

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM; PLEASE FILL OUT A PINK PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHALL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF THREE (3) MINUTES FOR ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN THREE (3) MINUTES TO SPEAK ON EACH REGULAR AGENDA ITEM. IN NO EVENT WILL ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE RESOLUTION IS READ OR ITEM CONSIDERED.

**CITY CLERK CALL TO ORDER**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Good evening everyone. Welcome to our regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Please turn your cell phones to the off or vibrate position or silent, whichever you prefer. And if you would like to speak on an agenda'd item, please fill out a -- a public comment card and put it in at this time because that is going to come up fairly quickly, okay? Let's all stand for a moment of silence -- I'm sorry, roll call, please.

**ROLL CALL**

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Mayor Thomas Masters.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Present. Present.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chairperson Judy Davis.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Present.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton. Councilperson Cedrick Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis. City Manager Ruth Jones.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Present.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** City Clerk Carrie Ward is present. City Attorney Pamala Ryan.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Present.

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

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Let's all stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge led by Miss Ryan.

## **INVOCATION**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It's this way, by the way.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Oh. I'm sorry.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** They changed it.

(Everyone stood for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Miss Ryan).

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Wow. I think I'm in charge.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, can we get those straightened, turned around?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Raised my right hand up and everything. Uh, Miss Jones. Yeah. I think the flag is supposed to be on the right side, isn't it?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** This side.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. It is, yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** So, will you please get that straightened out? Okay. Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions, Miss Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** There's one addition, Madam Chair, for consideration tonight and it's item number 7A on consent. It's a resolution from the City Council acknowledging October the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, as City Government Week and this has been requested by Chair Davis.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Are there any disclosures by council?

### **DISCLOSURE BY COUNCIL**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** None? I hear none. Okay. Is there a motion to adopt the agenda?

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Is there a --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I do not have any consent item cards. There aren't any down there, right? Okay. All right. So we're now down to consent agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Is there a motion to approve consent?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson C. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. We're now down to awards and presentations, number 8, which is to welcome aboard our new employees.

**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.**

#### **MINUTES**

- 1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014.**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 115-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM OF CARY O'DONNELL, INC., D/B/A THE O'DONNELL AGENCY "CONSULTANTS" TO PROVIDE MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,900 AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO SET UP A BUDGET FOR THE SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 116-14 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 \$1,000.00 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR DONATION TO 2-1-1 PALM BEACH/TREASURE COAST TO SUPPORT ITS 24/7 RESOURCE CENTER OPERATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4. RESOLUTION NO. 117-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL - VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) FOR THE VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,974. TO CONTINUE WITH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES FOCUSING IN AREAS OF HOMICIDE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD DEATHS, AND ELDERLY VICTIMIZATION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO SET UP THE BUDGET IN FUND 125; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 118-14 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 \$10,000.00 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR IMPLEMENTING AND OUTFITTING A CRIME PREVENTION VEHICLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
6. RESOLUTION NO. 119-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALONG AVENUE I FROM S.R. 710 NORTH TO THE NORTH END OF THE AVENUE I RIGHT-OF-WAY NORTH OF W. 10TH STREET AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE EASEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
7. RESOLUTION NO. 120-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2015 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BUDGET AND ACTIVITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

8. PRESENTATION TO WELCOME ABOARD NEW EMPLOYEES TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2014.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Doretha Perry, Department of Human Resources. This evening we're getting ready to acknowledge our new employees for the month -- months of July, August and September. As I call your name, would you please come forward and just line up across the front, facing the council, please.

The first one is Sharon Henson and this is a Police Technician in our Police Department. The next one is Lynn Mason, Paralegal with the City Attorney's Department.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Can you come and -- and face out to the public, please? Yeah. Come right up --

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** You want the public, okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So the camera will pick you up.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah. Turn around.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Turn around.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Okay. Face the public. Okay. And the Mayor will shake your hands. The next one is Leighton Walker and that's a Utilities Engineer in the Utilities Department. Courtney Cross, Maintenance Worker with the Public Works Department. Clarence Davis, Maintenance Worker also in the Public Works Department. The next one is Michael Ferazzoli and he's a Police Officer with our Police Department. Ricky Sapp, Maintenance Worker with the Public Works Department. Shandra King [phonetic], Police Officer with the Police Department. Elaney Marie [phonetic], Police Officer with Police Department. Victor Blackwood, Police Officer with the Police Department. William Brown, Internal Auditor and that's in the City Manager's Office. Christopher Fisher, Police Officer with the Police Department. David Evans, Police Officer with the Police Department. Eugene Coward, Police -- I'm sorry, Office Assistant in the Police Department. David Sochi Meena Minsar -- Minsar [phonetic] and that's a Police Officer in the Police Department. The last one is Stevens -- Lamonica -- Lamonica Stevens, I'm sorry. Lamonica Stevens and he's a Customer Service Manager in our Finance Department.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Wow. Welcome aboard everybody. Wonderful.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Ladies and gentlemen, we welcome you all aboard as making the City of Riviera Beach a part of your employment history and wish -- we wish you the best in the future. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Any comments from council?

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** And you may have a -- you may --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** No. Just welcome aboard. Really.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Good luck to all of you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Glad to have you. Okay. All right. Thank you very much.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** You may have a seat.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, Mrs. Jones.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Could I have a point of personal privilege?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Although I was asked to do absolutely nothing there's no way that I could do that. Tonight will be the last council meeting for our Human Resource Director, Miss Doretha Perry.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Wow.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And I would like to ask her if I may, if she would come forward? She didn't want anything done special but I could not let someone that has been here for 47 years and 11 months --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Wow.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- leave here without some sort of recognition --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah. Uh, wow.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- and appreciation on our part. She didn't want anything but the contribution that she has made to this city, the growth of this city, the progress of this city, goes without saying. And I want to thank you, members of the council, for allowing me this opportunity to let you also and the community say thank you to Miss Doretha Perry for 47 faithful years to the City of Riviera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** I just want to thank the city for allowing me the opportunity to work here all those years. And I wish the city the best in the future.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Stay right there.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** All right. Good evening. Mrs. Perry, on behalf of the library staff and all of your faithful colleagues, we'd like to give you a very special token of appreciation, something to remember us by, and want you to place it in a very prominent place in your home, okay? All right.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Okay.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** You want to open it, wanted to see? Okay. All right. Thanks to Charmagne [phonetic] for tidying it up for us. Really get it out of here.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** How beautiful.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Oh, thank you so much.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Our own special (inaudible). Okay?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Beautiful.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, Miss Jones and --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- Mrs. Perry, we certainly will miss you. I'm sure that residents in the city will also miss you for your faithful service. Thank you very much. Mayor Masters.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. It is a tremendous blessing to witness anyone that has accomplished what Mrs. Perry has accomplished. In addition to the longevity of 47 years plus, almost 48, from a Biblical -- from a Biblical perspective, the number seven means completion, it means perfection, it means totality. It is the most prominent number that we find in the Scriptures. Seven days of the week, seven colors of the rainbow, seven times a man dipped in Jordan and became clean, seven times Jesus spoke from the cross. Seven churches in Revelations. The list goes on and on.

But the number eight means a new beginning and a change. So as Miss Perry comes to that 48<sup>th</sup> year, I'm sure that it's a new beginning -- a new beginning for her and the family to explore the other wonderful things in the world. I wish you well and I can say if it had not been for the Lord on your side, you could not have accomplished what you have accomplished in the years of service, dedication and commitment to this community is not replaceable. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Moving on to --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, definitely. I wouldn't want this moment to --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- to pass by without saying some well wishes to Miss Perry. Miss Perry, 47 years and 11 months is quite a -- quite an extensive time to go into any one door. I have not reached the age of 47 yet. So thinking back over the course of my life, and then some, you -- you -- you've been serving this community and there is no greater servant than someone who dedicates their life to a community. And because of some of your sacrifices, this city is redeveloping, it's moving on. Our policies have been enacted, pension boards and pension systems and hiring practices and all of those things that are coming together that we rely on now is definitely imprinted, you know, by your hard work. So I, not only as a former employee here, as a councilperson here, but most of all, a resident and a citizen appreciate, I applaud your hard work, your dedication, over those 47 years and 11 months and I want you to know that any time that you need anything from this city, this city will be there for you. Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Miss Pardo.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** I would like to thank Miss Perry for her almost 48 years of dedicated service. You know, she has been a fixture, not just in City Hall, but in the city. And -- and I truly appreciate everything that she has done and, you know, I want to remind everyone, 50 years ago, the city allowed child labor. So Miss Perry came in, she was about three years old. So Miss Perry, you earned everything and I hope -- I know retirement will be good to you. Thank you again.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. And Miss Perry, make sure you have somebody to take over the MLK festivities 'cause that's a -- those are some big shoes to -- to fill, okay? Thank you very much for your service and let the record reflect --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Miss -- Miss --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- that Mr. Guyton is here on the dais. Do you have any comments for Miss Perry?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Miss Perry.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** This is her last council meeting.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** As an employee.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** She can always come back as a citizen.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** And scold us.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Miss Perry here during my first ride on the rodeo almost 20 years ago. And I grew very fond of her. We stayed close and when I got on the Pension Board, we worked very closely together. There is -- there are very few people who have been as loyal to Riviera Beach as Miss Perry has. Not only does she work here, she lives here, she pays taxes here and she has shown that she is very, very, very loyal to Riviera Beach. For that, I want to thank you. Good luck and we're going to miss you but you're not going to be far and I do have your phone number.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. That's --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Just for -- just for ten seconds. For the benefit of our young people and for others who keep up with African-American history, Miss Perry is that. She was probably the first African-American employee in the city. If not the first, certainly in the -- in the first five or first ten. So you're looking at a epitome of black, African-American history in Riviera Beach. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Moving on to item 9, which is a presentation by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Election, Miss Susan Bucher, who is going to tell us about the importance of early voting and voting absentee. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

**9. PRESENTATION BY PALM BEACH COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTION  
SUSAN BUCHER ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY VOTING BEGINNING  
10/20/14 AND THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING ABSENTEE.**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Good evening, Miss Bucher, welcome.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Good evening. Thank you, Chair and Council and City Manager. I'm very pleased to report that as a result of your help, we were able to establish an early voting location at the Wells Recreation and which now called Community Center, because the law allows us to go into Community Centers. I thank you for --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Hold on one second. Please leave quietly, okay? You can leave but please leave quietly. Okay. Go ahead.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** I -- I just want to thank the -- this entire board and in fact, the entire city. The facility functioned extremely well. Unfortunately, we didn't see a large voter turnout in the primary, but guess what? We know that that can change during the general election and I know of some hard work and activities that this community will be planning and I know the citizens are very excited that we're

having a general election on November 4<sup>th</sup>. I've circulated around the city for the last few weeks and I'm pleased to say that we have an historical number of absentee ballots that we've mailed. As of to date, we have mailed over 115,000 absentee ballots. We still have until Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, is the deadline at 5 p.m. in which you can request an absentee ballot.

I'm pleased to say that it appears that we may reach the level that we reached in 2012 during a presidential election. We mailed out 152,000 absentee ballots and we received back return absentee ballots of 131,000. The unfortunate part is that we recently mailed the ballots out and to date, we only have about 11,000 back. So we have some work to do and the voters, if you've received your absentee ballots, I want you to know that as soon as you return your absentee ballot, guess what stops? Those campaign calls stop. I also want -- those calls at night for polls, they track the candidates and -- and political parties do track who has already returned their absentee ballot and they'll stop calling your house.

The other thing I want to mention is that there is a new law and it requires that if you go out and you are provided any pecuniary benefit -- that's just a fancy word for anything of value -- to collect absentee ballots that are voted and signed by the voters, that the law only allows you to collect two along with the direct family member ballots from your direct family only. So there is a new law regarding that but needless to say, we have established three very easy ways to vote. One of them is obviously by absentee voting and that's been becoming more and more popular. And you know we have these small cards that we can give away and anybody can ask a voter to sign these, return them back to our office or the voter can actually mail it back.

You can also go to our website at [pbcelections.org](http://pbcelections.org) and request, just hit that top icon that says "Vote by Mail", complete that request. There is another new law though that says if you want your ballot to be mailed to an address other than your voter registration address, you are required to provide us a written signature request. And it doesn't say original signature so we have decided that you can scan it and add it to an email or you can fax it or you can actually mail it or bring it in to us. And then we can send the ballot anywhere in the world. For overseas military, we are eligible to send email ballots that must be returned by either secure fax or mail.

Now the other easy way to vote you already know about and that is early voting. And I'm pleased to say that after the 2012 election when the legislature severely restricted our early voting to eight days, we had very long lines in the presidential election. We were fortunate as supervisors to work with the legislature and the legislature have provided for an updated law that allows for a minimum of eight days of early voting and a minimum of eight hours a day, throughout the State of Florida.

At the discretion of the supervisor, we do have discretion to open for a longer period of time and that longer period is a maximum of 14 days and a maximum of 12 hours a day. And we're pleased to say that in Palm Beach County, the doors are wide open for early voting and we will have every, single day that is allowed by law, which is 14 days.

Early voting will begin next Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, just right across the street here. I imagine it's going to be a popular place. We'll be open from the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and one of the exciting things that is at also the supervisors' discretion is that you'll recall that the legislature took away the final Sunday, which is a very important date, not only for a program called Souls to the Polls, but it's also for Sunday. I was very pleased to personally educate the Florida senators and -- and state representatives on the Ethics in Elections Committee as to what that meant for Palm Beach County. And at my discretion, we will be open for Souls to the Polls for two Sundays in a row including the October 26 and the final Sunday on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be open for the maximum number of hours, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and I -- just to remind everybody in -- in this community and throughout the county that November 2<sup>nd</sup> is First Sunday, so I expect a large crowd.

Now if you haven't ordered an absentee ballot and you don't want to come and early vote, then you are able to come to your polling place on Election Day and you probably received a sample ballot. There's a little bit of controversy. We had a printing error so all of our voters who did not request an absentee ballot will be mailed a corrected sample ballot so that they can read the ballot language. The ballot is two pages and, you know, I know that everybody knows that there's a very important gubernatorial race on the ballot, but I have to say that there's a very important congressional race. There is our entire cabinet that is -- the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Attorney General and also the Chief Financial Officer on your ballot.

There are also state representatives, state senator races. There is the retention of our Fourth Judicial Circuit Court judges.

And on the back of the first page, there are three very important state questions. One is about using dock stamp taxes to purchase -- dedicated source for purchase of conservation land. And of course, probably the most popular, number two is the possibility of medical marijuana and number three allows a governor to prospectively appoint, make judicial appointments.

There are also two ballot questions that are for Palm Beach County only. The first ballot question asks, would you like to reauthorize the Children's Services Council? The Children's Services Council has been in existence for almost thirty years and concentrates on young children programs. The second ballot -- it does not raise taxes. It's an existing line item on our tax bill.

The second ballot question asks very succinctly if we would, as taxpayers, like to reauthorize a quarter mill and I'm sure you know this, but for the benefit of the public, a quarter mill is 25 cents on every \$1,000 value of your property, would we like to reauthorize an existing tax -- an existing tax -- that the legislature allowed the school board to place on our property tax bills when they deleted extracurricular funding at the state level, which deleted also over 500 teachers. The -- the school board lobbied the legislature and was successful in getting a ballot question on the ballot to ask the voters if they would pay a quarter mill and four years ago, they agreed. And at this time, it is

required that they reauthorize that quarter mill and so that's the -- the last ballot question on the ballot.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** We are available for any kind of information or questions that anybody has and we just encourage the entire community to come out and vote. We have worked extremely hard to provide new electronics and ballot printers and ease in access. Our goal is no lines, no waiting. And we hope that you take advantage of your election rights, as an American, and express your democracy, either on November 4<sup>th</sup> when the general election happens or early voting will be from October 20<sup>th</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you very much for the opportunity to present this evening.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you very much.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Hold on one second, Miss -- Miss Bucher, Mr. Guyton. And also let the record reflect that Mr. Davis has been here for about 10 minutes now. Okay. Go ahead, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you. Miss Bucher, first, thank you for doing what you do in our community. I really appreciate it and I know that you work very hard as the Supervisor of Elections. And you have brought us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with your technology and that is something to be proud of.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I have a question about absentee ballots. You indicated that if someone is paid to deliver or pick up absentee ballots, there is a limit to what they can -- how many they can pick up or deliver? Did I understand that correctly?

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am, go ahead.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Yes, sir. The law changed this last year and the law reads that if you are directly paid or provided a pecuniary benefit -- that's anything of value, it's a fancy word -- but anything of value, then the law restricts you, if you are only picking up absentee ballots or distributing and then picking them up, to two, other than those ballots from a direct family member. A direct family member is a spouse, a child, a grandchild, a in-law, brother or sister -- those are direct family members.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And what is the penalty if someone is caught violating that?

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Yeah. I believe it's a third degree misdemeanor.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. How do you verify the authenticity of the absentee ballots?

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** When we receive the absentee ballots back, they're provided in a secure vault in -- in our office and we send them through a sorter right down the street at our warehouse. We clip the signature on them and we actually verify every single signature against the signature that the voter provided when they registered to vote. And so if somebody's going to vote absentee ballot and they believe that their signature has changed, I would encourage them to complete a voter registration application. They're eligible to update their signature until we begin canvassing of the ballots. The Canvassing Board meets; the Canvassing Board's first day of meeting will be October 21<sup>st</sup>, next Tuesday. So there is a deadline to update your signature.

If we receive your ballot and we find that your signature does not match, then we cannot open your ballot and count it. If you did not sign your ballot, you forgot to sign the outside envelope of your ballot, there's a new law that allows you to complete an affidavit -- we have them online or in our office -- and you complete the affidavit, provide us a picture signature copy of -- of a current ID and we can actually take that, match it up to the envelope that's not signed and open that ballot according to law currently.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Last question. How do you verify when the ballot was actually signed?

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** The law doesn't require us to record the date that the ballot was signed. The voter is supposed to date it but it's not mandatory. The law does require that all absentee ballots be in the main office of the supervisor by 7 p.m. on Election Day. And there is no tracking of when the voter signed the ballot.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Any --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mayor Masters.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. Good evening, Supervisor, how are you?

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** I'm busy.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** It's always good to see you. And you know we talk a lot and have several conversations about voter registration and etcetera, etcetera. Just a point of

clarification, is there a maximum -- maximum number of absentee ballots that anyone can collect without paying, just voluntarily, without any compensation?

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Madam Chair.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Is there a maximum number.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, Miss Bucher.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** No, sir. If you are strictly a volunteer and an unpaid volunteer, then the law is silent on that issue. Therefore, we do have individuals who bring us volumes of absentee ballots. We would just expect that the individual would respect the timeframe in which we have to work and deliver those absentee ballots in a very timely manner instead of waiting to deliver them at the last minute. We do expect, you know, during the presidential election, we received 47,400 absentee ballots the last three days prior to the election. We counted absentee ballots 24/7 for four days. I'd like to go home this year.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** At least within about two or three days unless we have a recount and then we're not going home for days and days.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We'd like for you to go home this year, too.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Yeah, yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** One other question, we know that the amendment as it relates to medical marijuana is very popular. It's a lot of pros and cons. Within your authority, is there -- can you explain with -- without taking any position, what that actually means, medical marijuana?

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** I can read you -- actually, Madam Chair. I can actually read you --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** -- the first part of the ballot question.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Please do.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** And I think that it will provide clarity to a lot of individuals who have asked a lot of questions about some commercials.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I do it every day. Questions on -- on --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** You're -- you're just going to read it, right?

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** "Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician." Is that enough?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. That's it.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Okay. Thanks.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** All right. Thank you very much, Miss Bucher, for coming and I really appreciate it.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** I appreciate all of this city's efforts to provide open doors to their citizens by allowing us to change the name across the street and allow us to occupy -- I know you're a busy city. I know the -- the recreation center is very busy. Your staff has been wonderful to us, Mr. Perry and his, and they will be providing us actually with almost two and a half weeks of the time that I know citizens need to use that building. Voting's important and I'm glad you recognize it. Thank you very much for your time.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** You're very welcome, ma'am.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Have a good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you. Okay. Item 10, presentation from Mr. Jose Ortiz, Vice President of Poseidon Water.

**10. PRESENTATION FROM MR. JOSE (JOE) ORTIZ, VICE PRESIDENT OF POSEIDON WATER.**

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Good evening, Chairperson Davis.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Good evening, sir.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Members of the council.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Good evening.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** My name is Jose Ortiz. I am vice president of development for Poseidon Water. And for those of you who are wondering what am I doing here, we -- we just wanted to provide the council and your government with an introduction of Poseidon Water. We have just recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Port of Palm Beach for a site where we intend to develop a water, a state of the art water treatment plant. And the site happens to be on the Port of Palm Beach in Riviera Beach jurisdiction so we have taken the lead in meeting and talking to your planning and permitting folks so we really understand and we can come to a place where we will be able and capable of developing this plant.

In order for you to have a -- an idea of who Poseidon Water is, what we have done here is put together a compilation of videos where, this year, CNN, CBS and the Weather Channel have all done documentaries on a major project that Poseidon is developing in California. We wanted you to hear from some of the folks that are our clients or will benefit from this project. Just to give you a quick, very quick, general understanding that these projects are very involved, very complex in nature but they will benefit the community in the long run. And not because we say so but you will see from these documentaries.

It only takes a minute. (Video playing). Okay. Can we switch it on? Thank you. As you can see, the project that was discussed in this video is not necessarily what we are going to be building here because the technology will be different and the -- the source of water will be different. However, what -- what we wanted you to get an idea is that in our projects, Poseidon is not looking for the government to provide any funding. We bring all the funding to the table so we take the risk, the financial risk, away from the hands of the government. And we include that in our project.

So Poseidon is -- is a company that was founded in 1995 and our basic focus is just the development of water infrastructure projects. The specialty and -- and what makes us different, is the public private partnership approach. Since our inception, we have created over \$1.3 billion in financing of projects. We hold multiple patents on seawater desalination and process applications and we maintain close relationship to a lot of contractors in the nation, the largest ones. But on top of that, our team has financed, constructed and developed over \$10 billion, our management team.

So the company has this experience and it's bringing it to the table with our project here. What I wanted to mention to you is a project that we just heard about, the Carlsbad, California. The project is to provide a portion of the water that San Diego Water Authority uses. And as you can see on the top, left-hand side, the project will become the largest seawater desalination plant in the Americas. Under it, you would see that -- that the project itself received quite a bit of accolades from not only the financial industry but all the global desalination deal, North American Water Deal of the Year. So he has been acclaimed throughout the world as one of the major projects in the water infrastructure ever developed.

Together with that, Poseidon has also developed other type of projects. But here in this area, we're looking to move from a desalination project to a completely different planned use of -- it would be a freshwater, surface water plant that will be a membrane treatment facility, which is a state-of-the-art treatment facility. That's the intent of our development. When we talk about public private partnerships, a lot of folks think that that methodology and that process is kind of cookie cutter process. I mean, it's not. I'd like to clarify that. Because each one of these public private partnerships is tailored to the particular circumstances of the situation that the government has, the needs of the community, the source of water, all these different elements are taken in consideration and the structure of the -- of the process is then developed and plays in position to be able to meet all these needs in the community and provide a real solution.

If that real solution is not there, we can -- we don't have a project. We just are not capable of doing it because it will not be a solution to you. However, in -- in this particular instance, as you can see, Poseidon Water will take all the responsibility for development and permitting, the arranging and closing of the financing, plant construction, plant operations, the consumption efficiency on the plant design and performance. All that is taken into a single Water Purchase Agreement which is negotiated with the client.

On the other side, the water authority will take retail of water. They remain in control of all the metering, all the invoicing. So that utility is still fully in control and there's a utility controlling all of these projects. The only risk that they will maintain is a change in law or electricity pricing if they so choose and the interest rate at closing. Just to give you an idea on that, these are some of the benefits that public private partnerships brings to the table and we understand that these are new concepts for developing projects. But we wanted you to have an idea of what are they bringing to the communities and the government that will use them.

They eliminate your -- the needs of the community for upfront capital to fund the development and construction of the project. The private capital that is invested takes the pressure off the water agencies from borrowing and creating these bonds. The performance based contracting ensures that the public entity only pays for water if the private entity performs after project completion. What that means is the government doesn't have to pay for this water until the plant is completed and it's meeting all the requirements that were placed in the Water Purchase Agreement.

The public entities have a certainty in their pricing throughout the duration of this because that's already established in the Water Purchase Agreement and each one of those elements is considered there. The water projects can use a tax favorable debt, which is one of the criticisms, in the past on projects of this nature. What people have failed to -- to access is the private activity bonds that are specifically geared towards water infrastructure projects. They have interest rates very similar to what a community can -- can have in their own financing.

So in the case of Carlsbad, our whole \$900 million was developed using private activity bonds and equity from the company. That provided rates in the private activity bonds of less than five percent. Actually, it was 4.8 percent. That's equivalent to a similar issue of bonds that Miami-Dade County had the same year for about \$486 million and they had actually a little higher interest rates than we were able to get for our project in Carlsbad. So the fact that -- that these financing is a lot more expensive or anything like that, that is not true any longer.

So let's move on and this will give you an idea of what is project size that we intend to develop the delivery basis, the site, the Water Purchase Agreement, the water delivery, the management. It's in very general terms. This is a rendering of what the plant looks like from the outside looking in. Buildings will not be any higher than two stories. There is no need for any specific height limitations. It's almost looking like an office building and that's what you will see in the -- in the location. So that's what we intend to develop here. We are still under negotiations and looking into the site. But if you have any questions, I will certainly entertain those.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, sir. Miss Pardo.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. First of all, I'd like to thank you for the presentation and to the audience and everyone watching on Channel 18, Poseidon's not here looking to take over our Water Department. I just want to make that clear. Okay?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** No, that's right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** They are looking to build a facility inside the Port of Palm Beach and everyone knows the city has been having problems with the Port of Palm Beach. The port brings -- allows businesses in and then we find out about them after the fact, like that scrap metal, you know, pile that they have over there that everyone is completely outraged. So several of us were at the port a couple of weeks ago when Mr. Ortiz made a presentation to the port and I guess the -- that's when the port agreed to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with them. And we approached Mr. Ortiz and said, You know what? Why don't you come to the city and make a presentation? And I think this is what we need to -- this is what needs to continue to happen. Any businesses looking into the port should come to the city and -- and make a -- a presentation so we know what's going on. All right. I have one question. Can this plant in the future be converted to a desalination plant?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Yes, it could.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** If there was a need for it and --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right. I'm just asking because, you know, I try to look at the future.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Not tomorrow, but let's look at the future and, you know, there's a lot of talk about water and especially in Florida, running out of water. So we would definitely look at --

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- you know, the ocean. So --

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Now we -- we certainly understand that and -- and we have -- our concept has been developed with that potential for the future if that was a need for it.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah. And I -- and just to piggyback on what you were saying, water is a very much needed commodity and the data that I've read about our water sources drying up some time in the future, I think this is groundbreaking and I know West Palm Beach is going to get the benefit of it right now. But I think as we go along and look toward the future, this is something that we should keep in mind.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Certainly.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Madam Chair.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** What's the down side of this?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Depends --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, there's a down side to it. I want to know what's the down side and why did you select this location for it?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** The location was selected because it's adjacent to Florida Power & Light.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uh-huh.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** That's -- they have a -- a power plant across the street from this facility and in the future, if there was a need for a desalination facility, the connectivity into their water circulation system, would be there for us, will be available so we can take advantage of it in the future.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Miss McKinney, is this something that needs to be permitted through us or --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Yes, yes.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** It would have to have the full -- full review of Planning & Zoning staff, Planning & Zoning Board, City Council, so it would go through that whole process.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Okay. And what -- what was your name, sir, again?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Joe Ortiz.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Ortiz, so this is probably gonna be -- if you're gonna erect a building, this is probably going to be a -- a long-term lease for this space.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And in long term, how many years might that be?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Twenty-five, 30 years as a minimum.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. And this is actually gonna go on the spot adjacent to --

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Across the street from the entrance to the power plant.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Is that the space that the city should've received and didn't?

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's the --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, okay. All right.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. And as long as you're going through the proper process and pay the proper fees and -- then we, you know, we have -- we have no problem. But let me ask you this question here. You gonna be selling to other cities?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** We have to negotiate that still with the City of West Palm and we don't know the ultimate arrangement of it but there is a possibility of that happening.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So that means at some point, you could become a competitor for us.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yep.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** 'Cause we -- we sell water, too.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Well, we would not be competing against anybody. We don't -- we don't intend -- we don't come to a -- to a location to become a competitor to the communities that we're -- that we're in. Because it becomes counterproductive. Remember, this is not a one-shot project where we come in in two years, build the project and then walk away. This is a 30-year relationship. It's a long-term. You cannot develop a long-term relationship on gimmicks. It has to be based on very clear understandings and one of those is not to compete with you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. All right. Well, thank you for being here and I'll watch the process and definitely will be involved.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Madam Chair.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I think I heard Mr. Davis and then Mayor Masters.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Mr. Ortiz, thank you for being here. I have a few questions. Did you all conduct an environmental impact study?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** That's the intent. We're going to be conducting that process.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Oh, you haven't -- haven't done that yet.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** No, no. We're in the process right now, in a 90-day process to review that site.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** There is already an environmental impact study that has been done at the site by the port.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** The port.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** We always conduct our own.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Oh, you conduct your own.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay. When would that be available to us?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** We -- whenever we complete it it will probably in the -- within the next 90 to 120 days.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay. How many jobs are you looking at, a creation of jobs?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** They -- we anticipate that during the construction, it will be probably about 200, 250 jobs.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** After construction --

**JOSE ORTIZ:** After construction, we could not tell you specifically right now because it's going to depend on the specific negotiations with the city, what kind of process, what kind of requirements will they have on site.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay. In Huntington Beach, California, how many jobs were created there?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** That's -- you're more (inaudible).

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I'm sorry, sir. You need to come up and give us your name. State your name for the record.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Yes. My name is Guillermo Espiga. I'm the Head of Development for Poseidon. In California, in the operating period for the Carlsbad project, which is the one in construction --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** -- it's about 50 permanent jobs.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Fifteen?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Five, zero.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Fifty.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** And that's after construction?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Yes, correct.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** During construction, it's a major construction project, it's -- it's about 500 people.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Will you all be hiring in-house engineers or that will be consulted out? How would that work with the --

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Well, we -- we plan, you know, to use, you know, of course, local companies.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Local companies? Have you reached to any already?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** No. We haven't selected who we're going to be using. I mean, we're still need to negotiate with the -- with the city --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** -- the -- the final agreement, of course, or -- or any agreement.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay. I'm -- I'm just trying to understand when you all come here and you build your structure and an impact study has been done for the environment, the biggest concern I have is -- now, is we sell water. There's no way that you're going to be producing water, not potentially selling it to us in the near future.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Let -- let me clarify. I mean, we're --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Please.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** -- we're building this project, you know, if the city agrees --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** -- it's for the -- for the West Palm Beach city benefit.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** If, in the future, you have (inaudible) to -- to get water from that plant, we will be happy to -- to talk to you.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** So we would have to -- we would have to reach out to you on this?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Yes, absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Someone would have to reach out here --

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- to say, Listen, we're gonna sell water to you all.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** I mean, it's -- absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Well --

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** I mean, it's not like we're going to be selling the -- we don't have the ability to sell to your utility at all. I mean, that's our limitation.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I get that now. Thank you.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** You're welcome.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Did I say you next?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No -- yeah. I was next.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mayor Masters and then Bruce Guyton.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. Done quite a bit of work -- you've done quite a bit of work in California -- California?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm -- I'm from California. Is that the northern -- northern part or southern?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Our plant is -- is in Carlsbad. That's about 30 miles north of San Diego so it's southern California. The second project that is in development is in Huntington Beach which is south of Los Angeles. That is still in development. But the Carlsbad project is in advanced stage of construction.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** In those communities, I noticed on your presentation, public private type of partnership.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** In that relationship in California, have you done anything as far as to improve any particular entity in the city? Any -- any --

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Well, we're part of the community.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** In the community.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Yes. For example --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah, yes. Please tell me.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** In -- in the case of Carlsbad, we are building a -- a spot for project wetlands around the city so to improve, you know, the area of the -- of the -- of the --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** -- you know, the -- the local community. We're also, our powerful foundation that improves the, you know, what is it called Laguna Hedionda, which is basically a -- a natural -- a natural preserve --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Uh-huh.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** -- in -- in Carlsbad as well. So we're part of the community. You know, we're -- we're not just there to build a project. So --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Do you have any --

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** -- we -- we work with the cities in terms of their needs and -- and we'll be part of the community for --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Do you have any international connections or relations?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** We basically are, you know, US based. Our investors are all US, you know, investors. Despite my accent, I'm a US citizen as well. So that's probably as -- as international as we get.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I believe that. And --

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** But we are a US -- we are US based and you are a US company.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You have a --

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** And all our investors are US.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. You have a board of -- do you have a Board of Directors?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Absolutely.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** How many's on the Board of Directors?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** There are about nine people in our Board of Directors.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Are there any African-Americans or other minorities on that Board of Directors?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** There are minorities. I -- I -- I don't feel there is an African-American but --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** There isn't?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** -- there are minorities.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** There's -- there's not one African-American on your board out of nine (inaudible)?

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Well, my -- my board is shareholders. These are investors. It's not people that we select as -- as management team. They are investors.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And I -- I just -- I'm just asking a question.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Yeah. No, that's --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You answered, there's not one.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** -- that is correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's the answer you gave me.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** That is correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a couple of quick questions to Mr. Ortiz or his partner and then I have one for Mr. Aurigemma as well. You indicated that you were going to be servicing West Palm and I think you threw in the word "initially," I'm not sure if -- if I heard that right. But my question is you selected a location in Riviera Beach to service another city.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm curious why is that? Did you look anywhere in West Palm Beach?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** We -- we looked at a location that will provide for the potential for future expansion for the plant. But we wanted a location that would be very close to power source because it would help with the connectivity of that facility with the power plant that they have there.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Yeah. And in addition to that, it's -- it's close to the -- to the structures that the water -- for the, you know, sea water.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh-huh.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** So there is a potential for -- for desalination in the future. So we -- we -- we kept that in mind.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. I do know we have the best or one of the best locations in -- in southeast Florida.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** There you go.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Probably this region.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And we've been trying to get people to understand that for years. But -- so I'm not surprised that you recognize our amenities and other things that would benefit you. My -- my other question is concerning our customer base. We have a Utility District, as you may know.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And the revenue that's generated there from is very vital to sometime my infrastructure and other things that we try to do in our community. So is there any point where you may consider siphoning off any of our customers?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** No. No, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Are you willing to put that in an agreement?

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Yeah, absolutely.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Absolutely.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** The moment we -- the moment we structure an agreement with the City of West Palm, that will be part of that structure. We are -- we are not here to be water service providers to everybody. We normally will select one company or one city or one authority to work with. And we let them be the ones that wholesale the water to whoever they please.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Thank you.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you very much. I have a question to Mr. Aurigemma if I may.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And I have a question --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- for the gentlemen, that come back, too, for this. However you want to do it.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Well, let's -- let's just finish up with them and, okay, after you Mr. Mayor Masters, we're gonna move on and get Mr. Aurigemma so we can move on.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay? Go ahead.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You know, I asked that -- the question that I asked you, obviously, I have a purpose and a reason. But I -- I do want to make a statement to you.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And it's not directly to you but it always concerns me and I'm always troubled by any company that has a business relationship in communities that have a -- a large population of minorities and it bothers me and it troubles me because in 2014, I don't see any reason why companies would not consider integrating their Board of Directors. Particularly if they're going to be doing business in communities that -- that have a large population of minorities.

As a point of reference, over 20 years ago or 15 years ago, we had a similar problem with Albertson who did not have one African-American on the board. But we were able to talk to them and we were able to convince them that it's something that you need to look at. So I just want you to know what bothers me and what troubles me.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** No, no. I -- I appreciate your comment. I mean, you're looking at two minorities here. So --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** That's right.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I -- and I look at another one.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Not just minorities, anybody.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's why I asked that because I know --

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Yeah, I know.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- you're a minority. But I need to see it like --

**JOSE ORTIZ:** We certainly understand your point, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you very much.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Yes, sir.

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Thanks.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** I understand.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you both --

**GUILLERMO ESPIGA:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- very much for coming.

**JOSE ORTIZ:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Aurigemma.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Hi, Mr. Aurigemma. How are you?

**UTILITY DISTRICT DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA:** Pretty good.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Have you had a chance -- I don't know if it's been submit anything official to the city -- have you had a chance to look at this proposal and its impact on our residents?

**UTILITY DISTRICT DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA:** Lou Aurigemma, Executive Director of the Utility District. Mr. Guyton, I actually met with these gentlemen at 4:30 this afternoon for the first time.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. So you haven't had a chance to really review --

**UTILITY DISTRICT DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA:** No, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- the proposal.

**UTILITY DISTRICT DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA:** No, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. When you do, I'd like to get your input as it relates to the impact on our residents in Riviera Beach.

**UTILITY DISTRICT DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA:** Absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And potential impact in the future.

**UTILITY DISTRICT DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA:** Absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** And let me just clarify, this -- there -- there -- there is no proposal at this particular time. We just invited them to come to make a presentation to our city leaders of the intent that they have in -- in doing business at the -- at the Port of Palm Beach. There is nothing that has come to the city at this time, okay? Did I hear you -- you --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- Mr. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** My concern would be that it some -- that we need to put something in place so that we know when the port is getting businesses in that we understand what's going on. So, I mean, it's by happenstance that you or Miss Pardo --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- or somebody was at the meeting and actually heard this. But I -- I have a -- I have a much greater concern that if businesses are going in there that will impact the city, that we definitely need to know about it and, you know, I understand that, you know, the -- the tone and the relationship is probably not the best but, you know, that matters not in this city doing their due diligence and making sure that they have proper licensing and making sure that these businesses aren't detrimental --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- to our residents. So I don't know exactly what we can do but we do need to do something to make sure that we understand and we know what's going into our city.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Well, Miss Jones, can you think about that and -- and - - and going forward. We can see what we can put in place. Thank you, Mr. Aurigemma.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All right. And Madam Chair, I would like to thank them for even considering coming into the City of Riviera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Absolutely.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. We're now down to public hearings, ordinances on second reading, number 11.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**11. ORDINANCE NO. 4051 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE IV, SEC. 14-75 ENTITLED BOARD OF TRUSTEES; CREATED, POWERS, DUTIES, SUBSECTIONS (g) (1) d (i) and (ii) AND e OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH RELATING TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN BY PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE AND CLARIFICATION OF INVESTMENT LIMITS IN CERTAIN INVESTMENT CATEGORIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. It's been moved and second. Miss Jones.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** This is a second read on a ordinance that is recommended by the Police Pension Board. It makes a change in how they can invest as well as it's -- sets the market percentage of which they cannot exceed. We had a presentation and Mr. Ken Harrison was here at our last meeting. He's also here today in the event there are any other questions. Nothing has changed from the document from our last public hearing.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Do you need the -- the presentation again?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Any questions or comments? Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

DP Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** A unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Item 12.

**12. ORDINANCE NO. 4052 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH RELATING TO THE POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION PLAN; TO PROVIDE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** It's been moved and second. Miss Jones, do we have a presentation or anything?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No presentation. The document has not changed from --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- the first reading.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Any questions or comments? Madam Clerk.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Item 13 under regular business.

**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.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Fane Lozman then Reverend Burrs.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman. My property on Singer Island, Dan Taylor's property on Singer Island, individuals are constantly trespassing through the property. Tonight Dan caught a lady walking along the property taking pictures. The police were called and she was given a trespass warning. Her name is -- can't find her name her at the moment. What's been going on is that people in the community -- a guy by the name of Matt Lynch keeps wandering around the property -- he lives on Pine Point Road -- some other people there. They're not happy that those properties are privately owned and they are constantly complaining to the Department of Environmental Protection that we are illegally cutting down all the mangroves and that we should be arrested for that.

And what's happened is DEP's come out a number of times. Their inspectors have seen there's nothing wrong. Any trimming of mangroves was done with a permit issued by DEP. But yet, Mary McKinney and Peter Ringle are actively usurping the local district authority that goes on here at the West Palm DEP office and they're calling up to Tallahassee, trying to say that the guys in the district don't know what they're doing. And Tallahassee says they're doing a good job. Everything's been fine. And yet they still keep on calling DEP to come out there. And I brought this up before.

When I was at the property, Mary McKinney, Peter Ringle and this guy Gagnon were there, trying to encourage the DEP inspectors to find that we had broken state rules regarding mangrove trimming -- both Taylor's property and my property and we actually had our mangrove consultant there. That's not her responsibility. That's not Peter Ringle's responsibility to come to these properties, trying to encourage us to be charged with a crime. That's not their job. For two or three hours they were at these two properties. They have work to do with the marina, with houses and other stuff. And I

told the mayor about what's going on and these repeated complaints to DEP over the mangrove.

Well, they're fed up. You know, their resources are limited. They don't have time to keep responding to two properties in the city that they've inspected multiple times; that they've issued permits for and everything's checked out. Now these -- these employees, along with Dawn Pardo and the City Attorney have made this some kind of vendetta against me and against Taylor and we're not gonna stand for it anymore. We have the emails; we have the correspondence with -- with Pardo's name on it, with your name on it, with McKinney's name on it. We are not gonna tolerate being treated by second class citizens 'cause we own property in this city. Okay? That's just not gonna happen.

Now Mayor, you can independently verify with DEP the number of complaints that's gone down. It's a public record what's gone on there. And you should, as -- you know, you want to show that you have authority to do something, you ought to suspend McKinney and Ringle for their behavior.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you, sir, for your comments.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mayor Masters.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. I -- I do wanna respond to Mr. Lozman's concerns. And -- and I -- I know that -- how some people in this administration feel. I don't agree or -- I don't agree with everything Mr. Lozman says or does. There's some things I disagree with and there's been times where, you know, he came at me, you know. But at -- at some point, I -- I would just hope that we find a way to mediate these kinds of concerns or conflict that would keep us from ending up in the Supreme Court again or another court.

People talk to people. The United States started talking to China and they became allies. But when we don't talk and we think that this one is at us or this one's wrong. You know, I got a correspondence from the county that says he should have an address. I got that. Okay. You know, we ask for money for the county but yet when they say something to us, we say, Well, the county can't tell us what to do.

I have a correspondence that came today from the DEP. Inspection at Renegade Trust property. I mean from the DEP. And it's from --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Excuse me, Mayor. Somebody's phone is going off. Who -- whoever it is, could you please turn the phone off?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And this correspondence is from Jason --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- Andreotta, Program Administrator for the Environment Resource Program and this is what he says and -- and I got this today. "Mayor Masters, On 10/10/14, DEP Inspectors visited the Renegade Trust property," and he gives the parcel number, "in response to a complaint of possible unauthorized mangrove alteration. No violations were observed. Please feel free to call me," you should have, "if you have any other questions." I'm not in the middle of this one way or the other but I did get this email -- I did get a email from the guy down at the county. The Code Enforcement did not find any violations. The -- the DEP didn't find any violations.

And I keep hearing -- Mr. Lozman says that Miss McKinney and someone else comes and, you know, I don't know what's going on but I do know that there was a situation -- and I'll be through -- where we had a previous manager, Bill Wilkins. There was a situation with a department head, our employee at that time. I don't need to call his name. But Mr. Wilkins sent this whole thing out to a third party for investigation and to come back with some recommendations. I just hope that we have not got into an antagonistic, combative position that we're not resolving issues.

And we got the Feds saying, No, that he hasn't; the county saying this and we're looking like crazy in -- in between all of this. And I'm just wondering, Madam Manager, if you would maybe think about if we can just have Mr. Lozman just write down everything that he's -- what his concerns are about this property. And if he feels that he cannot get a fair shake from us for whatever reason and vice versa, could we not send this out to a neutral party and try to resolve all this without spending thousands and thousands of dollars in court fees, one way or the other. You know, at some point, I don't know.

But I just -- I don't understand what's -- what's going on and Madam Manager, that's my suggestion.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Manager?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** See (inaudible) comment.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, I will --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Maybe you can help me out with this.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- take my lead from council and so whatever they desire, I have no problem in -- in doing.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Let me just say that Mr. Lozman has been in this community for awhile thinking that he does not have to comply

with our codes and ordinances. Every time we end up in court, it's because he thinks that he doesn't have to comply. Mr. Lozman can get whatever he want from the Federal government, from the state, but there is a clause on all of their comments, You must comply with your local municipality code and ordinances. Standard. Which means that you have to comply with our codes and our ordinances. And until he does that, Madam Chair, we don't need a neutral party. All we need is our ordinances and codes and if you comply with them, everything will be okay.

You say, I'll comply with X, Y, Z. He thinks that he can come into this community, which he's done for awhile, and think that we're just going to accept it. I'm not accepting it. And if there is any leniency or not complying with our codes that our fine staff is doing, they're gonna have a problem with me. He is not to be treated any differently than anybody else.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**FANE LOZMAN:** There is no local (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** You're out of order, Mr. Lozman, please.

**FANE LOZMAN:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Also -- also --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So you're saying I'm right.

**FANE LOZMAN:** No. There is no local --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Bruce.

**FANE LOZMAN:** -- code for mangroves.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yeah. Don't --

**FANE LOZMAN:** It's a state law so get your facts straight.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Mr. Lozman. Okay. Thank you very much. Also, I just wanna make a comment that, you know, we all serve on Palm Beach -- Palm Beach County -- the Palm Beach County League of Cities and the Florida League of Cities, all these various boards. And one of the -- the -- the main things that the Florida League of Cities does is we support, totally, home rule. There is not another agency or anybody else who can come in and tell us that we have to, you know, totally, you know, not look

at our own codes and ordinances. Our city is home rule just as every other city in the State of Florida is. It's -- it's governed by home rule.

So regardless of what the property appraiser did or whoever sent us a letter telling us we need to give him an -- an address, we have an ordinance that says there has to be a building before we will provide an address. So, you know, and I don't think that there is going to be a permit issued because there is not going to be a building erected on that site, okay? So, anyway, I hope that clarifies some things for everybody. Reverend Burrs, come on up here. After Reverend Burrs, it's --

**REVEREND BURRS:** Thank you Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- Lloyd Brown.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Madam Chair, Council. This issue concerning -- the discussion concerning the mayor, I didn't know it was on the agenda and furthermore, nobody had asked me to go nowhere. That's what I wanna say. I say what I wanna say, when I wanna say it and to whom I wanna say it. So nobody asked me to come here to say anything about this issue. I came and I saw it on the agenda and voiced my opinion. And I think I'm entitled to that. Now Mr. Guyton, if you were saying that you only want peoples to come to your meeting who agree with you, then you're saying you don't want me there.

Because you said peoples whose --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That is not what I said.

**REVEREND BURRS:** That -- basically, that's what you, you know --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** (Inaudible).

**REVEREND BURRS:** That's what (inaudible).

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

**REVEREND BURRS:** But anyway -- but anyway, to dissolve this issue, if you all had the guts and the backbone and not showing favoritism, you do like Dawn say before, me and anybody else, go get your signatures and come back and you won't have to have these discussions no more. If you all had the guts and the backbone to do like all the other organizations did when they got their signatures and came back.

This showing that -- whoever -- whoever do it, whether the mayor, whoever decided to put this on agenda, it was wrong. It should've never been here. Should've told everybody who would come in here asking to send something to referendum, go get your signatures like everybody else has done and come back. And y'all, that simply put, y'all wouldn't be having these two hour discussion on one stupid issue. Get the backbone and stop showing favoritism.

Now Mr. Guyton, I did serve on this council and I'll give you some history of what I did. That was when they was building that tall building over there on Singer Island. The contractor/developer came with their plans and on those plans, the address said, Ocean Mall, Singer Island, Florida. I stand here and I tell you no lie. When I looked at those plans, I said, Where is Singer Island, Florida? He couldn't tell me. I said, When you go back and put the right address on here, for it's Riviera Beach, Ocean Mall, then you come back for your permit. The council agreed with me and he had to leave and change that. So -- so -- so -- so I'm not pro Singer Island; I'm not anti Singer Island. I'm not anti Singer Island, I'm pro Riviera Beach.

Now my concern with -- and that's not I'm saying anything against Singer Island on this issue. It says if anybody come here had never seen this and don't know -- didn't know Riviera Beach, they'll think there's no Riviera Beach exists when you read this. Simply - - simply put. I'm not trying to put Singer Island down. And again, Madam -- Madam -- Madam City Manager, I looked at the news when they talking about doing resolution, putting all the dirt on the beach, they always mention the city's name that they putting it in.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**REVEREND BURRS:** So don't tell me that, don't mention Jupiter where they doing that -- that work in Jupiter and West Palm Beach and on down the course. They does mention this city's name. So this is Riviera Beach and if we are paying for this sand to go to your beach, then we deserve to know it's Riviera Beach. It's our money.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**REVEREND BURRS:** I'm not -- I'm not here trying to put down Singer Island. Y'all -- like y'all get so tentative, get so fret when you mention Singer Island.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you, Reverend Burrs.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Riviera Beach. That's all I'm simply saying.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, Reverend Burrs.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Now so -- so -- so -- so --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Your time is up, sir.

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- just telling everybody coming here want something --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Reverend Burrs.

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- yeah, go get your signatures and come back. (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Reverend Burrs.

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- tell them that. Tell me that, too.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. All right.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** It was mentioned that I only want people who agree with me to come to my meetings.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Please keep it down, people, okay?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And obviously, that's absolutely not true and if Mr. Burrs' claim to fame is that he corrected an address while he sat here, he's entitled to that claim. I'm only saying that we need to be open-minded to change. That's the only way we're gonna make progress. Very few times would you see progress made without some type of change. And our -- some of our people think that somehow we can do the same thing over and over and over again and expect a different result. And all I'm saying, Let's be more rational. You know?

And then, of course, since I'm vocal, I'm gonna be the target of attacks and I'll take that because this is my home. I don't do this for the money; I don't do this for the fame 'cause there is no fame, and -- and it's definitely very few rewards. More people complain that they compliment you for all the time you put into a position like this. And that is part of the reason why we don't have a large pool of quality, educated people running for office. They don't want to be subjected to the ridicule.

And you can say what you want to. I'm going to keep it real as I always do and all we have are people complaining with no ideas to do anything. Their claim to fame is let's go oppose what has been proposed.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Not put anything on the table. This is an idea, this is a project. Most of these people I see do not surface until this council recommends something and they come here to oppose it.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, sir. All right. Next is Lloyd Brown and then Miss Mary Brabham. Good evening, sir. You have three minutes, okay?

**LLOYD BROWN:** All right. Well, I really probably don't need three but I'm just gonna say this. You know what? I've been over here --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Please state your name for the record.

**LLOYD BROWN:** My name is Lloyd Brown. You just said it. My name is Lloyd Brown and I've been here several times telling the council members, you know, about what the Building Department failure in making sure that Palm Beach County Housing and the contractors follow the guidelines that were laws that you had. Okay. They build this home and they failed, you know, to do inspections and like I'm -- I'm -- I'm like unemployed, right? So I was there all the time and I got friends who are contractors and as they were building the house, I was complaining to him and I was complaining people -- I came up to this -- this manager here and that was four years ago.

Now the house is built and let me tell you what's going on. It was leaking from the first time it rained. Okay? You didn't do your inspections. I hear this man talking about the Code Enforcement. I see the Code Enforcement more times than I saw the Building Department over here. And that's a shame. I mean, they should switch jobs 'cause it seemed like they're out there, once they start with you, I mean, like Lozman, they just like y'all. Once you start with them, they still on you. They on me now.

But I'm not gonna move anything or do anything because for one thing, you failed me. You could either get on this wagon with me and ride and try to straighten out this problem because for now I'm having headaches. I don't know if it's -- if it's mold in the house or not. I don't know if they used Chinese drywall and you don't either because the people that you sent over there to inspect it, they never showed up. Because I was unemployed and I was there watching. But yet, I came here and tell you.

Now I'm feeling bad right now. I have a headache and it's been going on for the longest. I've been headaches ever since I was put into this house. But nobody is concerned about that. Like I'm saying, you can either get on the horse and ride with me or you can get behind the horse and pick up his stuff. Because for one thing, it's like this. I'm a citizen. And it's like the Code Enforcement what you talking about, if they were fair to everybody, it would be okay. But you can't go and -- and write this man up and then pass this man by because you know him.

I mean, and then you -- you wanna take this man probably because he doesn't paint his house every year. But this one guy that paint his house, he got a whole bunch of crap in his backyard, but you ride right past there. You look up on his porch. He got everything. You're not fair. And like I'm saying, I have headaches right now and I know you didn't do the inspections. I can take you there and I can knock a hole in the wall right now into where the framework was put down. It was like -- I called it doghouse nails when it's supposed to have been Tapcon.

And like I've been over here telling you about this, but you know what? I'm gonna find somebody who gonna listen to my -- somebody in the government who's gonna listen to me because you know --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. -- Mr. -- Mr. Brown. What house is it that you're talking about? Let me ask you this.

**LLOYD BROWN:** Hey, I'm talking, look, you just waiting --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** You're -- you're -- wait a minute. No, no, sir. Not a -- no, sir. Your time is up. Okay? Your time is up and I've simply asked you a question.

**LLOYD BROWN:** Yeah. Because you -- you didn't ask me --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. You can have a seat.

**LLOYD BROWN:** -- the first time I was over here.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Have a seat, sir.

**LLOYD BROWN:** I've been over here for a year.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Have a seat. Have a seat. Miss Mary Brabham.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Wow.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Miss Mary Brabham. Miss Mary Brabham, are you coming up? After Miss Brabham is Rodney Roberts.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Miss Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach. I did not come here because someone asked me to come here. I attend meetings. Not just these meetings, but various meetings. I came here because something was incorrectly said and as a resident I have that right. I do have that right to be agreeable as well as disagreeable. But that doesn't mean that we cannot have a meeting of the minds to settle things so that it is conducive for all of the residents as well as the city as a whole.

Yes, I'm for one. I want progress in this city here. I wanna see it move forward. But sometimes, we can be too radical. Now how this got out in the public because it was stated up here by a gentleman and Miss Blue did state about the two seats. It's on tape. And -- and -- and -- and Councilman Guyton, you did say that it was save the city \$100,000. That's why Miss Brabham made the comment. We waste that money on a monthly basis around here.

So these things when we -- when we say and stay up here and express our viewpoint, it's not to put a damper on you; don't do it to us. As a board, do not do that to us because you make us very, very angry and we don't wanna be that way. So we ask for you to respect us and we'll respect you. We'll work with you. But you can't just say it's your way or the highway because this what angers us. And when things are -- are said differently, now I've heard about three different versions now. So let's just say, Let's forget about that. Let's forget about that. Let's -- let's come to a meeting of the minds to say, Okay, we gonna move this city forward. And I want every resident in this city here to move the city forward because it has been things that has been said here, evidently, you've forgotten what you say.

See, my daddy was a map reader for the Army and he received many awards. And during that time, he completed the highest grade in school so I guess they knew where his skills was. So Miss Brabham listen and Miss Brabham is a reader. But Miss Brabham also is a doer and we have to stop this pettiness here. We have to stop this. When we look at you as a board, up on the TV, you laugh. You're supposed to be doing the business of the city.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**MARY BRABHAM:** And nothing should be up there even if it is funny.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** All right, Miss Brabham.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Be professional enough not to laugh.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**MARY BRABHAM:** And not to have so much going on up there.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay, Miss Brabham.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Your time is up. Thank you very much. Rodney Roberts.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** While he's coming, Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. Let -- let me make it very clear.

**RODNEY ROBERTS:** I'm here.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Hold on, Mr. Roberts.

**RODNEY ROBERTS:** All right. (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Bruce Guyton has never changed his position and you can go back and run the tapes back and I didn't change my position tonight. And the \$100,000, I still think that is a big incentive to be fiscally responsible for a position that we do not need. My position hasn't changed and it would never change. But I'm a team player. I'm willing to work with the community. But my position is \$100,000 in 10 years is a million that we can save on a position that we don't need. In 20 years, it's 2 million.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And that's a gift that keeps on giving.

**RODNEY ROBERTS:** Rodney Roberts.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** No. Hold on.

**RODNEY ROBERTS:** I heard you say --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- You can have a --

**RODNEY ROBERTS:** -- I heard you say --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I was -- I was saying -- saying --

**RODNEY ROBERTS:** I know. You said -- you -- you --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** No. But I didn't recognize you yet, sir. Mr. Guyton, are you finished?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes, I'm done.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay, Mr. Roberts.

**RODNEY ROBERTS:** Rodney Roberts, 1581 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riviera Beach. You're gonna see me smiling and laughing all the time even though nothing is really funny 'cause (inaudible). Anyway, the -- the cost of copies are an issue in the library. We have students and people that have to make multiple copies and I think it's like -- it's -- it's a little -- it's gets costly after you have to make so many copies. Especially -- you understand? Projects and stuff like that.

On behalf of, I guess, the truth at this point, State Statute 403.9324, Mangrove trimming is a state-governed issue. The city has no ordinance pertaining to mangrove trimming to our understanding right now. Relief from codes and ordinances, because Mr. Lozman is not the only person that has issues with codes and ordinances and I remember years back, we had a -- the -- the -- the -- the board to -- to go over our -- our -- our -- our -- our -- our Constitution. Our city -- yeah, our charter. Thank you. So let's have -- why don't we have a code and ordinances board to go over some of the ordinances that might need -- the -- the citizens might need some relief on. Please. 'Cause a lot of people are catching some hell about that.

There's an Operation Hope Holiday Festival going on. Yay. Or Operation Hope Holiday Festival going on, I believe it's on -- starting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November. So please look out for that, Operation Hope Holiday Festival. You made a point -- ma'am? They gonna have to get that. Right in -- it's gonna be in the City of Riviera Beach. I give you that. In the City of Riviera Beach, Operation Hope Holiday Festival.

You spoke about the CRA -- being on the CRA being the -- being the board right here. Right. Don't worry about it. They'll -- they'll know. And the Utility District. And you talked about -- I want you to look and see how many cities have their CRA and their City Council as the same board. You -- you -- you understand what I'm saying? You get that? Okay, cool.

Things that bring people out to vote. I would ask you and -- and you were my district representative, I would ask you to please, along with the rest of the City Council, let's put a skating rink on the ballot. Let's put a skating rink on the ballot and let the people vote on whether they want to, let's say, add whatever percentage of money that -- the percentage it would take to add to their yearly costs of living in this city, to raise the money to put a skating rink in this city for the kids. And that is nothing that anybody, I feel, can get angry at to bring out people to vote. I think that's something that the citizens would really love and enjoy because I'm tired of having to go all the way out to Lantana, wherever it is I have to go, to go skating with daughter.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you very much, sir --

**RODNEY ROBERTS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- for your comments.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam -- Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Warrie Leonard. Mayor Masters, while she's coming up.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** While she's coming. I just wanna say for the record, I agree with Rodney Roberts as far as the CR -- CRA. I -- I've always thought it outrageous to have the same board, the CRA and the City Council be the same board. I've always disagreed with that. And as far as the skating rink, it may not have to be on the ballot but with Winn-Dixie being gone, maybe that facility could be a theater, bowling alley or a skating rink. But we do need something in this community. We should not have to go everywhere for a skating rink, a movie theater or a bowling alley. So with Winn-Dixie being gone, it might be a blessing in disguise. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Miss Leonard.

**WARRIE LEONARD:** Good afternoon, giving honor to my Lord and savior Jesus Christ first.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Good afternoon.

**WARRIE LEONARD:** Mayor and Council, on November the 1<sup>st</sup>, our National Village/Timber Pine who I am the president of, we will be painting the wall. As you go down Blue Heron, you see the wall. It is time to repair and repaint. So we will be doing that with the help of the Public Works Department, Council Terence Davis, the Police Department and Fire Department, plus our community. We are also asking any student

who would like to get community service hours that day, can come and get five hours of community service.

We will be located inside our park that is in National Village/Timber Pine, in the back of the neighborhood. We will be doing a painting job. We are asking that everybody -- it's a city event. We're asking that everybody come out. We're really putting fliers out. Councilperson Terence Davis will give you more information on that when it's his turn to talk. We have several other individuals that Council Terence Davis will give you that are assisting us in this project.

So on November the 1<sup>st</sup>, we are asking if you want community service, our neighborhood will be doing a Paint the Wall Beautification Ceremony and we will also be painting the wall. We will have the streets blocked off so that no one will be hit as we paint the wall. We will have adults out there. Everybody will have to sign a release as you do in every service that you do with an individual or the city.

Once again, I want to personally thank everybody that will be assisting us in this project and just by chance, as Mother Nature decide to rain, our backup date is November the 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, ma'am. Horace Towns, are you still here? I'm so sorry. You were gonna speak on item 14 but I -- I didn't see the number.

**HORACE TOWNS:** That's fine.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** This is -- okay.

**HORACE TOWNS:** H. Towns, Riviera Beach. This is my first time addressing the council but I, too, was puzzled as to how the discussion regarding the mayor position even came about in the first place. Did this group actually develop this idea or was this part of a plan with developers who are eager to seize more property with little to no opposition?

What's tearing up this city is the fact that that -- the city and the residents have zero trust in this council. You would get more support if anyone on this council would actually be more courageous and educate the residents. Their agendas and their items is coming out, but from the young to old, if someone was to actually represent the residents once again and explain things to them, you may gain trust and you may be a -- a representative that could stay in from term to term.

Does the council understand that it was elected by the residents to protect the vested interests of those residents and to push out the agendas that the residents want to see. A few of you will not gain re-election. So I actually worry that the damage that you have done will not be something that we can recover from. I expect that from Singer Island. But most of you that we have voted in, it -- it shames me. I probably represent about 25 percent of the voters who do not turn out. They are awake now. I could fill this -- I

could fill this whole City Hall Courtroom with -- with people. I represent that age group from 25 to 45. They are angry; they are embarrassed.

I -- I wish and I'm asking tonight if the people on this council can elaborate and also conduct themselves a little more professional. Do not paint the residents of the city as incompetent when it is your job to educate and make them aware of the changes that you are trying to make on their behalf. So please do not make me have to come into this council meeting again. I represent 14,000 radio listeners every Sunday. They do listen to what I say. So I am not here to -- yeah, I probably am kind of threatening. Wake up. Get the people involved. Instead of making this an embarrassing scene every week. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, sir. Margaret Shepherd and then Janelle Folford and after Janelle is Jackie Clark.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach. I -- I'm here about something very different. A couple of weeks ago, I called City Hall because the grass where I live at was like five feet high. And I had a opportunity for the first time to call Code Enforcement, not Code Enforcement -- I'm sorry -- Brynt Johnson over at Public Works. And he did put the order through but I was unaware that it was two city lots. So the lot I was talking about they did not cut but they cut the one further down and it looked very nice. So I called back and I talked to Alan Winn and Alan Winn said, "I'll be out there in a minute, Miss Shepherd, and I'll look."

And then I had the opportunity to bump into Miss Natalie Moore and she asked me the address and I told her. And I just went away yesterday for a few minutes, maybe 15, 20 minutes, and they were there and I -- I want to report they cut that grass and it looked exceptionally nice. I just have a problem because I've been there since February and that grass has only been cut twice. And I understand about the rain that really makes the grass grow. But I think it has to be a system that people know, well, I don't know about the city property, but I think we should kind of have maybe a address painted on the sidewalk, I mean, the little walkway where they would know what the residents are talking about because I was truly confused. So I do wanna thank Brynt and -- and Mr. Johnson and all of them for really making sure Alan and everybody that helped me push that agenda through.

The one thing that I wanna say is that I will not participate in being angry with people. I'm not doing it. I think Mrs. Jones been here from Georgia, I think, and you know, I -- I think she's doing the best she can with what she has to work with. I wanna say that. And I was very hurt by the way Miss Ryan was treated. And I want you to know that people look at -- the gentleman just say people look at it. But, you know, her biggest fan -- and I really had to hold her back not to come tonight and that was Summer -- Summer lost it and I had to explain to Summer, You're still a child so you have to stay in that child's place. But she want to convey to you that she enjoy the women of this city, she does: Mrs. Pardo and -- and Miss Ryan and, of course, Judy and Mrs. Carrie Ward, as well -- well as Miss Jones.

And if nothing else, if we don't allow people to enjoy our people that's working for us, I mean, it's -- it's an embarrassment that the children are talking about it. And to hear certain things over channel 18, I -- I -- I think we should clear it up. And with that, I thank you very much and have a blessed day.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, Miss Shepherd. Janelle Folford.

**JANELLE FOLFORD:** Good afternoon. I'm Janelle Folford --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good afternoon.

**JANELLE FOLFORD:** -- and I'm from West Palm Beach, Florida. I'm coming -- hello, how you doing Mayor, council people and also city manager. I'm coming because I would -- I have a wealth of knowledge that I would like to contribute to the City of Riviera Beach. There's an open position with the City Manager's Office for an assistant and I would like to -- the opportunity to be interviewed for that position. So I'm just coming to just introduce myself to you all here. I've served in several capacities throughout the city and a lot of things that we hear tonight, especially about the communication with the lay people in the city and the City Council, I think I'll be able to contribute a lot as far as design, writing, even conversation. The City Manager's Office is a place where everyone kind of comes in to kind of find out what's happening in the city or if they would like to have things happen with the city, they come to -- to City Hall.

So I would like just the opportunity to be interviewed for that position that's available.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair.

**JANELLE FOLFORD:** Thank you very much. Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I applaud your courageousness. We definitely can't say that you can have a job but we can definitely say that you can be interviewed. If you stop right there and get with the Assistant City Manager, make sure that your application process is in. I think that that's very honorable that you did that and I'm sure that we can at least interview you.

**JANELLE FOLFORD:** Thank you. I'm highly qualified. I answered yes to every question. I love the City of Riviera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I don't want you to continue the interview. I just wanted you to see that you can -- you could definitely get your information.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mayor Masters.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. Just -- just for the protocol and procedure, because I know people are -- are -- and it's not for you. It's just for the manager looking and viewing it. The -- and we don't want a whole lot of people coming at meetings saying, I want a job and I want you to interview me. The procedure is, Madam Manager, for others can know. You did a good job, Janelle, by the way. But we just want to inform others who may want the same opportunity -- what is the proper -- what is the protocol?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, as with every position that we advertise, it goes through the HR Department. And then the applications are screened by the respective department and -- and their interviews conducted of the short list of candidates. So that's generally the -- the process that's generally followed.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. You can have a seat.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**JANELLE FOLFORD:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you very much.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Last is Jackie Clark.

**JACKIE CLARK:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Please state your name and address for the record, sir.

**JACKIE CLARK:** Yeah. I'm Jackie Clark. I'm a homeless resident of this city. I ain't the smartest man but I know y'all ain't doing something right. So I can't -- I can't depend on you all to provide safety for me or my family. I can't count on y'all to even keep your kids out the street. So my grandmomma, Reeva Johnson [phonetic], raised me to be a certain way and that's the way I am. And I wanna open it up to people so they can have a idea of what you're supposed to do. If you believe in God, if you worship something, I don't care what it is, we ain't got no respect for it. I don't -- I don't -- I don't see going in a church saying, Hey, I love the Lord but I can't give my brother a cigarette without balling my face up. That's not where I come from.

So if y'all wanna -- I -- I -- that what y'all was talking about earlier, taking names and stuff, by myself, I went from Jupiter to Delray. I did that by myself. I sued the state by myself. I did this stuff by myself. I sent my baby to college by myself in these streets right here. So I love this shit. Excuse me.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Oh.

**JACKIE CLARK:** But I -- I -- I do. I really do. And I'm in it every day. I stay on the grind. I don't play at all. So if y'all -- if y'all wanna let me get a chance to help out with the community, you even know the people who ain't got their mind together. 'Cause y'all do a lot of talking, but you don't follow through. You don't really do it. You understand? Y'all can get my number; y'all can holler at me or whatever y'all wanna do. But I'm gonna be in this city.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**JACKIE CLARK:** Unless they lock me up again.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** All right. Thank you very much for your comments. Okay. We're going to move on to --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I got a question, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** A little -- a few comment cards ago, Mr. Roberts came up and asked about putting a skating ring on --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Can we keep it down, please? Keep it down, sir. Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- putting a skating ring on the -- the ballot. I just wanna point out that that's another resident that's asking for something to be placed on the ballot. I wouldn't feel comfortable saying, "Rodney Roberts, Mr. Roberts, go and get 3,000 signatures to do that." I think that he should be allowed to ask us to discuss that. Now whether we elect to do it or not, I think that he would be well within his rights to ask us to do that.

So I wanna -- I just wanna point out that those type of things happen all of the time. There may be a million residents that say, Well, where's the city owned property for you to put this skating ring? So those are the type of issues that we field all of the time. And we must discuss it at some point. Mr. Rodney Roberts looked at me -- he didn't call me by name but he said his representative -- and it's clear that he stays in my district by virtue of every couple of years, we have an opportunity to see each other and -- and talk in the same realms for a few months every other year or so.

But that's something that I'm going to bring back and have the council discuss because he has the right to as a citizen. And that's all I'm trying to get the point across to say any citizen, for whatever reason, they can come and ask for you to discuss, you know, something and we need to honor that. So, Mr. Roberts, on an agenda in the near future, I will put that on as a discussion and deliberation item. All I would ask is that you bring more information. Bring some idea of how you wanna get it done, where you wanna get it done at and I'll be more than happy to discuss that. That's all, Madam Chair.

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

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you, sir. All right. We're gonna move on to item 15, appointing a voting delegate and alternate for the National League of Cities annual business meeting scheduled for November.

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**13. RESOLUTION NO. 121-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, WHICH INCREASES THE CITY'S MAXIMUM YEARLY CONTRIBUTION TO THE SINGER ISLAND DUNE RESTORATION PROJECT FROM A MAXIMUM OF \$200,000 PER YEAR TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500,000 PER YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO AMEND THE FY 15 BUDGET FOR SAME; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. I have two public comment cards. Fane Lozman and then Reverend Burrs.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman, Singer Island. It's important as you deliberate about restoring the dunes to realize that erosion is happening on both sides of Ocean Boulevard. Originally, some of the properties like myself, they actually went from the Atlantic Ocean to the lagoon side. And then after, say in the 1950s they were broken apart where the property divider was Ocean Boulevard. So you have erosion, especially towards the -- let's call it the middle area of the lagoon area, where waves will come up on the sidewalk, actually come up on Ocean Boulevard. And as global tides continue to rise, you may have the problem controlled of erosion with the beach by re-nourishing the beach but what are you going to do with the lagoon side waves or tidal surge that's coming onto Ocean Boulevard?

And like if you go walk down there after a high tide, you can actually see, amazingly, how high that tide line is coming. And in the future, not necessarily in this, you know,

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this go-round, but certainly in the coming years, I think you need consider about giving either the authority or trying to coordinate the authority for the individual property owners to restore their beach areas. I'd be happy to pay to restore my own beach area or to put some of the grants or try to obtain additional grants to put a buffer so Ocean Boulevard would be buffered on the eastern side with the dunes and on the western side with a beach area that has eroded over the years.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, sir. Mr. Burrs, Reverend Burrs.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Madam Chair and Council. My concern is difference. As I read in this resolution, it says that the city is between the county and the Riviera Beach increasing the maximum from 200 to \$500,000. My concern, my question is, how much of this \$500,000 that the city's putting up and where this money is coming from if -- at the -- are the budget aware? If anybody could answer that for me, please.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Miss Jones.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Where this -- the -- the -- it says that they increased it. Seems to me that it's -- it's saying that the city and the county is increasing the amount from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**REVEREND BURRS:** For the city and where is this -- my question, where is this money coming from and how much of this 500,000 does the city have to put up?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**REVEREND BURRS:** That's my --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Are those -- are you finished with your comments, though?

**REVEREND BURRS:** Yes. If -- could anybody tell me that?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. We'll answer it, okay?

**REVEREND BURRS:** Good.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** But I was just asking if you were finished with your comments.

**REVEREND BURRS:** No, no. Well, my next --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Go ahead and make your comments.

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- question is then --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- my next question is then -- if I'm gonna ask about the same thing. So this is saying that -- it says that (inaudible) contribution to Singer Island Dune. Does Riviera Beach pays a part in this? It doesn't say Riviera Beach. It says Singer Island Dune. Seem like it separating Singer Island from the mainland, Riviera Beach. Now my concern is if it for Singer Island and not the entire City of Riviera Beach, where's the money coming from? Is it coming out of the city budget or is the taxpayers here funding this? If so, then why wouldn't it say City of Riviera Beach Dune? That's, you know, maybe I'm being -- I -- I don't know -- maybe -- am I making sense? If anybody understand what my question --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I think we -- we understand and we're just -- I'm just waiting for you to finish so we can -- we can answer the question.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Well, I'm -- but those are my questions.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Are you finished?

**REVEREND BURRS:** Yes, ma'am. Could I get an answer?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. You can have a seat and we'll -- we'll --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** And the presentation.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- answer the question.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Well, I -- I -- well, I'd like to get answered before I sit down, you know. As a citizen, why can't nobody just answer my question?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** We are going to answer your questions, Reverend Burrs. I'm just asking you to finish your comments to that we can go ahead and -- and --

**REVEREND BURRS:** Well, there's -- there's not a comment.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- you'll get your questions answered.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Well, my -- my -- my statement is not a comment, it's a question.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** That's what I'm saying.

**REVEREND BURRS:** And I -- and I wish that someone would have the decency to answer a citizen question. That's all I'm asking.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** We are going to answer your questions.

**REVEREND BURRS:** A simple question.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay?

**REVEREND BURRS:** Okay. Then --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** All right. Thank you very much.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Okay. Can I stand here until I get answer?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** You know, there's no need for you to stand there, sir.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Why -- why can't I stand --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** We're gonna -- we're gonna answer your question.

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- until I get answered?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** If you wanna stand there, you can go ahead and stand there. Okay?

**REVEREND BURRS:** Okay. Please answer -- just -- I -- I'm asking a simple question as a citizen --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Miss Jones.

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- I'm asking -- I'm asking a simple question, as a citizen --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Miss Jones.

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- as a taxpayer.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Go ahead, ma'am.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** To address --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Hold on. It's a point of order. It's a point of order. If -- if this is what we're going to do, then you need to do it for every single resident that comes up to the podium like that. If not, if we're going to answer the questions after all of the questions have been asked --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** That's what I've been trying to say.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- when the presentation, then that's what we need to do. That --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- that's what we need to do.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I mean, the -- if the rule is, that's what the rule is, then that's what we need to go by. Other than that, everybody who comes up here needs to have the same -- the respect that -- that -- that -- that the reverend is given. Other than that, he needs to have a seat and we'll answer the questions.

**REVEREND BURRS:** I understand that within my three minutes -- three minutes time --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Reverend -- okay.

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- seems like somebody can ask a simple --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. If you want a --

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- question. I --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** We -- I -- and I've said to you --

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- I mean, you all -- you all --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- many times before --

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- seem like you all the gods and we the servants and y'all just -- y'all -- y'all just ridiculous. Just totally.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I've said to you we're going to answer your question --

**REVEREND BURRS:** I only asked a simple question.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Yes. It's just -- it's just ridiculous.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And we're going to answer the Rev question but Reverend Burrs, we had the same policy when you served on the council.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And you all did the same thing to the residents.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Not me.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Whether it was you or not, the same policy existed. You ask your question. We allow everybody else to do what -- ask theirs, and then we answer all of the questions. You had it -- you did the same thing.

**REVEREND BURRS:** No, not me. No, no.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But --

**REVEREND BURRS:** No, you're wrong.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- the same policy was here.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Well, I didn't follow that policy.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh -- oh --

**REVEREND BURRS:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- the -- the -- the council did.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Well, I didn't.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So -- so you're making it seem like we're doing something different and we're not --

**REVEREND BURRS:** I didn't come here (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- you know, respecting --

**REVEREND BURRS:** (Inaudible) answer.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- but I'm just saying, you're trying --

**REVEREND BURRS:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- to put us on the spot --

**REVEREND BURRS:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- and -- and I -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm feeling some kind of way like --

**REVEREND BURRS:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- like you're trying to make us appear that we're being insensitive and disrespectful to you when you have sat here and you know what the rules are. That's the point I'm making.

**REVEREND BURRS:** No. Your -- your point is wrong.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No, it's not.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Not -- not -- not with me, it's not.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Can we -- Reverend Burrs, would you please have a seat? Thank you --

**REVEREND BURRS:** It's just --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- very much, sir. Okay. Miss Jones, do we have a presentation? Okay. Go ahead.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes. I would like to ask Mary McKinney, the Director of Community Development to give us the background on this particular amendment. To answer Mr. Burrs' questions, there's an even distribution of the cost of each and every project. The Dune Restoration funds from the state put in 32 percent; the county puts in 48 percent and the city puts in 20 percent and that has remained the same as any of the original documents that we've had as it relates to this topic.

The funds are budgeted in our capital fund and so that's how we pay for it. We pay for it as a capital project out of our capital funds.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Go ahead -- go ahead, Miss McKinney.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** And good evening. As you know, portions of Singer Island within the jurisdiction of the City of Riviera Beach and we put an aerial on the wall so you can see it's from the north end of Singer Island, which is the City of Riviera Beach north boundary. That's the Water Glades Condominium and it goes all the way south to the county Ocean Reef Park. So this part of Singer Island experiences severe erosion especially during the winter storms.

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 -- and I'll give you some of the background for this -- the Resolution 113-12, the city entered in a 10-year agreement with Palm Beach County to share the cost of periodic dune restoration on Singer Island, which included hauling and placing sand, beach quality sand in areas that were severely impacted by erosion. This 10-year agreement required the city to share the cost of the dune restoration with Palm Beach County by reimbursing the county 20 percent of the total eligible restoration costs, not to exceed \$200,000 per fiscal year. And that, as Miss Jones told you, this -- the allocation is the state contributes 32 percent, the county contributes 48 percent and the city contributes 20 percent.

And then on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, which was after Hurricane Sandy, which impacted that area of the island severely, the city approved the first amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Singer Island Dune Restoration Project. That amended agreement increased the city's share for the project from \$200,000 to \$359,000 and that was just for fiscal year 213, 2014 only because of that Hurricane Sandy storm. And the increase was a result of the unexpected expenses associated with the storm.

Due to the expansion of the restoration area, which you can see the white box on the bottom of the area. This is the expanded area which is the -- I think that's the oasis south to the county beach park.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Miss McKinney.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Martinique.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yeah. Let me tell you I did take a look at this map and the map is not accurate.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** The -- the map is not accurate. Where they show the proposed project expansion --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- that expansion should really go north just past the, you know, the -- the lift station that we have. It's -- you see --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- where that is?

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Yep.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All right.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Yeah.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Now if you go north --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- you'll see a path --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Yes. This one here?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- see the path just there? Okay. That's where the expansion starts because --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Oh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- that is Ocean's Edge.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So everything north of Ocean's Edge has been part of the agreement. Ocean's Edge south to Oasis or -- or south --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- to Ocean Reef Park has not been part of it and that's really --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- due to the fact that there has never been an easement there.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Ocean's Edge is -- is -- has agreed to give the county an easement.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Right. And, I'm sorry, at the map -- I guess this may have been an earlier map that the county gave us but --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** -- anyway, this --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Could somebody please turn their phone off?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** This southern area is the expanded restoration area --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** -- which is one of the reasons for the increase in the costs. And this area also has experienced, all the way to the county park, severe erosion. The 2014-'15 project is estimated to cost \$1,508,000 with the extended project boundaries. And the city's share is expected to be approximately \$301,600. And then these estimates are based on the volume of sand required to meet the permitted fill template as calculated from surveys which are conducted by the county in August of 2014.

The actual volumes and costs will be determined by the beach profile at the time of construction which means the amount of sand and the cost will be -- could be different than the 301,000. It may be less; it may be slightly more. And any late season storms or erosion events could inflate the cost which is the 301,000, up to the \$500,000. And it's -- it's expected to be 301,000, however, because the potential exists for the storms to cause much more erosion than could be expected, the amount has been increased to -- up to a possible \$500,000 per year. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. -- Reverend Burrs also asked where was the money coming from.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So can we please tell him. I'm pretty -- it's coming from the city but I -- I don't know if he wants to know what account or where is -- it actually is coming from. But, can you please answer that question?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** And please explain the name of the dune. Why it says Singer Island dunes rather than Riviera Beach dune.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** State.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The name of the project is because of the location where the sand is going to be placed. So this is the way the county does it whether they're in Jupiter or whether they're in Vero or whatever area. They put the name of the particular beach, not necessarily the city. And so that's why we have the name. We originally budgeted a million dollars for this particular project. Currently available in the capital fund, which is an allocation of tax dollars, we have \$400,000, \$200,000 that we allocated for '14 and then there's also the \$200,000 allocated for '15 in this particular account.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. And the county's is also what percent?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The county is paying 48 percent.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Forty-eight percent. Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** City pays 20.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Great. So theirs is much higher than that. Okay. Any other questions or comments?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Miss McKinney, really brief, where is -- is there any oversight once we dispense these funds to this project? How do we know we're getting an accurate number? 'Cause the city will be approving this now --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- and we don't know what the cost is gonna be.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** We -- and in the past, when we've had to reimburse them --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** -- the cost, we've asked for extensive documentation from them.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** And then, I mean, we hadn't been satisfied. We asked for more. Until we got everything we were satisfied with and then we release the funds to them.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** So you'll get a itemized --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- budget before you --

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** We do.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- dispense these funds?

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** We do.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Any other questions or comments? Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Item 14.

#### **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

#### **14. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE MAYOR'S POSITION.**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Discussion regarding the enhancement of the mayor's position. We have some public comment cards. Mr. Fane Lozman then Reverend Burrs.

FL : Fane Lozman, Singer Island. Looking at the actual item number 14, I can see people being confused exactly what that means, discussion regarding the enhancement of the mayor's position. The perception among the residents I've talked to is that the -- one of the primary items of consideration is to do away with the mayor's position and appoint one of the five elected officials to be the mayor.

The -- I think that that would be a mistake because that would -- as the cities continue to grow in size over the last 50 years, I think the addition of a mayor to perform a lot of the functions of traveling over to Europe or traveling around the country, that frees up the five elected officials to do the business of the city. So it seems you are already stressed as it is, trying to just do what you were elected to do and then to absorb that additional responsibility just doesn't make much sense. So I would look at eliminating that position as taking a step backward.

What I would suggest is a consideration of what happens in Dade County now. It started with Alvarez who was the mayor and former police chief and then Carlos Jiminez is the mayor now, where they actually have a strong-mayor. And the strong-mayor can step -- it's almost kind of like, I guess you could say like, you know, it's like the president. You know, you have the, you know, the House of Representatives, the Senate and you have the president. So the strong-mayor, he actually has the ability, unlike the mayor, to suspend a department head, he can actually fire a department head.

He -- I -- I think, I don't know all the specifics of -- of what is composed in the strong-mayor position but that could be a template to look to is to adopt Dade County's strong-mayor position. You know, why did they go that direction? How has it been working out and the initial concerns from my recollection is people were kind of hesitant but once it actually went into place, the opposition to it went by the wayside and people, you know, at least now they're happy with the way the process works and it seemed the only -- the only people that may have some animosity, you know, left about it --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Is anybody keeping time?

**FANE LOZMAN:** -- was the actual -- the elected officials because some of their power was taken away.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**FANE LOZMAN:** But I would suggest that the --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Are you taking five?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. I'm sorry. Keep going, sir.

**FANE LOZMAN:** I would suggest that the Dade County template is something you should explore as elected officials. Call up the, you know, Carlos Jiminez and, you know, ask him, you know, what the story is there.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you, sir. Reverend Burrs.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Concerning the issue of the -- the mayor's position, I would, and I'm quite sure the citizens -- most of the citizens wouldn't agree with this issue. But my suggestions to the council, those who are sitting here, why don't you all allow each groups, those who wants to eliminate the mayor's position and those who want single district voting, and I would like to add in there also term limits for council. If you're going to vote to send one to a referendum, vote to send all three.

And my suggestion is to let all groups go out and get the signatures like Dawn Pardo did, like we did, like Bruce and them did with their referendum and brang it -- sent it to the supervisor election office and bring it back and y'all keep your hands out of it. Don't send your favorite group position to the referendum. Let them go out and collect the signatures like everybody else has done in the past and bring them back and go from there. That's the -- that's the most sensible and the most fair way to be with all the groups. 'Cause I feel -- because you only has one group on here, then why don't you put the group on there what want single district? Why not put Singer -- why not put term limits on there for -- for councils. Leave the charter alone and let the citizens decide it. Y'all don't send it -- don't vote to send it to the -- to the citizens. They're showing -- they're showing partiality if y'all do this. And -- and -- and -- and -- and -- and it's -- it's sad that

you all -- you all wants to just -- so -- so much to get rid of the mayor, but you may not work as well.

Now Mr. Guyton said something which on the last meeting that the -- that the blacks are, I think he said 63 percent and the whites was 20 some odd percent. But he's wrong. The -- the blacks is 68 percent; the whites is 22 percent; Hispanics, 15 percent; Native American is 2 percent. What we need to do is get out there and vote. We don't need to change anything. We just need to come out and vote and put in who we wanna and take out who we please. So won't y'all just leave the issue alone because we know it's something just -- just wanna get rid of the mayor. When the citizens get rid of -- get tired of any -- all of y'all sitting up there, they'll come out and vote you out, including the mayor.

You don't have to change the charter. Just leave it alone. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Miss Mary Brabham and then Miss Louise Dawkins.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, excuse me.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Are you still accepting cards from the public at this point?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** No, I'm not.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Other people didn't know that you cut off at a certain time.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** No.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. So they'll have to wait for the comments. Yes.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Good evening, Miss Brabham.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Miss Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Miss Brabham come with no hidden agenda. It was made -- stated on last Wednesday that some of how this came about because it was community benefits. I think Council Pardo made note of that. But I would just like to clear up one thing. Miss Brabham have never submitted anything to you and others as a community benefit package except for an ad and I think those who supported the ad. My pastor will be retiring next year in January because of ill health.

I, when I made mention about the single member district, it wasn't to say that who is workable or who is not workable. We sat here tonight and we heard about the dune

restoration. It brings a billion to all of the areas of the city. Not saying that anybody up there may be wrong or may be right. But we suggested, like I said, about the single member district. And -- and the only way that I can see you all do not want it, because you all are afraid that perhaps that you may be voted out. Others within those districts will work with you, but we have said that the whole city needs to be build up not just one area: our sidewalks, our streets, everything in these communities.

And from what I can see, you want to say, Well, the mayor's seat, well, it's ceremonial. If the residents want the mayor -- like I say, he's -- he's not going to be there. Others -- other -- others are planning to run. So let them run. Leave things the way that they are if you want this to be workable. You can't disenfranchise another group and say, Get out and get your referendum, your -- your petitions, Miss Pardo. And you all don't get out and get yours. That's not fair to the entire city. And you all will cause a hostile environment and we don't want that. We want to work with you. We want to work with anyone.

So these ideas, because of election thing, Miss Brabham not -- agenda's not about no election because the best man or woman will win regardless. And like I say, we will continues to work with everyone. So let the peoples continue to vote. The process has worked all of these years, so take this attitude out.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**MARY BRABHAM:** About the elections. Take it out.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, Miss Brabham.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Louise Dawkins and then Pastor J.R. Thicklin.

**LOUISE DAWKINS:** Louise Dawkins, 756 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. My reason for coming tonight, 'cause I had stopped coming to council meeting -- my reason to come was when I found out about the mayor position. I have worked very hard in the City of Riviera, not for money but my free, own time, to make sure that the citizens of Riviera Beach would get a chance to go to the poll and vote for the person of their choice. So I feel like what's going on is wrong. And just sometime I stay home and I kind of look at it on television and I can always turn my television off. And I stopped coming here because number one, I had to work for years with sick behaviors and when I come here, I don't wanna see it in the council stand. Thank you .

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Pastor Thicklin and then Miss Sylvia Blue.

**PASTOR THICKLIN:** Good evening, Council.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Good evening, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Good evening.

**PASTOR THICKLIN:** Pastor Thicklin. I came here about 32 years ago and the first city I came to was the City of Riviera Beach. And I -- I watched the City of Riviera Beach over these 32 years back in the days of the late Clara Williams and those between and before. When I look at -- and I'm more recently started coming into these meetings -- when I look at the progression that I'm hearing that the City of Riviera Beach is trying to make, we're talking about lake front, we're -- we -- we -- we are -- we are expanding in all kind of ways.

If you're gonna go forward, you can't go backwards. When you hear of government for cities that are elect council, those are normally smaller cities, smaller, rural cities that have that type of council. The power that's going to make this work is the power of the people. And the power of the people been there but everyone need to be informed of who they're voting for and knowing that.

Now I agree with the gentleman earlier that talked about the fact, if you want to move forward, then think about doing a strong-mayor type system. Extend the years that a -- a mayor -- far as that council could run. I don't know what the reason is but what I do know from just studying different cities in different sizes and governmental functions, if you are going forward, and I believe that you're going forward, then I don't think you do that by going backwards.

Going backwards is more of a rural city electing the council -- electing a mayor from the council. I think that you have a good thing going, you just need to tighten it up, not back it up. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, sir. Mr. -- Miss Sylvia Blue and then Miss Margaret Shepherd.

**SYLVIA BLUE:** Good evening, Madam Chair, members of the board. Sylvia Blue, 748 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Riviera Beach. I chair the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach and I have since 2010. Committee for a Better Riviera Beach came before you back in 2010 and said that we wanted to work with you for a better Riviera Beach.

Now repetition is good especially when you're able to repeat what you said. So I'm going to repeat what I've said for the last two or three times that I've come to this microphone here. The Committee for a Better Riviera Beach proposed enhancing the mayor's position. It said nothing about eliminating the mayor's position. Now enhancing, that's up here. Eliminating is totally getting rid of it. That was not what came from Sylvia Blue or the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach.

Now I've also said that repetition of a lie does not turn it into a truth. My comments somehow were conveyed, transformed, changed into a lie out into the community for whatever reason. I never said, the committee never proposed eliminating the position of the mayor. Now how this ended up in the community, I have a very good idea. The person that put it out in the community that I said we wanted to eliminate the position, I

know who did that as well. But it's not true. And I'm here to tell the residents for the third time, that was not what was proposed.

We proposed enhancing the position of the mayor, thereby giving the mayor -- the mayor's position, excuse me, because it's not about a person -- the mayor's position, a vote. Now for whatever reason, here in Riviera Beach, we want decorative street lights; we want new sidewalks; we want all of these things. But we don't want any changes. Why is it that Riviera Beach cannot move forward, do things differently, save money and put money back into the community? Why can't we do that and still have a mayor's position with a vote? That's what's being proposed. It's a lie that we're trying, making any attempt to eliminate the mayor's position. So please, whoever -- you know who you are -- whoever's saying that in the community, please, stop it. It's a lie. It didn't come from me and I speak for the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you, ma'am. Miss Margaret Shepherd.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'd like to ask the chair of that committee a question if possible, if she would entertain my question.

**SYLVIA BLUE:** Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening, Miss Blue, how are you?

**SYLVIA BLUE:** Good evening, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Question, you're the chair of the citizens --

**SYLVIA BLUE:** No. It's the Committee --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Committee.

**SYLVIA BLUE:** -- for a Better Riviera Beach. CBRB.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. In your proposal or your recommendation, whatever the -- that political action committee agreed on and voted on, does that mean that the people of Riviera Beach would or would not be able to vote for a mayor?

**SYLVIA BLUE:** The people would be able to vote for that mayor, yes, sir, they would. They absolutely would.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So does that -- does that mean that a person would be able to run for the -- for -- to be the mayor, to be a mayor?

**SYLVIA BLUE:** I think that's the only way they're gonna get elected, yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well --

**SYLVIA BLUE:** And I'm not being facetious.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No, I understand.

**SYLVIA BLUE:** Maybe I don't understand your question.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, I -- well, my question is this. It has been stated many times, several times in the past, that there would be five -- five members -- five council people here, five people. Is that correct?

**SYLVIA BLUE:** Five elected officials.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Five elected officials.

**SYLVIA BLUE:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. And it was also stated that three of the five or the majority of the council would -- would appoint who would serve as mayor. Is that true or not?

**SYLVIA BLUE:** That's been retracted, sir, and I think you were sitting there the night that I had the conversation with Councilman Davis.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No further questions.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you. Thank you, Miss Blue. Okay. That's the end of the --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Miss -- Miss Shepherd.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah. Miss Shepherd come on up. I had already put your card over here.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach. I also sit on that Committee for a Better Riviera Beach. And I'm -- I'm trying to really make sense of it -- really trying to make sense of it while it -- it is in the community. And I want to say to the general public, channel 18, I truly don't understand it. But I've been to different places and I've met with different people and Miss Blue in trying to get a real good understanding before we send this fire out in the community. Because it appear like every election, some way or another, the truth get twisted.

And it appear that if you don't have a good listening ear, you'll be caught up in the drama. And so I'm glad that I have the opportunity to listen and to ask questions. Still don't truly understand too much of it but I'm sure that before this go into effect, that we will hear it over and over. Maybe put it in writing where people can understand.

But Mr. Mayor, I truly don't understand because every year you run, you run a good race. You run a good race. And I don't know why you would be so antsy when you've run a good -- a very good race. It's something that I think that we just need to understand that. That's the way I feel. I don't wanna be antsy about something that I don't understand and maybe you don't understand it. You know, maybe -- maybe -- sometimes people take things out of proportion when people are speaking. Just take bits and pieces of it. And I'm here to say that is that I'd like to hear it again.

I'd like to hear it again and again and again and again until I understand where I can repeat it to people. I'm not comfortable repeating it. Mrs. Blue started talking to me about it and sure enough, I took that enhancement or whatever I did, I tore it up in that office because I didn't understand. But she brought me back in. And with that, I wanna say that when my cousin Clara King Williams was in that position, because Bobby Brooks was a very eloquent black man. He was very eloquent in what he had done. And I think that position was just tailored for Clara -- just tailored for Clara. And nobody could beat Miss Williams. But now, when we come into the fore fold of transitioning into a new era -- and I think that's what's happening. We're building up; we're moving forward; a new era is coming and -- and people are afraid.

So I would say, Mr. Mayor, before you really get bent out of shape, let's look back on your record. As you told Mr. Guyton, look at your record. And I think then you kind of calmed down and listened to it a little bit more.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay, Miss Shepherd. Time's up.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I'm sorry.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** To Miss Shepherd.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Miss Shepherd.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Hi, how are you?

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Oh, I'm fine, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I just want you to know that I am certainly bent out of shape about this at all. But I also want you to know that when you speak of the word enhance, that means increase the authority or powers of the mayor. If this passes, the check and balance that we have now, the separation of power, the balance of power, we would no longer have. Meaning, and I'm -- I'm sure that at an appropriate moment tonight, the

attorney will go through some things that would decrease the actual authority of the Office of the Mayor.

For example, veto power would no longer be there. He'd just be like a voting member. He would not be able to veto. I don't think he would be able to even suspend because how do you suspend and vote on your own suspension? I mean, it would just create -- it would create a lot of problems constitutionally that we would not have if you have a voting mayor.

Now what West Palm Beach does makes a lot of sense. The only time the mayor votes is when there is a tie. The mayor votes in a tie. But as the mayor votes in a tie, what that does, it breaks the tie but the mayor also retains veto power, suspension power and all the other kind of powers that the mayor had that this would completely delete. I don't know whether you remember, but this is the second time around that there's been an effort to take away the veto power of the mayor. The second time around to take away the suspension authority of the mayor.

So that's the issue. And then the other issue, if you only have five members, what happens to the city-wide seat? You know, it's either -- it looks like, one we --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Mayor Master, we'll -- we'll talk about this under our discussion.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Well, let me just --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** You can have a seat Miss -- Miss Shepherd.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- finish this, Miss Shepherd. It just looks like one week they say, Well, do the mayor to the next -- the city-wide seat is trying to fix it. Can't fix that.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** It's just -- that's the problem.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. You're welcome, ma'am.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I just -- before we really get into the deliberation of this, I -- I just wanna make sure that, you know, I just say what I'm feeling about this. The first issue is, you know, when things are said and every elected official has the right to say whatever they feel with respect, but things that are said like what the mayor just said about, Well, you're trying to get rid of the at-large seat, or you're trying to get rid of

the mayor's seat, or week to week that -- when you put things like that out in the community, those little things start -- all this is is a discussion.

One group that has the right to do it just like any other group, said, City Council, would you please look at this? Would you please entertain this? Would you discuss it? The same thing we do for road closures, for speed bumps, whatever it is that you're asking for, that is our job to do it. So for some reason, political, whatever it is, it's, Let's not discuss it. Make somebody go and get signatures. I said that from the beginning. We need more information on this. Please provide us more information on what you're asking for. And that is what's been coming, you know, over.

Now I don't know if the mayor is out doing that or I don't know if it's other council members out, you know, doing that, but that's not what this process is. It's a discussion item for us to hear what you have to say and discuss it. Not saying you're gonna do this or this is gonna happen. No. The only power that this council would have is to say it goes to the ballot and the people will decide if they want that, period. You heard me last meeting say, If the people want single member districts, put it on.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** We'll discuss it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** If the -- if the people want term limits, put it on; whatever the people want. These seats are not glued to anybody that's sitting up here. They belong to the people. They belong to the people. So, you know, it would be my desire that at some point, the community stop letting who's ever bringing this divisive nature, stop letting it spread through the community. Each and every citizen has the right to ask their government if they have an idea. It may not be about this anymore. It may be about the utilization of certain buildings or whatever. We have to hear every organization and each and every organization will get the same respect.

I heard of an organization that was coming up. Something had been decided and every week that organization came up and said, Why has this not been codified? Why has it not been codified? And this entire board said, Do whatever you have to do to codify that. Each organization, regardless of who it is, gets it. And I heard somebody say, This is your favorite group. Well, you blanketed everybody with that. I -- I treat every group the same, period. I don't have a favorite group. There's several groups and there's been several groups in existence for awhile. And all of them have a specific purpose and all of them work hard for their issues. Stop making it seem like the council is trying to do something that we wouldn't do for somebody else.

Tonight is the night that we will discuss the issue and decide if we move forward with that. That is it. That -- that is it. So please understand that. Please understand what this process is. Please understand when the -- when a -- when an item is on for action and when the item is on for discussion and deliberation. That's exactly what it will be. Of course, the closer we get to elections and things happen and, you know, it's -- it -- it's -- it's par for the course.

But I'm just asking, please, the community, if you have an issue, come to the mic and say, Hey, listen. I just don't -- that's not what I agree with. I just want you to know how I feel. Or I agree with this, you know. That's what we're to do. Nobody lives in a bubble. Nobody is trying to act like they're somebody that they're not. We are public servants and all we're trying to do is hear each and every person.

Now with that being said, how I feel on this item is I don't have quite enough information on it. I've -- I've been hearing different scenarios on it. I've spoken with different community people on it, residents on it. It would be my hope that this is not something that we would do at this time.

It would -- it would be my hope that if we really want to do this, let's continue to get more information on it. Let's do town hall meetings, surveys, whatever we need to do to -- to get it going. If it's needed, which I believe an enhancement, you know, of the mayor may be in order. Maybe similar to what Mr. Lozman said or -- or -- or Mr. Thicklin said about making a stronger mayor or, you know, a mayor that may vote like the mayor said, in the case of tie. There's a lot of options that could, you know, go -- you know, go into this and I don't think at this time we've vetted them all.

So it would be my hope that we maybe not do this at this time but if we are, I would like to see more discussion, more options that may be added, more, you know, community times that people can come and discuss. I just hope that we wouldn't do this tonight and not allow people to comment on what we, you know, would have discussed tonight. That's all for me.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. And --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- I certainly don't have any comments on it. Miss Pardo.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** No. And the only thing I'll say is, you know, we're getting bashed by some residents over this --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- and if you were here at the last meeting, the mayor had it on the agenda, had an -- an item on the agenda, discussion of single member districts. All right? We beat that horse to death and then he brought up, Well, let's vote. I wanna hear, you know, a vote on whether or not you're going to get rid of the Office of the Mayor. And we all said, No. We're not willing to vote on it now. If you want it, put it back on the agenda as a discussion. So here it is --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** That's what we did.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- back on the agenda as a discussion and for me, there's -  
- there's nothing to discuss.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Absolutely not.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So that's all I have to say.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I never asked for it to be put on the agenda. I didn't ask.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, you did.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Guyton asked for that. I never asked for it.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Let me just say that --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** You asked for the vote.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** On a single member district.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- this issue -- Walt, is my mic on?

**WALT:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** This issue has become --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Watch the tape after this meeting.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- one that I feel is being used as a political motivated issue for the upcoming campaign. I think more discussion is needed. As a matter of fact, tomorrow at my town hall meeting at 6 p.m. at Lindsey Davis, this issue will be discussed in more depth. But I just want the people to know that in campaigns, that one of the things that most candidates or people who support candidates do, they have to get -- they don't have to but one of the best ways to get people to the polls is to get them angry.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Absolutely.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That's been a strategy back for years. If you wanna get people to the polls, you find an issue to get them angry. This is one of those issues and these people are trying to play on our limited intelligence to think that somehow this is an issue you need to get angry about it and let's go out and vote for our candidate so these people can be gone. At some point, we, as a community, need to understand that

we are our own worst enemy. And the reason we are our own worst enemy and -- and -  
- and let me just say --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Everybody, please calm down.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Let me just say --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Just hold the noise down.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- Bruce Guyton is not one to be intimidated. Anytime you all want this seat, I'm not kissing up; I'm not bowing down. I'm gonna be a man and stand up and articulate what I believe in. That is never gonna change. So when people try to divide a community, they wanna get you angry. This is an issue that they think would get the people angry and get them to the polls. They wanna take something away from you. They wanna take your right to vote for a mayor. You go over there and you tell them you better not do that or I'm going to the polls and vote against you. The desire is to intimidate. That will never happen with me.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Me neither.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I make my decisions based on substance: data, documents and evidence. We say that what is being suggested is not enhancing the position. I beg to differ and we'll have this discussion tomorrow. Right now, we have a ceremonial mayor. Any time you see ceremonial or honorary before anything, that means it essentially is a do-nothing position. Ceremonial does not vote. In every city --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And doesn't veto either.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- that -- that has --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Mayor, please.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- every city that has this type of structure, let's say Palm Beach County. We have 38 municipalities. Do you know how many have ceremonial mayors? Three. You -- you know why? Because that is not the most efficient way to run your government. That's my humble opinion from my studies, my classes in governance; my classes in urban cities, we need to be responsible to the people, too. If you can run your city with five people, why do you have six? That's inefficient. But we're reluctant to change.

Now let me talk about this enhancement very briefly and I'm not gonna speak long because saying it's not an enhancement.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Please don't.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Right now, the mayor does not have a vote. What is being discussed, let's make the mayor position a real mayor's position. When people

come into our town, and we have a mayor, they understand that that is the top position and not the lowest as it is now.

If you don't have a vote, people don't want to talk to you. For what? When I said people, I'm talking about business people trying to get support for projects. They wanna take to people gonna raise their hand. So we need to make that position one that is deserving of the respect that that position holds. That position need to be respected. Don't come into my city, say I don't wanna talk to the mayor. For what? That position doesn't have a vote.

So we're saying, Hey, hey, let's back up and look at this structure. Let's give the mayor a vote, the position.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That's all we're saying. Number two, as we did with enhancements, if what is being discussed passes, the mayor become the top elected -- that position, the top elected position. We won't have a chair; we will have a mayor running our meetings. That's an enhancement. Our mayor in the position, in the history of this city, which is 90 plus years, has never run our meetings. Who does that? You go around the country, the mayor is your top position.

At some point our antiquated thought processes must come into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We will fight to keep us 60 years behind other cities. We will vote people out so that we can stay behind everybody. Palm Beach Garden, Lake Park, West Palm, everybody building around us.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Taking our ideals.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Partly because the structure of their government is one that commands respect. The other thing by the enhancement, and I'm gonna close right now because we're gonna discuss this tomorrow, is that we serve on three boards, the rest of this council. We serve on this council, we serve on the Utilities District and we serve on the Community Redevelopment Agency. Our mayor only serves on this council.

All of the things I have enumerated are enhancements to me: a vote, running the meetings and participating on all three boards. Now all of you people that say that's not enhancement, I have a Webster Dictionary that will confirm that those additions can be considered as enhancements. And -- and tomorrow at my town hall meeting, we will continue this discussion because I want the people to understand that we're not getting what we deserve as a community. Let's take the people out of it. We're on Facebook talking about people and not positions. Oh, this person is going and that -- who cares? Let Bruce Guyton go. That's fine -- that's fine, that's fine, that's fine. I have no ties to a seat. Not at all. I was fortunate and I must say that I have the benefit of having -- that doesn't make me any smarter or any better -- to go to school to get a degree in planning

communities. I'm trying to give something back. If my community doesn't want that, I'll go use my information somewhere else. I'm not --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Can you wrap up Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- tied to being elected. Tomorrow we will continue this discussion for those who have an open mind who really wanna move this city forward in an objective manner and not with all these personality attacks. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Anybody else have any comments?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Mayor, did you have any?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I have a comment.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'll wait.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Davis and then Mr. Mayor.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I'm gonna ask a brief question before I get to my comments. Is the City Attorney gonna talk about the roles of -- of the -- what they're trying to propose before the city of the new process?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Who's proposed?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** We're not proposing anything.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Who's proposing?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** It was just a discussion.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No, the group.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** It's -- it's not --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** The group came and said they want it on the agenda and it's up for discussion.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. It's on the agenda for discussion but nobody is moving forward with this.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** So why are we having this on the agenda if you're not gonna talk about it?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Well, we're talking --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Because the mayor requested it.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- about it but there's not gonna --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- the mayor asked for --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** The mayor requested that we put it on the agenda.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- it to be on the -- on the agenda for discussion.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Because he wanted this to be entertained and we did that for the mayor.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Now my -- my question is this here. I'm not gonna waste a lot of time because people are a lot smarter than people give them credit for. This is what I will say. For the last two meetings, when the public came up to speak -- and if you watch, you go back and watch the meetings -- a tone was set before discussion came up. What I mean by that, the group that passed their cards in, that they was going to be opposed -- that y'all knew was gonna be opposed to their situation, they went first. Then they select the favorite group came behind and set the tone. And you saw what happened tonight. Those that was opposed to this position spoke first and those that supported this position spoke last.

So I'm asking the chair, when these cards come before you, let them -- I'm talking to the chair -- I'm asking the -- thank you, Miss Michelle -- I'm asking the chair when these cards come before you, let's do them in order. Don't set the tone in using your position to -- to set a tone in this city. That's called manipulation. People are gonna vote people out of office not on this issue. There's a million issues the reason why they want you in or out of office, any of us.

This one issue's not gonna make or break. Other issues are gonna come up; other issues have come up and they're gonna make their own decisions. But this is not gonna be the one issue to ride on -- on this whole process. So just let the people speak, say what they wanna say. As the cards come in, don't set the tone based on what you wanna do with these meetings so the people at home can watch a group go one direction and another group go in another direction at the end so that it calms things down. That's -- that's -- that's not right. That's all I gotta say.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. I was -- it's really confusing because I've heard so many different -- so many different scenarios. So I would like to have permission to ask Councilman Guyton a question.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** If he's willing to answer. It's fine with me.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Guyton.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** In the discussion of the -- the mayor, the Office of the Mayor, were you in favor of not electing a mayor, per se? Let five council people and then three of the five or the majority of the five would decide who the mayor would be?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** First, Mayor, let -- and let me first say that I know where you're going with this and you're trying to get the people angry to say that I'm trying to take a vote from them. I -- I know exactly where you're going.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Please, keep your -- keep it down, please.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Miss Davis, they do not intimidate me.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah. But still, this is a meeting.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** One day they're gonna realize that.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** This is a business meeting.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Let me -- and -- and with politics a lot is orchestrated. A lot -- most of the people here tonight have been asked to come here to oppose this. That's okay. But don't think that somehow it's gonna have any impact on my decision. If you bring me some data, documents and evidence for your position, I'm going to entertain it. If you only bring me emotions and threats, it's gonna mean absolutely nothing to me, period.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. I'm gonna ask again. Please take the conversations outside or please keep it down, okay? Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** The answer -- the answer is?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Mayor, he -- he --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I -- I asked him a question. I'd like a --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. But here -- here's -- here's the thing.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Give me an answer. We can move on.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** You know, you -- you can put your point of view on the floor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Another person can do the same but --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, let me just --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- you know, it's not a -- a thing of where it's going back and forth.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Let me -- let me -- let me move on. The example that was given earlier about a voting mayor or a non-voting mayor, everybody knows about City Place. Everybody knows about all the redevelopment in West Palm Beach. The mayor of West Palm Beach does not vote. The mayor in West Palm Beach does not vote on -- the only time the mayor of West Palm Beach votes is when there is a tie. Developers do not talk to the mayor because --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That is not true.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Mr. Guyton, please.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Let -- let me move on. The mayor doesn't vote.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton -- Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No. He's misleading the -- okay. I'll wait.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No. I'm just -- okay. Well, you prove me wrong.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay, I will.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** The mayor votes in a tie. The mayor has power, a lot of power. So we talked about a strong-mayor. The attorney, I wanna ask you a question tonight. And the question is this: what in the charter would have to change in order for the mayor to just be a voting mayor -- let me just ask you this first. If the mayor becomes a voting mayor, would he be able or she -- Miss Shepherd may wanna run again so I'll say she -- would he or she be able to veto?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Mr. Mayor, I have not started working on any of this. The City Council has not made a decision about which direction it's going in. If they're moving for it tonight, I will ask for better direction, but from what I've heard so far, I would not be able to give you a solid answer one way or the other on the issue. Because I don't know what the council intends to do.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Well, let me just say this. If the mayor is given a vote and it doesn't conflict with the check and balance system, such as the veto, such as the suspension powers, such as the emergency powers, such as all the other powers, then fine. But if we lose -- if we lose the check and balance which we have now -- Green Acres has the same system. They have six people. Just a little bigger than us. And that mayor vetoes ordinances and resolutions, period. So, you know, this is just

changed from week to week. So let's just as Councilman Thomas says, let's just sit back and let's just wait and see what -- what's gonna come up next. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Are there any other questions or comments or --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes. Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. I'm -- I'm gonna say this is gonna be -- this will be my last comment on this. All citizens have the right to discuss and bring forth. I would hope that individuals would continue to discuss if they so chose. What I think that the council needs to do is to continue business until something official comes to this board in writing. Until something official comes to this board, I do not think that we need to be directing Miss Ryan or anybody else to do any information on this. It's nothing official. It's just something that's out there in the community -- tearing it up, might I add. So unless somebody comes with something official, this right here is not a discussion for me.

Now, if the community wishes to hold a -- a meeting about it, please give my office a call. I'll come into whatever district and -- and meet with you about it if this is what you want to discuss. If you want to discuss single member districts or whatever you want to discuss, that is your right. But at this point, there's nothing official. I have not seen one thing in writing. I have not seen anything that I can look at to say, We agree with this. It was a topic that a group brought, period. That's all it is. In my opinion, we should move on with the business that we have at hand and stop allowing something like this tear up our city. That's what I would hope we would do.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's all.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** All right. That's the end of discussion for item 14 and it -- we are -- we have to take public comments now.

**15. APPOINT A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2014 IN AUSTIN, TX AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONGRESS OF CITIES & EXPOSITION.**

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Do you want me (inaudible)?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well -- okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Well, wait.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Sorry. Miss Pardo and then Mr. Thomas.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. Well, for the first time as an elected official, I am going to the National League of Cities. I have not participated with them before. I'm more involved, you know, in the local League and the -- and the Florida League. You know, if anyone on the board is in a leadership position in the National League, I think, you know, they should have the opportunity. If no one wants to do it, I am more than happy to. I will be attending all of the meetings.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Well, you're gonna have a lot meetings.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Yeah. The --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** But --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** I know.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, go ahead, Mr. Thomas. I'm sorry.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, the -- the voting delegate does have to --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- attend a lot of meetings.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm probably going to head back on that particular Friday and I believe if Hope pulled that information, there's -- a lot of voting is being done on Saturday. I'm asking, is the voting being done on Saturday.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. So -- oh, okay. So I'll -- I would actually be headed back on either Friday or Saturday morning.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** (Inaudible) back till Sunday.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So I -- I have no -- well, it wouldn't be prudent. I have a desire to do it but it wouldn't be prudent. Somebody needs to be there. I don't know if everybody is going or if --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I am.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. I know. I'm saying is anybody else on the board besides the --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- three of us going?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Well, we're going. So -- I think Mr. -- I think Mr. Guyton. I don't know for sure.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton, are you going to the National League of Cities? And if you are, do you have a desire to be a voting delegate?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No. I do not have a desire to be a voting delegate.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I volunteer.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All right. And I'll volunteer for the alternate.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Is that okay?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's fine.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** With me that's fine. That's fine.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Is -- do we know if Mr. Davis is going or if he has a desire or anything about it? We don't wanna -- I don't see him but if -- Mr. Davis, if you can hear us, do you have a desire to -- to -- to participate? You know, I don't want him to -- you have a desire to -- to participate in --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- okay.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** All right.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** So that's -- that's Miss Judy Davis as the voting delegate and the alternate is Miss Pardo.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Item 16 is the community benefit request to the Children's Coalition for \$500 from Chair Davis.

#### **COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUEST**

**16. CHILDREN'S COALITION, INC. - \$500 - CHAIRWOMAN JUDY L. DAVIS - THE LIFE SKILLS EXPERIENCE TRIP FOR STUDENTS DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION AT THE CAPITOL IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA.**

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Madam Clerk. Okay. (Inaudible) I'm sorry. Fane Lozman.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That's all right.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman, Singer Island. I've mentioned this before and I'm going to continue to mention this as a taxpayer in Riviera Beach whether I live on a floating home or not, which is a residential structure according to the Supreme Court, and I'm entitled to an address for it so I can vote some of you out of office.

I look at the community benefits request as a sham, for lack of a better word, because the OIG report, case number 2012-0018, said the city's decision to award the contract to Waste Management will result in additional costs to the city and commercial establishments totaling \$2,199,504. That's a fact. Case number 2012-0018. That's over \$2 million that could have been put back into the community; build the skating rink, feed the homeless, do these things.

In exchange this board, or some of these board members, 'cause there's some people that didn't participate in the Waste Management decision, they're happy to give \$500 here, \$1,000, up to a total of \$90,000 a year, but they left over \$2 million on the table. Why did you do that? That was a mistake. That should be undone and then put that \$2 million all into a big community project. I mean, it -- it doesn't make any sense why every time we come to do this, we're doling out \$500 here, \$1,000 there to make 90 grand when the OIG report, they did their audit, they said we left \$2.19 million on the table by going to Waste Management to get 90 grand.

And there was a whole bunch of other negative things in the report. People need to read this report and understand what went on. And every time we go by -- it's like we keep repeating it over and over and over again. We're given the benefits, but we're not understanding that this deal to give the \$90,000 should be unrung -- it should be undone. And then if you wanna put the \$2 million and award it, fine.

And the second thing I have a problem with is the \$90,000 should come on behalf of the five member council. Meaning that you pool all your projects together, you decide which ones you wanna give and then you award it on behalf of the five of you. Because by awarding as individual, I think it's -- it's ripe to be abused for political capital. Two of you are running for re-election and the -- there's an air of impropriety like, Well, I'm

gonna make sure I get you some community benefits, but I know I can count on you for your vote in March.

If it comes on behalf of the five elected officials, you don't have to deal with that. It's coming on behalf of the City Council, you know, or the City Council and the Mayor. You know, come -- just decide among yourselves how you wanna do it.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you, sir. Okay. We have a motion and a second. Madam Clerk.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Whose phone is that?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I don't know.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That's that timer over there.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, that's the timer.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Item 17, Inner City Youth Golfers, Inc., \$500 from Chair Davis.

**17. INNER CITY YOUTH GOLFERS, INC. - \$500 – CHAIRWOMAN JUDY L. DAVIS - TO CONTINUE GOLF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CAMPS.**

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Mr. Lozman.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman. Sometimes you can repeat things over and over and over again and get the same results. Here is an example of \$500 for children to hit golf balls, or learn golf skills. And the next one is also. I'm gonna withdraw my card on number 18. Given that this is money from the community, the five members of the council should say, You know something? We got people starving to death out on the streets. They don't have a roof over their head.

When you have a limited amount of money, \$90,000, maybe the number one priority is to get food and shelter without putting \$1,500 for youngsters to hit golf balls. The \$1,500 for youngsters to hit golf balls should be, Hey, who in the community wants to donate some money to the Golf Academy? Have that privately be funded. But that \$90,000 should go to people who are starving and homeless tonight, not to Golf Academy. You know, I'll donate some money to the Golf Academy and we can get some other people. Dan would donate. Dan was on the mini-tour for two and a half years. He just played at a golf tournament the other day and his foursome won a -- won an award. So that \$1,500 I think should go towards the -- the needs of the people who are sleeping on the streets and are hungry.

And that's why the five of you should get together and allocate what are the most important things to do with the \$90,000? The most important thing is to feed the homeless and deal with that. And if there's money left over, do some of these other projects. But just to arbitrarily say, We're gonna give \$1,500 to golf skills, that -- there's something wrong about that. That's not right and by the five of you deciding and debating which projects should go and then making the award on behalf of the council as a collective group and the mayor, I think that's a superior way than just cherry-picking out little things and doing it individually.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** There are things in this community that people outside of our community obviously do not understand. We have a lot of negative activities in our community: drug selling, robbing people, breaking in homes. And when we direct their energy to positive activities, that reduces the opportunities and -- and their desire to go do something wrong. That \$1,500 will possibly keep some of our kids out of jail and off the streets. And for people to come into our community from Dade County to tell us how we should guide our kids, I'm offended. Because he claim to have so much money and never give anything to anybody in our community.

So I just want the people to know that these positive activities will help keep people, our kids, out of jail and off the streets and I am in full support of it. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. There's a motion on the floor and a second. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

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

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo? Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That motion passed with Councilperson Pardo and Davis out.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Item 18, Inner City Youth Golfers, \$1,000 from Councilman Guyton.

**18. INNER CITY YOUTH GOLFERS', INC. - \$1,000 - COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - TO CONTINUE GOLF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CAMPS.**

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson -- Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

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

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo? Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That counts -- that motion approved with Councilperson Pardo and Davis out -- T. Davis out.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Item 19 is another community benefit to God's Loving Hands Feeding the Homeless, Inc., \$500 from Councilman Guyton.

**19. GOD'S LOVING HANDS FEEDING THE HOMELESS, INC. - \$500 -  
COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - PROVIDE FOOD, CLOTHING, SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES TO THE HOMELESS.**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** And we have one public comment card, Mr. Lozman.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Do you wanna --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Is there a motion --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And -- and could you repeat the name of that organization?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** It is God's Loving Hands Feeding the Homeless, Inc.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So this is a donation to feed the homeless?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Mr. Lozman.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman. I am a member of this community. I've been in this community for 10 years. There is --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That is not (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. This --

**FANE LOZMAN:** Excuse me. I'm talking.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Hold -- hold on, Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Speak on the item --

**FANE LOZMAN:** I've been a member of this community for 10 years.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Lozman.

**FANE LOZMAN:** I under -- I'm -- I'm -- let me explain something.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Speak on the item.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Okay? I'm talking. I wanna explain --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Speak on the item.

**FANE LOZMAN:** -- that I have standing to talk on this item, okay? There's no law that says I have to live here 24 hours a day, okay? But I'm a resident of this community --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Lozman.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Okay? I pay my taxes to this community.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Speak on the item, please.

**FANE LOZMAN:** And I have -- I'm gonna make the comments -- I've made similar comments before. I agree that the homeless should be the priority here. But they shouldn't get \$500. It's -- it's not great. You don't give \$1,500 for playing golf and give \$500 to people who are homeless, okay?

My family has given more money to charity and me, too, than you've made in your whole lifetime. So you don't know what you're talking about.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Mr. Guyton. (Inaudible).

**FANE LOZMAN:** Okay? So what I'm saying is that this is wrong. This system is broken. You keep redoing it over and over and over again. You try -- keep shooting the messenger. I'm not the bad guy. This system is broken. The OIG said it was broken. \$2.19 million just putting on somebody's back and then you're feeling good, you're giving them 500 bucks. That's a sham. That's why they sent the whole package to the State Attorney. He decided not to prosecute it but they thought there was a criminal charge to be made with how that went down. Okay? So you keep trying to attack me. I don't -- I could care less --

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

**FANE LOZMAN:** -- what you have to say.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- Mr. Lozman. Speak on the item, please.

**FANE LOZMAN:** But I do have a problem with how you're giving money to these different organizations --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Lozman, please.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Okay?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**FANE LOZMAN:** No. You can't have it both ways, Manager. I can make my comments --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. You can have a seat, sir. You can have a seat.

**FANE LOZMAN:** -- and defend myself. I don't need you --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Speak on the item.

**FANE LOZMAN:** -- to hold my hand, okay?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** You can have a seat.

**FANE LOZMAN:** I have a mother. I don't need you --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Remove Mr. Lozman from the chambers, please.

**FANE LOZMAN:** -- to act as one. You got that?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. We are on item -- did we -- I'm sorry. Did we vote on this yet?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Twenty.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Number 20.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Twenty.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Item --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No. We didn't vote on this yet.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** No. We haven't voted on this yet.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We haven't voted (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

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

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That motion approved with Councilperson T. Davis out.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Item 20.

**20. REVIVAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC. - \$1,000 -  
COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - CO-SPONSOR THE 4TH ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR.**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Item 20 is Revival Community Outreach Ministries, Inc., a \$1,000 donation from Councilman Guyton.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson T. Davis? Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That motion approved with Councilperson T. Davis out.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Item 21 is a community benefit from Councilman Guyton to Rite Side Up, Inc., in the amount of \$1,000.

**21. RITE SIDE UP, INC. - \$1,000 - COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON -"KEEP IT TIGHT", "KEEP IT RITE" HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR YOUTH.**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** It's --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- health and wellness program for youth.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Clerk. It's been moved and second.

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

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Yes. Item 22.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That motion approved with Councilperson T. Davis out.

**22. ST. GEORGE'S CENTER, INC. - \$500 - COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - COMMUNITY MEALS PROGRAM AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM.**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Item 22 is a community benefit from Councilman Guyton to St. George's Center in the amount of \$500.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson T. Davis? Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That motion approved with Councilperson T. Davis out.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Item 23.

**23. THE VALLEY OF LOVE MINISTRIES, INC. - \$500 - COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - HAVE A HEART FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM.**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Another community benefit from Councilman Guyton in the amount of \$500 to the Valley of Love Ministries.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Clerk?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (Inaudible).

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** He -- he called for a question.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mayor Masters, did you want to comment on this?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I -- yeah. Just a brief comment. Number 23.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Go ahead, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Just for the record, we've given, I mean, the Valley of Love Ministries is wonderful. I support it. I gave \$1,000 not long ago and there's been another 500 and the 500 and the 500 and they keep coming back, you know, and asking for money. At some point, what do you do? You know. I mean, you can't just

run your business by just keep asking council people and the mayor for \$1,000 or \$500 and I'm -- I don't know. I don't know what the answer is but I just wanna make the council people aware that all of us have been very liberal in giving and it continues to go on. So maybe there needs to be a mechanism or something that we can look at -- that they can look at a grant to get monies from some other source rather than just keep coming back here week after week. And -- and so I just want to make you aware.

Then, I am gonna have this conversation with the lady that's over at the Valley of Love Ministries and -- and, you know, 'cause it's almost every month. The lights are off or something goes on and she comes and say, Okay, I need some more money. But at some point, we have to look at some way that this can be fixed permanently. And I just want to make that comment on the record.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, sir. Okay. It's been moved and second. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Item 24 is a community benefit from Councilman Guyton in the amount of \$500 to Youth Recreation Association.

**24. YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC. - \$500 - COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - HOST PRAYER DAY IN THE COMMUNITY AND RECOGNIZE COMMUNITY LEADERS.**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** This is for prayer day in the community and recognize community leaders. Is there a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Madam Clerk.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Davis?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Discussion by the City Manager.

#### **DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a couple of things. We recognized Miss Perry earlier in the meeting but I also wanted to recognize some other individuals that have had long term service to the city that will be leaving us at the end of this month. When an employee retires, on the form, they get to decide whether they want to come before council to receive their parting, retirement gift. And so the employee elects -- elects as to whether to come before you or not and although these individuals have elected not to come before you, I also thought it was appropriate to recognize them for their years of service.

Leaving us this month we have Mr. Ernest Felton who is a Maintenance Mechanic in Public Works and he was with us for 21 years and 11 months.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Wow.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We also have Mr. Keith Hentzen, who is the Equipment Mechanic Supervisor over in Public Works. And he'll be leaving us after 29 years and

seven months. Mr. Cedric Burney is the Water & Sewer System Supervisor in the Utility Special District and he will be leaving us after 29 years and nine months. Then we have Mr. Raymond Jackson, also a supervisor in the Water & Sewer Systems Division of the Utility Special District and he will be leaving us after 30 years and nine months. Mr. David Napier, who is the dock master at the marina, is leaving us after -- after 32 years. And Miss Patricia Jackson, who is the Billing & Collections Manager will be leaving us after 37 years and four months.

And we just want to thank all of these employees for their dedicated service and wish them well in their retirement.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Absolutely.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The other item is -- and I would like to at this point ask the Fire Chief, Reginald Duren, to start making his way to the podium. There's been a lot of discussion in the news and other places as it relates to the Ebola virus and we know that we always want to make sure that our men and women that are out treating the residents and tending to the residents of the city, have the most latest advisories, the training and the protection. So I would like to ask the Fire Chief if he would briefly tell the council as well as the community what we're doing in order to protect our men and women that are out in the field.

**FIRE CHIEF DUREN:** Thank you, Miss Manager. First of all, I'd like to say to the citizens of Riviera Beach, be aware, not afraid. As of yet, we've had no cases of the Ebola virus here in the State of Florida. We're working very closely with our partners on the Federal, state and local level as well as the hospitals in the area to assure that we keep the community as safe as possible. We've already received training to all of our paramedic/firefighters on the Riviera Beach Fire Department last week to bring us up to the latest, current information we had available. And we continue to receive updates, again, as I said, from our partners both in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties as well as the state and local governments, as well as the CDC.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair. Just a quick question. Those, what you call them, hazmat suits or --

**FIRE CHIEF DUREN:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Do -- are -- are we equipped with those or is that not in our purview? Do we have those in our --

**FIRE CHIEF DUREN:** We have all the necessary body substance isolation equipment. If the -- the situation arose where we needed more, we could certainly receive more. But we continually ride around the city, even prior to this event. Don't forget, before this we had H1N1, we have various other viruses that went along throughout the community that people talked about and we prepared for. We continually train for them. So we're in a very safe place.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Are you done, sir?

**FIRE CHIEF DUREN:** Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you very much. All right. We're now down to legal.

#### **LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST**

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I have nothing, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Council committee reports.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. I'll start this one. Just to give you a brief update, from the Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations Legislative Committee meeting. Our first meeting in September we had 10 issues that we voted on and ultimately reduced down to four priorities that we were going to push to the legislature, which was transportation funding, ride for hire services, municipal charter schools and gaming.

The transportation funding, there's a concern because this particular funding is drying up due to it first being implemented; I think it was in 1997. And since that time, there has not been a cost of living -- it -- it hasn't kept up with inflation and because since the 90s, cars are much more efficient now. So people are not spending as much gas. Our transportation comes from the gas tax that flows through the county and then -- then down to us. So we're trying to press our legislators to do what needs to be done to make sure that this funding does not dry up.

Consideration is also being given to toll lanes. The good thing about toll lanes is that the only people who use them are the ones who are going to pay for them. So if you don't use toll lanes, then you don't have to worry about having to pay that fee.

The ride for hire services I mentioned last week talks about Uber. Uber is a -- a -- is a -- they call themselves an app or tech company, but it's really -- the controversy is about whether it is an app or it is to be considered as a cab company. So we're trying to figure out whether regulation is needed. But the thing about the National League and the -- and the Florida League of Cities is that, you know, we're fighters to protect home rule. So we kind of feel like they need to be regulated because we want to keep residents safe, you know, when they get into cars with people they don't know and make sure that the cars are in good repair.

I personally think it is, with the proper regulation, it could be a huge job creator. So, you know, that's taken into consideration. Also in our second meeting which was last Thursday, we further reduced those priorities down to two and those two are going to be transportation funding and the ride for hire services.

So as we go to our next meeting, we are putting together our -- our statements that we want to press to the legislature for those two issues. And that is the end of my report. Madam Chair, anyone else?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Madam, Miss Pardo.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. The first thing I'd like to mention is I do sit on the Palm Beach County, Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Steering Committee. There's five elected officials that sit on that committee and I am one of them. And on November 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9 until 1 p.m. we are going to have our first LagoonFest and it will be on the West Palm Beach waterfront and it will take place the same time as the Green Market and that's why we're doing it there. You know, hopefully, we'll get a lot of people. And we're asking the community to come down and you'll find out all of the great things that are happening on and throughout the Lake Worth Lagoon. And we're gonna have all kinds of events and activities for children. For adults, you'll be able to go on boats and kayaks and it's gonna be a great time.

I'd like to ask the City Manager if, you know, either Mr. Legue or the city, if they would like to have a booth there which will explain the, you know, the different activities that we in Riviera Beach have along the Intercoastal. I think the majority of the cities along the lake are participating in that. The second -- so anyway, so I hope the residents, you know, take a ride down to West Palm Beach. It's gonna be great. You'll learn a lot and we're gonna have fun activities and, you know, please bring the kids.

The other thing, I'm on the Florida League of Cities, Urban Administration Committee and we, too, met last Friday and we set our priorities for the next state session. And we are going to push sober home regulation and homelessness.

On the sober homes, it's been going to, you know, up to the state for the past couple of years. And we're looking for some kind of regulations. Right now, we do have some people who run sober homes and these homes are in residential communities and they're not licensed. And they're becoming a real nuisance to the, you know, the residents. But also, some of these sober homes are renting right next to bars. You know, so here you are, you're trying to get people sober but right next door to the home is a bar. So anyway, we're looking for some kind of regulation through the state. It failed last session so we're hoping to bring it back.

And the second priority is homelessness. Each year the state appropriates a certain amount of money to go toward homelessness in Florida. And what we're going to ask is for a continuous funding source. So at least we know every year, you know, each county will be able to get a certain amount of money to allocate to the cities for homelessness. And I think that is -- we had a gentleman in here tonight who spoke about being homeless. So we're doing this for, you know, there are -- there are too many homeless people in the State of Florida. So I'm proud of the committee for stepping up and -- and really trying to get a hold on it.

And what else? That's all I have for committee reports.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** All right. Anyone else?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I also was in meeting Growth Management last Friday. And there were three priorities that we kind of got tight with. One of them was CP3 -- CP3, which is public private partnership, enterprise zone and the FEMA flood maps. The two we finally narrowed it down to was the CP3 funding and enterprise zones because we want to allow the courts to make a decision before we get to the point of adopting those maps.

Enterprise zones, as you know, is supposed to sunset this year. One of the things we discussed in that meeting as we made that the number one priority was to how do we help cities who do not have enterprise zones? How do we take those pockets of poverty areas within -- near in counties and create new zones? As well as the criteria for the application for qualifying with these counties.

Right now, if you're in an enterprise zone, you get a tax credit for your employees but your employees must live within the enterprise zone. One of the things we want to do as we discuss this language is how about we take the enterprise zone and we're looking within five miles of that zone and putting those people and making sure they get the credit. Because a lot of times, you don't really qualify because a lot of these enterprise zones are in commercial zoning -- zoning areas. So -- so those are our three, CP3 funding, public private partnership and enterprise zone. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Statements by the mayor and council.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We got two other committees.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Oh. Well, who's -- who's next? You Mr. --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Whoever you designate.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** This was committee reports. You want to --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Can we --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Go ahead. I didn't know if anybody else wanted to.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. I have the -- the esteemed privilege to sit on the Energy, Environment & Natural Resource Policy Committee where you discuss a lot of interesting things for five hours at a time. We had several items that were going to be our legislative sessions but we narrowed it down to two, was water quality and quantity. You know, as you noticed earlier on, there was some algae and some other things that were going on a little north of us and it -- it caused some -- some eyebrows to be raised and some people that was very upset about it. So they're gonna be really discussing those issues. That was number one.

Number two was the one that I was most concerned about which was the storm water fee collection. It was very heated down to the last minute. You know, it -- it went back and forth but we did decide to go with the storm water fee collections. I was fighting very hard for that because of how it affects the City of Riviera Beach. But I was -- I mean, I was taken aback about how it affects everyone in the state. And basically, it -- it's going to address the fact that the Palm Beach County School District feels that they do -- and not just Palm Beach County School Districts --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** All of them.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- but all school districts in the state feel that they shouldn't have to pay for storm water fees, Palm Beach County included, and that Broward County as a huge problem; Cook County, Lee, Lake. But what I found out is the -- the -- the more mass, the area where it's not a whole lot of development that the school board owns, the more that it affects these communities. So where it affects us, I think 30 or \$40,000, some of these communities, it's affecting them in the hundreds of thousands of dollars that they don't have to pay. So we will be addressing that item. I -- I would like for, you know, everyone that would like to get involved with this to please get involved and monitor it at the -- at the state level and to understand what these committees do.

We are fortunate to have every member on our board on a committee to be able to move forward some of these issues that we have. Take, for instance, Miss Davis is fortunate enough to be a chair of one of these committees that are run by the state. But the rest of us, to be able to get, you know, an item on it, even with Miss Davis being the chair, to be able to get an item on sometimes is not as -- is not as easy when you have, you know, 50 to 60 other elected officials in these meetings. So when we're able to get things addressed as a state to -- to get lobbied for it, it's -- it's a pretty amazing thing. So we did get a couple of these things done.

At the beginning of these sessions -- we meet in Orlando for a day, for the, you know, the next few -- few months. Actually, I think we have one meeting left -- we have one meeting left next month. And then we'll compile this information that you hear us giving you in its -- its short little presentations. But, of course, all of us, we all have all of the documents if you will request them, we can get them to you. But we -- we meet and then put this forth for the League of Cities to lobby of course our state legislatures to get some of these laws passed. So when we're speaking of these things, if you have questions, please let us know. Issues that, you know, may be concerning your areas on the committees that we are on, we can definitely bring them back.

At this point, there won't be any new issues, I know in my -- on my committee. We're only going to be drafting the language for these two which is the water quality and quantity and the storm water fees. That's all for my group.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes, and I'll be very brief. I serve on the Florida League of Cities, Finance, Taxation and Personnel Committee. And we dealt with a number of issues but the two issues that make the cut for further review and inclusion into the Florida League of Cities consideration to lobby for were police and fire pensions and communications and business tax. And those are two issues that have been hot issues for years. And the communication and business tax is something that was discussed in the realm of the municipalities getting a better cut. And that would be the focus of -- of our interest in those two areas. So -- but I do have further information if anyone is interested in it and it can better explain all of the issues associated with those two items. That's all I have, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. And I've also failed to mention, I've also been appointed to the Advocacy Committee which we will take all of the information from each of the committees and start to advocate on the League's behalf with two of our legislators.

Okay. And now we are down to adjournment. Is there a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No, no, no, no, no.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** No, no, no, no, no, no. We still have comments.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Oh. And that's right. I -- I gotta -- I gotta tell you about this, too.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And you still got statements from --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah, yeah. I'm sorry. Go ahead. Let's start with you, Mr. --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thomas.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- Mr. Thomas.

#### **STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Well, first, I would like to announce that we will start taking pre-registration for the annual turkey giveaway. I think that we have come to an agreement with one of our local vendors that --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. It's -- it's still in negotiations but I think that we're pretty good with being able to receive the turkeys. From some reason, they were just very expensive this year so we will take pre-registrations for the turkey event. That's on that Tuesday. The -- what date is that, Hope? If -- the 25<sup>th</sup> of November will be the event from 8 a.m. till the turkeys are run out. But we'll -- we'll take pre-registrations. We'll take the first 60 people that pre-register. Of course, we'll send you a ticket in the -- in the mail.

If you are a senior, we will try to accommodate you as much as possible. If you're a senior and you call our office at 845-3687 and make sure that you prove that you're a senior and we are setting the age for seniors to be at 55 only because that's what McDonald's does for coffee for 50 cent. So if you're 55 or older, we'll try to make some accommodations for you.

Now let me just be very frank. We're not gonna hold any turkeys. You still need to be there but we will have a place for you to sit. We will, you know, have paramedics there if you need some assistance. We'll have some -- some water or something for you.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Some juice.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But it's -- it's -- it's going to still be handled the way that it's been in years, but of course, you won't have to stand in line. We'll have some, you know, proxy individuals for you. Now with that said, we do need some volunteers as well to participate with this event to be some of those proxy individuals to stand in line for some of our seniors that will be there; to also help unload and distribute the turkeys. If you are interested in volunteering, would you please call our office at 561-845-3687.

I've received a few emails and texts. Please leave a message. I -- I know that we're in the time where people feel that if they call you, it should register on your caller ID, therefore, you should know it's them and call back. That does not always happen. So if you would please leave a message -- please leave a message. You can only register for yourself. If you're a parent, there'll only be -- I'm sorry if you have a parent that's elderly, if they're in the vehicle with you, we'll definitely allow you to -- to get the -- the turkey with them. It's one turkey per family, please -- one turkey for -- per family, please. And we estimate to, you know, have anywhere between nine and 1,100 turkeys for that event.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** What size?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It's 8 a.m. --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** She said size.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, they're going to be 10 to 14 pounds. I just heard a --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** What size?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- a size. They're gonna be 10 to 14 pounds. That's one of the things that we're negotiating on. It's going to be 8 a.m. to whenever it ends. It normally, you know, goes about an hour and a half, two hours, before we're -- before we're done. And I know the line starts a little long. So once again, if you would like to pre-register, the first 60 people -- the first 60 people. The voicemail will probably fill up but Miss -- Miss -- Miss Hope is -- is gonna be here starting at about 9, 9:30 in the morning to start taking those calls. If we don't call you back and say, Hey, listen, you -- you have a ticket. We'll get your address and send it to you. Please don't think that just leaving the message -- it's that you need to make sure that you comment with us and we will do that for that. So if you have any other further questions -- oh, it will be at the - - the old Swap Shop, the old drive-in theater right there at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Old Dixie -- 13<sup>th</sup> and Old Dixie Highway. I believe it's 1301 13<sup>th</sup> Street or is 1301 Old Dixie? 1301 Old Dixie. It's just right there at the corner. The -- the -- the old Swap Shop where we're trying to get people to stop parking their trucks and all those things over there.

The other thing that I would like to do is, I don't normally announce events like this, but it was brought to my attention to -- this evening, that one of our community churches is trying to have a program tomorrow at 4, some emergency things that needs to take place. That service is going to be at St. James in Riviera Beach at 7 a.m., excuse me, 7 p.m. tomorrow.

I am aware that one of my colleagues has a town hall meeting at 7 and I'm not trying deter you away from that meeting, but at 7 p.m. if you can make it, please stop by St. James. It's one of our churches in our community and I'm sure that they'll announce everything there. But I just want to make a plea to the community to -- let's -- let's go and embrace St. James, the pastor and the residents -- I'm sorry and the members there. A lot of them work here. The pastor, of course, is on a lot of boards here and I'm just asking the community to stop by tomorrow and assist with this particular service. I just received this information approximately 5:20 this afternoon to do that. So that's tomorrow at 7 -- 7 p.m.

And with that being said, I believe that that is all for me, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Miss Pardo.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. I have one thing. Prior to us implementing the coastal construction moratorium, we had an attorney for a developer come in here and the development is the Amrit. And -- and he explained to us that in April, the Amrit -- they submitted plans, a site plan, for that development. Well, since then and really in the past couple of weeks, I've been getting emails from the Tiara. And the Tiara Condominium is right next to the proposed Amrit. And the majority of the emails are saying, Please don't allow this development to move forward and, you know, things like that. And, you know, I've been responding to the emails but for those of you who haven't emailed me yet and are thinking about emailing me, I would like to tell you, and, you know, if you wanna email me I'm more than happy to respond back to you in writing.

But I think it's very important that everyone is aware that the Amrit did submit a plan. However, the city rejected the plan and Amrit is not taking a second look at what they submitted and hopefully they will be tweaking it. We do not -- we, the City Council, have not been privy to the plans. The Amrit project has not been formally presented to the City Council and -- and even before it is presented to the City Council, it's going to go to Planning & Zoning. We don't expect anything -- and I had this conversation with our Planning Department -- we don't expect anything to go to Planning & Zoning, which is the first step, until sometime in the first quarter, possibly, of 2015. And once it is scheduled to go to Planning & Zoning you will be notified. Because you are the property adjacent to the Amrit, you will be notified. So you will have the opportunity to go to Planning & Zoning and express your opinion and then you'll get another bite at it when it goes to the City Council.

So I just want to ease everyone's minds that, you know, some people I guess did get a copy of the original site plan. But that site plan is not being -- is not moving ahead. So, you know, there's -- at this point, there's really nothing to be concerned about. And, again, once everything is formally submitted, we will make sure that everyone is aware of it. That's all I have, Madam Chair. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** And also, I asked Mrs. McKinney today to send a letter to Tiara to explain what is going on to kind of stop the emails and --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** -- you know, put everybody at rest. Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm going to yield to Councilman Davis.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Really quick. Just like Miss Leonard said, on November 1<sup>st</sup> we will have the National Village wall painting. It's gonna be a great community event for those people that live in that community and outside to show working together in the beautification of that wall as you travel -- if you travel down Blue Heron.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, across the street at Wells Community Center, Recreation Community Center, on the north end pavilion, we'll be having a voter rally encouraging the people to come out and vote and just have a nice time on that Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, that Saturday, which is next Saturday. Not this upcoming Saturday, but October 25<sup>th</sup>, we'll have our voter rally. So we encourage everyone to come out on that event.

Last but not least, my colleague Councilman Thomas offered a hand. St. James Missionary Baptist Church is my home. I would like to see you all come out and really show some support. We're doing some great things with the youth for many, many of years. Without St. James, I would not be who I am today, without the support of that community. And so please, I encourage everyone all to come out. That'll be all.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Very quickly. I just have a few items here and I stepped out for a minute. I don't know if the vice chair covered these two items, but I wanted an -- a update of the moratoriums and those regulations associated with the beach re-nourishment and the communication regulations. When would they be -- yes, please -- forthcoming?

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** The amendments to the telecommunication ordinance for new antennas will be going to the Planning & Zoning Board on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. And the coastal setback code amendments are planned to go to the Planning & Zoning Board on the second, on the first Thursday in November and I don't have --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Not a problem. Okay. So they're moving.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** Yes. They will go to the -- we plan to have them go before the City Council before Christmas.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. All righty. Thank you. Also, the marina project is moving forward. I know this is a City Council meeting but I would like to let residents know that pretty soon there will be a job fair for some of the bids that would be awarded and they will be looking for different skill sets. And those persons who do not have jobs of the skill sets, we do have trade unions right in our community who -- who have the apprentice programs for the different trades. And no matter what your background is, they allow you to come if you're serious about it, to come and get a trade so that you can become marketable in the job market. And I would encourage all of the residents who may be interested in getting trained in a trade or changing careers to pursue finding out what that would take. You can call my office and I can put you in touch with the right people for the different types of trades, too.

There -- there were a couple of comments about we don't have ordinances or codes for cutting of mangroves and so we shouldn't be doing that. We do have codes or ordinances for permitting structures. And therein lies my comments about our code and ordinances and they need to comply with them. So somebody took some comments and ran in left field that didn't even pertain to what I was referencing when I said that you need to comply with our code and ordinances. There's a structure trying to be built there or a dock or something. I don't know. But I was only alluding to the fact that they need to meet our code and ordinances.

Lastly -- well -- well, let me say on -- yes. Lastly, tomorrow we have my quarterly town hall meeting. There are gonna be two issues discussed outside of any other issues. I don't have any restrictions on what issues that you can bring up. One of the issues would be the closing of 26<sup>th</sup> Court and R Avenue. We have gotten petitions on both sides of that issue, supporting and against. And that would be an opportunity to come out and have your opinion heard, after which I'm gonna recommend putting it on the agenda so we can get it resolved one way or the other. I don't wanna keep this issue lingering too long. So we will be discussing that at my town hall meeting.

It was also indicated that, well, the council doesn't come out and educate the people. I'm out there every three months. I have, most of the time, all of the department heads, if not most of them. Any question you want answered, any issue you -- you want to address, it can be addressed there. I can provide the forum, but I can't make you come. So it is my hope that you take advantage of that opportunity. It's not in the council setting. It's at Lindsey Davis and you can discuss and get answers on anything that you want to know about the city. Tomorrow at 6 p.m. at Lindsey Davis -- from 6 p.m. to 7:30.

And lastly, I would hope that our residents understand that we are now in an election cycle. There are gonna be attacks on not only the candidates who are running, but others who just sit here. So keep in mind that sometime the comments are politically motivated and please don't get sensitive if I or others respond. I see sometime the community expect us just to take the attacks and sit here quietly. That's not Bruce Guyton's style. So I'm saying you respect this council, I would definitely respect you and we will all be able to have a -- a -- a reasonable [sic], sensible discussion. But we have feelings, too. So be mindful of that when you come up with your vicious attacks. Bruce Guyton is probably gonna respond to you. So that's all I have, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you, sir. I passed out a memo with an attachment and I'll take you back to a previous council meeting when the direction from this council was that they wanted to receive an outside opinion regarding the special magistrate issue. I informed you that the very next day, I contacted the Palm Beach County Bar Association who recommended two individuals. Once I had those names, I got with the City Manager. We discussed it and we made a selection of one person and that person was Cynthia Angelos, who is -- happens to be a former judge. And that had a lot to do with why we selected her. She has provided her opinion. After receiving all

of the -- the documentation needed to do so and I passed that information out to everyone for your review.

Also, I heard a lot of people speak about educating the community. I used to have town hall meetings quite often but nobody came so I stopped having them. But, again, I'm gonna -- I'm -- I'm thinking of something different now which I'm gonna call Riviera -- Riviera University, whereas we will bring in guest speakers to talk about budget and finance; to talk about procurement; to talk about legislative issues. All the things that we would have to deal with would be a topic but it doesn't end with that. We would also work in the community and take on, you know, various projects.

So that will be coming forward within the next few months. Haven't formulated it entirely yet, but it was just interesting that, you know, it was brought up this evening and I had been, you know, trying to put it together. So I'll be bringing that forward at a later date. Anything else?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I haven't -- I haven't --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Is there a motion for --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- spoken yet.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, sorry. Mayor Masters. Go ahead, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I have a question for the --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Didn't do it intentionally.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No, I know you didn't. I have a question for the attorney. Is there any law or is it unconstitutional, whatever the word may be, to read into my comment some verses of Scripture?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You want to read a Biblical --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. Is there any --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- passage?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- is there -- yes. Is there any legal prohibition or is it unconstitutional to read a few verses --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No. Of course not.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- into my -- okay. I just want to make sure I'm legal, constitutional grounds. There's been a lot said about prayer tonight. There's been a lot -- not a lot -- but it's been mentioned that Youth Recreation Association is gonna have a day of prayer and I think we've given public money to organizations with God's Loving Hands, etcetera, etcetera. So I am led to close my comments tonight with a Scripture.

I want to say first to the absentee ballot voters in Riviera Beach, as you know, we always as a courtesy, pick up hundreds of absentee ballots. The election supervisor was very clear and nothing has changed as far as -- as picking up hundreds of absentee ballots, except no one can be paid to pick them up. That's the only difference. But voluntarily and freely, anyone can pick up an absentee ballot. So having said that, for those of you who have not received your absentee ballot that means you're not gonna get one. If you have not received one by this time -- they went out over 10 days ago or more -- it means that you're gonna get one unless you renew your request for an absentee ballot. And you can do that by picking up the phone tomorrow or whenever you view this TV program, and dial 656-6200 and hit number 2. 656-6200, and hit 2 and it will take you to the Absentee Ballot Department and at that point, you can request an absentee ballot to be mailed to your house. Once you get that absentee ballot it is important that you sign your ballot. No one, husbands or wives, sisters or brothers, no one can sign your ballot. And I ask you if you call me and you would like for me as a courtesy to pick your ballot up, please have it signed -- have it ready -- before I even get there because it's a lot of gas involved, a lot of time. We have to go back two or three times to pick up your ballot.

If you want me, as I've always done as a courtesy, to pick your ballot up, you may call me at my private number which is 247-2713. I'll be very, very happy to go freely and voluntarily to get your ballot if you choose not to mail and you want to save your dollar and forty cents or whatever it may be, particularly if you have three or four ballots to be mailed. Again, that number is 247-2713 if you want me to do it as a courtesy that I provide to you as I've always done.

Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, world renowned civil rights, humanitarian activist, will be a special guest on our radio program Sunday morning. That's this coming Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. on 102.3. Reverend Jackson has some very profound things to say about the Ebola virus and as you know, he was on the ground in Dallas. A man died that probably shouldn't have died if he had received the proper medical attention and not having been sent home. The Reverend Jackson is going to go into some detail that I think will be very beneficial to the residents of Riviera Beach. He's going to talk about the four protocols that are very important as relates to this virus.

And if anybody thinks that it's not coming to Florida, there's already been two scares. I mean, really two scares. Jacksonville and today we had a scare at JFK Hospital that God -- thank God it wasn't Ebola. But Miami, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles are points of entry into the United States of America so we need to be prepared and know what the protocols are.

Also Madam Manager, we've had two naming -- two -- one -- two streets that have been renamed. But even before that, I did a sermon, a eulogy, at a funeral at McCray's [phonetic] funeral. I -- I -- I think the chair is related. And I stated at that funeral that I would like to -- to propose renaming the park. The part now is called George Street Park and -- and it's -- it was before our -- all of this was going on but the other two. And I haven't heard a word. It was -- I proposed it. It was my idea and no one has said

anything as a timetable as to when this park will be renamed. Madam Manager, can you give us a date? 'Cause it's been over a year. Haven't heard a word.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Actually, I --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Now, Mr. Mayor, I'm -- I'm a little confused because there was a resolution that was brought before this council to name that park Sadie McCray --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Correct.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- and that unveiling is scheduled for the first of the year.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** In January?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Wow. Is there any reason why it has taken so long?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The desire of the date that the family selected for the unveiling.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** That was at my initiative, Mayor Masters.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** It might have been your initiative but it was certainly my idea and I announced it, as you know, at the funeral. So let's call it straight.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Well, I'm saying it was my initiative. I -- I started the process when you didn't. So --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So it's gonna renamed two months before the election. All right. Stonybrook, we just had a shooting and another killing in Stonybrook which is always close to my heart. The media has said it was a child but the information I received, that he wasn't a child, I think 21 years of -- 21 years of age. But I'm going to ask the Assistant Administrator, Manager Dan Jones -- I talked to the sister of the victim who was very concerned about the cameras that are in Stonybrook, particularly in that area. Would you look into -- to see if those cameras are operational, one and two, if there is a need for a police camera, which is always better than private property cameras. I will be willing to use community benefit money to help provide a camera, Police Department, in Stonybrook, as Councilperson Pardo has done in the Singer Island and other areas as -- as I've done. I've never done a police camera, but I'd be willing to invest because there's been at least three murders in Stonybrook and a couple of them have been in broad daylight. And enough is enough.

We've spoken to the Justice Department as late as yesterday and hopefully we'll be able to announce something -- some kind of initiative from the Justice Department that

will be hopefully and preferably coming into Palm Beach County at our request. They've got some initiatives, some resources, and we're talking about how that could play here in our -- in our county and in our city.

Domestic violence, breast cancer month. Tomorrow, which will be the fifth, 16<sup>th</sup>, to help support awareness and hopefully curb the bloodshed from spilling onto our streets. The Office of the Mayor, Bridges and Destiny by Choice, a local counseling and support resource have joined together to host a Domestic Violence Community Conversation at 6:30 p.m. here in the chambers, right here at City Hall. So we look forward to that conversation. Domestic violence is -- continue to be on a lot of families' table, unfortunately.

Last but not least. Here's a Scripture that I would like to conclude my remarks. I am led by the spirit. I try to be. And this has been on my heart for several days as it relates to some of the discussion. The 27<sup>th</sup> number of Psalms, and it says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, cant up on me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the Lord. That I will seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple."

Verse 5 and 6 and I conclude. "For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; and he shall set me upon a rock. And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me: therefore, will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord." I'm at peace. Whichever way it goes, I am at peace. Thank you very much.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** So am I.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** One -- one last thing I forgot. You -- you also alluded to the magistrate's process, but I didn't hear you convey the results of that.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I passed it down to you.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But I -- can I read the last sentence?

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** No, no, no, no.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** The last sentence.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Why is it not (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Because there are a lot of people wanted to know what the results were.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I think it's very appropriate.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We asked for an another opinion.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Well, I want them to know this one.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Well, it's outrageous.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That the one that we have said, "In sum," and she's the former judge who reviewed this in detail with no connection to anybody, but she said, "In sum, it is clear from a review of the law that even if Miss James-Bigot's hiring as a code enforcement special master was technically deficient, her decisions over the past six years were properly made as a de facto officer-judge, and must be upheld." And this is from a former judge and I think we're getting another opinion as well.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And I really want that read.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** I'm -- I'm -- I'm sure --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** And understand --

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** that it'll be in the public probably already. Okay? So is there a motion for adjournment?

## **ADJOURNMENT**

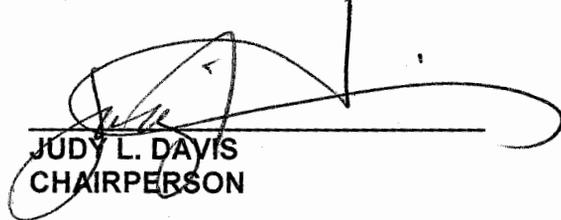
**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

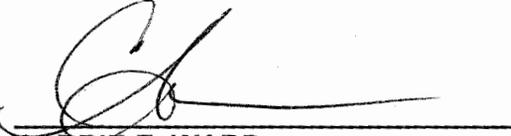
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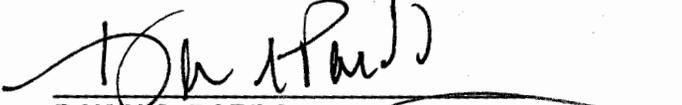
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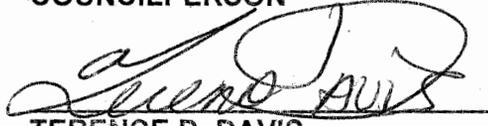
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