

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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CITY CLERK CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- under consent will be taken by one motion. All right. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

CITY CLERK WARD: Mayor Thomas Masters? Chairperson Judy Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Present.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Bruce -- Bruce Guyton? Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Here.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK WARD: City Manager Ruth Jones?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Danny Jones in for Ruth Jones.

CITY CLERK WARD: Thank you. City Clerk Carrie Ward is present. City Attorney Pamala Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

CITY CLERK WARD: You have a quorum, Madam Chair, and you may proceed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Also at this time we want to welcome Mr. -- Deputy Manager Jones to the dais. It's his first time -- first meeting. Also I -- Mayor Masters sent a -- a message that he's running a little bit late. He's attending a memorial service for a resident.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Let's all stand for a moment of silence and the pledge led by Deputy Manager Jones.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Everyone stood for a moment of silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Deputy Manager Jones).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry. It's item 3.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 3?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Are there any Disclosures by Council?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilman Guyton is present.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Is there a motion to approve the agenda? I'm sorry, first is there -- are there any Disclosures by Council?

AGENDA APPROVAL: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Under Awards and Presentations, we'd like to delete item 6 and bring it back at another date, please.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Also for your consideration we'd like the addition of item 6A under Awards and Presentations.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Councilperson Dawn Pardo would like to make a presentation. And item 11 for the Mayor's Office for a Community Benefit.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Great. I'm sorry. Let's go back and redo the adoption of the agenda.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Motion to approve agenda.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas? Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved with Councilman Thomas out.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We're now down to Consent Agenda.

DISCLOSURE BY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: None? Okay. Is there a motion to adopt the agenda?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Pull a consent item?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'm sorry?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Pull a consent item? Actually --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We're -- we're -- we're not there yet.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- oh, you're (inaudible). I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Motion to approve agenda.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair? We have some additions and deletions.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, I missed that, didn't I?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Go ahead.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CONSENT AGENDA (THREE MINUTES LIMITATION)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I do not have any speakers for consent items. Mr. Thomas wanted to pull item 3. He had to step out for a moment. Any other -- anybody else want to pull an item?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair, item 4.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Anything else? Is there a motion to approve consent?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas? Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Item 3.

MINUTES

- 1. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD, JUNE 2, 2014.**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD, JUNE 4, 2014.**

RESOLUTIONS

- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 61-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REHABILITATION CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND GUARDIAN COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, INC., EXTENDING THE CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Jones?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair and Council, what you have before you is a resolution to approve the amendment to an agreement with Guardian Community Resource Management. If you recall at our last meeting on July 2nd, the Council approved an amendment to the DRI Program. And this company manages or supervises the DRI Program for the City under Contract Services.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Is that it, Mr. Jones?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: If we need additional information, Miss McKinney's office can provide additional information.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Do you have anything to add to it, Miss McKinney?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: No. Deputy Manager Jones did a very good job of summarizing it. They've been our consultant. They've done an excellent job for the City to this date in processing the DRI Program and when we just had a DR -- amendment to the DRI agreement to extend the date so we're also asking to extend the Guardian contract date to correspond to that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Any other questions or comments from Council?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Jones or Miss McKinney, why are we extending this?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: These are the consultants that have been working for the City on our DRI contract. The DRI agreement has a enormous amount of criteria that has to be met by applicants. And the need for a consultant to process that was very great for us. So that's why we went out and hired these consultants.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: How is the program actually running? 'Cause this is -- this is -- we've extended this now -- is this the second or third time?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: The actual DRI Program agreement has been extended six times.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Six.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: It is probably the most cumbersome project that we have ever been involved in. Between the HUD's requirements and the County's requirements it is take two steps forward and four steps backwards. It's frustrating. But as we get through it, it becomes rewarding as the homes of some of the individuals, very deserving individuals in the City, are repaired. But --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: How much money was originally put into this program?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: It was \$1.2 million. We've already been reimbursed --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And how much have we -- how much have we spent?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: I'm sorry. We -- we've been reimbursed for 200,000. We're waiting for another \$200,000 reimbursement. We have another four projects that are coming up. Construction projects will -- will total about \$150,000, which would then leave about \$545,000.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Are we -- do we need an -- an additional person or why -- why is it taking us so long to -- to --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Councilman Thomas, you know --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- spend this money?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: -- I -- I -- it is so difficult to explain the -- we send something to the County and it's there for sometime six months and then we get it back and they ask for more additional information. And a lot of the financial information that the applicants give us expires because it's older than six months. So then they have to go get all new bank statements and prove that all of their bills are up to date. And then they give that to us. We give that back to the County. We wait another four months. It's extremely frustrating.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: How are we in relation to --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Can --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- the other cities that participate in this program? What -- what is our timeline compared to theirs? Are they spending their money? Are they having the same issue or --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: They are having the exact same issue. We speak to Delray often.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: And they have the exact same frustration and issues.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So is -- is there going to ever come a time where this money will expire? 'Cause I mean, this is like a couple of years old now.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes, it is. And I hope we can spend it before it expires. I think that if we start to run into any more severe roadblocks we may have to go up in the County's chain to meet with them to try to get some additional assistance from the top of the County, because it -- it -- I could give you volumes and boxes of correspondence between us and the County of waiting and having these new requirements then put in place that weren't in place. And --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I don't want the perception to be that Riviera Beach has 1.2 million but they've only spent 200,000, and we have such a need in four years or five years or maybe even longer than that. I know it's been around for a minute. So I'm --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I'm curious as to what we need to do to -- to help get this money spent.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Well, actually -- actually we've -- we've spent -- we've been reimbursed 200. We've spent 400.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Four hundred.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: 'Cause we're waiting for 2 -- another 200 to be reimbursed. And we're now going out for four more projects which will be 150,000, which will leave us then about a half a million to be spent.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So we have a half a million that we need to spend. We're putting our money out and the County's reimbursing us for it?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So we will get reimbursed for the money, obviously. So why are we not spending it?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: It's very difficult. The time frame for getting a project -- one house evaluated and approved with all of the information that the homeowners have to provide to us -- which is difficult for them. It's not something they can just go put their hands on easily. They have to provide a lot of financial documentation. And getting -- assembling that, providing it to the County, waiting for the County to review it and provide us response takes months. Literally up to six months easily.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Councilman Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: In addition, you may recall during some of our tough budget years, Miss McKinney's staff was reduced. And a key component of her staff who managed this project was reduced. So having this group on line has definitely improved the process.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. I just wanted to, you know, hear some of those. I wanted the perception, you know, to be discussed about what exact -- what

exactly is happening with it. I don't want the perception to be we're holding it and there's people that --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- need this money and we're not, you know, doing anything with it so --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right. Right. Well, for example, our Senior Roof Program that the City has initiated has been moving along very well.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: We've already done 12 -- 15 roofs and we started that -- was it six months ago, I think? So -- and so our process, us handling it and our using our criteria is moving very smoothly.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Dealing with outside agency has been extremely difficult.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. That's all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And -- and -- and I'll add that I guess it was maybe a year, year and a half ago when Miss what's her name was working on this in your -- your department.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Lou Ellen.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Lou Ellen. I saw that nothing was getting done with the project and I had to go to the County. I met with a couple of the elected officials there, particularly Mayor -- I'm sorry, at that particular time Commissioner Taylor who did something to at least get it moving. And since that time I know that they have also asked for it to be extended till -- what's the date? 20 --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: I think it's December.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- '16 or something.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The County asked for it to be extended?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes. They just --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It's on the agenda.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: -- they provided us with the extension.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. Any other questions or comments?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 4.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 62-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDED CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES TO HARVEY COVINGTON & THOMAS OF SOUTH FLORIDA, LLC FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$340,000 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 - 2018 AND AUTHORIZING**

THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Jones?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: What you have before you, Mayor and Council, is a resolution to award a contract for professional auditing services. In April of 2014 the services contract for our current auditor expired. The City, following its procurement code, issued an RFP, reviewed the proposals, conducted oral interviews, and today they're making a recommendation for HTC to be awarded the professional services contract for auditing services.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. I just had a brief question. Of a contract and item of this magnitude why it was only consent versus the regular agenda. Is this a common practice, putting it on consent versus regular agenda?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Sometimes, yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Sometimes?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: It's -- it was something that was thought of in our budget for 2013/'14, and it was considered as a part of budget. And in -- in doing so it was considered a routine process for the City.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Based on -- I was looking at this team here. They were finishing up a contract from a previous -- or this is the second contract?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: They were initially presented with a contract in 2008 so they've been with the City since -- the past six years.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Were they finishing a -- a contract or was that something that they -- they started one five-year? Or was this -- was -- 'cause I was told that there was a team in place. The quality of work wasn't -- wasn't done right and this team stepped in and got us to where we are now. Is that what happened?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: I don't have the specific details but in 2008 there were definitely issues with our audit.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: And HTC came in and cleaned up that audit and got the City on track. And subsequently cleared up some of our IRS issues and has provided the City with a valuable service since coming on board.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So staff feel like this is a -- this team here was a hundred percent -- feel really confident where they brought us now and where we're going in the future?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. Staff is very comfortable making this recommendation to the Council.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. That will be all, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any other questions or comments? Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas? Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That vote passed with Councilman Thomas out.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We're now down to Awards and Presentations, item 6A. Miss Pardo?

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 63-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE TWO (2) POLICE VEHICLES UNDER THE 2013 FLORIDA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION CONTRACT #13-21-0904, FROM DON REID FORD, INC. OF MAITLAND, FLORIDA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,846.00; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FROM THE INSURANCE FUND ACCOUNT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. PRESENTATION FROM THE OFFICE OF CHAIRWOMAN JUDY L. DAVIS TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR GOOD WORK.

6A.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, Madam Chair. Tonight I would like to tell the Council and our residents about a wonderful foundation that came to the City of Riviera Beach the week of June 19th through -- well, June 19th through the 13th and June 6th -- I'm sorry, June 16th through the 20th. And they provided a free basketball camp and mentoring to 350 Riviera Beach kids. The program is called Ball Stars Youth Camp. And let me tell you a little bit about it.

Otis Birdsong is a former NBA basketball player who is now board chairman of Ball Stars Youth Camp, which is now in its seventh year. He joined -- he is joined by several retired players including Riviera Beach's own Richard Relford who participate -- I'm sorry, who participates in the basketball and life-skills training the camp offers. The camp travels across the nation and in Canada, stopping in cities for one- or two-week sessions with children and teens age eight through 17. The camp was in Riviera Beach, as I said, through -- for two weeks in June. And it also stopped in Belle Glade and in West Palm Beach. Mr. Birdsong will now make a presentation and update the Council on this wonderful program, the success of the program.

And one thing which I think is great, it is privately funded. Some of you know the -- Mr. and Mrs. Bernstein from Palm Beach. They are big supporters and contributors to the program. There are a lot of people in Palm Beach including the Coke [phonetic] family who are sponsors of this program. And you know, it's really nice to see a program like this come into the City. They don't ask for anything from us. They bring everything through contributions. So I -- I just think it's wonderful. And I'd like to invite - - who's here from the camp? Maybe the Bernsteins, you come up, also. Because you're, you know, big supporters of this. Mr. Birdsong, right? Right. Right.

OTIS BIRDSONG: Nice to meet you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Great to meet you, too. So if you don't mind -- hi, how are you? Thanks for coming. If you don't mind, if you can just update the Council and our residents. We're on channel 18. And just tell them about it. And hopefully you'll be able to tell them that you will be back. Good to see you.

OTIS BIRDSONG: Good evening, everyone. Thank you, Chair Pro Tem Pardo. I say good evening, everyone. You're -- you -- you all sound like the kids at the camp first thing in the morning, you know? You gotta wake them up. Good evening. This is

exciting times. You are alive. You're here. I mean, but first of all, to the Chairperson Miss Davis, thank you for allowing us this opportunity to be here this evening. I am Otis Birdsong and I -- there is one correction. I'm not the chairman of the Ball Stars Youth Camp. I am the chairman of the board of the NBA Retired Players Association.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Great.

OTIS BIRDSONG: The Ball Stars Youth Camp was formed by a former team mate of mine and very, very good friend, Michael Ray Richardson, who's here this evening, who's also a four-time NBA All Star. So we formed the Ball Stars Youth Camp. So I just wanted to make that correction. And actually, I'm not here to really make a formal presentation. I'm here really to say thank you to the Palm Beach County community and more so the Riviera Beach community. Your own Cedrick Thomas and Councilman Davis and even Danny Jones have been very instrumental in helping us put these camps on. Without their help we wouldn't have been able to pull it off. Of course, Richard and Robin Bernstein, the brains behind the whole company, they -- they did a tremendous job in helping us. But -- so we're really here to say thank you.

And just to tell you a little bit about what transpired in your city, we did have over 350 kids attend the camp at Suncoast. And it's not just basketball skills that we're teaching these kids. We had people from the private sector, professionals, come in each day to talk to the kids about financial literacy, which is very important, about good credit. Saving money. We had someone come in and talk to the kid and health and wellness. We had Leonard Mitchell, who's a major here in your police department in Riviera Beach, he -- in fact, he spoke to the kids today at Oxbridge about safe neighborhoods and crime prevention.

And we also have professionals come in and speak to the kids about the importance of getting a good education and getting a college degree. We provide breakfast each morning for the kids and we provide a luncheon in the afternoon for the kids, as well. And we found out that a lot of these kids, for some of them that's the only meal during the day that they will receive. And we were very fortunate that a lot of the sponsors stepped up. And even sometimes we paid for their meals, as well, to provide meals for those kids. So 350 kids here. You all provided a lovely gym and facility for us at Suncoast for us to be able to do the camp. We would certainly love to be back next year. We just -- the support in this community has been overwhelming. And we met with some supporters yesterday and we explained to them, Look, we just didn't come to this city to ask for handouts and ask for your support.

We want to be instrumental in helping you all support you all in what you all do, as well. And in fact, with golf tournaments and fundraisers that we can provide professional athletes or donations or product, stuff like that. When y'all are doing events, we want to do that, as well. Because we feel like we're a family now. In fact, so much so my friend Michael Ray is planning on moving here, planning on getting a place here. So I'll be here all the time. And so we're asking for your support of this wonderful program and hopefully you will allow us to come back next year and do it bigger and even better with

the support of you. And again, just thank you for all that you all have done to make this a success.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas?

ROBIN BERNSTEIN: Hi, I'm Robin Bernstein and I have to tell you that this started as a dream and I would like to acknowledge Cedrick Thomas. Because when we came -- when I had first approached him about the idea, he was very, very receptive. And Councilman Davis, they said, Oh, wow. We want this. And so we're expanding next year in Belle Glade. It'll be -- instead of one week we've been invited back for three weeks fully funded. And I have to tell you that the NBA is here to stay. So thank you, again, Riviera Beach, for allowing us this opportunity to help the children and hopefully change their lives and we're looking for a few more NBA players in this community.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Thank you very much. Mr. Thomas has something he wants to say.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. I want to first of all say thank you to of course the Bernsteins and Mr. Birdsong and Mr. Richardson. I do want to tell the listening and the viewing audience that because of Mr. Birdsong, I was able to speak with a couple of my favorite players, legends Dr. J and also the Iceman, George Gervin. I mean, I needed somebody to give me a reference on these guys, you know? I wasn't going to just take their word for it. So they did. But I could not let these gentlemen leave without telling the community that I challenged these professionals to a three-point shootout.

OTIS BIRDSONG: One -- one professional.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, okay, right. One -- one -- one professional.

OTIS BIRDSONG: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. One -- one professional. You know, Mr. Birdsong still holds the record for the -- the highest percentage over a -- a year. So -- for his career he averaged over 50 percent for his career. So he -- he was telling me that I probably wasn't ready to shoot with him.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And what made you think you were?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And he -- I -- I don't know. You know, I mean, I fell on my head. You know, but -- but Mr. Richardson, who did beat me --

MICHEAL RAY RICHARDSON: Well, like you said, it was a challenge.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- he -- he -- he did beat me. But he only beat me by two points. And I want you to know he played for the New York Knicks and all of that. I didn't play for anybody past Suncoast. And I just want, you know, the community to know I represented Riviera Beach with these guys.

MICHEAL RAY RICHARDSON: I haven't heard anything (inaudible) about almost win. (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, you beat me. Hey, thanks, guys. We -- we really appreciate it. Thank you for coming in the community and doing what you're doing. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you very much.

OTIS BIRDSONG: Thank you. I appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis, did you have something to say? Did you have something you wanted to say, Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: (No audible response).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, I think he said it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right. And I've been remiss. We were supposed to have taken one item out of order. And we're going to do that at this time. The Boys & Girls Club, item 10.

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 DAVIS: I'll remind everyone to please follow our Rules of Decorum. You know, we don't want to have any name-calling or anything like that in it shall in the chambers. Okay? You'll have three minutes to speak. Miss Margaret Shepherd?

MAYOR MASTERS: You guys get some rest tonight, boys and girls.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Wow.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is Miss Shepherd here?

MAYOR MASTERS: I saw her outside earlier, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. While Miss Shepherd is coming, let's go to Mr. Fane Lozman.

FANE LOZMAN: Miss Shepherd's right here, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You can come on up. Oh, okay. There she is. You're next, Mr. Lozman, okay?

MARGARET SHEPHERD: This is --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Public Comment.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: -- oh, Public Comment. Okay. Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach. That was a great debate. Great debate. It's something that came across the attention at my house several times. Several calls. First giving honor to the Bishop and all of you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: I respect all of you in your respectable places. It's terrible that this city's moving forward, and yet there are issues coming down with our

employees over and over again. I thought the issue was over with our -- Miss Carrie Ward. Carrie Ward is a member of Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church. And it was deplorable that messages was sent out to our church to alert us that we're not going to tolerate the treatment of Carrie Ward. I don't know what it's all about. I really don't care what it's all about. But the one thing I want to let you know that we have members of this particular entity that really caters to the public. And yet we allow ourselves as we're moving forward, as you say, that we have to do the little bitty things, and that is to dictate how we're going to deploy one of our -- our employees.

We have, you say, the best city to live, work and play? How dare you? How dare you say that? It is just deplorable that you would even allow yourselves to sit here with a woman 40 years. You have people that come here and do some of the most atrocious things, but let -- yet you allow it to go. Why is Carrie being attacked? I'll tell you why Carrie is being attacked. They said to me it's something to do with the task force. Now, I -- I don't care who's in the task force, the Riviera Beach force, the whatever force or who force. The one thing that I think you have to do is learn one thing. We have a right to speak. That's the constitution of the United States of America. It's one other thing I like. They say you have a right to bear arms. That's another good tactic that the constitution say. How dare you that a person come here and they can't be allowed to do what -- I don't know what it's all about.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: But I know Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church, the majority of them are really devastated that our prestigious member -- and I know Reverend Davis is devastated that a -- a prestigious member is being attacked. We won't tolerate it. We won't even really go at this mode with Carrie. We want you to allow her to leave with dignity. Someone said 10 days. Now someone called and said five days. Well, what is it? What is it? You need to get to the -- to the nick of the problem and you guys need to address it. When you come here to -- to be members of the board, you need to come with dignity. And with that, I thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Miss Shepherd. Mr. Lozman?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: While Mr. Lozman's coming, Madam -- Miss Shepherd, I support what you said 100 percent. Shameful. It is shameful. And I support your comments. Thank you, Madam Chair.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman, Singer Island. I agree with you, Mr. Mayor. Miss Ward and I have a very positive relationship. She was very professional when it came time to the recall a few years ago. She's very professional when it comes to public records. She's the most outstanding public servant I have met during my time here in Riviera Beach and I'm going to say she exceeds any --

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

FANE LOZMAN: -- public servant I've also met in my second home in North Bay Village. And I went and I had pulled years ago from Miss Perry the 1995 code of conduct for employees. And when you review that, I think she has the right not to accept that award. It is going to compromise either the code of conduct or compromise her responsibilities as clerk, it should be a moot issue. This whole thing is ridiculous. It's making --

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

FANE LOZMAN: -- channel 12 here is covering the -- the distinguished member of the community are coming to stand up for Miss Ward. It makes you guys look ridiculous. That city manager reports to you guys.

MAYOR MASTERS: Uh-huh.

FANE LOZMAN: You're her boss and you ought to say, What are you doing? Where is the justification? How does this comply with our own code of conduct for employees? We're not going to sit here and be embarrassed by you doing something dumb. I've never seen anything and neither have you in the years you've been in office suspending any employee, much less Miss Ward. The whole thing is ridiculous. You want to suspend an employee? Suspend employees that are unprofessional, that are rude and obnoxious.

When I was here at the last commission meeting, Miss Davis had a police officer illegally grab me to remove me from the podium when I was exercising my First Amendment Rights. Again, I doubt she's going to do this with channel 12 filming but we're going to talk about what's going on. Gary Nikolits, the property appraiser, sent a letter to the City. It went through Miss McKinney, saying that I need an address for my property on Singer Island. I needed to get my tax bill. I needed to get police and fire services. They refused to give me an address. When I've talked to Peter Ringle, Peter Ringle, unlike Miss Ward, is not a professional guy. She's rude and he's obnoxious.

MAYOR MASTERS: Huh.

FANE LOZMAN: And I don't have to tolerate being treated in a rude and obnoxious fashion by any employee. I can compliment great employees like Miss Ward. I can also criticize employees that are rude and obnoxious. You go independently call up Gary Nikolits and say that his office said to give me an address. As a matter of fact, he said he was going to have his legal staff contact Miss Ryan saying I'm entitled to an address for that property to get my tax bill. I have not been given one and Miss McKinney, I've called her numerous times. She refuses to deal with it. Yet Miss McKinney came to my property and acted as a Code Enforcement officer with Peter Ringle. Code Enforcement comes and they deal with any mangrove issues. Why is Miss McKinney coming with Mr. Ringle when the DEP came to look at the mangroves? So Ringle and McKinney, they have issues. Those are the employees that should be suspended, not Miss Ward.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss KaShamba Miller? After Miss Miller is Ron Leonard.

KaSHAMBA MILLER: Good evening, everyone.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Please state --

KaSHAMBA MILLER: My name is KaShamba Miller. I'm from 28th Street in Riviera Beach. First of all, I appreciate everything y'all do on this council. I know it can be a very tough job but I do appreciate everything that you do. I want to make a comment regarding the 7-Eleven. It's been coming up several times as I've come to the meetings, as well as spoken to other community members in my neighborhood. I hope that we think about what the residents want. And many of the residents that I've spoken to are not okay with the 7-Eleven coming. We do have a couple of 24-hour stores that are already there and a lot of times when they're open 24 hours it provides an atmosphere that is not conducive to any positivity.

And bringing a 7-Eleven there just adds to the convenient stores that we already have. We have several convenient stores; almost every other block we have a convenient store somewhere. Hopefully -- I know that we've had many presentations that have been done. The presentations that have been done have been beautiful. They talk about the building, the structure; everything looks very nice. But I think we would be better served if we had something that was beneficial to our community where we're able to get our residents back to work. Most 7-Elevens, they only hire three or four people and most of the times they're -- they're not the residents that live in that area.

I also have been following the news. One of our neighboring towns, they were looking to bring a fast-food chain. And they said that it wasn't -- the area was not large enough for that fast-food chain to have a drive-thru. What they decided was they were going to go ahead and do an amendment to the zoning. Now, I'm -- I'm hearing that the 7-Eleven is probably the best fit for that lot. I hope that the Council really considers looking into other avenues to bring to that area because where there's a will there's a way. And that North Palm Beach town did try to look at other avenues of making that happen where they could have that drive-through fast-food restaurant.

Also, the redevelopment in that area, we really need something that is going to be positive. As I said before, to get the residents back to work, to have something that we look forward to, that we're proud of. So hopefully we're able to take in consideration of what the residents want. Also, as Miss Shepherd and Mr. Lozman just spoke about, I -- I was very saddened to hear of the news about Miss Ward. Miss Ward is a stellar employee. She's very helpful with everyone that comes to her office.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

KaSHAMBA MILLER: And I hope that we can further learn what are the correct policies, what procedures were in place and maybe why is it that this had to happen to her when she's about to retire in several months. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Miss Miller. Mr. Leonard?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: While Mr. Leonard is coming, what Miss Miller said, I just want her to know I have not spoken to two people that agree to want 7-Eleven. Not two in -- in the inner city and where I've gone. I'm with that a hundred percent. We don't want it. I don't want it. And the people have spoken to me and said the same thing based upon the traffic concern. Thank you.

RON LEONARD: Good evening to the Chairperson. Ron Leonard, 2501 Avenue H East. I have just come to say thank you for those nice cards when I was ill. I haven't been up since that time. I just want to thank you for recognizing I was ill and thank you for the nice cards you sent. It made me feel good. And I just want to -- think you guys are doing a wonderful job. My concern is tonight we have several schools in Palm -- in this area, D and F.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

RON LEONARD: That is unacceptable.

MAYOR MASTERS: Unacceptable.

RON LEONARD: I have called the superintendent. He has agreed to meet with me and the Black Educators Caucus on next Tuesday at 3:30. And I want to find -- I want him to tell me what will be his strategies in rectifying in our area D's and F's. I have never ever received a D and F in anything that I have attempted to do in graduate classes or either academic classes. At Roosevelt, those were unacceptable. We didn't get no D's and F's down there. And now why are we allowing our various schools in the -- in the elementary where there -- there's -- those are crucial times of learning. Crucial. D's and F's. As a city, we've got to get on the ball and find out what is the problem. We've got to ask the superintendent.

We've got to ask the board what is the problem. I'm going to ask him on next Tuesday at 3:30 what the issue is and how does he plan to rectify all these D's and F's. And the bad thing about it, it is among the urban areas. It's not out in -- there's -- I don't think there's anything out in Wellington that has the D's and F's. But all the urban schools in this city are mostly D's and F's. And I've come to just give you some -- some -- some incentives. Let's get aboard. Let's get on the bandwagon of education because those are most critical years. Elementary schools and middle schools are most critical years.

Being a successful educator for almost 40 years, county not remain in this city and allow these things to continue to happen in our schools. We need to join forces together. Let's rally up and find out -- let's ask some very pointed questions, What is the problem? Why are the urban schools D's and F's? And secondly, I want to remind everyone on March -- on July -- or no, on August the 8th -- no, excuse me, when school starts back, we're going to have the Million Man March. I'm asking every man in Riviera, Palm Beach County to take his or her child to school. Every man. We need to have men stand up, speak up and show up. I want -- the first day of school, I want every man to carry his child to school. And -- and -- and I'm just going to kind of reward them, but we need to have more men -- I'm not being sexist, ladies. But we need more men involved in our educational process. When a man steps in the room with those kids, things take place. I'm asking every man in Riviera Beach to take his child to school on the first day of school. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Leonard. Miss Norma Duncombe, then --

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I have a question for Mr. Leonard, please

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. That's right. I have a question for you. Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Leonard, I know you had made some comments earlier and I just would like for you to remind the people. I know you are the -- you're associated with the Black Educators --

RON LEONARD: Caucus, yes. I'm President of the Black Educators Caucus.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- Caucus? And you feel, from our conversations and others, you feel very strong about the metal detectors in public schools, as well?

RON LEONARD: I tend to concur with you a little bit but I need to have more studies because those are very expensive, Doc.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

RON LEONARD: That's a very expensive process 'cause all those metal detectors -- I did some research. And I Deputy Sheriff I do read a lot when you tell me things. In each school, you're talking about almost \$5,000. And if we have over 185 schools in this district, that's gonna -- in the -- in the high school level --

MAYOR MASTERS: So you did look at it?

RON LEONARD: -- yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: You were gonna -- to -- to study the need?

RON LEONARD: That -- that's -- I think that's going to be a good way to go because that's going to be safer. But they're going to have to look at the cost very intelligently.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Thank you.

RON LEONARD: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Duncombe. After Miss Duncombe is Reverend Burrs.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Norma Duncombe. I'm here to speak to the situation with our City Clerk. First of all, let me just say that the City of Riviera Beach has some very good employees. When I come in contact with employees across the board, I have gotten very good services. I'm addressing the situation with the City Clerk. And the first thing I want to say is that you, Mr. Mayor, and the City Council can reverse the suspension of Miss Ward. Legally. You can do that.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm prepared to do it.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Okay. Miss Ward was suspended because she refused to accept a \$2 spaghetti dinner from the Chair and a piece of paper. First of all, let me just say this. When you go to her job description, there is nowhere in that job description that says that she is to accept anything from an individual. In fact, she, of all employees, should never accept something from an individual. Because every time that there is a subpoena to go to court, she is the one who has to present records and what have you. But let me just tell you how it really goes back. I don't know if anybody remembers two years ago I -- I -- whenever the last election, the City -- the City Chair, the Chair of the -- of the Council, Mr. Guyton and some other people sued the City Clerk because she would not take the Mayor's name, Mr. Terence Davis's name and some other people off the ballot. But let me just tell you about her. The one thing she does is she explore information and she could rattle off statutes and numbers from everywhere. So she knows her stuff. They sued her. Took her to court and the judge said, Do not take the names off. Let the people vote. Now, I thought it was over. After the people voted, whether you like -- you may not like the Mayor. You may not like Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That would be Mr. Davis. I just wanted to -- they like Mr. Thomas.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: But you -- not -- oh, okay. I'm sorry. I'm sorry

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: They -- no, I'm just joking. Go ahead. Go ahead.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: See, you made me lose my time, Mr. Thomas. Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. -- Mr. -- Mr. Davis will give you some --

NORMA DUNCOMBE: But they had been voted in. But guess what happened after they were voted in?

MAYOR MASTERS: What?

NORMA DUNCOMBE: I walk in here one night and Mr. Guyton is saying, People who don't have the right to vote should not be sitting up here. What is this?

MAYOR MASTERS: Huh.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: How do you -- how do you -- how do you come in and decide you are going to destroy people like that? Now, I am saying it's not because she didn't - - yeah, well, she did not do anything against her job description. And you all have the right to change that tonight. The city manager doesn't have a clue. And I feel -- I feel for her. I feel sorry for her.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. Thank you, Miss Duncombe.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: But you all need to make sure that this does not go any farther. There is a lot of things you have to do in this city.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Miss Duncombe, you need to wrap up, please.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: We have a lot of things that we need to address.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. Thank you very much, ma'am. Reverend Burrs?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes?

NORMA DUNCOMBE: And -- and I don't need to be corrected.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Well, you're about to be corrected.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. -- Miss -- come on. Come on, sit down, Miss Duncombe. You have had --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Well, one --

NORMA DUNCOMBE: When you decide that there are code of conduct (inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- your -- your -- your say. You need to have a seat, please.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: -- code of conduct it goes for you, too.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. Exactly.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: But he's had -- he has a right to say whatever he wants, also. Okay?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I sat quietly while you talked.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- there is no problem with that. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. I sat very quietly. Didn't interrupt her. Let her say what she was saying. Most of it was inaccurate and I expect to get the same respect. When I get ready to say something, Oh, you can't talk. You can't refute me. What is that? If I have enough compassion for people to allow them to say what -- whatever they want to say, even when it's not accurate, I think that I should be entitled, too. Very quickly, I never came in here and told somebody that they couldn't vote. If they voted, they could -- that's absolutely ridiculous. She couldn't refer to any document, any session, any nothing. When people come to that mike just because they say it doesn't mean that it's so. That was a flat-out lie. And I challenge her to prove it. Go pull the tape. Bring it back and let everybody see it. And I will guarantee you she cannot do it. Another thing that was said that was inaccurate was that Miss Davis sued someone.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I was going to correct that. That's all right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, you're going to correct it. Okay. I'll let you handle that. That is not true. Miss Duncombe is probably one of the people that most of the things come out of her mouth at that mike is not true. And I'll just leave it at that. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And I'll -- I'll just add my comments. I would challenge Miss Duncombe to provide any document that has my name on it where I sued the City at any time and place -- time or place. It never happened. Okay? I just want to clear that up to everybody. Because people come up with a lot of misinformation and it goes out into the community and it simply is not true. There is no document that you will find anywhere in the City Clerk's Office or in the -- the City Attorney's Office, anywhere in this city where Judy Davis filed a lawsuit against the City. Okay? Mr. Griffin -- Reverend Griffin Davis and then Mr. Earl Davis. Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Burrs and then Reverend Davis.

REVEREND BURRS: Madam Chair, Council, Mayor. Let me make a suggestion first that hopefully that have y'all considered getting some head mikes, because when people's home when you're turning your head from your mikes, they don't hear you. And if you get some head mikes they might could hear you when you turn your head from your mike. It -- you're unconsciously -- when you're speaking and you turn away. Just something to consider or think about, if you could do that.

Concerning the city clerk, that is a ridiculous suspension. There's some people and y'all know that there's another department head hit an employee, cursed at an employee and -- and etc., and he never was suspended. So now, why is the city manager suspending our city clerk? Because she didn't take a piece of paper, and Miss Duncombe is correct and maybe that might be denied that she didn't take a piece of paper and accept a -- a spaghetti dinner. The city clerk is a constitutional employee. And if y'all know your -- know your charter, she shouldn't be taking gifts from nobody sitting there or no

individual as an elected person. Y'all know that. So then to sue her because of a personal vendetta against our city clerk, because she would not jump through the hoops of some of the council person who's sitting up there -- she tells the truth. And if you remember when you was talking about the election, you did never ask for her advice on the election because she was going to tell you the truth, and you don't want to know the truth. So now y'all answer the questions what you want to answer from people who you want to answer from. Let me ask this question. Does the city manager has the right to hire a department head without the consent of the council? Can anybody answer that question for me?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

REVEREND BURRS: She cannot. Check your charter. Ask your city attorney if you -- if the city manager decides that she want to hire a department head, the city council can reject that appointment. That's in the charter. So y'all is not upholding the charter. It's in the charter. She have to be approved by the -- a department head appointed by the city manager have to be approved -- be approved by the city council. That's in your charter. Now, if y'all -- if y'all know this is wrong, then what y'all can do as someone just suggested, clarify it by compensating her for the time that she has been suspended. Because this is not going to go away. It's going to linger for a long time. Not a threat. It's just a promise. So y'all supposed to uphold the charter, check your charter. If -- if y'all could reject her appointments, then you could reject her suspensions. You have the authority. So don't sit here and make this -- tell the -- tell the citizen that that's the city manager's discretion and we can't do nothing about it. That's the biggest story that's ever been told.

Now, concerning the -- I think Mr. Davis can answer the question whether he was -- was he sued by another council when he was running for election. You ought to respond to that yourself. You were sued and the City was, too.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Reverend -- Reverend Davis?

REVEREND BURRS: When you ran for election.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir. Reverend Davis?

REVEREND BURRS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: After Reverend Davis is Earl -- Earl Davis is next.

REVEREND DAVIS: Hey, but don't start time. I ain't got ready yet. Hold up. I haven't started yet.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Back it up, please.

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible) they don't want you to talk.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And that's not true, Mayor Masters. Everybody has -- has a right to speak --

REVEREND DAVIS: (Inaudible) I'm Reverend Davis --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- and, you know, I have no problem --

REVEREND DAVIS: -- the pastor of Hilltop Baptist Church.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- with wanting him to speak.

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible) a lot of people that don't want to hear him talk.

REVEREND DAVIS: Hey, y'all let me talk now. Y'all --

MAYOR MASTERS: You don't have (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay?

REVEREND DAVIS: -- y'all --

MAYOR MASTERS: I can say whatever I want to say.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I -- I can say what I want to say, too.

REVEREND DAVIS: -- y'all are going in my time.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay? I'm saying to you that I have no problem with Reverend Davis --

MAYOR MASTERS: My (inaudible). Some people don't want to hear what he has to say.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- speaking.

REVEREND DAVIS: Y'all just start the time back over 'cause y'all --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right.

REVEREND DAVIS: -- y'all start the time back over. Y'all --

MAYOR MASTERS: It is true.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Judy Davis, Councilman Davis, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'll add some -- some -- some seconds on to --

REVEREND DAVIS: All right. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- sir, go ahead.

REVEREND DAVIS: Honorable Mayor and City Council, Manager and other officials, I come to say that you have hurt City Clerk Carrie Ward. You have hurt me and other ministers and citizens of this city. We came to you act a month ago and we pleaded to you not to suspend Carrie Ward but y'all have suspended her. You should have given her a parade throughout the City for the 40 years she has been here and the good work she has done. Some of the City employees are afraid to speak out against injustice for the fear of being fired. I could understand that. About half of the houses or more in the City of Riviera have liens on them. There are more than 600 liens issued every year for the last three years. These liens can compound over one million dollars in 20 years. Some of the citizens don't know -- even know that they have liens on their homes. One of the City employees said that the City cannot take their homes, which is not true. If these homeowners die and the lien is not paid on their property, it will go back to the City. This should not be. All the liens the people and their property because they have a little hole in the driveway or the front yard need a little -- front of the house need a little paint or the grass need a little water. They're charging the water so high until the people cannot afford to drink it. How can they afford to water the grass? We are in a recession. Over 463 people home in this city are being foreclosed. They are losing their homes, their jobs. How can you put liens on people home when they can't afford their mortgage -- pay their mortgage? The people voted to help -- for you to help them, not to kill them. You don't own this city. This city is owned by the people, for the people and of the people. This is not a Communist government. This is a democracy form of government. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, equal right, equal opportunity, equal housing.

A few years ago we had some developers to come here to spend about a billion dollars to redevelop this city. They were buying homes and lots. They were discouraged by some of the leaders and they moved to West Palm Beach. Now West Palm Beach is receiving the benefits of -- of their pride. I'm asking all pastors, ministers, members, lawyers, doctors, principals, teachers; I'm asking all people on the west side, all the people on the east side, all the peoples on Singer's Island to vote March 2015 for a new person, someone that will hear the cry of the people. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Reverend Evans.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'm -- I'm sorry, Reverend Evans?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Before --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Reverend Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- Madam Chair, before Mr. Davis come up?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis and then Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I don't usually interfere when there's public comments. This one. I don't usually interfere when public has to speak. I like to let you say what you have to say and wait till Council Comments. But this is the issue of really heavy magnitude. I'm going to tell you a real brief story. I wanted to give Miss Ward a Christmas gift for Christmas but Miss Ward told me, I respectively have to decline because of my position. And I didn't understand it. Then she explained to me the law about the same thing she did in this particular meeting. And then that was an educational moment for me.

Two, the City Manager has the right to deal with issues on her own when it come to personnel. But what makes me speak on this issue, because an e-mail went out stating that the Chair and I had a conversation and felt that this was disrespectful the way Miss Ward treated the Chair. But I recall in that meeting Miss Ward looked over and said, I respectively have to decline from receiving this gift, and then she quoted the statute. At that very time I would like to know when this meeting happened and in so why wasn't the entire board inclusive in that meeting, because if one person's going to speak and have involvement with suspending somebody as a board, the whole board need to be there for that discussion. And that's the question I have for the Chair. In that meeting when you and the City Manager had y'all discussion, what was said? Because at that time she can do what she want to do. That's her job. She has personnel alone. But when she include you in that conversation, she should include all of us. Everybody on this governing board. And I would like to know what was said in that meeting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Davis?

EARL DAVIS: Earl Davis, Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam -- I wanted --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, you --

EARL DAVIS: Everybody know my address anyway. I don't -- I'm not going to give it to you. Anyway, I just want to say a few words because -- on behalf of Miss Ward because Miss Ward and I have been friends for -- I won't even try to name the years. But the thing about it is, I got a call the night that she was suspended. I didn't know nothing about it 'cause I stopped coming to council meeting 'cause I get tired of the argument and the going backwards and forward. 'Cause I've been around in this city now for 47 years and, you know, I just got tired of coming to council meeting. But my thing is that I don't think from the information I got, Carrie Ward shouldn't have never been suspended.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

EARL DAVIS: If you're going to suspend someone, you guys -- and I know I called and left the council members message -- I've been calling Miss Jones for the last month and a half. Leaving messages. Says she can't -- she can't say she didn't get them because I got in my car and came to her office and made sure the secretaries give her the message that Mr. Davis would like to talk to her and other members of the South side. And she -- up until now, about a month and a half or two month, she ain't returned one call. Thanks to Mr. -- Deputy Manager Danny Jones, he took it upon hisself and called and I chat with him, but I didn't tell him what I wanted with Miss Jones. I kind of beat around the bush.

But you know, you guys, if you got the power or got the authority, you need to lift this suspension. I don't think it's fair. It wasn't never fair. If you're going to suspend somebody, why don't you suspend -- suspend Miss Jones? I mean, we are citizens and we are important citizens in this town. You know, I think I carry some pretty good weight in this town, you know, and I mean, she's not above the citizens in Riviera Beach. You know? And I mean, I think you guys should think about it, talk about it and you should lift it. And whatever money that she didn't get paid, you should give it back to her. That's just the way I feel about it, you know? And I mean, I'm not scared to say anything. You know, I'm going to say what I have to say regardless and I don't care what happen. You know, but you should lift this suspension for Miss Ward, please. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, sir. All right, that's the end of Public --

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Good. I -- I agree with Pastor Davis 100 percent and with Mr. Davis. Pastor Davis and Mr. Davis 100 percent. What I said earlier I'm going to repeat it because the Scripture is clear. Pastor Davis, there's some people don't want to hear what you have to say. Some people don't agree what you have to say. And according to John 1:11, don't be discouraged 'cause the Scripture says Jesus came and took his own and his own received him not. So they didn't receive Jesus, they're not going to receive you or me. I feel I've been treated like a dog up here. I know I have. And the people know it. I think Carrie -- Carrie Ward's been treated like a dog. And I'm very upset about it.

There's only two people that have the right to suspend. It's the city manager who's not here tonight and it's the mayor. Under different circumstances, the mayor can suspend for misconduct and neglect of duty as told to me by the -- our legal source. The city manager has authority to -- a little bit more authority. She can suspend on those grounds, as well as insubordination. There is no insubordination here. There isn't any. The only thing I read was an embarrassment. Embarrassment is not insubordination. And it's not misconduct. If it was insubordination it wasn't to the manager. It was to

whoever. No one said -- I haven't heard anyone say they were embarrassed. So I support Miss Ward being reinstated. I'm told I don't have the authority. If I did I would do it. And I don't know whether Council has or has not. I was told they didn't have it. But one thing they do have, they can pick up the phone at any given day or night and tell the city manager how their constituents feel about this suspension. I think it's -- it's just wrong. Now, I was on the verge of suspending an employee. I had the courtesy to go to the city manager. I didn't have to do that. I went to the city manager out of courtesy and respect to run it by her and to get her opinion. And she advised me rightfully, said, Well, Mr. Mayor, these -- this is what you need to do.

I feel like there's only two people in this city that has that right to suspend. I think it would have been just as courteous as the manager could have easily said to me, Mr. Mayor, this is a department head. I'm not saying call me on every suspension 'cause that would be every day or every week. But a department head that's almost 40 years, impeccable record, no warnings at all, nothing in -- and as I speak, as of yesterday, there was not anything about this suspension in the file. I asked the HR personnel director and she said, It's supposed to be there, and hopefully within 30 days then she's going to ask the questions. I don't like it. I disagree with it. And I hope and I pray that some -- something happens here. I don't know what could happen.

Now, let me just tell you how weak it is. First I read 10 days. Now it's five days. So that shows you right there there was a problem. Okay? Five days. A whole week without pay. I don't like it. I disagree with it. I think it's not fair. And it's not just. Thank you, Councilman Davis, for standing up and speaking out.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair, can I ask Legal a question?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Miss -- Attorney Ryan, is it illegal for us to lift the suspension with a motion?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Ryan.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I have not researched that issue so I'm not going to answer it off the cuff.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, at this time, since I have -- since I haven't been directed it is not illegal, I'm going to make a motion that we lift the City Clerk's suspension immediately and be reimbursed for the time that she's missed.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I hope I get a second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You probably would have if you'd allowed us to ask some -- some other questions. The rest of the council didn't get a chance to ask any questions.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, I can -- I can rescind my motion and let you ask your questions.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I have a comment that I'd like to make. First I'd like to say that I also want to correct something else, Resident -- Mrs. Duncombe said and also Reverend burrs. I think you said something about Miss Ward refused to come up and accept a piece of paper. There was no paper or award or anything being given at this alluded-to meeting. It was simply a presentation to highlighted the department as I have done with Fire Rescue, Police, Pork Works, Finance, IT and Purchasing and some others. So there was nothing being given at that time. So I want to put that out there. That's a correction. That's another piece of misinformation out there. Secondly, there was never -- I'm saying that in all caps, never a meeting that involved me, Miss Ward and the city manager. I don't know where that comes from. But this is what happens in this community. Somebody put something out there and it just grows and grows and grows. That never happened.

And I'll -- I'm -- I'm also going to say it's always kind of disheartening when one is accused unjustly. I'm no exception to that. Miss Jones is the city manager of this city and she deals with employee terminations, suspensions and denial of grievances on a weekly, if not daily basis. She dealt with this instance just as she has the others in her capacity as the city manager in charge of over 400 or so employees. Whether they be sworn employees, constitutional employees or not. She does this without any direction from me at all. I can continually state over and over that I had absolutely nothing to do with this most recent suspension. And in fact, did not know anything about it until I heard it in the streets.

For some, when consequences occur due to an individual's actions, it's sometimes easier to blame someone else than to accept responsibility for their own actions. For persons not in any way interested in hearing the truth that I, Judy Davis, had nothing to do with the e-mail that was sent out, nor the actual suspension of the clerk, it really does not matter what I tell you. You're going to believe whatever you want to believe. But God knows and I know and that's really all that matters to me. So though I could say a lot more in my defense, I will not. This is a personnel issue and I'm going to leave it at that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: This has become a -- an issue now that the city council is involved in. Although I don't think we should have been. I wasn't aware until a member of the public called me and said that Miss Ward was suspended. So I have just a couple of questions here. First, Mr. Jones, welcome to the big seat. But is Miss Ward actually suspended?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: (No audible response).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I really just need to hear from the manager.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: In a verbal conversation with the city manager, Miss Jones advised me that action was taken against Miss Ward. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Now, none of the -- was any of the council notified of that? 'Cause I --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Not to my knowledge, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I wasn't notified of that. None of us -- I know that I wasn't notified of it. And where I got the information from was a member of the public and, you know, I -- I don't -- you know, I -- I really don't know. The second issue is what precedent does this set? I mean, is this -- is this something that the council has done? Can do? Is this -- is this something will set a different precedent? Do we have the authority to do this?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: I will defer to the City Attorney and if I can recall, her comments were that she needs time to research this matter.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Ryan.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I -- let me just say this. I don't think this is the appropriate time to have this conversation. You just made a comment that it was brought to --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can't hear you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- you just made a comment that it was brought to city council. It was not brought to city council. The public made some comments about a personnel issue and the city council has decided to make it their issue. It's not your issue. It is the city manager's issue. The city council --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Please, you guys.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- the city council --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- to my knowledge, has only gotten involved in these types of situations when the mayor has suspended employees. The mayor --

MAYOR MASTERS: The former mayor.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm talking about the position of the mayor.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Hold on. (Inaudible). Go ahead. Go ahead, please.

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible) thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. That's to my -- to my knowledge. The -- the charter and the code of ordinances does give the city manager the right to appoint, suspend, discipline and terminate employees. I have never known the city manager to take that action to the city council. Now, as I said, I could do a formal memo. I could research it further. I'm not saying it cannot be done. But under the code, it doesn't speak to the city council being involved except when it's the mayor that has suspended.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I understand. Let me ask you this. Let me ask you this question here. I don't know that this is correct either but I heard this from the public.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Has an employee or has a department head hit an employee in this city?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I'm really trying to get it from the --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- the -- the attorney, please.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I -- I -- again, I'm not going to really comment on personnel issues but if you will recall, there was a member of the public who came forth and revealed that -- that they knew of an instance where a department head had touched another employee. And I know that the manager researched that issue.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So was it investigated? I mean, is it -- because what -- what I'm -- what I'm dealing with here is --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I've never seen the results of any investigation. So I'm not the person to ask. I have never seen it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Jones, has -- I mean, just so I know just for my own edification, has an employee ever been hit by a department head?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Again, as Miss Ryan stated, information was reported to the council of an employee being touched by a department head. The matter was investigated and I do not have the results of that investigation but it was dealt with accordingly by the city manager.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So we don't know whether that was founded or unfounded? What I'm trying to do is just make sure that we're not -- we're not allowing unjust behavior to go on. You know, I -- I'm --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: There was no unjust behavior that was not dealt with by the manager's office.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Miss -- Miss Ryan, this is my dilemma in this. The reason why I haven't said anything, you know, about this was for several reasons. First, I never wanted to get involved politically into a personnel matter. I just don't think it's right because it goes down a slippery slope. I don't know what the reason would be for the -- the suspension -- before I finish, what is the reason for the suspension, Miss Jones -- Mr. Jones?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: I do not have the details of the suspension.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: I had a brief conversation with the manager prior to her leaving, and she did make me aware of the suspension.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ask the City Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So what -- what I'm -- what I'm basically saying is the -- the -- the issue remains -- so let me -- let me understand this. Let me understand this. When does the suspension take place? When is -- when is she suspended? When -- when does this --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You need to ask her. Nobody knows.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ask the City Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Please. Please.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, please.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Nobody knows. I don't --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Please.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Councilman Thomas, I had a brief conversation with the City Manager as it relates to the issue and that she briefly informed me about the suspension but I did not and I do not have the details of the action taken. It was a

personnel matter that was dealt with by the City Manager. If you allow us the opportunity to research this information and provide you with an informational memo within the next 48 hours or 24 hours, we'll be more than glad to provide you that information, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well -- well, my -- my issue is -- my issue is, it's -- it's not a public issue until it's made public. The public is here. And I have to be honest with you. I have to be honest with you. I -- I hate to say what I'm about to say but I must say it because it's the public. I do not agree with the suspension. I just don't. Okay? It's -- it's not my place -- (applause) -- no, I'm -- I'm not saying that for any accolades or anything. I just don't agree with the suspension. I don't agree with the suspension and I know that the manager has, you know, the autonomy to do so and I don't want to micromanage the manager. However, what I do want to make sure is, is that we're making sure that something is not being unjust. Now, it's our job to manage the perception that goes on in the community. You -- you are aware that we have channel 12 here that actually has the mike up to the TV to make sure that they get everything that's being said. You all aware that channel 12 is not going to put on anything that's positive about this city.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Never.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So before I sit here and allow them to twist this story because they don't have all of the -- the -- the facts, we don't have all of the facts --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- we're going to clear this up. In my opinion as a board, although this -- this shouldn't be with us, it's here now. We're going to take -- well, the community's going to definitely look at channel 12. It'll probably be running. If we get out on here on time, it'll probably be on at 10:01 or 11:01 or whatever time it comes on. I just want the right stuff to come out. I didn't invite them. But they're here. I would never invite them, just for the record. They're here. But the ministers are here. The community is here. And we owe it to them. These are going to be the same people that we go and ask for support from --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- to sit here. And we at least owe it to them to get some answers. Now, what we can do about it, I'm not sure of and I'm not going to -- to jump out there and -- and do anything that we can't legally do because it'll just be undone. But I will go on the record and say that I do not support the suspension. I would hope if the suspension has taken place, which you said it has, I will hope that Miss Jones would at least give us some information about it, because it is public. It is public. You know, it -- it's public now. So you know, I'm -- I'm -- I'm inclined to support the motion of Mr. Davis but I want to make sure that we're not making a motion that we can't actually, you know, act on. And -- and until we get some more information -- and --

and let me -- let me be -- let me be real frank with this. We -- if we don't know why Miss Jones suspended Miss -- Miss Ward --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- if we don't know why she suspended her, then how can we -- you know, how can we act on it at all? Maybe she suspended her for something we don't know about. But if she was suspended --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Again, sir --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- if -- if she was --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: -- I --

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Ask Miss Ward.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- suspended for what was an alleged incident that happened at a council meeting, I don't agree with that suspension.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If it -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- just can you give me one more minute, Mr. --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hold on, Mr. --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- Guyton, please? If -- if -- if it's -- if it's for that, then I -- I think that that needs to be addressed. If it's not for that and she wants to explain that to us -- because it is a public matter now. It is a public matter. It -- it -- it really is. And if the community is -- is in that, you know -- we all -- we all serve at the pleasure of the community. We really do. All of us. City managers, city attorneys, everybody does. So we can't just say, We're not going to discuss it. We must discuss it. And to be honest with you, I don't want another two weeks of this lingering around. We need to deal with it. Let's deal with it now. Let the chips fall where they may -- if we can -- let the chips fall where they may and then we move on about it. I'm done.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. Let me first say that this whole discussion, in my opinion, is inappropriate. You do not discuss personnel matters in public. It doesn't matter who brings it to the public. First of all, you need to protect the privacy of the employee. That's -- that's the first thing.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: You don't discuss these matters in public. You can have a thousand people here. This is not an issue that should be discussed on this dais. Some will disagree. I've been in government all my life. This is not the forum. No matter how passionate, how strong the community feels, this is not the forum to have this discussion, partly because it's a disservice to the employee. It could backfire. I don't know if anybody considered that. But this is not the forum. I know that some think that when the public comes, that we're compelled to respond. Not the personnel matters. Things may come out that might not be too flattering to the person that you're trying to help if we start having the discussion. This is not the forum.

If the public wanted to meet with the city manager, have a discussion, that may be appropriate. I don't know. Because I still wouldn't have a discussion about a -- a -- a personnel matter. I'll let them talk about it if the personnel -- the person who's being affected have a discussion. Not me. Not me. And my position is that the City Manager has a number of disciplinary issues that she has to deal with on a daily basis. We started getting involved, other issues will come to this dais that we've got to deal with. There's no way to say that we're just going to deal with this one personnel issue and all those other issues out there, we'll just let the City Manager handle those.

That's not how this process works. I know everybody has good intentions. They want to help somebody that's loved. Carrie and I had a discussion. She -- I consider her a friend of mine. But I'm straightforward. I don't mince words. I don't cater to a reelection. If I'm not elected, I'm fine. But while I sit here I'm going to do what I feel in my heart is right. And one, I'm not going to have a personnel discussion in public. And like I said, it can be a thousand people here on this issue. Everybody can say that I never support Bruce Guyton. That's okay. That's okay. I'm here because I love my city, not because I'm infatuated with being elected. I felt this was my way to give back to my community. Community say, Bruce, we don't want you anymore, that's fine. But I'm not going to compromise my principles to politicize a personnel issue. Any time some people think that they can gain some political traction and get some votes, they jump on a bandwagon. I'm all with it. If you'll support me, I'm with it. I support what I feel in my heart is right and wrong, and I'm willing to deal with the consequences.

And let me just say most of these people I have the utmost respect for. And -- and -- and I will continue to have the respect for them. And I would hope that they have the respect for me to make my decisions based on what I feel is right and wrong and documents and data. There have been some things said that Miss Davis has already addressed about it was about a \$2 spaghetti dinner. I haven't seen anything to corroborate or support that. That's just rumors in the community. I wasn't at the council meeting. I went back and looked at it. I didn't see any spaghetti dinners in the chambers anywhere in sight so I'm wondering where are the spaghetti dinners? This is what everybody talking

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- you know, we have to deal factual. And the fact is there was no spaghetti dinners in the council chambers. So where is it coming from?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So -- so I want everybody to, I would hope, tone it down a few notches because Bruce is not gonna react on emotions. And Bruce is ready to deal with the consequences. It is what it is. But we have a City Manager to make decisions and she make them every day. And when we get involved with this, let's bring every disciplinary action to this table. But we can't pick and choose, now. And that's a slippery slope. And some people don't want to hear this, but this is the reality of government. We can't pick and choose what we want to get involved in. So I would not be supporting overturning anything that the City Manager has done, period, ever. So this council can do whatever they want to. It's highly inappropriate and it's going to subject us to a lot of litigation when we start getting involved in one and not the other. Thank you, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Just to finish --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis and then Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Real briefly, with all due respect. When I made my statements it was about with regard to the process, as well. And those statements, I talked about an e-mail that went out to us. And the e-mail talked about the City Manager having a conversation with the Chair, which is Miss Davis.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Never happened.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, I got it so if I have to print it out and make sure everybody get it, I'll make sure I do that. Here's the thing.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's not --it didn't say that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: If you're going to have that conversation -- see, the -- the conversation -- it said, The Chair and I. Okay? The Chair and I. So that --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No, it didn't.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I think it said you were embarrassed.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Were embarrassed. Okay. Embarrassed. It said something, though, right?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: But she can't speak for me.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Which the -- hold on. Which alleged to believe that there was a conversation. All I'm stating is I agree. This -- you know, personnel problems handled behind closed doors. But if one elected official's involved with a conversation, we all should be behind in a closed executive -- executive meeting. That's how it should have been done.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's -- that's right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And other than that, Miss Jones should have sat there on her own, made her decision based on the code and the policy and left everybody out of it. But the minute that she had a conversation with the Chair about it, and we found out, that left all of us out. That's the process I'm addressing.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Let me just clarify something. At that particular meeting -- and, you know, I -- I -- I didn't want to talk about anything about this. But I'm -- I'm going to go ahead and set the record straight. At this particular meeting, you know, you know about the presentation and Miss Ward not coming down as I have asked each department head to come up and go through the PowerPoint presentation. I asked Miss Ward to come down. She refused to come down under the premise that she couldn't accept anything from me as a constitutional officer. I was not giving anything. It was a simple presentation. I immediately left City Hall because I had an appointment. I went and picked up a friend of mine. We went and got something to eat. She was going out of town and she wanted to buy some jewelry. Many of you know I sell jewelry. So -- so we got something to eat, went back to my house.

I received a phone call two hours later and it was Mrs. Jones. And she asked if I had read my e-mail. I said no. My phone was still in my purse. It still was on silent. I went to my phone, read the e-mail, is when I found out two hours later of what had transpired. In the e-mail I noticed that she had refer -- referred to me as being embarrassed. I wasn't embarrassed. What was I going to be embarrassed about? I was doing a -- what I thought was a good thing. I had nothing to be embarrassed about. But that was what the e-mail said. So there was no conversation between me, Miss Jones and Miss Ward. Okay? And from that point on didn't know anything about the suspension had happened until I heard it in the streets.

REVEREND DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay? Reverend Davis, I have no reason to lie. I'm not a liar. Okay?

REVEREND DAVIS: I didn't call you anything.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay? I'm just saying, you know -- I'm just saying I don't lie. I have no reason to lie about this. So that's the story. And I hope it has clarified everything for everybody.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Listen. You know, everybody feels a certain way about this and everybody's passionate about it. And I heard Mr. -- Mr. Guyton's comments on that. And ironically some of them I agree with. What I don't agree with is it's been made public. It happened at a council meeting. This is different than any other disciplinary action. If the action happened here and the action is happening because of what's perceived to have been done to a Councilperson, that -- we -- we act as a board. So I believe that that does put us in this a little bit. Now --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- now, the -- the -- the other thing that we must look at that I don't think that we're really looking at here is I do understand that. I -- I -- I get it. This is also a unique matter. She is the clerk. The clerk has different functions. The clerk has functions that she does not even have to answer to the City Manager on, especially if it's certain election laws and election issues. This is not a regular situation here. The Manager who I -- I wish she would have talked with us. I understand that -- I learned as of yesterday through an e-mail that she was going on vacation. But she put this in the public by sending an e-mail to all users from the beginning.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It was not all users.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It was -- it was all council group.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: City council group.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, city council group, whatever. We've never been copied on any other suspension. So you had to know that this was going to go public some type of way. So don't make it seem like, you know, we're at fault for this. No, it's in our lap and we have to address it, period. Now, how we address it is something different. And I'm willing to address it the way that we legally can.

The other issue about this is everybody inside of Riviera Beach -- and obviously since channel 12 is here, outside of Riviera Beach -- knew that people were going to be here upset about this issue. We deserve some type of briefing prior to her going on vacation so that we could have some of these questions that we have now --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- answered, period.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. That's (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Answered. And to be -- to be totally honest with you, however you may feel, however you may feel, it is our job as well to manage the

perception and policy is one of our main focuses. Policy and budget. And I'm not playing to anybody for any votes. If they vote for me based on what they believe I -- I'm able to do, then they'll re-elect me. If not, they will term-limit me and I'll go do something else. I'm talking about this because I really believe that it affects us. It affects us. This is nothing --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- one -- one minute. This is nothing --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- this is nothing to do with Miss Ward personally. Personally I think that she's a great individual. But it has nothing to do with that. It has something to do with whether policy was -- was adhered to and if it wasn't adhered to, that's solely our authority. The -- the employee is hers. The employee is hers. But if what Mr. -- what Reverend Burrs came up and said, that Miss Ryan alluded to me was correct, then I think that we need to have some -- some deeper discussions on this. And I think that they need to bring us back a report. If -- if what Miss -- if Miss Ryan said that we have to confirm every department head, which she told me that was correct, then there's no way you can say you gotta confirm them but if disciplinary action happens, you can't say nothing about it. I -- I just don't agree with both -- both of those stances. So I believe that this issue is a slippery slope. It is. But it was brought to us. If -- if the offense happened about what happened in the council meeting, then it -- it's on us. Now, if it's a different suspension for something else, then fine. That has absolutely nothing to -- to -- to do with us. We should have been able to make that analysis if we would have got the information. As usual the information hits the community first and the community just think if they got it we automatically should have it, too. And that's not what's happening. So any member can feel the way that they want to -- to -- to feel about it. And I'm not going to let it get swept under the rug, though. We do need to say, Okay. Either we're going to do something about it once we know all of the details of it, or we're going to say, We're not going to do anything about it. But we can't just say, We're not going to say anything. We owe it to the constituents. That's it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I was (inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: I was told by Pastor Griffin Davis, Jr., a few minutes ago that there are eight pastors here tonight who are supporting reversing the suspension and giving her money back. You know, the other thing that -- that I think you need to know, that in this e-mail that we all received, Miss Ward was not only -- the Manager was not only saying suspend for 10 days but censor. I mean, come on. This is not South Africa.

This is the United States of America. It's not Apartheid. Since when are we going to start censoring people up here that need to speak? And in that e-mail it said, Unless approved. So now Miss Ward, last time I checked, is an adult. And I don't think she needs any approval to do her job. So I'm upset about the censorship more than anything else, and -- and as well as the suspension. But to -- to censor, it's -- that's a problem with me.

And if you also remember, it was the same council meeting -- I wasn't here. But I left the video presentation that commended our City Clerk Carrie Ward for doing an outstanding job, not just for us, but this is a lady who has been recognized by Palm Beach County and the State for going beyond the call of duty. On the same day. And then two hours later she's suspended. So you got the Mayor saying, Great Clerk, and then two hour later you got somebody saying, Suspend. I have a problem with that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hallelujah.

MAYOR MASTERS: So I'm saying to Mr. Jones, Mr. Jones --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- you said a minute ago that within 48 hours you would have the answers that my colleagues have asked you tonight. Did you say 24 or 48?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: I originally said 48 and I then said 24. I'm thinking in my head how much time I would actually need to get the information, prepare the information, and consult and research what's needed to provide you the information you need to make a decision on a personnel matter.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Well, I'm going to -- I'm going to -- I'm going to say this. And then I'm going to make a statement. Never before have I heard that it's taken about a month or maybe even longer for a suspension. That's -- that -- I've never heard that anywhere and I've checked with a few people in other cities, as well. Seventy-two hours I'm -- I'm going to publicly call a meeting of this council. As the Mayor of -- of the city I do have the authority to call a special meeting. And I'm putting this council on notice and I'm putting the public on notice that I am going to call a special meeting on this issue. And I expect to have the answers that my colleagues have -- answers to the questions and whatever else we need to do in the public. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You're welcome, sir. Any other questions or comments?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'll just, you know, throw my two cents in. I think we all, you know -- we haven't seen the official document but it is true. We all got an e-mail a couple hours after the meeting that night. And the City Manager clearly outlined why Miss Ward was being suspended. She was being suspended because of, you know --

well, we all discussed that already. And I must say that I support my colleague, Miss Davis, in her statement when she said that she did not confer with the City Manager on this. And remember, the City Manager sent this to all of us. All right? It wasn't just to Miss Davis. She sent it to every council member. And I can tell you when I opened my e-mail, I was quite surprised by the fact that she was being suspended. But I was surprised that the Manager would even copy me on an e-mail sent to a city employee. You know? I make it clear. I do not want to get involved in personnel issues. It is not my job to get involved in personnel issues. There's three people that report to us. Our CRA Director, the City Manager and the City Attorney.

And I think if we start getting involved in, you know, every and all personnel issues, we're going to end up in trouble. But I do agree with Mr. Thomas when he said, you know, he feels like this is an issue that the council needs to be involved in because it occurred at a council meeting. And you know, Miss Jones thought that Miss Ward was being rude, but did we all feel that way? And is that, you know -- for being rude and -- and not accepting, I guess, just praise for your department, you know, is that a reason for someone to be, you know, suspended?

REVEREND BURRS: No. No.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Probably not. I -- I don't agree with that.

REVEREND BURRS: That's right. I'm glad to hear that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You know, at this point, you know, I would wait for my other colleague to come in. But at this point since the council was brought into this, since the council was at the meeting, it occurred while we were all here, you know, I question, you know, whether or not we are part of it. You know, Miss Ryan is saying that she wants to review it and we're not sure why Miss Ryan -- Miss Ward was suspended, but it -- we all know why she was suspended. We all got the e-mail. So I would feel very comfortable right now making a motion to rescind the --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- what was it?

MAYOR MASTERS: Suspension.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: The two-week -- what was it?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: The two-week --

MAYOR MASTERS: Five days.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- the five-day suspension. So that is my motion. I don't know if I have a second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You have a second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And really -- and that's my reason for doing it, because we were part of it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Jones, I guess your 24-hour delay is moot -- moot at this point in time.

MAYOR MASTERS: I withdraw my request. No need now.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk, call the roll, please.

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible) make the motion.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No.

CITY CLERK WARD: That -- that motion approved with Councilperson Davis, Judy Davis, and Councilperson Guyton dissenting.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. What's up next?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We're going to move on to item 7. Are you going to preview - Miss Ward, item 7.

CITY CLERK WARD: Ordinance number 40-47.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Could you guys please take your conversation out so we can move on. Thank you. Miss Ward, item 7.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 4047 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENACTING A MORATORIUM FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS AS TO THE FILING, RECEIVING AND/OR PROCESSING OF ANY APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FOR ALL PARCELS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SINGER ISLAND ADJACENT TO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN IN ORDER TO EVALUATE AND AMEND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, INCLUDING MINIMUM BUILDING SETBACKS; PROVIDING FOR THE BOUNDARIES SUBJECT TO THE MORATORIUM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

CITY CLERK WARD: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, enacting a moratorium for up to six months as to the filing, receiving and/or processing of any application for property development approval for all parcels located on the east side of Singer Island adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean in order to evaluate and amend property development standards, including minimum -- minimum building setbacks, providing for boundaries subject to the moratorium, provided for severability, conflict and providing an effective date.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We have several Public Comment cards. Mr. Fane Lozman? And then Mr. Larry Smith.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I -- and I have letters to read into the record.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman, Singer Island. As a Singer Island developer, I called up the City Manager and I called up Miss McKinney on numerous occasions to ask not only questions about the west side of Ocean Drive but also about the moratorium on the east side. As the council, as the boss for Miss Jones, I want you to be aware that she refused to return my phone call. So you -- she's accountable to you. I expect as a taxpayer to have my phone call returned. She can say, I don't want to talk to you or refer me to an assistant, but not to return my phone call as she has other people, that is

unacceptable. She doesn't have to agree with me but she has to return my phone call and other residents' in this community.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible) no, she doesn't.

FANE LOZMAN: Especially those who have an interest in Singer Island.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible).

FANE LOZMAN: Now, I -- from the information I've --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible).

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No, I'm not going to say (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'm just saying --

FANE LOZMAN: -- unilaterally gathered about this --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- he's the nicest person.

FANE LOZMAN: -- okay -- are you gonna let me finish? By the -- by the way, the --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: By all means.

FANE LOZMAN: -- Sunshine Law says all --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Please finish.

FANE LOZMAN: -- conversations on a dais have to be audible to the public. And I can show you that in the Sunshine manual. So when you talk among yourselves, that has to be an audible conversation. I saw Miss Pardo and the Mayor talking, that has to be audible for the audience to hear, 'cause otherwise, you're basically having a secret conversation because people can't hear it. So you cannot talk among yourselves without that being audible to the public. That's in the manual. I'll bring that manual to the next meeting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

FANE LOZMAN: Now, getting back to what I've determined on item -- on the moratorium, what I've determined unilaterally --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

FANE LOZMAN: -- talking to people and all --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Huh?

FANE LOZMAN: -- I think there's a better way to do it. And the better way to do it is to allow the site plan to proceed forth, allow the applications to proceed forth, not wait six months on a moratorium. Allow them to go through the permitting application, the site plan -- excuse me, not the permit -- go through the site plan application process and while that is ongoing, conduct your analysis as to the new setback from the beach. Do not punish them by making them wait six months. And if you look at the efficiency of that department, it may end up to be a year. That department is very inefficient. So I would allow any site plan for that project to go forward, and simultaneously come up with a new setback requirement. And then when it comes to a final vote say, We've looked at your plans and your setback of 50 feet isn't going to cut it. It's now 125 feet. Can your plan accommodate it? And if they say that, yeah, we can move it 125 feet, great, approve their site plan. If they can't, say, Come back with a new site plan that can accommodate -- a new site plan that can accommodate the -- the setback requirement that you come up with. So I think it can be done simultaneously. I think you're setting yourself up for a potential legal challenge by putting that moratorium on it. I wouldn't put the moratorium on it. I would do it simultaneously with a site plan approval.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'll defer to Miss McKinney.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes, Mary McKinney. I would just like to clarify for the Council's benefit and the public.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Mr. Lozman stated that he had called me numerous times in the past year. To my knowledge he hasn't called my office and asked to speak to me for probably at least nine months that I know of.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Miss McKinney, that is not an issue that I have.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: But I just wanted to clarify that for the Council so --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, wait, let her --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: right. I just want the Council to have correct information.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- let her finish and then you can comment.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Because we have continually received erroneous information.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I wouldn't care. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: There was a comment made -- and I wasn't talking about I wouldn't care about you, Miss McKinney; I'm -- I wouldn't care what he's talking about. And let me make that very clear. He made a comment, Mr. Lozman, about our Planning Department is inefficient. Let me just adamantly disagree with that. First of all, he doesn't have a planning degree and he doesn't know what he talking about in my opinion. Miss McKinney is certified. Jeff Gagnon is a certified planner. And we have a very competent staff there. Granted, we may need some more people in that department, but to suggest that somehow our employees are incompetent by someone who doesn't even have any education in that discipline, I'm a little offended. So -- and second of all, Fane Lozman doesn't even live in our community. He talks about all the property he owns. He lives in Dade County. That's where Mr. Lozman lives.

FANE LOZMAN: You don't know where I live.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: He does not live in --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Lozman.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- Palm Beach County.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Please no further outbursts. Okay?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

FANE LOZMAN: Point of order.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. No.

FANE LOZMAN: I can make a point of order. I'm (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Lozman, you're out of order. Please, no more outbursts. Okay? He is entitled to say what he wants, also. Just as you are. Okay?

FANE LOZMAN: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. Mr. Guyton, are you finished?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Did anyone else have any comments? Okay. Mr. Smith?

LARRY SMITH: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the Council, staff. I'm Larry Smith. I represent the property owner at 3100 N. Ocean which was formerly approved as the Amrit project. I have been having discussions with Miss Ryan over the last two weeks. I was here two weeks ago to ask you to exclude our property from the moratorium and I've given Miss Ryan information. I'm hoping that she will recommend to you that based on that information, that we are entitled to be excluded. I'll summarize. I wrote her a letter, gave it to her today, gave each one of you a copy and I'm -- you may not have had time to look at it. But essentially our client applied on April 1st for a site plan approval, expended well over \$200,000 in preparation of that site plan.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Why are you reading this?

LARRY SMITH: Got staff comments back on April 28th.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, yeah, he's (inaudible) --

LARRY SMITH: And responded to those comments. We -- we have spent our -- our client has spent over \$80,000 preparing materials to respond. We're in the process. And I'd like to ask, based on that, to be excluded. And the property is at 3100 N. Ocean. And I'd like you to feel -- if -- if Miss Ryan agrees with that, I'd like you to feel good about it. This is a project that will generate over 2,600 jobs in the development phases and over 700 permanent jobs once the project is completed. It's a resort development. And that's a little bit beyond the scope of this meeting but I would like you to feel good about it if you agree that we should be excluded. And -- and finally, you will recall that the original proposal for the moratorium did not include this property. And there's a reason for that, at least in the last 10 years 'cause I've got two surveys. One -- I attached them to a letter I gave you -- you folks last -- two weeks ago. We've gained a half acre of beach in -- in the last 10 years. You know, last 10-year-ago survey, this survey. So based on all of that, I'd like to request that 3100 Ocean -- N. Ocean be excluded from the requirements of the moratorium. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Miss McKinney, could I ask you a question, please?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: 'Cause we're already in the cycling of restoring (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Have -- have you had a chance to review the amendment submitted?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton? Can we get through the -- the public comments on it before you --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh. I'm sorry. Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- before you start? Okay. Arthur Anderson? And after him Cari Podesta.

ARTHUR ANDERSON: Arthur Anderson, 11559 Buckhaven Lane, West Palm Beach, Florida. Good afternoon to Chairperson Davis.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening, sir.

ARTHUR ANDERSON: Other esteemed members of the Council and other members of the dais and audience. I think in light of Mr. Smith's comments I probably cannot add very much. But I would like to say that in terms of your consideration of this matter and the exclusion of the Amrit property from the moratorium, that you set aside from your mind-set in this consideration of any notion that you have to have some type of a problem with some change in -- in the footprint relative to the application that has been submitted. That really should not be what it is about at this point in time but just a matter of process and that as an official body, once you had adopted a certain process officially and made it public, then it's somewhat of a contract between the City and -- and the applicant while that particular process is in place. And as Mr. Smith indicated, both the original application, as well as any amended application were submitted prior to any type of moratorium. So therefore, this particular property should be completely excluded from any consideration of a moratorium here or even in the future. Strictly what is to be considered at this point in time is allowing the application process that was approved and made public to go forward. And in doing so our application can be discussed with staff as -- as necessary. But again, we should be excluded from any moratorium. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir. After Miss Podesta is Keith Baxter.

CARI PODESTA: Good evening, Madam Chair, members of the Council. My name is Cari Podesta, and I'm here on behalf of the Harbor Point Association and the unit owners of Harbor Point. I have been working with Harbor Point since 1999 to sell the condominium property to a developer. The building was constructed in 1957 and is in a major state of decline. And the property values for the units reflect that. Unlike the stories that you've been reading about in the newspaper about unit owners fighting -- fighting developers over involuntary terminations of condominiums, the owners of Harbor Point want to sell this property and they need to sell this property.

Unlike the prior two times when the association had sold -- when the owners had sold the property at a contract, this buyer, Kolter, has proceeded through the due diligence period and has indicated their willingness to close. The only thing holding up a closing of the sale of the property at Harbor Point on Kolter's side of our agreement is not the approval of a site plan but the abandonment of Harbor Point Drive. As a technical matter, the application for abandonment of Harbor Point Drive will not be affected by the

moratorium. As a practical matter, however, based upon our meeting that we had with Miss McKinney yesterday, the new easements which would need to be in place when the Council considers the abandonment of Harbor Point Drive, which would include a new access easement for beach renourishment on this property, which the owners and Kolter have agreed to provide, those easements will not be able to be finalized without a site --specific plan for redevelopment or a site plan application. So the moratorium, proposed moratorium, will prevent the site plan application from moving forward and in essence will also prevent the Harbor -- the application for abandonment of Harbor Point Drive from proceeding.

Due to the unique circumstances surrounding the ownership of Harbor Point, unless the closing takes place by November 1st of this year, it is very likely that the property will not be sold and the property will remain in this condition that it's in and -- and continue to decline. We ask that you --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible) not getting anything.

CARI PODESTA: -- not approve any -- the proposed moratorium of six months, because it will prevent the sale of the Harbor Point property from going forward and the redevelopment of the property with the necessary and desired beach access for renourishment, as well as self-imposed erosion control measures which the applicant -- which the buyer Kolter has indicated they're willing to do to work with the City. I point out that the City requires four public meetings to get a site plan approved. And there have been -- will be ample opportunity to get what the City needs regarding beach erosion and erosion control measures through that process. Therefore, we -- on behalf of the association and the unit owners, we ask that you decline the -- (timed buzzer) --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead and finish your comment.

CARI PODESTA: -- not vote in favor of the proposed moratorium.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. Keith Baxter? After him is Mike Sloser.

KEITH BAXTER: Who's after me?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mike Sloser.

KEITH BAXTER: Keith Baxter, 5000 N. Ocean Drive otherwise known as Harbor Point. I first moved into Harbor Point 21 years ago and I happen to be a lifelong resident of the area. I'm going to tell you the truth about Harbor Point now, 'cause the people that have spoken so far, two of the three owners have not spent one night in Harbor Point. They bought in the boom, 2006/2007, presumably hoping to do a quick flip and now this is the first chance that's come along to get their money out of the building. First the elevator. The last time Miss Podesta spoke, she said that at the end of the year we're going to have to get a new elevator. Cost is \$300,000. Well, I'm sure that's what she had been told.

But the truth of the matter is from the manager, there's a new state law. It passed. All we had to do was get an independent inspection done, which we've done, and our elevator is good for years. As a matter of fact, that's a great elevator. The building. These people are saying it's falling apart. It's been there since 1957. Come on by. I've got it right here, a permit from the City. We got a brand new roof in 2007. A few years before that, over a period of several years, we did a million dollars in concrete work. Just take a look at the building from the ocean. All new railing. We put, a couple years before that, all new electrical in the garage and PCV pipe.

When people mentioned hurricanes coming, there's this big hurry. I'm like, What? This building's been there since '57. It was originally designed to be an eight-story building. You should see the columns in the garage. They're massive. They go right down to the coral rock. So there's no problem there. The only harm that's going to go to owners of Harbor Point is the value of the property's going to go up because we all know what this big new marina development is going to do to the entire area and the money it's going to bring in. So the owners aren't going to be harmed. And the only owners you've heard from here are -- well, two of the three, investors. Never spent a night there.

What was presented by Miss Podesta about the termination in the agreement, there's six owners that did not vote for the termination representing about 35 percent of the ownership. And I won't get into the details. I can discuss when there's time about that. And there's about 18, 19 owners total, because of multiple ownership in the building. Miss Podesta, real quick -- I tried to call some people a couple of months ago. They hadn't even called me back and word got out. This is the letter I got from Miss Podesta: "Immediately cease and desist your discussions with the City on any issue related to the sale or redevelopment of the condominium property. You will be placing yourself in substantial legal jeopardy." That's why I've waited till the last meeting to speak, because this is what you get from the lawyers when you want to come up here and tell the truth.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, sir. Mr. Sloser?

MICHAEL SLOSER: Good evening. Michael Sloser, 4100 N. Ocean Drive. Chair Davis, members of the Council, I spoke once before, and I don't come down here too often so I will spare you from a long spiel. I'm not angry about anything tonight.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible).

MICHAEL SLOSER: The idea of a moratorium seems to be the logical thing to do. We have an outmoded series of restrictions on building. What we need to do is update our standards to reflect property developments as they are now. Not when the last time they were done. We need to protect our beaches. That's a pitch for an organization that I work very hard on, because I work to make sure that the building that's done and the construction that's done is done according to the latest studies. Face it. The ocean is moving in. Someday -- not in my lifetime, maybe some of the younger members of

the Council -- at some point there'll be parts of Singer Island we're not going to be living on. The fact is this should have been done a long time ago.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Amen, brother.

MICHAEL SLOSER: This -- what we're talking about now should have been done.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

MICHAEL SLOSER: And I don't -- I have no idea why it wasn't done. I don't have no idea who was responsible. I'm fortunate I'm not elected to know or appointed to know that. But we need to correct the situation. In fairness to everyone, and I did hear comments about the time -- timing of all this, and I don't know what the legal ramifications are that the (inaudible) first state. I do know, however, that in fairness to everyone, I think you should, A, pass this, and B, you should hold the people accountable who are going to revise the code. This is not a long-term project.

Don't -- let's not -- I don't want to hear this six month or a year. That's BS from people that want to make a point. The reality is we have time to do it properly. Put together the ordinances and the codes that are necessary. Take it to Planning & Zoning. Bring it back here and get it done. I think really it would be nice to consider it a -- someplace between a Thanksgiving and a Christmas present. We get it done. We close the year. We go party New Year's Eve and the job is done. Now, I for one will only add that when the question comes to building, most people who know me know I'm not opposed to building. And I have no real problem with the projects I've seen. My problem is where they are. I watch -- I go by Ocean's Edge, and I went by it after Sandy and all I saw were pylons. Are they pylons? What are they?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yeah.

MICHAEL SLOSER: You -- you know that stuff. In -- in the -- in the cement, in the dirt. And that thing was sitting in the ocean. That's a scary proposition. And it is not something I think this council should allow to happen.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir. That's the end of Public Comments.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I heard -- Miss Pardo had asked first and then you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. I have a couple of letters that I received and these letters -- well, the people that wrote the letters ask that they be read into the public record. "Dear Mayor and Councilpersons, on behalf of myself and as President of the Citizens for Responsible Growth of Riviera Beach, I urge you to vote for the moratorium on beach development for up to six months. This ordinance will allow the City time to develop and implement a reasonable and thoughtful plan for further growth

on our sensitive beach lands. We only need to look at the recent past to see how development of larger and larger buildings closer to the beach has cost all of us dearly in tax expenditures to save these properties. We have an obligation to ourselves and our children to ensure that future beach development will be an asset to the community and not as a tax liability because of lack of planning. Thank you for your support of this ordinance, Sincerely, William Contole, President, Citizens for Responsible Growth for Riviera Beach."

Next letter: "Dear Mayor and Councilpersons, the Singer Island Civic Association supports economic development that preserves the character of our island, as well as our priceless nature assets. In keeping with this principle, we would support a six-month moratorium allowing the City to put in place building codes that preserve the fragile ecosystem and unique character of our surrounding beaches and waters. Such codes should take into account development on both the ocean and the intercoastal sides of Singer Island. City codes should also be appropriately aligned with current state and federal requirements, as well as approved comprehensive land use plan. SICA would encourage the City Council and staff to move swiftly in approving the moratorium and updating its codes so that responsible development is not unduly delayed. SICA is requesting this letter be read into the record, Respectfully yours, the Singer Island Civic Association."

Next letter: "Dawn, as a board member of Protect our Beaches, I fully support the City's effort to implement a moratorium on coastal construction to allow staff to review the codes and make recommendations. The Coastal Protection Line was updated in 1997 by the State of Florida and calls for further setbacks than the 1979 protection line. Since 1957, sections of Singer Island beaches have eroded 200 feet westward. This erosion puts tremendous financial strain on local, county and state budgets. Palm Beach County has asked the City of Riviera Beach to double their commitment to help fund beach renourishment. It would be foolish for the City to allow construction to take place based on the outdated 1979 Coastal Protection Line. This would increase the cost for not just island residents but for all City taxpayers. Sand is a precious and expensive commodity and there has been enough of it to support tourism in Palm Beach County. Protect our Beaches would hope that City staff would recommend updating the code to coincide with Florida's 1997 Coastal Protection Line. We don't want a repeat of a developer selling out the property to the purchase -- and the purchasers finding out after the fact that County will not provide sand because their condominium is built too close to the ocean. I will not be able to attend the Council meeting; however, please read my comments into the official record. Bob Gonstead, Riviera Beach, Treasurer, Protect our Beaches, Inc."

And the last I have is, "Councilwoman Pardo, the moratorium is a great move by the City. We are well aware of the existing rules and setbacks, and it is reassuring to see this sort of responsible recommendation. Best, Tom [sic] Rimmel, County Chairperson Surfriders Foundation." Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. I met with a gentleman from the Ocean Point. It wasn't their attorney but I -- engineer or somebody. And along with Dr. Anderson. And we discussed a few issues that I was kind of torn over. And I -- you know, I told him that I was kind of torn over it. My issue was that their application was in prior to the moratorium. But if they're going to be building the same time that someone else was -- was building after the new rules, if there are any new rules that come in, then I thought that they should be held to the standard. And you know, I told -- toiled over it a while and I -- you know, my decision-making matrix just tells me that I think that we should exempt Harbor Point from the --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Not Harbor Point.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Amrit.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. Yeah, I'm sorry, Amrit.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm sorry. Can I --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. The --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Can I go ahead and make a preliminary statement --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Hold -- once -- once I get done.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- on that?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: 'Cause I -- I --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, I'm just telling you -- no, no.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. You don't want me to save you all --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: When I --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- of that?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. I'm just gonna say that --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I think that we should exempt the one that had the -- the permit in prior to the -- to the moratorium going on. What was the name of that one?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Amrit Resort.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's the one I think that we should exempt. I do support the -- the moratorium but I just support it with that particular application being exempt and they should be to continue that process. That's all.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I was fixing to ask --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Please, may I -- yeah, may I go ahead and give my --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- I was gonna -- okay. Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- I'm sorry. I walked out for a moment.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I was just gonna ask her what you was about to say so --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you. Appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: After -- at the last City Council meeting we talked about Amrit and I stated that I needed to go back and look at their application, see when it came in and try to do some due diligence for staff. We have done that. I thank Mr. Smith for providing me with all of the information that I -- I asked him for. They did make applications. Staff sent out comments and Amrit has already spent money responding to the City's comments. So I think that is enough to say that they've detrimentally relied upon the process that's in place before the moratorium. So it would definitely be my recommendation and the recommendation of staff that we exempt them from this moratorium as it relates to their pending application.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So -- that's it. No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I was just gonna -- that's what I was going to ask you. 'Cause I remember you asked to receive some information. I noticed that we got it in my office. Actually, I -- I actually went and walked the property on both properties. And on the north end I saw where they actually lost the acre. But I think that particular property gained an acre.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Because the sand started going south.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) acre .

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: What's wrong with those guys?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, Jesus Christ.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: A half acre. Yeah. Yeah. You -- you -- yeah. On the north end they lost a half acre but on the south property -- was it am -- how do you say it again?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Moratorium? What did he say?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Amrit.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Amrit.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Amrit. Amrit Resort.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I think they gained about a half an acre.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Huh?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Of sand. And I just wanted to hear how did they respond, staff dealing with -- and how did -- your recommendations.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm sorry. What --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I just want to hear what your recommendation but you already did the research.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We did. We -- we looked at that -- Mary actually pulled it out for me.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We looked at the site plan and --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. No problem.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- did an -- a considerable amount --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I have no -- I have no objections.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- of work. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any other questions or comments? No? Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Are we going to call --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. So I would like to -- I made the motion. So I would like to amend the motion to remove the Amrit property from the moratorium but everything else stays.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, just for the record, I, too, received letters about this -- this issue and I've raised my -- some questions -- questions that I had the last --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: -- the last time we met.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: And talked to Attorney Richards. And he says that he doesn't think it's going to be a problem with them doing what they need to do and to move this forward. So I'm supporting Councilperson Dawn Pardo motion. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No other comments or questions? Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

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CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Item 8.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 64-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SETTING THE MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AT A RATE OF 8.9980 MILLS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It's been moved and seconded. We have Public Comment cards. Fane Lozman and then Norma Duncombe.

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't see Miss Duncombe, Madam Chair. She -- I think she's gone.

FANE LOZMAN: I have here a copy from the Palm Beach Property Appraiser's. It gives the operating millage of 38 municipalities in Palm Beach County. You can download that directly from the Internet. And out of the 38, 19 have an operating millage less than 5. Riviera Beach is 8.998. Is that correct?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

FANE LOZMAN: 8.998. Now, where does this rank in other municipalities in Palm Beach? We -- there's only two that rank higher than us in terms of the millage rate.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Are you signing these?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

FANE LOZMAN: Out of 38. So there's 35 that are less than us and 19 are less than 5. That's pretty embarrassing.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No, it's not.

FANE LOZMAN: It's pretty embarrassing 'cause it goes to show is that we're not even near the median millage rate for 38 other --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

FANE LOZMAN: -- municipalities in Palm Beach County, according to the operating millage that's on the Palm Beach --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

FANE LOZMAN: -- Property Appraiser's website. So where is all this crazy money going that we're not more down in the 6s or 7s or 5s? And why are we up at the top? You know, it's just ridiculous. And one of the reasons we're at the top is that we just have department head that is squander money and are not fiscally responsible. Starting with the Legal Department. Right here I'm going to give these to the clerk here and she can hand some of these -- she can hand these to the individual members -- individual councilpersons. Here you are. And, you know, when you go through some of the needless expenditures -- for example, here's a bill where the City paid the lawyers from Tampa \$2,900 to fly to Fort Lauderdale to a trial that was two days. And the bill they billed was \$37,000. This is in November of -- it's on the December 2009 bill. So when you look at the money that's being squandered, it's no -- it's not a surprise that we are the third highest millage rate in Palm Beach County. That's something to be embarrassed about. That's not something to be proud about. And then when you have an opportunity to lower the millage --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm not embarrassed.

FANE LOZMAN: -- rate by bringing in a new development like you had a few minutes ago, you blow that off. But I do notice that Miss McKinney talked to the Amrit lawyer who she also happened to buy her house from in Singer Island. That was real nice. But what are we going to do about this? I pay taxes. Believe it or not, Mr. Guyton, I do. You can look it up.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I don't believe it.

FANE LOZMAN: Okay. Why don't you look it up on the Tax and Property Appraiser's website?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I looked it up and your name is nowhere.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. -- Mr. Guyton, please.

FANE LOZMAN: My name is on there.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right, Mr. Guyton.

FANE LOZMAN: I got my iPad right in the back. Do you want to look at it? So to keep saying I'm not a property owner, I am. Miss McKinney came to my property. And I have a problem with an 8.998 -- (timer buzzed) --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

FANE LOZMAN: -- millage rate.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

FANE LOZMAN: Why don't you explain how you came to my property when you did?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Lozman, thank you very much. Miss Duncombe, are you here? Okay. We're now going to item -- I'm sorry. We're here at item 8. Are there any comments from Council? Okay. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 9.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 65-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALM BEACH**

COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE URBAN COUNTY PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2017 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. It's been moved and seconded. Mr. Jones?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Davis, what you have before you is an interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County. The City currently participates in several programs where the money is funded or funneled through from the federal government, from HUD. And CDBY funds, as well as other County funds are made available through this program. The current agreement expires September 30th. This is just renewing one of our standard agreements.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Any questions or comments from the Council? Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: 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 Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 11 is a Community Benefit from Mayor Masters to New Destiny by Choice in the amount of \$500.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any discussion by the Deputy Manager?

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

- 10. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, CURRENT LESSEE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, CURRENTLY KNOWN AS 221 WEST 13TH STREET, DESIRES TO SUBLEASE SAID PROPERTY TO CHAMPS CHARTER SCHOOL IN ORDER TO OPERATE A K-5 CHARTER SCHOOL FOR UP TO 116 STUDENTS.**

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So Mr. Jones, do you have anything to say on it or -- or are -- do -- are they going to be saying something about --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, basically I -- I'd just like to inform the Council that in 2000 -- I'm sorry, in 1996 the Council, entering -- entered into an agreement with the Boys & Girls Club, and that agreement was amended in November of 2008.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: And subsequently a new facility was built as a part of that lease. And today the Boys & Girls' representatives are here to discuss

subleasing the property for the purpose of a charter school. And I'd like to call up representatives from the Boys & Girls Club to speak to the Council as to their request. And any technical and legal issues can be addressed by the City Attorney.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MARTIE PARKER: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hi. State your name and address for the record, please.

MARTIE PARKER: Sure. My name is Martie Parker and I'm the director of the Max Fisher Boys & Girls Club in Riviera Beach. And I wanted to just come tonight and introduce some of our -- our -- our guests that we brought with us. Some of our executive committee members, our corporate board members, some of our board members, our parents, our staff and some of our teens are here tonight in support of our Boys & Girls Club. You know, I just want to give -- like, you know, I've come before the -- the Council before just to introduce -- when I first took this job.

And I wanted to come back and just kind of, you know, give a little bit more of what we've done. We are in our eighth week of the summer. We've done a lot. We have over 500 students, members, sorry. As an educator I think of students but members at the Boys & Girls Club that we house that comes through our doors every day. Through the summer we're 7:30 to 6. We have over 200 that we service on a daily basis, 235 on a -- on a -- on a good day it's 235. But we have a lot of kids that come through.

You know, we have also instituted our Teen Employability Program where we -- as you can see in the audience, we have about 15 or 16 of our teens here tonight that have been employed with us over the summer. They are now making our T-shirts and I'm wearing one, that they run their own print program at our facility. On the back it says Director so they know who I am when I walk through the facility. So they're on -- up and moving and they're able to make a little bit of money while they're doing that. We also -- states again that we serve breakfast and lunch during the summer. During the school year we do snack and dinner. We've served since this -- just this school year here in this summer, over 90,000 meals to the children in Riviera Beach that come through our doors. And that program is offered not just to our kids only, but it's offered to all children ages six to 18 in the community that can come through the door that do not need a member -- membership to be able to get a meal.

You know, so we're doing a lot of exciting things at the Boys & Girls Club. And you know, your support of this would be awesome. And I'm not going to hold up a lot of time. I just wanted to put a face with you all to know who I was again as being the director of the Max Fisher Boys & Girls Club. And at this time I'm going to introduce our CEO of the Boys & Girls Club, Miss Jaene Miranda. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

JAENE MIRANDA: Good evening, Madam Chair, Council members. As Martie mentioned, I'm Jaene Miranda. I'm the new CEO for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm

Beach County. In just a couple of weeks I'll be celebrating my first year anniversary as CEO and needless to say, it's been a transform active year for our organization. Not just from the leadership standpoint at the administrative offices, but we've also had a lot of changes out in our clubs. And although some people may think change is challenging, I also think it's very good. It brings new energy, new ideas, and in some cases some really good people, new educators and new mentors like Martie Parker, and I personally would like to thank Martie for her dedication to the families and of course to our club kids here in Riviera Beach. She's done a phenomenal job in her new role.

Needless to say, we truly appreciate our relationship with the City. Our collaboration to secure the land and the subsequent lease arrangement that was made, you know, years ago was the driving force behind our \$3.6 million capital campaign that built that beautiful new facility in the heart of your city. Our Riviera Beach club's annual operating budget is \$700,000. Unfortunately this year, due to the philanthropic community and some issues within that, we are projected to have a \$232,000 loss in our -- in our budget this year. And this is where you can help. And I'm not here to ask for -- to hold out my hand and ask for monetary support. What I'm here to ask is at -- for -- for your approval to exercise our lease to sublet our facility. The income generated from this arrangement will allow us to, one, help -- help us close that budget gap. It'll assist us in serving more children in our after-school program. And -- but most importantly, it's about sustainability. This funding will help us really sustain our programming in perpetuity. And it's all, of course, for the betterment of the children here in Riviera Beach. And that's the number one priority.

So why a charter school? Needless to say we had to align ourselves with a partner that would really work within our schedule. The school district calendar is -- is what we work off of need -- and a charter school works off that school district calendar. So the charter school was a perfect partner for us. Within that charter school community we reached out looking for the right partner, someone that would carry the same mission that we have for our organization and CHAMPS stood out. So now at this time I would like to introduce Richard Derr who's the Vice President of CHAMPS Charter School so he can say a few words. And as he makes his way up, I would also like to say that we have representatives here from the Boys & Girls Clubs, from CHAMPS Charter School and from Land Design South for any questions that you may have after his remarks. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Good evening, sir. Please state your name and address for the record.

DR. DERR: Thank you, yes. Good evening. I am Dr. Richard Derr, and I'm Vice President of CHAMPS Charter Schools, Inc. And this is such a great opportunity because first of all, Jaene Miranda and I were able to collaborate a few years ago when she was head of the Chamber of Commerce in Western Palm Beach County. And I was starting up the Palm Beach Atlantic University Campus out in Wellington. So we worked closely together and being able to make that campus a success in helping education. That's at a college level. Now we're looking to work together and being able

to bring more education and better improved education into a unique situation where we have the opportunity to take advantage of a facility that is a world-class facility and what it does as an after-school program and be able to utilize that facility before the after-school program as a charter school. So that's what's exciting about this opportunity.

CHAMPS stands for caring, honest, academically motivated positive students. And CHAMPS Program actually started as an after-school program in a charter school where it found a way to give voice to children, allow them to express themselves, take leadership capabilities and learn leadership skills. And it focuses on ethics, values and citizenship. So when you hear those things you also realize that that's the same kind of values and program that the Boys & Girls Club offers. So we're looking to integrate. We felt like there was such a -- a symbiotic relationship and -- and value system that we have together that this was a great opportunity for us to create this partnership and create this charter school. Now, it's going to be a very small charter school as charter schools go. It's only K through 5, one class per grade, 116 students. But it uses the facility through its ability to help the Boys & Girls Club meet their -- their financial issues and allows us to offer a My Choice Program to the citizens of Riviera Beach. So we thank for allowing us to be here and we look forward to your support. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. And I'm -- they want this read into the record that all of these people support the City's approval of this, Alicia Ferguson, Nicole Richards, Ernest Lovely, Martie Parker, Teresa Schuman? Not sure. Irene Eubanks, Lisa Yube [phonetic], Wendy Davis, Stephanie Clark, Sabrina Pope, Marjorie Augustin, Cheryl --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Montequ [phonetic]?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- Montequ, and David Brown and Jay Sharouse [phonetic], Michelle --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Lanetti [phonetic].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- Lanetti and Trudy --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- Chowitz, Crowitz [phonetic]. All of these people support the Boys & Girls Club. All right. So thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair, are they residents or who -- who are they? Are they residents or are they --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I believe they are from all over.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, they're all from West Palm, Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So -- all right. So are there any comments from Council?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Did you --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I have --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- are you going to take any public comment first?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: There -- they don't want to speak.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh, okay. No problem. Yes, I have --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I have a few -- I have some questions. I --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Thomas and then Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. The first question I have is, is the charter already approved through the school district?

DR. DERR: Yes. The charter -- the application was approved by the Palm Beach County School District, and it is ready to be operational next month, August this year, yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: When -- when was it approved?

DR. DERR: It was originally approved two years ago and we took a one-year deferral and so we are in our second-year deferral and so the charter would be good for four years, the remainder of the application approval.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. What -- what area -- I mean, what -- what is your demographic of getting these students? Where -- where are these students going to be coming from?

DR. DERR: Well, the students will be coming from the surrounding community. Our profile is to have a community-based school. So with only 116 allowed in total, we will be taking applications from those who do apply. And we'll be limited to that 116.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And you say you're going K through 5?

DR. DERR: K through 5, correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And how many do you have already registered?

DR. DERR: We have none registered because we need your approval before we can advertise.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But it's a month before school starts.

DR. DERR: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So how -- how are you planning on -- and I mean, a full disclosure, I work very closely with charter schools in my business.

DR. DERR: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So I do kind of understand how it, you know, works. So I'm trying to figure out how to -- how do you plan on meeting that -- that number?

DR. DERR: Right. Yeah. This -- this was a little bit unique from the standpoint of the time frame of needing approval by you all before we could actually let the community know that we were here. The conversations we've had with the Boys & Girls Club is that a marketing campaign by them will be instituted immediately starting tonight. I have brochures actually that we printed ready to go, going out to the public tomorrow. We'll be meeting with the parents of the Boys & Girls Club with the several hundred members of the Boys & Girls Club that they already have. They will be informed that this charter school will be there and if they wanted to take advantage of the ability to come to a charter school starting in the morning and stay through the after-school Boys & Girls Club Program, that's the advantage they'd be able to take.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I get it. So you're basically going to try to recruit your students through the students that are already attending the Boys & Girls Club

DR. DERR: That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Which would allow you not to have to really do a full-out saturation in the community because the -- the students are already there. What happens if the parents don't opt to -- to do that? How -- how would you sustain it?

DR. DERR: Yes. We have a -- a budget that allows us to scale back. A budget that allows us to live within whatever number we do have, actually. Because we'll be able to -- the -- the way in which we are paying for based rent, if you will, to the Boys & Girls Club, is on a per-student basis.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

DR. DERR: So we will only get as much funding from the State as we have numbers of students. And as a result, we'll be able to constrict our budget to live within that. And whatever number of students we have, that's how much we pay the Boys & Girls Club.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. But you haven't advertised this at all as of yet?

DR. DERR: No. We were really -- knew that we could not until we knew you approved us.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But you -- I just want you to be aware that it is on your website that Riviera Beach is one of your locations.

DR. DERR: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You might want to check that out. You know? But it is on your website so that would be a form of advertisement. You know, I'm more concerned about this working and not just being a charter school mill to just have our students coming out of one school, go in to another, switching around these charter schools. These charter schools are supposed to be designed for, you know, of course, choice but extra things that maybe their zoned schools wasn't providing. Are you providing anything substantial? Are you doing some arts or, you know --

DR. DERR: Yes. That's an excellent question. We believed in our application an important part of the school curriculum needs to be art and music and physical education. So we will provide that every day to all of our students.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And then one more question. The -- making sure that this -- the building is up to a school's code, how are you going to -- to make sure that you've had that? See, I've -- I've seen a few charter schools that try to come in and they select buildings that are not really up to code. And then we have another issue. I've -- this is just not our first rodeo with this. So I just want to -- I want to make sure. I know that it's --

DR. DERR: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- it's for kids so it would maybe seem that it would be a code for a school. But it may not be. So how do we know that, first of all, it meets those requirements? Secondly, that you're able to get those -- whatever needs to be done in terms of upgrades or whatever --

DR. DERR: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- by the time school opens?

DR. DERR: Yes. That was the first place we went was Planning & Zoning and Building Code and to make sure that it conformed to the requirements that we knew needed on the met to be an educational facility as a charter school. And we've gone through that and they have recommended some minor modifications that they believe -- do we have somebody from staff that maybe could speak to that?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: I'm right here.

DR. DERR: Yes. Oh, okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes. Our staff, our building official and our Planning & Zoning staff have been meeting with the group. And there are some slight modifications that they need to make. Nothing that it's extreme. It's all interior. And it's nothing that they wouldn't be able to handle. It's not cost-prohibitive. But so we have listed for them what they would have to do and they understand that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: And they would have to do those before we gave them a license.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. Right. Okay. Let me ask you another question. And I know I got a couple of colleagues that want -- no, I want to ask Mr. -- I'm sorry, sir, would you --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It's Derr.

DR. DERR: Derr.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Derr?

DR. DERR: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Derr. Mr. Derr, are -- will there be any concessions or any additional benefits for the students that come from Riviera Beach to this school?

DR. DERR: Extra benefits? Not sure what you mean by that but --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I don't know. I'm just taking it -- is there anything? Do they get a --

DR. DERR: -- for instance, I mentioned --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- a laptop or do they -- I mean, you know, I've seen Oxbridge give some laptops to their students. I was just curious if -- if you had any type of program in mind like that.

DR. DERR: Well, we have very intensive computer-based parts to our curriculum that will be part of what we bring in. We will have additional -- there are some computers there. We will need additional computers that we'll be bringing in. One of the things that is, I think, important because it was mentioned by the representative of the Boys & Girls Club itself is that they offer snacks and -- and meals. And we will also be doing the same thing as part of offering breakfast and lunch during that time, as well. So we have that built into the program. So any student who stays for the after-care program could basically have all three meals right there.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Miss McKinney, the -- is -- is it customary -- I mean, we obviously are -- we're leasing this to them for, like, a dollar a year or something. Is it customary for -- if we lease it to them for a dollar and year and they sublease it out, is it customary for us to get a fee for that?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: The City Council could ask for a fee. It wouldn't be unusual for the Council to do that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I mean, you know, I think that maybe we need to -- we don't want to impede the progress of the Boys & condition girls Club, but we also don't want, you know, you to make money off -- for something that -- I mean, we're trying to help provide a service. That's why we're -- we're leasing the -- the land for so cheap. If you -- if you're going to start turning it into a, you know -- a business and you're making money off of it, then you're becoming for profit, in my opinion. You know, so I do think that we ought to entertain that. You -- Miss --

JAENE MIRANDA: The money that we raise from this leasing agreement will be directly back into programming. It will not be for profit, as I mentioned before. We're running a \$232,000 deficit right now in our programming in that facility. I plead to the Council that you allow us to keep those dollars so that we can do what we set out to do which is to create some funding mechanism for this club that will allow us to maintain our programming at the level that it's at.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Are any of your other clubs running a quarter of a million dollar deficit?

JAENE MIRANDA: No. This is the only club that runs a \$232,000 deficit.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Why -- why is this the only club that's running a deficit?

JAENE MIRANDA: I mean, I think there are some municipalities that, you know, have the luxury of providing a lot more assistance to us from the standpoint of operating cost. We have some municipalities that cover all of our utilities. You know, others that provide us additional grants through either CDBG grants or other funding sources that they may have. We realize and -- and for that reason we're not coming here or have not come here in the recent years asking -- that I'm aware of, asking for monetary support 'cause we understand your budgetary challenges. This is our way of finding a resource for our organization to raise those dollars without impacting your City's financial situation.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Do all Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County start off with the same operating budget?

JAENE MIRANDA: No. They're all fairly different based on, you know, the levels of service. Some are much higher than what we --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

JAENE MIRANDA: -- do here. But again, it all depends on, you know -- we want to make sure that we're providing the quality services that we want to provide so there's a - - there's a base of service that -- that has to be included. And then we add on to that based on the support that we receive from either donors or -- or the municipality.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well -- well, I'm just discuss -- well, just referencing -- before getting donors' and municipalities' involvement, across the county where does Riviera Beach fall when you're talking about general budget with -- with Boys & Girls Club facilities?

JAENE MIRANDA: From the expense side it's probably -- I would have to say -- and I -

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Are we in the top, the bottom?

JAENE MIRANDA: Probably I would say close -- closer to the bottom than the top.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You're closer to the bottom?

JAENE MIRANDA: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: With the operational budget?

JAENE MIRANDA: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So why is that?

JAENE MIRANDA: Just from the standpoint of us knowing that we're starting off the year with a \$232,000 deficit.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I was -- I was asking that because you got a town like Wellington. They're -- they're at the top?

JAENE MIRANDA: From a funding perspective, they actually started off the year with about \$100,000 deficit but they've quickly made that up based on the donor that we have in that community. Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What -- okay. All right. I'm not going to go too far. I want to ask the -- thank you so much -- the Vice President --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Derr.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Lerr?

DR. DERR: Derr.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Derr. I apologize.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Derr, yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Real quick, I want to tell the parents thank you all for coming out, and I want to thank the students for coming, as well. You could have been somewhere else but this would be a great educational opportunity to come out to a city

council meeting. You don't see this much. I'm really happy to see you all come out to this great venue. Okay. Mr. Derr, where's your principal?

DR. DERR: Pardon me?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Where's your principal of your school?

DR. DERR: Our -- our principal could not -- oh, he did get here. He -- he had some --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, okay. Okay.

DR. DERR: -- material to take care of today, wasn't sure if he was going to make it. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's -- that's fine. When did you hire him?

DR. DERR: Mr. Charles Owens, we just hired him this past week.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So you just hired the principal a week ago?

DR. DERR: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Is your entire staff hired already or --

DR. DERR: We will get the staff -- well, the way charter schools need to work is that until you get your registrations, you don't know what the mixture of your classes are going to be and what type of teachers you need. When we start this week getting applications, we'll know that better and we'll start making offers to teachers and be able to do this in very short order.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I have -- I have some concerns while I do love the Boys & Girls Club. But I went to the website like Councilman Thomas and I went to click on the handbook to see what type of structure you have for all CHAMPS schools. And I couldn't find a handbook on the website when you click and it says Not Available. Then I went to Supporting Staff. It said Not Available. Do you have a handbook?

DR. DERR: Yes, we have -- Dan, we have that ready to be posted, correct?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: When will that be posted? Why is it not posted now?

DR. DERR: I -- I am not sure. (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Who are some of your support staff members?

DR. DERR: We have Mr. Dan Stansloski [phonetic] --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DR. DERR: -- who is a former principal of local charter school. We have Pam McCoy who served with the school district as a compliance director for the Palm Beach School District in the Charter Department. We have John Ball who is our accountant and the guy that keeps us financially stable. So those are our background. We have -- and then we will be hiring teachers and support staff as soon as you give us the go-ahead.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I have a few other questions. I pulled the application where you all applied in Wellington. And they had a few concerns with section 19. And in section 19, some of the concerns, it said section 9 -- it said governance -- lack of government board information. Section 18 it said financial management and oversight, lack of financial controls. Did you all address that?

DR. DERR: Yes, we did. And in fact, when that was originally submitted and those exceptions were noted, that and another part of section 5 of the application, not only did we object to those objections but we appealed the denial by the school district, went to Tallahassee and won our appeal. So the Appeals Commission agreed with us that those were not major enough. They were not substantive considerations to deny our application.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: See, my concern is, it says for -- it said lack of financial controls. And for some reason, not to fight with the State, they saw that and they still approved you. Then I saw down in section 6 it says ESE, which is exceptional students, and it talks about "the evaluation process to be utilized when a student is suspected of having a disability was not addressed." So what kind of staff are you looking -- what kind of system do you have in place that will help you identify a student who have -- may have or may not have a disability and how will you address that?

DR. DERR: Sure. Yes. We -- our staff will be -- will consist of a person who is ESE-certified and be able to evaluate the students properly for their proper placement. We will have an art teacher. We'll have a -- a -- teachers obviously certified in their grade. And we'll also have a PE teacher, art and music teacher. So we have the full gamut of all the services that require -- plus where if we -- again, it's a -- a need-based thing, but if we have gifted students, we also will provide for them with a certified gifted teacher.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Earlier I noticed that when Councilman Thomas asked you a question about what is your specification or your focus with your curriculum that's going to drive our youth that stands out from other charter schools, and you said music and physical education?

DR. DERR: Well, those -- those are additional things. What we believe stands out is that we focus on the environment and the attitude of how we conduct ourselves as faculty and teachers and how we bring the idea of leadership and ethics and values into not just the classroom but into the environment represented by the parents and teachers, as well. And that's what we suggested and pointed out in our application as being what we believe is unique and not being enough -- being done enough in the -- the traditional public school system.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. The reason I ask you that question, because when I -- CHAMPS has a school -- I believe it's in California. And I noticed that they -- they offer a robotics program.

DR. DERR: We are -- that's not our program. In California?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I -- I meant, but it said -- it said CHAMPS Charter Schools. I was trying to follow up on your umbrella and see why don't we have something that caters to maybe something dealing with marine industry.

DR. DERR: Okay, yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Engineer.

DR. DERR: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Architecture. Not just music and -- nothing against music and phys ed, but I believe that Palm Beach County School District is already addressing that issue. But when you bring a charter school, you want to cater and focus on something that other schools don't have. And there's nothing in the paperwork as I went -- go through your application that demonstrates any exceptional form of education that our youth can benefit from that they're not getting in the public school system already. That's a major concern. Another thing I looked at is when you are in -- you have school and school have early release day. You're going to have students at your facility. How are you going to address when students are released from public school, come in your charter school that's already potentially full? How are you going to address that issue Wednesday you mix those students up in the early release day?

DR. DERR: You mean as far as the transition from the after-school program?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, no, no.

DR. DERR: No? I'm sorry. I --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: During the regular school year, Palm Beach County, every month they have what you call an early release day.

DR. DERR: Oh, yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: When they release students and they get bused over from our public school system to your facility, you're gonna potentially have students already enrolled and in classrooms. What's going to happen to their quality of education when those students come walking in the door?

DR. DERR: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: How are you going to address the next 125 students that just walk into a new school -- to your school? What are you going to do to -- to handle that issue?

DR. DERR: Well, our -- our schedule will synchronize with the Boys' & Girls' schedule. They already have scheduled times when it's early release. Then their timing is shifted to accommodate the early release or even the school days that are not -- days that are normally school days but they're not held in that particular day. Then they have hours for Boys & Girls Club.

JAENE MIRANDA: Follow the Palm Beach County School District calendar, right?

DR. DERR: Yes. Yes.

JAENE MIRANDA: Okay.

DR. DERR: It's a -- and since Boys & Girls Club uses the Palm Beach County School District calendar, we conform to that, as well, so when we're in, they're out; when they're out, we're in.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And I'm glad you said that because on the website when I looked for your curriculum, it goes to -- it -- it -- it directs you to Palm Beach County School District website. So your curriculum is -- you're kind of piggybacking off what they're doing, but you don't actually have it in place yet. So why would a parent take their child that's already enrolled in school now -- we only got about four to five maybe weeks roughly before school starts -- and put them to a structure that's not quite -- based on this application, based on my research, based on what Palm Beach County School District said, based on Wellington, why would they take their child in this system that they're working with and they're comfortable with and put them to a structure that's not quite in place? You don't even have a staff. Thank you. I see that you put a principal in place.

But there's a lot of things that need to be addressed with this school. And I'm not saying that you can't do it. But by it being such a tight time frame for a school year, I think you're really pushing it and I don't feel like we should put the future, the education capabilities of our youth, in the risk of a program that's not quite there yet and rush them through. And then let's say the program fails and what happens next? They get bused to another school and they have to start all over again. Maybe next year or something we might want to look -- I -- I might want to look at this, 'cause I feel like you still have some things that you have to really tighten up, specifically curriculum. Maybe offer us something that other people are getting like the robotics program, making sure that you have identified teachers already. You're not -- necessarily have to hire them but you can identify teachers. You know, there's a --

DR. DERR: Oh, well, we have them identified. I -- I didn't mean to say we don't have them identified. We have -- there are hundreds of resumes that we've reviewed and we know -- we've targeted who we want to bring in. And even the school district that are hiring, they haven't hired yet because they're waiting to see what enrollment they're

going to have. So it's not unusual; in fact, it's typical for a charter school to be at this point to say, We know who we want to hire. But the school year, fiscal year doesn't start until July 1st. So we've got the month of July to pay them, if you will, if we bring them in, or in many case, they're given a contract not starting until August.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But here's the thing I noticed before I'm gonna close and I'm going to stop and let me colleague move forward. For one, the Boys & Girls Club at that facility is dealing with a lower operational budget than most areas in the county. So we gotta -- we're starting there. Two, we've got a program that's not quite in place. Okay? And yes, it may cost the State. May not be unlikely for this to happen. When it come to the youth of Riviera Beach and this county, no matter where we are, I'm sure this entire board understand how -- and very sensitive toward the needs of those youth. I don't feel like at no point should we even consider putting them in jeopardy of having the best quality of education possible. Don't do what others -- or others are trying to do. Do what works. So I think as a charter school, you need to make sure you bring something in place that's already working, that's successful.

Have your -- I mean, like, when I go to your website and I click on certain icons, it says Palm Beach County School District, Palm Beach County School District, Palm Beach County School District. And I'm sitting there like, Okay. Now, what have they done that's different? And nothing -- you know, nothing against what you're trying to do and I thank you for trying to bring something to the -- to Riviera Beach. But let's remember, these are our youth. What you do and how you may practice with them now may affect them later. And I want to make sure whatever effect that is is very positive. Because if it's not positive, we're going to have to come back and deal with this on a whole 'nother level later. And I'm not signing my name off on a document and putting our kids in risk because the program hasn't done their due diligence and worked as hard to put this stuff in place. Because I'm getting all the e-mails and I see that you did your outreach to your parents, but this is something that should have been back in January, back in December. You should have been talking with these parents before.

Why wait till the last minute to reach out to your parents, say, Hey, we need you. We got a council meeting coming up. Come out and let's show our -- no. Put something in place. Tell them parents, say, Listen. This is what we've done for you. We have a robotics program. We have an engineering program. We have Lockheed Martin. Okay? We have the Ryboviches. We have all these different entities in Riviera Beach that we have already reached out to and want to partner with and we have a curriculum that's already in place. You've had two years. When you first submitted your application back in 2011, it was denied. In 2012 when you filed your appeal, it was approved through the State of Florida. Yes, a lot of charter schools are political but in this situation it doesn't seem fit to put any child, including your child, in a system like this at this particular time. Maybe later. But at this particular time, your application, your website that you have in place, it doesn't seem -- it's not ready for a child. For a mother or father to turn their child loose into your care and feel comfortable that, Hey, you know what? They're going to get quality education across the board. Because once you stumble, guess what? Yes, you may meet your \$200,000 gap and fill that, but what

happens if that child is way below testing; when they left the public school system it was working?

JAENE MIRANDA: Council Member Davis, just so you -- these are things that I learned in the process of, you know, trying to create this relationship with the charter school. First of all, one of the things, one of the mandates for a charter school is that they must maintain at minimum a B rating as a school within the -- the community. This in itself is a -- is a huge asset for -- for the community. That's the minimum grade that they're allowed to maintain. I can tell you in my past experience and working with Richard -- and this is personal -- and his affiliation with Palm Beach Atlantic University, he is a very ethical man. Everything that he's saying is, you know -- I can vouch for is true. They have done their due diligence in their recruitment of their staff. It's just really hard to make commitment to individuals without having approval from the City. And then from our perspective, I actually was the one that held him back on any kind of advertising because I did not want to have any kind of issues with the City in advertising a charter school that you had not approved yet. I didn't want to jeopardize my relationship or the relationship of the Boys & Girls Clubs with the City. So the fact that you haven't seen any marketing or promotion in regards to the charter school did not have anything to do with his inability to do it. It was my request to him to not do it. So just -- just, you know -- I just wanted to make sure --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, I understand that but --

JAENE MIRANDA: -- and as for partnerships and -- and -- and providing something different for the organization, since I've come on board, there's a -- there's a real push for us to work on turning this club here in Riviera Beach into an actual STEM center. And this is for the Boys & Girls Clubs. And so we're in talks with -- internally in developing a robotics program ourselves to try to really create a STEM facility in the -- in the afterhours where we would be working with corporations like FP&L, Lockheed Martin. We -- in fact, we've started our relationship with Lockheed Martin, some of the other aerospace companies in the area. I mean, our goal is to -- to work in that direction. And I know that when I discussed that with Richard and with his team, they were really on board with that. So I can see some collaborations in the future as we -- as we continue to build that end of our -- our curriculum.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

JAENE MIRANDA: For our after-school program. I can see them jumping on board and being a part of that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes. I mean, no disrespect. You don't have to get enrolled but you can start talking about it, getting people excited about it, promoting what's to come. When this idea came up, that's when the promotion should have went in effect right away. Hey, Riviera Beach, we got a charter school that we're working on trying to bring to you. We'd like to have your input, parents. Tell us what's happening in the school system that you're not getting now. Help us help you help this City help your child so we can build a better future. Those are the type of conversations that should

have happened back at that point. And like I say, it's -- it's nothing personal. It just -- the fact is when -- you know, when I'm looking at the application and I'm looking at what's been presented to us, it's the fashion. You know, I don't like operating out of desperation, trying to push something through. Once you push and move fast sometime, you have accidents. That's why they have speed limits. You know what I mean? So when it come to children, I'm going to make sure that we move carefully, responsibly, and just do the right thing, you know? We all can learn from this opportunity today. I don't know if you have any deadlines for potentially next year versus this year. Do you all have any deadlines?

DR. DERR: Yeah. We -- we cannot -- since we took a year deferral, if we do not use this application, then the application lapses.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So -- so you took a year and got most of these things in place as far as section 19. 'Cause section 6 still hasn't been addressed based on the application that was submitted.

DR. DERR: Well, actually, the reason why we had to take a year deferral was to find a facility. That's one of the toughest things for charter schools in this county to do. So we took a year deferral so that we could find the facility that would fit our need and -- and be able to meet the budget.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What happened in Wellington with their facility?

DR. DERR: We looked -- targeted Wellington as a -- as a place to start the charter school. But Wellington is -- has a -- several other big charter schools now out there that made -- just the point you're making. We don't want to compete against big charter schools are -- who are attracting all the parents who are interested in having a child go to a charter school with the expectation that we aren't going to be successful in that particular area. So the idea would be they -- actually the process is with the school district that if Riviera Beach is -- approves this location, then we would have a formal name change of the school from -- to the CHAMPS Charter School of Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So what happened in Royal Palm Beach?

DR. DERR: In Royal Palm Beach, the same situation. Big charter school operations moved into town, both in Royal Palm and in Wellington. And they made our small school noncompetitive.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But you applied for Royal Palm. You applied for Wellington, which means you wanted to be there. Correct?

DR. DERR: In 2011, yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So when you wanted to be there, you was denied why?

DR. DERR: We were -- we were denied for those points that you mentioned. We were denied but then we appealed and were approved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And you made the corrections. And I saw --

DR. DERR: So we were -- we were denied by the local school district. By the way, have to point out, after the Charter Department that reviews all the applications recommended approval to the school board, the school board decided that night that if every single of the 19 sections of the application did not fully meet the standard, that they were going to deny.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DR. DERR: Even though the Charter School Department recommended approval based upon the fact that those issues could be cured during consideration negotiation.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Did they keep --

DR. DERR: So that's what happened in that situation.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But I think a lot of times even with the school board, they are keeping the children in mind when they're looking at approvals a lot of the time. 'Cause when you're taking funding away from the public school system to a -- a potential private sector like this, they want to see what are you going to do to do different. And based on this application, like I said, my colleagues look at page two. You can see the ratings. You can see -- and page three you can also see the assessment. Which shows that you was moving in the right direction. But you wasn't there yet at that time. And then it showed -- it also stated in the back that you made the corrections and got to where you needed to be.

DR. DERR: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But there's still some things that are not there yet. And like I say, when I -- and when I went to the website after this and then I started looking for a handbook, I say, You don't have a handbook? What are the rules? I can't send my child to a school that don't have rules. Because they're going to violate rules all day. The rules can change every minute. If you don't have rules for a school or any institution, you're in trouble. That's the administration and the youth. So before bringing this for approval today, I think we need to get some rules and -- and just fine-tune this thing and maybe come back with something else.

DR. DERR: Just to make a comment about the issue of the charter school versus the traditional schools, the other reason why we believe this school is attractive as Miss Miranda had mentioned that we need to maintain a B to stay -- to continue, that within the two-mile radius of Boys & Girls Club, there are seven elementary schools. One of them is A rated, one is B rated, three are C rated and two are D rated. So our view of wanting to sponsor charter schools, particularly in areas where the schools are lower rated than I would want my child to go to, if I knew I had to -- an opportunity to send my

child to a school that must maintain a B and I have my child in a C or a D, I would think very hard about making that change.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You know why some of those schools are Cs and Ds? 'Cause I work for the school board.

DR. DERR: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And one -- and this is my last comment. At Lincoln Elementary School, which is a D, one of the things I noticed when charter schools fail, they send schools to certain schools. And Lincoln is one of those dump-school areas. And when they dumped those students over -- not -- I don't like to say the word dumped because they're human beings. When they redirect our youth to that school, those classrooms become overcrowded. But when those children had choices in the very beginning and they tried the charter schools, that's what we got. So I'm just saying -- not saying this won't work but at this time you need to have some rules in place before you ask that you have some children in. Because you're asking someone in the back for a handbook, when I go to your -- and they don't have it with them. You go to the website. It's not in position. But how can I send -- recommend any child in this city or in this area, Northern County, to a school that doesn't even have a handbook?

DR. DERR: And the handbook has been -- needs to be submitted to the school district as part of our start-up. And that's been done. And that's going to be posted as this -- this week, actually is the deadline for the school district to get in the start-up documents. So that was submitted and will be posted and part of the orientation of parents that want to bring their child to our school must get a copy of the handbook. In fact, they also must be part of participation in the school. That's part of the uniqueness of a charter school, to require participation by parents. And so we have that in place to be able to ensure that not only the parents but the community, particularly through Boys & Girls Club, would get the support and the participation that a school needs and in many cases doesn't have.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm done.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. I just have a couple of questions and my colleagues have brought up some very good points. And I -- I -- I know my colleague next to me work in the school system to some degree. And I know that he's very passionate about these issues as all of us are about our kids. I have not decided against this. Let me put that out there. I would like to get some clarity on some things because one of the things that you mention as to why you're coming here, part of the reason, is that this would helpful fill the shortfall to the Boys & Girls Club which, to me, directly affect our kids. So I'm looking at not just the school element but what other benefits can the community reap from this project.

The other thing I'm considering is that this is not a City project. So if it goes down, some may say that it can reflect us or the image because we approved it. I'm -- the jury's still out whether I think that it would negatively impact us as a city. But my question is -- because I'm thinking about the kids and how this may help the kids in the Boys & Girls Club. How would this charter school fulfill that shortfall? I -- I still haven't heard that clearly explained. It's been mentioned. How would this school -- you say you have a couple of hundred thousand dollar shortfall. How would that --

JAENE MIRANDA: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- help fulfill the shortfall?

JAENE MIRANDA: And I'm sure Richard can give you more details on how the charter school financials work, but they -- when charter schools are approved by the school district, they are then provided a certain allotment of money from the State per child. I think it's about 6,700 or so?

DR. DERR: (Nods head).

JAENE MIRANDA: \$6,700. What we have contracted -- and this was based on -- and keep -- keep in mind that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is not the first Boys & Girls Clubs that has a charter school or is trying to attempt to do a charter school arrangement.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

JAENE MIRANDA: There are charter schools in Boys & Girls Clubs across the country. And, in fact, we went and visited one in -- in Miami and it was great. What we learned from the -- in -- in talking with some of our partners in -- in the Boys & Girls Clubs that have charter schools, traditionally what was requested from the charter school was a certain allocation of the dollars that they receive per child, for them to allocate that to -- as rent for the facility. Our arrangement with CHAMPS Charter School is -- there's \$750 per year per child that attends the club. At that 116 -- 116, I guess, enrollment for the charter school, if you -- you take that amount, it's about \$87,000 that would come in to the organization.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I --

JAENE MIRANDA: The -- the remaining dollars -- which should be in your packages -- you'll see additional dollars for utilities. Those would be additional dollars that CHAMPS would have to pay to us but those dollars, we're assuming those are incremental costs to us that they're just going to subsidize. We're not -- we're not looking for them to share our current utility cost. We're assuming that they're going to be paying the -- the new -- new utility costs that would be coming into the organization due to running the facility for a much longer period of time.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Would the state funding be your only funding source initially?

JAENE MIRANDA: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. There's a Maritime Academy right next to you. I think their grade starts seven -- seventh --

JAENE MIRANDA: Yeah, they're --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It's high school.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: High school?

JAENE MIRANDA: -- high school.

DR. DERR: High school.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So this would not be a conflict. Have there been any discussion about possibly preparing some of your curriculum to coincide with what is right next door to you?

JAENE MIRANDA: Not curriculum but we have had some preliminary discussions. Actually, I'm not going to take credit for it. Martie Parker, our club director's, had preliminary conversations with them in regards to should we have an elementary, what's the next step. If -- if a -- if a child wants -- or a parent wants to continue to send their kids through a charter school environment, what's next? Our understanding is that Maritime has a -- a school that is outside of Riviera Beach that's a middle school that could be an opportunity for them to transfer there and then back to Riviera Beach Maritime --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

JAENE MIRANDA: -- if they wanted to continue that track. Or maybe between now and our first graduating class, fifth grade graduating class, Maritime could consider expanding their services beyond high school into middle school.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

JAENE MIRANDA: So it -- you know, that's a -- it's all conversations that can, you know -- can continue to go forward once we receive this approval.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I -- I think should it be approved, that might be an avenue you want to explore. I have a question to our attorney now. Mrs. Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes. I'm right here. I'm trying to figure out which mike is mine.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Because I -- one thing I want to make clear, this is not a city charter school.

JAENE MIRANDA: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We -- we -- we have nothing to do with your success or failure other than giving you an opportunity to prove yourselves. That's essentially what you're asking us to do.

JAENE MIRANDA: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But my question is would the City have any exposure should the school not succeed?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. Our lease agreement is with the Boys & Girls Club.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And the -- the only thing that they have to do under that lease is provide insurance, pay the dollar a year and keep the property in good condition. The contract -- the lease does not speak to subleases at all. And that's why we're here.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And if the Council is inclined to approve it, there are some -- there's a proposed resolution that was intentionally not read because we didn't want to presume where the Council would go. But there is a restriction that should you choose to grant the sublease, that you do so with the condition that they come back at the end of five years to -- to ask again so that we can analyze, you know, the -- how productive it has been.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is not set in stone, but that was staff trying to -- to put some conditions that we thought you would --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- be -- you would, you know, find acceptable.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And that was my next question to the school. Should you get approved and become somewhat financial solvent and the Boys & Girls Club doing okay, you have a curriculum and students coming to your school, would you consider at some point contributing back to the City for taking a chance with you?

JAENE MIRANDA: Is that the school or for us?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: For the school.

DR. DERR: For the school? All I can say is if I --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Wait, wait. Let me back up. No, we have the lease with the Boys & Girls Club. No. That's to the Boys & Girls Club.

JAENE MIRANDA: I mean, at -- at this point the way that I'm proposing is that the dollars would be maintained in the program, if we can continue --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. I -- I know. Right now. Right. I understand.

JAENE MIRANDA: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: When you're trying get something off of the ground but -

JAENE MIRANDA: I would -- I would rather say to you, Council Member, that I'd rather tell you that I -- why not put that money into the club and get more kids to attend the club? 'Cause remember, our funding is based on primarily -- is salaries. And for every 20 kids, we need to have an individual. The only way that I can serve more kids in my community -- in this community is by having more paid staff.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Maybe I didn't make it clear because I'm not necessarily talking about a financial contribution to us. It may be that Riviera Beach kids -- I don't know if they pay now. Do they pay now?

JAENE MIRANDA: The membership is \$30 a year but if they're not able to --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. But that's --

JAENE MIRANDA: -- pay that --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- maybe Riviera Beach kids' fee can be waived. I mean, something back to us for allowing this financial arrangement to help you. And our kids, some of whom --

JAENE MIRANDA: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- \$30, they can't afford, to be honest.

JAENE MIRANDA: And if -- if they can't afford it, we -- we get scholarships for them, especially the kids in -- I mean, needless to say, most of the kids that attend our club are Riviera Beach kids.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

JAENE MIRANDA: But if they can't -- we don't turn anybody away.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

JAENE MIRANDA: The only thing that -- the only time that we turn kids away is when we legally cannot have them in the building. That means that we don't have enough -- enough adult supervision to manage the kids in the building and do it legally, meaning that, you know, we could be cited or have our license taken away. But I -- I don't believe we've run into that situation as of yet.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Madam Chair, that's -- that's all the questions I have.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And I'll weigh in on it. My view on this is currently when we went into this with the Boys & Girls Club, you know, we decided to -- to lease it to you for -- for a dollar a year. We're not receiving anything at this point in time. And you know, it's been said in prior times that the City does not contribute. And we don't contribute because we're giving you the land. The donors of the Boys & Girls Club, a few years ago, built the facility that you're in and, you know, just to put on the record, I did meet with the both of you at different times and kind of understand the concept that you're trying to do, to increase, you know -- to -- to kind of play off of each other, if -- if you will, in order to meet that budget gap that you -- you -- you mentioned.

But I would agree that, you know, based on what this resolution says that, you know, after five years, if you find that, you know, you are being, very successful in the program, that it needs to come back for review and we can talk about it then. But at this point in time I totally support it. And I think it's a -- it's a -- it's a pretty good deal for the both of you. And for the children of Riviera Beach, since most of the children there are Riviera Beach students. So with that being said, there is a resolution and a motion would have to be --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I have another -- yeah, I have some additional questions.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I didn't know if -- Miss Pardo hadn't had a chance. I didn't know if --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Yes. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. The first thing I'll say is I am really a little disappointed that you're coming here five weeks before school starts. Because you -- you're really putting us all on the spot right now. If we don't go along with it we're the bad guys. If we do go along with it, we're just pushing this through. So you know, on the record, I really don't appreciate having a gun to my head.

You know, I'm -- I'm quite torn on this issue. I really am. We do have a lot of schools in Riviera Beach. And to have just another regular school, do we really need that? I feel -- I feel pretty strongly about having a school that would provide education -- I guess more of, you know -- get these kids ready for something. And someone brought up the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy, which is great. We have kids that go to the regular schools, right, from elementary and then middle school. And then they go on to the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy. Okay? And they learn a trade and a lot of them then are able to either work here or in West Palm Beach and then others go on to college.

I would really -- and I think Riviera Beach really needs a school that will focus on an industry. We are a working waterfront community. So if we could start to expose children in first grade, first through eighth grade about the marine industry or about electronics and every, you know -- all the great things that happen over at Lockheed Martin, which is here in our community and pays, you know, very high paying -- and has very high-paying jobs. You know, to start children at an early age. You know, they're little sponges. And you -- you may find that they do have an interest in that and then they can go through the school system and hopefully go to college and major in that and come home and have a -- a -- a high-paying job. You know, with that said, you know, I hope if this goes through that, you know, maybe that's something that you'll consider, you know, try your just regular program, you know, for the first year or two and seriously consider focusing on an industry.

DR. DERR: Absolutely.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Because I really think that is what is needed here in the city.

DR. DERR: What -- what our vision was as we evolved with this school is first of all get a solid education that we feel the traditional schools are not providing. When you get that established, and we're in a community now where we've got parents that are involved. We hopefully would have the city council involved to the point to give us recommendations, suggestions where as we evolve, we can amend our contract with the school district and actually do that, focusing something where we've got feedback from parents saying, We would like to have this be a STEM school. That's a -- a very good direction to go. But -- and we certainly can evolve to that. And -- but we believe that that has to -- first we have to get the solid foundation of the academics in place. And that's what we're looking to do initially. And then be able to take the input and be able to evolve into a unique strain that fits the need of the community.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Sure. And I believe that you can do that starting in first grade. Just, you know --

DR. DERR: Uh-huh. Definitely.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- start exposing them. And then maybe -- it looks like the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy is going to be expanding soon. And maybe we can have the conversation with the middle school in West Palm Beach and perhaps create a campus where the focus is on the ocean and water, marine industry. You know, and that would be something that would be very unique to Riviera Beach.

DR. DERR: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But also expose the children to the jobs that are here. So - - all right. That's all I have. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Just a -- a couple of other things that I think that we ought to look at. The first thing is if we're inclined to do this, I think that they should review it maybe in two years instead of five.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I would agree.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I definitely don't think it should be five years. The other thing that I know that you are not adding in and -- because this is my profession, I understand that it exists. First of all, let me put on the record that I'm not pursuing any business from this school. Not now and I won't be pursuing after this, either. But I do know that Boys & Girls Club has transportation that they provide already. That means that -- what you didn't mention is that the State also provides dollars for transportation that I'm sure that you all know because that's a huge thing, especially in elementary schools, to be able to get the students there. So you're going to be getting additional dollars that you didn't put down in your -- in your budget worksheet. So --

JAENE MIRANDA: No. The dollars that they receive as a charter school is to transport kids that -- for the morning to our -- to our facility for the charter school.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Exactly.

JAENE MIRANDA: And back home. Not -- we're not going to receive any of those dollars. That's for -- for them to use for their -- and they can't use our transportation system. They have their own.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, basically what I'm saying is there are dollars available that I didn't see shown in there. And as I -- as I've said several times, I'm -- I'm very familiar with this process because this is what I do. And I also need to repeat that I'm not pursuing any business now or in the future with this particular company. Just before people start going there. The other thing that I need you to do is if you all are going to do this, then you know, I'm a little -- I'm -- I'm almost -- I'm very torn because you all owe us a substantial amount of money. No, you owe us a substantial amount of money. Yeah. And we have gone over and bent over backwards that's really not public, you know, to -- to try to help --

JAENE MIRANDA: It is now.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Well, of course it is now 'cause you're about to make a bunch of money and I'm not gonna seem like I'm a hypocrite up here. We're trying to help you so first thing is that needs to be revisited and we need to be able to get our money a lot faster than two or three years or whatever we're -- we're doing with that. I'm not familiar with the final terms on that and that don't necessarily have to be discussed right now but --

JAENE MIRANDA: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I will be very interested in recouping the money that's owed to us much faster. I'm not saying eat up all of your --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I would agree.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- your -- your new money in that, but, you know, let's -- let's be real here. And also, I just need to make this statement, 'cause we don't want to hurt any of the -- we don't want to hurt the business that's coming in. But obviously we pay attention to what's going on and we're paying attention to what Palm Beach County Boys & Girls Club is doing in our community. And we do know that the budgets are very low. We do know that they don't get the same treatment across like your other clubs. So we are bending over backwards for this. We're watching that and if you're not going to treat our club the -- the way that every other club is being treated, then we're not going to be here -- I'm assuming you want to say something so --

JAENE MIRANDA: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- so go -- go right ahead.

JAENE MIRANDA: It -- I -- I -- I don't want people to assume that we're not doing the same treatment. The problem is that we're running a loss in this club. So what's happening is that we're trying to raise the money to make up for that loss right now.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry. (Inaudible).

JAENE MIRANDA: We're trying to recoup before the end of the year.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

JAENE MIRANDA: We're trying to recoup those dollars.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, please, I didn't -- I couldn't hear that.

JAENE MIRANDA: I -- I don't want individuals to feel that we're not giving the same level of service. We're giving the same level of service but we're running a deficit so --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You don't have the same amount of donors?

JAENE MIRANDA: -- we don't have the same -- so we're doing -- we're basically running a \$700,000 program with only \$473,000 in -- in the piggy bank to run that program.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: All right. I'm -- I'm -- I'm --

JAENE MIRANDA: so what we're trying to do now is raise the money to make up that deficit.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- Miss Miranda, I'm not gonna -- I'm not going to go over the semantics and -- I just need you to know that we understand what's going on

and we're opening up the curtain and we're saying you're going to treat us the same way you do in every other city. Period. You know? Period. No more of this, That's just Riviera Beach. You know, never mind. I'm not -- I -- I really -- you -- please don't lose my support, is all I'm saying right now.

JAENE MIRANDA: No. I'm not --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So let me --

JAENE MIRANDA: -- and -- and I -- I -- I'm trying --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- you might want to just let me finish saying what I gotta say and then let us take a vote.

JAENE MIRANDA: All right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Because you're -- you're not making this great, you know? We're trying to tell you what our issues are --

JAENE MIRANDA: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- so you understand that. It's not a debate at this point. We know how you're treating our city. We know it, period. Now, I know that you said that this is not going to be a black eye with the City, but if it turns negative, it's going to have Riviera Beach attached to it and it's going to continue to perpetuate the perceptions that are here. So we do have a vested interest, you know, in it, you know? Period. So understand where we're going and I'm -- I'm done with -- with that part of it. What I'm going to ask -- I'm done with -- with -- with you all. No -- no offense but I -- I really want to talk to the board and ask that we don't allow it to be five years. We bring it back in maybe two years and then we have some form of expedited payment on the -- the funds that are owed to us, I think would be fair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Pardo? Did anybody else have comments?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I -- no, I would -- I would say that I would agree with my colleague for his support to approve it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, I was about to say --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Definitely.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- then let's go ahead and read the resolution and then somebody can make a -- a -- a -- an amended motion or something to --

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- change -- Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Prior to your speaking, I -- we -- we acknowledge --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: He's on the dais.

CITY CLERK WARD: -- that the Mayor is now on the dais.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Apologize for being late but one of our long-term residents passed and I attended the memorial service minutes ago and (inaudible) memorial for Shane. And many of the local people know him. So after digressing, let me get back on point. I'm not really aware of the conversations. I don't know who's for what. I don't know who's opposed. So I'm speaking very independently how I feel. I feel that education is a continuous process of learning, one. Two, you cannot put a price tag on education. Three, the most formative and the most dynamic supportive years of education is a very early age, preschool or either one through five. What we know is that jails are built based upon the -- the behavior and character of children in the third grade. We know that. We also know that many times in the public school system, children are socially promoted, which means going from lower grades into higher grades, being passed over and being passed on without being able to read, write or arithmetic. It is totally unacceptable to me that any school, particularly in Riviera Beach, receives a D or an F grade. That's not an option for me. That's not acceptable. And I'll be talking more about that in my comments.

I said that to say this. And I need the -- the person from the -- the Boys & Girls Club to come back, please. Let me just say I support your expansion. I support your efforts. I support the Boys & Girls Club. And I want to see and I hope this council pass the resolution. But as important to -- to me as pass a resolution is that you are committed -- and -- and I know that you are -- to go the extra mile to make sure that this is not a -- a failure, it's not a D or F, but that this school -- I don't know whether it will rated. It probably won't be but I want to see our schools come up to another level and I hold everybody accountable and responsible on the school board for schools that -- in this district that are D or F. I'm very upset about that. So I need you to tell me what are you going to do in your school from K to 5 that it will not be a D or F or average school. Please tell me that. Thank you. Or whoever would like to tell me.

JAENE MIRANDA: Well, it's -- it's not my school but I can tell -- tell you that we'll hold them accountable to the minimum standards which is a B minimum for the -- for the charter school.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

JAENE MIRANDA: I mean, that's -- that's our agreement with them and I believe that's their agreement with the State. I don't think they have an option, Mayor. That --

MAYOR MASTERS: And I also want to volunteer to -- to work with you in any kind -- with the -- with the Boys & -- with that -- that component. I want to volunteer because I want to be direct -- more involved in the education of children. I don't care whether it's public or private. We got some charter schools that are doing great. Some aren't. We got some public schools that are doing great and some aren't. It's just the education, whether it's public, private, charter. I want to see the entire education of our children go up. And I will hold you accountable and responsible.

JAENE MIRANDA: Okay. Thank you, Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, real -- real briefly, Mayor, thank you for making your comments. But there's some things I want to bring to your attention. There's some questions asked and I did some research on the website. And one of the -- the big key concerns was -- and I asked him here today, where is your handbook? And when you click on the website, there is no handbook identified in this school. And as you know, prison is based on people who do not follow rules. If there's no rules in place, what are we going to teach our children? That's where I'm right now. Parents, please listen to me. These are your children and I -- I'm going to stand behind you and support you. But I want to make sure that you understand what questions need to be asked when you go back to the Boys & Girls Club. There need to be another parent meeting to sit down and go through this handbook if this is approved. Because I'm going to say it on the record, because there's so many times, you know, you go to school and -- and the child get in trouble and they say, What did you do? Well, the handbook says -- well, there's no handbook. How can a child follow some guidelines that's not in place? Now, we're talking about quality education.

Quality education are rules, structure. If you don't have rules to start, you can't put structure in place. I'm just stating, you know, my mind is -- will be made up if there were some things in place that were fundamentally sound and say, Hey, you know what? Let me give them a shot. But if this is approved, no matter which way I vote, just please go back and sit down with them and discuss what the rules are going to be. And I'm sure they're going to work with their staff. Ask who's going to be the supporting staff. You know, the principal's going to be the one in charge. He get to creating his own team with his teaching -- teaching support staff, which I understand. Those are the questions that you all need to ask. Who's going to come teach your children? Where are they coming from? How much experience they have, how enthusiastic are they? Have they ever worked in a charter school before? When it come to funding is one thing. When it come to quality education and quality of life, we cannot put a price on it. But we must put some structure in place. That's all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk, would you please read the resolution?

CITY CLERK WARD: Resolution -- a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving the request from the Boys & Girls Club of -- of Palm Beach County current lease of real property owned by the City of Riviera Beach currently known as 221 W. 13th Street to sublease said property to CHAMPS Charter School in order to operate a K-through-5 charter school for up to 116 students and providing an effective date.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: With the condition of my colleague's --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, let's get this -- this motion on the floor first and then you can make an --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Does it have to be incorporated in this motion?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, I guess you could, yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: For me to support it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That in two years we revisit it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And we also discussed an expedited repayment process should they get approved and start receiving funds.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Is there a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second. I just want to ask a question for clarification.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You want to clear --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That repayment, that expedited repayment I'm speaking of is of the money that they already owe us.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Whatever you referred to.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm doing this for you so --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I appreciate that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- you can vote in support of it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. I -- I -- I appreciate that. They say --

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I have a question. I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- yeah. They -- they say teamwork makes the dream work. So I -- I appreciate that. I -- I just want to make sure that -- that staff understands what we're getting at here when we say the --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- expedited. We're not trying to tie, you know, their hands or -- or hurt them further. We just want to -- we're allowing you to make some money that we're not getting any of. We definitely want the money that you owe us in a faster time.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mayor Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I have a question. Yes. The point that Councilman Terence Davis made about the handbook, could that be a part of this motion, that they will establish a handbook or -- or do we know that they're in the process of establishing a handbook? That's important to me. So point of clarification?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Our relationship is with the Boys & Girls Club. So we can't and should not get involved in their relationship with CHAMPS to the extent that it does not affect the lease itself. Also, if I may, the Council -- are you saying that you want this issue to come back to you for two years?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: In two years.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Which means that you want the contract, the sublease with the Boys & Girls Club and CHAMPS to only be for two years? Is that what you're saying?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I think it -- it's only for -- they need to come back for a two-year review.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: A review.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes. Come back in two years to be reviewed to find out whether they are, you know --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is that what you're saying?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Can we -- since we're -- since we're discussing it, as well, can it triggers if the school district pulls their charter for any reason?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That they have to come back to us for any new sublet?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, yeah. They have to come back anyway.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. I just want to make sure because they can go under a different name and, you know --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. It's only with CHAMPS.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It's only with the --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- different thing. So and that this agreement is only for CHAMPS. So I don't want the Boys & Girls Club to --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- get a secondary school in there.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: This agreement is only for this particular school and with -- with staff making sure that the oversight is there so it doesn't run amok for two years, you know?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. And they -- they have given us a draft of their lease which needs a lot of work. But they've said that they would get our approval, even though it's not going to be written approval. But they have given me the opportunity to make comments on their agreement, the Boys & Girls Club's agreement with CHAMPS. So that was helpful.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And those things that staff has already said they need to do to bring the building into --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That -- yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's automatic.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. Well, I -- well, I don't --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's regulatory.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- since -- since this probably -- we won't see this again --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I'm -- I'm --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- you know, on the first day of school after I park my --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- bus I'm going to go over there and look at it. I'm --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I'm serious. I want to -- I want to make sure that they're doing this and there's just not a, you know -- a -- a push-by. We're very serious about it. That's good for me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So staff --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. Well, you -- so -- I'm sorry. I need to --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Go ahead.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- so you want to review it in two years but you're not necessarily saying that you want their contract to only be two years?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's a different issue.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Got it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So this should be coming back to us in July 2016. Okay? For a review.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: With -- Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But during that review, we would have an option to readdress our conditions that we are outlining now, should we see that they're doing well.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's what the review is for.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. We can revisit what we are requiring in our sublease.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So how -- what -- what is the --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- what -- what is the -- what is the contract going to be for? Are you saying the contract, they want for five years?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, you know, I can't really tell them what to do with their sublease. But if you're saying you want to review this matter again and you want to have the right --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. I'm saying what are we going to do with ours? What are we --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- what are we proposing for -- how long are we allowing them to do this for? How long are we allowing the Boys & Girls Club --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Five years.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- to do this for?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: To sublet it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, I think what you're saying -- and maybe I'm wrong -- you're saying that you want to review it for two -- in two years. But I --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No, but the -- the actual contract with them is for five years. The sublease is five years.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. That's what I'm asking.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: The sublease is for five. We're allowing them to have a five-year sublease.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's whenever --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: However, they have to come back for a --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: A review in two.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- a review and you will -- the City will retain the option to terminate if we find --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. Of course. No, don't frown up. That's exactly what we're saying.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. No, I got it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If they ain't doing right, it's terminated.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I don't -- no hard feelings, period. It's business. If -- if they're not doing right, we want to terminate it. So --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I want to make sure that this agreement states that, that --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- we -- the City Council, whoever's sitting here at that time has the right to --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- and it comes back to the board?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I will make those adjustments to the resolution.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: After the vote.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Legal?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So after five years let's say hopefully this program is successful.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And after five years they have the option to go somewhere else if they choose to or stay?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: They can -- well, they have to come -- if they want to stay, they have to come back to this board.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But if not, they can go -- they have their license.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: They can just --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: They have the approval. They got what they need and they can go.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: If they choose to.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: If they choose to.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Not that we run them away.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But they have that option.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Because see, I don't want people to continue using Riviera Beach as a stepping-stone to go somewhere else.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I don't want to see that happen. Okay? If they're going to commit to our kids, our -- our youth in our community, we need -- we need a long-term agreement with -- with Boys & Girls Club. We've -- we've done a -- the City of Riviera Beach has done a lot to support our youth. Those who are working with us need to do a better job, as well. If you're going to commit, commit all the way.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I got a question before we take a vote, Madam Chair, just one last question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And this -- maybe this is to Miss Miranda. Can -- right. I -- I dare ask you to come back but --

JAENE MIRANDA: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And just so everybody know, Miss Miranda and I, we have a -- we have a -- a -- a good relationship most of the time, right?

JAENE MIRANDA: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Okay.

JAENE MIRANDA: I'd say probably like 98 percent of the time.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Ninety-eight percent of the time. Okay. Will -- will the employees that are there -- because they're part-time employees, correct?

JAENE MIRANDA: Our employees?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

JAENE MIRANDA: We have some full-time, some part-time.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, will the employees that are already working there, will they be allowed to work in that program, as well?

JAENE MIRANDA: I mean, I don't want to speak for CHAMPS. If they're educators and they have the -- the type of experience that's being --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, I'm -- I'm -- I'm not -- I'm not saying to speak for CHAMPS. I'm saying will the Boys & Girls Club allow for them to actually work or would that be considered --

JAENE MIRANDA: If they're -- if --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- double-dipping or something? That's what I'm trying to get to.

JAENE MIRANDA: -- yeah. If they're part-time staff most of our --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

JAENE MIRANDA: -- part-time staff have alternative jobs in other places. Even like our -- some of our bus drivers may drive buses for other organizations. So it -- the part-time staff would not be prohibited from seeking --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Employment even if it's in the same building?

JAENE MIRANDA: -- employment. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. That was good. Thank you. See, that worked out well. Okay, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any other questions or comments?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Understanding everything that was put into the resolution, Madam Clerk, please call for the vote.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. And watching.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote -- vote --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Four-one?

CITY CLERK WARD: -- with Councilperson Terence Davis dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. It's 7:20. We're going to go to Public Comment cards.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: No discussion from the City Manager's Office.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Anything from Legal?

LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. Nothing tonight.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Any Committee Reports? Statements by the --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Pardo.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, I'd like to bring something up. Last Tuesday the City Manager and Miss McKinney and I went to the County. As you guys recall, the County sent the City a letter several months ago asking to increase our -- increase the cost-sharing agreement that we had with them for beach renourishment. The agreement that we had stated that the City would provide 200 -- up to \$200,000 a year for 10 years for beach renourishment. They are now asking us to -- to provide a half a million dollars a year in beach renourishment. And they are also requesting that we approve a couple of easements. One of the condominiums on Singer Island, which is on a very critically eroded beach, and it's this condominium right here, Ocean's Edge. You know, remember, in the mid '80s, Toll Brothers came in. They were allowed to build on the dune. They built their condominium and even prior to receiving their CO, a -- a storm came by, you know, just decimated the beach and exposed the foundation of this building. So anyway, these people came in. They bought in and they haven't been part of the beach renourishment program. So they are going to give an easement to the County which will now allow the County to renourish their beach and other beaches that the County has not been able to access because of lack of easements.

So anyway, I just, you know -- I wanted to give you guys a heads up and Miss Jones, I think she's planning on bringing something to the Council, a more formal presentation and the agreements to the Council sometime in -- I believe in September. So you know, again, this is just another reason why I feel it was so important to -- to give staff time to

seriously take a look at the -- the coastal -- our coastal codes and, you know, let's try to get things right this time. So I just wanted to bring that up. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam -- Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. We're still on Committee Reports, correct?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm the liaison for the Education -- for the School District. And I've been -- I don't want to use the word bombarded, but I've -- I've received several calls in reference to the grades that have been put out by -- for our elementary and middle schools that are in the City. And I think that the concern is great from the parents. And although we don't -- we don't really have much influence or -- with the -- the -- the board, we do understand that there was some policies that were put in place by the -- by the superintendent of the district that may have caused these schools in this area to have a -- a lower grade than -- than expected. I'm not quite sure, to be honest with you. So what I want this board to know is that I'll officially be sending a letter to the superintendent to ask him to provide some clarification on this particular policy, you know, if it's true. And if it is true, just explain why that decision was made that affected just about every school in our -- in our city.

I do want to say that the principals and staff of all of our schools that are in this city, they work very hard. And the reflection of the grades that they received are definitely not for lack of -- of work and lack of preparation that has been made by the staff and the administrations. They work very closely with us. These are our residents, as well, because they're our children. So I will be officially asking for that to give some type of clarity. They do meet on the same days that we meet. So in the near future, I will probably go to a meeting and -- and -- and ask for some clarification. It's starting to gain some -- you know, some -- some -- some heat and some momentum. So I just want to make sure that we're reporting facts from this particular board. So that's all from the Education Committee. Oh, yeah. And -- and -- and while we're on committees, you know, we haven't brought boards back in at least two years. You know, or three years. I think maybe we ought to bring those back and see if some people want to change around or stay the same or get off some boards or get on some new boards. I think that we definitely should do that here pretty soon. That's it for me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Now we're down to Council and the Mayor. Let's start with you, Mr. Guyton.

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The only thing I have is that on this Thursday, July 17th, I will be having my regular -- regularly scheduled Town Hall Meeting where the City

comes to the people. All the departments will be represented and I would encourage the people to come out and take advantage of that opportunity. It will be held at Lindsey Davis at 6 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And there will be a couple of presentations. One dealing with our recreation activities; the other one dealing with street improvements that we're going to be doing and there will be an overview of the budget. So I encourage every -- I do this every quarter. And this is an opportunity for you to also have any questions that you may have answered. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I don't have much but I would like to definitely acknowledge and say congratulations to the barbershop on MLK Road. The barber name was Reggie. He was in -- they had him on the news yesterday. They had a great program talking about how he's encouraging our youth to read. And he has one or two days a month where he have his friends bring different resources and different books. So while the young men and women, whoever are getting haircuts, are sitting in the chairs, it show the picture of him talking to the kids. And as he's cutting their hair, talking about what the book represents, talking about the story, and just getting our kids excited about and get into a position where it's a normal practice.

I'd like to see at some point that the City -- that we can provide him whatever resources we can. Once we get the library up and running with the new air conditioning, I would like to maybe -- maybe some day we get that mobile unit over there once a month and assist him with that great effort since he took that initiative on. And we got some good press from the -- well, I don't know what channel it was. Channel -- I think it was channel 5. It was channel 5 or channel 12. Channel 5 News took the story, as well. And -- and they did --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- yeah. And they represent -- well, and Miss Daphne Taylor, she's with the South Florida Times. She did a -- she broke the story and then channel 5 took the story and ran with it. And that -- that was something that really showed the rest of Palm Beach County that Riviera Beach is doing some great things from a community grassroots standpoint. And I think we all need to continue to support that particular barbershop, as well as others, that type of effort. That'll be all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I -- I just have one thing for the City Manager. Mr. Jones, I brought this up at our last City meeting to Miss Jones, and I told her that there are two very serious deep potholes on Park Avenue. Okay? It's like Park and -- what is it? S. Harbor, I think.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It's near S. Harbor. So I think someone went out there and they -- they painted a line around the two potholes but they haven't done anything else. There's two white lines around them.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: I'll investigate and find out exactly the status of what's going on and get back with you tomorrow.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Could you please let me know? Okay. They're really bad.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's all I have. Thank you, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. I want to give a big shout-out to the church -- S Avenue Church of Christ. I was invited there. I don't know if they officially invited me or since my legislative assistant attends there she just invited me. But I went out there on -- I believe it was Saturday. And I was totally blown away. They were -- they were giving out food.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, the food drive, yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And this wasn't just a come and pick up a few canned goods. It was like a --

MAYOR MASTERS: Real --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- outside grocery store. I mean, they was giving from cornmeal to flour to meats, steaks, potatoes. I mean, it was macaroni. It was -- it was -- it was amazing. I stood there for a few minutes just, you know, amazed at what was going on there. So I -- I just want to, you know, let them know that we're very proud to have them as a part of our fabric here in our community. And we want to, you know -- we want to congratulate them and encourage them to do, you know -- to continue to do those things as they've been doing. So congratulations to the S Avenue Church of Christ.

The -- the other thing that I want to discuss is we're -- we're -- we're trying to get this -- this -- this Healthier Choice initiative going and we're -- we're working on that. But we've received a report that this community overwhelmingly suffers with high blood pressure and diabetes more than any other city in this county. So I think that it is a -- it is a -- well, I mean, I guess it is an epidemic. But we want to start to -- start some healthier

choices. I mean, I'm going to be taking advantage of them, too. You know, of course when I can, try to get some discipline and eat a little bit better. But I -- I definitely want to -- to make that concern. Coventry has, you know, talked about it a little bit and, you know, they're -- they're trying to come up with our -- you know, with our staff here to -- to come up with some things for the employees to, you know, be better fit and eat better and have a healthier lifestyle. But I'm concerned about the entire neighborhood, the entire community as a whole. So we're going to be doing some initiatives from the office. We've already talked about biking and some walking. We're going to -- we're going to start those initiatives immediately in order to -- to get that going. And that is it for me tonight, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just to kind of on Councilman Thomas, some of the things he said. Councilperson -- Councilman Terence Davis and I have been invited by the World Conference of Mayors. Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia and the CDC, they are coming together to sponsor something about healthier cities, and they're asking the mayors and other elected officials to bring back this initiative. We have to be there a week. So I don't know exactly all that they're going to give us and the things that they're asking us to do in our cities. But you can't have enough people talking about getting healthier because that's - that should be on everybody's table.

So from whatever perspective that they are going to bring to us, I look forward -- that's the first week in -- in August. Also, I've asked Mr. -- Mr. Jones -- I asked the Manager sometime ago -- not -- not really long ago but maybe a month ago -- about the crooked street signs in -- in the city, particularly on the west side in certain neighborhoods. That is not acceptable to me and I don't see how it would be acceptable for anybody who lives in -- in a -- in a neighborhood and the sign is crooked. We can do better than that. And I know that we can. I would like to have a report by the next council meeting as to progress that we're making. It shouldn't take more than 15 minutes to go out there and fix the problem. We've got investors coming. We have tourists coming. We have others. And all of our street signs should look the same in this city, east, west, north or south.

As was said earlier, the schools in Riviera Beach -- and that's where I must focus -- D and F schools are not acceptable at all with the Office of the Mayor and others as -- as you have heard. So I believe that sometimes as Pepe Hendricks say, You gotta go back to the basics and see what's going on. When I came here, Kennedy School was -- was flourishing, great administrators. And they still do have some great administrators. But we didn't have a D and an F school. So I'm going to be appointing a task force of people -- I'm going back -- as we say, back in the day -- who made that school great. And I'm going to ask -- I haven't spoken to any of these people yet but I -- I know their passion for Kennedy School. But they were there in 1987 when I came to Riviera Beach. I'm going to ask Mr. Milton Perry, who did an outstanding job at that school, Mr. Derton [phonetic] and Mrs. Horn [phonetic], I think, who was the assistant principal at that time. All these three people had administrative positions. Mr. Perry did a great job

in security so I'm going to ask them and others -- and I'm -- and if there's anyone out there that would like to volunteer to join this task force -- and I'm going to ask the task force to come back within 30 to 60 days and bring back specific recommendations as to what could be done to reverse -- these are our schools, our children, our residents, and I know we can do better and we will do better.

So I'm going to ask volunteers who would like to have some expertise in education and you know how to move from a D to a -- from an -- from an F to a D, C, B and A. That's what we're asking you to do, to join. And you may call the Office of the Mayor at 845-4145, and ask for Miss Isaacs who will take the information and we'll probably meet in a couple weeks. But it's -- we cannot be a spectator but we must be a participator and join forces together and go back to the basics. Whatever they did in '87, they ought to be doing it now.

The other matter, Madam Chair and to the public, that grieves my spirit is the lack of school metal detectors in Palm Beach County schools. You can say what you want to say. We used to say they didn't have gangs in Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County. No one will say that now because it's not true. The fact is that a camera, a locked door or any other security measures, even a school police officer, cannot stop a student -- cannot detect a -- a student from bringing on to the campus a gun or any type of weapon. What we know is that almost every single week, students are bringing -- are getting caught with some type of weapon. And sometimes the students tell on one another. All it takes is one student in any given day like we had unfortunately with Nate Brazil when he walked, went home, brought a gun, walked on the campus and killed the teacher. We don't need any more Nate Brazils or Mr. Grunow. So I am supporting all the candidates who publicly go on the record and state to our parents in District 7 is that once elected, they would do all in their power to make sure that our schools in this district -- and the other districts. We want it all over, but certainly our concerns, our voters are here -- to vote for people and support people who will not only enhance the education of our -- all our children, but will say, Put a metal detector in that school. Make that school as safe as you can. And I know there's some people say, We don't want our schools to look like prisons. I don't, either. But I'd much rather for a school to look like a prison than to look like a cemetery. If you don't have a safe school, you don't have a school at all. There's no need to talk about A, B, C, D or F. You don't have a safe school, you have -- you have no school at all.

Also, about a month and a half ago I returned from Turkey. I've made a report. I told you some of the initiatives that we were going to do. We've done one or two. I also told you that I would be meeting in Palm Beach County or in Florida with two of the top investors and developers from Turkey. Well, I want to disclose that I did that a few days ago. I met with -- I call them Mustafa Brothers because I can't pronounce their last name. B-A-Y-A-K-F -- or L-A-R. And they have -- they're developing Watson Island Mega Yacht Marina near Miami Beach. And if you want to see the drawings of what they have done, go on our Facebook page, Mayor Bishop Thomas Masters, and you will see the -- the beautiful pictures that they're -- that they're going to develop.

They have agreed that in the latter part of August or September, they will come and meet with Mr. Tony Brown and others and see if there is any type of interest in developing some areas here or joining the efforts that are being developed here in Riviera Beach. It's not enough for me to talk the talk, but we must do what we say we're going to do. And I want to continue to see this city develop and redevelop in all areas. And I'm going to go far and near to meet whoever I can meet who's willing to come to our city and join us in this effort.

Last but not least I want to remind you that the Office of the Mayor or particularly the Mayor has an app. And on this app, on your mobile phone, you can see all the projects and programs that we are bringing forth, initiatives, as well as personal things, as well. Those of you who need jobs, you can go to the app within a couple of days and see who's hiring in our area and also the links that you can go to like Indeed and Workforce Alliance and hopefully land a job. July 22nd is a good day for me. I will be celebrating my 62nd birthday. And I want to thank God for allowing me hopefully to see that day. But for this day, I thank Him for. And I thank Him for 58 years in the ministry. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And I just want to direct Mr. -- Mr. Jones, please have the City Manager put the committees on the next agenda. Okay?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a motion for adjournment?

ADJOURNMENT

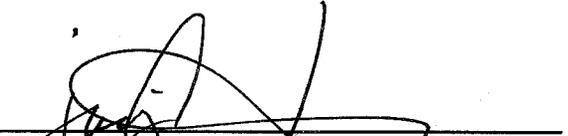
CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

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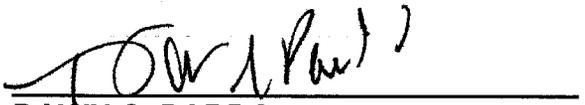
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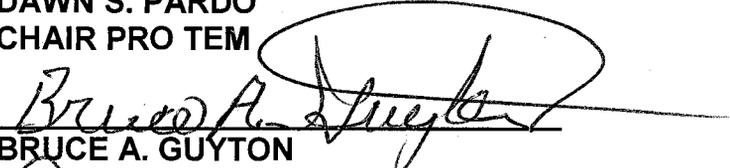

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