

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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CITY CLERK CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening, everyone. Welcome to our regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll?

ROLL CALL

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters? Councilperson Judy Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Bruce Guyton? Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Terence Davis? City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

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

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. At this time please turn your cell phones to the off or vibrate position. Also, if you'd like to speak on a consent item, please fill out your card and -- and hand it up, because that item is going to come up very soon. Okay. Let's all stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge led by Miss Anthony. Miss Anthony.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Oh, me?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Oh, I'm sorry.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Everyone stood for a moment of silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Deputy City Clerk Anthony).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right. Miss Jones, are there any additions, deletions or substitutions to the agenda?

AGENDA APPROVAL: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, Madam Chair. For your consideration tonight there's an addition under Discussions and Deliberations that will be item number 14A as it relates to your discussions of the City Attorney's evaluation. Up under Community Benefits, there are three requests to add. The first one is to the Riviera Beach Parks & Recreation Department for \$255 from Councilman Terence Davis to support 10 youth in the Riviera Beach cheerleading team. Item 14C, a Community Benefit to the Riviera Beach Parks & Recreation Department for \$1,000 from Councilman Terence Davis to sponsor two youth in the Riviera Beach Chargers Youth Football Team. And then item 14D under Community Benefits, the Black Educators Caucus of Palm Beach County, \$150 from Chair Judy Davis to support the Million Father March. Those are the only additions to the agenda.

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

DISCLOSURE BY COUNCIL

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Madam Chair, I believe it's item 14. Wait a minute. Let me make sure. Yes. It's going to be item 14. I do want to announce that I do have a contractual agreement with the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Okay. All right. Is there a motion to adopt the agenda?

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk?

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: (No audible response).

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Now we're down to Consent Agenda.

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 have no cards.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Clerk -- uh, Madam Chair, I'd like to pull item 5.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: One second, Madam Chair. And item 9.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Okay. Is there a motion to approve consent agenda with items 9 and --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: 5.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- 5 removed?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk?

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.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 5.

MINUTES

1. **MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD, JUNE 16, 2014.**
2. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD, JUNE 18, 2014.**
3. **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD, JUNE 25, 2014.**

RESOLUTIONS

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 67-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING TOTAL SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER OF LAMAR TURNER V. CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND APPROVING THE TOTAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNT OF \$25,000 AS COMPLETE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF INDEMNITY COMPENSATION, FURTHER LIABILITY FOR FUTURE MEDICAL CARE AND REHABILITATION TO THE CLAIMANT, INCLUSIVE OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS; FURTHER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE CITY'S WORKER'S COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT NUMBER 602-0539-513-0-4508 TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE INSURANCE CARRIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 68-14, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID NO. 444-14 TO ROSSO SITE DEVELOPMENT, INC., OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST 37TH STREET BETWEEN**

AVENUE J AND AVENUE K IN THE AMOUNT OF \$343,407.71; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%); AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: If there's --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I have -- Madam Manager? Okay. I have -- I guess I have a concern and I just want to make sure that staff is -- if we decide to go with this company, that you guys are going to stay on them. In the backup you provided four references for the company. Now, two of the references stated that this company's weaknesses, the lack of experience for some of their employees and they also both mentioned that there was a lack of supervision. If we are going to move forward with this, with this company, you know, this is -- what is it, \$383,000 contract?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 340 -- 343.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. 343 --

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- 407.71. This is a large contract. So I want assurance from the City Manager that we will stay on top of them and make sure that this project is properly supervised. This is a large contract.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Miss Pardo, you can rest assured 'cause we also looked at that information that was provided for them. And Mr. Johnson is well aware of the kind of monitoring that he's got to do through this, as well as the city engineer.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. I'm satisfied with that. I just don't want anyone coming back to us saying that the project wasn't done properly and you -- you know? You guys know. Okay. I'm fine. Thank you, ma'am.

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

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: Okay. Item 9.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 69-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID NO. 414-13 TO ACF STANDBY SYSTEMS LLC., OF TAMPA, FLORIDA TO PROVIDE GENERAL MAINTENANCE, PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY REPAIR SERVICES FOR ALL CITY-OWNED GENERATORS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 ANNUALLY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
7. RESOLUTION NO. 70-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF AN ADDITIONAL FIVE PERCENT (5%) FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE, OPERATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
8. RESOLUTION NO. 71-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO APPROPRIATE \$36,000.00 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR PRIORITY DNA PROCESSING, MOBILE FORENSIC TECHNOLOGY, AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS AND EVENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
9. RESOLUTION NO. 72-14, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO THREE (3) TWO-YEAR LEASE RENEWAL AGREEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL RENTABLE SPACE LOCATED AT 2051 MLK BLVD. WITH GSH HOLLY, LLC, PREVIOUSLY HEATHER CROFT, LLC TO PROVIDE FIFTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN SQUARE FEET (15,367 SQ. FT.) FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT, POLICE DETECTIVES AND CIVIL DRUG COURT OPERATIONS AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$222,822, TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT

SQUARE FEET (2,658 SQ. FT.) FOR HUMAN RESOURCES OPERATIONS AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$38,541, AND NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE SQUARE FEET (1,941 SQ. FT.) FOR THE JUSTICE SERVICES CENTER PROGRAM AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$28,143 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE RENEWALS; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENTS FOR SAME FROM THE APPROPRIATE OPERATING ACCOUNTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Miss Jones?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, I'm -- I have some questions.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, okay. Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Yeah. The reason why I pulled this is for a couple of different things. Why are we doing -- I don't like the way that it was worded, three two-year -- into three two-year lease renewal agreements. Why are we not, first of all, renewing it after every year? Why are we grouping it together? And I'm mostly -- and I didn't get a chance to talk with, uh, Chief Williams prior to the meeting. I just did not have -- get the time. But I don't want to see a \$222,000 bill for this for the next three years or the next six years or however many years it is when we should be in the Public Services building by then. So I need some clarification on both of those items, please.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Councilman Thomas, in order to get -- for the rates to remain stable and not go up with them knowing that we were going to leave, we entered into different phases of when the leases expire. You will notice in some of the backup, one of them expires December '15. The other one expires -- the other two expire in '16. As well as there is the provision within the lease of 30-day notification in order to be able to come out of the facility.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. That's all fine. But what is the penalty for doing so?

CITY MANAGER JONES: There's no penalty if you write -- the way the lease is written. You just have to get proper notification in order to be able to come out of the lease.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So is it a reason -- when do we plan on being inside of the Public Services building?

CITY MANAGER JONES: According to the update that I have, we are anticipating that the contract will be let by the end of the year. When we look at the timetable for that, of course there would be different -- the police department is longer than the public works

department to be finished. But we're looking at no more than maximum of 18 months for construction, hoping that it's less.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. You know, I -- I don't like the way that the resolution is written in terms of this. Because what the excuse is gonna be in another year or so when we're saying, Why are we doing this? Why do we have this? You're gonna say, Well, you voted on it. And the way it's written now, I don't like it. I -- I just -- I just don't 'cause I don't want to hear in 18 months, Well, you voted on this 18 months ago, when I'm bringing up these issues now. I don't think that we should go into multi terms, multi-year terms. If it's a two-year term, then let it be a two-year term. But if you're saying it's a three two-year terms, to me that will say --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Six years.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's the maximum that we were -- we would do. And that's the way the previous ones were written. Because we knew we were going to be in there for several years as it relates to --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But we don't plan to be in there for several years now.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so that's why, if you see in the backup, there's different dates that that lease for that particular entity expires and other dates for other leases to expire.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So what -- but -- so why are we -- why are we doing it if -- why don't we go into -- why don't we put in here exactly what we're doing instead of saying they're going to get three two-year leases?

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's the maximum we would ever be able to do. We are amenable to rewording it any way you would like. But if you look at the backup --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, no.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- it shows you that a particular lease expires in December '15, because you've got three departments.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Three separate leases. They're three separate leases.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They're three separate leases.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Three separate leases.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I understand.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And you don't have to renew for those other two years. It's optional.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So does -- does --

CITY MANAGER JONES: We won't be renewing.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- is anybody reading this the way I'm reading it, then?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. I --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, it's -- it can be confusing but --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, it's -- it is.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- the -- but the documents themselves show that --

CITY MANAGER JONES: The documents show --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- the documents --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- when each lease expires.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. But in the resolution I would like for it to be clear.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can -- can -- right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I would like for it to be clear. I don't -- I don't -- this just says -- and technology is always -- is acting up right now.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I know. I can't pull my documents up.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, yours is giving the same problem?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah. I can't pull it up.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: T-Mobile.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Yeah. Let me go to my old trusty --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Would it be better to say three separate lease agreements?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I would like for it to. I just want to make sure that they don't say --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- we -- we said that we would do this for three two-year terms.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I see what you're saying.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. Yeah. That's --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So then --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- yeah, then so we can --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I don't want to be in front of --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- just put language to clarify that we're actually saying --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Just the resolution.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- it's three separate lease agreements.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Separate.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Is that what it's saying?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Two-year lease agreements.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. That's not in there. That's why we're saying we can add the word "separate."

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. You're -- right. Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: All right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Look at the -- yeah, the backup.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I understand what you're saying. The --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- resolution, the title and the --

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible) the way the resolution --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is written.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's exactly what I said. I said I wanted the resolution to reflect that because, I mean, we don't need to keep tripping over --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You're right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So does every -- everybody understand where we're going with that?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And if --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I think so.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And if y'all want to amend your motion --

CITY MANAGER JONES: And we'll just bring it back and reword the resolution.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- just -- we can -- you can amend the motion.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. No, no. We could definitely amend the motion.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. We could do the motion.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Oh, amend the motion.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm just -- I want to make sure that -- that the -- that the board understands what I'm saying.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes. I understand exactly what you're saying.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It's we're entering into a -- a two-year lease for --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Three -- three separate --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: 2051. We're entering into a two-year lease for --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- you know, the --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Three separate leases.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- Civil Drug Court. Because there are three different leases in the document.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. But in -- in the resolution, in the header here --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You're absolutely right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- it also says two -- three two-year lease renewal agreements.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. We will fix it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We know exactly what you're talking about.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. All right. I hope so.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And you're -- you're correct. It's not clear.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh, well -- well, thank you, Miss Ryan.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes. You're correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You know I try every now and again.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good catch.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, I didn't have -- never mind.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I didn't have a problem with it. I read the documents.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And at the end -- you know, at the end of the day it's really the contracts that are binding.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Not the resolution.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But I was the maker of the motion so I am willing to --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Amend?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- to amend the motion to --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Make the --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: What is it?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- resolution clearer to reflect --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Make the -- right. Make the resolution clearer to --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- the two-year leases.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Three separate lease agreements.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- reflect the three leases.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Reflect all three separate leases.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Three separate leases.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Three.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Your second okay, Mr. Thomas, with that?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Absolutely. Just want to confirm with the attorney. So we will be under no obligation to go into any other agreements after the two-year lease expires for whichever departments that we're speaking of?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is correct. They're two-year agreements, period.

CITY MANAGER JONES: They're two-year agreements, period.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's it?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So the renewal should not say --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, he was saying that it's a renewal agreement from the previous agreement.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So it's just poorly written. You've got us to say it. It's poorly written. And we're --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No problem.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- we're gonna fix it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No problem. Second stands. Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Everybody okay? Madam Clerk? And let the record reflect that Mr. Guyton is on the dais. Okay. Go ahead.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes. We're on item 9, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. Huh?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We're on item 9 if you're going to vote.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: You're -- and Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Okay. That's the end of our consent agenda. We are now at item 10. Welcoming new employees to the City.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, the following was received from the Mayor via e-mail and it reads, "To my fellow colleagues and fellow residents, I am attending the Mayors Conference for Healthy Communities. I hope the experience and knowledge that I am gaining here at this historical college, Morehouse, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. attended, will prove invaluable to our city. I cannot wait to get home to share this wealth of knowledge with you and others and help implement programs or projects whereas together we can make Riviera Beach a healthier community. I would like to share with you my statement that I have asked our City Clerk to read into the record. After much study and methodical deliberation as Mayor of the City, I find that the 7-Eleven project should not be granted a special exception. My opinion is based upon the traffic dilemma the store would impose at the proposed intersection. I oppose this project. Let me state that it was made clear to me how the residents in the immediate area feel about putting a third 24-hour business in one vicinity. They believe it would only escalate incidents of crime and violence in the area that they clearly fear is already at an all-time high despite gains that law enforcement have made to reduce such incidents there and throughout our city. Let me conclude that if I owned a 7-Eleven convenience store, putting it right across the street from the corner where an alleged shooting rampage on police officers recently occurred, would be the very last place I would consider building my store. As some would say, it was like being in the Wild, Wild West. Respectfully submitted, Mayor Thomas Masters."

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That -- that was a petition for --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's what he said he -- he -- it was and he wanted it read into the record under Petitions and Communications for Filing.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's -- it wasn't on the Add or Delete sheet and I don't see it on the agenda. Is there some type of action that he wanted taken on this?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: He just wanted something that we wasn't discussing at all on this agenda read into the record?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, he did.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We're going to go on to item 11. Mr. Thomas, you're up. It's a presentation from your office. Oh, by Mr. Corey Brooks.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

10. PRESENT AND WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2014.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I would like to ask Doretha Perry, the Director Of Human Resources, to come forward and to make you aware of the new employees that we've had through the last quarter.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES PERRY: Doretha Perry, Human Resources Department. Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES PERRY: I'm here to welcome aboard the new employees for the months April, May and June. And as I call your name, would you please come forward and stand across the front facing the Council. Thank you. The first one is Jennifer Kalinke. She's in the Finance -- Finance department and she's an account payable technician. Good. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Up here.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES PERRY: The next one is Jennifer Lagamazzo [phonetic], and that's a police technician in our police department. So would you please come forward? The next one is Makelia [phonetic] Freeman, also in the Finance Department and she's our treasury manager.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES PERRY: The next one is Alzell [phonetic] Harrison, and that's a police officer in our police department. The next one is Elvis Mallier [phonetic]. He's in the Finance Department and he's the database administrator. The next one is DeAndrae Spradley, Community Development and that's our principal planner. The next one is Tamika Thomas. She's in the City Clerk's Office and she works as an office assistant senior. The -- the last one we have is Bonekia Magerago [phonetic], library, and she's a senior librarian. Ladies and gentlemen, City Council

members and the Mayor, we have before you the new employees for the City of Riviera Beach for the months April, May and June, and we welcome you aboard.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Welcome.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Welcome. We certainly welcome you guys aboard and --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good luck.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- good luck to you and we want you to rise to perfection 'cause that's what we're -- we're -- we're aiming for. Okay? Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES PERRY: And thank you all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I have been remiss. There is a Petition and Communications for Filing. So is everybody okay with me going ahead and let that be done?

11. PRESENTATION FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN CEDRICK A. THOMAS BY MR. COREY BROOKS, PRINCIPAL OF JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. While Mr. Brooks and his team and staff are -- are coming, of course you know Mr. Brooks is the principal at John F. Kennedy School here in our city, our only middle school. And as you know, I'm very active with that. Mr. Brooks wanted to say some things, but of course I would be remiss if I didn't welcome to the Chambers one of our very own from this city, our area superintendent, Dr. Camille Coleman. So Dr. Camille Coleman, please stand up and be recognized and -- yes. Yeah. Dr. Coleman is the area superintendent who supervises Mr. Brooks. Mr. Brooks' heart was very heavy and he wanted to make sure that he got a chance to talk to the community. Of course there's been a lot of rumors flying and misinformation and, you know, Mr. Brooks came to me and said, "Mr. Thomas, please allow me to talk to the community," who embraces him so much. This city stands behind Mr. Brooks and Mr. Brooks wanted to take a few minutes to go over a few things. So Mr. Brooks, go right ahead, sir, and if you don't need your whole 10 minutes, you don't have to take it.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Okay. Thank you, Councilman Thomas. Thank you, Council, for giving me this opportunity to speak. And I also want to add to -- to recognize my area director, Mr. Alfonso. Mr. Alfonso, could you stand up, please?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry, Mr. Brooks. I don't quite know who that is. Who -- who is --

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: That's my area director.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. What does he do?

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: He works for Dr. Coleman.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh, okay. No problem. Just want to know who we're looking at. Okay.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: And also, if you guys could take a look back in the corner, my administrative team, Miss Pettiford-Gibbons, Mr. Wojciechowski and Mr. Nance.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: All right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I apologize. I did not see them. I did not see them. I saw Mr. Nance. I'm sorry.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Like I said, thank you for the floor and I'll be brief tonight. You won't have to cut me off. But I just wanted to talk to you about the preliminary grade of F for John F. Kennedy Middle School. Does everybody have a handout? If you look at the handout, it's a chart that has green, red and blue cells. And on that handout, we have nine cells that are calculated for a school grade. As you can see in the nine cells, John F. Kennedy increased in six out of the nine, which is a great testament to what our teachers and our students are doing. Unfortunately, we received red marks in three of the nine cells. And as you can see, those three cells have to do with literacy, and that's reading and writing.

And I asked Councilman Thomas could I come today to not only highlight this and show you guys that based on points we are a C school, but we received a preliminary grade of F due to a penalization because of the reading scores being so low.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hmm.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: So as you can see, our teachers are working hard and the community students are doing well. But we have to look at the data and understand our focus. And our focus this year will be literacy. Currently -- and -- and it's this simple, Council -- we are three students away from being a C school.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Hmm.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: We're three students away. So in retrospect what I'm saying is if three students would have performed as a proficient level, JFK's grade wouldn't be a preliminary F; it would be a C. So that's how close we are. And I thank you guys for your support. If you can turn over, Next Steps, because a grade of an F is not acceptable for myself, my school, nor the community of Riviera Beach. These are all the constituent groups that will be affected if we don't shore this up. Our charter and our

mission this year at JFK will be Champions for Change. As principal, I wrote down some things that I will do to not only support my school but to keep the City informed and Councilman Thomas has obliged to be my contact person. Parents, I'm asking you to just attend the functions at JFK. We have something on campus at least twice a month. And it varies from SAC meetings to trainings. And if you could just come out, you will be aligned with what's going on in the district and also you'll be able to supervise your student and know what the requirements are for testing.

Orientation is -- is coming up next week on the 13th. We have open house on the 28th. And our SAC meetings are every second Wednesday. Every second Wednesday in the Media Center from 6 to 7. Parents' support. We give homework every night, parents. We give homework every night. Please monitor that. Attendance is crucial. Your students can't learn if they're not in school. Also monitor your grades. Monitor your student's grades. When -- when I was a student at John F Kennedy, D's and F's were unacceptable.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh. That's right.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: And I used to have to see fear in students' eyes when they made poor grades. But now, yes, we have a lot of intervention programs in place to remediate low grades, but at the same time, it should be some fear and it should be some pride when -- when we see report cards. Okay? Independent reading at home. Parents, ask your students to read for 20 minutes, 15 minutes. I'm telling you. It helps. It adds up. And also ask them what they just read. That's a form of comprehension and that's a form of -- of -- of monitoring. Ask your students what they read. The District was gracious enough to buy us a reading program which is suburb. It's called Reading Plus.

We -- we took the data from every student that read about 7,000 words, and that's about 3,500 words a week. We did biweekly in centers for students who read those, and we call them Reading Plus Parties. Those students -- out of the 60 students that did it to fidelity, a hundred percent of them, their grades increased, and also their reading fluency and their FCAT scores increased. And that program is free and it's Web-based. So I left the Web address right here. And the students know how to log on. So if they just go to that Web address, they can practice reading at home.

Send your students to JFK. With the wake of charter schools and the -- the OSP Project that the District has going on, we still need our students. We work very hard as a community and very hard as a school board to -- to -- to initiate the Suncoast/John F. Kennedy partnership that wasn't in place two years ago. With that being said, students that attend John F. Kennedy Middle School for three years and maintained a 3.0 grade point average automatically are accepted to Suncoast. And that's huge because Suncoast historically ranks in the top 10 high schools in America. And that opportunity should be prevalent for the students who -- that are a part of this community, not students from all around the county. We need to -- we need an influx of students from Riviera Beach to attend Suncoast, just because that's our only city high school that's historically inhabited by Riviera Beach citizens.

Last but not least, we have a lot of new programs going on at JFK that are flourishing. We have a culinary program. We have a pre-IT program. We offer African-American studies, so not only can students receive high school credit, but they can become fluent and knowledgeable in -- in what happened prior to their being and -- and very prideful and confident about their race. And we also have the band program back in place. All right? Lastly, the City. The City supports JFK tremendously. I can't ask for much else. Let's just continue Fifth Grade Fun Day, because even in the wake of negativity, Councilman Thomas, our enrollment continues to increase. So -- so -- and that's a direct part of the City and -- and what they do for JFK.

Volunteer. A lot of constituents, a lot of educated, a lot of very, very prominent and successful people attended John F. Kennedy Middle School. I'm charging you all to come back. If it's nothing but just walking around the campus being visible, motivational speeches for students, anything of that nature, mentoring students, that would be greatly appreciated. Allow John F. Kennedy to hold SAC meetings. I -- I would like to take them off campus to the recreational centers, to the prominent churches of the community and anywhere elsewhere parents think that they'll have a closer proximity to the meeting so I can meet them where they're at.

Last but not least, signage. There are countless marquees in areas for banners around the city. As a city, let's embrace this entire reading initiative and let's just put signage out. My school runs adjacent to Blue Heron, and I wish I had the data on how many cars, you know, travel back and forth from Blue Heron. But I'm -- I'm thinking of something as simple as just read, read, read. The signage at churches. Because as a -- as a city, if we don't embrace reading, you see how unfortunate and how damaging the penalties can be when the students are working hard and the teachers are working hard. And that's all I have. I thank you, Council, for allowing me to speak today. My contact number is on this flier. It's 561-845-4502. I don't pride myself in having all the knowledge and -- and all the wisdom so please call if you have any great ideas. We inhibit [sic] all recommendations and I thank you all very much for allowing me to speak tonight.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Wonderful. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Brooks?

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You went through that kind of fast. What is it that we can do to immediately show some interest and try to get our community rallied enough to start at the beginning of this year or start even now throughout the summer? Is it something that we can do via our TV channel or, you know, phone trees or whatever we can do to assist, you know, you with this? These are our -- our students and we -- we --

we stand ready to help. But can you give us something that you think briefly that we can -- we can do?

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Sure. I -- I truly believe it starts at the home because children are children and -- and they don't have the coping skills and the knowledge that we have. So if we can begin with signage and call-outs, Councilman Thomas, and just flooding the city with information on the importance of reading and also giving the parents alternatives like the District was gracious enough to pay for this program. And one great thing I like about Reading Plus, Councilman Thomas, is Reading Plus is not a remedial program. And when I say remedial, it's not for low-achieving students. It's for all students. Reading Plus will take a student, if they're on a third-grade level to the fourth-grade level. But Reading Plus will also take students who are overachievers to Florida State, to Florida A&M. So whatever your initial pretest grades you out at, it'll continue to -- to -- to bolster you to higher heights. But if we can just start there, just flooding the -- the -- the city with information on reading. And I just believe if the -- all schools will improve if the City takes a strong stance on literacy and we just continue to just reiterate, reiterate the impact of reading, because as you can see, like I said, Councilman, I know I -- I move fast because I didn't want you to cut me off this time.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: If you can look down at the --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Miss Davis is a little bit more liberal than I am. You know?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I care about the work.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: But -- but JFK --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I will take credit for it, you know?

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: -- moved up 31 accountability points.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: That's tremendous. But what does the public see?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: The school grade of what? And that's why I asked Councilman Thomas to let me speak because they don't know the idiosyncrasies, but that's not good for a community, for their only middle school to have that label, especially if they don't know the intricate details. That's not good for a community. And if you turn back over, that's why I put the constituent groups at the top. Who's affected? The students. Person of success, future, college. The parents. Pride.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's right.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: The school staff. You know, we have to motivate teachers to come every day and -- and -- and that begun -- that's tough when -- when they feel beat down and downtrod [sic]. The area office and administration that are here today, meeting accountability expectations. The school board. Poor media coverage.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And let -- let me -- let me just tell you that your -- the school board representative is here also. Dr. Robinson walked in a little while ago.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't see her.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, she just walked in.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh, okay.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Thank you for coming, Dr. Robinson.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I apologize.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I didn't see her when we were introducing everybody else.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: She's in the back on the right.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: And like I said, Councilman Thomas, I -- I charge myself to do a -- a -- more of a consistent job of briefing the Council. I added in one of my responsibilities I will notify you all of significant data and improvement of the school quarterly or by grade level. And -- and I will do that so you guys will stay in the loop. But volunteering, mentoring. Councilman Thomas comes to the school all the time. And like I said, our students and our parents see you all in this capacity, but you should see the amazement that they see when they see you in other capacities, walking around the campus. And like I said, I don't have all the answers but I'm very open, because I'm so passionate about seeing JFK move to higher heights and get the credit that it deserves. But at the same time I know it's going to take a community effort.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Brooks, you know, we appreciate what you're doing here. We're going to get this information and get it on the website, get it on our TV channel. We're going to also launch a segment with JFK where you can explain these things to our -- our parents. We're going to take a much more active role in this. This is an issue that we embrace with you.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We are absolutely glad -- we could not have a better principal for JFK, and this City will stand with you with JFK to get through this problem together. So we do appreciate what you're doing. We do appreciate what Dr. Coleman

and the staff is doing. And before you sit down, would you please bring up your other APs so that we can actually get them on camera?

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: These are the people who are responsible for your -- they're missing one, now. You're missing one. Right? Where's Mr. --

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Marino?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- Marino? Yeah.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: He -- he took the day off.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So -- so if, Walter, if you can make sure -- okay. I see him getting it -- that's -- just introduce yourself, please, and what you do at the school.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NANCE: Tim Nance, eighth grade assistant principal.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL WOJCIECHOWSKI: Paul Wojciechowski, curriculum assistant principal.

ASSISTANT PETTIFORD-GIBBONS: Good evening, Kimberly Pettiford-Gibbons, assistant principal sixth grade.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. This -- this whole group, we don't get a chance to see very often. But as you know, I'm very involved with the school and -- and these are the hardest-working administrators that I've seen. I'm not saying that the other schools are not, because all of our schools in Riviera Beach work hard. But I -- I spend more time at the middle school than I do any of the other schools, and they're working hard. So we understand what's going on in the community. We're going to try to help get the proper information out. We're going to utilize you to do that with -- with our ways of getting our information out. But we want you to know we know you're carrying a heavy heart, as all of you are.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We know that your -- your hard work is not going unnoticed, and we're going to stand with you to make sure we get through this. So thank you very much for your presentation and we're going to see you many more times throughout this year.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Thank you.

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And if I -- if I could make a comment, Mr. -- and piggyback on you, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'd like to ask the -- the principal --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Brooks.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Brooks, what is your thought on a community education foundation, starting up one? We used to have a -- an education committee but I was talking to Dr. Robinson.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Uh-huh. She talked to me, too.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So how -- how do you feel about that?

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: I -- I think it would be tremendous.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Because like I said, I want the City to be directly aligned --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: -- with not only the vision and the mission of the school, but just to know what's going on.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: So --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And -- and -- and I know that in other areas, you know, they have this and the business community partners, you know, with them to -- to assist the schools with, you know, getting things done that need to be done to bring up the literacy. And I see Mr. Wilson back there who is a -- a retired educator. I know you would be interested in serving -- getting -- help getting this started, wouldn't you? Okay. All right. So that -- that's wonderful. Well, thank you very much for coming. We appreciate it.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Thank you. And like I said, my contact information is on the flier and I just left my e-mail address at the front desk and I -- I look forward to hearing from you all. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We got you, Mr. Brooks.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You want Dr. Robinson to have a few words? You want her to come up? Dr. Robinson?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Dr. Robinson, if -- did you want to say anything? We definitely want to give you an opportunity if you want to say something.

DR. ROBINSON: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

DR. ROBINSON: Thank you for allowing me to say a few words. I rushed here from the school board workshop in support of the Kennedy staff, 'cause they do work hard. And they don't get the credit that they deserve. And that school grade is misleading. And I won't even get into my lecture about school grades. But in terms of what you can do, send the message in. Riviera Beach, we read. We read every day. And you could do even some PSAs where you're reading, especially men. Men reading with children. And send that message. That's what we do.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DR. ROBINSON: We read and we think about what we read, right?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DR. ROBINSON: And then the other thing is maybe we can work on some vocabulary, 'cause you guys have media that the City utilizes. Maybe we can work with you --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Absolutely.

DR. ROBINSON: -- to share vocabulary words at different grade levels, because that's the key. It's vocabulary and reading. And we just had this conversation at the board workshop. And before I -- I sit down, let me just add -- I'll get in trouble if I don't share the Million Father March on the first day of school.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DR. ROBINSON: Where the Black Educators Caucus is encouraging men to walk their children to school. And they will be welcomed at the schools and hopefully this year we'll see more and more men involved in their children's school lives. So -- but thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DR. ROBINSON: And let's -- let's continue to work on how we work together to save these children, because we have to. I mean, we just have to.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DR. ROBINSON: So thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you very much.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I think the TV opportunity --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Would be great.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- that is fantastic.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Would be great. Would be great.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And I'll commit now to at least get two -- two banners, you know, we can place -- and I see Miss Sandie Foland out there who has a sign company. She'll help, I'm sure.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Anyway, all right --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Thanks once again for everyone from the Palm Beach County School District, especially all the APs. And Mr. Brooks, I want to reiterate to you, the City of Riviera Beach stands with you and behind you. We got your back. Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Do you know, where's the police officer?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'll go check. I'm gonna go check.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Please go check. Okay. We're going to move on to item 12.

12. PRESENTATION FROM THE OFFICE OF CHAIRWOMAN JUDY L. DAVIS ON THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH DEPARTMENTS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES, CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE, AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR GOOD WORK.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: This is a presentation by me to present several departments - - and I'm not going to do all the talking this time. First we're going to ask Miss McKinney from Community Development to come up to present some of the highlights from her office and exactly what her office does to the community. Thank you, Miss McKinney.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: Okay. Good evening. Mary McKinney, Director of Community Development. And my staff and I are honored that we're getting some recognition this evening. It's always important to have that positive recognition. It helps in the tough times. Community Development Department, we have a wide variety of tasks. We're almost like the kitchen sink. Like, you give it -- you need it -- it's like everything that's complicated or unique, we end up reviewing. But

our principal uses are we review zoning verifications for new businesses. We do building code interpretation for businesses and members of the public, developers and builders. We process development applications, including redevelopment projects. We issue building permits. We perform inspections and we issue certificates of occupancy.

We inspect every construction site to certify co-compliance with building and city codes. And one of our inspectors, building official, is present at least daily during the construction phase of a project. We generate a wide variety of maps for different city purposes such as zoning, land use, beach access, public facilities, voting districts, CRA. And then we produce custom maps as specified and requested by different departments and council members. We develop and process agenda items that include a wide variety of resolutions, ordinances, interlocal agreements, leases, policies, and special projects. We assist the CRA, the City Council members, the Mayor, the City Manager and other members of the City staff and the public with development and building information and then explaining and interpreting that building information to them. We demolish unsafe buildings that are a blight on the community. We present site plans and code amendments to the Planning & Zoning Board and the City Council. And we collect over a million dollars a year in fees for the City. And we try to be very fastidious about the amounts that need to be collected. We do such a wide variety of issues. I don't want to try to say them all here. But we have a very dedicated staff and a very well-educated, well-rounded staff. And I'd like to at least recognize them and introduce them. Most of them came here this evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: 'Cause they thought it was important.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Absolutely.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: We have DeAndrae Spradley.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Would y'all please stand?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Please stand. Right. We have DeAndrae Spradley, our new principal planner, which is -- we love having him here. We have Jeff Gagnon, our Planning & -- Planning & Zoning administrator. Mario Velasquez, our senior planner. Jackie Frazier, our office manager that keeps us all together, gets us everything we need as fast as she can for the best price. We have Clarice Hayes and Donna Holder, our building permit technicians who are at the front line of our office and they do the work of four to six people and they usually do it with a smile. So I have to give them a lot of recommendation for that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Great.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Let's see. Is there anyone else here from our department that I missed? Okay. The other guys aren't here. We have building inspectors. Chris, building official's on vacation but --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: -- they -- I appreciate all of them. They tolerate me and they still like me and I thank that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. Thank you all.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: And I'm so happy that you -- we could recognize them. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you all very much. And I think you guys do a great job. And you will be provided lunch on Friday at noon downstairs in the lobby area. Mr. Guyton, did you have something you wanted to say?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. Well, I would like to commend the staff there in the Community Development Department. With all the development that we have in the pipe, there's going to be a lot of work for you. But I am comfortable and sure that you can handle it and I'd just like you to know that we have a lot of faith in you so keep up the good work.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Next up is going to be Human Resources. Miss Doretha Perry is the director. Miss Perry?

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES PERRY: Doretha Perry, Human Resources Department. And I consider this indeed a great honor for you to recognize our department.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You're very welcome.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES PERRY: Like Miss McKinney, this department with few employees, but we do a great deal.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, you do.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES PERRY: I have some of my staff members with me and I want to ask them to come forward, please. The Human Resources Department is comprised of three divisions. One, the administrative division. The other labor relations and risk management. We have seven budgeted positions, six full-time and one part-time. They comprise of myself, Human Resources Director, my two Human Resources administrators, the staff assistant senior, risk manager and insurance technician. The part-time individual is a Human Resources technician. In order to assist us with a lot of work, because we do have a lot of paperwork, we have a temporary AA -- AARP individual who works about 18 hours a week. And then we also

employ a youth employment training personnel who works about 20 hours a week to assist us with the voluminous paperwork that we have.

The administrative staff provides employment processing, employee file maintenance, preparation of policies and procedures and enforcement of same. The Human Resources Department also serves as a liaison for three pension boards. The fire, the general and police. Last year or on a -- on an annual basis or last -- for the past 12 months, we advertised and processed more than 60 vacant positions for the past year. This also includes CRA positions. We have a fillable application online and this greatly increases the efficiency and reduces a lot of walk-ins. We have 95 percent of our job descriptions online. You may view all of our salary schedules from general employees to administrative and department heads' salaries. We also possess an electronic performance evaluation system, and you can observe all of our city holidays online. Our labor relations division, we have four labor unions who we negotiate with. We held about 55 negotiation sessions for four unions exclude -- this excludes the discussions that I have with the two labor attorneys and the closed executive sessions that we have with the City Council. We also receive and listen to a number of employee grievances, complaints and internal investigations, along with unemployment compensations.

All our labor agreements may be viewed online. We have SEIU for general, IAFF for our uniform fire personnel, PBA for sworn police personnel and PMSA for our supervisory staff. Our risk management division is responsible for overseeing City's employee insurance benefits, Worker's Compensation and our liability insurance. We also provide online enrollment during the open enrollment period. We conduct monthly wellness programs in addition to an annual safety fair that is usually held in May. We provide online accident report forms for Worker's Compensation injuries. We have established online safety training which includes risk -- blood-borne pathogen, log-out, tag-out and hazardous communication for all new hires.

We also have online all of the insurance benefits. With implementation of the wellness program, our insurance premiums are down. We have -- we have not had over a single-digit increase for our health insurance. And the City has saved over \$2 million in our liability costs over the past five years. Ladies and gentlemen, this is the Human Resources Department and we want to thank you again for allowing us this opportunity.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you all very much and we think you do a wonderful job. So you will also be provided lunch on Friday downstairs. Next up is Legal and is that going to be Miss Valencia?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Because you all hear from me all the time, I thought it would be nice to have my other half speak on behalf of the City Attorney's Office. That is the Assistant City Attorney Valencia Stubbs. Thank you.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY STUBBS: Good evening, everyone.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Good evening.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY STUBBS: To the Mayor in his -- in his absence and City Council, we are very grateful from the Legal Department to be honored this evening by Chair Davis. Just to give you a brief overview of the City Attorney's Office, it includes four employees, our City Attorney Pamala Ryan, myself, Valencia Stubbs, the Assistant City Attorney. We have recently welcomed a paralegal into our office, Lynn Mason.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hi, Lynn.

LYNN MASON: Hi.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY STUBBS: Who's there in the back. And also our administrative assistant, Miss Sheila James, who's not able to be with us this evening. The mission of the Legal Department and the primary function is to minimize exposure to lawsuits. To provide sound counseling, guidance and legal advice to the City Council, the Utility Special District, the Planning & Zoning Board, the City's various departments and also many divisions within the city. We draft and we review all contracts, agreements, ordinances, resolutions, policies, bids, RFPs, agenda items, and any other document that may have legal ramifications for this city. I can tell you it's a lot.

We represent the City in administrative, county and civil circuit courts -- court cases -- okay. Can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY STUBBS: Okay. I'm loud. I know. Okay. We monitor all outside litigation including local, state and on a federal level. We represent the City and handle the City in all disciplinary hearings for general employees. We represent the City in unemployment and EEOC matters. We direct settlements and we are in consistent participation in various litigation. We respond to ethics commission and inspector general office inquiries on legal matters. We participate in labor negotiations and we work closely with city and CRA staff in accomplishing their mission of redeveloping properties within this city. Just a few of the highlights and these are just a -- a summary of several major projects that our office has participated in.

We have negotiated over \$700,000 in additional funding on the Ocean Mall lease. We have closed -- we have approximately 22, 23 FDOT cases in which they're eminent domain proceedings involving the City as a defendant due to various utility liens and code enforcement liens. We have closed approximately eight of those cases and have been awarded approximately \$45,000 for those outstanding liens. The -- we have also drafted charter amendment language that, of course, was approved by the voters and upheld in Circuit Court. We've developed with the CRA lease agreements for the City marina property. We've handled a dozen employment matters for the City, including

disciplinary hearings along with unemployment compensation hearings, along with EEOC.

We also have assisted staff and labor attorneys in negotiating several labor contracts. Works closely with staff and city council to resolve state and legislative matters involving the Port of Palm Beach, resolved by litigation, mediation or settlement, over 20 cases pending against the City. And last but not least, we're happy that we now have a new paralegal on board to assist us with various litigation matters that have arisen in which we are handling, which will allow our office to be even more efficient and effective because we do do a lot of work. And so we're very grateful for this opportunity that you have recognized our office and we just want to say thank you once again.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you very much. And I -- I just have to say at this time I -- I thank you all for -- for being patient. And the reason I -- I'm -- I -- I did this is because I'm trying to get through with all of the departments and -- and put some of the smaller departments together. And so anyway, we're almost done. We only have, like, two more, I think. But not -- not tonight. The last one is the City Manager's Office. And I'm going to do that one.

The City Manager who is the chief executive officer of the City, her office consists of a deputy city manager, a media manager, a business and economic development manager, and recently she's bringing on board an internal auditor, two executive assistants, one office -- one assistant senior and office assistant and her direct reports are the civil drug court, Youth Empowerment, Justice Service Center and the local television network channel 18. And as the chief operating officer, the City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of each city department managed by department directors who are appointed by her. The City Manager and her administrative staff are responsible for ensuring compliance and implementation of the policies and directives of the Mayor and City Council. She recommends policy alternatives to the City Council along with ensuring that the City has a competent workforce to serve our citizens.

Her office prepares and administers the City's annual budget, long-term fiscal policies and planning for the capital needs of the organization that comply with all federal and state legislative priorities. The office provides for -- provides programs for youth and other citizens within our community who face challenges and require additional attention and resources through civil during court and the Justice Service Center. The offices works closely with the Mayor and City Counsel to ensure effective communication with the citizens and visitors of the community and various other governmental entities. The recent accomplishments include the elimination of the furlough days for all City employees, a proposal to design and construct a state-of-the-art public safety facility, working towards a timely resolution of four bargaining unit agreements, and the implementation of an efficiency study program to review departmental operations and make recommendations for efficiency and fiscal improvements.

The office has also increased the City's efforts towards economic development related to activities that resulted in the creation of over 400 jobs. Also implemented the design

and engineering of new entryway signs for our city. Developed the customer service policy and currently is organizing training for all City employees. The civil drug court that reports directly to that office received a favorable audit by the Criminal Justice Commission of all case files, 692 of them, from 2007 to the present. They also attained a 62 percent success rate of the civil drug clerk -- court clients in completion of court-ordered treatment and who remained abstinent within the last three years. Only 14 percent of those court-ordered treatment clients recidivated within the last three years following program exit.

The YEP, another direct report, established a partnership with the Einstein Technology - with Einstein Technology to provide preapprenticeship certification opportunities to 15 young people ages 17 to 24 in the field of technology. Those certifications will be offered in the software. It's CompTIA A-plus certified and Cisco-certified, CCENT, whatever that means. The YEP media students completed marketing and recruitment commercial -- a marketing and recruitment commercial to be aired on channel 12, BET, during the hours of 5 to 7 to market services/activities to community parents and youth. They served 137 kids this year including the summer program.

And last but not least, the Justice Service Center is a core member of the Palm Beach County Reentry Model that was selected to participate in the Second Chance Act evaluation being conducted by the National Institute of Justice through RTI International and the Urban Institute. There were only 10 sites chosen nationally. The Palm Beach County Reentry Task Force and Criminal Justice Commission partnered with the University of South Florida to analyze the program and recidivism rates statewide. Those rates of the control group was 68 percent for the State of Florida and the Justice Service Center efforts reduced that number by 32 percent. So City Manager's Office, good job. Thank you all very much for being patient with me. I really appreciate it. And again, lunch will be served on Friday to all of these departments.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair, I would like to commend you for taking the opportunity to educate our public. We assume that everyone knows what each department does but that -- that's not the case. And this is an opportunity to inform our public of what each department does so when they do have an issue, hopefully they would know which department to contact. So thank you very much and job well done.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you very much, sir. I do have a public comment card. Mr. Fane Lozman.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. At the last meeting there was a debate that made channel 12 regarding giving an award to the City Clerk.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: There was no award given, sir.

FANE LOZMAN: Well, giving recognition. Technically here you're giving recognition. You're giving them lunch. Okay? The concern I have is if you're going to do something like this, I think it should come from all five members of the dais, not -- not from an elected official that's running in the next March election, number one. Number two, the - - who makes the decision if some of these departments are doing a good job? Now, Human Resources, they are doing a good job. I've heard a lot of good things about them. But some of the other departments, we haven't heard good things about. Like Miss Jones. Miss Jones, that whole thing that went on with the suspension for the City Clerk that was on the news, you know, that wasn't a good job. It was brought to my attention that Miss Jones looked the other way when a department head choked a city employee. And -- and she recognized and confirmed that the department head choked the city employee and just gave him a pass. So I mean, where is the accountability when one of your senior leaders has a double standard? So I mean, I -- I've looked at some of these awards you're giving and some I agree with. And some I don't. But some -- but many of the senior religious people in the community disagree with how Miss Jones had handled the situation with the City Clerk.

And finally, I know myself as a taxpayer and property owner in Singer Island, I've reached out to Miss Jones over the last two and a half months and she's refused to return my phone call. So how can she be doing a good job? If she doesn't like me, fine. But she still has a responsibility to deal with me. You know, she has a responsibility to deal with the Property Appraiser, you know, who's been trying to get me an address for the last couple months. He told me that he's reached out to her department head. They haven't responded to him. So, I mean, when you -- when you do a good job, look at what the facts are. And Miss Jones did not do a good job compared to the head of the Human Resource Department. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You're welcome, sir. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We need to be mindful of the fact that there will be people to try to instigate controversy. Mr. Lozman does not live in this community. I have seen no documents that confirm that he owns any property in this community. As a matter of fact -- let me -- Miss Ryan, have you seen any documents that confirms that Mr. Lozman owns any property in this community?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I have not seen any document of that nature.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And he comes to the mike, indicates he lives here, lives there. When he has what he considers dirt on any of us, he drop the documents on the table. This is my proof. When he's trying to make a point, he drops the documents. He hasn't dropped not one thing over there to confirm that he's a taxpayer in our community. He thinks he can come from Miami and intimidate everybody. Not while I sit here. So I want him to understand that this is the wrong

community to try to intimidate and I wouldn't care if our staff never called you back. I'm saying it publicly. That's my own humble opinion, which I'm entitled to. 'Cause all he's trying to do is take this city down. Every time he speaks it ends up with something about him. Always about him. Not this community bettering itself. Not reaching out to the elderly. Not helping the disadvantaged kids. It always ends up about something he's trying to do for himself. And as long as I sit here, I'm not tolerating it. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You're welcome, sir. All right. We're moving on down to our regular agenda, item 13.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Hold -- hold on one second, Miss Davis. I think Miss Jones wanted to say something. I don't know if you saw her.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh. Go ahead.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair, I am no longer going to stand by --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- and let somebody discourage and disparage my name that does not have not one piece of truth or evidence in it. When the Property Appraiser decides he wants to run this city, tell him to come be the city manager. He runs his department and I run this city. I do not have to chase him down or do what he thinks needs to be done when it is in violation of our policy. No one has ever choked an employee. I would fire him on the spot if they choked an employee. Do not believe the lies and the propaganda that's going on.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, ma'am. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 13.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I gotta interrupt that one more time, Madam Chair. I -- I -- I do apologize. But I did get a question about that, 'cause we were talking about it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: About what?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And I just wanted to make an official -- about the -- Mr. Lozman --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- address. I did get a question of whether we put a street sign up. I did ride by and I did see a -- a street sign up that says Lozman's Avenue or --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Cove.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- Lozman's Cove. But it was an actual street sign. So I went to --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That wasn't ours.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- Miss McKinney. And I don't want the -- the young lady who asked me to ask about it does live on the island and she asked that her name not be said. But this is an island resident who wanted to know if the City paid money to put a street sign up. Like I said, I did ride by and see it. I did -- I was very shocked. I asked Miss McKinney who's over Community Development and she said to her knowledge that the City had not put a street sign up. Miss Jones, I don't know if Mr. Johnson or -- did Mr. Johnson --

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, we did not.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So the -- that sign was erected by --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Illegally.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- by somebody. And --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Illegally.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- now, is it -- is it any legal sign or can that sign be erected by -- and I don't know if that's a question for Miss Ryan or -- but I -- I'm -- I mean, we -- we just -- we definitely need to -- to know so that the -- the general public can, you know -- can -- can be notified of if it's fine. And if it's fine, I don't have a problem with it. Um, I just want to make sure that -- I just want to make sure that we are people -- taxpayers feel like we pay to have a sign put up.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Wow.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So I wanted to first address that we did not do that.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We did not do that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Secondly, I want to know if it's illegal.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Can I just make a comment since I am the representative over there?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: If you -- yeah. Thank you. If you recall maybe six or seven months ago, I -- I think it was Mr. Lozman had come up asking me as the representative to put a sign on the Taylor property. And at the time I said no. You know, we are not going to put a sign up. And I think I gave the example if someone purchased a home on

Broadway and they wanted to call it, you know, Patty's Palace or something, you know, Patty would have to put up her own sign. And, you know, just for the record, I just want everyone to know that sign is on their property. It's -- it's not like it's on the City's property or -- or DOT's property. It's on their property. So, you know, I think the -- the City can say we did not put the sign up but it's on their property. If they want to put a sign up, I don't see, you know, how we can mandate, you know, that they not put a sign up. You know? Right? It's their property. Do you agree?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, we have sign rules and laws that they have to abide by.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Sure.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So I haven't seen the -- the sign. I saw a sign that says Lozman's Cove.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, that's not (inaudible).

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is on the Taylor property.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It looks like a street sign.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It looks exactly like a street sign that you --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- would see on any of our avenues. It's a green with the white letter.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's -- it's --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't remember. Maybe --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- it's an actual -- it's an actual real street sign. So I -- I -- I seen --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- also the one that says --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's the one I saw.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- Lozman's Cove that's in the blue.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. Right. Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But this one is an actual street sign. Like I said, if it's legal, I do not have a problem with it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm just answering a question as I will do several times in the next presentation of what a resident said. People want to make sure that, you know --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: They're heard.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- they -- that their tax dollars --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- you know, did not go for it and if they did --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- why did it go?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So I wanted to make sure that I addressed that, um, totally. But it is a real street sign and I know that cities are not the only individuals that can go out and buy a street sign. But I just wanted to make sure that if we did, I wanted to know why we did. And if, you know -- if we didn't, I want the community to know that we didn't.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That we didn't.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And, Madam Chair, and again, with, you know -- with all due respect to everyone, people should have a right if they want to -- you know, if I want to put a sign in my driveway --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- I should have the right to put a sign in my driveway. So as long as it's on private property and there's also a fence around it, so it's clear that, you know, it belongs to that property, I don't have a problem with it and hopefully, you know -- I don't think anyone should.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right? Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. We cleared that up. Madam Clerk, item 13.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Sorry. About that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's okay.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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.

BONNIE LARSON: Public comment. We can talk about anything. I'd like to know how many Riviera Beach students have graduated from the Maritime Academy. They keep bringing the same guy. I've seen the same guy, like, three times. I'd like to know how many Riviera Beach students have actually graduated from there and actually gotten a job. Mr. Guyton, you're absolutely right. Don't say anything if -- if we're providing the training. You can get yourself to that training, don't talk to us about it. You have to go to training to get a good job. That's just the way it is.

Everybody in the area who owns property in that area, Broadway and Blue Heron, received a notice that the 7-Eleven -- the very unpopular 7-Eleven proposal for the corner where the BP -- where the BB&T Bank is now was scheduled to be presented tonight. Then a follow-up letter arrived and said it would be postponed. I was wondering if it was postponed because of the recent incidents in the area. On July 19th the car wash -- there was an armed robbery at the car wash on Blue Heron on Broadway. Three days later on the 22nd, that's the same guy who robbed the Broadway. He was hiding in plain sight. He was sitting over at the BP station asleep with a gun on his -- on the seat of his car. Who knows what his plans were for that day but somehow they involved a gun. Let me tell you. There are at least 40 shots and it was unbelievable. I was down on the floorboard of my car. You should have seen the bullets flying there. And anyone who approved that median there with no turnoffs, you should have been there and you should have seen those people sitting in line there. They were frantic. They were going like this, "Back up, back up, back up." Heaven help us. There was a guy with tinted windows in the front of you. But let me tell you, you

haven't lived until you've heard 40 gunshots like that, boom, boom, boom. So that was at the corner.

On the 31st, there was a drive-by shooting at Kitchen's right there on 27th and Broadway. Drive-by shooting at night. This last Sunday there was an armed robbery. Three men at the Avenue E convenience store. At the citizens' Master Charrette, we made it very, very clear to the Treasure Coast and to the Council, we don't want any more businesses 24/7 like this which are going to cause people to loiter on our corners, especially on our main corners like this. And this -- it was an unbelievable event. I am so glad that no one got killed in that event, those gun -- those gunfire, those -- all those incidents. We are so, so lucky.

If you remember a couple years ago there was a man who was shot while he was sitting there at that corner waiting to make a turn on to Singer Island. He was shot there. We shouldn't do anything to attract people who loiter to those corners. I know there's a -- a talk about putting some benches and stuff on that little green space on the corner. Don't do it. Do not invite people to loiter on those corners. We should not allow anything that further encourages that. And we made it very, very clear to people, to the Treasure Coast and to our Council, that we don't want anything more like that. So now the 7-Eleven is coming back again. We don't want it. At a meeting -- I was invited to a community meeting and everybody there spoke against it. Now, we can't say we don't want it because we don't like it. You have to give a reason. There are lots of reasons it shouldn't be there. But at the very end, the attorney for that property said, "Well, your staff loves it. Community Development loves it and the CRA loves it." So, you know, we don't want that type of thing there. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. Fane Lozman? After Fane is -- Mr. Lozman is Thyra Echols-Starr.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman, Singer Island. Again, my property is directly across the street from the SeaWinds. Miss Pardo, why don't you speak up and explain to your fellow councilperson where my property is, because many of the SeaWinds residents have complained to you about my property. And part of the complaint involved Miss McKinney, Peter Ringle and one of their colleagues coming to my property across from the SeaWinds, not Lozman's Cove, and filing a complaint with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that I was illegally cutting mangroves on my property. Now, Miss McKinney is not Code Enforcement. The Code Enforcement officer came to the property and said I was doing nothing wrong. Why did she take an hour out of her day to go to my property to file this complaint? Now, the two inspectors who came to my property were there with my mangrove consultant Kathy Baxter. And the inspector said we weren't cutting any mangroves. We were doing nothing wrong. What we've done is we've cleaned up the property, got all these vines that were choking all the trees and a lot of garbage that had washed up. But for Mr. Guyton to keep babbling on that I don't own the property across from the SeaWinds is ludicrous. Miss Pardo can confirm it.

Why don't you ask Miss McKinney, "Did you visit Mr. Lozman's property across from SeaWinds? Did you file a complaint?" Why don't you call -- look at the police log. The

police have been called there six or eight times because I've had people over at my property because people think that's City-owned property and it isn't. That's privately owned property all up and down West Drive. So for you to keep babbling, you know it's not true. You don't want to ask Miss McKinney. You don't want to ask Miss Pardo. You don't even want to go out to the property and see the signs I put up regarding mangrove protection and 24-hour recordings. So you -- you are just a liar.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

FANE LOZMAN: Okay?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Lozman?

FANE LOZMAN: You're not telling the truth to the residents.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We're not going to have that in the chambers so please --

FANE LOZMAN: Now, I just received a call.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. Mr. Lozman, I told you once before.

FANE LOZMAN: I --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We're not going to have any name-calling. We're not going to have any --

FANE LOZMAN: He is calling me a liar that I don't own the property.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- well -- well, we're not going to do it from -- from here.

FANE LOZMAN: Why don't you -- and why don't you tell him not do it?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. Have a seat, sir.

FANE LOZMAN: I -- I have another 52 seconds.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Have a seat.

FANE LOZMAN: Why are --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Have a seat.

FANE LOZMAN: -- why are my comments being censored on TV?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No.

FANE LOZMAN: Because I got a call that my comments are not being broadcast.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You -- you don't have any evidence that your comments have been censured.

FANE LOZMAN: Did -- did -- well, somebody --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay?

FANE LOZMAN: -- they were cut out.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well --

FANE LOZMAN: I received a call that they were cut.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- we have not seen that.

FANE LOZMAN: Did Miss -- okay. Did Miss Jones or did -- or the assistant city manager cut them out?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. You can have a seat.

FANE LOZMAN: How were they cut out?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Lozman.

FANE LOZMAN: Why do I have to sit down?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

FANE LOZMAN: I have 32 seconds.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thyra Echols-Starr, you're next, please.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is over. Over.

FANE LOZMAN: Huh?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just have a seat.

FANE LOZMAN: I'm just saying he accuses me of being a liar.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Lozman. Mr. Lozman.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We're -- we're gonna -- we're not gonna have you calling people liars. Okay?

FANE LOZMAN: Huh? No, he accused me of being a liar.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Lozman.

FANE LOZMAN: Why don't you interrupt him?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Lozman.

FANE LOZMAN: I have a right to make my public comments.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Lozman. Mr. Lozman, will you step away from the podium --

FANE LOZMAN: Excuse --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- please, sir?

FANE LOZMAN: -- I have 15 seconds to make my comments.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Well, your 15 seconds are over.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You are disrupting the meeting, Mr. Lozman.

FANE LOZMAN: You cannot harass me for making my comments.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sir.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Tell him his three minutes is over.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Lozman.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Your three minutes are over.

FANE LOZMAN: They're not over.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Now --

FANE LOZMAN: You know something?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- have -- have a nice day, Mr. Lozman.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Have a seat.

FANE LOZMAN: You're -- you're gonna learn a lesson in the court system. You cannot --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I -- I'm -- you're not gonna teach me any lessons.

FANE LOZMAN: -- violate my First Amendment rights.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay? Okay.

FANE LOZMAN: (Inaudible) new court action against you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Starr, come on up.

FANE LOZMAN: This is the kind of behavior that gives Riviera Beach (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Well, go somewhere else.

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

FANE LOZMAN: I don't have to go anywhere else. This is my city as much as it is --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, no, it's not.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Lozman, if you keep it up, you're going to leave the chambers.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No, it's not.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Starr.

THYRA ECHOLS-STARR: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening, ma'am.

THYRA ECHOLS-STARR: My name is Thyra Echols-Starr, a native of Riviera Beach. You know what? I'm going to -- can I play -- have this played first? It's 30 seconds.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Sure.

FANE LOZMAN: (Inaudible) two-way street.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Hold on just a second. We're trying to conduct a meeting. Okay? Go ahead, Miss Starr.

THYRA ECHOLS-STARR: Okay. I'm gonna play this C.D. first, please.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible). (Video shown).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Can you pull the mike down to it?

THYRA ECHOLS-STARR: One second. We'll do it again. (Video shown).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

THYRA ECHOLS-STARR: Again, my name is Thyra Echols-Starr, a native of Riviera Beach and president of the National Alumni Association of Florida Agricultural and

Mechanical University, Palm Beach County Chapter. In each of the folders that you have been given, we've given you a placard that describes the online degree programs, a copy of the chapter's end-of-the-year report, information regarding our 2015 Paint the Seas Orange and Green cruise, seven days, that is. And a chapter membership application. If there are any Rattler supporters in the audience, will you please stand at this time? On behalf of Florida A&M University, Dr. Elmira Mangum, President, the National Association of FAMU, Tommy Mitchell, Sr., President, and the Palm Beach County Chapter Alumni, we are here to present in a C.D. format information regarding the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's online degree program. This is an - - an exciting initiative which will not only boost enrollment at FAMU but also provide a great academic assist to those in the workforce who might be interested in pursuing post-graduate degrees.

The commentator for this advertisement is a native son of Riviera Beach, Mr. John "Wendy" Thompson. Mr. Thompson is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, class of 1966, and in 1971 earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from FAMU school, renown school of business and industry. One of Mr. Thompson's most notable -- notable historic achievement is that of being hand-picked by Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft Corporation, to succeed him as chairman of the board. This honor has brought global recognition to the City of Riviera Beach and to Florida A&M University. We will request that various entities within the county make this information available to others; however, we thought it would be robbery if the City of Riviera Beach was not the first to receive it. This information contained on this C.D. will run on the City's public broadcast channel 18 and we did get prior approval from our City Manager Miss Jones. We thank you. Miss Cynthia Cobb, Miss Marian Dozier and Mr. Walter Stevens assisted us. Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you very much, ma'am.

THYRA ECHOLS-STARR: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay? Okay. Valley of Love Ministry, Miss -- Miss Maria -- Marie -- from now on, put your name on the card, please.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: Oh, okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And what's your last name?

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: Jean-Pierre.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Will you come on up?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Jean-Pierre.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: Okay. Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Good evening.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: My name is Marie Antoinette Jean-Pierre. Sorry about that, Councilman Davis. I will do that next time.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: We're from the Valley of Love Ministries located at 1901 Broadway where we have a homeless ministry. We help with food, clothes. We help with whatever we can. For the past few months I don't know what happened, but we don't get no help from the community. But I can say thank God we're still open. Amen. We're having our fourth annual back-to-school bash, gonna -- gonna be this Sunday, August the 10th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. We have a lot of parents calling us. They needed uniform. We do have a little stuff 'cause we sent letters to a lot of people. But so far they did not respond yet so we're still waiting. So we come over here tonight if anybody want to donate some uniform to the Riviera Beach children, donate some book bags, that would be good. It's going to be this Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 -- to 4 p.m. Also every Thursdays -- go ahead, please.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I'm sorry. Every Thursdays we -- we do have a pantry, a food pantry. We give away food to any of -- anyone in the community in need from 12 to 3. The -- our address is 1901 Broadway.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: So for more information, they can call me at 561-502-8757. Anybody here want to donate some uniform to our children? Mr. Guyton? I'm still waiting on your donation. Councilwoman Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Just make your comments.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: (Inaudible). Yes. 561-502 --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay? Okay.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: -- 8757. Anybody want to donate uniform, book bags, whatever, please, you can drop it off at 1901 Broadway or call me at 561-502-8757.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you very much, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Wait, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So I have a question for you. So if we have book bags, what are you going to do with them? Do you have people?

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: Yes. We have a lot of -- you know, 'cause this year's going to be our fourth annual back-to-school book bash -- I mean, school -- back-to-school bash.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So are you inviting people to your facility to get the bags?

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: Yes. Uh-huh. Yes. Yes. They're come -- they're coming to our ministry on Sunday from -- from 2 p.m. to -- from 2 to 4. So a lot of people called. They need uniform. They need book bags. But so far this year I didn't get anything yet. I only got, like, a few pencils and few papers. That's it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. Okay. Thank you. Good luck.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: So you gonna help us?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Unfortunately --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Ma'am --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- you know, through the City of Riviera Beach with the taxpayer funds, I'm sorry, I can't.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: Well, anybody listening to the sound of my voice, you ant to help --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: -- we're at 1901 Broadway. Please --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Great.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: -- come and bring uniform, book bags.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: Whatever you can donate.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Miss Marie.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We really appreciate you.

MARIE JEAN-PIERRE: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. That is the end of public comments. And we're now down to 14A, the City Attorney's evaluation.

REGULAR

13. RESOLUTION NO. 73-14, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CLOSING OF WEST 26TH COURT AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEST 26TH COURT AND AVENUE 'R'; APPROPRIATING UP TO \$4,000 FOR THE MATERIAL AND SERVICES CONNECTED THEREWITH FROM ACCOUNT #303-0717-541-0-6355; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second for discussion.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And I have two public comment cards. First is Bonnie Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: I hope you're gonna answer my questions in the --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Come on up, ma'am. Come up, please.

BONNIE LARSON: I -- I'm gonna.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Come on up and make your comments. And then William Cargill.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: She don't want to make comments, I don't --

BONNIE LARSON: My comment is we should see the presentation before we ask our questions because maybe then we won't have a question. I'm hoping mine will be answered by this.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. If -- if they're not answered we'll --

BONNIE LARSON: But again, we should be able to have the latest information by way --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- okay.

BONNIE LARSON: Excuse me. I have three minutes. We should be able to have the latest information by way of the presentation first before we ask our questions in case we have --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. You've wasted two -- two --

BONNIE LARSON: -- we want to drop some of the questions or we want to add some other questions.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- you've wasted 20 seconds already. Go ahead and make your comments.

BONNIE LARSON: That's all I'm going to say. I'm just saying I would really like to have the presentation first and then our comments. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you very much, ma'am. William Cargill?

WILLIAM CARGILL: Good afternoon, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Get up to your mike, sir.

WILLIAM CARGILL: Uh-oh.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Speak into the mike.

WILLIAM CARGILL: There we go. All right. Good afternoon, everybody. All the community. This is my first time coming to a City Council meeting. But however, I feel like I have to be here for the purpose of -- well, we have, like, three houses in that area on S Avenue and 26th Court that's -- it will be blocked off. Okay? The houses where the Watsons stay directly across from us -- I'm from 1415 W. 26th Court. My house will be in the middle. We have grandchildren and everything coming over there. All right? What I'm looking at is like a -- it's like a code issue as far as the fire trucks and the medics coming up there, 'cause the house on Q Avenue, 16 -- what that is? 1416, the Watson house, when they was having issues and when the fire trucks and the paramedics tried to get around there, I normally be out there.

They say can we -- they can't even find the address and then they have to go around to service it. So I don't -- I -- I didn't see y'all proposed plan. I heard about it. And then I say, Well, I'm gonna -- I'm gonna come and, you know, discuss it 'cause we -- we got three houses in that area. Okay. But I have a suggestion for the plan. All right? So -- 'cause you know, I say I take care of that little area. I keep it clean. I'm even cutting the Watson area where it's supposed to be on the opposite side of the fence is the City area. I go over there and cut that. I keep it clean. You know, that's a City job but it's -- but I take it it's my responsibility as in the community. You know what I'm saying? And this --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

WILLIAM CARGILL: -- it will be an eyesore 'cause we -- they -- y'all came through one time and gave me a nuisance violation before I moved back to the family house. I was -- I'm back at the family house for about a month. I mean, about a year, excuse me. I'm -- I'm getting excited 'cause y'all got the three minute on me. You know what I'm saying? But I got it up to code.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You still got a minute to go.

WILLIAM CARGILL: I -- I did the painting and got all the brush done, 'cause I'm a maintenance man. I'm an electrician by trade.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I think he's against it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I think he's a guest.

WILLIAM CARGILL: And I do all kind of gardening work. And I got, like -- trying to do a little lawn service business. So -- all right. And this is the deal. Okay. I feel like you could do the speed bumps if you do a heavier speed bumps like they got in West Palm.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

WILLIAM CARGILL: They got some heavier speed bumps. You could put, like, three there.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's a (inaudible).

WILLIAM CARGILL: Not completely close it off. And also, you can move it up --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

WILLIAM CARGILL: -- up there on top of the hill. I understand it is a real issue because of the kids and the speed they're coming through there.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

WILLIAM CARGILL: It's like it's ridiculous. 'Cause if I have my grandkids --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It's dangerous.

WILLIAM CARGILL: -- out there I have to make sure we're getting another fence put on there because y'all did some revitalization to the streets. And we -- you know, we lost our fence. Y'all didn't replace that but we got that. Don't worry about that. You know what I'm saying? We got that. We got that coming. But anyway, so -- all right. So I don't know how y'all planning to do it. The first time they did it like a temporary thing. They put pots down there. Okay. But the main issue is the health as far as the emergency vehicles getting up in there in case --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

WILLIAM CARGILL: -- of emergency. So I wish y'all consider those speed bumps or either moving up --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

WILLIAM CARGILL: -- or moving it up on top of the hill.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you very much for your comments, sir.

WILLIAM CARGILL: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair, can I just add --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Cargill?

WILLIAM CARGILL: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I just want to make sure that I understand clearly. You're opposed to closing it, is what you were saying?

WILLIAM CARGILL: Not exactly. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

WILLIAM CARGILL: 'Cause you can do it up on the top of the hill right up there right where it's -- 26th Court meet Q.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, okay.

WILLIAM CARGILL: On top of the hill.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You're saying that you're not opposed to closing it. You just want to close it further up the street?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Further up?

WILLIAM CARGILL: Yes. Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

WILLIAM CARGILL: So -- so the -- so the emergency vehicles will have access to those three houses, three homes there. In case of emergency where you -- 'cause when the Watsons was there, they was having issues and families on 27th Street was having issues. If you have an issue there the emergency vehicles can't get there. You know one of my sisters is a paramedic.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I -- yes, I understand. And I'm -- I'm just trying to make sure that I understand.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: 'Cause I've gotten a few calls and I see people -- I only heard there was two cards here so I got more calls. I just want to make sure that I understand that you're -- you're for closing it. You just want to --

WILLIAM CARGILL: No, I'm not really for closing it. But I'm -- I'm working with you --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: He prefers (inaudible).

WILLIAM CARGILL: -- 'cause I might be outnumbered 'cause I ain't get a chance to go around and get some petitions myself. I didn't do the footwork.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I -- I get it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible) anybody can do a petition.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I get it, sir. But can you just -- so we understand.

WILLIAM CARGILL: Yes, ma'am. Yes, sir. Sorry.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You're -- you're saying that you're against it but if we have to do it you would like to move it --

WILLIAM CARGILL: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible) understand.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- up further --

WILLIAM CARGILL: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- or try some speed bumps or something.

WILLIAM CARGILL: Or either do -- right. Or heavier speed bumps.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Gotcha.

WILLIAM CARGILL: Higher.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Gotcha. Thank you, Mr. Cargill. Thank you.

WILLIAM CARGILL: So -- yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

WILLIAM CARGILL: You're welcome.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I just wanted to understand.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

WILLIAM CARGILL: Thank you, putting on a show.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And I know they tried this pilot, some -- you -- you can have a seat -- a pilot sometime ago and residents didn't want it so it's back again and I was -- I was assuming that, you know, the residents were wanting to bring it back. So Miss McKinney?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You -- you got another card, right? There was two.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That was his and Bonnie Larson.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Bonnie Larson and --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So just -- oh. Oh, Bonnie Larson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- and that one.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: We received an e-mail to Community Development Department a little after 5 this evening from one of the residents in the area. She said that she wasn't able to make it to the meeting this evening. She was not in support of closing the street and she's asking the City Council to defer decision or discussion of this and decision for a matter of time. Staff, in our discussions, we felt that maybe a deferral for another 30 days for them to have more time to talk to each other --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: -- might be appropriate. And then bring it back in that -- in 30 days.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. That's fine with me.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair? Yeah. That -- that definitely would be fine with me as -- as well. I wanted to -- to discuss it. I had a conversation with a few of the residents. It seems to be it's mixed emotions about it. I saw the actual petition. I think it had --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- was it 50 --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: It's 57.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- about 50 --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Fifty-six.

WILLIAM CARGILL: It was -- it was about 50.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. It's about -- it was about 50 names on it. It's in the backup. But I'm -- I'm not able to get to my backup on my --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- computer right now for some reason. I did see that there were -- at first on the first page, I only saw mostly 27th Street. But on the second

petition is where I saw quite a few 26th Court names that were signed. But I -- I did speak to a resident where the wife in the home was for closing it but the husband in the home and one of the grandkids in the home were not for closing it. So I think what the best thing to do is let's announce a date that we're going to make a decision and let everybody come and, you know -- and -- and talk to us and --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right. Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- and have a few different --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- scenarios if we need to move forward. I -- I must say that I'm extremely impressed with the -- I think it was Mr. Brooks who started this.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Very seldom do you see a -- an initiative so well put together with petitions and everything done. I'm very impressed with the way that this community group has done it. And regardless of how I feel about it --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- if the community wants it closed, then I'm going to --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- vote to close it. And if the -- and if that area does not want it closed, then I'm going to vote not to --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- not to close it. But I think that they should be commended on -- on what they're doing.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It -- it's definitely, you know, the community reaching out. So I'm very excited about it and I don't want to discourage anybody from either side. I just want to give everybody an opportunity to talk about it. And I'm definitely open-minded.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Since this is my district, can I say a few words?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Absolutely, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Mr. Brooks initiated the petition and if you don't mind, Madam Chair, may I call Mr. Brooks up?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Since he initiated the petition and I'm not opposed, either, to delaying it. This is a democracy and each side needs an opportunity to get whatever names they need, get their support and bring it back to us. But I know Mr. Brooks initiated it not once, not twice but I think maybe three times. And I would like to get an understanding while you all are going back and gonna bring it back to us, what is the ultimate goal since you initiated it? Is it to close the street? Is it to slow the traffic down? What -- what is the ultimate goal that you were after when you spearheaded this effort?

DONALD BROOKS: Okay. Good evening. How y'all doing?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening, sir. State your name and address for the record, sir.

DONALD BROOKS: Donald Brooks. I reside at 1261 W. 26th Court. I've been a -- I've been a citizen of Riviera Beach since the late '40s and a resident of 26th Court for the past 47 years. A little history on that. 26th Court was a -- well, Monroe Heights used to be -- I guess most of you know Monroe Heights used to be a white area. And 26th Court was always closed until -- I don't know, the early '80s. And what happened was when they developed 20 -- or Avenue R where those homes are, the company that was doing the construction and so forth, they used to park their equipment at that little entrance there.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DONALD BROOKS: And by accident they -- I did this research through the City 10 years ago. There was no referendum or anything like that to open -- to -- to open the street, but after they knocked it open or knocked the barriers down, no one complained because, well, Avenue R wasn't there then and Avenue S wasn't what it is now. But now what we get is -- is -- it's just a racetrack through there now. The loud music, all the vehicles coming through. I mean, sometime I would say they'd be riding 60 miles an hour. I had a kid, one of my kids got hit out there on a bicycle. And I was so elated after she got up and ran to me. I forgot to get the tag number of the people who hit her. I was so elated that she was okay. And it's just -- it's just bad and it's getting worse. And I've talked to the police chief in past years and they -- and they all agree. I talked with new emergency departments and they -- they somewhat agree with the exception of, you know, they have to go through the formality of response time and so forth. And I understand that. But --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So -- so your goal is to slow the traffic down?

DONALD BROOKS: Well, no.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Or to close the street?

DONALD BROOKS: The goal is close it. Because we've already tried --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Close it.

DONALD BROOKS: -- to slow the traffic down. That didn't work, as you know, up by your house. You know, it --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

DONALD BROOKS: -- they just come through there. They don't care. I -- I've seen cars do a slide almost on those humps. And I just don't want to see anyone else get hurt anymore. And it -- it -- it should be closed. And --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

DONALD BROOKS: -- as to the petition, you can see that the people in that area, 26th Street, 26th Court, 27th Street and the -- say, 12, 1300 block and part of the 1100 block and the people I talk with. It was about a 95 percent agreement that it should be closed. And to the gentleman's comment who said he has homes there, if they put the barricade where it's supposed to be at, at the old --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DONALD BROOKS: -- Monroe Heights boundary, it won't affect him.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

DONALD BROOKS: I don't know if that'll help him any but --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay, Madam Chair. That -- that's all I have. And I have no objection to it going --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- going -- being deferred for 30 days and allowing each side --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to get their information and bring it back.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right. Thank you, Mr. Brooks.

DONALD BROOKS: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we -- so we don't need to go forward with the -- the presentation? So the motion -- there should be --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: The -- we're just going to bring it back in 30 days.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Just -- yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Will -- will somebody reach out to the -- let's just go ahead and send some correspondence to the 26th Court, 27th Street and (inaudible) -- .

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Miss McKinney sent out notices to everybody within 300 --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Excuse me, Mr. Guyton. Excuse me one second, please. If we have not done that, then --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We did do it?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: I will do it again.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Just to let them though that --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- you know, that we will be -- so I just want to make sure that if we have -- if we have to go door to door, that's fine. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Item 14.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

14. RIVIERA BEACH MARITIME ACADEMY'S REQUEST TO THE CITY FOR A DEED, WITH A REVERTER CLAUSE, TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST 13TH STREET.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is -- is there a motion? Oh, this is just discussion?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Discussion.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Discussion and deliberation.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right. Okay. Miss Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I received correspondence from Viking, the developers, and in that request they were asking consideration in order to be able to expand their maritime academy. I felt it was important for them to come and make their presentation

to the Council and after your discussion, then the City would know how to proceed further with that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right. We have two public comment cards. Bonnie Larson and Mr. Lozman is after you.

BONNIE LARSON: Once again we should hear the presentation first. Viking wrote a letter. I looked in the Internet on this weekend and I saw a letter addressed to Dear Ruth. This is our city manager. Any vendor, anybody doing business with the City of Riviera Beach, this is our city manager. Her name is Miss Jones. Dear Ruth. What they want to do is they want to double the size of the marine academy. Therefore, they need to get financing for it. They said in order to get the financing, they need to have control of that site. I'm paraphrasing now, only three minutes.

So wouldn't Riviera Beach like to donate that property on 13th Street to them. And as a little bonus to us they've paid -- they, Viking, whose marine academy it is, whose building it would be, had paid \$240,000 in construction drawings to Weiss, the same construction company that Riviera Beach uses. Isn't that coincidental? Well, when you build a house, if you build -- if you have the drawings for it, guess who pays for that drawings? You, whose building it will be. So you're not giving us anything by you, Viking, having paid for the construction drawings of this. They want the marine academy -- whenever I hear about it, they're always asking for students. How many Riviera Beach students ever go there? We don't even know. How many students have graduated from there? We don't even know. Anyone from in the county can go to that school. It's really not benefiting us. We -- they've had it for eight years now. They've been only charged \$1 a year for that property. So we've given it to them for free. You're shaking your head no. Five --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: \$500.

CITY MANAGER JONES: A month.

BONNIE LARSON: \$500 a year? Wow.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: A month.

CITY MANAGER JONES: A month.

BONNIE LARSON: Wow. Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, you said -- just making sure you're factual.

BONNIE LARSON: Okay. No, that's what I had read before. Okay. So it's now \$500 a month. Let's correct that. Still, that is nothing. If they want to increase the size of their marine academy, they need to pay for it themselves. Whenever we hear about Viking, we're always told they're the biggest property owner in Riviera Beach. Well, how about you put your marine academy on your own property? Why should we, \$30,000-a-year residents of Riviera Beach, give you that property? Why don't you give us some

property? We'll -- we'll put a building on it, too, if you want to give us some property. Why should we give our master developer a property free of charge? Isn't there something wrong with that picture?

Master developer's supposed to be helping us. They had the audacity to ask for us to give them the property. I come here tonight. Here's a new letter which was not on the Web this weekend. And it's saying well, now they're thinking about if they could have a 50-year lease for a dollar a year. A dollar a year. That would be just fine. Well, they may as well own it if you're giving it to them -- for tying that property up for 50 years, let's do something with that valuable property ourselves. Why are we giving it to the master developer who's supposed to be helping us? We're told, like I said, all the time, how much property they own in Riviera Beach. Put it on their property. Have they built the condos or the hotels or anything on their property yet? No. But I suppose they want to do what the Boys & Girls Club did. The Boys & Girls Club expanded, spent millions and millions on their property, and they were here just a couple weeks ago saying they had to sublease it 'cause they couldn't support it. Now we're talking about doubling the size of Marine Academy which is always asking for students.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you --

BONNIE LARSON: And they want us to either give it to us or lease it, a dollar --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- very much for your comments, Miss Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: -- a year. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you very much, ma'am. Fane Lozman.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. It says when you come up you're supposed to give your name and address for the record. I'm the owner of parcel control number 564322 - - 5643422000010200. I have a printout on my iPad of the property appraiser's website of the property owned on Singer Island. My property of 300 feet along Ocean Drive directly west of the SeaWinds. That's a separate property than Lozman's Cove. Miss McKinney has come to the property with two inspectors from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection after they filed a complaint. So for Bruce Guyton to say I don't have a property in Singer Island --

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

FANE LOZMAN: -- is completely untrue.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: He has to speak on this item.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

FANE LOZMAN: Now, I am a taxpayer in --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You are not speaking on the item, sir.

CITY MANAGER JONES: You gotta talk on the item.

FANE LOZMAN: -- I am a tax -- I'm -- I --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Riviera Beach Maritime Academy.

FANE LOZMAN: -- I am. I --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No, you're not.

FANE LOZMAN: Let me finish.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Speak on the academy -- on -- on -- on the academy.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That property is not in your name.

FANE LOZMAN: As -- as -- as a taxpayer --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hold -- hold on.

FANE LOZMAN: -- as a taxpayer in this city, okay, I expect there to be a competitive --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You are not speaking on the item. If you're not speaking --

FANE LOZMAN: I am trying to speak to the item. You --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- no, you -- you -- you've been speaking for over 30 seconds. I mean, over --

FANE LOZMAN: First -- first I need to tell you where I live.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- a minute and 30 seconds. Well, you did that already.

FANE LOZMAN: And that I'm a taxpayer.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So move on.

FANE LOZMAN: Okay. So as a taxpayer I want to explain that I have a problem with this item and how it's being handled.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

FANE LOZMAN: Okay? And Mayor Masters also has a problem with it 'cause I talked to him about it this afternoon.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, you have -- you -- you speak for you.

FANE LOZMAN: The -- the problem -- can you kindly stop interrupting me?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Please --

FANE LOZMAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- please proceed.

FANE LOZMAN: The problem I have is there was not a competitive process to allow other schools to use that property. Okay? Just like the day care academy, that property was sold what, for \$750,000? Okay. Viking is a very wealthy company. Okay? If they want to go purchase that property in a competitive process, great. Let them go ahead and do it. But to give that to them to the detriment of maybe other magnet schools that would like that beautiful property's a mistake. You have a responsibility to do things that in a competitive process and get the best deal for the City. Now, Viking's Maritime School may be a great school. Let them buy the property. Why does it have to be given to them? That's the issue that the Mayor had and that's the issue I have. That revenue should come into the City. And if you don't want to go through a competitive process, then get it appraised and say the property's worth a million dollars.

Give us the million dollars and you can have it. But to give away property without going through a competitive process is wrong. To give away property without getting an appraised value on the property and give it to them for a dollar a year is wrong. You know, that's not how you do business in this City. And I will come up here and make my comments. I just received a message, by the way, that my last comments were not broadcast. They were edited out. So this selective censorship, whoever coordinated that, I have an issue with that, also.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Again, Fane Lozman name is not on any documents that says he owns --

FANE LOZMAN: Here. I'll give it to you right now.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- property.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay, Mr. Lozman, please.

FANE LOZMAN: You want to look at it?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No, print it out and leave it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Have your seat, sir.

FANE LOZMAN: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Lozman, have your seat, please. Thank you.

FANE LOZMAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Guyton, are you done?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Miss Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: The Maritime Academy (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a -- okay.

GEORGE CARTER: Good afternoon. I'm the proud president of Riviera Beach Maritime Academy. We were -- and Mrs. Hicks is our principal here. We're going to take a minute and talk to you about what we've done this summer with our students and our academy and then I'll talk about our expansion plans. Miss Hicks?

PRINCIPAL HICKS: Okay. Well, we do bring the -- the Mayor in his absence greetings from the Maritime Academy, as well as the Council and the residents of Riviera Beach. We've heard some positive things this evening with regard to education in this community. And we are one of the charter schools in this community, public charter schools, that is involved in helping students at the high school level to endeavor to enter high-paying careers in the area of maritime, science and technology. And, you know, I heard Principal Corey Brooks and his administrative team, you know, a few minutes ago talking about what they're doing at JFK. And they certainly -- I -- I've certainly been impressed whenever I've gone over to recruit at JFK. I would like to say that we have somewhat of a partnership. They spoke very highly of us internally when we were there recruiting and working with their student population.

Those members of JFK who have actually visited our campus and seen what we do I think were very impressed and they were promoting our programs to the students there because they're very hands-on and they prepare students for the STEM jobs that are what the future holds for Riviera Beach students and other students. We don't have any problem with recruiting students. Right now our freshman class is full. We have a waiting list. And as we continue to expand programs, I believe that we will be a -- you know, we'll bring pride to the Riviera Beach community for what we're doing to better students.

GEORGE CARTER: With that said, most of you have gotten this picture. I've sent it to you in whole. Anyone that would like to look at it, it is available at our school, and we do have the future plans of expanding our school to 600 students. It is an exciting plan for us. We've been working on it for eight years. We believe it will be -- add a real asset to our community. It will be a draw. The middle picture is actually the venue you will see coming 13th Street if you pass through Old Dixie headed towards our gateway to the marina. That is the vision you'll see, the middle picture of Riviera Beach Marina. About a \$5 million investment in that property with classroom and technology built in.

We -- like I said, we are excited about it. We have great plans for it. We are planning on doing more work in the community to draw more students. Our first year would hope to be about a year from now. We hope to be filling it up. One of the things that we're planning on doing in that facility -- and I've given you each our cards that will go out tomorrow recruiting an adult Ed case program. A certified adult education program for Riviera Beach residents. It will be tagged and highlighted and open to only, at this time, Riviera Beach. We will be able to take names and addresses and phone numbers tomorrow at our school at those -- and I've left some on our counter back here. We will start this right away in our facility now, but we will expand it as we build our new school. This is for not only high school dropouts, for adults that would like to get certified or like to increase their educational -- in the areas of professionalism in our career, the vocational career, the tourist career, and also in the marine industry. We believe there's a real need for that. Our school will -- will be available every evening and we do have on board a teacher ready to teach that class. Hopefully within the next two months we'll have 15 to 20 students. We have support from the hotel industry and from the boating industry to start training in that field for adult education. We will carry that on and expand it in our new program. We do plan to take six to nine months to build this new school and with your support, we will hope to fill it up in two to three years.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. That was George Carter speaking, just for the record.

GEORGE CARTER: I am sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any -- any questions or comments?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, I'd like to make a comment.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You know, someone got up here and made some comments that I take exception with. The comment was made that we, Riviera Beach, are not benefiting from the Riviera Beach Maritime, that Viking is benefiting from it. And that is something -- I've been sitting here trying to figure out how Viking is benefiting from a school. And I haven't been able to wrap my head around that. I think we all need to remember that Viking came in to the community, what -- how long ago? Seven or eight years ago and made a \$3 million commitment.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ten.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right? Ten years ago.

GEORGE CARTER: Yes, ma'am. About that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You started that school, right? Mr. Healey put up \$3 million and reached out to the kids in Riviera Beach trying to get them to come into the school to learn a trade in the maritime academy. We say it over and over again. Not every child in this city is going to go to college. But if they go to the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy, they're going to learn a trade and they will be able to get a job in their community when they graduate. The City of Riviera Beach has and will continue to be very supportive of the working waterfront. The intracoastal in Riviera Beach is all working waterfront. And if you talk to the marine businesses here in our city and West Palm Beach throughout Palm Beach County, they will tell you their biggest hurdle is trained employees.

And you know what's really interesting? If you go up to Mangonia Park to the Tri-Rail Station in the morning and in the afternoon, you see men and women getting on and getting off of that Tri-Rail train coming to and from Broward County. They come up here to work at Viking, at Rybovich, at Cracker Boy, at Lockheed Martin, because we don't have trained people in the marine industry. And that is shameful. That is absolutely shameful. The industry in South Florida has been working on expanding to make -- all right, to make the industry the best in the world. And kudos to Mr. Healey for stepping up to the plate, realizing that there is a need to train children, okay, for this industry and now to train young adults. You know, you guys -- and I don't even want to talk about the marina, talk about the master developer, because this is a totally different arm than the master developer.

GEORGE CARTER: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But remember, Viking came here 12, 13 years ago and really expanded their -- their yacht business here in Riviera Beach. There's scores of people in this city that work for Viking Yachts here in Riviera Beach. So you know what? Kudos to you, kudos to Mr. Healey and the family for standing up and deciding to move forward and expanding the academy, because they see the need. They see the need. And you know, remember, they could have -- any city would have opened their arms. I've talked to West Palm Beach about it. They would open their arms to get a maritime academy high school in their city. But here we are very lucky to have them in our city. I do have the letter. Miss Jones shared the letter with us. Viking asking for a 50-year lease, and I have absolutely no problem with it at all. Because at the end of the day, our children will be benefiting. And now, our young adults will be benefiting. We've been trying for a long time to get some kind of training facility for young adults in this community. And once again, the Healey family stood up. So you know, Miss Larson, I take exception with some of the things you said. You cannot put a price on education. So those are my comments. Thank you.

GEORGE CARTER: Miss Davis, if I may.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh.

GEORGE CARTER: One -- one thing I would mention, we -- our school is a nonprofit school. We're run by a board of directors and it is with tax dollars of ours. And if there's anyone in our community that would like to serve, we do answer to a board. We meet three, four, five times a year. We're available. We do have seats available on our board of directors that we would love someone to be -- if they're interested and they come and make application, we would welcome new board members. We also have a full school now but we would still take any Riviera Beach resident who's interested, nine through 12th grade, who is career minded or college minded. Miss Hicks has a great relationship with several colleges around. We're working, she mentioned, on their STEM programs and all, to educate our students and move them on.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

GEORGE CARTER: But we are excited about it. We do want to say that this is starting immediately. We will have it in hopefully every church by next Sunday and we'll have it out into the community. You'll notice on the back it's like a postcard so we'll be sending some of those out.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

GEORGE CARTER: But we're asking for every church around to accept us -- these and get us some more adults who want to further their career or want to go into a new career which is listed on here.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

GEORGE CARTER: I thank you for your time.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you very much, sir. And we're very excited --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- about it. And Miss Pardo, I couldn't have said it any better. Kudos to you. And also I don't even mind -- and I don't think Miss Jones minds the letter addressing you as Ruth? We've developed a relationship. And you know, it -- it -- it just -- it -- it --

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- well, yeah, I know. Me, too. And that's amazing that one day it's that and then the next day, you know, it's defending you. So --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- all right, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Let me just quickly first thank the Healeys and Viking and Mr. Carter for feeling this community worthy of an academic institution. I agree wholeheartedly with Vice Chair Pardo that it is a positive contribution to our community. One thing that we're -- we must be mindful of that we are beginning to create a lot of jobs in the maritime industry. We need an educated experienced workforce. We need an institution to train our people right here to get the jobs that we're creating. In the discipline of academic development, they call that workforce development. You develop your workforce to be qualified for the jobs that you are creating. They go hand in hand.

So I see this as an expansion of our development and developing our economy, and I would encourage our local kids in Riviera Beach to take advantage of this opportunity, because the jobs that are created in the maritime industry requires special training. You can be a captain. There -- even hospitality. They be out on the boats. I mean, whatever discipline that is associated with the maritime industry, that's going to benefit this community. So I have no problem with the 50-year lease because I see this as an investment in our kids. And I would like for all of our residents, those who have kids of age to attend the Maritime Academy, we can't complain that we're not getting any jobs if we're not --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Trained.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- taking the initiative --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Amen.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to go prepare ourselves --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to get the jobs. It's not a handout. You -- you have to be educated. You have to be experienced.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: A hand up. You're right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And we are providing that opportunity and that's all we can do. We can't force you to attend the school. But don't complain that we're not getting any of the jobs being created. Because here's your opportunity to get trained to qualify for those jobs. Kudos to Mr. Carter. Mr. Carter has been very active in our community, not just with the Maritime Academy, but with kids in general. And I look forward to working with Viking and the Maritime Academy and making that one of the best schools in this state. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Wonderful. Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So I'd like to make a motion to have staff work on a 50-year agreement for \$1 a year for Viking and bring it back to us within 30 days.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. It's been moved --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. Since it's now a motion I will reiterate that, as I did at the beginning --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- that I do have a contractual relationship with the Riviera Beach Maritime. And although the state has given me clearance to be able to vote on these issues. I just want to make sure that everybody understands that I'm going to abstain --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- from this. I'll file the necessary paperwork just so it can be as clean as possible. So that's why I haven't said anything in the comments of it. So since it's now a motion, I will abstain from it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. It's been moved and seconded. Madam Clerk?

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: That motion is approved with Councilperson Thomas abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

GEORGE CARTER: Miss -- Miss Davis, I want to make sure that is for Riviera Beach Maritime Academy. I know we talked a lot about Viking. Viking has --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It's Maritime Academy, yes.

GEORGE CARTER: Thank you --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay?

GEORGE CARTER: -- very much. Thank you all --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

GEORGE CARTER: -- again.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right. We're now down to our Public Comments. First up is Bonnie Larson and then Mr. Lozman.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

15. CITY COUNCIL TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIFTH MEMBER, MR. RUSS ELGIN, TO SERVE ON THE FIRE PENSION BOARD.

14A. CITY ATTORNEY'S EVALUATION

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I added this to the agenda because I realized that she had sent us the evaluations. I think it was back in May or June.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: One of the two.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And I had not done mine. So I've already done my evaluation and discussed it with -- with the City Attorney. And I'm leaving it up to each individual council member to do the same. You can do it personally on your own schedule. But I wanted to -- to bring it forward to -- to -- just to remind everybody that, you know, we should do it. You know, so that she knows whether she is performing satisfactorily. I personally think that she is and gave her -- scored her very well on my evaluation. With that being said, anybody else have any comments about it or you're gonna do your own?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I've --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- I've spoken to the City Attorney. She's -- I've done the evaluation and she is aware of my comments and at the appropriate time I'll make them public.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Okay. We're now down to --

FANE LOZMAN: I put my card in for 14A.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, you did. Come on up, sir. Fane Lozman and then Bonnie Larson.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Jesus.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, Mr. --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: While Mr. Lozman is coming, Miss Starr, I -- I did not get a chance to -- to hear your presentation. I had to step out very quickly. I am in receipt of your phone call message and I will get back to you, so I wanted to take the opportunity to -- to let you know that I am interested and I want to hear more about what you have. So I'm -- I'm sorry I missed it. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Lozman?

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman, address parcel control number 56434222000010200. I know it sounds dumb but Gary Nikolits has tried to get me an address. Matter of fact, he told me his counsel contacted Miss Ryan's office and didn't receive a response yet. My question is we understand that you're submitting your own evaluations. But back in 2011 when there was a three-two vote to retain Miss Ryan, two council members voted to dismiss her. There was the opportunity for the public to share their thoughts about Miss Ryan's performance. Is that the appropriate time now to share those thoughts, or is this coming back again where the public can share their impressions of Miss Ryan's --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You can -- you can share your thoughts if you'd like, sir.

FANE LOZMAN: -- performance? That take place now?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You can share your thoughts now if you'd like.

FANE LOZMAN: Okay. My thoughts with Miss Ryan are as follows: She is not judicious with the City's finances when it comes to legal actions. In my Supreme Court case when the City sued my floating home in an admiralty action, that could have been resolved for under \$1,000. What the City could have done is they could have done through the Florida Statute nonjudicial sale procedure like they used for derelict vessels or vessels that hadn't paid their money or whatever the grounds were, both before and afterwards. But she did not do that. She wanted to get me out of the marina and she confidently stated at many meetings that she was going to win the case. This case went all the way to the Supreme Court and she lost. This City lost. Her legal advice was horrible. This case has been all over the country. As a matter of fact, it's been all over the world. It was on the front page of the London newspaper.

So the point is, how much money did she spend when she could have done it for under \$1,000? Six, \$700,000 of taxpayers' money? I won. I was the defendant. My floating home was the defendant. I won that case. Prior to that she tried to get me out in State court. She spent a couple hundred thousand dollars. I was the defendant. I won that

case. The City sued me and then the City sued my floating home. A million dollars were spent and I won. Whoever made those legal decisions gave you that legal advice is not a very good lawyer. Okay? There needs to be some accountability. There was two votes to fire Miss Ryan for a reason, 'cause she wasn't doing a good job. Okay? Miss Ryan, when it came to the written minutes case, I read the -- the -- the transcript, Miss Davis. That case could have been settled for 15 grand and keep the written minutes. But yet when you interviewed Miss Ryan, she said, "No, there was no settlement offer made." So Miss Ryan runs up people's -- runs up the City's bill, is very confident, and then when she loses she pretends it never happened. Winning a Supreme Court case is a very big deal.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: For the record, the -- that case got to the Supreme Court because the City kept winning in the lower courts.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And Mr. Lozman kept challenging the decisions of the lower courts. So for him to suggest that we didn't win any cases, that is not true. He got to the Supreme Court because the City was beating him at every level. So he kept appealing, kept appealing. He got to the Supreme Court.

FANE LOZMAN: And I won.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And he's gotten zero from that decision in dollars. I'm not going to get into the details of it, but we have won a number of cases against Mr. Lozman that -- or motions that he --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And cases.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And cases that he never -- never mentions. He mention one or two cases that he won and never the cases that the City won. So I just want the people, the public to know that we have won more cases against Mr. Lozman than we've lost. And we will continue and as long as I sit here, it wouldn't matter what Miss Ryan needs, I'm going to vote to give it to her. To make sure that we're defended. Thank you.

FANE LOZMAN: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Bonnie Larson?

BONNIE LARSON: You know, I looked at the agenda this weekend and I didn't see this on the agenda. So people may have wanted to talk about this and don't know it and

they didn't come tonight because they couldn't talk about it; they didn't know about it. These things should be on our agenda two weeks in advance. And something as important as her evaluation, that shouldn't be on an add-on. I think she brought it up before that her contract was due, and I know you guys don't like to do reviews. You only have two to do. You only have Miss Ryan and Miss Jones. Not Ruth, Mrs. Jones. You only have those two to do so you need to do them and we need to really hear them so that we know what you think she's doing right, what you think she could improve upon. We need to hear that. If you just said, Oh, I spoke with her in private, well, no, that should be public record. It should be something that we understand how you feel she's doing. And I'm sure if there's anything negative she will try and improve upon it. But we need to know what your comments are, not just, I talked to her in private and -- and that's the end of that. But let's get rid of the things on the -- on the add-on sheet. Like I said, I looked on Saturday/Sunday and these things were not on here. So let's do away with that and when is Miss -- Pam Ryan's contract due? When is it due?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Next year.

BONNIE LARSON: So you're reviewing it now for next year?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Not the contract.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, you'd given her an annual review.

CITY MANAGER JONES: This is her evaluation.

BONNIE LARSON: Oh, it's an annual review?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

BONNIE LARSON: So it's not her actual contract?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No.

BONNIE LARSON: This is just an annual review?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

BONNIE LARSON: Okay. Again, it would be very -- it would be, you know, important to us to hear what your comments are, how you feel she's doing, and that will tell us how you think she's doing and how we think you're doing in your judgment. So if we could hear that, that would be good. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, ma'am. Okay. We're now down to 14B. 14B is a community benefit submitted by Mr. Terence Davis for --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. It's been moved and seconded. Madam Clerk?

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: Okay. 14C is --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I have a question on 14C.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Just so I know, of course, you know --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And I don't have it anyway so --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- these are his, you know, dollars that he can send wherever. I'm just curious to -- it says \$1,000 to sponsor two youth. I'm -- are we -- does it cost \$500 per youth to -- to attend this? Or I'm just curious to what that is for.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I have no --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I have no idea.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- I don't know.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah, they -- I -- I'm not quite sure, either, but I do know that it has partly to do with uniforms. I'm just not sure whether it's \$500 apiece for the

uniforms, but I know one of the areas that he wanted to support was uniforms for two individuals to participate.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, let -- let me ask this question. Should that not be budgeted in the -- the Parks & Rec. budget for uniforms to be done? And -- and like I said, he -- he's not here but -- and he's welcome and I'm going to support wherever he wants to send his --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible).

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's the other one.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- his -- his funds to. But I'm -- I'm just saying shouldn't that part be budgeted? The \$1,000 for two individuals is what I have a question on. But --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I think that --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's not it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- if this is going toward paying uniforms, that should be in the Parks & Rec.'s budget.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes. That's it. It says here that it is --

CITY MANAGER JONES: If you have --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- for 10 youth at-need base scholarship to Riviera Beach cheerleading team. That's what it is.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. That's what this one is.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, that was -- that was the first one, right? For the 225?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. This is --

CITY MANAGER JONES: No. This is the \$1,000 one.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- for \$1,000.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: The other one was for -- was for -- where is the -- where is the other one?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, yeah. They're -- it's written wrong on the, um --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. That's exactly what I'm saying.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. It's written -- yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No, it says \$255.

CITY MANAGER JONES: On -- yeah, I was wrong. The first one was for uniforms. I do know. For three.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The -- okay. So the first one was the 255 for 10 youth?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: For three.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. See, it's -- it's written incorrectly.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It's wrong on the -- on the --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Another wrong resolution.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So -- exactly. I mean, we -- we really got to -- that --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: The 255 was for the football team.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Three -- three youth. Okay? And the --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well -- well, that sounds like it can be a whole lot better. That sounds more reasonable than \$1,000 for two --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- for two youth. So that -- that sounds more reasonable. I don't know. It's -- it's not written properly so --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And the 1,000 is for the -- the 10 youth base scholarship for the cheerleading team. I don't know what that scholarship means. What --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Youth at-need based scholarship.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I don't know what that means but --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I mean, I'm fine with that.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It probably just means if a family can't afford to pay the fee, that he'll -- that he'll pay it.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But I'm -- I'm just saying that this -- this is definitely not written properly.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Williams?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: I think I can clarify. It's just registration fee. He's paying for individuals that cannot afford the registration fee. It's not for uniforms.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's what the \$1,000 is for?

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: I'm assuming all of it is for registration, because we do have uniforms.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Will you send it in?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Just give me this back again.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Yeah. It --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: But it's -- it's totally written wrong, then.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- it is.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So what do you want to do with this?

CITY MANAGER JONES: He -- he wrote it wrong on his paper.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm -- I mean, I'm okay with them sending the money there. But it does need to be written properly. It can't say for two youth and --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- it need -- it needs to be written properly.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And we will make Councilman Davis aware of that and ask him to submit the appropriate paperwork because as we go through our audits and checks, we want to make sure the paper actually backs up the need.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Exactly.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So I'm -- I -- what I'm -- what I'm going to do, I'm not going to sign it. I -- I don't mind going forward with approving it but, you know --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But, yeah, don't sign --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- I won't sign it until he resubmits it.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- it. Yeah. We'll have him redo it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay? Okay. So is -- is -- is there a motion

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Motion's still on the floor.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And the second is still good?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk?

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: And 14D is Community Benefit to the Black Educators Caucus of Palm Beach County --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- for 150 submitted by me.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. Madam Clerk?

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: Okay. Item 15. We are to confirm the appointment of the fifth member, Mr. Russ Elgin, to serve on the Fire Pension Board.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Any comments or anything?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I would just say good choice.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk?

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: Number 16 is the recommendation -- recommends the appointment of one new regular member, Cheryl Moore, and one alternate, Doris Savage, and the reappointment of two regular members, Joan Sloser and Monty Greene to the Library Advisory.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved. Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is -- okay. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And item 17 is to appoint representatives to serve for one year on the various boards and committees. Do we have the committee list? Oh, is it online?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah, it's online.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I still haven't been able to pull mine up online. I'm --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We have -- well, it says it's loading. It took me a while, too. Do we have a -- a printed copy?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Here you go.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Is one in my -- yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Okay. We've got the North County Intergovernmental Committee. Chair -- Chair Pro Tem Pardo is currently on that committee. Did you want to change or -- anything?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: If anyone else would like it, I'm -- whatever. I'm cool. I don't care.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. The MPO?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I've been the alternate now for a few years. I know that you're working on something, so if you -- you know, if you want to conclude the rest of the year or whatever, then I'd like to switch with you at the, you know, end of that conclusion or whatever you have, working on, unless somebody else, you know, wants to be a part of that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So should we say December or March?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: When -- whenever -- you know, whenever you -- you're done with whatever initiatives that you are working on.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right. The School District?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I would like to stay there unless somebody else wants it. But I would like to stay there unless somebody else wants it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Northern Palm Beach Chamber.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We gotta select somebody for that one.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: 'Cause Miss Brooks is no longer here.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm willing to take it, but if someone else wants it --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. DP? Port of Palm Beach? You want to stay?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'll stay. And you know, everyone knows it's been -- we have a very, very contentious relationship right now with the --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- port. But we're trying to work through things. The City Manager is very involved in it. I continue to be involved with their port director and, you know, one or two of their commissioners. And you know, the hope is by the, you know - - by the time we start the workshops for the state, that, you know, there'll be a much better relationship. So I -- you know, I have -- I have no problem staying on the Port.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'll -- I'll stay, as well, unless somebody else wants it. It's -- it's definitely been contentious at best. I don't mind standing there and engaging, but it is a --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- it's a real rocky relationship right now. I'll stay. But if anybody else wants to deal with it, I have no problem vacating that -- that seat along with Miss Pardo.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. The Education Advisory.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I guess not.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No, that's --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Have they moved on?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I think Mr. --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I mean, I don't mind doing it if you want to give it up.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh, absolutely. I'll give it up.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Well, I'll do it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I'll -- I'll give up the Port. No problem.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You should do this.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Huh?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I think Mr. Thomas should do this Riviera Beach Education --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, really.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- you're so involved in it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I -- I would like to be the -- the representative for that. I know the Mayor is not here. I think that it should go -- it should go one and the same with the person who's the Palm Beach County School District liaison. But the Riviera Beach Education Advisory Committee, we need to be able to marry the two and -- and be able to have some more teeth in what we're, you know -- what we're doing. So I would like to be there. I don't -- I mean, the Mayor is -- is away doing business or whatever on behalf of the City, as what we've heard. I don't want to, you know -- I don't want to -- you know, I think that he's -- that's the only thing that he's on. I don't want to totally take it away from him but I do -- I would like to -- to be -- to be the representative. And if we need to bring it back when he's here and the board wants to vote on the representative that they want --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You want it, you got it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- then that's fine.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. I'm fine with you taking it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, I -- I will definitely like it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And let me just add for MPO, I'll -- I'll be the alternate when we switch. Okay?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: The Bioscience Land Advisory?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. I'm ready to give that up. Miss Pardo has sucked me into going to all of the meetings. I thought that I was the representative and she was the alternate. But as the --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- as it claims, as it says, you're the actual representative.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, I was the representative for a couple of years and I thought I gave it up.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And now I see I'm back on.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, I've -- I've been going to all of the meetings, though.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well -- and you're going such a great job, I think. So you should stay with it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, I'm going to let -- you know, Mr. Guyton doesn't have anything and Mr. Davis doesn't have any of these meetings.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I would, you know, like to see some of the other --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But, yeah, these meetings --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I decline. I -- I have a full-time job that limits my --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. They take place at 1:30 in the afternoon.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- time. I can't do that.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, someone needs to be on it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Somebody does. I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm taking my name out of the hat for that position now.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's a -- it's -- it's a very important board.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Give -- give -- give -- let's give it to, you know --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Why don't we give it to --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, I will --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible) people who are not here.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. I'll take one for the team.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Why don't we make Mr. Davis the alternate, to make sure that he gets some board?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Because I think -- yeah. Well, we can do that but doesn't he work, also?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, I -- I (inaudible) --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I don't know what his (inaudible) are.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Listen, I mean, I work, too. I know it may not seem like it but I --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No, I know.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I work, as well.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But some people have, you know -- some people's jobs are much more flexible than others.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Well --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And you're the boss.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Why don't you have that conversation with him?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: See if he wants to do it?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. And -- and I'll become the second alternate for that so if two people can't make it, I'll -- I'll step in. I'll be the second alternate if you need to.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. And we're -- now we're down to the Riviera Beach Business Council. I was doing this at one point in time years ago. But I'll do it again.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, I -- Miss -- Miss -- Miss Davis, yes, but Mr. Guyton, we're just wondering if you were going to -- your name is not on any of these boards. I'm just wondering if you plan on --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We have a very competent board of people with times that are more flexible than mine.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh, okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And I am yielding to my colleagues that I know would represent us well.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Hmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Very diplomatically stated. Jeez. Look like we're doing all the work again.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah, notice how it stays on this (inaudible)?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I know. It's okay. So can we just review this so we all know and staff can make --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Sure.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- the, you know, proper contacts --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Sure.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- with these organizations? Okay. So -- all right. Miss -- Madam Chair, you want to do that?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh, no, no. We're missing one.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We -- we know that you have to stay for the League of Cities 'cause you're in that. But we -- don't we have, like, another --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: There is a Membership League of Cities.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I -- I -- I haven't been a part of that at all. I would like to do the membership part.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I know Miss Pardo has the -- she's in the --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: She's in the -- she's in the --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm an officer.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Where is it? I don't see it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No, it's not on this list.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. It's not on here, though, but I -- I do remember that, 'cause I haven't had a chance to --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So Thomas and I'll be an alternate. Okay?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's for the, uh, Palm Beach --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- League -- yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So let me just go back over it. North County Intergovernmental Committee is Chair -- Chair Pro Tem Pardo. The MPO is going to change. Let's just say December after the committee meetings are over.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Will be you and I will be alternate. Palm Beach County School District will remain you. The Northern Palm Beach Chamber is Miss Pardo. Port of Palm Beach is Miss Pardo and me as alternate. The Education Advisory is Mr. Thomas. Bioscience Land Advisory is Miss Pardo and Mr. Davis as the alternate. And the Riviera Beach Business Council is me. And the League of Cities is Mr. Thomas and me as alternate.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is that correct?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's the way we decided.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Pass that down.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Can we put in Mr. Davis or -- or Mayor Masters as the alternate for the Riviera Beach Education Committee?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And you're going to have that conversation with them and -- and -- and --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I mean, we -- we have the -- the regular person but -- and I don't know if it's a conflict with Mr. Davis doing it. Maybe Miss -- maybe --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So Mayor Masters?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- maybe Mayor Masters. I'm not sure if it's a conflict or not with Mr. Davis.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But I just want to make sure that they get involved in something.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Okay. Now we're down to Discussion by the City Manager.

16. STAFF RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) NEW REGULAR MEMBER (CHERYL MOORE), ONE (1) ALTERNATE (DORIS SAVAGE) AND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) REGULAR MEMBERS (JOAN SLOSER AND MONTY GREENE) TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD.

17. CITY COUNCIL TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE FOR ONE (1) YEAR ON VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a couple of things. The question was asked earlier as to why the 7-Eleven item has -- is not on here. The applicant requested that it not be placed on and so we are respecting the requests of the applicant. Also, a statement was made as relates to editing comments. You cannot edit a live broadcast. So I don't know how someone thinks you can edit a live broadcast. And I wanted to --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We don't have a delay, either, do we?

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- make that clear. In the tape.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. I'm just saying live, we don't have -- like, BET Awards have, like, a five-second delay. We don't -- we don't have that either, right? It's just you --

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, it was -- it's playing live.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. Just making sure.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Also, I will be getting you and getting with each of you as it relates to my annual evaluation. The form has been developed and I will encourage your candid feedback. Finally, we were scheduled originally to have two workshops next week. The second workshop on the tentative budget, operating budget, and then on Tuesday, the capital budget. Because there were not a lot of requests as relates to changes in the tentative budget, I would like to suggest that we do both workshops on Monday night and therefore, you wouldn't have three meetings next week with Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm -- I'm fine with that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's fine with me.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And I hope you found that \$300,000, Mr. Sherman.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, you look at your attachments.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Just saying.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- were able to do some stuff. All right. Thank you so much and so we will -- and we'll post it and we'll have one budget workshop on Monday at 5:30 here in the council chambers. And for the benefit of the public, the first part of that will be going over the tentative operating budget for 2015 and then we will move from there into the capital discussions. Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right. Legal, do you have anything?

LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Not really. But I do want to -- I -- I meant to send the council an e-mail today and I did not do so. In the McKinley lawsuit that they filed against the City and Bernstein, there was a hearing this morning to set a -- some time to -- to have their temporary injunction motion hearing. But instead of that the judge recused himself because --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- yeah, he's apparently friends with Mr. Bernstein.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hmm.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And he waited to tell us at the hearing. So we have to get a new judge and we don't know when that date will be. So it's -- it's delayed. I just wanted to tell you that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: What happens in -- in this -- in this time? I mean, I know that we'll still keep our carrier.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But what -- what -- what happens in this time?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, we're going to keep the carrier. We -- we have terminated our contract with McKinley.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Staff is moving forward with the health insurance, because we -- we have to. We -- we don't want to have any lapses. I plan to have a conversation with the Bernstein Group, as well, to see, you know, what it is that they want to do strategically, what would be best. I want to make sure that we're protected in the lawsuit while at the same time moving forward with our insurance. So that's -- that's the -- the issue that we're dealing with. So I'll be doing that in the next week since we did not have the hearing. We really thought something would get resolved today just so you can give us some direction as to where the -- what the judge was thinking. But we got zero.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And even if we didn't, we can technically not have any agent of record and do this ourselves, couldn't we?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is correct. I talked to Miss Sullin about it and she was confident that -- and Miss -- Miss Perry, who's in the audience. They were confident that they could get it done. They were kind of waiting for the hearing today, as well. But after I gave them the news, Miss Sullin said she's on it. She's not going to -- she doesn't want there to be a lapse. And I understand that our insurance may be changing a little bit with -- with Coventry being merged into Aetna so we need to get on that right away.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's it. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. Any committee reports from Council? No?

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council on which I serve as an alternate, Palm Beach County government, the county commission, the Mayor Taylor is bringing an issue before the county commission to determine whether to stay with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council or become a member of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. So I think that is supposed to be entertained in September, if I'm not mistaken. So I -- I don't know what the outcome would be. But there's a possibility that we, Palm Beach County, may be engaging and involved in another regional council.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right. Comments by Mayor and Council? Mr. Thomas, you got anything?

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. The only thing I have is I know that there have been some mixed comments and messages that have just been kind of floating around about the 7-Eleven. But I'm -- I'm asking, you know, people -- I mean, I'm sure all of the board members want to hear from you, but I'm asking would you please give me a call at my office at 845-3687 as to, you know, what your -- your thoughts are about the 7-Eleven. I do want to hear, you know, from the -- from the community. I know we've heard from some people.

But when we're taking these -- certain parts of these decisions that need to be made, we -- we do want to hear your -- your -- your voice on it. The other thing that I want to have done at -- whenever that's brought up is for the Attorney's Office to prepare what our actual role is in this decision. From the -- the reading that I've been doing, it's -- it's a quasi -- like a judicial type proceeding. So it's not like a regular, you know, how you think, what you feel. Some of this stuff is done by, you know, the statutes that you have, do they meet the qualifications. So I want to -- to get that out to the public over the next several days so that they're at least understanding what our role is and how --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- you know, in some aspects. They don't get a chance to see us operate in this particular hearing type mode quite a bit. So I definitely want everybody to understand what we'll be deciding on, how we'll be deciding and what our authority is in terms of -- of deciding it. So I just want to make sure everybody's clear. I don't want it to get through the community and just, you know, giving false -- false information and that happens quite a bit. So I've been doing a lot of reading up on it. And you know, I have some questions, you know, about it. And I'm -- and I'm going through it, you know, as well. So I just want to make sure that we get the -- the information out to the public on what we'll actually be deciding upon with this special exception. That's all for me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. I would like to congratulate Public Works. They have been working over on the island for the past couple of weeks and they will continue probably for the next several weeks, putting the new landscaping in the medians. And I would encourage you guys to go over and take a look at the first median. Well, it's -- really it's the second median when you hit the bottom of the bridge. Brynt has assured me that the first median will be relandscaped shortly. But you know, the guys are out there in the rain, in the heat, and they are just doing a terrific job. And you know, I've been over there a couple of times and it is great to see that they all take such pride in what they're doing. So you know, kudos to them and to Mr. Johnson. Appreciate you.

And then the other thing I'd like to tell the community, Chair Davis and I and our senior staff had Congressman Murphy in town yesterday. And he wanted a tour of our waterfront and we were able to accommodate him and we gave him a tour along the waterfront. And then we ran along Singer Island. We were in a boat and then we went

along Singer Island. And he was able to see the new seawalls that were constructed over the past winter. And then we were able to speak with him about infrastructure projects and the need for federal money for these projects. And then we also spoke to him about the training our young adults. And I did bring up the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy.

And you know, I spoke with all of you, I don't know, maybe two or three months ago. I told you that I had had a meeting with Congresswoman Frankel, also, about trying to get funding for a -- a training facility for young adults. So you know, I was happy to see that Congressman Murphy said that he would go back to Washington and take a look at grants and see if any money was available and that he would now be working with Congresswoman Frankel and I'm sure Alcee Hastings who has been a very big supporter of the City of Riviera Beach. I'm sure he will get on board with this, also. So it was, you know -- it was great to have the Congressman in town. And you know, again, thank you to Chair Davis and our senior staff for being there, also. And that is all I have. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, Miss Pardo. We also talked about the (inaudible) tax credits, too.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes. So -- all right. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Just one item. I received a letter from a resident inquiring about the marina development employees. I just received it a couple days ago. But I've spoken briefly with staff but what I would like is to provide that letter to staff and I would like a written response regarding just the procedure. And the question was, Should we -- and we -- we have not made a decision yet about whether we were going with a third party. We -- we are entertaining that possibility. What would happen to the employees there? And that is something that I know that deals with the union contracts and -- and other variables that we can't conclude at this time what would definitively happen. But I would like for staff to respond about what the procedure would be should we decide to go to a third-party operator. So I'll provide you with that letter and I would like to try to get it out next week.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Be glad to.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And also copy the rest of the council, obviously, on the response. That's all I have, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And I don't have anything. Miss Pardo pretty much covered our trip on yesterday. Is there a motion for adjournment?

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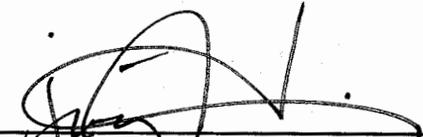
CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Good night, everybody.

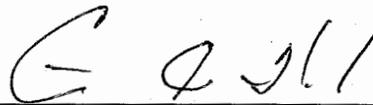
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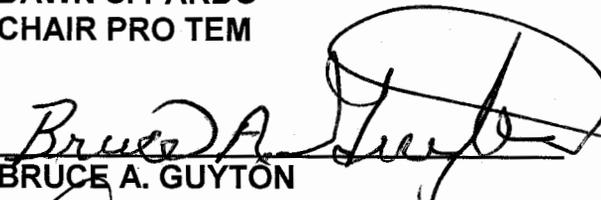

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