we, I think, requested a little more. So I just want my colleagues to be mindful that whatever we do, it needs to be consistent across the board.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Consistent. Yeah. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. And I think we -- we -- we will probably be safe with that because it says at least 85 percent.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. I wanted to say that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh. Right. At least.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That it does not say that you have to sell it at 85 percent.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't want people to get that impression that we're selling --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- all of our properties for 85 percent of the property appraiser's value. That is the lowest that you can go. You can always go higher. And in some cases we should go higher. You know, as the gentleman just stated, our properties are devalued and there are many reasons for that. We know that there are many reasons for it. And what we -- we should really be doing is trying to get those property values up instead of just selling our property below that amount of money.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh. And, Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Go ahead, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And Mayor Masters, I -- I'm -- I'm directing my question to you because if I remember correctly, a few meetings ago was this an issue that you were going to take up with visiting the property appraiser's office?

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, yes. I was waiting on the -- the Manager's going to give me some direction and pull together Mr. Guy's -- yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Okay. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MASTERS: I am definitely going to take that up because it's not fair.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Madam Manager?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. Now I would like to ask Mary McKinney, the Director of Community Development, to give you an update on the Senior Roof Program.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: The Council approved the Roof Program in December of 2013 and since that time we've been contacted by 12 interested persons that have provided us with their contact information. And we've advertised the program on channel 18 and in the Palm Beach Post. Right now we're finishing the final income verification elements of the application and we anticipate completion of the application by Friday and distribution on Monday. One of the other things that we will be doing is getting with Purchasing Department to make sure we have an updated list of local and Palm Beach County contractors.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I have a question for Miss McKinney. So have the applications -- are they ready for the residents to come in and retrieve and fill out?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: They will by Monday.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: By Monday?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: We're just -- right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh. And -- and --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Excuse me.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: You'll place them in the lobby or do -- or is there a direction somewhere where they should come?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right. Well, we'll contact of course the 12 individuals that have --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No. I'm talking about people who might come in, not those 12.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right. We'll have them in our lobby. We'll probably put them at the Clerk's Office, at the Water Utility Billing and the Manager's Office.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. That's what I wanted to say. Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right. And the library.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Madam --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And Lindsey Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: And Lindsey Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. Perfect.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Davis, go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Miss McKinney, the age requirement on the application, does it still state 66?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I'd like for my board to consider moving this age to 62. I've been getting quite a few phone calls. I'm not too sure if you've been getting the same phone calls or not from different residents, of us trying to determine what a senior is. I think we need to really state -- consider making this age -- amending this on the application to being 62 so that everyone can have a -- a fair shot at this application process.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, I believe we debated this issue when this scrap program came before us.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: We did.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And that was the consensus, 66.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: I -- I just need to be on the record as one of my colleagues mentioned earlier that -- how important consistency is. And I know the Senior Citizens'

Golden -- the Golden Senior Citizen discount card where they're probably a couple thousand seniors 62 that qualify for discounts now probably in about 120, 130 businesses in and about our city. And that age is 62. So if the board would ever reconsider that. Maybe at the time they didn't know that that was at 62. So that create problems when we have one thing at 60 something and another one at 62. I just want to be on the record that the Senior Citizen discount card that's been around for a couple of years is 62. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you. All right. So (inaudible) --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Lastly, Madam Chair -- oh, are you finished?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: I'm finished.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, Miss McKinney.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Lastly, Madam Chair, I just wanted to make the Council aware that at the next meeting I will be bringing for consideration probably a resolution as it relates to the Public Services Complex building. As late as today at 3 something, we got preliminary construction numbers from ADG, the company that is designing that complex. And because of the cost that the project is estimated to come in, we have to go through some steps, prioritize and determine what we can do with the money that we have. We committed to stay within that budget. And so we're going to need to prioritize. We're going to need to look and see what we can do first and second. And we may even have to phase some things in like phase in EOC or phase in Fire. But I will be bringing that for your consideration not tonight but at the next meeting for your action.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes. Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you. I -- I'd really like to hear from my other colleagues about really strongly considering amending this age from 66 to 62. I'd like to truly just hear what you all feel about that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Make a motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Well, I'll start. We debated this item. This came in front of us two meetings.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: The first meeting we spoke about it and we gave direction to staff. Everyone gave their comments and I believe we -- staff also asked us to provide to them our written comments. And then the item came back to us. Sixty-six was the consensus. That's what staff recommended. That was the consensus on the board and that's what we voted on. And this -- this was only in front of us a couple of weeks ago. So you know, if -- if people truly had a problem with it, it should have been vetted at that point. So you know --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Madam -- Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- I -- I'm gonna have a hard time being convinced that it should go to 66 but we will hear from the rest of the council. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair -- Madam Chair, may I ask Miss McKinney a quick question, as well?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Go right ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: My position relied on a -- a -- a credible methodology --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- as to how we arrived at the age 66. And would you tell us, Miss McKinney, how we arrived at the age 66?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: The normal recommended age for retirement by Social Security now is age 66.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Which is how we arrived at the age of 66.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And because of the limited funds --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- we thought that the older people should have the first opportunity. Now, I would be willing if there are funds left over after the age 66 comes before us -- I would be willing to reconsider the age. But at this point now, I think that we need to be mindful that we don't have a lot of funds for this program and I'm more -- I would like to see those who are a little older who may not have an opportunity or the ability to still work -- at this point some of us are still working at 62. And at 66 they're beginning to really think about slowing down. So I would like to give those at 66 the first shot. And if we have any funds left over I would consider reducing the age.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Miss Davis, do you have anything?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: There are -- yeah, go ahead, sir.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: And I understand, Mr. Guyton. Truly, I truly do. But here's the thing. Until we -- once this application start, a lot of people are going to start responding. Then you're going to look at these numbers and you might (inaudible) with 66. You may have 50 people that's 63, 64, 65. What are we going to do then? If we have a small amount of people that have a very dire need. They might be older but they might have took care of their property. Then you may have some people who may be a little younger that didn't take care of their property.

So who's to determine -- why should we allow age to determine versus the -- the importance of who has a more dire need at that time? You know, I just want to make sure that we just give everybody the ample opportunity to get at the table. Our staff will make recommendations on how we can make these dollars spread out and find those who have a critical dire need at that time. But let's not allow age to be an issue. Let's -- we put together a program, a pretty decent idea. Let's move forward to make it -- make it fair across the board. And I'm just asking that you all would be willing to amend the age 66 to 62.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: There was one other thing that we did, too, in order to deal with those homes that may be more severe than others.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Our vice chair -- and we all agreed -- suggested that we get all of the applications in and then the selection process would be determined by severity of the problem.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. And need.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So it would deal with the most severe problems. It's already in the process. And again, I'm willing to consider it after we deal with the older residents and the severity of their homes. I think that it's a good idea but unfortunately we don't have enough money to accommodate everyone so we're going to have to be mindful of that even though we would like to help those at 62, 63, that, you know, maybe we can't do it right now. But -- but we do have a process in place where we're

dealing with severity of the problem and we're dealing with the age and if there are any funds left over, I think that we can amend those requirements.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. We good?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. We will move on. Legal Discussion, Miss Ryan?

VIII. LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't have anything.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Do we have any City Council Committee Reports?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Miss Ryan, do you have anything?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I said no before but I -- I -- I do need to make some comments, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You're welcome.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I was not going to talk about the admiralty hearing yesterday but I have no choice but to do so. First I want to make it very clear that the law firm of Hamilton, Birthisel is a national maritime law firm. This City hired them years ago to assist the City with cleaning up its marina. It did not hire this firm to go after Fane Lozman. It is unfortunate that Fane Lozman was the only person who refused to abide by the City's regulations and forced us to arrest his vessel. In any event, their main location is in Miami. We do not pay for any attorneys to fly from Tampa. They fly all over, as I said, this country. They are a national law firm, and they -- although some of the attorneys are in Tampa, they don't charge us for that. So I want to make that clear. That's not something that he should be concerned about since he's the one who's fighting the City. But just to make the record -- to set the record straight on that.

A year ago Mr. Lozman stood in front of this council and said that we were going to pay him \$300,000 for his vessel. He -- I won't call it harassed the -- the Court until they reopened his case but that's basically what he did. And yesterday was a four and a half hour evidentiary hearing. In addition to the \$175,000 that he's asking for as a replacement for his vessel that was valued at 4,000 to \$7,500, Mr. Lozman is asking for additional \$267,000 as sanctions against our attorneys for not treating him well. I've sent the City Council his pleadings and I can tell you, they were not allowing anybody to go down and argue on their behalf yesterday.

He's also asking for \$267,000 against the City in damages and for the bond, the \$25,000 bond that we put up initially in his case. He's asking to get that, as well. The City had the U.S. Marshal who arrested the vessel testify on its behalf to talk about the deplorable condition of Mr. Lozman's boat. I will have the transcripts from that hearing available if anybody wants to read it. From what I was told last night by the attorneys, the -- what the U.S. Marshal said was startling about the feces found in the vessel. I've already talked to the City Council about the fact that Mr. Lozman admitted in deposition that he disposed of his -- they have a special word for this in admiralty law and I don't really know what the word -- I can't remember what the word is. Is Mr. League here? Because I'm going to call it just he threw his number two over the side of the vessel. What do you -- what do you --

MAYOR MASTERS: Number two.

MARINA DIRECTOR LEAGUE: Well, sewage.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Bill -- bile, bilge or something? Don't you guys call it --

MARINA DIRECTOR LEAGUE: Well, black water or gray water.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. That's the technical term for it. But you know, so this is -- I'm not going to get into the politics of it but this person went to court yesterday and asked the -- the Court to award him over a half a million dollars in damages against the City. And we rightfully defended ourselves and Mr. Birthisel rightfully defended himself. And the judge has not rendered a ruling on it but she will. It was a -- a judge -- Magistrate Judge Snow. And as soon as she does I will give a report to this Council separately. And I guess to the -- to the -- the community at large, as well. You know, Mr. Lozman wants to make a public issue out of this and I will do just that, as well.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Absolutely.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you very much.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mrs. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Our attorney just alluded to a deposition that Mr. Lozman -- or alluded to an action that Mr. Lozman did as it relates to sewage. I happen to have the actual deposition here that is very short where Mr. Lozman admits to dumping his sewage into our intercoastal, not for one year, not for two years, for three years. The question to Mr. Lozman, if I may, was, "So did you make any arrangements to dispose of the sewage on your vessel from 2006 to 2009?" Mr. Lozman's answer, "No." "So to the best of your knowledge, where was the sewage going?" Mr. Lozman, "There wasn't much sewage going into that boat. Okay? But any gray water sewage, if there was any, would have been gone overboard." This is in our intercoastal, now,

where -- where -- where we have kids swimming, we have kayaks and we have people actually trying to enjoy our intercoastal and water.

And further he said -- the question was, "You say gray water sewage?" The answer was, "Gray water or sewage." Question, "Or sewage? So both going into the water?" Mr. Lozman said, "That's correct." The question was -- and the question, "From 2006 to 2009?" Mr. Lozman said, "That's correct." Mr. Lozman admitted to dumping sewage into our waterways for three years knowing that we had people swimming in that intercoastal, kayaking and trying to enjoy the water. He had no regard to their health and welfare.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. Thank you. Now we're going to go to Statements by the Mayor and Council.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Anyone? We still have a couple of minutes before Public Comments so --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You can just start. You can start it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No. Let's continue. Yeah. You know what? Yeah. All right. At this time we are going to start Public Comment a couple minutes early.

IX. STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Tonight we will start with you, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I will be about three or four minutes. First of all, you probably have noticed the -- the public has probably noticed that I've started wearing my clergy robe, wardrobe, and I made a personal commitment to do that not just here but the rest of my life, daily. I also did a little research just to let people know. Don't get excited about it. Because there were several priests in Congress from the '70s who were elected by the people, who wore their Catholic clergy collar. So I'm not doing anything new. Just another location. But I give God the glory. Flip side of that, if a young man came in here with his pants half down, you know, we have a right to let him come in. So whether it's this or half pants or whatever it is, it's still America.

The other thing I want to say, Madam Manager, we have a -- at the last council meeting there was a request to -- and I -- I believe that Chair Thomas had supported -- or made some comments on the record. I'm not for sure whether it was here but certainly at -- at the church, at Mount Olive that there is a request that 37th Street, I believe, from Old Dixie -- I'm not for sure whether it's to S Avenue or Avenue R, but there seems to be a tremendous amount of support that that street be renamed after the Pastor A.C. Evans who had served over 50 years probably and is now retiring. And we support that and I would like to -- to get some traction on that and a report at the next council meeting as to a status update on that.

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, no, no. Well, I can tell you that I've been working with Councilwoman Davis and we've been going through the procedure and the process on that. So until something -- some other things come forward, I don't have anything to share. But as soon as it does, I'll make sure that each one of you get it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, thank you. And I'm -- I'm thankful to know that Councilwoman Davis has been working in that regard, also. And speaking of Council Lady Davis, a couple of years ago, we both wanted the park renamed after Sadie McCray. And I'd like to raise that and put that on your radar. Sadie -- the park -- they call it George Street, Fire Station. I don't know. Miss Davis, what do they call it now?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Fire House.

MAYOR MASTERS: Fire House. Sadie McCray lived there probably over 30, 40 years and was known as the person that took care of the entire neighborhood particularly adjacent to the park, cleaning the park, cleaning the street. And she was the eyes and ears of just sort of like Mr. Davis and others. So I would like to add that to the request. And also there was a request at the last council meeting that the oldest resident -- the oldest known resident in Riviera Beach who passed away not -- a few months ago, that that street in front of his house, Avenue T, be renamed Cleve Dixon Street. There seems to be a lot of support for that so I would like for you to look into that to see what procedure or what has to be done to address it and -- and move in that direction.

I, too, want to commend my fellow colleague -- I almost said brother -- Mr. Terence Davis for his vision and his foresight of bringing Mr. West to highlight the MLK festivities. I personally had some reservations about his decision but I support, as you know, Mr. Davis 98.9 percent. I made my reservations known to him. But I am pleased that I was wrong; he was right. And Mr. West did a tremendous job. Also, Mr. Davis, Councilman Davis, is very humble and modest but I want to announce to the public that again -- that he is making history as perhaps the youngest president of the newly founded, newly reorganized, I guess, Black Elected Officials. He will be the president, first president that I can remember from Riviera Beach. And Chair Thomas serves as second vice?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah, second vice.

MAYOR MASTERS: Second vice. And they're going to be inaugurated, sworn in February the 22nd at the historic courthouse in West Palm Beach. And we're -- at 10 a.m., is it?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: At 10 a.m. And we're making an appeal from -- to Riviera Beach residents, let's support a historic move to have this young man to represent our city, as well as the officials under that umbrella. As a matter of fact, I will ask you at this time to join me in giving him a hand of applause.

And last but not least, there's a bill that's getting ready to hit Congress that I have been told about through other mayors and I've joined the group of mayors who are opposing

this bill. If this bill passes in Congress, I am being told that postal employees will be able to carry guns. And that is something that I am definitely going to be opposed to.

Also, there will be some initiatives and some referendums that you will be hearing about in the next two or three months and I want to commend -- that I'm going to support, as well as others -- but I want to commend Councilman Bruce Guyton and Mr. Gonstead and others who have used this very catchy phrase. And I'm going to adopt it, as well, to use it for the referendums and initiatives that Let the People Speak will sponsor. So if you see all these signs that will talk about the veto and talk about everything else, it's going to say, "Don't guess, vote yes." Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir. Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: First of all, I want to say thank you all for your acknowledgments and respect and for those who's able to come out and participate in the MLK celebration. That committee, Miss Irving, Miss Perry, Miss Brown, Miss Robinson, and any others that I missed, please charge it to my mind, not to my heart. You all did a great job, staff, as a committee and dedicating your free time as well as working on the City to make sure that the residents had a great taste and a respectable event. And people talked about the taste that we had. You know, they said Riviera Beach really showed out -- showed class. And I want to thank you all for what you've done. You know, Dr. Cornel West was just a tap on the cake of your efforts and your hard work. And I also would like to thank all the staff that did the coronation with the MLK parade. That event was a great success. I felt very safe. Just the youth, the whole environment, the whole day was -- was amazing. I definitely wanted to do that.

One other thing, a black history fact: A gentleman by the name of John W. Thompson, he was the first black mail carrier here in the City of Riviera Beach. His son, Junior, John W. Thompson, just today -- it was in the Palm Beach Post -- just replaced Bill Gates as the chairperson of Microsoft. That man came from Riviera Beach, came out of John F. Kennedy High School. You ought to feel proud, Riviera Beach residents, that we had someone that was really great and left our city and -- and represent well on a national level. I mean, John F. Kennedy High School, John W. Thompson. I'm sure that you and your family would be very proud. He now resides in Northern California. But that was something I wanted to make sure that you all know that you had one of your own go and replace Bill Gates as the chair of Microsoft. And I want to make sure that we, you know, end this on a great note. But you ought to be proud that you had someone from your community to make such a national accomplishment. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: In African-American History Month.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll be very quick.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I've made my comments. March 11th there's going to be an important election. It's going to deal with whether we're going to remain the same or we're going to begin to be competitive with our surrounding communities and create jobs. As Mayor Masters just indicated, he imitated but I agree, come March 11th, don't guess, vote yes. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir. Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I recently received an e-mail from a resident concerning the widening of State Road 710 and she was concerned about in the future, we don't have any crossing guards in that area. So I will be asking all of you to think about adding some crossing guards in -- in that vicinity because there are three different schools there in that area where students will be attending school. So we'll keep that in mind when our budgeting process comes up.

And also, as Mayor Masters mentioned, the renaming of W. 37th Street. It is the church that I belong to and Reverend Evans' daughter contacted me about two to three weeks ago asking me to assist with this. And we did not have a process for renaming streets so basically I didn't want to start something where we just brought it to council and, you know, just did it. So I told her that basically she needed to go along the street from Old Dixie to Avenue S and gather the signatures. That way if the residents approve of it, then it's brought to council. Then it makes it easier for us to go ahead and support it. So she will be bringing me those signatures very soon. I'm hoping that it will be on the next agenda.

Also, we've already created the petition documents for the renaming of Fire House Park. And we will start walking that area, that street, Fifth Street, to gather signatures for that. I don't think it's going to be on the next agenda but it'll be coming soon. And also lastly, Public Works, you've done a fantastic job. I see some of you here. And I call you Miss Boss Lady. Okay? So -- 'cause you handle your business out there with the guys, you know? So I'll see you guys on Friday. Thank you all very much.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. My comments will be brief. Friday -- last Friday night I attended an event down in Miami with several state Senators. And you know, during the event I was talking to them about Riviera Beach and all of the great positive things we have going on in our city. They were very interested in the redevelopment plans that we had.

And I invited them, you know, when they were traveling back up to Tallahassee -- I invited them, if they passed through Riviera Beach, to give me a call. Well, Saturday morning I got a call from one of the Senators, Senator Evers, Greg Evers. He's been in Tallahassee a long time. And anyway, he spent about six hours here in Riviera Beach. He met with several of our large businesses. And Senator Evers is the chairperson of the Criminal Justice Committee, so there was a long discussion about job training and ex-felons and, you know, trying to put programs together. And he did speak with some of these businesses about it and, you know, tossed around his ideas. And it was just fabulous. And you know, he was -- I have to tell you, he was quite impressed. You

know, naturally he has passed through Riviera Beach many times. But it's, you know, on I-95 and never got off.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: He was down in West Palm Beach maybe two months ago. There was a three-day conference down there. But he never made it through Riviera Beach. And when we parted ways late Saturday, he was very impressed. And with every business he went to, you know, he said, "How can I help you? How can I help you?" He also sits on the Economic Development and the Tourists --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Great.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- board. So it was a very, very positive meeting. And, you know, I look forward to working with him. But he really looks forward to working with Riviera Beach. So, you know, very, very positive for us. And the last thing for my residents on Singer Island, there is a beach conference next week. And we will have -- there'll be representatives from all of the regulatory agencies and engineers and, you know, people all around the country talking about beaches and how to protect our beaches. And I am going to go to the conference. So I look forward to updating everyone when I return. And with that, do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you all for attending tonight. Great meeting. We are adjourned.

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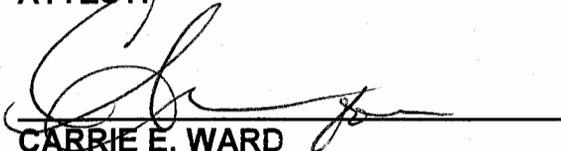


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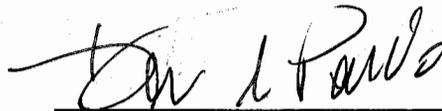


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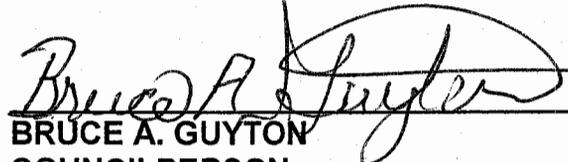
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