

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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I. ROLL CALL/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. We're going to get started. Okay. We're going to go ahead and get started. I will now call this regular -- regular scheduled City Council meeting to order. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson 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.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We have a quorum and I will proceed. Would everyone stand for a moment of silence and an invocation by the Mayor, if he doesn't mind. I didn't get another minister. Would you please step in? And remain standing for a Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Guyton, please. (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilperson Guyton).

MAYOR MASTERS: Father, we thank you tonight for tonight. We ask that you would lead and guide us in our deliberations, and all that we would say and do would be to your glory and to the betterment of mankind. In Your name we pray, amen.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are there any additions, deletions or substitutions?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

III. DISCLOSURE BY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are there any disclosures by Council? Hearing none, entertaining a motion for adoption of the agenda.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions, concerns, or unreadiness? Hearing none, 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: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We're going to move down to our Consent Agenda.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

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

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'll entertain a motion for --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I would like to pull one of the Consent items.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I would like to pull number 5. Is that the bond counsel?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Any -- if there's no other questions to be done -- to be asked about this, I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the Consent Agenda.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. The -- I have two cards on item 5, since that has been pulled. I'll just take those comment cards prior to that item. There's no other comment cards for any of the consent items. Is that for consent item --

SKIP MILLER: Yes. Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem. Okay. That's also for number 5. All right. There's no other questions or concerns, 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: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're going to move to item 5.

MINUTES

- 1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 18, 2013.**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 15, 2014.**

RESOLUTIONS

- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 11-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT 003 TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND PALM BEACH COUNTY, EXTENDING THE DATE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF REHABILITATION COSTS THROUGH MARCH 4, 2015; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 4. RESOLUTION NO. 12-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FLORIDA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNTY GRANT AWARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-14, TO**

EXPAND AND/OR IMPROVE THE CITY'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DELIVERY; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO SET UP A BUDGET IN THE STATE EMS GRANT FUND (107) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,325.00 TO PURCHASE FOUR STRYKER POWER PRO POWER STRETCHERS FROM ACCOUNT NO. 107-0921-526-0-6455; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 13-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH GREENSPOON MARDER, P.A., FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. I have three comment cards on this item. Mr. Guyton, you pulled this item. Do you want to hear the comment cards first or do you want us --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes, please. Yeah. Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Let's -- let's go to Skip Miller.

SKIP MILLER: Good evening. Thank you, Mayor and Council Members. My name is Skip Miller. I am a shareholder with Greenspoon Marder in West Palm Beach, and we were the firm that was ranked first in your bond counsel selection process and the firm who has been recommended by your staff. And the resolution that you're being asked to consider would retain us to be your bond counsel. And I -- I'm here and I've asked to make some remarks only because one of the other firms is also here and didn't want the opportunity to go by.

But we are very excited. We're really looking forward to representing the City. Personally, I served as the City's bond counsel many years ago, so to have the opportunity to return and do it -- do it again is wonderful. We're going to be working with Lynn Solomon who is already doing some legal work for the City. And I know the City's very pleased with that. Again, we were the highest ranked firm. Our fees are competitive. I think our fees, in fact, are lower than the fees of the other firm that's here tonight to make a presentation. And we would just urge you to follow the recommendation of your staff. Thank you very much and I'll be happy to answer any questions.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, sir. Okay. Next up will be Steve Bullock.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bullock.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Bullock. Good evening, sir. You have three minutes to make your comments.

STEVE BULLOCK: Good evening. Thank you very much. I am an attorney from the Law Offices of Steve E. Bullock, PA. I responded to the bond counsel RFP with the firm of Bryant Miller Olive. My firm is located in Miami, Florida. And we've been in the bond counsel business for 30 years. I wanted to speak today because as Skip Miller just mentioned, there was one firm that was ranked slightly higher than our firm. That ranking was one-tenth of a percentage point higher than the score that our firm received from the Selection Committee when it did its evaluation of the proposals and the oral presentation. So it's one-tenth of 1 percent is essentially a tie between those two firms. What I noticed when I went through the scoring was that our particular joint venture, my firm with Bryant Miller Olive, was -- was --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry, sir.

STEVE BULLOCK: Oh, I thought you were talking to me.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, go right ahead. No, no, no. I was trying to get my assistant.

STEVE BULLOCK: Okay. My firm received that one-tenth of a percentage point lower than the firm that was ranked ahead of us simply based upon the -- a low score that we received for the fees portion of the response to the RFP. If you -- if you take out the score just relating to fees solely, you will notice that in -- with the remainder of the evaluation, our firm is significantly higher than all of the other ranked firms. As a matter of fact, the difference between where our firm is ranked and where all the other firms is ranked is almost 15 points higher than the second-place firm and then more than that than the firms below us.

So the only issue, quite frankly, is -- is whether the amount that we quoted for fees is something that the -- the City is comfortable with or whether it is solely as a result of the score that we received for fees that were higher than the firm that was ahead of us, that one-tenth of a percentage point should make a difference. Uh, in all of the other categories where you're ranking -- where you're evaluating firms based upon experience and qualifications, you know, likelihood to provide the services that the City will need, we are ranked much higher than all of those other firms.

So what we would ask from you today -- and I actually have a -- an evaluation of the scores showing the difference between the scores and I'd like to pass those out to you all -- showing the difference between the scores of our firm versus the other firms when you're not considering the -- the -- the evaluation or the -- the -- the ranking for fees. And you'll see that our firm is ranked significantly higher. And so it seems like in all other respects in response to the RFP, our firm provided the kind of information and will provide you with the kind of representation that you're actually seeking from your bond counsel. And the only issue that we'd need to discuss is whether, you know, the fees are something that we -- that our firm and the City, you know, can discuss if you decide to make the selection of our -- of our joint venture.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

STEVE BULLOCK: Okay?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments.

STEVE BULLOCK: All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Next up will be Jolinda Herring.

JOLINDA HERRING: Good afternoon. My name is Jolinda Herring and I'm with the firm of Bryant Miller Olive. I am here to speak on consent item number 5. I have been with that firm for about 20 years now. Bryant Miller Olive was started in 1970 as a public finance bond counsel firm. Our firm additionally has been ranked the number one bond counsel firm based on the number of issues completed over the last 15 years. As Mr. Bullock said, when you look at the RFP, the selection criteria, we wanted you to see that when you take out the fees, our firm, our joint venture team is ranked -- would be ranked number one. And we're about 15 points above the other firms which were ranked.

Our RFP response said that we would be willing to negotiate fees -- that was part of our response -- once we knew exactly what the transactions were and what, you know, you would exactly be doing. We believe that the .1 percent in the ranking is a statistical tie that you as the Council have the choice to choose how you want to do this. Additionally, your RFP that was sent out said that for minority participation there would be 22 bonus points. If you look on the sheet, we only received 14 bonus points. Had we received the full 22 again, we would be ranked number one even including the fees. And when we questioned that we were told that it was a mistake in the RFP and the criteria that was sent out. So we wanted to make you aware that when we responded to the RFP, what we thought, that we would be able to get 22 bonus points for minority participation.

You just heard Mr. Bullock speak. He is our minority partner that we have joint ventured with. He has experience in public finance. He's done this a long time. We're not just bringing you any firm that doesn't have experience. You have two experienced firms that will be able to do work for the City. Additionally, your RFP was for a bond counsel and disclosure firm. So again, you also have the ability to break out and do one for bond counsel and one for disclosure.

Lastly, I want to point out that we are currently -- and we have worked for the City for a long time. We have a good working relationship. We've been working with the CRA on the New Market's Tax Credits. And wherein doing that process, we have helped the City with some of the issues that have come up where we've been worked to come up with a solution. We are a solution-oriented firm. We care about the City and we've been here. We pay taxes here and we're not going anywhere. So I ask that you consider your selection and select Bryant Miller Olive. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. That brings us to the conclusion of our Public Comment on that item. Mr. Guyton, you'll be first.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question is very direct and I -
- I was just curious to know, was our City Attorney and -- on this Selection Committee?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Ryan, were you on the Selection Committee?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I was not on the Selection Committee.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: There -- there was a conflict in the -- the meeting times, so I
could not be on the committee.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Did we have anybody on the committee with a legal
background?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Not with a legal background.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And -- and the point that I'm making is that with
me, if we're going to select an attorney, I would like to have either the City Attorney or
an attorney on the Selection Committee. Has nothing to do if I feel if one is better
qualified than the other. This is more about the process for me and the expertise that
sits on it. And one of those people -- and the other people have a lot of experience and
certainly this is no slight on them, but part of that process, I would have liked to see an
attorney if we are making a selection for an attorney. So I have a problem with the
process, not with the selection. And at this point I -- I wouldn't be able to support it. It is
my hope that my colleagues would consider having a process that includes an attorney
if we're selecting an attorney. Those are my comments, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Let me -- before we get into this -- 'cause this, I was
not aware that there was some issues with this at all. We -- we need a presentation on
-- on this. So, you know, Ms. -- Ms. Jones, I need -- Mr. -- Mr. Guyton, Ms. -- if that's
who you want to --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. I would like to ask Mr. Guy, Purchasing Director --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. And --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- or either Randy Sherman of Finance to address your
questions.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No problem. Let me -- let me just say this. Was
there a protest that ensued before this got to us?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: No, there was -- there was no -- excuse me, Ben
Guy, Purchasing Director. No, sir. There was no protest filed.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, can -- can you just go ahead and give us a
presentation on the process and -- and definitely what, you know -- what has happened
here? 'Cause I did hear a -- I think it was Ms. Herring that state that they were

supposed to get a certain amount of points that the City acknowledged that it was some mistake made or something like that. Can you, you know, clear that up also in your presentation?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: Okay. Basically the RFP was advertised October 6th in the Palm Beach Post. October 7th, we loaded it on to the Internet. We had seven respondents. And of those seven respondents, we short-listed four firms. And those firms were Greenspoon Marder, Bryant Miller Olive, Edwards Wildman Palmer, and Nabors Gibbon [sic] Nickelson [sic]. In the oral presentations there were points that were given for -- bonus points that were given --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Check his mike, please. I.T., please check his mike. Go ahead, sir.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: There -- there were bonus points that were provided for MBE participation.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: And included with the solicitation was a copy of the ordinance which gave the table which indicated what percentage of bonus points would be available for what percentage of minority participation. Now, that clearly stated, you know, if, you know -- if you got a certain percentage, you got X amount percentage of bonus points. We had a total of 140 points available for the written presentation. Okay?

And according to the scale that was provided as part of the RFP, the maximum points that would have been available for the minority participation would have been 10 percent. And 10 percent of 140 is 14 points. And in terms of the 22 points, I'm not -- I'm not sure about that. I'd have to -- I'd have to take a look at the RFP and see exactly, you know, what was mentioned and whether or not it was addressed through addendum. Okay. Possible points. Okay. Okay. I see what you're saying. Okay. Yeah. Okay. There were -- okay. It did indicate 22 points on -- on the actual point allotment in section 5 of the RFP. But there were -- there was also in the RFP the scale that provided the points, which would have indicate -- which was taken from our ordinance, which would have indicated the 14 points. So that is -- that is a contradiction.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guy, is -- is -- I was just about to say --

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: That -- that's a conflict.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- is this a contradiction --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- on our part?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: Yes. That would be a contradiction.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, this -- this is what I'm going to suggest. I -- I really don't want to dig into it too much unless my colleagues want to. But I -- we cannot continue to have these issues on these RFPs. What I'm going to suggest is -- I don't know what we need to do legally. I'm looking at three firms that essentially have the same exact score. If this is something that we need to fix within -- internally, then we need to fix it. I know that one of my colleagues has an issue with an attorney not being on that Selection Committee. And I -- I understand that. But if we clearly have a -- a discrepancy, it's no way in the world that this is ready for us to be deciding on right now.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I move to table, Mr. -- Mr. Chair.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MASTERS: I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, it's being tabled. The other colleagues didn't get a chance to speak, but if it's being tabled -- if that's what you're asking, Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Well, I'll -- I'll yield my table. I'll take my motion back until my colleagues have an opportunity to speak.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. No, you're just taking your -- your -- your table back. I understand. No problem.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: For now.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I -- I get you. I get you. Anybody else want to --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, I'd like to -- I'd like to speak after the Mayor, please.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Sure. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I think Mr. Guyton makes a very valid point. And if we have a mechanic on staff and we're going to hire a mechanic, I think the mechanic ought to be a part of that committee. If we have a doctor on staff and we're going to hire a doctor, then our doctor ought to be a part of that committee. If we have a lawyer on staff and we're going to hire a lawyer, then to me, we ought to have a lawyer on that committee. So once this is tabled, if that's the consensus of our --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: (Inaudible) it's going to be tabled.

MAYOR MASTERS: No. I said if -- well, if it is tabled --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- I certainly would hope that our attorney or assistant attorney would be on the committee for legal purposes. It's just common sense to me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir. I have a problem with how all of this is transpiring. We have a policy that outlines what happens if you want to protest a bid. Okay? And it doesn't include just coming to the Council and protesting to the Council. And you know, that's -- that's my issue. And you know, if these people are supposed to be attorneys, they should have known how to go about protesting this. So that's my issue. It's -- it's just not right just to come to the Council and say, you know, We're going to protest this. There is a procedure. And other companies have gone through the protest procedure. And I just don't -- I don't appreciate this. I don't appreciate coming to the Council and, you know -- and telling us all of this instead of following the procedure, going through the City Manager and the Purchasing Department. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Anything else from any -- anybody?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I would -- I would just like to hear what would Legal like -- would recommend for us moving forward?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, as -- Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- as Ms. Pardo stated, there is a procedure for protesting. So the Council could move forward if you chose to do so. However, it is an RFP. It's not a -- a straight bid so you don't have to pick the -- you don't have to pick any of them and you don't have to pick the -- the lowest bid in terms of price. It's you -- you have the opportunity to look at all of the information that's been given to you and make your own decision. It is only a recommendation of staff.

If the Council is unready, you can do one of two things. Have staff go back and recalculate based upon the information that came out tonight. You can throw this entire thing out and start over and my office will participate. I do want to stress that it -- it -- staff wasn't trying to not include Legal in this process. There was just some conflicts and there were some time constraints. I understand that we are on a very tight time constraint in terms of hiring bond counsel and moving forward with redevelopment. But if the Council wanted us to go out, we could make it -- it could be a very quick turnaround. I think staff could probably pull it off in the next couple of weeks or two or three weeks, because the RFP is already done. And you know, we -- we would -- we would expedite it. So it's up to the Council. You -- you have the discretion in an RFP to do whatever it is that you choose to do.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair, one last thing.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Staff seems to feel -- highly recommend all three of these firms based on the scoring. This pretty much seems like a neck-and-neck tie across the board. They all provide great services from -- from what it seems, from what our staff has brought before us. No matter what order that they come back with, what I'm looking at is staff highly recommended all three teams. Staff has recommended a number one team. We need to consider going with that. And if the other team choose to protest and then come back before it, and then we can go whatever direction the board chooses to do so. But I just see what we all -- that's another option that we can look at, you know?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Yes, Ms. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I know that Mrs. -- the City Manager has placed this item on the agenda because of all of the things that the City is getting ready to do. Okay? And I just heard you, Ms. Ryan, say that, you know, if we decided to just do away with this and, you know, we could do it in two weeks, you know, I mean, I think that that would probably be something to consider. I don't know.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. What I would like to --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Give me one second, Mr. Guyton. I'll come right to you. My issue is this is becoming a -- almost like just too familiar of a territory. If -- if everything came through properly and all of these scores ended up like they were, then I would say we need to move with the number one firm, period. That's the only fair way to do it. But if there's clearly some indication that there's a discrepancy between points --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- then how can we really say that that's fair? I don't believe that we could say it's fair. The other thing is, if we throw it out and start all over, how is that fair, you know, either?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: That's true.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That -- you know, people will start to say, Listen. If you submit your response to an RFP in the City of Riviera Beach, if -- if it seems like the person that the Council who has to make the decision didn't get the person that they want, they're going to throw it out. When the Council really has nothing to do with what we have in front of us. My issue is the stigma that's already attached, the lawsuits that have already ensued, the -- the naysayers, it just does not look good. And here we are

once again saying, Okay. To the firm that was ranked number one, we're going to throw this out.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: They may not be ranked number one the next time. It's no fair way to really handle this particular issue. The other thing is if this RFP allotted a time for dispute, was that followed at all, is all I want to know. Was -- did anybody pick up the phone? Did anybody send an e-mail? When -- when these scores were released, did anybody dispute it at that time, is really what I want to know.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: No. They -- well, no -- no one communicated with me. And no one indicated that, you know, they wanted to file a protest.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So I heard from Greens -- I mean, from, I guess, Greenspoon and Bryant Oller [sic] and Millive [sic]. What about Edwards Wildman and Palmer? Did -- did they come tonight? Did they --

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: No. I haven't heard anything from them.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I know, Mr. -- Mr. Guyton, you want this floor back and I'm going to give it to you. I'm just going to say --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I'm just going to say that I'm very -- I'm -- I'm very uncomfortable, you know, right now with this. It's -- if we clearly have a dispute in the RFP that was delivered and they think -- a firm think that they're short points, I just don't want to go down this road again. And I just feel like that would be disappointing to that -- were -- were those points addressed to the -- any of the other firms that have that 156 -- .50 or .60? Was -- did any of those other firms fall into having that issue with the -- the bonus points for the minority?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: No. Because again, in -- in the solicitation, we gave the table. So you would have known if there were a total of 140 points for a written proposal, the most you could get is 10 percent for those points. That was stated in there. But also, there -- there are 22 points that are indicated. So that -- that's the conflict. Okay? But again, that was something that -- that was something that would have been discoverable by anyone that was participating in the process.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I understand. And Mr. Guy, I don't want you to stand there and take a -- a beating publicly. I know how that feels. So this -- this is really not an issue with you. So at this time I just wanted to address the City Manager. Ms. Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I hate to say this publicly but the -- Mr. Guy is not the director over Purchasing -- he's not the department head over Purchasing, correct?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, he is.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: He is?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But he -- he has a supervisor, right?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: He reports to the --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: He reports to the --

CITY MANAGER JONES: To the Finance Director.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. Something needs to be done about this. This is embarrassing.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Our own documents create the discrepancy. And on this one here, I'm not really willing to take a, It's our fault. It's our -- we've done that too many times. So --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- who's ever ultimately in charge I guess would have to come back to being you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Right. Correct.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We -- we definitely need to deal with this. And I, as the Chair, am going to say publicly that I will definitely be, you know, talking to you a little bit more in-depth about this. But at this point, we have to make a decision, Board, on how we really want to -- to do it. But I just want to say publicly that this will be getting addressed.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And I'm very serious that it needs to -- to -- we just can't do this anymore. We -- we -- we'll -- we'll have zero credibility left.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: That's right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No -- I mean, we wouldn't even respond to an RFP ourself, you know, if this continues to go -- I'm -- I'm very embarrassed.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CITY MANAGER JONES: And --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let me -- let me let Ms. Jones go first and then I'll come to you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- and Mr. Chair and members of Council, believe you me, I am sitting here just as floored because someone did not in detail review the documents and the addendums. The chart says one thing and someplace else it has something else. So there's two different things that are out there. I understand you perfectly. And we will deal with this. And I expect to hear from you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Ms. Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Well, you know, one thing again we all need to consider, what are we going to do about our protest policy? Do we just throw that out and from now on we just, you know -- if we go out for bid and people don't like it, you know, you don't have to do your protest policy. Just come to the Council and the Council will take care of it? You know, I think that's something that we need to address, too.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Absolutely.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: We have a policy.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And the policy was not followed.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I agree.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I heard Mr. Mayor first so we'll go to Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: I certainly agree in principle with Councilwoman Pardo, that we have a policy. We have procedures. And you do go through the protest before it gets here. However, if we put it on the agenda, then we have allowed it to circumvent the process. It's sort of like in legal terms if the door is opened, if we open the door, then we've opened the door, which means that we have circumvented whatever the protocol or -- as standard operating procedures should have -- should have been. So the fact that the -- that we have put it on the agenda says to me that we've allowed it. So maybe next time we may want to find out if there -- if there were a protest before we just allow it to go on the agenda without one. So I think that points to us, as well. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to reiterate my initial position. It got off into the discrepancy. But my initial position was we were selecting an attorney and we didn't have an attorney on our committee. And that is a real big issue with me, because they bring a level of expertise that I think is needed. And I think the Mayor made a good analogy and I don't often -- you know, the Mayor, but I must --

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I just say amen to that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. But you know, if you're hiring a mechanic, you -- you should have a mechanic on the committee. But what evolved out of that was we had a staff member to essentially admit that there's a discrepancy. And that was admitted publicly and I don't think that's something that we can ignore and just say, Well, let's let it -- see how it falls out. Because we are aware now that there is a discrepancy and we have been elected to make difficult decisions. It is -- it is up to us now to decide how we're going to deal with that discrepancy.

But my position was more of the process of who was on the committee and the rest of all this start falling out as it sometime does. So I think that we need to be mindful that, one, the City has admitted there's a discrepancy. And two, even though it may not be comfortable to us, we have to make a decision of how we're going to correct this now. That's the bottom line. And it needs to be corrected and not ignored, in my opinion.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The -- I -- I hear you and I'm not rushing this at all because we -- we gotta find a way to -- to clear this up, so I'm not rushing this. But my only dilemma with what you said, which is totally, totally rational in thought, of having somebody who brings that expertise to the table, on these Selection Committees, you know, we never -- we don't pick them. As a matter of fact, I don't know who picks the Selection Committees. But we don't pick them and we don't, all the time, make sure that someone with some type of experience sits on those.

So if that's a policy that we want to create, then I think we definitely need to create it because it makes sense. I also want to make sure that we understand whatever restraints we might be putting in place in case we can't get that. So take, for instance, Ms. Ryan, I believe, was invited to be on it but her schedule didn't, you know -- didn't mesh and I don't know why she didn't send her assistant or however that may have been. I -- I really don't know. I just want to make sure that we don't handcuff ourselves to -- to saying that.

It's a discussion. My issue was how do we deal with this particularly -- this issue in specific for tonight. I heard everybody. I agree with all the points everybody's made. But how do we deal with what we have here in front of us right now? That -- that is the question that we need to answer.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair? Mr. Chair, one last thing.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: We all are on the same page trying to do the right thing. Staff had did a great job by recommending respectively that all firms are strongly qualified, regardless of the process. And then we do see that we have some problems with the process. Here's the thing. We have a protest policy. Let's allow our process to work. Our number one team has been recommended for. We should be ready tonight to vote on it. Yes, they have the right to come and speak but we should be making decision on an item and if they just chose to protest, they should protest from there just like everyone else.

And if we choose to go back later and do something with this process, well, let's do it through the policy process. That way we can protect ourselves moving forward. Because the next team that come before, they're going to feel like, Hey, we might not -- we might can get around a protest policy because the City of Riviera Beach allows you to come speak on a consent item and then there's a discussion on the board and then you circumvented that process. And that's money that the City lose out on because --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, let's -- let's -- let's get into that.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: -- that's something we can consider.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let -- let's get into that. First of all, it was pulled from consent. It's -- it's no longer a consent item. It's a regular action item. Secondly, Ms. Ryan, does our -- does our policy state that after the Council has awarded this, that there can be a protest that ensues then?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. The -- the -- I don't have the ordinance in front of me, but the protest procedure is that after it's all released, if you are -- and we've dealt with this issue before.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Several times.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: The protesting group, if you disagree with any -- any part of the -- the process, you need to put your position in writing and try to resolve it with the Purchasing Director. That's the first step. The Purchasing Director will go back, look at it, adjust points, do whatever he needs to do and if his decision -- in this case, Mr. Guy's decision, is that it still remains the same, then you have the right to protest, appeal your initial protest to the City Manager who goes through the same process. And we've -- you know, sometimes -- well, one of our problems is that it takes a long time to get through all these processes 'cause we -- we do research and we do try to get to the bottom of it. If, after that protest to the City Manager, you're still not satisfied, then the protest comes to the council before we get to this point.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: That's right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You don't even get to this point.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is that in the RFP? Is -- is that process in the RFP?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't know if it's in the RFP but I know that the RFP, nine times out of 10, refers to our ordinance so that you can review it for yourself.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Did we have a pre-bid or a pre-response meeting to let everyone know what their options was in terms of this particular RFP?

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible) we don't do that.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. We -- we would not do that for this type of bid.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah, this is -- this is not a bid. It's an RFP.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. It's a -- it's an RFP, which staff -- we all reviewed the RFP before it went out.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: Yeah, we all did.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We did. And apparently we had -- what is this? Eight -- seven different organizations that responded to it. It's after that point when the committee got together and they whittled it down to the top four firms.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. But let me ask you this question here. If all of the firms are 156 --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- do we go directly to the 10th of the point that one of the firms has in order to say they were ranked number one?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, I mean, you -- you can do it however you want to do it. They -- they chose to do it that way. But again, you do not have to hold yourself to these -- to these rankings. The numbers are so close it's as Mr. Davis said. You would not be remiss if you chose any of those teams because the numbers are so close.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh. Exactly.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: They are all -- your top three people, 156.5, 156.5 and 156.6. So your number two and your number three firms are -- are tied. And your number one firm apparently only won by one-tenth. I think that's what it is. I'm not a math major.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So -- a tenth. But -- but my -- my issue is then why rank anybody? You know, then why -- you know, why -- why say you're number one?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Because they have to bring -- right. Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Why say you're number two? Because it's -- it's not fair to the number one. But also for the number two ranked firm, if they read our RFP and are confused based on some inconsistencies we've had --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- then how was that fair to number two, either?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. And one of the things that you could also do is request to review the documents that they submitted. They each would have had to submit the documents. And you -- you know, we did that with Waste Management. I believe the entire board got copies of every RFP that was submitted, every RFP response that was submitted in that -- in that process.

So it's a difficult -- you have a difficult decision to make. You can choose today. You know, I -- I do kind of want to get back to what Mr. Guyton said. His point was that Legal was not on the -- the board and -- and I'm not going to say that's an illegitimate position to take. But I think the -- the protest issue, you know, there was a process and it was not followed. You all do not have to recognize it at this point. You -- you really don't because it is outside of -- of the process. You can make a decision based on what you have or you can go back. I'm not resolving any issues for you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Just call the vote and see where it goes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And if -- Mr. Chair, if -- if I may --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Having a -- Mr. Guyton, if you're saying you would like to have somebody that represents the legal aspect, that will be meaning that you will want it to be thrown out and started over?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: My position is that I think that -- to answer your question, I don't know if it necessarily need to be thrown out. But I would like for Legal and I'm sure through some process they might have done a cursory review, but I don't know if you had a chance to do a detailed review. Could I ask the attorney that?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Of course.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No, I didn't do that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I did review the RFP before it went out and I reviewed the agenda item and I worked on the contract. I did work on the contract.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So the responses you did not --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I did not look at the responses. I have not looked at the responses.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm about to initiate my table to give her an opportunity to do that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, I'm glad you said that. I would -- my -- my concern is that even if she reviews it, she cannot change the responses of the people that were on the Selection Committee.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And for me it won't be to try to change the responses. For me it would -- for me, I want her honest legal opinion about the responses that we received. And in her legal opinion, what does she think? That's the -- I'm telling you where I'm going 'cause she's an attorney. So I -- I just want that legal input because we're selecting an attorney. That's just my own personal preference. And let me also say I agree with the protest process needs to be followed and initiated.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But I am also conscientious -- conscientious and mindful of the fact that if we are presented with a problem, it's my opinion that we have to deal with it. We were told that there were some discrepancies in this process. To say that we're going to just keep it moving, I'm not comfortable with that. Because one, it was announced publicly. Council, you're put on notice. You know it's a problem. Now, what you gonna do? And my position is I'm dealing with it head on. I'm not -- I don't want to just keep it moving like -- like we're not aware of it. You know? And just let it fall out. I was presented with a problem. Let's deal with it head on. We have to make difficult decisions. That's what we were elected to do. There are going to be people happy. There will be people not happy. But that's the way this process is in a democratic society. I -- I'm not putting my head in the sand and say --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- that I don't know it's a problem now.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I -- I -- I got you. I agree. We're -- we're seemingly destined all the time to have these type of -- of issues. This is not the first time that we've dealt with something regarding points. And my issue is I wish that we -- I wish that these RFPs were cut and dry where this is the points that you get. This is how it go. In this --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- in this -- in this instance it's -- it's not. So at -- at -- at this point, if Mr. Guyton chooses to --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I move to table.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- makes his motion to table --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second to table. I must, by virtue of the rules, call the question.

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: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion fails.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Since our original motion is now back on, I do think that it's an issue. I do think that we need to, you know, address it. I'm not sure tabling is the -- the format that we need to do it in. Maybe a postponement, maybe a review of it or some other type of directive. I'm not sure table is the -- the way that we need to go.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's the same thing.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, it's not the same.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Yes, ma'am?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I -- I've sat and listened and, you know, I'm big on process and procedures, too. And I have to say, you know, there was not a protest process followed. However, I do believe that -- what's this name of this company? Where's my sheet?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Bryan [sic] Miller and Olive or Greenspoon?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Bryant Miller and Olive representing us on -- on the CRA and only missing it by half a point and -- and considering that the -- that the -- there was some conflict with the scoring, I would move that we select them.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: There's a motion. Is there a second? There's a motion. Is there a second? Okay. That motion dies for lack of a second. Let me ask you this, Ms. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: What would we do with Edwards, William [sic] and Palmer who has the exact same score down to the tenth if we decided to choose Bryant Miller and Olive?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And I say -- I -- I did that, Mr. Chair, simply because we have the wherewithal to choose whomever we want. So I don't see it being an issue. And if we can't move forward in any other way, I say that we throw it out and start over.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Can we just call the original question?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We can if everyone is finished discussing.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Wait, a point of order.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Point of order, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We -- did we not resolve the original question?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No. No.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We resolved the -- we disposed of the table.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Now we're back to the original.--

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. -- well, let me just make sure I understand this. Ms. -- Ms. Davis' original motion died for lack of a second. If her second comment was a motion, she can so state at this time in terms of starting it over and throwing it out and starting over. If not --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No, that's my motion.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Did --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I think the original motion when you pulled it off consent --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- was to approve --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Approve --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Correct.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- with a second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So that's the original motion.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Ms. Davis made a -- a separate motion.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That -- right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But there was already a motion on the floor.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. We -- we know. We -- we know.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Her original motion died for lack of a second.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. So --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No, my --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-uh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- main -- my --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The motion that's still standing is the motion that it was to approve --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- from the original. I'm -- I'm -- I got it. I'm -- I'm on it. I'm on it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes, sir. Okay. You got it. Yeah. All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm on it.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So I made another motion to throw it out.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: To throw it out.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And start over.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But she already made -- she already made the motion.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. There is a fresh motion on the floor to throw this out and start over. Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: For discussion, second. It --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: There -- there is a second. It's been properly moved and second. Moved by Ms. Davis, second by Mr. Guyton. Questions on this motion.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Point of procedure. Is this a substitute motion that we're entertaining?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. And it still takes precedent.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Well, that's -- that's what I wanted to know 'cause there's -- that original motion was never resolved and Mrs. Pardo requested that we resolve that one.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: She called for the question. Another motion came up.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Correct. I called for the vote.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I know.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's all she did.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm all right with this. I'm telling you, I got it. I understand it. It's a motion on the floor. It's been second for -- Ms. Davis' motion was to throw it out and start all over. Mr. Guyton second that particular motion.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. -- Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: By this firm that -- that we was talking about earlier, will it be conflicting for them to represent the City and the CRA? Will it be a conflict?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Ryan, you can answer that. I will say no because we have that happen all the time. But Ms. Ryan, please answer.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You know, that is an excellent question. And I'm told that that was a question that was asked at the -- when the committee interviewed the firm. We've talked about whether or not there will be issues that come up where the City's bond counsel would have to -- may have a different opinion from the CRA bond counsel. We -- at this point, we have not seen any conflicts and I'm told that the firm hasn't seen any conflicts. But I cannot tell you sitting here that there will never be a conflict. We just -- we have not gotten that far down the road. But it is -- it's certainly an issue and I don't know if one of the committee members wants to speak about it. But I'm told that it was -- that was discussed during the interviews.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The -- the present motion on the table is to throw this out. I just want to remind everybody that. The present motion on this table is to -- the present motion that we're considering right now is to throw this out and it's been moved by Ms. Davis, second by Mr. Guyton. Are there any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness on that motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. Just a statement.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: My position, if this should take place, is for staff to correct the discrepancy and make sure that everything is correct and consistent. And hopefully we won't have this problem next time. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor? I just -- before you go, Mr. Mayor, let me make sure I'm understanding. You're not asking for that to be added into the motion. You're just making a statement?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah, I'm just making a statement.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. -- Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Based upon the statement of the City Attorney that there's -- may not be a conflict now but possibly it could be a conflict in the future, and if that's the case, then what happens if there's a conflict? Oh, I'm sorry, to the -- to the Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: What happens if there is a conflict? Then you can't -- you would -- they would have to not represent one of the parties or we could agree to waive the conflict. You can always -- well, there are some things you can't waive. But --

MAYOR MASTERS: 'Cause there's really --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But in most cases we can waive the conflict. And that would have to come back to this Council.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- so there's a remedy for it if a conflict comes up?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You know, okay. If there is no other questions or concerns on this motion that's saying throw this out and start all over, we'll move. We're calling the question. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion fails.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We're back with the original motion that says to approve the number one ranked firm. Ms. -- Ms. Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Can we vote on the original question?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We can.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I think we've beaten the horse to death.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We -- we -- we can. If you're asking for to -- to call the question, we can.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Please call the question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. -- Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No.

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: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Thomas and Guyton dissenting.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Let's go.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. We're going to move to item -- did we -- all right. That was a good-spirited debate there. We're going to move to Awards and Presentation.

- 6. RESOLUTION NO. 14-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT HOUSE BILL 727 RELATING TO CHRONIC NUISANCE SERVICE ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

VI. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

VII. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTOR OF MAX M. FISHER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, MARTIE PARKER BY STEVE CORNETTE, DIRECTOR OF CLUB OPERATIONS AND ALUMNI SERVICES.**

STEVE CORNETTE: You guys ready? How you guys doing? Good afternoon, good evening. My name is Steve Cornette. I am the director of Club Operations for the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County. I represent the Max M. Fisher Boys and Girls Club, the Marjorie S. Fisher Boys and Girls Club and the Florence de George. We wanted to come here tonight to introduce our new director for the Max M. Fisher Boys and Girls Club. And she's going to come up and talk a little bit about the Max M. Fisher. I want to introduce Ms. Martie Parker, who is the Club Director for the Max M. Fisher Boys and Girls Club.

MARTIE PARKER: Good after -- good afternoon.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good afternoon. My name is Martie Parker, and I am now the new Director over the Max M. Fisher Boys and Girls Club of Riviera Beach. I have been there since the November 25th of 2013. And we come tonight to solicit your support for our club in Riviera Beach. We are now servicing -- since I came in November, we were low in our numbers. Our numbers are slowly rising from that time of 138 to over 274 students on a total and a daily attendance of 160 to 165. You know, by getting, you know, the support of City Council, we could service more students in some of our other programs that we have. One of the things that we have knowledge of that -- to my knowledge, that we are out of the 13 --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Excuse me one second. Can we have everybody hold their conversations, please, or take them outside so that we can hear this speaker? We apologize, ma'am. Go ahead and continue.

MARTIE PARKER: Thank you so much. To my knowledge, out of the 13 Boys and Girls Clubs that we have, Max M. Fisher is the only Max -- Boys and Girls Club not getting support from a city council in their community. So tonight I'm coming to ask for your financial support, some annual allocations that would allow us to further, you know, promoting some of the programs. And again, I say to my knowledge. I saw the eyes go up so that's to my knowledge. What I'm also offering is to ask the City Council to come out and tour our facilities, see what we have going on there. Our hours are 12 to 8. We service our kids daily. Our students start arriving at 2:45 and they leave at 8. And that's because we serve them free snack at 3:45 and we also serve them supper starting at 5:30 every day so that our kids go home -- not go home hungry. And so, you know, it's a lot on us as staff but we think that it's definitely necessary.

So we definitely would like you all to come out and set up a tour time. And I personally will give you the tour. We have programs such as Rise and Shine for our teens. That's a food program where we offer fruits, fresh fruits, vegetables and meats that we actually do a distribution twice a month for \$30 to families in need and not just our families. We open it up to the community. We also have our Homework Help, which we offer an hour of homework help when the kids come in off the bus. And that's a designated area away from the programs that are already starting. We have programs, you know, such as Smart Start. We do Anti-Gang Violence and Bullying. So we have a lot of things

going on. But of course, as you all know, more finances mean more programs. So I do thank you for your time and will answer any questions if you have any.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I just want to mention -- and welcome.

MARTIE PARKER: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's great that you're now over at the Boys and Girls Club. I think all of us on the Council have been through the club many times. And just so you are aware -- and I know you're not because you're new -- the City of Riviera Beach is a partner with the Boys and Girls Club. We donated the property where the new Max Fisher sits.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MARTIE PARKER: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So I just want to put that out there. We're partners with you.

STEVE CORNETT: We do have that. Yes, we do have that in there.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, we are partners.

STEVE CORNETT: And we -- we're greatly appreciated from that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. That's great.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Young lady, we certainly welcome you. I'm certainly happy to have you aboard. But you did make the statement that to your knowledge that --

MARTIE PARKER: Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- personal knowledge. Now, what I would like for you to do, in fairness, because people are listening to that all over Riviera Beach, would you -- and this is for the Office of the Mayor -- would you give me some documentation as to what some of the other cities are giving, are doing, that would give me a guide as to what we could do, as well.

MARTIE PARKER: Sure.

MAYOR MASTERS: Because we don't want to do any more or any less --

MARTIE PARKER: Sure.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- certainly any less --

MARTIE PARKER: Sure.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- than any other city because we support -- and the previous mayor, previous previous mayor, Mayor Claire King Williams [phonetic], was a trailblazer for the Boys and Girls Club.

MARTIE PARKER: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: And we certainly want to keep her dream alive financially.

MARTIE PARKER: Yes, sir. Thank you.

STEVE CORNETT: And she has one of -- she actually has naming rights on one of our junior game rooms. So, yeah, we definitely appreciate --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

STEVE CORNETT: -- it, Mayor Thomas, but ---

MAYOR MASTERS: Get that documentation to me, please.

STEVE CORNETT: -- absolutely.

MARTIE PARKER: I will.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Before this board decides that we want to do anything, there's some issues that we're trying to work out. And I just would ask the board to -- this is probably not the right way to do this. I wish they -- they would have done a different presentation what I thought they were going to do. But there's some -- there's some issues that we need to work out that -- that -- that's taken place and believe us, we -- we're here to support the Boys and Girls Club. We just want to make sure that we take care of the -- the -- the pending issues that we have.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

STEVE CORNETT: You've done a lot, man.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

STEVE CORNETT: And we definitely appreciate you, Mr. Thomas.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. No. Yeah. I appreciate you, as well.

STEVE CORNETT: -- so we definitely (inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We're here -- we're here -- this entire board is from the -- from the beginning, you know? This entire board has supported that and we will continue. But just, you know, allow us to work through those issues and then we can come back and, you know, do whatever we need to do to assist.

STEVE CORNETT: We appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem. Thank you very much.

MARTIE PARKER: Thank you so much for your time.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

MARTIE PARKER: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

STEVE CORNETT: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Ms. Shepherd, I know you had -- you sent in a late card for that but I'll pick you up on item 9. Right now we're going to go to item 8. Item 8.

8. PRESENTATION OF AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL CHAIR PRO TEMPORE DAWN PARDO TO THE ANNUAL TOY DRIVE CONTRIBUTORS.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Tonight I would like to thank everyone that assisted with the toy drive. I'll start with the -- I'd really like to thank our City Manager and Deputy City Manager Danny Jones for helping me coordinate the event and being part of the event. Also many thanks to my colleagues, Mayor Masters, Chair Thomas, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Guyton and Councilman Davis for being part of the toy drive year after year. The community needs to know how generous all of you are.

We would like to give awards to several businesses in the community who went above and beyond with raising and buying toys for the children of Riviera Beach. A couple of them had to leave. We had CMI in here and they left but we will present them at another time and the same with Johnny Longboats. Johnny Longboats has been part of the toy drive for several years now and, you know, you all know. Everyone was at the toy drive. Again, they went above and beyond for the community.

The -- next I'd like to thank Waste Management and tonight we have Jeff Sabin and Ellen Smith from Waste Management. Please come up. They have gone, as we all know, above and beyond for not just the children of Riviera Beach, any kids out there that received the Waste Management truck should have got them from Jeff Sabin. But also, because of Waste Management, we are able to do so much in our community with the community benefits. Over on Singer Island through Waste Management, we've been able to paint our fire station, to landscape the fire station, to put a water fountain for the pedestrians and their animals. We've installed cameras. And it's all because of

Waste Management. On the mainland, we've done so much. We've given, you know, to the camera program and different programs in the City. So, you know, this is on behalf of the children in Riviera Beach but from me and I would say from the rest of the Council and the Mayor, thank you, thank you, thank you, Waste Management, for all you do. Really.

JEFF SABIN: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Really, thank you. You want to say something?

JEFF SABIN: Thank you. What a great event to be part of. And our partnership with the City of Riviera Beach is longstanding. We're so proud to be in a public/private partnership that we have. We're proud to be service providers and your agent in the community. So thank -- and the toy event was, again -- it was fabulous. There was so many other people that -- that get credit so I'm -- I'm humbled to be singled out but I know there's other -- other folks, and Councilwoman Pardo did a great job and we saw y'all there. It was -- it was really a great event for the community and it's just a testament of our commitment to the community and it'll continue on. Thank you so much.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Really appreciate it. Next I'd like to thank Viking. This year Viking participated in the toy drive. And for all of you that were at Johnny Longboats that night, you all witnessed Viking pulling up with their van filled with toys. So Kim, could you please come up and take this on behalf of Viking Yachts? Okay? Thank you. Really appreciate it. You want to say anything? You good?

VIKING YACHTS: I just wanted to say, we're very proud to have participated in the event. And as a part of this community, we're looking forward to participating in the years to come.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, that's great. Thank you.

VIKING YACHTS: Okay? Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Really appreciate it.

VIKING YACHTS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Rybovich, also, we had an award for them. They went above and beyond once again for our children. They were not able to make it tonight. The Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of Palm Beach County. Chuck Lupo is here. Chuck and his family went above and beyond with their contribution to the children of Riviera Beach. In addition, we had our firefighters once again helping us collect toys and deliver toys. And we had Ben Campbell -- Ben's not here tonight -- but Ben once again drove down to Lake Worth, picked up that old fire truck and drove it back to Riviera Beach. So with that, guys, Chuck and Maria? Chuck, thank you. Really.

CHUCK LUPO: Oh, thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, thank your family.

CHUCK LUPO: Oh, no problem.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And -- sure. But with everyone.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we squeeze in there?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, sure.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sure. (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. You want to say anything, anyone? Maria?

CHUCK LUPO: Like always, we just want you to know the firefighters here in Riviera Beach are here to help in whatever way we can possibly do. We're all about the -- the -- the outreach in the community. So we want to thank you and thank you, Councilman Pardo, for everything you do. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Really appreciate it, guys. Wonderful. Thank you. I have to thank Lucinda Monroe. Lucinda, again, went above and beyond for us. She was there. She was -- when we were trying to plan the event, she was there. She was there the night of the event. She was helping us distribute toys. And for that, I thank you so much on behalf of the children. Thank you. Thank you. And Public Works. Public Works, they were there. They helped us close down the street. They provided the lights, everything that we needed. They were there.

And also, Brynt helped us pack up the toys and that, I appreciate. So Brynt, this is for you and for Public Works. Thank you. I really appreciate everything you did. And then our three police officers who are there year after year, and I don't think they're here but I'll just recognize them. We had Officer Charles Cheeseman, Sergeant Randy Edwards there since the beginning, and Officer Quinton Jacobs. So again, everyone, thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I think you have somebody who's going to accept them for --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: He'll just get them for you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Hi, how are you?

POLICE: Miss Pardo, sorry. These three officers couldn't be here but on behalf of them --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: They're protecting us.

POLICE: They're protecting us right now. But on behalf of them thank you. They told me that they enjoyed helping you and any time you need it, we're there for you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. I really appreciate it.

POLICE: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. So again, everyone in the community, we have residents who were there, Ms. Shepherd, Ms. Havener. A lot of our residents came out supporting this program. So on behalf of the children of Riviera Beach, thank you all very, very much for participating. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Ms. Pardo. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I heard the Mayor first.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let me take the Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: I would like to personally thank Pro Chair Pardo for this great effort. Many people who may not know Ms. Pardo the way I know her from the community need to understand that when it comes to children, black and white, they're precious in God's sight and Ms. Pardo's sight. And most of all those gifts, if not all of them, went to the children on the mainland. And this just didn't start with Christmas giving with Ms. Pardo, Councilwoman Pardo, but way before I became the mayor when there was a hurricane in New Orleans called Katrina, I personally went there and brought back 15 families. And it was Ms. Pardo who went out and purchased furniture and helped me and others to provide for those families for one year. So I just wanted to give you some history and background on the efforts of Dawn Pardo. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Ms. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Oh, you said me?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. You wanted to say something?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Oh. And I just wanted to let you know, Ms. Pardo, you know I would have been there but you know where I was. So --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I know.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- it -- it's always a great event.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I know. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. We're going to move on. Congratulations, Dawn. We're going to move to presentation from the Office of Councilwoman Judy L. Davis to the City of Riviera Beach Police Department in recognition of their good work.

9. PRESENTATION FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILWOMAN JUDY L. DAVIS TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR GOOD WORK.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Before you start, Ms. Davis, we -- Ms. -- Ms. Shepherd wanted to make a comment. Ms. Shepherd?

MARGARET SHEPHERD: Hi, Mr. Thomas. I'm gonna pass.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you. No problem. Ms. Davis, go right ahead.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening, Mr. Chair and colleagues, Ms. Jones. And also I'd like to say to -- I don't know if Mr. Jeff has left but Community Benefits are also used for what I'm doing here with the various departments. We've already put on a -- an appreciation luncheon for Public Works. And now we have our police department. Next will be our fire department. So this is going to be an ongoing thing until we get through all of the departments. Since 2005 -- wait a minute. We need to -- this one? Okay. I want to start off by giving you a little bit of a history about the police department and give you a little -- a few statistics, rather, how many employees they have and everything. And I'm going to ask Tawanna, who is one of their employees, to come up and tell you a little bit about that.

TAWANNA SMITH-THOMAS: Chief?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: I didn't know I was on the program.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Both of you.

TAWANNA SMITH-THOMAS: Good afternoon, I'm Tawanna from the police department. And of course, this is Chief Williams. This is an overview of our department. Total we have 166 employees and 22 volunteers. We're broken down into two separate divisions. We have Administration and Support Services that would include, of course, Administration, Records, Dispatch and our Technology Oriented Policing. And then you have your Operations and Investigations, which is your Detective Bureau, Traffic, Road Patrol, Marine, Beach and your Crime Scene and also your Crossing Guards. Included in this is also Code Enforcement, and again, our volunteers. There's 22 of them. They assist us with daily functions such as filing papers, answering phones. They also assist at the parades for road closures, things of that nature. So that's an overview of our department.

Our community outreach efforts, we do this to give back to our community. And also it's a way to help us brand our department, both inside and outside the city. First we're going to start with Red Ribbon Week. That's the last week of October. That's a national week that's designated to teach kids about bullying, saying no to drugs, things of that

nature. And being that it falls in the last month -- the last week of October, we also use it to promote our Trick-or-Treat with the Cops. We teach kids how to trick or treat safely. Some of you may remember we had them trick-or-treat during a certain time of night and the cops are out giving out candy, as well. We have Career Day. We participate in several different career days where we go to the school and next month's Spring Break we have Palm Beach State College bringing in some kids to spend some time with us for career mentoring-ship as well.

Our Social Media Outreach and Education, we teach kids the ramifications of social media and how important their social media image is, and we also teach parents how to monitor it and what to look for. National Night Out. It's, again, an annual event we do every year. And Shop with the Cops Back to School. I'm sorry that the young lady from the Boys and Club -- Girls Club had left, but we have the kids bused from the Boys and Girls Club to the Target here on Northlake. We feed them lunch. They do school shopping. So again, I'm sorry she missed that. Oh, okay.

Our Holiday Shopping with Public Safety Heroes. Again, we take the kids Christmas shopping and some of those kids did come from the Boys and Girls Club that attend Washington Elementary. We have Youth Empowerment Day at the Rapids. That's something that the Chief coordinates with the Rapids where the kids from the Youth Empowerment Program spend the entire day at the Rapids. Of course it's Breast Cancer Awareness Month every October for our department. And we also sponsor a lot of school field trips for classrooms. Teachers may write us. They need things as simple as copy paper, pencils, things like that to function. And of course, we provide it. And our Chef for a Day at the Quantum House. Every three months or so we try to prepare dinner for the families at the Quantum House who are there long term. They enjoy our cooking. As you can see the pictures, we're in the kitchen making it smell really good. So we enjoy that.

Also our Digital & Print Media, which is pretty huge for our department. We just started Instagram not long ago. We have 130 followers on Instagram, over 700 on Facebook. Twitter, we have 490 followers, and then Chief himself has started tweeting. So he has a little over 100 followers, which is good for a month. And then our e-mail through Constant Contact, we have 1,300 contacts in there. So in total we have about 2,600 people that we can connect with directly linked to send our message. And also our quarterly newsletter that we put out, as well as the annual calendar. There's an example of the last one there.

And some of the accolades from our department. We have Employee of the Year, Customer Service Employee of the Year, ASIS Officer of the Year, and also Border Patrol for Outstanding Service to some of our officers who are bilingual. And in addition to these accolades, we have an Employee Awards Committee. Every month they give awards to their employees for outstanding work, safe driving records, things of that nature.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Very good.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Wow. Did you guys know they did all that? I didn't. Anyway, I invite you to go to their page and like it so that we can increase their viewership. Also, taking a look at our crime statistics, as you can see, we have a chart up that shows the crime rate in Riviera Beach since 2005. But as you can see, 2008 was the highest year. And from that particular graph there you can see how much the crime rate has decreased in our city, down from, in '08, 429 violent crimes to the end of 2013 down to 163. So thanks to -- that deserves some applause, don't you think, for our officers and for the leadership?

Also, our leadership has instituted some of the -- some state-of-the-art measures to -- that have -- they have put in place to fight crime in our city. Also, they've -- our leadership has increased our public and private partnerships. The list is growing. It takes all of us, including our business partners, to make a difference in our city. Some of the initiatives that our police department have instituted, you've heard us talk about the SmartWater being deployed. It is a tool that the police department uses to help deter thieves from taking your property. And I'm -- I won't be giving away anything by telling them what it's about. When thieves enter a property, it sprays water on them, some kind of way through something or their property is marked with this water or it is sprayed on them. So -- and when they go to sell it or something, it's easily identified.

They also have instituted a Neighborhood Task Force, which consists of them increasing their patrols and -- in the hot areas of our city. And they've been able to decrease the crime rate in those hot areas by 10 percent. They've also instituted CrimeReports.com. It is a partnership of over 1,800 law enforcement agencies in North America. They share various police and crime data that can be used by the general public. And these statistics that are put in place, it shows the number of murders, non-negligent manslaughters, forcible rapes, robberies, those kinds of things. So if you ever want to visit that site, you can get the information.

I believe, Chief, we are in the process of getting or installing the license plate reader cameras which will also help us deter criminals from coming into our city. On holidays you will see an increased presence of police saturation in our city. And they've also established a Riviera Beach Police Foundation which consists of their own board and it's an independent organization governed by directors serving in a voluntary capacity. It allows residents to participate and support your police department in that way, in a tax-exempt way. Code Enforcement. The Council has approved the registration of foreclosed and mortgaged real properties ordinance. It addresses absentee landlords or abandoned properties that may be owned by banks. They have to register, pay us a fee. And they have to provide the City with a management company name and contact information so that we can address issues that may come up.

We've also approved a shopping cart ordinance and we've partnered with surrounding cities, Lake Park, Palm Beach Gardens, so that we can identify shopping carts and make sure that these businesses keep their properties -- keep their shopping carts on their properties. And lastly, this pretty much ends the presentation. So I think I already have the administration here and -- and police officers standing here. Do we have any volunteers in our audience? I see one, Mrs. Havener. Please stand and be recognized for the great work that you're doing in our city.

Lastly I'd like to announce that my colleagues so graciously have approved some Community Benefit funds to provide a small token of appreciation to our police officers and Code Enforcement personnel. Lunch will be served on Friday. We'll be set up underneath the sally port next to the police station. And come and join us for lunch at noon. So Mayor and Council, I would -- I extend the invitation to you and I'm certain that they will be happy to see you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We seem to have quite a few comment cards tonight. So I'm going to go ahead and take Public Comment right now to not have to rush the -- the presentation from Councilman Davis' office. Yeah. How -- how long do you think it's going to take? 'Cause we're time certain -- how many minutes do you think it's going to take?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Three. Three minutes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Go ahead.

**10. PRESENTATION FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN TERENCE D. DAVIS
BY MR. STERLING SHIPP IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH.**

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Ladies and gentlemen, to the Council and to the residents of Riviera Beach and the Mayor, City Manager and all the staff that come before us this evening, as we know, this is Black History Month. As it comes to a short close, I wanted to bring a great speaker before you, a young man that's born and raised right here in this community. And he -- he will bring a great message today speaking from a youth -- speaking from the future about moving forward and about where he's coming from and where he's going. This young man is 13 years old. He's the son of Rodney and Tracey Shipp. He's a seventh-grader at Bak Middle School of Arts. His favorite subject is math. He's a member of St. James Missionary Baptist Church where he actively served in the Youth Chorus, Young Men of Distinction Leadership Academy, Order My Steps HIV Outreach, and Evangelism Outreach Ministry. He's also a member of the National Achievers' Society where he takes great pride in his education.

His best interest is serving the Lord, reading, playing games on his iPod and of course watching TV. He has yet to decide on where he's going to college in the future but he know he's going somewhere. His goal in his future is to become a cardiologist. Ladies and gentlemen, I bring before you our great speaker, our present leader, Sterling Devon [phonetic] Shipp.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Don't be nervous.

STERLING SHIPP: I'm not. Thank you. To the Honorable Mayor, City Council and Administrative Staff, good evening. I will be speaking to you on moving forward in unity. Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "We have learned to fly the air like birds and swim the sea like fish, but we have not learned the simple art of living together as brothers." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s thoughts on human rights, hunger, homelessness, racism, hatred, prejudice, and the likes, are expressed eloquently in a writing entitled "In search for the beloved community: The thinking of Martin Luther King, Jr.," where his thoughts

and influences that shaped it are examined. That beloved community is a destiny of unity.

Thus existing in a post-modern era and living in a country that is approaching the concept of empire, the idea of unity appears to be more elusive than ever. Unity is defined commonly as a state of being united or joined as a whole. We behave and function as if our personal agendas and motives are supreme while caring little about the humanity and dignity of others. We are driven by personal desires and individualism, stretching further the bands of unity and community. If we are to move forward in unity, we cannot buckle under the weight of post-modernism. Or doing whatever we believe is right at others' expense, forging further bridges and breaches. Neither can we move toward unity by embracing the negative tenets of empire. The -- the unity we must agree to is global.

We must gather the utility of the empire concept such as our economic power, political power, technological, wherewithal, and yes, at times, even our military resources to influence the world positively in hopes of fostering a sense of global unity. However, as we move toward unity, we must begin with us on the local level. First we must learn how to live as neighbors in Riviera Beach and Singer Island, in West Palm Beach and Palm Beach, as well as in Palm Beach County. Only then can we give voice to unity that is greater than us. I propose that this movement emanates from family to the places of worship and to the community ultimately. Consequently, let us move toward unity with our eyes wide open.

The journey toward unity must be our destiny. The goal must be the conceptualization of a global community that celebrates humanity while championing its diversity. It is in our diversity where the greatest miracle of our Creator lies. God's purpose is for us to live together as one, yet diverse. Therefore, our -- our move toward unity must be deliberate. The inner conscience of life reminds us that genuine unity requires effort and intentionality. I suggest strongly that unity be our destiny rather than our destination. It is our destiny because there remains something intrinsically strong and good in humanity. God's Imago Dei, which is His divine image. Let us embrace the thought of unity as our desire because we are better than what our past history indicates at times. Unity is a concept embodied by both Dr. Martin Luther King and the late President Nelson Mandela.

More so, let us resolve to continue to dream but not on the unconsciousness of our pillows. We must continue to move forward as beneficiaries of the reality of the dream. The reality of the dream must be seen in our families as we learn the dynamics of the socialization process and how to live in unity with each other. The reality of the dream should be present in our community as we respect the dignity and inalienable rights of our brothers and sisters. Only then can crime rates, disparities in education, graduation rates, health issues and wealth can be lived on par with others. In essence, when we embrace the realization of Dr. Martin Luther King's dream, we can live in King's beloved community for which he preached, lived and died. The hope for all humanity lies within that beloved community. Finally, the question is do you still have a dream? Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Shipp, come back. We must say, there's not a whole lot to say when you have someone that -- that really understands the vision, his future and understands the vision that he has for this city. This young man has really inspired me as an elected official. I watched him come up as a young boy to becoming a young man he is now that -- because he will make you step your game up really quick. His mother and father are extremely -- be proud of the work they've invested in him, and his grandmother's here, Ms. Shipp, and his -- his -- he -- he -- he has -- he also has an uncle, Chief Wester --

RICHARD WESTER: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: -- back here. Yes. So you can see the genes run very well. And Mr. Sterling Shipp, I -- I want to say thank you for coming and sharing some great information for our community, our Council and our leadership. You're the reason why I serve and do what I do in this city. Young men and young women like yourselves allows me to make decisions to focus on you in moving forward. And as I move forward, I will always keep people like yourself in mind 'cause I know once you leave here, you'll be one of the people that come back and gives something to the next because you are that seed that your family and this community has shown to represent. And I truly am so excited to see what's going to happen in the great community of Riviera Beach's future coming through you. And thank you so much. Let's give him a round of applause again. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Young man, I just want to commend you and compliment you. You are the epitome of what Black History, African-American History is. And I'm going to answer your question. Yes. I still do have a dream. Thank you. God bless you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: And I want to commend the chairman, Mr. Thomas, for allowing this presentation. It's very on point and it's in time with Black History. Mr. Chairman, you went the extra mile to allow it and Councilman Thomas -- Terence -- it's a senior moment -- for bringing this young man forward. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Congratulations, sir, and continue the good works that you're doing and stay encouraged. Okay. We're going to go to Public Comment.

11. PRESENT AND WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH FOR THE MONTHS OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2013.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Doretha Perry, Human Resources Department. Tonight I will introduce you to employees who were hired during the month of October, November and December. Some of them have left and some were unable to attend. So those who are here, we will be -- they will be introduced to you. The first one is Violet Grimsley. Is she still here? Okay. She's not here. Justin Hawkins and Torrance Kearney. They're both from the police department. Can you come up front? They're police officers in our police department. The next one is Kushell Besette [phonetic] and he's a maintenance mechanic in our Public Works Department. And these are the three new employees that we have for the months of October, November and December. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much and welcome aboard. And --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- be safe out there. Okay. Next will be the presentation on behalf of the Office of the Mayor by ChildNet Palm Beach County and its work serving and protecting the abused, abandoned and neglected children in the community it serves, which includes Riviera Beach. Mr. Mayor?

12. PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS BY CHILDNET PALM BEACH COUNTY AND ITS WORK SERVING AND PROTECTING ABUSED, ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITIES IT SERVES, WHICH INCLUDES RIVIERA BEACH.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, I'm going to ask the providers of ChildNet to come and give this presentation on -- on my behalf. Thank you.

CHILDNET: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Chair, Council members. I'm here to tell you about a problem, an important problem that you may not be aware of. It's a Palm Beach County problem and it is most definitely a Riviera Beach problem. ChildNet, since October 1st of 2012, has operated the local system of foster care and related services in Palm Beach County for the Department of Children and Families. We've done a good job because we've had great partners throughout this community. However, we have a crisis.

In the last six months, the number of children being removed from their homes because of abuse, abandonment or neglect in Palm Beach County has doubled. What was already a scarcity of local foster homes to care for those children while we try to get services to their parents or get them adopted, that scarcity has become a disaster. Riviera Beach has had more than 20 percent of the children removed from their homes in the months of December and January. 20 percent in January; 29 percent of the removals came from Riviera Beach. Only 3 percent of the foster homes in Palm Beach County come from or are located in Riviera Beach.

I am here to ask you going forward to support this man, your mayor, as he works with us to try to recruit you and you and you, all of you, to serve the abused, abandoned and neglected children of Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County. Mayor Masters was good

enough because we've hired a former city attorney to meet with us. We've already -- he's already helped us redesign our recruitment flier. He's helped us distribute this flier at a senior luncheon in honor of Martin Luther King Day. He is hosting me on his radio show. And he has some tremendous plans for us going forward.

But we need all of you, because everybody should be a recruiter. You should either be a foster parent or you should help us recruit one. Jillian, our Director of Community Relations -- I gave her a promotion just there -- has a copy of that flier. We will be happy to share it with you for you to bring to your church group, to your civic association, to your PTA, to the Boy Scouts, to the Girl Scouts, to the Little League, wherever you can. We need your help. We need you to help support the mayor as we do the right thing for the children of Riviera Beach. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Just for the people in television land, I'm -- if the I.T. can pick this up, I'm holding the poster of a beautiful little child that's been neglected, and we need to really step up. And this is the poster. I'm sure if you look at it, it will touch your heart. It says "Wanted." Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Thank you, sir, for your presentation. Okay. We're going to move down to item 13, ordinance on second reading.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

13. ORDINANCE NO. 4041 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ABANDONING ALL OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS GRAND VIEW PLACE NORTH, TOGETHER WITH ALL OF EAST 13TH STREET LYING EAST OF A LINE THAT IS 5 FEET EAST OF THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF AVENUE 'C', TOGETHER WITH ALL OF EAST 14TH STREET LYING EAST OF A LINE THAT IS 5 FEET EAST OF THE SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF AVENUE 'C', ALL AS SHOWN ON RIVIERA, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 90 AND 91 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RIVIERA BEACH MARINA DISTRICT MASTER PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND RECORDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So -- second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

FANE LOZMAN: I had a card in.

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: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Let's move down to item 14.

IX. 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.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We have several cards tonight. I'm going to go ahead and continue to allow the three minutes. No, no, no. We're doing Public Comment. Yeah. No. So I don't -- there's a young lady standing up but we have --

MAYOR MASTERS: Presentation.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, no, no, no. We have Public Comment. It's after 7:00. We have to do it. So we'll -- we'll return to the items after we finish Public

Comment. We have a time certain and we're already behind doing it. All right. I'll take this last comment card and that will be it. That will be it. This will be the last comment card I take for Public Comment. Okay. You're going to have three minutes. If -- if you don't need them all, please don't hesitate to give them back. Okay. First up will be Bessie Brown.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman, while she's coming for the -- the people that are here from ChildNet, the -- he -- the Chair said he will be getting to you next after the comments. I just want to make sure you understood that. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good evening, Ms. Brown. You have three minutes to make your comments.

BESSIE BROWN: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Good evening.

BESSIE BROWN: I'd just like to -- I'd just like to read some information tonight. On March 11th I am asking our voters and taxpayers to vote no against Corruption at Riviera Beach City Hall. On March 11th, vote no to stand up against certain politicians giving away the taxpayers marina, Newcomb Hall, Spanish Court and Bicentennial Park to pretend developer Viking with no money to redevelop. On March 11th, vote no. Vote to honor the hard work of deceased taxpayer Emma Bates whose 2010 task force's referendum prevented corrupt politicians back-room deals with Rybovich for our marina. On March 11th, vote no to dishonest politicians pretending to be public servants but really working for pretend developer Viking with no money to redevelop.

On March 11th, vote no so our taxpayers will not have to pay back a loan of \$29 million that our elected officials are giving to pretend developer Viking with no money to redevelop. On March 11th, vote no to pretend y'all's promise at the marina just like the jobs our poor and unemployed did not receive from FPL, Rybovich, Viking and Marriott. On March 11th, vote no so the marina, Newcomb Hall, Spanish Court and Bicentennial Park do not end up in foreclosure and a waterfront slum like the Ocean Mall with more of the taxpayers' money in the pocket of another pretend developer like Dan Catalfumo. On March 11th, vote no so the taxpayers don't end up paying Viking's bills. Politicians have forced our taxpayers to pay more than \$1 million of the Tiki Bar's bills for the last 15 years. On March 11th, vote no to defeat certain politicians who voted to move our police and fire departments and City Hall without the taxpayers' votes and approvals.

On March 11th, vote no to say we are sick and tired of Attorney Ryan and dishonest politicians who spent a million dollars of the taxpayers' money only to lose to Fane Lozman at the highest court in America, the United States Supreme Court. On March 11th, vote no to loudly let our elected officials know the jig is up and we know they are misusing the taxpayers' money traveling for pleasure. On March 11th, vote no to honor the hard work of deceased taxpayer Emma Bates who started the task force and stopped the certain politicians in 2010 from giving away our marina to Rybovich. Thank

you Beach -- thank you, Riviera Beach taxpayers. Please vote no March 11th against corruption at Riviera Beach's City Hall.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you for your comments. Next up will be Fane Lozman. Good evening, Mr. Lozman. You have three minutes to make your comments.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Five years ago I told you, Mr. Thomas and some of the other board members, that I was angry about what happened to my floating home and was -- I was angry what happened to me. And I channeled my anger into not only pursuing a legal remedy that ultimately went to the U.S. Supreme Court but taking information that people around the community give to me about allegations of corruption and misconduct of city employees and/or elected officials. Last week I received a report from the Office of the Inspector General. It's online. Anybody can go get it. It's Audit 2014-A-004. In it, page 14, it talks about, "Employment and compensation of a former director of Code Enforcement was not consistent with city policies and we could not substantiate a measurable benefit to the city. This code enforcement director at South Bay -- the City of South Bay, was Cedrick Thomas."

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair, that's not a personal attack?

FANE LOZMAN: "Mr. Thomas --"

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, it's okay.

FANE LOZMAN: "-- was the Code Enforcement Director while he was also a city council person." And as the Code Enforcement Director, they did an audit of what he did. And it said he worked part-time but yet was paid for full-time work. So instead of working 40 hours a week it looked like he worked 20 hours a week but yet was paid as a full-time employee. I am not an expert in criminal law. I never said I was. The IG isn't an expert, either. The IG took their report and referred it to the State Attorney's Office. I have a former state attorney who's one of my attorneys. And I'm going to read in the record what he told me when he read the report.

He goes, "Straight theft and fraud are most obvious and easy to prove. Official misconduct and unlawful compensation are distinct possibilities but very well could be federal theft of honest services. City residents are deprived of honest services. Federal sentencing much tougher." Now -- now, the gentleman who allowed this activity to occur, Corey Alston, has been criminally charged and arrested and he's awaiting trial in April. I think what goes around comes around. The people that gave me these tips about South Bay, thank you. We will see what happens to this complaint.

But this goes back to what the prior speaker said, where is integrity both on the job in Riviera Beach and off the job? And the people that had forwarded me this information, they were satisfied that there was a lack of integrity, a lack of honesty in the conduct off the job and you need to consider that when you take recommendations about what to do with our own city services and our own city marina. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Richard Wester?

RICHARD WESTER: Talk about Bobbie Brooks tonight.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good evening, Mr. Wester. You have three minutes to make your comments.

RICHARD WESTER: Good evening, Chief Wester, retired Fire Chief, City of Riviera Beach. Good evening, everybody. I've been watching for the last probably two years. I know this city ain't broke. You need to do something for the Mayor and Davis's microphone down there. They keep switching microphones all the time. I know somebody got some money to fix them microphones. And somebody called me and told me, say the City's already having a problem with the new complex. Say they're running short on money. Say it's running all around City Hall, say they ain't going to be able to do what they want to do over there. And in fact, our police chief is ticked off.

The Tiki Bar. I just want to know if the same people are going to have that Tiki Bar 'cause seem like they -- they're doing all the legwork or something. They're trying to develop it or something. And I know it might gonna go out for bid or something, I hope. 'Cause I don't like what I heard last time. And Mr. Thomas, you need to stop talking about what you're going to do, 'cause three or four times people come in here and stuff ain't right. Last time with the school out there on Congress was all messed up. You had to send that back. Contract for that new building over there. They let the time limit go by when your City couldn't cancel the contract. And this fiasco you had tonight. You don't get nothing done till you send somebody home, give them some time off without pay. Hit them in the pocket and everything rolls downhill. And everybody start dancing to that tune. Until you do that, ain't nothing gonna happen.

And Bobbie Brooks. I don't know what Bobbie Brooks did to this city. He got a little plaque downstairs down there hid in a corner. I bet any -- majority of the people in here probably ain't never seen it, don't even know it's there. You got Dan Calloway out there on Eighth -- Martin Luther King Boulevard and 13 Street and Dan Calloway Complex, Reverend Henley name all over the streets. And you talking about putting two or three more people. You got a marquee out there. I don't understand. If I didn't think I'd go to jail, I told somebody, I'd get me a can of paint and go put his name up there myself.

Bobbie was instrumental in this town and most of the people you got putting up on streets around here, there wasn't even here when Bobbie was here. Bobbie came through here when it was rough in this town, black and white and all of that. And he was the catalyst that kept it smooth. And don't nobody want to put his name up out there. All it take is one person up there to tell the City Manager to do it and two more votes, it'll get up out there, 'cause the City Manager and Ms. Brooks told me, Oh, we're going to do it Martin Luther King. We're going to do it Black History. Two years ago that's -- they told me that and ain't nothing out there yet. I don't know what Bobbie Brooks did this to town but I guess he rolling over in his grave.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next up will be Norma Duncombe. Good evening, Ms. Duncombe. You have three minutes to make your comments.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Good evening, Mr. Chair --

MAYOR MASTERS: Good afternoon. Good evening.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: -- Mayor and Board. I received this item in the mail a couple days ago. And it was from the City. And I talked with a couple of lawyers and based on their information, taxpayers' money is not supposed to be used to send out fliers for an election from the City Council. I'm assuming this is from y'all.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I've never seen it but would you please give it to --

NORMA DUNCOMBE: You never saw it before?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- no.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Okay. So it's not from the City?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Just finish your comments. We don't want to take your time.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Okay. But anyway, I decided to look at the information on here and it's advocating for the election that's coming up on the 11th. And I was hoping that it was not from the City Council because it started out saying that, "Since 1993 the City has lost money, \$8 million, with the management of the marina." And the reason I was kind of -- that kind of stood out, because at that time I think George Carter was in charge of the marina and I just hope that it wasn't attacking him.

But in the meantime, I still say that there is a need to be concerned about the marina in terms of money. And if the City is concerned about the marina losing money, because back last year when the Inspector General did an investigation, she listed any number of things where the City lost money and the Council did not do anything about it. Dealing with the Tiki Lounge, the Tiki Lounge, 2008, had a -- an appraisal come back for \$19,000 a month and they're still paying 6,500. The City is losing money on that. The City failed to enforce the terms of the utilities and what have you with the Tiki Lounge. There you're losing money with that.

They did expansion. The City's losing money on that. They're using Newcomb Hall for their place of whatever they have to do with an office. The City is losing money on that. So the -- this -- this referendum that the City Council is pushing is not because you feel you could save money for the City. The Board of County Commissioners on the Airport, they get money gross -- money off the top of each business that's in the airport. So we don't have to go back and have a referendum to change what the citizens voted for back in 2010, that they want the City to own and operate the marina so that we will have people benefit from this marina. No other city will allow this marina to be taken over. Plus there's nothing in your agreement --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much, Ms. Duncombe.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: -- for job training or for jobs for anybody in this city.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next will be Wilbur Veazey [phonetic]. Is this mike working? Wilbur Veazey? Wilbur Veazey? Okay. We're going to move past that. Marie Jean-Pierre? Marie Jean-Pierre? Oh, okay. Good evening, Ms. Pierre. You have three minutes to make your comments.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: Okay. Good evening, everyone. Go ahead.

BRIAN LOBBY: You want to introduce yourself?

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: My name is Marie Jean-Pierre and I'm from the Valley of Love Ministries. We have a homeless ministry located at 1901 Broadway in Riviera Beach.

BRIAN LOBBY: And my name is Brian Lobby. I am the manager of Valley of Love Ministries. And this is Timothy Becker. He is a friend of the Valley of Love Ministries. We are returning for the second time here to plead with Riviera Beach and the residents and businesses to help keep our doors open. As some of you know, we do provide 24/7 emergency shelter, the only place in Palm Beach County to anybody and everybody that walks through our door. We also provide food stamp and Medicaid applications, as well as counseling and a full-time computer center. We are a completely non-profit organization and we ask for nothing in return for our services.

The last time we came here we were -- we were facing a 20-day deadline to an eviction. And -- and we asked for -- for any type of help that we can get, for people to come out and check us out and -- and help us in any way possible. We have not received one donation since that day. We have done anything and everything we can to -- to try and keep our doors open, to try and do fundraising and nothing -- nothing seems to work. So we are -- we are coming -- coming back to -- to hopefully get some more people to come out and see us and -- and -- and, you know, make some donations for us. Timothy, would you like to say something?

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: Our deadline is Monday, February the 20 -- 23rd?

BRIAN LOBBY: February, yeah. Timothy, would you like to say something?

TIMOTHY BECKER: Yes, Mr. Mayor and the honored people, I -- I just came down. Miss Marie came out one day. I was coming back from the gas station. I was purchasing some products and Miss Marie came and helping some people homeless and -- and hungry. It was very cold outside. I have a home. I'm -- I'm disabled but I do have a home and I'm -- and -- and I pay rent. But I gave -- I'm -- I came back to her because I saw her working so hard to help these people. It was -- it was just a beautiful thing and I've been donating my time to help these people, wonderful people. They're beautiful people. God bless.

BRIAN LOBBY: All right. We -- we are located at 1901 Broadway. We are right next to the Miami Subs. Please feel free to come out and check the place out. Come and

Speak with Marie or me and, you know, see how the place is ran. Please -- please at least stop by and check us out. We also are doing free -- we did free HIV testing today but tomorrow we are doing free flu shots to any children, families, anybody that wants to come out. We are providing that service.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: It's going to be tomorrow at 3 p.m. Tomorrow, Thursday, at 3 p.m., so please come down, check us out. The number to call is 561-502-8757. You can bring \$10, \$5, whatever you have, just come to 1901 Broadway. Thank you very much.

BRIAN LOBBY: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next up will be Nora Mahoney. Good evening, Ms. Mahoney. You have three minutes to make your comments.

NORA MAHONEY: Good evening. Nora Mahoney. Well, I'm having a problem. I just find out the -- the billing for the water, Utilities Department, you have a contract with somebody in Orlando, but it's not working. I received my statement on Tuesday saying that I owe money and if I don't pay that, I'm going to have a cut-off on the 28th. Guess what? I called to the Billing Department, that 845 whatever the number it is. I wait, like, 50 minutes, waiting. They have a presentation. It's a long presentation. It has to be short and brief. And I was waiting and waiting because I want to take care of the problem.

Well, I tried to call a different telephone number and they said that I need to fax it. I believe I talked to Ms. Bates and she was going to check on my check that was already cashed but not posted in my statement. And I said, "Something is wrong here." I called my bank and they said, "No, they already charge you. They already -- we already gave the money to them."

So I went -- I came here with my two checks. One that they said I paid but it doesn't have the -- the number on the side. The second one, it -- it never show up that I pay. And it was on January 18. Right now we're in February 19. So it's not working. Not working. I don't know who you authorized to do the billing over there in Orlando. I don't know whether it's a contract. It's not working. And I even talk to somebody in Orlando. It goes directly to the City of Riviera Beach. And there was only one person working over there responding to all these calls. That's why it was taking too long.

What is going on? I mean, I used to call here. I -- I -- I used to take care of my problem right away. I never had this problem before. And now I'm having it. Not only myself. I talk to different people. Everybody has the same problem. They didn't have no postage they pay in their statements; when they receive their statements they say something else. So I said something -- I had to come here today and tell you that the management of the City is not working. Because it's not providing the service that we need. And you need to do something about it because it's not going to be only me. It's going to be a bunch of people coming here and complaining about the certain services that Orlando is providing you. I think that you need to hire some people here.

You need some help? I don't know what you did with the people that used to receive the calls and treat us well. Now we have to call and be upset. I don't want to go back to the regular thing I used to do before. I want to be happy. For that reason I came here and tell you you have a problem over there in the Water Billing Department. Hopefully, you can hire somebody or bring the service over here. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next up will be Michael Mahoney. Good evening, Mr. Mahoney. You have three minutes to make your comments.

MICHAEL MAHONEY: Good evening. You had to put me after her, didn't you?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You turned in your cards at the same time.

MICHAEL MAHONEY: Anyways, I just wanted to make some -- a couple of comments. You know, the -- the Broadway corridor, I'm not here to complain about it. I think it looks great. But there are some things that I question that weren't done. You know, and I'm just questioning why they weren't. I was under the idea, for instance, like these street lights were actually going to be on both sides of the street. You know, I was hoping and praying as they were putting them up that they were going to be putting them on the east side. And as it looks right now, it doesn't look like there are going to be any street lights on the east side. And I specifically went and talked to the guy when he was installing them and he was under the impression that the way they were built, that it was going to illuminate enough light for the east side. And I -- I really don't think that's the case.

You know, and I'm wondering if any of you guys are concerned about that or if, in fact, if any of you guys ever walk the corridor at night and felt like you would be safe enough to be walking there with no lights there on the east side. That's number one. I'd still like for you guys to do that if you haven't done it.

You know, and -- and then I -- I drove through West Palm today, you know, which -- which I thought Riviera Beach was going to be a mirror of West Palm as the U.S. 1 corridor moved in. And West Palm has same similar lights on both sides of the street. It looks like even more lights because they have an upper fluorescent and a lower one. And -- and they've got it on both sides of the street. And -- and no power lines.

So when you -- when you're driving down West Palm, it looks -- it looks beautiful. You know, aesthetically it looks beautiful. And still in Riviera Beach when you drive through Riviera Beach, you know, either way you're looking on the west side, looks beautiful. On the east side looks crappy 'cause you got all these wooden telephone poles, wires. And again, I was under the impression possibly that we're getting the power lines put under the ground. So that's another thing I'd like somebody to address and find out. When -- when did that go astray. All these things that we thought that we were going to get, we're not getting.

You know, I'm -- and -- and I've always been here complaining about the lights on the east side. You know I have when they went out. And then all of a sudden I don't have

any lights on the east side at all. So I think it's important. And then the other thing is, if you're basing -- if you're basing all this on FDOT's recommendations, I think you need to go above that. It's like the parking issue. I was talking about that. I think you guys need to fight and go above and beyond what FDOT recommends, 'cause I think basically everything that's been done is just minimal amount for Riviera Beach. And I think we need -- we deserve what West Palm's got or better. And we don't have it. And I'm afraid that anything you guys develop in the future, if this is the way you guys are going to go, we're not going to be happy with it. So I'm asking for somebody to look into those things that I said and possibly get back with me on it or -- or something, 'cause I -- I'd really like to know what happened to those things. Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next up would be Reverend William Burrs. Good evening, Reverend Burrs. You have three minutes to make your comments.

REVEREND BURRS: Good evening, Mr. Chair, Council and Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening.

REVEREND BURRS: City Manager. Quickly, I just -- first time seeing something like this myself since Ms. Duncombe brought it up here. And looking at this, it's -- it be -- it's very difficult to believe that any of y'all have not seen or didn't know anything about this with the City logo on it. And I remember distinctively in the past when I worked for the City, if any employee would involve themselves in something like this, they'll be fired immediately. But I guess the person what did this will not because they are supporting what y'all trying to do. But in reality, I've known employees to get fired for involving themselves in politics of something like this. Now, what y'all gonna do about it, I don't know.

But I find it very difficult for -- for you all not to know about this with the City logo on it. So y'all need to find out -- you can with this tracking number -- find out where it came from and who did it and deal with the individual. So -- but reality -- and seriously, as always, I don't think -- I don't agree with the idea of contracting the marina out for 50 years. I do believe in having it renovated and etc. But we have lost so much on other revenues like our Refuse Department and our marina -- or not -- our Ocean Mall. So we're not getting the assets that we deserve from that because of subcontract.

And if you'll -- and this ought to let the people know that we cannot trust -- if y'all don't deal with the individual what did this, that'll let them know they can't trust y'all. 'Cause this is really ridiculous. Now, I don't think -- and I'm -- I don't think any of us -- not y'all -- should use this television for campaigning purpose. Honestly, that's not what it -- that's not what it was for. Y'all started that.

I shouldn't have to -- you -- I shouldn't even much be allowed to come up here and tell peoples to vote against this referendum looking at that television. I think that's wrong but y'all started it and the other citizen has no other -- other choice but to follow suit behind their leaders. So y'all need to find a means and ways to stop politicking on this

television for you all and the citizens, as well. You need to do that because that's not what it was designed for.

I remember Mr. Guyton said something which was very true about the other marinas up the coast, the municipalities, how they developed their marinas. But he didn't tell the peoples that they didn't contract them out for 50 years. So we can do the same thing if we so desire. So -- so let us -- let's -- let's tell the citizen -- I'll say to the citizens, as well, vote no for this referendum. And I encourage you all, the person what sent this out, find out and deal with them and let the citizens know that you all did not approve this or would not allow it anymore.

Now, Ms. Shepherd said something, too, very interesting sometime ago when y'all first started this. She -- when y'all was asking to explain to the citizens concerning that referendum. She said -- and was right -- through the past, Ms. Ward been explaining to the citizen concerning the election and referendum. While y'all won't use her now? Because she will tell the truth and y'all don't want the truth to be known. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. I may mispronounce this but I'm gonna try. Khaled Young.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. -- Mr. Chairman, while he's coming, could we get a copy -- I'd like to see that literature that was sent out. I want to know about it, see where it -- who it came from. There should be a disclaimer on there. Is it?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: It --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. We'll -- we'll address that in a minute.

MAYOR MASTERS: I think the attorney have it. The attorney have it. Mr. Young, good evening. You have three minutes to make your comments.

KHALED YOUNG: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: And you can repronounce your name, please, correctly.

KHALED YOUNG: Yeah, you got it right. Khaled.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

KHALED YOUNG: All right. On March 11 I'm ask -- on March 11, I'm asking voters and taxpayers to vote no against the corruption of Riviera Beach City Council. On March 11, vote no to stand up against corruption, politicians taking bribes to give away tax -- taxpayers' marina, Newcomb Hall, Spanish Court and Bicentennial Park to pretend developer Viking with no money to redevelop. On March 11th, vote no. Vote to honor the hard work of the mighty Emma Bates whose 2010 task force referendum prevented corrupt politicians and their back-room deals with Rybovich and our marine -- for our marina.

On March 11, vote no to dishonest politicians pretending to be public servants but really working for pretend developer Viking with no money to redevelop. On March 11, vote no so that taxpayers will not have to pay back a loan of \$29 million that our elected officials are giving to pretend developer Viking with no money to redevelop.

On March 11, vote no to pretend jobs that promise -- that are promised from the marina just like the jobs that the poor and unemployed did not receive from FP&L, Rybovich, Viking and -- and Marriott. On March 11, vote no for -- for the elected officials lying to the taxpayers with shady politicians. On March 11, vote no so the marina, Newcomb Hall, Spanish Court and Bicentennial Park do not end up in foreclosure and a waterfront -- waterfront slum like the Ocean Mall with more of the taxpayers' money in the pocket of another pretend developer, duplicitous developer like Dan Catalfumo.

On March 11, vote no so the taxpayers don't end up paying Viking's bills like the corrupt politicians that have forced our taxpayers to pay more than \$1 million on the Tiki Bar's bills for the last 15 years. On March 11, vote no to defeat the politicians who voted to move our police and fire departments and City Hall without the taxpayers' votes and/or approvals. On March 11, vote no to say that we are sick and tired of dishonest politicians who spent millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money only to lose to Fane Lozman in the highest court in America, the United States Supreme Court.

On March 11, vote no to loudly let our elected officials know that the jig is up and we know they are misusing taxpayers' money, traveling for pleasure on the City's dime. On March 11, vote no to honor the hard work of the mighty Emma Bates who started the task force and stopped the corrupt politicians in 2010 from giving away our marina to another con artist, Rybovich. I thank you, the Riviera Beach taxpayers. Please vote no March 11th against the corruption at Riviera Beach's City Hall. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next will be Sylvia Blue.

SYLVIA BLUE: Good evening, Mr. Chair, members of the Board. Sylvia Blue, 748 W. First Street. I was really brought to tears by the young man, Mr. Shipp, when he said unity should be our destiny rather than our destination. There's something about unity that never permeated in this community and I've always wondered why. I've always wondered why. You know, life is about the journey. It's not about the destination, and somehow some way, hopefully, we'll get there. On Tuesday, March the 11th, you will be asked to vote on one question. Just one question. Vote yes. Don't guess, vote yes. My family, my friends and I will vote yes.

I will vote yes because it nullifies -- I don't even know what you call this but it nullifies everything on this no vote flier that was left at my home this morning. I didn't appreciate it then and I don't appreciate it now. Okay? It's an anonymous group. They call themselves the Citizens for Better Government Riviera Beach. There's a phone number. 316-7833. If you were to call that number and if that person is honest, they'll tell you they don't even live in this community. So they'll tell you to vote against your best interest because it's in their best interest. Now, what they have to gain, I really have no idea. But we have everything to lose. It is their belief that you, your children,

your children's children don't deserve anything better than what you already have in that -- in this community. And we have -- we've made some progress but we still have a good ways to go.

But I don't appreciate the Maria Coles, all the other naysayers that don't live in this community, that come and send and put out fliers that tell you to vote no against your best interest. I'm a proud member of the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach, and our group is in total support. We will all support the Yes vote on March the 11th. Now, this group tried to align their name with our group. Our group, the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach overturned the March 10th referendum. I'm proud to say. And that's a reason it's going back on because the judge said, City, put it back on. The language was not clear. Okay? Thank you very much. Vote yes on March the 11th.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next will be Margaret Shepherd. Good evening, Ms. Shepherd, you have three minutes to make your comments.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: My name's Margaret Shepherd. And I do live in the great city of Riviera Beach. You know, I sat there and cried. Church people. Pastors. Deacons. People that's sworn in to tell the truth. But this woman that sit here to my left gave Bernard Kinsey a million and a half dollars. That could have helped a whole lot of people for roofs, to get their property up. But yet she sat here with a bag of lies. The Bible tell me without a vision my people will perish. This great Board, I want to tell you, you have worked so hard. But you know the reward is March the 11th, because we're going to have a jubilee day. And you know, Mrs. City Manager, God sent you here for a reason, as well as Tony Brown. Because this is really foolishness. I sit here and I look at this lady supposed to be a teacher. She is something that I truly scorn in reality, to tell us about the airport.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. -- Ms. Shepherd, I'm -- I'm going to -- to ask you not to -- to go down that way.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: I'm sorry, Mr. Chair. I -- I am telling you, I -- I -- I just -- I'm just saddened. I'm just saddened. And I have to express myself, that we're going into a real deep trail that if we don't stop, my children and your children, they're not going to make it. There's no money here. When you talk about the west side and I heard somebody talk about West Palm Beach, they got their ideas from us. And we want to sit here with this foolishness. But I want to say to you please vote yes. If we're going to move forward, we must say yes. We must not stop and listen to the foolishness but we must tell our family and our family families, children that's of age, please go to the vote. Don't sit here and allow these people to read from something that are blatant lies. It's something that they made up.

I -- I wonder where -- where do you get that type of mind to make up stuff? It's something wrong that you have a city like this that deserve better. I want to thank this board, thank the Chair, thank all of you. And I want to say to you all, God bless America, but please, God bless Riviera Beach. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next will be -- and I'll find a card -- be Billie Brooks-Salter. Good evening, Ms. Brooks -- Ms. Salter.

BILLIE BROOKS-SALTER: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You have three minutes to make your comments.

BILLIE BROOKS-SALTER: Billie Brooks-Salter, 1325 W. 28th Street. Good evening to everyone. Well, I'm here again. Last week I spoke at the CRA. Again, to support the referendum of March 11. And I've really been very saddened over what's been happening in our community, how we -- you know, we've got to learn to disagree but yet be okay with each other. What has really saddened me is that I find that coming in our community are people from out of the community who have no vested interest in this city. They don't want to see it grow.

I had two gentlemen stop by my house. I didn't tell them who I was. And they had the "No" papers. And I began to talk with them very kindly and questioned them and talked about where we're going with this when we win. And the gentleman said to me, he said, "Look, why don't you come talk with the guy that I'm with? Because what you're saying makes so much sense." I talked with him about how the -- we're now talking about opportunities for our young people when they leave college. They want to be able to come back home and have a future.

And I asked him, I said, "Now, with what you have here I see just all No's but what's the plan? The group that you're working with, do they have a plan?" Well, bottom line I said, "Where do you live in Riviera Beach?" He said, "I'm not from Riviera Beach." He said, "I'm from Dade County." And I went to talk with the gentleman in the truck. He was from Dade County. I said, "Well, who is your coordinator?" And they say they, "Dr. Marie Cole." I said, "Well, look, please tell Dr. Cole I'm a person and I'm very easy to talk with. I just would like for her to come and share with me the plan that she has for the City and maybe we can just talk about it." Because I want her to understand my perspective.

I've been here over 50 years. I have invested in this city my time, my talent and my treasure. My children are involved in this city. I love this city and I'm begging everyone who cares about growth in our city to please vote yes. When people come to you and say, "Vote no," say, "What is your plan? Let's talk about it." I guarantee you they won't have one. Because they're seeking to divide. But let me tell you all something. When good things are about to happen, who gets busy? All right. That's what I'm talking about. So I just -- we're just going to claim the victory on March 11 and we're going to love each other after it's over no matter which way it go. Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. That will conclude our Public Comments Section. We'll be moving to Awards and Presentation, item 11.

X. REGULAR

14. RESOLUTION NO. 15-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN EXCHANGE AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, JSF YACHTSMAN, INC., AND GERALD PROPERTIES, LLC, IN ORDER TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MUNICIPAL MARINA AND ENHANCE THE REDEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE MARINA DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARINA DISTRICT MASTER PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We have one comment card. It's been properly moved and second. Mr. Fane Lozman. Good evening, Mr. Lozman. You have three minutes to make your comments.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman, Riviera Beach taxpayer, owner 1.2 million square feet in this city. I have a problem with this resolution. And I'm going to tell you why I have a problem with this resolution, 'cause this resolution is taking place after the CRA, the Community Redevelopment Agency, voted on this issue that increases public access to the municipal marina and is involved with the marina district master plan. The 2010 referendum was quite clear that the redevelopment of the marina, what goes on inside the marina, is a city function. It's a function that comes under the purview of the city manager. Not comes under the purview of a CRA director and his buddies. Okay?

So -- so you have been in violation of the referendum that passed that Emma Bates and me and Andrew Byrd and Norma Duncombe and a whole crowd went door to door to get the signatures. We got the voters. It passed. And then you, like, pretended, Well, it really didn't happen. We don't want it up there. We don't want that thing to pass. And yet you continue to pretend like nothing happened. You know, we're going to continue on our merry way and we're going to hope March 11th we'll put this all behind us. But in the meantime you've been acting like it never passed. And this is another example of that item.

What you should have done is said, You know something? We need to deal with this one way or the other. But we need to wait until after the election. Let's see what happens in March and then we'll make a decision. It may be moot. The CRA -- we may finally be done where the CRA has no authority over that. Or it may be, Hey, the Yes vote passed and we can go ahead and do it. But to jam this stuff through because Tony Brown wants to jam through now, that isn't going to cut it. What is the remedy for something like this? Well, you know, it's kind of like when you play a football game. You don't give the other side what your plays are. Okay? But somebody should have enough sense to say, This is premature. It's only premature by a few weeks.

It may not be -- it's not going to be premature four weeks from now. It's certainly premature to play this game today 'cause all it is is digging a deeper hole for you guys that you're ignoring what was codified as part of the referendum. Now, Pam Ryan can say, "Oh, Lozman doesn't know what he's talking about." Well, Lozman is not an expert in land use. He's not an expert in criminal law. He's not an expert in zoning. What Lozman does is he has a legal team of some of the biggest firms in the country. He can ask them questions and they give him what they think their opinion is. You know? When Ms. Ryan said the Supreme Court would never take my case, I'd never win, well, she was wrong but yet you still trust her opinion. I'm telling you this should wait a month.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you for your comment. Anything from the Board?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let me take Mr. Guyton first.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We have been stalemate in our community for a long time. And on this particular issue here we have been advised that we are in good standing to move forward. Mrs. Ryan? Mrs. Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We have done what we supposed to do legally, have we not, in order to move forward on this issue?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes. We're fine.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I just want to say to the people, that when people come to the mike, just because they say it, it doesn't make it true. Fortunately someone admitted that they don't have the type of experience and expertise like they talk like they have from the mike. Like they're complete experts on all these issues. But we sit here, at least I sit here and I know that they don't have that type of experience or expertise. And I know that they represent themselves a lot in court but they come to the mike and act like they have this entourage of attorneys. But we as a community need to understand that there's some people that don't mean us good. And I think that we've heard quite a few of them tonight. But I am definitely in support of this item and anything that will move our city forward. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. I'm going to pass. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. If there are no other questions, Madam Clerk?

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: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item 15.

15. RESOLUTION NO. 16-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A "YES" VOTE FOR PASSAGE OF THE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3.5 OF THE CITY'S CHARTER WHICH KEEPS CITY OWNERSHIP OF THE MUNICIPAL MARINA BUT REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE MARINA, NEWCOMB HALL, SPANISH COURTS AND BICENTENNIAL PARK BE "OWNED, MANAGED, AND OPERATED SOLELY BY THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH"; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. We have several comment cards. Up first will be Fane Lozman. Good evening, Mr. Lozman. You have three minutes to make your comments.

XI. DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Emma Bates and I talked about this. I remember sitting outside at her house having a couple of drinks and we talked about how we got to where we were in 2010. And the way we got to where we were in 2010 was that Viking Yachts, this master developer of our city marina, they wanted to take thousands of homes of black residents in this town. A white developer wanted to take thousands of homes via eminent domain of the City, grab them, not give them fair compensation, say,

Get out of here. This land is too valuable. I fought that battle with Governor Bush and we stopped that plan.

And I have black residents all the time come up to me and thank me for that. And they still thank me for that. Thank -- thank you for keeping my grandmother's home in my possession and not letting a white boat builder take it. Okay? Now, people don't have short memories. The black residents in this community are now being asked to vote to give a public marina that's been public for a hundred years to the same white developer that wanted to steal all their homes eight years ago. And they're going to say, Oh, well, some black individuals have come up and say it's okay, you know? It's okay. Go ahead and do it.

The black residents of this community are not idiots. They remember the battle, this huge battle, that went on in 2006. And it's shameful that the Council here is spending money, even if it's only 20 bucks, to print up a resolution and get involved in politicking up there. I have talked to some people and they think they have a problem with an elected body trying to influence an election. That's not what you're up there to do. You're up there to be impartial. Do you want to do that outside of the chambers? If Bruce Guyton wants to sit up and hold up a sign that says Vote Yes, great. But you don't do it from the dais as part of the resolution. Okay?

So Norma Duncombe addressed that very thing in another context. But the bottom line is a white developer tried to steal your homes for pennies on the dollar in 2006 and now this same guy wants to take your marina and you -- you think the black residents of this town should just go ahead and give them their marina? Why? I fought this battle to keep this marina owned by the City. You don't need a middleman to run the marina. You pay to redevelop it. You can go ahead and say, We're going to lease the Tiki Bar. Go ahead and lease it like we do now. You don't have to say, Hey, Viking, we're going to have you lease the Tiki Bar for us. If you want to put that marina out for bid and have somebody come in with \$30 million and make improvements, that's a different story. But when you are funding the \$30 million bill, you keep the marina owned by the City. Don't be snowed. Vote no.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you for your comments. Next up will be --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Bessie Brown. I'm gonna come back to you, Mr. Guyton. Good evening, Ms. Brown. You have three minutes to make your comments.

BESSIE BROWN: Good evening.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening.

BESSIE BROWN: I'd just like to say I am just -- I'm just shocked that y'all would truly write up a resolution and you represent everybody in this city. And you're asking and you're campaigning to ask them to vote yes against a referendum that the most -- I think

the most ever people voted for -- for our 2010 referendum. But you have a lot of nerves to be our representatives, to sit here and ask people to vote against something that they truly believed in in 2010. And I -- and I -- and I -- I'm wondering -- I'm -- I'm just wondering is it really -- it -- Ms. -- Ms. Ryan, is this against the law? You know? You know, are they within their legal rights? I really would like to know that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next up will be Reverend William Burrs.

REVEREND BURRS: Mr. Chairman, Council, again, I never approach this podium and criticize nobody individual. Nobody could say that I've came through this podium and said anything negative about them. I has a right as a citizen, a taxpayer, to express my opinion.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Absolutely.

REVEREND BURRS: And you all has a right to express you all's.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Absolutely.

REVEREND BURRS: And I made it clear to my good friend Mr. Guyton when he was running, that I would never -- and I told him I don't wanna hear it from him, you remember? I don't want to hear your past. I don't want to talk -- when we disagree, it gonna be politically and that's it. I has a right to state my feelings and my opinion about an issue. And I said clearly many times -- don't mean I hate any of you all or dislike you. That's my opinion. Just like I have a right to mines, just like anybody has a right to theirs. I don't agree with this -- with this referendum. That's my right.

If it pass, it pass. If it don't, it doesn't. We got to move forward one way or the other. But my feeling is that if it don't pass, we still could develop the marina some way or another. But now, as a taxpayer and as a -- and that (inaudible) Mr. Guyton said, that -- people shouldn't -- who come into this podium, don't pay tax and criticize. I got people coming to this podium, stay here but don't pay tax criticizing me. But that's they wanna do, fine. But I still feel that this television should not be used for political reasons. And y'all will agree. You -- you got to agree with that 'cause that's not what it's designed for.

I shouldn't be allowed to come here and tell peoples to vote one way or another about this referendum on this television. It's wrong. And you all need to correct that and don't lead the way in doing it. So since y'all started it, I'll still tell the citizens, vote -- vote no against this referendum. And I hope next time one come along that you all won't allow this to happen no more in this city. That's what dividing this city. Yes, we ought to be able to disagree and still get along. Ms. Blue made it clear. Why we gotta fall out 'cause we disagree?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

REVEREND BURRS: But yet we, like -- we hate one another because we disagree on an issue. We need to stop that. And the City can move forward better if we come to the conclusion that we can agree and yet move forward this City. And let -- and -- and --

and -- and -- and we don't come here and act like we hate one another because we disagreeing. That's not right. I has a right to express my -- now, again, on that -- I don't know. This flier that Ms. -- Ms. Duncombe has here is wrong. And y'all need to investigate and find out who did it and deal with it. That's absolutely wrong. A good friend of mines years ago was fired from this City for doing something like this 'cause it was against the Council. But now this is in favor of y'all. Now I wonder what y'all are gonna do about it. Y'all say y'all know about it? Do something about that. That's wrong.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much. Ms. Norma Duncombe. Good evening, Ms. Duncombe. You have three minutes to make your comments.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Thank you. And what I would like to say to add to what Ms. -- the Reverend just said is that you read a stipulation that we are to respect you. And I think that same respect has to come from your board. And attacking people is not right. I don't care who it is. I have lived here all my life. I have invested. I have no intentions of leaving. And consequently, I do believe in what should be done for the city. And I have always worked -- and I'm talking about going way back -- for what I feel is good for the city.

Because I do not agree, because I know right now not one of you could name or bring in this chamber five persons who have jobs down there or business down there in that marina. And you're not gonna have it. My concern are our young people who go away to college and they can't come back here and get a job because everything is closed off from them unless they go down to Walmart. And I'm saying I disagree with this referendum because it does not do -- the profit does not come to the people. And that's a guarantee.

There are -- there have not been anybody hired down there. You could not bring anybody in here at this point in time that has worked down there for the last couple of years. The next thing is Newcomb Hall. You know, maybe that's not a biggie. But when that's rebuilt -- in fact, it is not under the Recreation Department right now. Who's gonna run it? They said -- what did they say? Restaurant, ballroom. That in itself has eliminated our general population. And I don't know anybody in this city who has not been a part of some kind of activity down at Newcomb Hall.

And I'm telling people to vote your interest. You deserve more than a 49-cents-a-pound turkey on Thanksgiving. The people are getting wealthy and their children will be well taken care of. And I'm telling people who work in this city, think about yourself. Think about your children. You deserve more than a 49-cents-a-pound turkey once a year. If you get in line on time. I'm saying the profit from this City should come to the residents and their community. \$29 million were borrowed by the CRA. Where did it go? Okay. People vote no.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next will be Ms. Margaret Shepherd.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Is she gone?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is she still here?

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Shepherd? Going once. Okay. We're going to take the next card which is Ms. Cinthia Becton. Good evening, Ms. Becton. You have three minutes to make your comments.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Evening.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: It's my understanding, Mr. Chair and members of the Council and Mayor, that the item here is the resolution. Am I correct?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You are.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's correct.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: I just want to make sure that I'm speaking on the right -- wrong thing -- right thing. And the thing that I'm seeing here as it relates to this resolution and the reason that I wanted to put my remarks as a matter of record and as a matter of support of this resolution, is that it's very clear in the resolution that the City maintains ownership of the municipal marina. I support the City maintaining ownership of the municipal marina.

The owner is the person in charge. The owner sets the terms. The owner is the one that drives the program, drives the agreements, drives what moves forward. It is very, very, very important that the City of Riviera Beach continues to drive what is going to move forward at that marina, at that municipal marina. I do not want to get into a debate on some of the things that have been said. Clearly there is a need for this city and citizens of this city to have a discussion that emulates the remarks from the esteemed Mr. Shipp. He said it very, very well.

We do need to be about the business of unity. We do need to be about the business of moving some things forward. But I want to make sure that my remarks are very clear, that my support of the City maintaining the ownership of that marina are there. I had someone speak to me earlier this morning and said it is important that some of us start to say that we're doing that and encourage you to continue to move forward with this. Yes. I will vote yes on March 11th. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comment. Next will be Sylvia Lee Blue.

SYLVIA BLUE: Again, good evening, Mr. Chair, members of the Board. Please vote yes, Riviera Beach residents, on March the 11th. It's in our best interest. Of course it's not in their best interest. It's in our best interest to move our city forward. You know,

these two-sided nonsense fliers that gave all these descriptive words, it's a fear tactic. When you say words like "privatization," "cancer," "plantation," "pollution of our waters." Well, we know who polluted our water at the marina but we won't go there. Okay? We already know that. We won't go there.

But it's up to us, the residents and stakeholders of this community, to support your community. Now, we elected our elected officials. We put our confidence in you to make decisions that's in all of ours best interest. I don't think you would sell yourself down the river and I know that you wouldn't sell all these families in this community down the river. You've made some excellent choices. It is long overdue. If not now -- and we've said this, Ms. Pardo, for how many years?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Too long.

SYLVIA BLUE: -- then when? When is it Riviera Beach's time? You know, this house that keeps -- or that remains divided will soon fall, implode within itself. We've somehow got to find that common ground because if you're bringing nothing to the table, then that just tells me you want nothing. Bring something to the table. Give us something other than what the Council has brought forth. If you have nothing we get nothing. But let's make an effort and reflect on what that young man said this evening about unity, because it's -- it's -- it's void in this community. But you know, we as matured adults, it reflects on us because I'm -- I'm really happy that the young man was gone when we had people, supposed educated adults, that get up here and call our elected officials corrupt. All of you should be in jail, quite frankly, if you're that corrupt. But I support you. I think you're doing a fine job and ask our residents to please vote yes on March 11th. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much, Ms. Blue. Okay. We've come to the end of Public Comment on that item. Mr. Guyton, I know you wanted to speak.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is probably going to be the most important decision of this community in this decade -- of this new century, the 21st century. We are now the only city in this geographical area that has absolutely nothing to show our residents by way of development. We complain about our property taxes. Rightfully so, I might add. We complain about our water bills. Rightfully so, I might add. And we also complain about other areas of our government. One thing I want to make clear is that the only way that we can change how -- how our property taxes are and how -- how our water bill is is that we need to generate more revenue. The way that you do that is to increase your property values. We get our revenue from property taxes.

Right now we don't have enough money to reduce our property taxes or our water bills. They complain about developers. What do developers do? They develop property which thereby increases your property taxes. Developers are not bad. In every industry you have a few bad apples. In every race you have a few bad apples. But that shouldn't taint the whole group of everybody. One of the best things that ever happened to us -- two things happened to us that I think are good. Rybovich and Viking. Nobody else would look at our city to invest anything.

Those two developers came into our city and had enough faith in our future to say that they're going to invest millions. I want those people who support the No vote to produce me just one -- one develop -- one person that -- that -- that will invest at least \$100,000. I'm not talking about millions. They bring nobody to the table. Absolutely nobody, which means it would keep us in poverty. 25 percent of our people live in poverty. We have to do something different. The only way we can generate more revenue is to develop our property. There -- there -- there's no other way. That's the only way we're going to increase our -- our tax base. That's something we have to do.

I would like for our people to understand that when somebody from Miami who said that they've bought some property in our town come into our town and try to play the race card -- a white man telling me about how I should feel as a black man is an insult. Let me first put that out there. Let me be very blunt. I've been in this town all my life. We don't have a large population of black folks in the marine district. So him saying that -- that Viking was fixing to condemn and -- and -- and -- and through eminent domain and run a whole lot of blacks -- he's trying to play on your emotional tug. He's trying to get you angry to come to the polls and vote no. He can pay his water bill. He can pay his light bill.

Whether we create one job, it does not matter to him. It matters to me. It matters to the future of my kids and my grandkids. This is not all about this generation here. This is about the future of our city. If we don't do it now, there will be nobody else looking to invest in our city no time in our lifetime. I'm absolutely confident of that. The last time we had a deal on the table was 20 years ago. Twenty more years there's no telling who may or may not be here. We need to have enough self-pride in ourselves that we say that we're not going to let anybody with that negative energy come and dictate to us to tell us that you need to stay in poverty, 'cause if you vote no it's status quo. We get nothing.

Now, that's a guaranteed zero, no job, nothing. I'm going to close with this. The only way we can get a piece of the pie is that we first have to create the pie. We as a community start dividing up the pie before we have it. What are you -- slow your roll. And in the past we have not created the pie so nobody has got anything. They're talking about who was hired down at the marina. We have no private development down there. Private development create jobs. That's a problem. So right now we're at the point where if you go to the polls on March 11th, you can create the pie, after which we can talk about dividing it. But if we're stuck here with nothing to freaking divide -- can I say that?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes. Everybody else has.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- that becomes a major problem. So on March the 11th if you vote no, it's status quo. You're gonna get what you've always gotten here, no jobs, no revenue, nothing. A big goose egg. That is guaranteed if you vote no. If you vote yes, we have some possibilities. We have a \$300 million project on the table. And let me just say that there's some people with their hands out on one instance and then out in the community talking against it in another. And that is a big problem with me. Because they have come to us.

We want work. We need work. We need you to support us. And then I find out that some of them are out opposing this. That's gonna be a real problem with me. My position with some of their involvement, it's questionable now. Let me put that out there. Because I am planning on that private sector portion to help give us revenue to give them some work. And if we don't get that revenue, we can't give them work. So I'm going back to reassess who I'm going to support being involved in this process here. So I would hope that people understand that nothing from nothing leaves absolutely nothing. On March 11th, vote yes for progress.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: On the task force referendum question, the first sentence I think was that, "The City shall own the marina." And on the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach's charter question -- referendum question, it was exactly the same, "The City shall own the marina." So there's no change there. The only thing that has changed is -- in this forthcoming referendum question, is that all of the properties -- it's removing the language that states, "All of the properties have to be owned, managed and operated solely --" capital letters -- "solely by the City."

So basically what I'm telling you is that this resolution is my personal vote only to say that I support the passage of removing the restrictive language so that we can move forward. And it applies to each and every one of us up here individually. Okay? As it relates to the -- being, you know -- there was some concerns about giving the marina away. You know, you don't want anybody to have it for 50 years.

Well, the voters voted for 50-year leases. And I'm certain if you contact the County as it relates to the airport, all of those businesses in there have leases in excess -- probably around 50 years or -- or more. I plan to find out exactly what that number is tomorrow. But I can -- I can assure you that that is what it is. Also, the City has options as far as whether we hire an employee to run everything at the marina or we can hire a management company to run everything at the marina. There are options out there. Nobody is giving the marina away. And as I said, this resolution is my personal support of removing the -- the restrictive language.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any other board member?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you. I just have a few questions before I make a statement. This is for Legal. Under the law you -- it states -- and you can tell me if I'm wrong or right -- that when using dollars to advertise, you must educate the people with the information. Is that correct? Just education?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Facts. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Facts, right?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. With this item here, could we be sued if you vote yes on this item? Could we be sued?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: We could not be sued?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. This is -- you are --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Hold on. Let me ask the question carefully.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, okay.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: 'Cause I -- I think you might misunderstand. I'm not saying could we be sued and win or lose but could we be sued?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You can always be sued.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: That -- that's my question.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you. That's it. Here's the thing. And I -- and I hope that everyone listen very carefully. I've never hesitated -- and I hope people begin to listen to me when I start speaking when it come to redevelopment in our community. And yes, I do support the yes vote. My issue has always been the process. I was -- when this 50-year lease first came up, I was about 15, 16 years old. Let -- let's move slowly. I was about 15, 16 years old when this 50 years -- 50-year lease first started. But there was some groups back then that got emotional. I don't know who these people were back in the -- at that time. And there was a big fight over the issue with the eminent domain and how we move forward.

And I remember as a young boy seeing that, Okay. We've got a plan. There were some ideas about an aquarium. It was about we're gonna have a downtown. We were in high school back then. If that issue would have went forward back then, we would have about 28 years left on this lease. All right? The way we do things, whether we agree with it or not, sometimes stimulate our community. Whether it's positive or negative. Some people like to fight. Some people just like to compete.

But the issue is if we allow our staff to continue to educate the people, our staff -- they've done a great job with giving the people the information. We as a council can say -- like we say, we can go out and support yes, yes, yes, and then we all would be in agreements with that. Once our community look at what our staff is doing, they respect our staff. There's some people out there in the community that will rebuttal and fight because they may not like me, they might not like another commission -- Council person

or not. And that's where the problem lies in our community. People come to the podium and have their wars with particular people in the audience or particular people in the Council. And that's their personal wars.

If we allow this information to vote on -- whether you think it's legal or not -- let's say somebody tomorrow sues. We get this big lawsuit on Channel 12, on the Palm Beach Post. The people forget the information that our staff has done. We're overstep -- as far as I'm concerned; I hope y'all respect where I'm going with this. I was a child then. I'm a grown man. I'm thinking about the Sterling Shippis. If we allow staff to have their vision so our people see our staff instead of seeing the Council, our community will trust our staff. That's the most important part in this whole process. I'm going to vote yes when that day come. But I'm not -- I'm not going to support this item specifically because somebody out there is going to potentially file a lawsuit and the whole Palm Beach Post and them, Oh, Riviera Beach is fighting over the marina again. Here's this lawsuit and this -- this group is behind it.

But guess what? It's not going to talk about that Tony Brown and Ms. Jones have done their job with their staff or Mary McKinney or Mr. Jones. That should be the story that should be told in the Palm Beach Post when it comes to March 11, March 12th. I just hope that my colleagues -- please -- please just listen to me. There's a flier -- I mean, I don't know who sent the flier out. This referendum, this issue, this item here, which like I say before -- it's the process. We gotta learn how to work with our staff and allow our community to trust our staff. If we can stay out of the way, the community will move forward because they will focus on the vision and the education component. Now, in 20 years from now, I don't want to be back at this podium talking about woulda, coulda, shoulda.

I do have some concerns on how we're going to train, what we're going to do with creating some relationships on -- it's how we put our plan together. Apprenticeship programs. I do have my concerns. But tonight I'm letting you know now, I support everybody up here on what we're trying to do. And I want everybody at home to understand that. There's going to be some tough decisions being made, and I want you to understand that I support everyone's position on what they trying to do.

But allow the people to focus on the presentation when our staff do their job. I don't like to talk a lot but I get upset because people are fighting. They're using what we're putting out against us. Our weapon is our education. If you got an educated community, you've got a community that's going to progress. Please continue to allow our staff to educate the people. I would like to maybe -- we still got time to allow staff to do maybe a town hall and do a presentation once again on what's going to happen and what's important. Let our staff do that. That's important, empowering our people through education. Not through what I want to do or if anyone else want to do, to say that I pushed this referendum. It's nobody's referendum. It's our people. It's our future. I'm done.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Well, everyone knows where I stand on this. I think I was quite vocal at the CRA meeting about it. And my position has not changed nor will it. I have been in favor of redeveloping this marina for the past six years. Probably even before that. And that's one of the reasons why I ran for Council, to make sure that our underutilized properties were one day redeveloped so the residents could, you know, be proud of their waterfront instead of just passing by it with their heads down. You know, no one is using the waterfront. And -- and I've learned over the past six years that I'm not going to make everyone happy and that's okay.

But the residents in my district look to me for guidance. So I am there telling them how I'm voting. I am voting yes and I implore that they all come out, all 3,200 of them come out and also vote yes on this. I also got a copy of this flier that went out, the Vote No and there's all kind of pollution and, you know, the -- you know, I know where this came from. Ms. Brooks, thank you very much for enlightening us on the group from Miami that came up here and that makes me feel a lot better 'cause they can't find all of the residents to help them, you know, pass out this propaganda.

You know, but you have someone from Juno Beach, okay, coming in to our city telling us what to do. You have the Great White Hope out there telling us what to do. All right? And you know, y'all want to talk about pollution. Remember, the guy out there, you know, the savior to the black people, he was the guy that was -- and I'm sorry. And I hope I'm not offending anyone. But as a white woman who raised her daughter in this community, my daughter went to school with your children. For him to come in here and throw this whole racial stuff around, I, as a white woman -- I'm offended and I hope everyone else is offended by it.

We all need to remember he was the guy that was polluting our water. He admitted to dumping his raw sewage from his houseboat into the intracoastal so the people in Peanut Island swimming around, the kids on the beach who are fishing, okay -- but did he care about everyone then? No. Absolutely not. It is time for this city to move forward. Please people, come out on March 11th and vote yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh. Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Vote yes. Let's move our city forward.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: The City will always own the Riviera Beach Marina like it has -- will always own the Dan Calloway Center, like it will always own the Ocean Mall. It is time to move forward. So please vote yes. I look forward to seeing everyone at the polls on March 11th.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Ms. Pardo. My comments will be very brief. First I want the people of Riviera Beach and whoever else is listening in whatever city

you're listening in, this support of this resolution is not new. We've done it for things on the state level. We -- we've done this before. Let me just recall -- I think one of the last ones we done was for the drug rehab things. We also did another one. They thought about bringing firearms inside of buildings, inside of government buildings. We've always done a -- a resolution in support of legislation that --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: All Aboard Florida.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- that will be there. Right. Of course.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: The -- the --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All -- all over Florida, of course. Of course. So I'm just asking you not to allow people to give you that sense of it's just this Council doing a resolution because they support this particular thing. This is not the first time we've done a resolution. Also, there's going to be a lot of distractions. You know? This is not about Cedrick Thomas or what some people or some news channels say about Cedrick Thomas. This is about the City of Riviera Beach. Do not be distracted by any of this.

Now, I'm telling you this with a heavy heart because I'm attacked. But I recognize this much here. If we weren't doing anything, nobody would care about anybody up here. Nobody would be attacked. Well, I can tell you this. I am not bragging because these are very serious allegations and that's all I'm going to say about that. But I will tell you this. You elected me to do a job. And I plan to do just that. And as my colleague said earlier, these are tough decisions that we have to make up here. But this is not a tough one. This is a very easy decision to make. In 2007 when I was originally elected, I wanted to see more things done. I wanted to see development done. There's a lot of things wrong still. I'm -- I'm -- I'm telling you. Water bills, that's just wrong. Gas prices, that's just wrong, you know? But this is right.

This redevelopment push is right. And I -- I'm not going to talk about anybody that -- that -- that wants to vote no on that because that's their right. If they're able to vote and if they can vote into this city, they're able to vote however they want to. But the people who look to us for leadership, it's our job to tell you whether we support something or we don't. I support it. And I'm asking you to vote yes, as well.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Madam Clerk? Oh.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- Mr. Chairman, I didn't --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. -- Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I never want people to guess where the Mayor stands or my views on any issue. I'm not one to hide or to be silent because silence can be misunderstood. I have been on both sides of the issues of redevelopment. I have opposed it when I felt that redevelopment was not responsible. I support it and helped lead and gave leadership with Emma Bates on the first one because of some

issues that I was very concerned about. I don't think and I don't feel in my spirit that we have the same issues that we had then. We're not talking about a boatyard. There's just a lot of things that we're not really talking about now that was kind of on the agenda then.

I'm a product of the Civil Rights era. And one of the things that Dr. King was criticized for when he went into a city, they said he was a troublemaker. He didn't live there. And he had no right to speak. Well, you don't have to live in the city. You can work here and have a right to speak. So that doesn't really bother me when people who don't live here speak what they feel right or what they feel is wrong. You have advocates and that's what advocates do. They speak. They move and they go around and talk about issues. So that doesn't bother me.

I just hope that we can, first of all, respect one another. Everyone has a right to be for or against. And because a person -- I'm going to -- people are going to vote for the Mayor that's on both sides of this issue. There's some people that's going to vote no, that's going to vote for me when that time comes. There's people that's going to vote yes that's going to vote for me. But when I go to bed at night, I want to go with a clear conscience knowing that I have done the right thing and let it be whatever it is.

Having said that, I understood a few years ago what it meant to manage and to operate, to own -- certainly there's no disagreement when others say manage and operate. However -- and I need to be very honest with you -- I have been very disappointed with the City managing and operating the city. I don't want to see the City manage and operate anything else. When we look -- other than the City. And I know we can do better, even with our own city.

When we look back at the Jazz on the Beach, several hundred thousand dollars. We managed and we operated, lost money. Jazz at the Park. Manage, operate it, lost money. We could go on and on and on and call the roll. I'm disappointed. We want to talk about the Public Safety Building. Dawn Pardo and I were the two that said that this was not a good decision. I think we made a mistake but only time will -- I mean, I think that others made a mistake, and time will tell. I believe that time will tell that Dawn Pardo and Thomas Masters was right on that issue. And I still believe we were right. I still feel that our police department should have had a brand new building right there. And I still feel that we should never have even -- even talked about closing or moving any of our fire stations. So I am disappointed.

I'm comfortable with the idea of the City leasing this out. I've spoken to the attorney about making sure that there's some legal protections there and she said there were. And I asked her what they were and she told me. I have traveled to China. I have traveled to Africa two or three times, the richest continent in the world. I want developers and others, when they come here from foreign nations, from Africa and China, to see what we have, the great Ocean Mall, a wonderful, beautiful marina. I want to see a hotel there. I want to see new restaurants. I want to see the kinds of things that I'm hearing that we're going to see. I want to see a new Newcomb Hall.

Perhaps there has not been any mayor in this county that has been more aggressive than I have in putting people back to work. I want to see these jobs. I want to see these jobs go to local people for local jobs. I want to see the -- the unions treated fair and others treated fairly. Having said that, in conclusion, I plan to be the watchdog here when it passes, to make sure that people, our residents, are not left out, that we do get these jobs, that it benefits the City.

But a watchdog means you watch the dog. But if you don't have a dog to watch, you have absolutely nothing. So as we move forward and we vote yes, then I will be the one to -- to say, Are we doing what we said we were going to do? Let's make sure we get these jobs. So I'm supporting it. And I am going to vote yes. But I won't go away. I'm going to be there all through the process to make sure that we benefit and that we do the things that we say we're going to do. Thank you. So as -- as Mr. Guyton says, don't guess, vote yes.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. -- Mr. Chair, really quick.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: We'll all be there with you, Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair, really quick. I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I would like for the Council or my colleagues to consider, we have -- we still have time to educate our community, maybe open -- open up the Council chambers and allow staff to come here and ask questions and do -- do another presentation so the people -- any last-minute questions they may have or concerns, they can come and address it here before that time. I think that would be a great idea for us to consider in allowing our staff to present themselves for the people. With this item we have opportunity now to just say, Hey, tonight, let's trust staff. This might be an item that we can put off for later.

You might not like it, but the truth is let's allow staff to come up and ask these questions. Because this could reduce a lot of the tension by not allowing some other person out there outside -- in -- inside or in -- or outside our community to come here and sue our city and change the direction of this story. And I -- and I'm pretty sure we're all here for the same reason. I -- I know what you're trying to do. And I -- and I understand that and I respect that. But let's not allow to give people stuff to use against us to push other agendas.

Let's -- let's, like -- we got March 6th, March 8th, the week prior. Like, give them two days to come in and ask questions. You may -- might send someone from the master developer to be here with Mr. Brown, with Mr. -- Mr. Jones and Ms. Jones, to ask the questions, do the presentation. Give them time to really come in and get it from them and not from us.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah, go -- Ms. Davis. Mr. Chair. I'll let you do your job. Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That would be good. That would be good. Are you finished?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I'm -- I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Ms. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Davis. But anyway, Mr. Chair, you know -- and Mr. Davis, I -- I respect your view, also. But as an elected official and as someone who's considered a leader in this -- in this community, I choose to host town hall meetings or -- or, you know -- so that residents can -- can -- can voice their opinion, answer -- ask their questions. I have already scheduled a town hall meeting for February 28th from 6 to 7:30 here in the City Council Chambers, just for the reasons that you talked about.

And, you know, as it relates to whether someone can sue me about my vote, that's always there. I -- I -- I understand where you're coming from. I'm just putting my view on the table. I can be sued for walking across the street. You know, so I -- as long as I am comfortable and my city attorney has told me that there is absolutely nothing wrong in my vote on this particular item, then I'm -- I'm good with that. I can't prevent somebody from going to the courthouse and suing me. Everybody knows the way. So, you know, I'm -- I'm good.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: No.

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: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilman T. Davis dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Presentation of the Proposed City Entrance Signs

16. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED CITY ENTRANCE SIGNS.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Where is Mr. Wester?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Chair and members of Council, you will recall last year when we were blessed with revenues that we had not anticipated that you had several areas that you told us you wanted us to invest the money in. We placed that money in Capital Projects to do that. One of those projects happened to be the entrance signs in the City where they're placed. And so what I would like for Brynt Johnson, the Director of Public Works, to do right now is to take you through a presentation of where the signs will be placed and what the signs will look like throughout the City.

This was an excellent idea on your part to do this since we had additional revenues that we had not anticipated. I just kind of hate Chief Wester's gone when it comes to the sign out front but hopefully he'll watch this, because we have also placed that sign in our plans for improving the visual look of our city. So Mr. Johnson?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Good evening, Council. Brynt Johnson, Director of Public Works. I was thinking about having young Mr. Sterling Shipp give this presentation but he left. So unfortunately you're stuck with me.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That Sterling Shipp, he's a sharp little brother.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: So basically as Ms. Jones stated, this project is a part of the City's capital plan and it's to install welcome signs throughout the city in various locations. There's three major components of the presentation. One is the sign location, which is probably one of the most important. The next one is the sign design, which is pretty much as important as the location. And the final thing is the landscaping. These are all conceptual ideas, conceptual plans, and the landscaping pretty much -- the reason I say it's not as important as the other two components is primarily because it goes with the current landscaping theme throughout the city.

As you can see here in this overall map, it shows all of the locations that we plan on installing these welcome signs. It's all of the major entry points of the city, Military Trail, Congress Avenue, U.S. 1, A1A, all of the major points, including Blue Heron. I wanted to start with this sign because as you all know, Councilwoman Davis actually installed a sign on Silver Beach and U.S. 1.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Well, I didn't. Community Benefit dollars did.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Well -- well, Community Benefits. As a part of Community Benefits, she had this sign installed. Now, this isn't how it currently looks. This is the enhanced version of that sign. The reason that I showed this sign first -- I know it says I as far as the location, and I -- it was meant to go in order but I wanted to show this sign first to kind of give the idea of why this sign design was chosen. This particular sign design is similar to the existing sign on Australian and First Street.

The reason I wanted to show this sign first is because with the changes to this sign, that will then be more or less the model sign for all of the signs throughout the city. And that is the proposed design, location of that sign, and the proposed landscaping, as well. This sign is Old Dixie Highway near First Street. That sign is actually identical to the one on First Street and Australian. This is Military Trail at the south end as you approach Lone Pine.

And I want to add that all of the signs will not be the same. The sign size will be dictated by the median width. Depending on whether the road is owned by the County or State, they both have requirements on set-back from the back of the curb. And so depending on the median width, that will dictate the size of the sign. The next one is A1A at Water Glades. We had to put this one on the edge of the pavement, primarily because the medians on the north end of A1A are -- are fairly narrow and won't really support the installation of a sign.

This one is Congress and Silver Beach. This is one of two proposed locations. We would have to -- as I said, this is a conceptual plan. We haven't gone into looking at available right-of-way and all that. But this sign is one of two proposed locations in that general area. We would have to obviously check with the County and see because our property is actually back further close -- further to this mast arm foundation. So that's option one for Congress and Silver Beach. And this is option two for Congress and Silver Beach, which is the first median to the south of Silver Beach.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: South. Okay.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: This is Dixie and Silver Beach -- Old Dixie Highway and Silver Beach. Once again, this is one of two proposed locations in that general area. This corner, as a part of the Silver Beach project, the County is going to have to purchase property from that landowner in order to increase the radius on that corner. We're trying to work with the County to see if they can purchase a little bit more of the property and then give us an easement agreement to be able to install the sign on that corner. Not sure how that's going to work but that's at least the plan.

But if that doesn't work, option two is the first median to the south of Silver Beach Road. This is the south end of Congress as you're coming down the bridge. Military north end. This is up around Woodbine. And there's not a whole lot of landscaping that we're have -- that we have to install as a part of this sign because it's heavily landscaped in that median. Also I want to mention that some of the signs we haven't really determined which ones, but I mean, the plan would be to do it on all of them. It's up-lighting, to light the signs up at night.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Very necessary.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: So that's part of the plan. We haven't figured out the whole electrical part, whether it's going to be electric or whether it's going

to be solar but we're still working on that. Like I said, these are conceptual. And this sign is actually a little bit different from all of them. It follows the same concept as the ones on Dixie and Australian. However, there is a digital marquee in this sign on Blue Heron, which will allow us to post any messages that we -- that we desire, such as Council meetings and so forth.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Excuse me.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Go ahead, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But where -- that's Blue Heron and what?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Blue Heron and 95, sorry.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: 95?

CITY MANAGER JONES: 95.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: This sign may actually be placed a little bit further east because I'm not sure if you all know but we've had a few cars go through this median coming off 95. So literally, the last two years, we've probably had five or six cars go through that median.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Gonna push it back.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: In that general vicinity, so we may end up pushing it just a little bit to the east to get out of the way of traffic. And as Ms. Jones stated, the final slot is the proposed monument sign for the City Hall Complex. That is (inaudible) to Bobbie E. Brooks.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: There you go.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: And that concludes the presentation.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Can you send me a copy of that presentation, please?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Absolutely.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And, yeah, because that -- yeah. Well, I'll talk to you. Just send it to me, please.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. Thank you.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: You're very welcome.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. -- Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: That -- that one right there. That's -- that's the one I'm looking forward to seeing. Is there, um -- to me that's the most important one. All the others are great because they're beautiful, but that's the one that our community certainly has embraced and it'll make me happy because a great mayor that I'm standing on his shoulders. But my question is to the -- to the manager, when -- when will that one be up?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, all of these will have to go through the regular process so when we go out and get the contractor to actually build them, they would be all in the same proposal and solicitation. So they won't be out there one by one. It'll be one big contract so I can't say when that particular sign will be in the whole scheme of things.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: When is the RFP or bid going out?

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's what -- if you're okay and if you're comfortable with this presentation tonight, and then we will go ahead, start putting the documents together to be able to proceed.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair? Oh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I just have a question. Is there a reason why you decided to put the digital marquee on -- by 95 and Blue Heron instead of having it in front of City Hall where there's probably more traffic? And, you know, other cities have their digital marquee in front of City Hall. Is -- have you thought about that? Is there --

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible) that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- a reason --

CITY MANAGER JONES: We -- that was one of the things that we -- we continued to -
- to struggle with. Depending on how the cars are stacked in front of City Hall, if the
traffic is backed up -- if you're going east you'll -- you won't see the sign.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so the traffic moves a little more at the intersection by
95. And then we were also kind of looking at the wording. In order to be able to put the
full name there and to put the marquee, you lose the -- the logo and the emblem there.
But we can explore that if that is the desire. But when traffic is sitting, only one side is
going to be able to see that sign because otherwise the cars are going to be blocking it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. So maybe it can be a little higher or something.
Because not everyone goes that far west. You know what I'm saying?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I -- I like that idea, Ms. Pardo, because --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: On 95.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, no. I just wanted to make sure she was done.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I'm done.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It's just a suggestion.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I like that idea, Ms. Pardo, because it can be used to
notify -- you know, for our notifications, to let people know when, you know --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- meetings are taking place and -- and that kind of
thing. So I -- I'd like you to explore that, also, see if we can put it a little higher so we'll
have room to put that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. I -- I, too, like the idea but only if it does not
impede on the lettering Bobbie Brooks --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. Right. A little higher.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- Government Complex.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Agreed.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Bigger than the one you've got now.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. Now, staff apparently -- I don't know. It appeared that you were asking for direction to move forward or --

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I was listening to hear where the opposition was. And so if there was no opposition, we'll put the documents together and start proceeding.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. -- Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I oppose because Ms. -- Mr. Wester is not here. He needs to be here to see this.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, he's probably watching it on TV.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And laughing.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: But -- but I did -- I did tell him -- I told him that -- that it was supposed to be on.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I know.

MAYOR MASTERS: But I didn't -- he didn't see it so he -- I don't think he believed me.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. Thank you very much for your presentation. Very good presentation. Moving down to Community -- Community Benefits.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUEST

17. CHILDRENS COALITION, INC. - \$300 – COUNCILWOMAN JUDY L. DAVIS - THE LIFE SKILLS EXPERIENCE TRIP FOR STUDENTS DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION AT THE CAPITOL IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item 17, Children's Coalition, Inc., \$300, Councilwoman Judy Davis.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been moved and second. I do need to finish reading it, though. The Life Skills Experience trip for students during legislative session at the Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida. It's been properly moved and second. Are there any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Please, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers, the same sign. That motion is unanimously approved. I'm gonna definitely need to make sure I hear everybody on that, please. Next.

18. RIVIERA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT - \$3,650 - COUNCILWOMAN DAWN S. PARDO - SINGER ISLAND CAMERA PROJECT

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It was moved by --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Pardo, seconded by Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: And second by Davis.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Are there any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved. Item 19.

19. RIVIERA BEACH MLK, JR., COMMITTEE - \$5,050 - COUNCILMAN TERENCE D. DAVIS - TO OFFSET EXPENSES OF THE CELEBRATORY EVENTS.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Are there any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved. Item 20.

20. THE VALLEY OF LOVE MINISTRIES - \$1,000 – MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS - IN SUPPORT OF A WEEKLY FEEDING AND A NEW COMPUTER TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE HOMELESS.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Are there any questions?

MAYOR MASTERS: I have one.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Concerns?

MAYOR MASTERS: Just a comment.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You have a question, Mr. --

MAYOR MASTERS: I have a concern. Miss Marie, the gentleman had said tonight that no one had done anything. So I just reminded you that we did. We did get the thousand, so I want people to know that I did give because I said I was. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chairman, I'd just -- can I have one comment?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I would but all of my dollars for this allocation period are disposed of. So come April, you know, I will help you.

MAYOR MASTERS: You gonna match me?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No. I didn't say that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Don't put words in my mouth.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. If there are no additional questions, concerns, or unreadiness, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved. I'm -- I'm really not hearing you, Mr. Davis, so can you please just say it --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: It's the microphone.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- in a -- your mike. I just want to -- use -- use the Mayor's. I don't want anybody to say that we didn't all agree. On Item 21.

21. YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION - \$250 -- MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS - SUPPORT ATHLETIC/CULTURAL EXCHANGE TRIP TO FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All in --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Are there any additional questions or concerns? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved. Okay. Moving down to Discussion by the City Manager.

XII. DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CITY MANAGER JONES: Nothing for discussion. I just would like to remind Council that we need to make a decision about the first meeting in March.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I won't be here.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I -- I won't, either. Most of us won't be here.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I won't, either.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I won't be (inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm -- I'll be in Tallahassee.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I think all of us will. So, yes, we'll just have a second meeting.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. So there -- thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. Anything from Legal?

XIII. LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes, Mr. Chair. This afternoon I sent a memorandum to City Council. I -- I'm so sorry. I should have brought extra copies just in case you didn't have a chance to get it. But it is a draft letter to Tiki to terminate their lease. As you may recall a few months ago we granted them a month-to-month extension on the lease until we were ready for the redevelopment. We are now at that point and I've drafted a letter which says that we would like them to vacate the premises by July 14th, 2014, in order for us to get ready to move forward with the demolition of the -- the current Tiki with the hope that there'll be another one in the near future. So I wanted to make sure that there was a consensus for me to send that letter before I did so. And I will send it tomorrow unless the Council directs otherwise.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Just a quick question. I don't think it's going to be a surprise because that's what we agreed to prior to approving it. But did you give them a heads-up that it was forthcoming?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I did not give them a heads-up but I'm told that they were given a heads-up. That we have advised them. And --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- and they're in the loop. They know what's -- what's going on.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. Yeah. That's all. Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes, absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. Is that all for Legal?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is all.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Any City Council Committee Reports? Okay. We're going to start tonight with the Mayor for City Council Statements, final statements.

XIV. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

XV. STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, you can pass it -- I'm passing this letter down that is -- that is going out to our businesses, Mr. Chair. I want to thank the Manager for allowing me to coordinate the African-American history activities for our city here at City Hall. One of the things that the Office of the Mayor has definitely been working with and always concerned about, our business partners. So February the 26th is going to be a very big day in the Chambers and I'd like to read it. "Let your creativity flow. Watch your business grow."

This is to the businesses in our city. "A free business development workshop for local, small and minority businesses," which also include women in businesses, "presented by Wanda Trotter, President of Worldwide Solutions and Techniques. Dear City Business Partners, thank you for continuing to partner with us to offer discounts on goods and services to our senior citizens. As you know, our office is always seeking ways to support and promote our local businesses, particularly those that embrace our seniors and veterans. That is why I am personally inviting you, business owner, to attend this free workshop on how to grow and develop your business. The workshop will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February the 26th, in our Chambers, second floor." And I did a lot of preaching Sunday so I'm very hoarse. So I'm going to let -- ask Councilman Terence to finish reading that for me. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: For the workshop?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: It says here, "The workshop will cover a host of issues including growth strategies and measuring progress, effective loss cost, branding and targeting marketing, social media, e-commerce, business tools and technology and attaining and retaining customers. This workshop is free to the public and even to those who have not yet started a business. A light lunch will be served. To register please e-mail -- e-mail MDozier@RivieraBeach.com by Monday, February 24th, 2014. For workshop information, please call 754-777-9784 or 855-704-7700. See you February 26th."

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. And last but not least, we have a tax company that's coming in to give -- to do the taxes free for our seniors, absolutely free. I guess that's 62 years of age on up. But just contact the Mayor's Office and we can let you know when that company will be here. I also want to say the comment I made earlier about Civil Rights advocates coming and moving into communities and doing advocacy, I was actually referring to Dr. Marie Cole and that's what she does as an advocate and as president of the A. Phillip Randolph Labor Union. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Next will be Ms. Judy Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just want to give everybody an FDOT update. I was -- I saw a little clip on the news over the weekend, I think, or sometime this week. Sandy Daniel, the project manager, contacted me today because I have been keeping in close contact with him. But I guess probably we need to inform the public a little bit more.

And what he has stated is that things -- the plantings will be starting very, very soon. The original finish date for this particular project was -- I believe it was February 2015. So we're ahead of schedule. The substantial completion date at this point is May of this year. You'll start to see some major changes very, very soon, within the next week or two. And I think he said that starting next week, there will only be one lane of traffic going in each direction. So we're almost there, everybody. It's just a -- a -- a little while longer and we'll have a beautiful roadway.

And as I stated a little while ago, I have scheduled a town hall meeting regarding the referendum question on February 28th. That is a Friday. From 6 to 7:30, so it's only an hour and a half here in the Council Chambers. Also, last and not least, I'd like for my colleagues to consider -- I was going to go out and get the signatures, the petition signatures, but being that we do not have a policy in place to name parks or rename parks, I'd like for you to consider the renaming of Firehouse -- Firehouse Park to Sadie McCray Park. And if you feel that I need to get the petition signatures to make sure that everybody along Fifth Street is okay with it, then I'll certainly do so. But if not, then I'd like your consideration and to place it on the next agenda.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Nothing at all.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a couple of things. As most of you probably do, I get a lot of calls and inquiries about Code Enforcement. Not -- not necessarily complaints. They're not all complaints. Some are. But one of the things that -- that keep -- keep seem to surface is the -- is the amount of the fees that have accumulated, even after the -- the home or business has -- has come into compliance.

So I -- I wanted to ask my colleagues if they'd be indulgent to allow the City Manager to look into some type of program for those people who have come into compliance but I think the fees generates them like \$100 a day with interest. And sometime they get into the hundreds of thousands. And there's an albatross around these people neck even though they're in compliance. Could the City Manager look at some type of program that can address this issue of those who have come into compliance? So --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I'm not understanding. How -- how does that happen?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Huh?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: If they've -- if they're in compliance, how do they keep generating --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's a good question.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- fees?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Because I'm dealing with a case now that has been in compliance since 2007 and -- but because they had already generated fees for the violation, the amount that they couldn't pay continued to gain interest. Is that correct, Ms. --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, it's not so much so that it's gaining interest. A person can be ordered by the magistrate to bring their property into compliance. That may take 60, 30, 90 days. During that 60, 30, 90 days, a fine is being assessed every day. So although --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. But the --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- they might have brought it into compliance, if they -- when they brought it into compliance, if they owed \$5,000 and did not pay that \$5,000, every day --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- \$100 is being added --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: A hundred. And --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- to that 5,000 that they didn't pay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and that's the point that I'm getting to, that most of our residents cannot afford some of the fines that it accumulates after compliance. And \$100 a day, after they're in compliance, can grow fairly quickly. But I would just like for my colleagues to allow the City Manager to look into it. But this is not to give anybody any breaks who are not in compliance. But this is only after they've come into compliance and see if we can work with them, because it is -- I'm -- from what I'm getting, very stressful to know that even though they're in compliance and they can't afford whatever that fee might be, 10, 15 grand, it's still building and building and building and building.

And -- and let me just say one last thing. My -- my position on code violations and the fees is that it's to bring in -- bring them into compliance and not penalize them for the rest of their lives. And that's what essentially -- not intentionally -- that it is becoming now. They're being penalized for the rest of their lives, even after they've come into compliance 'cause they can't afford the 30, 50 -- I've got one with \$160,000, and they're in compliance now. But they just don't have that type of money. So --

MAYOR MASTERS: I agree.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- I -- I would -- I was asking my colleagues to allow the City Manager to see if she can look into that so that those who are in compliance won't have an albatross around their neck for the rest of their lives, even though they're in compliance.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are you done, Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes, I'm done. On -- well -- well, I still have some --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- last things but on that issue --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, let -- no. But go ahead and finish your -- go ahead and finish your comments, then. Go ahead and finish your comments.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. The -- the -- the -- the other thing, I was reading through the vacation policy and I would like for that to come back before us to address some issues. I don't know when -- well, let me just say this. I noticed there was one provision --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You -- you said vacation.

CITY MANAGER JONES: You said vacation policy.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, no, no.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Do you know travel policy?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. No. Well, I need a vacation. The -- the travel policy. There -- there was one disclaimer -- well, not disclaimer. There was one -- well, I guess it can be a disclaimer -- there are times when staff and City Council may have an emergency that can't meet the month deadline that they want their request in as early -- but --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: He said a month?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: We don't (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. Yeah. It's a month now.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, we just need to bring it back to discuss.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. But we need to bring it --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: 'Cause I have issues, as well.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- but -- but -- but -- but my -- my point is that if the City Manager had the authority under the emergency cases under her discretion, that language is not in there right now. And -- and I think that that would be helpful. Not -- not to change the policies, per se, but to give the City Manager the --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, no. We -- we all have some questions about that, so we need to discuss it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Well --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Some things may need to change.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- okay. So it needs to come --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. All right. So --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Now, when -- next meeting you want to put the travel policy on for discussion?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I don't think next meeting will be, you know, the appropriate time.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. We can talk about it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But may -- maybe soon after that.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We can talk about it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on. Let me make sure he's --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Is he going to finish?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I just have two more --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let me --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- quick items.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: One is I do agree with --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It's about code. That's what my --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I do agree with Councilman Terence Davis about the education component of this election, in addition to Ms. Davis -- and you know I'm going to be at your function -- but as much as we can do, we need to do prior to the election. And if staff can set up some additional forums or maybe go out to HOAs and -- and entertain questions and -- and -- and --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- Ms. Jones? As -- as we discussed before, we talked about staff going out to HOAs and -- and making yourselves available to the community to better educate them. And I agree with Mr. Davis on that. And I would hope that, you know, staff does that because it is critical that those who may not be fully abreast to what the issues are with this election, that'll give them an opportunity to -- to ask staff whatever questions they need. And the last thing, about the flier or the postcard that went out, we as a council voted on allowing staff to do an education program.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And we gave them the direction to do that, to include going out to the HOAs and using the media -- media, whatever mailers that they choose to do, as long as it complied with the law. And -- and it's my understanding that that flier does comply with the law and so it wasn't that -- well, I saw it. I -- I don't --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I did, too. I (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- yeah. I don't know about the other -- I -- I know that one of the Council members said that they hadn't seen it. But I just want to say for the record that staff wasn't a Lone Ranger out there and doing their little thing without Council giving their okay for it. But we voted for them to do an education program to include whatever they --

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- feel would be appropriate to educate. That's all I have, Mr. Chair. Oh, last and not least, March 11th, vote yes for progress. If you vote no, it will be status quo. Nothing will change. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. Ms. Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Well, I was going to suggest that we have a workshop on code issues, because I've been working with Natalie Moore and with West Palm Beach and Lake Worth on some code things. So maybe we should have a workshop and just put everything on the table. I would suggest that, you know, and maybe we could do it in April. You know, there's a lot going on in March.

CITY MANAGER JONES: April?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You know, either April, beginning of May. All right? Be good?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: 'Cause it needs to be addressed.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And not just that issue. There are --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No, not just that one.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- there's several.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. There's --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. There's several code issues.

MAYOR MASTERS: And those were the --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So maybe if we could just workshop it. Are you good with that?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I agree fully.

MAYOR MASTERS: And I do, too. Those were the issues that Reverend Davis was talking about, too, right?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You still have the floor, Ms. Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. I don't think I have anything else. I don't have anything else. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, all I'm going to say is please don't be distracted. We have something to do. I appreciate all of your well wishes and your concerns. And just continue to pray. Not just for me but my colleagues and the City of Riviera Beach. I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

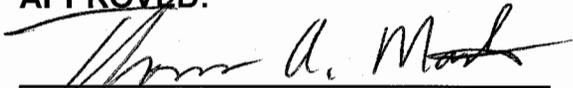
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MAYOR MASTERS: So move.

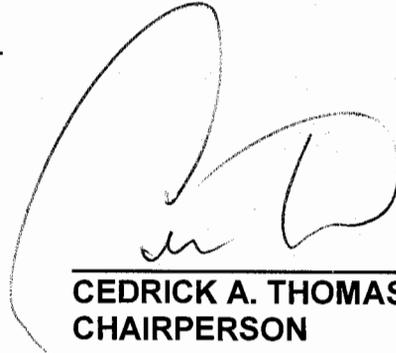
COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So moved.

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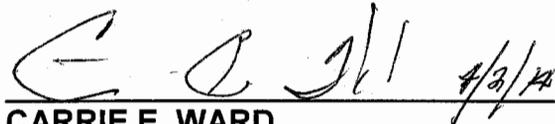


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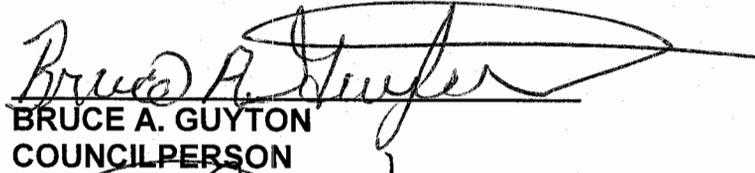
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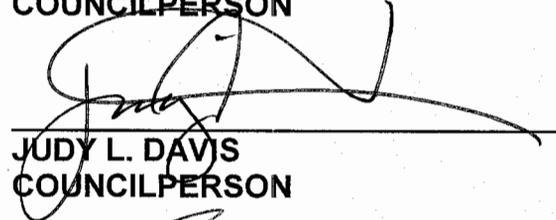
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