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

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CITY CLERK CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Could everyone please have a seat? We're going to start our meeting. Okay. Are we ready?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: We're ready.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Welcome, everyone, to the City of Riviera Beach. Tonight we have our regular City Council meeting. Madam Clerk, roll call, please?

ROLL CALL

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Present.

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

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Judy Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

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

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Tonight we have a guest. We have Pastor Swansea [phonetic]. We'd like to invite you to come up and give the invocation. Would everyone please stand?

PASTOR SWANSEA: Shall we pray? Oh, mighty God, we thank You for this day. Grant us Your presence as we stand here in this room representing this -- the authority that you place here by Your hands. I pray that You will grant them health, peace, unity and stability to the leaders that are represented here, that they may administer this government without fault. The Riviera Council, according to which is well placed in Your sight and may -- and may it be said of them they are performing their duty faithfully today. We ask for wisdom, patience, peace and understanding to them. Give them the hat and the courage of true leadership to work towards a common goal to many issues facing this city and this country today. Bless each individual person here. To You be the glory. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir. I'd like to invite everyone to stand for the Pledge. (Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance).

AGENDA APPROVAL: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you. And thank you, Pastor. Miss Jones, do we have any additions or deletions to the agenda?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, Madam Chair. I would like to request that item number 9 under Public Hearing be deleted. Also on the regular agenda, item number 13. You have received information that for both of these items there's additional work that needs to be done on both of them and we will bring them back for consideration at the appropriate time. In the order on the agenda, I would like to ask that we reorder the agenda such that item number 8 comes after the Ordinances on First Read. So we would do 10, 11, 8.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And there's one addition and that's under Discussions and Deliberations. And that is an update and resolution recommendation on the port legislation moving through the state.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: What number is it going to be?

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so that would be 16A. So we would like to delete item 9 and item 13, add 16A and reorder such that item number 8 comes after Ordinance on First Read.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And, Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, Miss -- Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: There are quite a few members from my church here as it relates to item number 16 and they have a meeting that they have to attend at 6:30 so I would ask if that can be moved up to maybe before Presentations?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Sure. How about we move that item to -- let's make that 5B. We have a 5. Let's make that 5A so that will be right under Awards and Presentations, at the top of Awards and Presentations.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Wait. Hold on, sir. Okay? Are you good with that?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, sir -- yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Yes?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I have three Community Benefits add-ons that -- on all three have previously received donations and they're late because we received information after the agenda close. I would like to add the three Community Benefits onto the agenda, as well.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Do you have all the documentation with you?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, we -- yes, we do.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So that'll be 18A, B and C. Community Benefits by the Mayor. Okay. And then I would like to add an item to discuss the Chair and the Pro Tem. So let's make that item -- where would -- I guess that will be under Discussion and Deliberation.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So 16B?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: 16B. Okay. I guess we're set. All right. Do we have a motion to accept the agenda?

DISCLOSURE BY COUNCIL

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I have a disclosure.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Public disclosure, that is. The last couple days I was a guest of the Government of Bahamas, Freeport, Grand Bahama, and they provided -- I don't know whether they did or got the hotel to -- to do it. But the hotel where I stayed was taken care of by them on that side. And I wanted to make that public, the hotel and transportation, food and whatever, that was done on that side, on the Bahamas side. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Do we have a motion to accept the Consent Agenda?

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

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

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: We do have a public comment card for item 2 on the Consent Agenda. And that is the only item where we have a public comment card. All right? Miss Larson? Item 2.

MINUTES

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD, FEBRUARY 5, 2014.**

RESOLUTIONS

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 17-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY GRANTING THE USE OF APPROXIMATELY 21,050 SQUARE FEET OF UNIMPROVED CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE UTILIZED AS A LINEAR WALK AND GREEN SPACE, LOCATED NORTH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD TO SOUTH OF WEST 10TH STREET, ALONG AVENUE 'L'; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE LICENSE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

BONNIE LARSON: This item is talking about a linear walk and green space located north of MLK to the south of W. 10th Street. Doesn't look like there's going to be a presentation. So I'm wondering what happened to the -- there's -- there was another one of these a couple weeks ago, a couple months ago, regarding the property just -- I think it was just north of this location. It was another couple blocks. They were going to do the same thing. So I'm assuming that is going to connect with this. Have we started the first one? If not, why? And is that true that this -- the first one is going to connect with this one? And why aren't we doing it all at the same time? And when's that going to happen? Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Does anyone have an answer?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Uh, Mary McKinney, Director of Community Development. The CRA and the City Council provided a license to the CRA for a couple of blocks south of MLK and then this one here is a couple of

blocks north of. They're in -- the CRA's in the planning stages for both of them and they're applying for grants so they're proceeding with both of them. The walkways won't have a crossing at MLK. They'll have to go to a traffic signal. But there will be crossings for the streets between the blocks -- let's see, Ninth Street and then Seventh Street. There will be some striping on the streets there so people can cross there.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you. All right. That was the only card we had for Consent Agenda items. Before we make a motion to accept all of the Consent, do we -- are there any Disclosures by Council or the Mayor?

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY , FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JH SPRAGUE CONSULTING, L.L.C. TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION SERVICES ON THE MARINA PROJECT TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARINA RENOVATION AND DEVELOP AND MONITOR GRANT APPLICATION PROCESSES COMMENCING APRIL 1, 2014 ; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FROM THE CONTRACT SERVICES-OTHER ACCOUNT NO. 001-0203-519-0-3406 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $48,000; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 19-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING TOTAL SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER OF WAYDE HIGGS V. CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND APPROVING THE TOTAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNT OF $50,000 AS COMPLETE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF INDEMNITY COMPENSATION, FURTHER LIABILITY FOR FUTURE MEDICAL CARE AND REHABILITATION TO THE CLAIMANT, INCLUSIVE OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS; FURTHER, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE CITY'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT NUMBER 602-0539-513-0-4508 TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE INSURANCE CARRIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION OF FLORIDA IN THE AMOUNT OF $16,522.00; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO SET UP A BUDGET; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Move -- move Consent.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

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

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. That's the end of Consent Agenda. Petitions and Communications for Filing?

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: None.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Awards and Presentations. All right.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

5A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RENAMING OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PRESENTLY KNOWN AS W. 37TH STREET SPANNING FROM OLD DIXIE HIGHWAY TO AVENUE T AS A.C. EVANS STREET AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So moved, first of all.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Properly moved and second.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Madam Chair, if I may?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: A.C. Evans Street?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you, Madam Chair and colleagues.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I'd like to take this opportunity to just address you concerning this -- concerning this item. We have a policy in place that, according to the policy, the street naming policy, IV. Renaming of Streets, which says that, "A street may also be named/renamed to honor a person if the following criteria are met." And one of those is that, "The individual has achieved prominence as a result of his or her significant contribution to the United States of America or to the local community." And C states that, "The City Council determines that the street should be named/renamed in honor of a living person." Well, that doesn't -- that does apply because he is alive. Also, according to the policy, "They shall be made by resolution pursuant to the procedures in this policy and it may be initiated by a City Council person."

Now, what I'd like to do is take this opportunity to share a few things about my pastor, Reverend A.C. Evans, who is the pastor of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor A.C. Evans has been the pastor of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church for 52 plus years. He is the youngest of three sons of John and Lena Tyson. He is married to Ethel Johnson Evans and is the father of six, Marilyn, Armetta, Arthur, Jr., Sharon, Linda and Teresa. And I think some of them are here tonight. He has 10 grandchildren and 10 -- and 14 great-grandchildren. He was born in Flemington, Florida, Marion County, where he was raised as -- in a Christian home.

In 1954 Pastor Evans received the divine calling to the ministry. He -- to prepare for this calling he attended the J.T. Brown Seminary of the Florida East Coast Baptist Association and Florida Seminary in Lakeland, Florida. He has continued to attend seminaries and workshops to keep abreast of -- and gain new experiences to be shared with his membership. And there's a lot more to it but I'm going to tell you a little bit about what he has done in this city.

He initiated and implemented many successful ministries at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church such as the Board of Christian Education, Laymen, Sick and Shut-in Outreach, Youth and Junior Department, Young Adult Department, Crusade for Christ Outreach, Marriage Enrichment, Intercessory Prayer, Media, (Library Film, Audio and

Video), Scholarship Programs, Young Matrons, Transportation Department, Nurses Guild, Orientation Classes, Senior Citizens Music, Vacation Bible School, Youth Revival -- phew, and the list goes on. But as many of you also know that he was very active in getting people approved for their homes. He -- and I'm going to ask one of you to come up and talk but I think that's Deacon Fields. Come up and talk a little bit about that. And, you know, let us know what all he's done. Thank you.

DEACON FIELDS: Good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening.

DEACON FIELDS: And honor to our Chair Pro Tem, our Mayor and all the Councilpersons. I'm Alfred Fields, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church and -- and also a -- a property owner here in Riviera Beach. I stand before you representing the church and its over 250 active members, well over 400 members total. And I stand before you and thanking you for the consideration of renaming this street and for doing so. And it is our prayer that that will pass. But I just want to say that Reverend Evans has been instrumental in so many of the lives of the youth, adults and seniors in this community for over 50 years. He's been the pastor for over 52 years and been in the community for over 55 years.

In that time he was instrumental in starting one of the first day care programs at Mount Olive in the City of Riviera Beach, which has impacted so many of the young people that have grown up in this community and that continue to live and serve in this community. He's been instrumental in many of the housing efforts to bring affordable housing into Riviera Beach, some of the things that he's just poured out of his soul in this community. He -- he remains active even after retirement. He plans to remain active but during his tenure as been outlined in some of the things that are said earlier and not to be redundant, it's so many ministries that through his humbleness, he's allowed to come up and -- and be rooted through Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church that reaches out into the community.

One of the latest ministries that he's -- was instrumental in getting started is our Teen Outreach Ministry. And that Teen Outreach Ministry is one that is active in reaching out to those troubled youths. And that's one of the ministries that he takes pride in and -- and is -- is always talking about our youth and how to -- to keep our youth on the straight and narrow. And just not the ones that are in Mount Olive, but those that are outside in our community. So the renaming of this street wouldn't be just for Mount Olive, but it would be for the entire City of Riviera Beach, honoring a man who not just looked to stay within the four walls of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church but spanned all over the City of West Palm, Riviera Beach, Belle Glade, South Bay, Pahokee.

He didn't confine himself just to 37th Street in Riviera Beach but his -- his -- his span reached far beyond that. And we are here this evening and -- and our prayers are that

you would definitely name -- rename this street after our pastor of 52 years, Reverend A.C. Evans. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Reverend Evans? And I -- and while Reverend Evans is coming up, I'm going to share a story with you. As many of you know, my brother had cancer and was in the hospital in the Hospice wing. And we knew that -- phew.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's all right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- that the time was near. I called my pastor and he was on his way from Belle Glade?

PASTOR EVANS: (Nods head).

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And he told me that, "I'll be there right away." So I thank you for that.

PASTOR EVANS: Just want to say just for the fact that it's being considered, thank you all very much and I love all of you.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: All right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you for the consideration.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. We have one comment card, Bonnie Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: (No audible response).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you, Miss Larson. Okay. Anything else from the board?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Just want to give a little update on the -- some of the background to get -- that caused us to get to where we are. Because of the Sunshine Laws, sometimes it is difficult to speak to elected officials, although the Mayor does have that -- that option, but many times I choose not to. One of the things that happened a few years ago, a couple -- I don't know how long ago. It's been a long, long time. Pastor Evans' sister -- daughter -- I mean, Linda -- Linda? -- came to the Office of the Mayor and asked if we could assist in getting the street named. As everyone know, the Mayor has little voice, no power. But I do what I do.

So we did tell them that to the best of our knowledge, that one of the things that needed to be done was to go up and down the street and get signatures as a petition to get the

street named. And they went out and I'm happily -- happy to report that every person that I know of on that street signed that petition in support of Pastor Evans and that street being named. And I certainly want to thank my colleague who has the voice and has the power, who has the authority to make it happen, Miss Judy Davis, for taking the ball and making it happen. Thank you, Councilperson Davis, and to the Mount Olive family.

But I want others to know that this is not being done tonight -- or hopefully it will pass -- because Pastor Evans is the pastor of Councilperson Judy Davis. She said it very eloquently, "This man here deserves a street to be named because he has pastored one particular church over 52 years and has done so much for this community." So I just want to make that clear that we're not in the business of giving streets named after pastors because you pastor a church. But if you can pastor a church 52 years, you'll get a street, too. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Anything else from the board? Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And thank you for everything you do, Pastor Evans.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Now I'm --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- just -- just going to ask Mr. Johnson, I see you out there. When do we expect that to be done? Soon and very soon.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. Thank you. Let's continue. Item 6.

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

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Amen.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think you have to press this. Yeah. Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Hello once again, Madam Chair and members of the board and to the general public and our listening audience. Sometime ago, as you know, the Waste Management company provided the City with what's called Community Benefit Funds. And each six months in April and October we receive Community Benefit dollars that can be used toward, you know, the people and including our employees. So what I decided to do, I had a little bit of money left over, decided to honor our departments, our employees department by department.

And so far I have done -- provided lunch for Public Works, police and now we are going to honor our fire department. Also we'd like to -- we showcase some of the things that each of these departments do, because many of our employees don't know, you know, all the things that our employees do in the departments. So Fire Rescue. We have Riviera Beach Fire Rescue. It's an organization comprised of 69 members dedicated to serving the fire and EMS needs of our community. It operates from four fire stations strategically located throughout the City to provide optimum response to all emergencies. And the men of women of Fire Rescue strive for excellence in shaping the future of the department and of the community.

Some of the services that they provide are fire and emergency medical response, rescue truck transportation, fire prevention inspections, public education, burn permits, blood pressure screenings, diabetes screenings and hurricane awareness.

And I'm going to just scroll through some of the pictures. Some of them are training. Others you will see are them actually doing their jobs. And then I'm going to ask our chief or his designee to come up and, you know, fill you in on some of the rest. I think this is an actual event, isn't it?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: They are some busy people. I'm sure you know that from hearing the sirens go off.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All day and night.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All day, yeah.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay, Chief? Come on up.

FIRE CHIEF: Thank you, Councilperson Davis, Mayor, members of the Council. Thank you very much for recognizing us this evening. We really do appreciate it and we also like the opportunity to serve the citizens, as well as the visitors to the City of Riviera Beach from a Fire and EMS perspective.

We pride ourselves in knowing that the value to the community is measured by the services that we provide. Every day our firefighters, EMTs and paramedics strive to provide the best emergency medical services possible to the citizens of Riviera Beach. While accomplishing our mission, Fire Rescue is constantly striving to make our city a safe place to live by educating the community, especially our youth, about the dangers of fire and the need for a fire-safe household.

We accomplish these tasks by reaching out to our local elementary schools and other community outreach opportunities. Our Fire Prevention Program is taught by our trained firefighters, EMTs and paramedics, so not only are they out there responding to our fire calls, our car accidents, our structure fires and medical emergencies, we also take great pride in the role that we play in influencing young people to live in a fire-safe environment.

And there's a picture of a crew that was on duty. We also take very seriously our commitment to the community. We do this by participating and organizing screening outreaches, as well as community involvement. And here you'll see a picture of actually a class that we did at the Senior Center at Lindsey Davis where our firefighter, paramedics and EMTs were actually out there doing blood pressure/blood sugar screenings, as well as educating our seniors on the health benefits of staying on top of those two items.

We serve this event with such great pride, as long as I've been with our department. We really like the opportunity to engage with our senior citizens when we have this opportunity as they get honored. And to a person on our department, the first thing they ask is when they come on duty, they know the event is going to be that day. Okay. Who's going? I think it may have something to do with the food that's left over, too, but they are firefighters so -- but again, we really do appreciate the opportunity to interact with the public in a nonemergency basis, 'cause far too many times that's when we see the public. So we really enjoy these opportunities.

With great pride I'm going to tell you a little bit about the emergency medical services we provide. You'll see that I've got three bullet points here: cardiac, trauma and stroke. Those are called alerts. When somebody's having one of those events, we have national standard times that we are commanded and demanded of to achieve cardiac alerts, trauma alerts and stroke alerts. That means that within a small -- very, very small window, somebody who's suffering from one of those significant events is probably pretty close to perishing. We take great pride in the fact of our ability to diagnose, treat and get to a definitive care facility patients who are suffering these significant events. Again, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to serve you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And lastly, usually once we get approval from you to expend the dollars on the following Friday, we provide a pizza and salad lunch for all of the firefighters so we invite you to come out and have a slice of pizza. Okay? Thank you very much.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. We have one comment card. Bonnie Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: I'm glad this came up tonight because a couple years ago there was a controlled burn in our area and I had an opportunity to talk with some of the firemen and I was absolutely impressed with the quality and the technicality of our fire engines. And it's very, very sophisticated. And I think people don't know that. We don't realize. Well, we hear the sirens, like, a million time as day. But we don't know what's in those fire trucks and it's really sophisticated. And I'd like to suggest, while they're still here, that maybe some Saturday we could have a thing for the kids, to have the fire truck open, to show them. Show them the fire truck, show them the equipment that we have on there and how we do heat seeking inside homes and stuff like that. Something -- and maybe a day for adults, too. That would be good. And if we could have some CPR classes, that would be wonderful. We all need to prevent fires and these are the guys to do it. But if they can make a presentation to the kids and then also to the adults, I think that would be a wonderful thing and also the CPR classes so that we're all safer in Riviera Beach. They do a wonderful, wonderful job. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, Miss Larson. Anything else from the board?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: If Miss Larson is impressed with anything we do, I'm certainly impressed. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. Thank you, gentlemen. Appreciate it. And thank you, Miss Davis. That was a very informative presentation.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: You're welcome.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Item 7.

7. PRESENTATION - MAYOR TO PRESENT DEBRA BLUE, STAFF ASSISTANT SENIOR OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, WITH RETIREMENT MEMENTOS FOR 24 YEARS OF SERVICE.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES PERRY: Doretha Perry, Human Resources Department . Would Debra Blue please come forward? Debra Blue commenced her employment as a Clerk Typist 1 with the City of Riviera Beach in April 1990 as a part-time employee. She worked for two departments. She worked with the City Attorney's Office and she also worked in Human Resources. In October 1990, she became a regular employee. November 1991, Miss Blue transferred to the police department, is where she is now retiring from. She was as a Clerk Typist 2 at that time and in December 1993, again, she was promoted to Secretary 2 which we now call Staff Assistant Senior. She worked as the Chief of Police secretary.

Because of health reasons, Miss Blue retired on January 2014 after 24 years of service. Her ratings were excellent to outstanding. City staff would like to wish her the best in her retirement and we thank you for your many years of service. We have a plaque for her and she also selected a personal gift for her retirement. And the -- the plaque reads, "Presented to Debra Blue -- Debra M. Blue, Staff Assistant Senior, for dedicated service to the City of Riviera Beach, October 1st, 1990, through January 8th, 2014, by the Mayor and City Council, City of Riviera Beach."

DEBRA BLUE: Thank you, everyone. I will thank the Lord for bringing me thus far. I would like for my family to please stand. In all your support. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I would make a motion that because Miss Blue has worked successfully here for 24 years, we ought to name a street after her, too.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Congratulations and thank you very much for all of your years of service. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Good afternoon, everyone. Madam Clerk, please let the record reflect that I'm in attendance at this time. And we'll move to Ordinances on First Reading.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. RESOLUTION NO. 21-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING

AN AMENDMENT TO A SITE PLAN LOCATED AT 1481 WEST 15TH STREET FOR A 13.3 ACRE INDUSTRIAL OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE FACILITY FOR THE NEW CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX TO HOUSE FIRE, POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ITEM DISCUSSED OUT OF SEQUENCE)

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. No comment cards. Anything from the board?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I was informed that this is -- this would be the proper place to raise this question and to make the statement. As you know, Mr. Chair, we had a retreat several weeks ago, maybe a couple month -- month or two ago. And we discussed -- which is public record -- about the fire station on Blue Heron Boulevard. Fire Station number 2, which happens to be the busiest fire station in the city. I have asked that that fire station remains open. I have done a lot of work in the neighborhood and in the community and I can tell you beyond a shadow of a doubt that most residents that I have spoken to or who have spoken to others seem to feel that that fire station should stay where it is.

It was the intent of the framers of the charter to locate these fire stations geographically and on main boulevards that would have direct access to north and south. I don't recommend that it be moved south, further south. Then you would -- it would be further away from the northern part of the city. I just saw Pastor Davis walk in, and his church is at Hilltop in the northern part of the city. I'm sure he would love it -- like to have it in his part, in the north part. But I think in all fairness to the south and the north, to leave it on Blue Heron Boulevard serves both communities, both sides geographically.

I understand that when I brought this -- and I usually don't talk this slow but I want to be methodical and I don't want to miss anything. When I did bring this matter up in the retreat, Councilperson Terence Davis and Councilperson Dawn Pardo and Councilperson -- Chair Thomas felt similar, felt that this is something that they could support. I'm hoping now that we have more information, that the other -- my other two colleagues would see that it would be even financially feasible to keep it where it is. There's some discussion the City Manager has had with me and said at least in phase 1, that that should be the -- that's where it should -- if it's going to be considered again, maybe it would be considered in phase 2.

Personally everybody feels -- everybody knows how I feel. I want it to stay there, period. But if it has to be reconsidered in phase 2 or phase 3 or phase 4, then I'm sure it can be redressed -- be addressed again in that forum. But I'm going to ask the -- the rest of the colleagues to support the three who have already supported -- who have already spoken in support of keeping it where it is for right now. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any other questions from the board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, some -- you have a question?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- yeah. Yeah. Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. I support what the Mayor just said. So I just want to make sure that, you know, in this resolution that we're going to pass that the fire station will not be in phase 1.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I believe that's what it's stating.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. I just -- we need to go on record and just make that clear, please.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Councilman Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. Let me just say for the record that I will be supporting what our professionals, the fire department, our administration recommend to me based on data, documents and evidence. And I won't do the politics but it is my desire to ensure that everyone in this community is protected, everyone is kept safe and everyone can rely on our public services. So my decision will be based on the analysis that will be done by professionals. Let me also say, too, there was a comment made about the charter indicated this should be on Blue Heron Boulevard. I'm unaware of that. I'd like to ask our attorney if our charter address where fire stations go.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. And I -- I don't know if the Mayor said that or not, but it's -- the charter certainly does not get into that kind of detail.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No. It's based on --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. All righty. But I just want to put my position on the record, that my position is going to be based on the analysis of the professionals. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Councilman T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I, too, support our Mayor and Councilperson Dawn Pardo, and I do understand my colleague Mr. Guyton as we always like to lean on and look out for what our staff does. But I do support this item as we focus on the phase 1 and then if it -- the phase 2, once it comes back, we will continue to look toward our staff to give us the better things to help move forward with our entire community. But I want to go on the record stating that I do support my Mayor and I do support what Dawn Pardo has said.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. If there's no further questions or concerns, 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: Okay. That will take us to item -- we've -- 14, correct?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: 12.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: 12? Am I still not on -- I thought we deleted it.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yeah. Now we're (inaudible). We'll be (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'm sorry. All right. We're back. We're back. Item 12.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 22-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, FINDING THAT THE REMOVAL OF CONDITION NUMBER 14 IN THE FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY PETROLEUM STORAGE FACILITY DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT LIMITING FUEL STORAGE TO #6 OIL IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT AND WILL NOT CREATE SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL IMPACTS ON REGIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES IN THE AREA; AND APPROVES AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRI TO REMOVE CONDITION 14 OF APPROVAL FROM THE ORIGINAL 1974 DRI THAT RESTRICTS STORAGE OF PETROLEUM ON THE SITE TO #6 OIL; AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRI SITE PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR A TWO PHASE DEVELOPMENT TO RETROFIT AN EXISTING FUEL TANK, ADD A DOUBLE WALL CONTAINMENT SYSTEM, ADD A STORMWATER DETENTION POND, ADD FUELING BAYS, ADD LANDSCAPING, AND ADD A 25K GALLON FUEL TANK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ITEM DELETED)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

10. ORDINANCE NO. _____ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FROM INDUSTRIAL TO COMMUNITY FACILITY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1481 WEST 15TH STREET, ON 13.3 ACRES OF LAND IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PUBLIC SERVICES COMPLEX. (ITEM DISCUSSED OUT OF SEQUENCE)

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. I -- I don't have any comment cards for this. Anything from the board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item 11.

11. ORDINANCE NO. _____AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING MAP FROM GENERAL INDUSTRIAL TO COMMUNITY FACILITY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1481 WEST 15TH STREET, ON 13.3 ACRES OF LAND IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX. (ITEM DISCUSSED OUT OF SEQUENCE)

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. I don't have any comment cards for this item, either. Anything from the board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Item 12.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's 8.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No, 8.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We're going back to 8?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Go back to 8.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Item 8.

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: So first up you'll have Miss Bonnie Larson. Is Miss Bonnie Larson still here?

BONNIE LARSON: I'm coming. I'm coming.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good evening, Miss Larson. You have three minutes to make your comments.

BONNIE LARSON: Evening. I have the age-old question: Who takes care of lights in the City? For the longest time now those lights on Broadway north of Blue Heron have been out at night. Well, who do you call? I can never get an answer. Like, who's supposed to be making sure those lights work all the time? Who are you supposed to report it to? I mean, who do you -- who do you even call? Who takes care of the lights on our public -- on our city streets and who takes care of the lights on our D.O.T. streets within the city? Because it shouldn't be up to us to report. You know, somebody's in charge of that and who is in charge of that because those lights being out -- we only have lights on one side of Broadway now and it's really, really dark. So please tell us -- question for a couple years now -- who is in charge of fixing those lights and making sure they're on on a daily basis? The light I reported in January outside 28th Street and Broadway, Broadway Cleaners, it's been blinking. I reported it in January. It's been blinking for months already. It's still blinking. So it'd be nice if when we come and make a comment, someone took notes and actually followed up on things. I mean, it's a simple thing.

Again, on this agenda, the Disclosure paragraph is missing. We -- we want to have a transparent government. And when things like that are missing, then it doesn't look so transparent to us. So you're giving the wrong impression. By not having a Disclosure statement saying anyone who has any affiliation whatsoever with something on the agenda, in the consent or the agenda items, please speak up at the beginning of the meeting and then again, you know, when this subject comes up. But to have eliminated that, that just -- it doesn't look good. So please put that back on.

I had a question regarding the linear park. I didn't ask if the CRA was still working on it, which was the answer that was given. I asked, like, has that been started or what's the -- what's the deal with the first part, those first few blocks? If it -- if the response was the CRA's still working on it, then why is it on our agenda now if they don't have their act together on all the information? But my question was we approved making a linear walkway a couple blocks connecting with this one that's on tonight's, and I'm asking what's happening with that that we have already approved in addition to the one tonight? I asked a question the other night and I asked the question time from the audience and I was reprimanded for that. So when you're going to give a date on something, please give the date, the day and the time. You know, do -- do the whole thing. Tell us the whole thing.

Oh, all right. Speaking before a presentation is made. That is not to our advantage. That's -- that's not -- that's preventing us from getting the most current information on a subject. So you said it was for the benefit of the speakers. No, it's not for our benefit at all. Because we need to have the most current information before we do our public comments. And the last thing I'm going to mention, the marina. You know, for years

there has never been a sign -- there's -- and I'm not going to say "never," because we used to have a little plywood thing about this big saying "Marina." For years there has not been anything, not even the little plywood thing saying there's a marina there and I'm wondering what's the deal with that? We don't even want to let people know there's a marina there, it seems like. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Now, Miss Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: Yes?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I don't know what agenda you -- you -- you look at but this section on the agenda -- let me tell you where it's at. It's right after Agenda Approval. It says Disclosure by Council. It's there. It's there. Okay? So it's on the agenda. It's always on the agenda. Just so you know where it's at, because I've heard you say that several times. I just want to let you know where it's at.

BONNIE LARSON: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, it's there.

BONNIE LARSON: And --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Our next comment card will be Bessie Brown. Is Miss Brown still here?

BESSIE BROWN: Yes, I am.

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

BESSIE BROWN: Hello. Good evening. You know, we -- I sat out there -- I sat out there over a year. Has -- are you all addressing Mayor Masters' mike and Terence Davis's mike? I just think it's ridiculous. I mean, I've said this over a year and every time you can't hear. You have to say, "Speak -- you know, speak into the mike." Would you all fix those mikes? I -- I mean, they just need to be fixed. And -- and the paperwork and anything that you all are getting from the gentleman about the update on the HR 1229, I'd like to also have a copy of that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you for your comment. Denise Wright. Is Denise Wright here? Going once, twice, and gone. Our last comment card will be Richard Wester. Richard Wester.

RICHARD WESTER: I'm coming.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No problem. Take your time.

RICHARD WESTER: Big as I am, I know you see me.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I do.

RICHARD WESTER: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And glad to see you, too. Good evening, Chief. You have three minutes to make your comments.

RICHARD WESTER: Good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening.

RICHARD WESTER: The fricking mike -- I'm gonna pull this freaking mike down. It's okay to say that, ain't it? Oh, okay. Listen. Chief Wester, retired fire chief, 68 years in this town. Somebody called me and told me the IG want -- up in here looking about them credit cards. I'm so happy. Railroad tracks. I grew up here. It was two crossings that get from Broadway, U.S. 1, to this side. It was Flagler, which is 13th Street and probably Lake Park up there, Park Avenue, only way you can get over here. Back then we were known as Nigger Town. You know, like, Cedrick, what's his name? Shelby Lowe called me, nigger. That's what we were called back then. You know to get to Nigger Town, you've got to go across the railroad track.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Chief Wester, I'm going to ask you to refrain from that language.

RICHARD WESTER: Well -- but -- well, you didn't ask him to refrain from saying "freaking." What's wrong with "freaking" and "nigger"?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Chief.

RICHARD WESTER: What's the difference?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Finish your comments but --

RICHARD WESTER: Well, you -- you cut me off.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and I'm allowing you to have that time without that kind of language.

RICHARD WESTER: Well, I'll tell you -- well, put me out. And I'm gonna say it again. You put -- oh, my goodness what? You're putting the -- the fire station and the police station over there in them railroad tracks. I've been passing out some pictures just showing the people what it's going to look like when that train start passing through there in that alley over there.

Like Bobbie Brooks. Two or three years I've been begging the City to try to get his name on a plaque out front out there. And the City Manager and Bob -- Billie Brooks say, "We're gonna do it Martin Luther King holiday or Black History Day." Well, ain't nothing happen. Last Council meeting they brought up about putting three people names -- doing something for three people, recognizing three people. Two weeks later, it's done. Like I said, I don't know what Bobbie did to you people but it's a shame. And Mr. Thomas, if you're gonna correct me about saying something that you find offensive for you, I found that "freaking" offensive when Mr. Guyton asked -- and he asked if he could say it and everybody said, "Okay. Yeah. No problem." Well, what's wrong with me saying "nigger"? What's the difference?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, come on.

RICHARD WESTER: Don't tell me to come on. I want to -- that's what I want to know. You had a councilman call -- telling me that.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: He didn't say --

RICHARD WESTER: Now you wanna correct me but never said nothing to him.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: He never said (inaudible).

RICHARD WESTER: What'd you say?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I'm -- I just said he never said it publicly up here. He said it outside.

RICHARD WESTER: Well, oh, yeah. Right. Let me talk -- see, I got two seconds down. You took some of my time but I'll make up for it on the Internet.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay, Chief. Thank you for your comments.

RICHARD WESTER: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Next up we'll have Elaine Watson. Good evening, Miss Watson. You have three minutes to make your comments.

ELAINE WATSON: Good evening. Elaine Watson, 633 W. Fourth Street, Riviera Beach. My problem with water entering my house, that was addressed in, uh -- on or around 1986. The City would replenish my driveway with shell rock. I asked the person doing it why was this that -- needed. He explained that this was a low property in that area and it constantly had to be done. At that time I contacted Liz Wade and the Council. They came out and they decided to put -- raise the walkway so we wouldn't walk in the water. And then later on they put the driveway in there. Then the driveway caused water to come into my house. Also because we're in a low area, we get the

water from up the street, down the street and across the street and down in two houses 'cause we're in the valley, like. Okay.

And I already contacted Mayor Masters and Mrs. Ruth Jones. Terrence Bailey and a whole bunch of other people came out to survey it and they came up with a thing of putting some type of cement called pervious which allows the water to drain down into the ground. Okay. They had forced me to get this done fast. We tried to get everybody in on it to say, Look for the old records and see what was going on. This was not a problem that we created. No -- everybody said they couldn't find the records. But I did find mine, thank you. In the meantime, what I'm asking for is the City to look at this area and put in a corrected catch drain to catch that water. Because now it's going down in to the pond again and when you back out on the wrong side of the thing, the -- the ground goes down. It rained the other day and it sunk down again. So now we gotta hump over a five-inch hump. Mr. Danny Jones came out and he said, "Oh, my God. I see what happened here. What are they going to do to plan to finish it?" I said, "I don't know." He said, "Well, I'll get back with you," but nobody got back with me. So I'm asking what do I do next to get this fixed on the other side of the track? I'm not sure how this go because this is the first time I've ever been in something like this and, boy, everybody need to write down what they're gonna say.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you very much, Miss Watson, for your comments. I've been out to Miss Watson's residence a couple of times. First time I actually met with Miss Watson so Miss Jones and Mr. Jones should have already been in process with working with this. So before Miss Watson leaves tonight, please give her an update so that she's comfortable with, you know, what the next steps are. Okay? Miss Watson, that's Mr. Jones, who you already know, and Miss Jones. They'll -- they'll see you before you leave tonight if that's okay. Okay. And Francina McCoy will be our -- uh-oh, I'm sorry. I have -- I have two more that just came in. I'm sorry. Miss Francina McCoy?

FRANCINA McCOY: Hi.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hi. Good evening. You have three -- good afternoon. You have three minutes to make your comments.

FRANCINA McCOY: Okay. My name is Francina McCoy. I have a business -- I opened up a business on Fourth and Old Dixie called Francine's Closet. And so that part of it wasn't doing well. I also had put a grill out there because someone else had had a grill when I came, when I got the business. And -- and I had been barbecuing out there for the past seven months. And then the City came a couple of Fridays ago and closed me down and said that I should -- I have to have certain permits and different things. And so I'm -- I came to you all because I'm -- they asked me to put in -- to get in compliance, to put in a three-way sink and some other items. And to get into compliance 'cause I changed it -- I just changed -- came down here to change the zoning and make it out of, uh, barbecue/gift shop. And they zoned it for that. But I don't have the excess cash to put in all the different things 'cause I had been there seven

months. And I just need a little help with understanding what I really need to do so I can keep my business going.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. This -- this is not the proper venue for that but the Community Development Department, they'll have a chance to talk with you on that. The Community Development director is right there next to you.

FRANCINA McCOY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And if you like, they can give you an appointment or something where you can come in and talk to them. This -- this is not the venue where we ask -- answer and ask questions on those things.

FRANCINA McCOY: Well, I was told by someone to come here and, uh, state my complaint.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You was told by someone to come here?

FRANCINA McCOY: Yeah. To -- and see if I could --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: To the City Council meeting?

FRANCINA McCOY: -- get some help. Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, okay. That's not how we -- how we do it. I don't know --

FRANCINA McCOY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- who told you that but that's not how we -- how we do it. The Community Development director's right there and she'll help you get whatever needs to be done done. So thank you very much for your comment. Next we'll have Derrick McCray. Good evening, Mr. McCray. You have three minutes to make your comments.

DERRICK McCRAY: How you doing? Derrick McCray, 2315 Avenue S, Riviera Beach, Florida. And I'm here because I'm really saddened about the Mayor running around town campaigning for Addie Greene and all the horrible things that she's done to the McCray family and to other citizens in this area. And I think it's despicable that he does that. He should be worried about what's going on in the City of Riviera Beach, taking care of his business here, instead of running behind somebody that he know is no good for office. And it's time for her to get out and it's time for him to get out. It's time that we get a new mayor. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you for your comments, sir. Next will be Sylvia Blue.

SYLVIA BLUE: Good evening, Mr. Chair, members of the City Council.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Good evening.

SYLVIA BLUE: And to the Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

SYLVIA BLUE: On behalf of the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach, we'd just like to say thank you. On March 11th we lobbied you really, really hard for your yes vote to move this community forward. You came forward and we prevail with close to 75 percent. The Mayor supported the effort and we do thank you, Mayor. It was a community effort because it's long overdue. For that effort, for everyone taking time out of their schedules to -- to vote, to even cast an absentee ballot. That's important. This community is important to all of us. We all love our community. So Mr. Chair, members of the City Council, we're ready for the shovels to go in the ground. Let's move forward. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Miss Blue. And that will conclude our Public Comment at this time. We're going to go back to 16A.

REGULAR

12. RESOLUTION NO. 23-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE OCEAN MALL GROUND LEASE-RETAIL WHICH EXTENDS THE SITE PLAN COMPLETION DEADLINE, RECONFIGURES PARKING AND GRANTS THE CITY ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR PARKING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE THIRD AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Been properly moved and second. There's no other comment cards for this item. Anything from the board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you, sir. The family for Sadie Davis McCray -- I didn't know we were going to be moving this fast. I told them around 6:30 so could we hold off on the next item, number 14?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. We'll -- we'll -- we'll revisit item 14.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let the record reflect we'll revisit --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- item 14. And we'll go to item --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: 15.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- 15.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 24-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A GROUND LEASE WITH THE RIVIERA BEACH EVENT CENTER, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A MIXED-

USE COMMUNITY EVENT CENTER; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE GROUND LEASE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ITEM DELETED)

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

14. RENAME GEORGE STREET (FIREHOUSE) PARK TO SADIE MCCRAY PARK.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair, may I?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- yes, ma'am. Councilwoman Davis, you have the floor.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening, again --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- Mr. Chair and colleagues and to the public. This is -- I will disclose. This is a relative of mine. And my family is here. Would you please stand so that you can be recognized? And I'm going to ask Mr. Bob McCray -- I think Bob or Jerry -- which one of you are here? And Bob is a long -- well, he's a retired firefighter from the City of Riviera Beach, also. Thank you. Hey. Okay. Sadie Mae Davis McCray is a long-time -- was a long-time Riviera Beach cab stand owner/operator and community activist. She was born in 1928 in Blountstown, Florida, and moved to West Palm Beach in 1944. She married the love of her life, P.J. McCray, on August 26th, 1944.

After moving to Riviera Beach Heights, Sadie became the self-appointed police chief of Fifth Street. There she is in car 15. And where am I? Sadie and her husband raised 10 children. I -- I'm going to name them: Peter; Emmanuel -- we called Emmanuel EE; Fonza -- Alfonso; Veronica -- we called her Pie; William is Bill; Robert, Bob; Nathaniel, Nate; Jerry, J.P.; Luther and Kathy. She owned and operated a cab stand from 1951 until 2000 out of Riviera Beach and was affectionately known as the lady with the white hair -- okay? -- who operated the Riviera Beach Jitney and drove car 15. She taxied many from Fort Pierce to Miami, often not getting reimbursed because her fares could not pay.

Her family said she told them she knew times were hard for everyone and that she had to help others because someone had helped her and she knew that God would take care of her. Her neighbors say she ruled the street now known as Fifth Street and the park there affectionately called Firehouse. She encouraged children on their way to school or the bus stop to stay in school. Those who grew up in -- on Fifth Street during the '60s and '70s remember Mrs. McCray as a tough lady who didn't mind telling them what they needed to hear or spanking them if she felt that was what they needed.

Her children remember her telling them that a GED was not good enough, that they had to get a diploma or else. And they knew what that "or else" meant. Mrs. McCray was concerned about the appearance of her neighborhood. She got up early to make sure there was no debris in the streets. Told neighbors they needed to take care of their yards or paint their houses. She even mowed their lawns for them or paid someone to do it without telling them she had done so. She also helped register residents to vote, offering free rides in her cab to the polls.

She became active in the political community in 1962 and greatly assisted in getting the first black Riviera Beach councilman elected to office by using her taxi service to transport people to the polls to vote while, at the same time, being chased by the Ku Klux Klan and others. Sadie Mae Davis McCray passed away August 5th, 2012, at the age of 84. And I'm going to have -- oh, he's here. J.P. is here -- Bob and Jerry to tell you the history of the naming of Firehouse. J.P.?

J.P. McCRAY: Originally what they call George Street Park, my mother said when they moved there -- and I pulled the original deed. I had it in my house. I left it in the car. But the closing date on that house that burned August 25th, 1950, my mother closed on that house and my father July the 11th, 1950, and it burned down just a month later. But across the street where the park is now, that's George Street Park, it was a volunteer firehouse. And that's where the park got its name, the Firehouse. But the George Street Park, they went back to 1949 when they started building those homes. The man that built that development, his name was George Charles. Every one of the streets from First Street I think to Seventh Street, if I'm not mistaken --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Tenth.

J.P. McCRAY: Tenth? Help me, Peter. -- was named after one of his kids. Fifth Street was George. I think Irene was Second.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: First.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: First.

J.P. McCRAY: First. First Street. Help me out. I forgot that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Do you feel your help coming?

J.P. McCRAY: But -- but that's how the Firehouse got its name and that's where my mother lived and resided from July 1950 until her passing August 5th, 2012. And that house has a lot of memories and that street and that neighborhood 'cause a lot of us grew up there, me and Bruce, my classmate. Lucinda. Who else I see in here I know from the old neighborhood?

MAYOR MASTERS: Tell them don't hide.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: David Davis.

J.P. McCRAY: David Davis -- that come up. And all of us grew up in the neighborhood and it was a different community than what it was now. Huh?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: (Inaudible).

J.P. McCRAY: Gotta wrap up? And it was a different community from what it is now. It hurts me when I come home -- I live 30 miles south. I live in Delray. I've been in Delray 29 and a half years. And it hurts me when I come home to my hometown to see -- you know, it was a different time back then. When my mother spoke, my mother could say something to other people kids, say, "I'm gonna tell Margaret when you get home," but she'll chastise them. And when Margaret get home -- that was one of our neighbors, Margaret Wise -- she would chastise them again. And that's the way it was back in those days. But I'm honored that y'all put this platform on for my mother and I think it would be a great thing that you're doing. And Bishop Masters, you know, you've been part of this family now 28 years. If I'm not mistaken, you've been in this town 28 years when you came, right? Correct?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Yes.

J.P. McCRAY: Twenty-eight years. You pastorized [sic] my father. My father was one of the head deacons at New Macedonia.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

J.P. McCRAY: And my mother which was a first lady. So -- as deaconess -- so I appreciate it and I just want to say just thank you. I'll leave it to Brother Bob. Come on.

ROBERT McCRAY: No, I don't need to say anything other than I love this city. I never moved out of this city. I lived and played right here and worked in the City of Riviera Beach, the finest city on the planet earth.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And I just have to -- I just have to tell everybody, J.P. is one of those persons who has -- I don't know what kind of memory you call that. But he can tell you the date and what day it was 30 years ago. You know? And -- and I hate him for that. Thank you all very much.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Let me just say for the record that Miss Sadie McCray, the good in me, she contributed to the good. Now, the bad, that's me. That's all on me. But she put not only her kids in the car but my mother kids who was a good friend of

Miss Sadie McCray in her car and take all of us to the football game. One of her sons was a quarterback for Kennedy. I think it was Alfonso. And she would pile us all in the car. But she was a shepherd of our community and I'd just like to acknowledge that because but for people like her, I would not be sitting here today. And I'd just like to thank the family. I know all of them. We grew up as little toddlers, and I appreciate Robert and the rest of them giving back to our community. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Anything else from the board? Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I --

MAYOR MASTERS: Go ahead. I was --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, okay. I didn't want to interrupt Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I was just going to put the motion on the floor but go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I -- I -- I just want to thank the McCray family for their support down through the years of New Macedonia Baptist Church that I happen to pastor and still pastor as a senior pastor now. The McCray family has been an impeccable family in our church, and I want to thank them for allowing me to give the eulogy for their father who was my first deacon in the church and their mother and other members of the family. And again, as I stated in the -- at the service, that we needed to look at that park in that community and certainly rename it after someone not because they were a member of our church and not because a member of the family or anything like that.

But because this is one lady that ought to be in the history -- not just the park, but in the history of Riviera Beach, took a whole neighborhood. She was the code enforcement person. She was the police. She was the -- the -- the citizens on patrol. She was it. And I want to say this is the example to all of us in our neighborhoods. Until we take control of our neighborhoods as Sadie McCray did, we're going to continue to have the trouble and problems that we experience from neighborhood to neighborhood. I always say it doesn't take a village to raise our children or child. It takes the right people in the

village to raise our children. So Miss McCray and husband did that for that street and for that neighborhood. And maybe we ought to look at renaming some of the streets, getting away from 13th and 14th and A and B and H and F and look at people in this neighborhood in -- in our community who have done these kinds of things. Or maybe not in our neighborhood, but there ought to be a street named after the President of the United States. First time we've ever had an African-American president. We ought to have a street named for Barack Obama. So we ought to look at this while -- while people are alive. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair, I'd like to move that Fifth Street -- I'm -- I'm sorry, Firehouse Park be renamed Sadie Davis McCray Park.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Are there any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Is there anybody from the public that would like to speak on this item? State your name, sir. You have three minutes to make your comment.

DAVID DAVIS: I don't need a -- David Davis, 1616 Boardman Avenue in Mangonia Park. I grew up here in Riviera Beach. I know everybody in here. I know everybody here. Miss Sadie Mae Davis, what -- you can take where the firehouse sit and surrounded the firehouse. There were some of the most powerfulest [sic] people, schoolteachers, principals and everybody that live all around the firehouse. But Miss Sadie Mae Davis McCray was the leader of all those people. Every last one of them. I will be very, very happy to pass there every single day because my oldest son lives directly across the street from that firehouse at 521. Yes. Name it Sadie Mae Davis McCray Community Center or Park or whatever you're gonna do, but have her name on it. Please.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you for your comments.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. If there's nothing else from the board, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Absolutely.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Congratulations, family. Okay. I don't quite see Miss Ryan back yet with the port information so we'll go ahead and start Public Comment a few minutes early and then we'll come back to that.

15. RESOLUTION NO. 25-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RENAMING OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PRESENTLY KNOWN AS AVENUE 'T', SPANNING FROM WEST 11TH STREET TO WEST 14TH STREET, AS "CLEVE H. DIXON AVENUE"; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. No comment cards on this. I don't know if Mr. Cleve Dixon's --

MAYOR MASTERS: Family.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- family is here. If -- if you're here, please identify yourself by raising your hand. Okay. No one is here from that family but we will definitely pass it on. We've got this moved a little more quickly. So that's probably why they're not here. But there's no comment cards on it. Anything from the board?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, I -- first of all, I want to thank the City Administrator, City Manager, for making this happen, as well. As you know, Mr. Dixon was the oldest resident in Riviera Beach for many, many years. He passed away -- I think he was a -- I think 107. And one of the things that people even say today, Where did the -- where did the old man lived in Riviera Beach that got to be 107? That's -- that's profound and historic. And many people just want to see where he lived. I said, Well, you gotta come to Riviera Beach 'cause he lived in our city. I want to add that I had the -- the opportunity to preside at the service, the home-going service for Mr. Dixon. And at that service I did announce that that would be something that I wanted to do, that I think it was the right thing to do. I want to thank the Chair who was also at the funeral for saying that he would use his -- his presence and leadership to make it happen. Again, I have no vote. I have no vote, much -- little voice, but I say what I say and I do what I do for the benefit of all the residents. And without the leadership of the Chair and the City Manager, this could not have happened tonight. So Mr. Chair, I thank you. I'm very moved. And Madam Chair, I thank you, as well.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's going to be Mr. Chair 'cause I am a guy, you know? And you -- you're very welcome.

MAYOR MASTERS: I -- I'd forgotten you were here, Mr. Chair. It was -- Miss Pardo was there.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. We -- we -- we -- we do it as a team so the Council definitely needs to take credit in being able to do this and honor that particular resident. Miss Larson, you put all of these numbers on one card, which you know we don't do.

BONNIE LARSON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So we almost missed you. So --

BONNIE LARSON: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- yeah, but it's on item 14. Do you want to speak on item 14 or 15?

BONNIE LARSON: No.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: 'Cause you have 14, 15 and 16. Okay. No problem.

MAYOR MASTERS: She gracefully bowed out.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem. Okay. If there's no further comments, Madam Clerk?

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: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Congratulations to Mr. Dixon's family. We're going to move to --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: 16A.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We've already done 16 so we're gonna go to 16A.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Wait, no. No. We were doing the port.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's 16A.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: 16A.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: 16A is the port.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm sorry, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. I can -- yeah, I can read a little, you know? Okay. Miss Pardo, you wanted this on the agenda? So we'll start with you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: The port? Yes. I asked for it to be on the agenda because it'll be two weeks tomorrow when we started discussing this up in Tallahassee. And I've been getting phone calls from people up in Tallahassee asking what is going on with this. I believe the bill is getting ready to be heard and they are still waiting for the City of Riviera Beach's position.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So that's why I asked for it to be on the agenda.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am. Okay. We'll have -- we have a couple comment cards. We're going to take Miss Bessie Brown first. Good evening, Miss Brown. You have three minutes to make your comments.

BESSIE BROWN: Good evening, everyone. The question that I have is that there's actually no backup on this information. And I'd like to know if there is anything that's appropriate that we could read or whatever, you know, from the update. I'd like to -- I'd like to get a copy of it. Also, it's on here says a resolution is being recommended. I don't actually see a resolution, a resolution in the -- in the book. But I'd just like to have all the information pertaining to this item if it's available, and I'd really like to be able to pick it up tomorrow.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: You can have mine.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. Thank you for your comments, Miss Brown. And actually, it probably should have said something other than Resolution. We just want to resolve the conflict or the issue. So it's not an actual resolution that we'll be sending off. We're going to just discuss it a little bit. And Mr. Manny Almira and Mr. Greg Picken from the port, we're going to extend your time just a little above three minutes if you need them since you are from the port. Mr. Richards, you're going to speak on behalf of the port?

WAYNE RICHARDS: I'm just going to welcome everyone, and thank you. Good evening, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

WAYNE RICHARDS: The Mayor in temporary abstentia, Council, staff, citizens. My name is Wayne Richards. I have the pleasure of serving as the commissioner of the

Port of Palm Beach. I'm in chambers today and I wanted to introduce our Executive Director, Mr. Manual Almira. He's here with us. And our Counsel Greg Pickens [sic]. Mr. Pickens will be presenting today. Mr. Pickens, please come forward. Thank you for allowing us to be here.

GREG PICKEN: Thank you. For the record, Greg Picken, Gary Dytrych & Ryan, and I want to thank the commission for hearing us today. We know there's an item before you that affects both of our entities. There have been some -- and it relates to a charter amendment to the port's charter. There have been some communications between port counsel and city counsel, and I think there had been some hope that an accord would be reached before this meeting. But apparently that is -- that is not the case. What -- I do want to talk about this -- this proposed charter amendment for a moment, though, and explain the port's position on it and why we feel it will be helpful to the relationship between the city and the port going forward.

I -- what I want to bring the City's -- the commissioners' attentions to is the fact that one of the things this charter amendment does do is acknowledge the City as the permitting authority for works at the -- at the Port of Palm Beach District. The current charter and Florida Statute 315 --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Excuse me one second, Mr. Picken. Excuse me one second. This -- what we -- we just received, is this something new than -- other than what we've had?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. That's from the City.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That came from --

GREG PICKEN: Well, I -- I don't know what the --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- (inaudible).

GREG PICKEN: -- I don't know specifically what you're looking at at the moment.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: From our City Manager.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Let me -- what you currently have in front of you is the section as it relates to permitting that he is referring to that is in the current bill. House bill --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Do we have any copies of these for the public?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Miss Monroe can go and make copies. She just grabbed that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let's -- let's -- let's grab some copies for the public.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And this is House Bill 1229.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And this is the latest language that --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Is currently proposed.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Sorry about that, Mr. Picken.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, hold on.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I just wanted to make sure I'm --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's not?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, okay. Let me just make some things clear. Number one, the section that we're talking about starts at line 761 and ends at line 768 so you should note that on your copy.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: The second thing is, is that after we had our phone discussion with a representative from the port -- you were there, Mr. Chair, and city staff -- I spoke with the -- I don't know how to -- to characterize Terry Lewis, but he is the attorney in Tallahassee who apparently put the bill together for the port. And he and I discussed some changes. I told him what my issues were with this language. It's very vague and it gives the impression that the port may or may not come to the City for permitting and that they would only be guided by their charter and Section 315 unless they wanted to, in their discretion, use the procedures outlined in Section 553.791. He understood my issue that it seemed as though they were opting out of Chapter 553 in its entirety except when they wanted to use the alternative process. And he gave -- he provided me with alternate language that was -- that is clearer than the language that you have in front of you.

And it was a very, very good attempt. In fact, he states in his new -- the -- the new section that the port would agree to comply with all applicable provisions of Chapter 553 Florida Statutes, which is called the Florida Building Code. But when I met with staff and we discussed this -- I discussed it with the building official who's the person who

actually does the work for the City, and with his boss, Miss McKinney, our concern was that any mention of Chapter 553 and the alternative method and even 553.80 discussing them in their charter gives the impression that they're opting out of something.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: If you -- everyone has -- everyone has to abide by the building code. We have to abide by it. The port has to abide by it. The County has to abide by it. It's a State building code. So to put it in your charter that you may consent to come to the City gives the impression that you may not or that you may -- you don't necessarily have to follow all of the parts of Chapter 553. And because of that -- and we're all here now so we can all say what -- what is intended. You know, the port doesn't intend to. But in 15 years, in 20 years when we're all gone, and maybe all of us won't be gone, but when none of the people who are sitting here now are sitting here and someone is trying to interpret their charter and trying to understand why do they specifically mention certain parts of 553 and not others, they may come to the conclusion that it was intended to opt them out of certain provisions. As an attorney, I have to look at all of the issues and all of the angles. And you know, staff just thought it was best to just leave it out completely.

This, what they're trying to do, if what they say is true, they're not trying to add or take away from the building code. So if you're not trying to add or take away, why mention it at all?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Exactly.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's really staff's position.

GREG PICKEN: Can I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I was the -- hold on one second. I was the representative from the Council that was helping to -- to move this forward, although I never talked with you. We did talk with your lobbyist. And first let us say that we do not oppose your entire bill. All of the other things that the port are trying to do, we support that 100 percent and are willing to do a resolution to say we support that bill. But we don't support the certain sections in here that take away the ability for the City of Riviera Beach to just essentially govern, you know? Just so the -- the history is out about this, sometime ago the port came to the City for some fees.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Approximately -- what was it, 200,000 or --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. It was exactly a year ago this time.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Permits.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. It -- yeah, for -- for some permitting fees. And the port did not feel that they should pay these permitting fees. Whether they are right or not, we believe that they should have paid them and I must report that they did pay them. Okay? I think the dispute here is that they don't want to have to pay those fees again and that's why we're at this particular juncture. I -- and I'm only speaking of myself, are recommending to my colleagues that we don't support anything that ties the hand of the City to be able to inspect, collect fees, do whatever we need to do for the betterment, you know, of this city. I don't want anybody to feel that I'm recommending that we oppose this total bill because that's not what we want to do. We only want to protect the interests of the City of Riviera Beach and its ability to be able to govern itself on those issues. So with that being said, you can finish your -- your presentation.

GREG PICKEN: Thank you. Thank you, Pam, and thank you, Mr. Chairperson. What we're looking for here is actually -- and it is not to not have to pay fees. What we're looking for in this language is to -- and -- and we can address that language as -- as we may need to to have it say this -- is to apportion those fees based on the level of services provided in connection with plan review and inspections. And that's what we're -- that's what we're looking to accomplish. Currently the -- the charter says that -- and I know we -- this is one of -- has been one of our points of argument here, but is the interpretation of this language -- of this existing language. The exist -- the existing language says, "Except as provided in this charter, the approval or consent of any other political subdivision or political body, agency or instrumentality of the State of Florida except the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, shall not be required for the approval, grant or exercise of any of the powers, both general, special -- general and special granted by this charter." So we felt that acknowledging the City as a permitting authority under the Florida -- and -- and to abide -- and abiding by the Florida Building Code as through the City, and -- and acknowledging the City as a permitting authority was a positive. And -- and I'm hearing that there may be -- that there's some --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, I'm saying -- I'm saying that that particular paragraph what you just read from, to me it says clearly that you do not have to come to any of the other agencies for this. So for me, my recommendation would be to not do that. And I think that staff recommendation is parallel with that. But we'll discuss it. This is a good time to do it.

GREG PICKEN: I -- thank you. I just wanted to clarify, that's what our charter says right now. Our existing charter says that. That's not a change we're looking for. That's what it says right now.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am. Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So your charter, we don't have a copy of that in front of us.

GREG PICKEN: I'm -- I'm sorry. I'm -- I'm hard of hearing and this is a -- this is a difficult environment for me. So --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Your -- are you saying the port -- the port's -- when you say your charter, are you referring to the port's charter?

GREG PICKEN: I'm referring to the port's charter.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. I don't have a copy of the port's charter in front of me. But what I'm -- I want to make sure -- maybe you're trying to clarify your charter, clear up your charter language. But, you know, with this bill, I have a problem with the language that our City Attorney has indicated, lines 761 through 768, because according to Florida Statutes, you have the authority to use or not use, you know, our personnel for, you know --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Inspections.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. For inspections or not. So that's already clear.

GREG PICKEN: Uh-huh. That's true.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So I -- you know, I don't know what the reason for that being in here is. And as far as your charter, that's something that you can do with your board.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

GREG PICKEN: Okay. Just -- and just --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. --

GREG PICKEN: -- I -- I just would like to clarify for a second, this page that I think you all have in front of -- front of you, which is page 30 of 61 --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

GREG PICKEN: Okay. That's the page. Then what I -- I just want to -- and this is just for the purpose -- purpose of clarification. I'm not trying to continue to argue a point or

support my point. I wanted to make it clear that that language that I read to you before about other approvals not being necessary, that is in our existing port charter.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It is.

GREG PICKEN: And that is the -- that's the language between --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Oh, okay.

GREG PICKEN: -- lines 748 leading up to 761. That's existing language. So -- so since it said we don't need any other approvals --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Wow.

GREG PICKEN: -- I -- I thought it was -- would be considered to be beneficial to say except that we are going to the City for our permitting and plan review.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Chair, if I could just -- I just -- I need to ask --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

GREG PICKEN: Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- I -- I need to ask Mr. Picken. I need to get him on the record for this. So are you saying that you -- it is your position that right now the port does not have to follow the Florida Building Code?

GREG PICKEN: That -- that -- well, let me put it this way.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Based upon this language?

GREG PICKEN: That's the position that the port has taken between the interlocal agreement and the port's charter.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Wow.

GREG PICKEN: That's --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

GREG PICKEN: -- the position the port has taken. However --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I -- okay.

GREG PICKEN: -- we -- that -- we would like to get past that with the City and -- and have that not be a continuing --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I see.

GREG PICKEN: -- source of conflict or a thorn in --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. Mr. --

GREG PICKEN: -- in each other's sides on that particular issue.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. -- Mr. Picken, Mr. Picken, okay. I'm gonna let you stay at the mike. But you're gonna -- when I say okay, you're gonna have to let us -- okay. Miss Ryan, Mr. Picken said something in terms of that's the port's interpretation of it. Do you agree or disagree with that?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, we have always disagreed with that but I think it would be worthwhile to clarify that language in your charter. I mean, and I don't know if this is exactly the language that needs to do it. But if, you know -- I'm pretty convinced that you are subject to the building code, the Florida Building Code. But to the extent that it helps to clarify it for the port going forward, then we certainly need to have some kind of language in here or we need to take some language out that -- that gives that impression.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Pickens, on that page that you just referenced, page 30, line 761, you indicated that you did acknowledge that we are the permitting authority. But that first sentence gives me a different impression where it says --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: "May."

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- "The district may consent to plan review," which to me -- I'm not an attorney -- "may" means that --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Possibly.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- we may or we may not. It does not say "must." Those are two different wording and interpretations. So I'd like to clarify what does "the district may" to you mean with respect to having to comply with our City and the Florida Building Codes. And -- and let me also say I've -- I've -- I've never experienced -- I've been in government over 20 years -- where someone didn't have to comply with Florida Statutes. I'd be interesting to --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to hear how you came to that conclusion that you don't have to comply with the Florida Statutes, as well.

GREG PICKEN: Okay. Thank you, Councilperson. First of all, I was -- I was sent here with instructions to remove that sentence. And -- and that --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Well -- well, we need to go no further. Let's go to another one, then.

GREG PICKEN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I don't want to belabor things that we don't have to --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, so that's going to be removed?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Wait a minute. Let's make sure that we have what you're --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: He's saying (inaudible) --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So the --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold -- hold on, guys. Hold -- hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I thought I had the floor.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second. You do have the floor. I need to make a clarification here. The sentence that you're removing, sir, is line 761?

GREG PICKEN: It's the sentence that begins at 761.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: "The district," yeah.

GREG PICKEN: And some -- some language had been sent to Attorney Ryan that -- that modifies the --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Where is that language now?

GREG PICKEN: -- the next two sentences, as well.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Where is that? Where is that?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I have that. And that's the language that I shared with staff.

GREG PICKEN: I have that here if that would be helpful to the discussion.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. We were looking at it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'd prefer to pass out my version.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: May -- may I follow up with the question?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second, Mr. Guyton. Listen, we can't be operating from two different documents. So this is what we're going to do. We're going to -- we're going to pause on this for a minute. We're going to move the item. We're going to move to the next item. Bring the documents that we need and we'll revisit it after we do the next item so that we're all looking from the same document. Okay?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

GREG PICKEN: Thank you for your courtesy.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Okay. We're going to move to --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, Mr. Chairman, I have the floor when we return to this item.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: If you'd like to finish saying whatever you gotta say now?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. Not right now. I -- when we return to revisit, I have a couple more questions I was pointing on -- okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're going to move to item 14. Since the family of Miss McCray is here now, we're going to go to item 14.
(Other business was conducted at this time).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And Mr. Guyton, before we finished you asked to have the floor first so by all means.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I -- I'll yield to an update from our attorney.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Chair, thank you for giving me the opportunity to meet with the port representatives. We talked about some different language and I think we are very close to a resolution somewhere between don't put anything in there at all to not having the City be paid any -- any fees. However, as lawyers, you know -- it was Mr. Wayne Richards and Mr. Picken and myself as -- we're three attorneys so it's very difficult for three attorneys to agree on -- on language. And frankly, I think Mr. Picken came with marching orders and he can't really go much further than what his board allowed him to. So what we're recommending is that you all allow us to work on language. I think I understand better today than I have in the past what they're -- the real issue is. And I think we can come to a compromise that will allow this section to reflect what Florida Building Code has, but to give them the leeway to feel good about the fact that they can opt out if they use the appropriate procedure under Chapter 553. So I don't know if this can wait until the next agenda with a proposal. I have --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It can't.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- told them that we will meet on April 2nd and we can have a final document. I can circulate something in advance. I -- Miss Pardo, you're saying it can't. I understand that it is going to the House in the next few days.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Correct. Or -- all right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: May I make a comment --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Sure.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- sir?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So why don't we at least send something up to Representative Rooney and let him know that, you know -- that we're working together. You guys have a port meeting tomorrow, correct?

GREG PICKEN: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So are you going to bring this to your commission tomorrow?

GREG PICKEN: Yes, we will.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, Miss Pardo --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- what do you think?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- my only issue -- my only issue with that is --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- we're providing a lot of leeway to the port.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: They obviously don't want to make any decision without their board approval.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. And we can't, either.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And I'm fine with telling Representative Rooney that we're still in the works. But if this does not change, I am opposed to it the way that it states. And I don't want to play this -- that's fine. We want the same respect that we're giving them.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Along for their board to say, We agree with those.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: That's right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It needs to come back before this board.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I agree a hundred percent. So let it go to their board.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's fine.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It'll come back to us the first meeting in April. But in the meantime, you know -- and we can get a consensus from the Council to send a letter up to Tallahassee so at least they know that the City is trying to negotiate something in good faith.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: With the port.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I don't have a problem with advising Representative Rooney that we are still working on language as long as there is not an impression that we have come to some agreement or conclusion at this point.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Agreed. Agreed.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Before it comes back to us. So if the language is only that we are making progress and we're still working on it, but it has to come back before this Council, I have no problem with a letter of that nature.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I agree with you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. -- one second, Miss Davis. He wants to --

WAYNE RICHARDS: I was not authorized by my board to speak on this matter. I'm here on an -- I was here on another matter but I will tell you the conversations with your City Attorney and our attorney was -- and our -- and director was very positive. It was very congenial. It was very positive. A lot of progress was made. Miss Pardo, I'm unaware of the timing in Tallahassee. Are you aware of the -- of the (inaudible) --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: They're hearing the bill next week. I think it's next Tuesday.

WAYNE RICHARDS: Is that the House and Senate or simply the House?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I believe just the House is hearing it.

WAYNE RICHARDS: So we're making progress. I do not want to say that we do not want to vote. I'm not authorized to say that. We are making progress, though. And if you do not -- if you're not going to vote in the affirmative today, please see us as soon as you can.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

WAYNE RICHARDS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair, I -- I'd like to hear what our attorney thinks regarding that matter as far as sending the letter and you know, if it's -- if she will have an input in it, if she agrees, for me to be comfortable with it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, I'm -- I'm not going to pretend to be familiar with how the -- how much weight these things carry.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But simply writing a letter that says we're working on it; we have not made a decision, we -- we're -- we're uncomfortable -- I think we should say we're uncomfortable with the language as it sits in the bill right now.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So you'll be participating in the drafting of this letter?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: If you want me to.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Absolutely.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Absolutely.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, yeah. The -- I think the attorney should do it.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, who did we think was gonna write the letter? We definitely wasn't going to -- I mean, we weren't going to let the port write it. I mean --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I mean, you know, I know it's --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- we -- they -- we definitely wasn't gonna let the port attorneys write it.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No, no, no. No.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I mean, that's a -- it's not if --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah, but --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- yeah. Well, here's your directive. Yeah, you will write the letter, not the port. Okay. All right. Anything else, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No, that's all.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So right now we're just going to move past this. No action on it at this time. We've come to a consensus of what we wanted to do. Thank you. We'll continue to -- to discuss that. All right. We're going to go to 16B, Chairperson and Pro Tem. I believe Miss Pardo, you asked for this?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, I did. I asked for it only because the -- last week our agenda went up on the website and it was up for maybe 45, 50 minutes, and then it came down. And when the agenda went back up the following day, the discussion regarding changing the seats was omitted from the new agenda. So you know, I think I -- I'd like to know why it was omitted and are we not going to change until, you know, next year or the following year? You know? There was no discussion on it. So that's why I brought it up.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, I took it off the agenda. The agenda as it stood should have never been published until I had given the approval after I've talked with Miss Jones and everybody gotten whatever items that they wanted on. But I -- I took it off. As I said then and as I say now, the charter reads one way. But at any time, any meeting, if the board wants to have a different chairperson and a different pro tem, you can make a motion and that can be done at any particular time.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I think that it's pretty clear that every year we select a chair and vice chair. And -- and our charter does not state anything about any three-year term or any two-year term or anything of that nature. And as a matter of fact, I printed out the minutes from last year so that, you know, everyone could see it. And when our -- our City Clerk at that particular time stated that you were going to be chair for the next three years, we made it very clear that, no, that was not the case. And even you indicated that, no, it's only for one year. So that was perfectly understood. So I think that your taking it off the agenda was -- was pretty disingenuous and, you know, you may be chair but, you know, I -- I just think that to try and -- and circumvent the process is -- is wrong.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Now, I'm not gonna let you say that I was disingenuous about --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I already said it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- anything. I'm not disingenuous about anything. The -- it states every reorganization in the charter. I've said then and I'll say again now, if the board wants to make a motion to have a different chair and a different vice chair, they can do that at any time. It's --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: It's always done that way.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- it's a matter of a motion. You can do it at any time. What -- however it is that you want to do it, you can operate in it. You can do it. The board can make a decision when it is ready to have whoever they want to serve as their chair and vice chair.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And all I'm saying, Mr. Chair, is that it is done every year and it's always agenda'd.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No problem. I am not going to belabor that anymore 'cause I've said we can do it at any time and that means any time. So if someone wants to put it on the agenda, it can be agenda'd at the very next meeting or it can be agenda'd right now like it is.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I move that Miss Pardo be our chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's been properly moved. Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

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

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I have a general question about procedure. And -- and let me just say it's my opinion that everyone up here is qualified and would be a good chair. I'm not debating who, when or where. And I have absolutely no interest in being the chair. Let -- let me put that out there. But I -- I -- I guess if we were going to do it, I would have hoped that we would have done it in a normal way where everybody or -- or if anyone else had a recommendation, they can put it on the floor. And then whoever is recommended, then the board votes on the names that hit the floor. Um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: We can do it that way, too.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- but -- so -- but I -- I -- you know, I don't know -- and I never had an interest of being a chair. I'm here to serve the people. I don't need to be in the leadership capacity to say I'm the chair. But I don't want this process to divide us as a board about who's going to be chair, who's not going to be chair and who was it last year and all that. I don't -- I don't get into all that. So you know, there's a motion on the floor. We're gonna have to entertain it. But my question is, is it anybody else up

here on the dais who has a desire to be the chair? I think that's the only fair question to ask because if there is, we need to do it in a different way so that those who have an interest would have an opportunity to also be entertained.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I rescind my motion and I'm going to make a different motion that we open it up for nominations.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And -- and my question is, this remains the same. I would like to know if there are any of my other colleagues up here who may have an interest in being the chair.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Make the nomination.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I -- I -- I have an interest in it.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I have an interest, also.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And of -- of course everyone has an interest in it. It really shouldn't have been done like this.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Why'd you take it off?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It could have been an agenda item but obviously a change wants to be made. Now, I'm just being frank and upfront about this issue. If you want it to change, it changes. If it's three people that want to be chair, it's fine. However you want to do it, it is. But I'm not going to fight the board for it. I think it's inappropriate to change a chair spot in the middle of a meeting. But if that's the way that we want to do it, that's fine. The motion had a second and a -- it was rescinded.

MAYOR MASTERS: I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You -- wait a minute. She put another motion on the floor that you want to open this up for nominations?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a second to that motion? Okay. It dies for lack of a second.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. I'll move that Mr. --

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, I have a question.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- that Miss Pardo be --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- nominated -- be appointed as Chair.

MAYOR MASTERS: Question for clarification.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The motion is for Miss Pardo to be appointed as Chair. Is there a second? That dies for a lack of second. Miss Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. You know what, Mr. Chair? Like I said, I brought this up because it was on the original agenda and then 50 minutes later the agenda came down and it was removed. So if you would like to put this on next -- or, you know, our next meeting, I have no problem with that. But, you know, I --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I -- I would support that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- like I said, it just needed -- you know, there needs to be the discussion. And --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's not a problem. And I've already stated that Miss Ward has stated that the charter says every reorganization, and it was not a reorganization. Before I pulled that off the agenda, I asked two questions. Miss Jones, did Miss Ward say that this needs to happen or did a council person request for this to go on the agenda? Her response to me was no to both of those questions. Therefore, I pulled it off the agenda. Period. Not to keep it. You can remove me or any other chair whenever you like.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Miss Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: What does our charter state as it relates to chair and vice chair?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, someone was kind enough to provide a copy so I have it right in front of me.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I did.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'll just read it. That makes it easiest. "The City Council shall elect from its members a chairperson who shall act as Mayor during the absence or other disability of the Mayor and during such time shall have the exercise of -- shall have and exercise all the powers and duties of the Mayor and shall be entitled to vote on all questions. The chairperson shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. The Council shall provide for a chairperson pro tem to serve in the absence of the chairperson. The Council may, by ordinance, restrict or limit the authority of the chairperson to exercise the veto authority of the Mayor."

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And my point in -- in providing that is that it absolutely says nothing about a reorganization or about any election or anything. And I'm simply saying that, you know, this is just something that takes place every year. Your minutes that were provided dictates that it was understood it takes place every year. Now, I'm going to make one last motion that this be placed on the next agenda.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been moved and properly second. Does anyone have any additional questions or concerns?

MAYOR MASTERS: I -- I do.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: It's a point of clarification and it's to the attorney. There is something that's called the original intent of the -- of the law that was passed. And that's when we kind of go back and look at the original intent of the framers of the charter. Now, for me it -- it doesn't take a rocket science degree or political science major for me to figure out that changing the chair or having a new chair every year aligns with the fact that we possibly could have a new Council every year. That was -- the original intent was to -- to -- for me, if I was the judge and I would look at that and I would go back and I would ask the question, What was the original intent? Was it just a year? Does this happen every year? Was it a year just because of a certain date of a fiscal time or the change of the -- the moon or whatever? But it seems to me -- just to me -- that the original intent of those that wrote the charter, that the election and the chair were to go hand in hand, were to be parallel.

Now, since we don't have elections anymore and they're every three years, then it seems like to -- to me, that whenever there is an election, there should be a motion for a chair. And it doesn't -- and, you know -- and I do support moving up, whenever that happens and whoever's in the second place and -- and it's -- it is Dawn Pardo.

Whenever that happens, I always support moving the second person up, because if the second person has been co-chair or vice chair or pro tem or whatever you wanna call it, pro tem chair, then that means they're qualified. They've had the experience to move up. And I think they should. However, I just think that the original intent was to parallel the selection of a chair with an election.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: That's -- that's just me based upon reading it and knowing the -- and the other thing, Madam Attorney, is the intent and also the -- the precedence here is that it's always been a year but it's been a year every year because there was an election every year.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: And that's kind of how I see it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. All right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Had we had -- so my question is --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah. What is your --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold -- hold on, Miss Ryan.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- my -- my question is, have we had in the past -- and I'll rest my case -- an election or selection of a chair when there was no election?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, Miss Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: First of all, I don't believe, in my tenure at the City, my -- oh, I think 17 years -- we've always had an election. So you're -- I can't speak for what happened before I got here. But we've had an election every year. So I can't speak to what occurred when there was no election because until we changed the charter, there was always an election. Number two, the Court only looks at the -- your intent when there's ambiguity. There is no ambiguity here. It says, "The chairperson shall serve at the pleasure of the Council," which means you can remove the chair any time you wish and you can appoint a chair any time you wish. It has been the practice of the City to do it after the election.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: There is no document that I could uncover -- and I looked. I'm not saying there isn't one out there but I looked. I looked in the code. I looked in the old charters. This language, aside from the last section, was the language that was in the charter in 1973 and the one before that. There have been five charters. So -- so the point is, is that at any point you all could -- you can make a change. And, you know, it could have been done right after this election. I think that's -- what Miss Pardo and Miss Davis are saying, is that we've always done it after -- well, one should say we've always done it in the month --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Every year.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- month of March or in the month of April every year instead of saying after an election. It just so happens to be after the election. But I would suggest that because we don't have an election every year, that perhaps you want to deal with this issue in an ordinance or in a resolution; however, we will never take out the option of the City Council to remove or appoint at any time. When it says serve at the pleasure, that means you can be appointed or removed. And so even if you put it in a -- a resolution or a charter that says it's going to be held in March or April every year, that will never relieve the Council of their ability to remove a chair or appoint a different chair at any point.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Attorney, I -- I get that. And I understand that. And maybe there -- there is not a question of intent. But certainly as you allude to, the practice has been --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- that there would -- there -- in the past, the practice has been. In the past the practice has been that there will not be a selection of a chair until there was an election. That's been the practice. And that's my question, was for you to state on the record that that has been the practice. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No. That's --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Excuse me, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I want to revert back to -- to when we had the retreat. This was one of the discussions that was briefly discussed on how the chair was being selected from the previous years. And it's to my understanding that it wasn't about the election; it was by each year.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: And in those conversations, I remember Miss Davis, you talked about how one year she was missed but we want to stay consistent with each year. And I remember the board talking about that one year, not any election. So I want to make sure that we can talk about and be consistent about each year. Each year are we going to have the understanding that we're going to have a choice whether we can have -- I could say, Well, I would like to be chair, or someone else like to be chair, and we can have these discussions each year. If you do a good job like you always do and this board want to continue using you, then we can do that. But in that meeting it was about that year. And I remember Miss Davis was talking about us staying consistent on what we're going to do moving forward with our process. That's all.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- one second, Miss Davis. I can't say that this board, even prior to me, have been consistent with that. I know for a year -- there was a three-year period where Councilman Snyder was chair. Back here Miss Pardo and Miss Davis stayed chair and vice chair two years back-to-back. As a matter of fact, as I pointed out in that same meeting, Miss Pardo has been in a leadership position all but one year that she's even been elected. For five years she's either been the chair or the vice chair. I also pointed out in that fact that I was chair in 2008. Nothing again until this past year. So for two years out of my seven, I've done whatever this board has asked me to do. And I am willing to do that again. I'm willing to serve at another capacity if that's what the board chooses.

I will not make this a political thing because my only goal is to run an efficient meeting, move the City forward. If the board, my colleagues decide that they want something different, you can do that at any time, period. Any time. You know? And -- and that's where it's going to stay. If you want it agenda'd, there's no need for a motion, even though one is on the floor for it. It'll be agenda'd, period. Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, Mr. Chair. And those particular times that you talk about concerning who was chair, vice chair, it was voted by this Council.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And some of it was led by you. So, you know, I'm simply talking about, you know, it's -- it appears it was made political by the mere fact that it was taken off of the agenda.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And -- and -- and I -- I understand what -- what you're saying, that that was not your intent. Okay. But my take on -- my reading of the charter or what I think it's supposed to do is to give everyone an opportunity in a leadership role. Okay? So -- and I think the County does it. Every other municipal government that I know of does it. And when we talk about how it was done before, it was agreed to by those members to do it that way. So, you know, I -- I just think that we need to do what we say we're going to do.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Any more questions?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair? Yeah. Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Let me just make some closing comments real quickly and we can entertain the motion. First of all, I'm still trying to figure out this fascination about the chair. I -- I -- I -- I -- you know, 'cause it's really escaping me.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm -- I'm -- I'm really not enamored, you know, because to be an effective elected official, when I get on this dais for issues important to me, I work hard to get two more hands to go up.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That makes policy. So all this other stuff about the title and I'm -- I -- I don't get into that. But let me just say it was my hope that we just followed a similar procedure.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's the only reason why I questioned how we were doing it. And I have no problem with it being annually. And if we're going to do it, the normal procedure is open it up for nominations. If there are others that would like to be it, I just thought that it would be fair for them to be able to express that interest. Again, I have no interest. My interest is to see two more hands go up with mine on issues that are important to me. So we're ready to entertain the motion whenever you're ready, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are there any other questions, concerns, unreadiness? All right. The motion on the floor is to have this agenda'd for our next meeting. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

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

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I'd also like to -- for my colleagues to consider, I tried to bring back a charter review committee so that, you know, this could be corrected, as well as a few other things that I thought needed to be addressed in our charter. So this is something that we can address by resolution and if I may, I'd like to move that we -- since the charter does not address when chair and vice chair are selected, that it be done on an annual basis in the month of March or April.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: There's a motion on the floor.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Was there a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

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

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: On the question -- yes, I have a question to the attorney.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Is this procedure one that would solidify a position on this issue legally? How -- I just want to --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm -- let me -- let me get a little more clarification on what Miss Davis is asking for. You're asking for a charter change? Is that what --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No. I'm -- it is a charter change that can be done by resolution. Since the charter does not address when the chair and vice chair is (inaudible) --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So you want to do a resolution that --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- clarifies it?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: That clarifies it. Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. Yes. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: If -- if the board chooses to do so.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And as I said, the only section -- it just has to comply with the charter.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Absolutely.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Which says that you can be -- you serve at the pleasure. And it will state that.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Absolutely.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I've got a follow-up question, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Now, I know that there are some areas in the charter that do not require it going back to the people. But most things in the charter do require that. So obviously you're telling us that this is one of those areas that does not require us taking it back to the people?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No, no. That's not what I'm saying.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Now the entire charter requires you to go back to the people because you -- before you changed the entire charter in 2008 you didn't have to do that but now you do.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: What I'm saying is, is that a resolution -- this is vague. It just says you serve at the pleasure. It does not tell you how the -- the chairperson is selected or when the chairperson is selected. All I'm -- and you can do that. I'm saying you can do that by ordinance or resolution. However, you can't run against the charter. And the charter says you serve at the pleasure. So you can't say in a resolution, I choose the next chairperson for the next year --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- or two years who can only be removed by four-fifths, by a super majority.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You know what I mean? Because the charter says you serve at the pleasure of the Council, which means that if three people vote to get you out, you have to go. And so you can't --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So we can move forward.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- you can't try to avoid the charter by passing something that is in contravention to it. So we'll make sure that we do that, that it will be a -- a resolution that complies with the charter but also gives you some direction on how you want to move forward in the future.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And just one more thing, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: If we plan to make this permanent it would be my recommendation that -- since it's just administrative, that we do at some point put it back on the ballot and let the people ratify it and keep it moving. But since it's in the charter, it's my hope that we would allow this administration change to go back to the people just to keep it clean.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Wow.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'm just going to say what I think about this. The reason why I'm not going to support this motion, because I think that we need some public input on it. It's that it was a pop-up motion. We've already said that we were going to agenda this item. We probably should have just waited till the item was agenda'd so that people can speak on it. But it is a live motion and it will be addressed.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I -- I think the motion is only to --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, the motion --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- bring something back.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's not --

CITY MANAGER JONES: On the next agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. She didn't even say next agenda.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- how I understand it. That's --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You didn't say the next agenda.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's not how I understand it.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I (inaudible) this to be voted on now but, you know --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- if you want to, you know -- I don't -- I don't see where it's an issue. We're just clarifying that the nominations will take place on an annual basis.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: A question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: If it dies it dies. And, you know, somebody else can make a motion.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. My -- my question is this. If it's going to the people, which I don't understand that, but if it -- if it does, then it has to be an ordinance, doesn't it? Not a resolution?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Are you asking --

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm asking the attorney. I'm sorry.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. I think that there are different issues being discussed right now. I -- Mr. Guyton is not saying not to move forward with the resolution. He's saying that eventually he would like it to be one of those issues that goes out eventually to the -- to the people in a charter. I'm -- I'm sure that Mr. Guyton isn't suggesting that we have a special election just to deal with this issue.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No.

MAYOR MASTERS: No. No. That's not what I'm saying. I'm saying is if it goes to the people, would it go as an ordinance?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It would absolutely go as an ordinance.

MAYOR MASTERS: Not a resolution, 'cause it -- it would go as an ordinance.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: To put it on the -- to put it on the ballot, it would go as an ordinance.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's what I thought. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- it -- it's -- it's really senseless because it says you -- at the pleasure. So it doesn't matter when you did it or how many times you did it. You can change them every month if you wanted to because it says at the pleasure. I really don't understand what all of the extra stuff is about. But I mean, we can do it however you see fit. So the motion is what Miss Davis stated, was to do it every year in March or April. And it was second. Are there any additional questions or concerns?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: With -- with "at the pleasure," would that still be added, still be a part of that?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. All right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I think the issue is we just want to make sure that next year this doesn't happen, that the chairperson determines themselves when this issue is going to be -- you know, when the issue will come back.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I get you. And I'm -- I'm good with that. I know that I'll have a chance to get some clarification from the clerk's office, Miss Ward. I know that she's not feeling well right now. But I do want to get, you know, information on how it's, you know, interpreted, as well. And that can be discussed at the next meeting. So --

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir?

MAYOR MASTERS: Just -- I just want to make this statement because I -- I -- it's important for me to say it. I want to say that I don't want anyone to think that because there's a motion or there's discussion on this that we're -- that I am or any -- I can't speak for anyone else. But I just want to say that I appreciate what you've done. I think you've done a great job as a chair. And I'm out of the loop most of the time on everything so -- but if anything comes up, if there's a -- a change or has to be a change or whatever, certainly I support Dawn Pardo. But I just want to be on record that I support the chair and I don't really see a need of doing anything until there's election.

But that's just me because that's the practice. And I think when we start changing the practices, then we kind of get ourselves in trouble unnecessarily. But I just want the record to -- to reflect that you have done an excellent job as chair and I appreciate what you've done.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, Mr. Mayor --

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- let me further let the record reflect that I thank you for that. Too bad my colleagues don't feel the same way.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, don't say that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's not true, sir. That is not true.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But I thank you -- I thank you for that, Mayor. I was joking. Take it easy.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's not true.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Bring it down a peg.

MAYOR MASTERS: You know Dawn. You know that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm joking. It's fine. I was joking. Motion is on the floor. It has been seconded. 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: No.

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

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. We're going to move down to Community Benefits. Item 17.

16. RESOLUTION NO. 26-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RENAMING OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PRESENTLY KNOWN AS WEST 37TH STREET, SPANNING FROM OLD DIXIE HIGHWAY TO AVENUE 'T', AS "A.C. EVANS STREET"; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (REFER TO ITEM 5A FOR DISCUSSION)

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUEST

17. MOTHERS AGAINST MURDERERS ASSOCIATION, INC. -$1,500 - MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS – FOR PROGRAMMING RELATED COSTS.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

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

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I think that we --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm sorry. Mr. Guyton, I -- I think that was changed to more. It was a mistake. Do you have the new change, Miss Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Is that one of the three?

MAYOR MASTERS: It's one of the three.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, well, they made new -- new ones.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. That's the same one but it was changed to give them more because of their --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: We don't have it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Which group is this?

MAYOR MASTERS: -- of their programs. I gave it to Attorney Ryan.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I see it. I see it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mothers Against Murderers.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's -- it's been increased.

MAYOR MASTERS: I think it's to 25.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: 2,500.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been increased to 2,500.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just wanted to get rid of all of the money that I had and I want to just give it to them.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's been increased to 2,500. Does the motion still stand?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Does the second still stand?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Okay. All in favor signify by saying aye.
(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers, same sign? None heard, none seen, that motion is unanimously approved. Item 18.

18. THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL- $800 – COUNCILMAN CEDRICK A THOMAS - FOR YOUTH TO EXPERIENCE HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATES FROM A STUDENT LEVEL.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Just quickly, briefly, I'll just explain to you quick. I'm -- my plan is to get a representative that will be voted on by -- a fifth grader that will be voted on by each elementary school and allow them to experience the City Council -- experience what we do, provide some money to them to decide on some projects that they can do within the community. So from each elementary school we'll -- we'll do that. Okay. Are there any other questions, concerns, unreadiness? All in favor signify by saying aye.
(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers, same sign. I didn't -- Miss Davis, are you -- I didn't hear you say aye.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I said (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. That motion is --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I didn't say no (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- that motion is unanimously approved. All right. 18A. All I have is 18A. I don't exactly have the -- the information, Mr. Mayor. I was told that they were all yours. I see one from a response team which is Mothers Against --

MAYOR MASTERS: We've done that one.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Murderers, and then I see one for $500 to Florida Resource Center for Women.

MAYOR MASTERS: Domestic Abuse, yes. That's what they did.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So we'll take that as 18A.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's been properly moved and second. So 18A will be the Florida Resource Center Women for Children, $500, Thomas A. Masters. 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. None seen, none heard, that motion is unanimously approved. Okay. I don't see an 18B for you, sir. Do you have an --

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible) -- yeah, there were three. One more. That's to Suncoast School, I think. Attorney -- I mean, (inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Project Graduation?

MAYOR MASTERS: See it? See it? Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. On this same -- okay.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: (Inaudible) Project Graduation?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So 18B will be Suncoast High School, Mayor Thomas A. Masters, Project Graduation, $250. Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I'll move.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second. Oh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? All in favor signify by saying aye.
(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers? I didn't quite hear you, Mr. Davis, or Miss Davis. Did you agree to the --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I said aye.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Any opposers, same sign. None seen, none heard. That motion is unanimously approved. You don't have an 18C because that was actually a correction for regular 17, correct?

MAYOR MASTERS: Right. Right. Correct.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No problem. We're done with Community Benefits. We'll move to Board Appointments.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

19. REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. PEDIEDRA RENA JAMES (DISTRICT 1) TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

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

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Discussion by the City Manager.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a couple of announcements. But before I get to that, I would like to ask Council for consideration of a closed executive session on labor on Wednesday. We have a workshop for part 1 of our capital needs scheduled for 5:30, and I was wondering whether 4:30 on Wednesday would work for a closed executive session on labor.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm good.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I'm good.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I'm fine.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm good. Could -- could you just send an e-mail or something?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir, I will. So that is March the 26th at 4:30, a closed executive session on labor. As I mentioned, at 5:30 that day, we will have the first of a two-part capital workshop. The finance director and the staff have been working to try and determine what all of our capital needs are. And so we will present this in a two-part 'cause it's a lot of information. And I know that time of day, you can only -- I can only absorb so much. And so we will have the first part on Wednesday at 5:30 here in the Council Chambers, and it will be set up in workshop style so the staff will be sitting in front of you at the tables and we'll talk about what our capital needs are.

Also on March the 27th, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., Riviera Beach will host the Joint Sister City meeting and that includes the cities of Mangonia Park, West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach and Lake Worth. You may recall for those that were in attendance at the last meeting hosted by Lake Worth that there was also a suggestion that Palm Beach be added to that. So we are also reaching out to them to see if they would be available to start meeting with us on the Sister City meeting. That meeting will be held, one of our last few meetings in Newcomb Hall. But it's at 4:30 -- 4:00 on March the 27th in Newcomb Hall and that is the Joint Sister City meeting. If you have any proposed agenda items, please get them to me so that we can send out an agenda on next week for all of the other cities to participate in. And that ends my announcements and comments. Thank you for your consideration.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you. Anything from Legal?

LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm sorry. Okay. I don't have anything except to -- I just want to reiterate my marching orders. I will draft a letter to Rooney and I will run it by which elected official? I don't want to be the one that's just writing a letter without having somebody approve it for political sufficiency, I call it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Whoever the chair is, I would suggest.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Give it to the chair.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: All right. So I will run that by Mr. Thomas. And I'll most likely -- Miss Pardo has requested that I attend the port meeting tomorrow at 4:00 so I

will most likely be at that meeting just in case they have some issues or we may -- in case we resolve it. I'll reach out to their attorneys tomorrow and try to resolve it as best I can. And if I do, I will shoot an e-mail to each of you so that you can look at the language. But I won't approve any language. I see Mr. Chair looking crazy at me a little bit. I won't approve the language but we will at least be able to say that this is the language that we're putting before them and we'll bring it back to the City Council if they are in favor of it. Does that sound okay?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's fine with me.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Fine with me.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: All right. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And that's it. That's all I have.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Any Committee Reports?

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: None from me.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We'll move down to Statements by the Mayor and Council.

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We'll go with Miss Davis first.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I have nothing.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I have nothing. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: A couple of quick things. We're getting ready to move into our development of the marina. And I wanted to bring to the board the issue of our bid process. We -- we've had a couple of -- I don't want to characterize them as debacles, but we have a lot at stake. Our reputation, our image. And it's my opinion -- and I think others feel the same -- that we need to do all we can to ensure that our mistakes are -- are limited.

So Mrs. Ryan, I -- I would like to ask my colleagues to allow Mrs. Ryan to be in the circulation of these bids before they hit the street, because should something happen, even though it's the CRA, the City also -- and I know that the CRA has an attorney. But

four eyes are better than two in my opinion. And I think that Miss Ryan should be in that loop so that she can keep us apprised. Our CRA attorney can keep the CRA Board and us apprised on that end. But when the lawsuits are filed it's not just the CRA; it's the City and the CRA. So I'm asking my colleagues to direct -- when we get on the CR -- the CRA side, the CRA to put Miss Ryan in the loop of the bids before they hit the streets so that they can get her comments, Mr. Haygood comments, and any of the staff comments. I think the more eyes we have hopefully we can catch any mistakes before they hit the streets.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm right there with you. Want to put a motion on the table?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I don't know if that's needed but if it is I will. Mr. Chair, is a motion needed?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's not but if you want to have one we can always take it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'll put a motion so that the CRA understands that this is going to be a directive and not an option that -- that Miss Ryan is -- needs to be in this loop here.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. But -- it's been properly moved. And --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Seconded. I -- I moved it and --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: She second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I second it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- she said move but --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Let me try this again. Just scratch that. Let's start over. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I move that we direct the CRA to include the city attorney in the circulation of bids before they hit the street.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been moved and second. I don't know how properly it is because we're sitting as the C -- the City of Riviera Beach City Council at this time and your motion stated that we direct the CRA to do something.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Let -- let me rescind that and let me make a new motion to direct the city manager to contact the CRA with the request to include the city attorney in the circulation of the bids before they hit the street.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Now, that's been moved --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and that's been second and I would say that that's been properly moved and second. Are there any additional questions or concerns or unreadiness on that? 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: Mr. Guyton --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- you still have the floor.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. We approved an issue with the Ocean Mall where we're going to now allow a portion of it to be used as parking. And also, Miss Ryan, I'm gonna need you on this one.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And also included is the City now can capture all of the parking revenue should we decided to consider that avenue. Am I correct in that?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is correct. After the -- the amendment that was passed tonight.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So that being the case, I would like to ask my colleagues again could we direct staff to explore the possibility of putting in some parking meters? We'll work out the details for the residents should we decide to move forward. But we need to know if that would be a viable option to generate more revenue. I think --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. You got a motion on the floor.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

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

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I have a comment.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Or unreadiness? Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Okay. So this is an item to have staff look into it and come back to us --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Just look into it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- with a recommendation.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And they will also discuss this with the leasee?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay, fine.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Absolutely.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Of course.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right, fine.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's been properly moved and seconded. If there's no additional questions or concerns, 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.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You've still got it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Just two very quick ones. I -- I -- I would -- I would recommend and hope that we establish some criteria for renaming buildings and streets. We had a lot of good people tonight. We had several. But I'm looking in the future to circumvent maybe just everybody thinking -- and -- and their people are important to them.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And -- but I would like to recommend that we establish some type of criteria that we can follow when we start naming streets and --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We do have it for streets. We don't have it for parks.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. That's what we need to -- we need to -- yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Okay. For parks and buildings?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah, we -- yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We do not.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: For parks and buildings. I -- I just want everything to be consistent. And it's no reflection on anybody today because all of them were excellent --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and they've -- they've done their time here in our community. But in the future, I would hope that we would have the criteria or could you bring something back to us --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. That's what --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- as a recommendation?

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- yeah. Staff has been directed -- 'cause we realized with the park situation that there was not a policy or procedures established.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So staff have been asked to either add to the street-naming policy a section for facilities --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- and for parks or to do a separate -- recommend a separate policy.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And -- and let me just say to somebody I do respect, even though sometime he attacks me -- Chief Wester, I don't know if you missed the meeting, but we gave a presentation of new signage in our city and at City Hall we're going to have a big new sign out there that says Bobbie -- is it E. Brooks?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- Complex. And it's gonna very prominent out there. Won't be a little plaque in the corner somewhere. And it can be seen from the street so you must have missed that one. But --

RICHARD WESTER: Seeing -- seeing is believing.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. You -- you'll be seeing soon. Mr. Johnson, make sure you keep Mr. Wester in the loop on that one. Okay?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. You left too soon.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. You left.

MAYOR MASTERS: Make sure he sees it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. And lastly, I've been here a year. And we all know that we can't do all of this alone. But I'd just like to thank my legislative aide who's been phenomenal.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Aw.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aw.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Miss Blue. She's my right and left hand. Thank you. I'm done, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We'll go to Mr. Davis now.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you. Like my colleague, Councilman Guyton, I have a concern with the procurement process. I would like to make sure city manager make sure that that entire department receives the proper training for each staff, make sure they all get the training they need so that we can say we've given them, we equipped them with all the knowledge they need so that when we get to Legal, that we feel strong when we go back to court on any of these issues.

Also, this Friday, once again, the Relay for Life event is at Barracuda Bay over at the recreational complex right there on Blue Heron and S Avenue. It's from 6 to 8 so bring your teams out and get them registered. This Friday from 6 to 8. And also, the Anytime 23 Empowerment, Inc. event we had this past Friday with Devin Hester and his friends from the NFL. And I want to thank Danny Jones, Parks & Rec. for helping organize and planning a great event. We had about 400 youth that came out on Friday to enjoy the celebrity basketball game.

I want to thank the fire chief, the police chief, also, helping -- assisting with the water. I want to thank everyone that came out to support this great event. Mr. Hester said he's

coming back next year to do it even bigger and better. And one of the things he wanted to add is next year to help promote it, he wants to make sure that he talk with the youth in all the elementary schools and give them some kind of incentives with their grades. So, like, if you scored a 3 or a 4 on the FCAT and if you get a 5 next year, you get to have lunch or something like that with -- with -- with one of the football players that comes out. So that way as they start studying, they have some form -- some form of incentives to know that spring break getting ready to come up, that they get better, they get a chance to sit down with these players. And I want to tell my colleagues, and just like Councilman Guyton said, this is my first year ever as of last Thursday. It's great working with y'all. It's -- like I say, it's one big family, cohesive unit. We will have our bumps and bruises but end of the day we have -- our path's to get to one goal, is to make our city a better place.

And I want to thank Miss Virginia Williams for being by my side and taking everything. It's not easy with -- with me 'cause I'm very passionate and I bring a lot of intensity at times. And she takes it and she -- she takes everything I can give her. And I tell you, I -- I -- I couldn't do it without you. Thank you so much. And let that being said, and thank you all again.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: I guess I need to thank Marian Dozier for working with the most complex, complicated man in the United States of America. She's been -- she's just been a -- a champion.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You guys are hilarious.

MAYOR MASTERS: And I really appreciate her working and -- and we look forward to her continuing to work here in -- in the City and continue to do the -- the kinds of things that she knows to do. However, I do realize and -- and Miss Dozier has got me to see that the Office of the Mayor is a tremendous office because people come to the Mayor's Office for everything, the dog barking, the cat screaming and you name it, they -- they come. So I'm asking for anyone that would like to serve as an intern, a volunteer, a senior, a veteran, we can use all the help that we can get in the Office of the Mayor. No pay but you'll -- you certainly can -- you'll enjoy working for it.

And I also want to thank Miss -- Miss Blue for the -- the wonderful and the kind things that you've said about me here the last few weeks, particularly as it relates to the passing of my sister. Thank you. And to all my colleagues who expressed their condolences. It's my oldest sister. And you know, I -- I've lost my mom, my -- I've -- I've lost members of the family, my dad and everyone, but, you know, to lose your sister is -- I don't know. It's -- it's -- every death is different. It's like -- I used to be able to say I have four sisters. Now I say three. But thank you and thank you for your prayers and your support.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the fact that we have two elected officials in -- in the audience tonight. David Snyder was here. I don't know whether he was recognized, but he did a great job serving this -- this city and the community particularly as chair. I will never forget when he was chair and I appreciate the work he has done. We also have a former mayor in the audience. Commissioner Addie Greene has been with us most of the night and is still here. So thank you for being here.

Also I want to recognize that the Waverunners, which is a girl basketball team, along with about 20 other teams from Florida, went over to Grand Bahama on the weekend and the Waverunners, our local girls from Riviera Beach, won both games. So we're very proud.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Wow.

MAYOR MASTERS: And everyone has been sort of waiting for this announcement because we did post it, that at Freeport -- in Freeport, Bahama, if anyone goes to Freeport, Bahama, and you're going to be there overnight, the Pelican Bay Resort facility, hotel, has agreed -- and this is something they would like to do to -- for Riviera Beach residents. They do give discounts to other cities, other entities of Florida, but they have gone above and beyond that with us because we are a sister city to Freeport. And he said to me, "Mr. Mayor, we're going to do more for your city than maybe some of the others that we have done." So this is a historic announcement: The Pelican Bay Resort is going to give the residents of Riviera Beach that will visit over there and show I.D. that you are a resident of Riviera Beach or an employee of the City of Riviera Beach, you will get -- and this is historic. I'm very excited to announce -- a 40 percent discount on your room there in Riviera Beach [sic]. And Madam Attorney, is that all right?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: Let me --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: As -- as long -- you know what? It's okay because it's being offered to the entire city. If it were just being offered to the employees we'd have a problem. But we don't have a problem --

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- with it being for the whole city.

MAYOR MASTERS: So to the entire city, 40 percent. So go to Freeport and take your discount. And I think we should give Pelican Bay a hand of appreciation.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Pack your bags. Pack your bags.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Guyton, when you go over there, go to Pelican Bay. And Mr. --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm sorry?

MAYOR MASTERS: When you go to Freeport, go to Pelican Bay and Mr. Thomas and Miss Davis and --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Well, you know I took advantage last time.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- Miss Pardo and everybody. Oh, yeah, the other -- okay. Thank you and at -- in closing, the best is yet to come. Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'll make my comments brief. First of all, since everybody else decided to put their assistant on --

MAYOR MASTERS: A blast --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I mean, straight up, you know, you're gonna --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Is that the only reason?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- no. Y'all always trying to make things difficult around here.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's why we make you laugh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But I'm going to do one step further. You know, we have a -- my assistant, Hope Genty [phonetic], who -- who's been a vital part of the success of my office and being able to do what I'm able to do. There's probably -- well, there is one person that's probably more difficult to work with than me. That'll probably be you, Mayor. But you know, it's very difficult to work with somebody as intense as I am who only wants the best for this city. And she's taken it with a grain of salt most of the time. And I am very happy to have you here. You have not made a year yet but I'm crossing my fingers and I believe that we're going to do it together. You know, we're gonna --

MAYOR MASTERS: He is the hardest person to work for.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- we're gonna --

MAYOR MASTERS: You know that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, I'm joking.

MAYOR MASTERS: He is the hardest person.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: She -- she's -- she's --

MAYOR MASTERS: Not me. He is.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- she's very dedicated to the City and we -- we do appreciate you, Hope. I would have liked to have been first. If I knew they was gonna do all that, I would've recognized you first, you know? But no, I'm -- I'm happy to -- I'm -- I'm happy to have you here, Hope, and on your anniversary, we will -- we will do just that.

The other thing I want to talk about is, you know, our clerk has been under the weather quite a bit. So make sure that you --

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- you know, send up some prayers and --

MAYOR MASTERS: By all means.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and -- and keep her under your thoughts. She's also had some death in her family. One of her family members out in Texas, Miss Rhonda Haugabook, who is the author of Mama Sees or Daddy Knows, has suddenly passed away. And we definitely want to keep the family in --

MAYOR MASTERS: Prayer.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- their prayers -- your prayers and my prayers. What I would like to do once again is thank the residents for coming out and giving a resounding approval of forward moving and continuing to -- to think in the way that we -- we've thought. When you have a -- a referendum that has an overwhelming amount of support, that really turns into a mandate. And I appreciate the mandate. I understand it. And for the length of time that I'm here, I definitely will be pursuing that mandate in whatever way that I possibly can.

I do want to mention that since he's still here, our -- our attorney that works on our -- that's been working on our marina -- I'm sorry, our Ocean Mall, Mr. Rick Jarolem, has done a phenomenal job. And I think it's going unnoticed that we've had a very bad situation that has turned into more than a palatable situation of what's going on in there. And believe me, it -- I'm probably one of the hardest he -- I won't tell you the story that he says about me all the time, but from the first day we met, we've managed to have an understanding. And we appreciate the work that you're doing.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And -- yeah, that deserves it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Wow.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That -- that -- that -- that -- that really deserves it, because if he wasn't doing a good job, I'll be saying, Let's find another attorney. But --

MAYOR MASTERS: We know you would say that, too.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- he -- he -- he is doing -- he's doing a phenomenal job. And we don't oftentimes really talk about it but there's been a lot of movement with what's going on over at the Ocean Mall. And a lot of it -- not discounting anything that our staff does and our attorney does, but when you have an outside attorney that goes that extra mile, that works on it 24 hours a day -- he charges us for most of it. But even -- even when he's not charging us, he's -- he's really putting out some -- some -- some good work product. So we appreciate that, Mr. Jarolem. I want to do that publicly.

And I just want to, you know, give a little shout out to all of the children. I had a chance to speak with the rapper Nelly on -- last evening. And even as late as today I was kind of late trying to get that gentleman to come and visit our city.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Wow.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: He has not agreed to as of yet but you know I'm gonna be as persistent as his bodyguard and publicist will allow me to be, you know, without being -- getting into any stalking charges. But I did talk to him about it and we definitely want to -- to get him here to -- to do something for the -- the youth. He reminded me that he was almost 40 so he does not know if the youth of today even really knows who he is anymore. But my daughter actually told me that she did last night and she was very excited. So we're working on that and I just want to give you that.

Be safe throughout the rest of your spring break. Make good decisions and with that --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Wait. All right, Mr. Chair. Can I just make a comment, please?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I just want to let you guys know that the Riviera Beach is in the Senate Water Project proposed budget.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Fantastic.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So those two items that we lobbied for up in Tallahassee a couple weeks ago made it into the Senate budget.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Great. Wonderful.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: All right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: And we thank Dawn Pardo for making it happen.

MOTIONED BY: D. PARDO

SECONDED BY: T. DAVIS

B. GUYTON AYE

J. DAVIS AYE

C. THOMAS AYE

D. PARDO AYE

T. DAVIS AYE

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CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm glad that you said that, Miss Pardo. I'm actually -- well, I was scheduled to -- to go back up to Tallahassee to do a little bit more lobbying on some things. And I would -- hopefully, if we can find a flight that's reasonable, we'll -- we'll get back up there. But I'll -- I'll give you an update on that. All right. I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been second, right? Second? Okay.

(CONCLUSION OF MEETING)

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