

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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. Good evening. Welcome to our regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Please turn your cell phones to the off or vibrate position. And also, if you would like to speak on a Consent Agenda item, please turn in your cards right away. That -- it comes up pretty quickly. Okay. Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll?

Roll Call

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters. Chairperson Judy --

MAYOR MASTERS: Present -- present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Judy Davis.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Bruce Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Cedrick Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Terence Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Ruth Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

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

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

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

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

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

AGENDA Approval:

Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Miss Jones, are there any additions, deletions or substitutions?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, Madam Chair. For your consideration tonight, there is one addition under Awards and Presentations, item 12A. And that's a proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, proclaiming November 14 through 16 as Riviera Beach Boys' Choir Weekend in the City of Riviera Beach. Also there is an addition of item number 23 under community benefits. As to Johnny Longboats, Singer Island, by Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo, \$2,000 for the Mingle and Jingle in Paradise Fundraiser. And I would also like your -- to ask your consideration to move item number 17, which is on the Regular Agenda under Discussion and Deliberations.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You want to move it from Regular to Discussion and Deliberations? Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Those are the only additions to this evening's agenda.

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

Disclosure by Council

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

Adoption of Agenda

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We're now down to the Consent Agenda. I have one public comment card on item 1, Bonnie Larson.

Comments From the Public on Consent Agenda (Three Minutes Limitation)

BONNIE LARSON: Just one -- Bonnie Larson. I'm just wondering why we have four meetings -- we're behind in the minutes for four meetings. And sometime, people, they don't have time to look on You Tube or look on the town to view three or four hours worth of meetings; they just want to scan the minutes of the meetings. They can't keep up if we're four -- four meetings behind. And I just heard your -- at your last meeting you had minutes that were behind also so I'm wondering like what's going on that we're four meetings behind? Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES

- 1. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
- 3. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2014 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**
- 4. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. That's the end of my cards for Consent Agenda. Is there a motion to approve consent?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We're now down to Awards and Presentations, item 10, which is a presentation from the Office of the Chair and Billie Brooks and Ralph Perrone to the City of Riviera Beach for support of the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. Okay.

RESOLUTIONS

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 123-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP OF PALM BEACH COUNTY IN THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 124-14 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA, SCHEDULING THE NOVEMBER 6, 2014 SISTER CITIES JOINT MEETING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 125-14 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$2,000.00 FROM TARGET CORPORATION FOR THE "SHOPPING WITH HEROES" HOLIDAY SHOPPING PROGRAM; AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO SET UP A BUDGET FOR SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 126-14 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014-2018, TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS FOR THE CITY'S FIRE RESCUE EMERGENCY RESPONSE APPARATUS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$225,000 PER FISCAL BUDGET YEAR; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM APPROPRIATE ANNUAL OPERATING ACCOUNT(S); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
9. **RESOLUTION NO. 127-14 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BE AMENDED TO RECLASSIFY THE UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER TO THE UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF DIRECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCES AND THAT THE NEW UNCLASSIFIED POSITION BE ADDED TO THE DEPARTMENT HEAD JOB CLASSIFICATION LIST; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

10. PRESENTATION FROM THE OFFICE OF CHAIRWOMAN JUDY L. DAVIS BY BILLIE E. BROOKS AND RALPH PERRONE TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH FOR SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND RELAY FOR LIFE.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss Jones, do we have anybody here from IT that's still working?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'll check. What do you need?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Still a problem.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening everyone.

BILLIE BROOKS: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: First off, we have a -- a video presentation of our Relay for Life event held on May 12th of this year at Suncoast High School in Riviera Beach. We want to show you all the fun and all of the organizations that were -- all of the various groups that were there participating in this event. (Video playing). Can you turn it up a little?

Okay. All right. I'm sure everyone in this room has -- has been affected by cancer either through, you know -- living through it yourself or having some resident, I mean, some family member that you've had to deal with who has had this -- this disease. I, too, am one of them. So I would just want to thank at this time, all those people who participated as you saw on the -- on the screen there. Okay. So now we have some certificates that we are going to present. And let me just read what it says so I won't have to read each one of them.

It's from the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life. The American Cancer Society's Florida Division recognizes, whoever the person is, and then thanks them for their participation and contribution to the 2014 Relay for Life of Riviera Beach event. And the first person up for first place is Team Captain Yvette Miley and Team Whittaker, raising \$4,276.

BILLIE BROOKS: And while they're coming up, they have been participating for years and I mean, they're really committed to get into this fight that we have for cancer. You know, it never sleeps and that's the whole thing here is that cancer never sleeps. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You want to (inaudible)?

BILLIE BROOKS: Yes. And this is for Team Whittaker, first place overall fundraiser.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Team Whittaker. Thank you very much. All right. Second place goes to Top Shelf Ladies and they raised \$3,343. Miss Sylvia Blue [phonetic].

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. The third place winner is Team Mayor Bobbie E. Brooks and they raised \$1,222.

BILLIE BROOKS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Now we have other certificates for some of the employees who participated in this event. And the first one is Miss Sylvia Blue. You're gonna take that for her. Another is Ben Campbell who is one of our firefighters. Would you come up, Chief, and just accept on his behalf? He couldn't be with us this evening. Thank you. Next up is Mr. Terence Davis, Councilman Terence Davis. I think, yeah, he was the co-chair of the event this year. Give that to him.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you for your work. Next up is Marian Dozier. Thank you very much. Next is Sandra Freshley. Is she here? She's in our Property Maintenance section. Thank you.

SANDRA FRESHLEY: Thank you.

BILLIE BROOKS: And you're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Next is Donna Holden -- Holder. She's not here? (Inaudible).

BILLIE BROOKS: She'll give it to Donna.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And next is Danny Jones who is still out of town, correct?

BILLIE BROOKS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And we have Mayor Thomas Masters. Thank you very much, sir, for your participation. Next and last is Monica Veasey [phonetic]. Is she here? Okay. So we'll keep these and make sure that they get those. And now, Miss Brooks is going to talk about next year.

BILLIE BROOKS: And I'll be real quick. The event coming up for 2015 will be on April 18th and we will no longer have that evening-to-morning activity. It's going to be at our Wells Municipal Complex beginning at noon and ending at midnight. And just stay -- yeah. Just stay tuned because we'll be coming back with a schedule of activities. And again, I've accepted the job, the task, the beautiful task of being the event chair. And I'm so proud of our city for, you know, getting in cooperation, collaboration with the American Cancer Society. You know, this is something very serious and every one of us have been impacted, and I beg and plead with all of you that hears my voice, please, let's get involved and really just make a difference this year. Again, I'll be coming back. And I also want to thank Councilman Bruce Guyton who will be our honorary chair and

thank you so much for that. And again, just stay tuned. I'll be coming back for more information.

Oh, yeah. Miss -- Chair Davis wanted me to mention that we are going to try to get the churches involved and I'll be making contacts with them and sharing with them different ways that they can raise money. And for those of you who get the community benefit funds, save a few dollars for this, okay? Now I know, Sylvia, you know what I mean? I can't touch you, Bruce. All right. But anyway, we will be coming back with more information. Okay? Thanks so much.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And all of those employees that were -- who did not receive a certificate, you know, there were many more out there. We just want to say thank you very much for your assistance with this event. It is very -- very important and, you know, it was simply an oversight, you know. So blame our heads, not our hearts. Thank you very much. What's the next presentation? Okay. The next presentation is item 11, proclamation declaring November as the month for the continued awareness of the impact of Head Start programs in the City of Riviera Beach. Is that you, Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: (No audible response).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

11. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER AS THE MONTH FOR THE CONTINUED AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT OF HEAD START PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, Madam Manager, I'm going to ask Debbie Leblanc-Isaacs to read it. Her eyes are much younger than mine.

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: Okay. I want to first ask Miss Amy Blechum -- Blechman, to come forward as a representative of Lutheran Services Head Start in Palm Beach County. Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Florida, Palm Beach County. Whereas, in 1982, then-President Ronald Regan proclaimed October as Head Start Awareness month for schools across America. Now 32 years later, his words still inspire us to celebrate the great educational and developmental program for our children. And whereas, perhaps the most significant factor in the success of Head Start, has been the involvement of parents, volunteers and the community, proving it really does take a village to raise our children into productive citizens.

The community commitment and the services provided by dedicated Head Start staff have been instrumental in creating a quality program that truly provides young children with a head start in life as early as possible. And whereas, the 2014-2015 school year marks the 50th anniversary of the Head Start program in America, but it is the first year

in Palm Beach County that Lutheran Services of Florida has been selected to provide Head Start services throughout the county. And whereas since the summer of 1965, more than 31 million children have benefitted from Head Start's comprehensive services and have moved on to become men and women, teachers, lawyers, mayors, musicians, other professionals and best of all, parents of children who also are getting a head start in life.

And whereas the City of Riviera Beach recognizes the rich history of the Head Start program and its importance to the physical, emotional and academic development of approximately 250 children through eight centers, locations, within our community, especially considering that the habits and behaviors learned by the age of five have a tremendous impact on young brains, and are lifelong.

MAYOR MASTERS: Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Thomas A. Masters, elected Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me and by the residents of our city, I do hereby proclaim November, 2014, as the month for continued - - continued awareness of the impact of the Head Start programs in the City of Riviera Beach. In witness therefore, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 5th day of November, 2014, A.D.

It is an honor to recognize the contributions of Head Start to the children of our nation. There was some concern that when Head Start went from being a government funded program and made a transition to a private entity, many people got a little nervous as we usually do when the government steps out of anything and private steps in. There's always concern. But I want to say that you haven't missed a beat and as a matter of fact, I think you surprised everybody. You -- we're -- we're doing better than what the government did when they had it. Would you take a minute to talk a little bit about the Head Start program in Riviera Beach? Thank you.

AMY BLECHMAN: Well, I have to say I just came onto this program in August and it's been a little bit of whirlwind learning all about Head Start and our different centers. And I actually was in the Riviera Beach Center just this week, visiting classrooms and talking to some of our staff. We are dedicated to really creating a quality program in all of our sites across the county and Riviera happens to be one of the first ones we -- we were into and raising the bar for our standards in our classrooms and -- and our children and our staff as well. And I have to say thank you for your support because your support really is instrumental to our success in creating that quality program here in West Palm Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. What is the -- the parents want to get their children into Head Start, is there a number they can call?

AMY BLECHMAN: There is. They would call our main line which is 561-233-1600. And any -- someone who answer that phone can help them.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

AMY BLECHMAN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, ma'am.

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: Here you are. Thank you.

12. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL ADOPTION AND FLORIDA ONE CHURCH ONE CHILD ADOPTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Moving along to item 12 which is a proclamation declaring November as National Adoption and Florida One Church One Child Adoption Month in the City of Riviera Beach. Mayor Masters.

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: Again, we'd like to ask Mrs. Cora Perry.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm gonna ask Miss Kisner [phonetic] to come, too. She's with Tabernacle Baptist Church. Since the churches are involved with this --

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: Okay. Ann --

MAYOR MASTERS: Antioch is here. You're again, local advisory committees. Miss Kisner, come right on the part. We gotta get all these churches (inaudible).

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: Proclamation declaring November, 2014, as National Adoption Month and Florida One Church One Child Adoption Month. Whereas One Church One Child was founded in Chicago, Illinois, in 1980 and implemented in Florida in 1988 as a statewide, non-profit adoption organization for the purpose of providing services to adoptable children and increasing children's potential for placement in a permanent family home, publicizing the plight of children in foster care and promoting child welfare services to children and supporting families.

And whereas right now, there are over 800 children in Florida's foster care system with no identified family, many of whom have siblings and want to stay together. One Church One Child encourages the involvement of ministers and churches in the process with the basic philosophy being to find at least one family per church to adopt, foster or mentor at least one child. And whereas the month of November has been declared National Adoption Month by the National Council on Adoption and other promotion organizations across the country to raise public awareness of the number of children in foster care who need good, caring and stable homes.

And whereas over 52 percent of the children are waiting for adoption are children of color and tend to wait longer for adoption into permanent families than children of other races and ethnic groups. And whereas understanding the critical situation of children waiting for an adoptive family, the Board of Directors of the Florida organization continue to designate and publish, through resolution, November as One Church One Child Adoption month in Florida, calling attention to children in need of adoption and the urgency for families to open their hearts and loving homes to these children.

MAYOR MASTERS: And now -- and now therefore as you are clapping, be it resolved that I, Thomas A. Masters, the elected Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the residents of this great city, do hereby proclaim in the City of Riviera Beach, November, 2014, as the National Adoption month and Florida One Church One Child Adoption month.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, to be affixed on this 5th day of November, 2014. And I would like for Miss Cora to come at -- at this time and speak for a minute on how important it is for the churches to get involved as we represent some of them tonight, Antioch and, of course, Tabernacle. But some of the other churches and Emmanuel is here as well. Please speak on that, please.

CORA PERRY: Good afternoon. It gives me great pleasure to share with you what One Church One Child is doing for the children in Florida. We realize that children become into care at no fault of their own. It's through neglect or abuse. And we also realize that everybody wants to be loved and belong to a permanent family. So we partner with One -- with the churches and we partner with the Department of Children & Family and the community-based care organizations to recruit families to adopt, to foster or mentor children who are in the foster care system. When children are not adopted, at age 18, then the Department is no longer responsible for them and then they become their own individual adults, having to take care of themselves. And many of these individuals are -- become homeless or sometimes they're incarcerated because they have no support.

So we ask you to continue to share to the community and make everyone aware that there are children that want to belong to a permanent home. And this is something that there is no ending to. Every day, children are continuing to come into care. And so if we don't take the stand and help them, then many of our children are lost to the world. Thank you so much. And thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Madam Chair and Madam Manager, just a point of reference. We -- we are preparing another proclamation. A couple of weeks ago, we were visited by Trayvon Martin's mother, Sabrina Fulton, who has agreed to come again to Riviera Beach and we will be proclaiming a day of justice and hopefully it will -- it's a - - I want to announce it because as you know, Mr. Zimmerman is facing the grand jury. So we are praying for justice to prevail. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir. Was there something else?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, the add-on.

CITY MANAGER JONES: You got the add-on. There's a --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You have an add-on.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- the add-on.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, yeah. Okay. 12A. That's also a -- Mayor Masters for the Boys' Choir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Boy, it seems like I'm running for Mayor with all these proclamations. This is for the Boys & Girls Club?

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: Boys & Girls -- the Boys' Choir.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The Boys' Choir.

MAYOR MASTERS: The Boys' Choir. Okay. Reverend Salter I think is coming.

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: And Van Johnson.

MAYOR MASTERS: And Mr. Johnson.

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: And did you want Mr. Lewis as well?

MAYOR MASTERS: Since -- since this one involves the choir and gospel -- choir. Okay. Since it involves a choir, I think my eyes could do a little better on this one. I'm kind of in the -- in the ballpark with this one. Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor from -- of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida. Whereas the young men and boys of the city will always need something to do, whether athletics, academics or work, which will help them develop into men, and whereas there is a new opportunity for success thanks to the creation of the Riviera Beach Boys' Choir, which has been quietly developed over the last year with the help of an A-list advisory board that includes three former City Council members.

And whereas the Riviera Beach Boys' Choir will partner with the city's Max Fisher Boys & Girls Club, through which choir membership will be recruited. It will serve boys ages eight to 18 and it will most importantly, help boys -- help boys become, in the words of the Board Chairman, good men, good friends and good fathers. And when that happens, I'm sure the Chief -- and let me digress for a moment, the Chief of Police would appreciate that because the crime rate among young boys will go steadily down. Isn't that right, Chief?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. The church say Amen. All right. Whereas the local tour of the Tallahassee Boys' -- hold on one minute. Whereas the Riviera Beach Boys' Choir is also working with the renowned Boys' Choir of Tallahassee which has sung for four presidents, Oprah Winfrey and the Pope, among others, will also be here to sing for us. November the 14 through 16th, 2014, in show of support of -- for the Riviera Beach Choir. And whereas the local tour of the Tallahassee Boys' Choir will give city residents a sense of what is to come and they will be able to see them perform in Lantana in our

Boys & Girl Club and at the Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church, illustrious pastor, Reverend Griffin Davis, Sr. And whereas the Riviera Beach Boys' Choir will provide our young men another option for success, this time through song.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that I, Thomas A. Masters, the elected Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the people of Riviera Beach, Florida, the citizens, do hereby proclaim November 14th through 16, 2014, as Riviera Beach Boys' Choir Weekend in the City of Riviera Beach. And I have set my hand and caused the official seal of the city and ask all residents of the city to honor such days. May God bless you in your historic effort to get our young men singing. And if they sing, they'll stay on the right track. One of you would have expressions at this time? Reverend Salter, husband of Billie Brooks Salter.

REVEREND SALTER: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

REVEREND SALTER: Thank you, Mayor Masters. We are honored to be here in your presence today with the new Riviera Beach Boys' Choir. We are honored and I will take the opportunity to introduce my boy to you, Bruce Lewis, who is our Fundraiser and our Public Relations Specialist. Warcecer Jakes, State Farm Life Insurance. Works with Bruce on public relations. Van Johnson, his name already precedes in the community. So everybody says, "Van Johnson? Oh, he sells cars." No. This Van Johnson is the new Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Housing Authority and is quite a musician. He is the Interim Director of the Boys' Choir. He will direct the boys.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Wonderful.

REVEREND SALTER: And of course, our Treasurer and he is also Vice President of the Boys' Choir. Mr. Arnold Broussard is our Treasurer, keeps us on track with our money and our spending. And most of you already know what a taskmaster he is. And of course, my Administrative Assistant is my wife. So -- also, Mr. Jakes [phonetic] wanted to let you know that the Boys' Choir will be making its debut during the Martin Luther King breakfast.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Wonderful.

REVEREND SALTER: On the direction of Mr. Van Johnson. A lot of our board members couldn't make it tonight because of other commitments. But we will be looking forward to seeing you at one of our events, November 14th, 15 and 16. Reverend Griffin Davis is one of our board members and that's why they will appear at the Hilltop Baptist Church on November 16th. We want to tutor our boys in science, technology, English, mathematics, public speaking and chess.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right.

REVEREND SALTER: Every boy will have to -- it'll be mandatory, learning how to play chess. Why? Because in chess, every move has a consequence. In life, every move

has a consequence. If you give love, the consequence is love. So we also had a young man who is a filmmaker to come and he wants to train our boys how to make a film to tell our stories. So we're happy to appear before you tonight to accept this proclamation.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Salter. I -- I have one question for you. You know that the City of Riviera Beach has a -- a MLK Senior Luncheon also. Do you think your young men might be able to perform for that also?

REVEREND SALTER: Let me defer that question to our Musical Director (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, just -- just consider it.

REVEREND SALTER: We certainly will.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

REVEREND SALTER: Yes. Yes. Definitely.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Hold on just one minute. In conclusion, I want to personally thank Mr. Van Johnson for helping us in the Stonybrook picketing and demonstration. Not helping us with the demonstration but helping us with the resolving some of the housing issues. Councilman Cedrick Thomas called it a meeting with the residents here in the chambers. Mr. Van Johnson was one of the few that stepped up and really exercised leadership and helped us with some people that were having some serious issues in Stonybrook. So I want to personally thank you for your leadership. And also, I wanted to say this about Mr. -- insurance, Mr. Jakes, Warcecer Jakes. He is a great insurance person. State Farm Insurance. So now he's giving back, which he's always done to the community, for the community. So go get some insurance. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you all very much. It's wonderful news to hear. So I'm looking forward to hearing the young men sing.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, my Chief of Staff told me to remind the listening audience that the Boys' Choir executives will be on our radio show next week to talk more about it to the public. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, sir. We're now down to ordinances on first reading, item 13.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

13. **ORDINANCE NO. _____ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 14, ENTITLED "PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT PROGRAMS," ARTICLE III ENTITLED "FIREFIGHTERS PENSION PLAN," SECTION 14-50 ENTITLED "RETIRMENT DISABILITY BENEFITS," BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (a) TO MAKE THE SECTION GENDER NEUTRAL AND CREATING SUBSECTION (b) WHICH PROVIDES OPTIONAL FORMS OF BENEFITS FOR DISABLED RETIREES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

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

CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair. Members of Council. This is an item that is coming, submitted by the Fire Pension Board. Right now, I'd like to ask their attorney, Mr. Ronald Cohen, to come forward to give you an overview of the requested Fire Pension revisions.

ATTORNEY COHEN: Thank you, City Manager, members of the Council. My name is Ronald Cohen. I am the long time attorney for your Fire Pension Board. This deals -- this ordinance is dealing with three disabled retirees. As a -- when the state law changed in 1999, disabled -- people who became disabled were allowed to choose the form of benefit so that they could receive less during their lifetime, but leave a survivorship benefit --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

ATTORNEY COHEN: -- to a person who was dependent on them for income. There were three people -- that -- that law changed in 1999 and was not made retroactive. There's three firefighters who have -- who are disabled, who haven't been able to exercise the option to leave part of their pension benefit to their survivor should they pass away. Now, we -- this ordinance would allow them to choose to do that at no cost to the city and no cost to the pension plan. And how do we do that at no cost to the city and no cost to the pension plan? We do that by lowering the firefighter's retirement benefit during the firefighter's lifetime to a lesser amount to take into account that it will be paid to another person after the firefighter dies. They take into account the age of the firefighter and the age of the beneficiary.

So it won't cost any money. We're not -- it won't cost any money to the plan. The firefighter will be allowed to choose this if they -- if they want it. Some may choose it; some may not. But their monthly pension benefit will -- will be lowered by an amount determined by the actuary. And should they die with a beneficiary, the remainder will be paid to the beneficiary for that beneficiary's lifetime. So we're just -- I -- I hope that's

clear. We're just trying to accommodate three firefighters without it costing any money to anybody other than the firefighters.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I -- I have a question, one question.

ATTORNEY COHEN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You say the change took place in 1999?

ATTORNEY COHEN: Yes. The -- the law --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, are -- are you saying that the change took place in the 175?

ATTORNEY COHEN: Yes. The change --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ATTORNEY COHEN: -- yes. It --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Because it was -- it was already there for any other disabled person in the state's disability?

ATTORNEY COHEN: In the FR -- you mean in the state's plan?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: In the FRS, yeah.

ATTORNEY COHEN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ATTORNEY COHEN: In FRS, they may have had it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ATTORNEY COHEN: But in municipal plans that were governed by 175, until 1999, you didn't have to offer --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

ATTORNEY COHEN: -- an optional form of benefit to disabled retirees. And we pretty much follow 175.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

ATTORNEY COHEN: When the law changed in 1999 and you had to offer it to disabled retirees, of course we've offered it to those disabled retirees. A couple other people who've been disabled said, "I can't offer it to my" --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

ATTORNEY COHEN: -- in this case it was a spouse. "I can't offer it to my spouse and I'd like a chance to." And we said, "Okay. But here's how -- it will cost you money."

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

ATTORNEY COHEN: And it looks like one of them or two of them may be interested in doing it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And there's no impact to the plan?

ATTORNEY COHEN: That's what the actuary says and there shouldn't be because we're going to lower the benefit --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

ATTORNEY COHEN: -- during the lifetime --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ATTORNEY COHEN: -- of the firefighter.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any other questions?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Sir, what -- to what degree are they disabled? Are they 100 percent? Are they allowed to still work now?

ATTORNEY COHEN: No. They're not -- they're not -- they can't work as a firefighter anymore. They're permanently and totally disabled from useful and efficient service as a firefighter.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. But they can do something else?

ATTORNEY COHEN: They may be able to do something else. I -- I don't know all three of them. I know -- I know one of them. I don't know all three. They were -- they received, of course, a disability, you know, more than 15 years ago. But under Chapter 175, a firefighter is eligible for a disability if they are unable to render useful and efficient service as a firefighter.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

ATTORNEY COHEN: There's special rules under Chapter 175 that we have to comply with to get the -- to get the -- the money. These are all disabled people. They were determined to be disabled. We have a pretty good disability record over there.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

ATTORNEY COHEN: You -- you should be proud of your -- I've said this to them. You can be proud of your department. The culture -- the culture in that department is not to seek disabilities. It's to come to work. I -- I -- you know, we just have -- don't have a lot of these over time. And the few times that we've had, we watch them very carefully.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And there are only three?

ATTORNEY COHEN: There's only three.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ATTORNEY COHEN: Before 1999.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's fine.

ATTORNEY COHEN: Yeah.

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

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Item 14.

ATTORNEY COHEN: Thank you all very much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

14. ORDINANCE NO. _____ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT," OF CHAPTER 31, ENTITLED "ZONING," OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES AND CREATING A NEW ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATE;" PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved. Second.

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

CITY MANAGER JONES: This is the first read of an ordinance revision in that we are requesting that we eliminate the current structure of a board and go to a magistrate structure. We haven't had anyone -- any cases come before this board in 10 years. So trying to keep a board intact when they don't do anything is very difficult.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But by this way, it will be on an as-needed basis. If you would like, Mary McKinney is available to make a presentation on this particular item.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Anyone need a presentation?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I suppose (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I just had a real brief question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Miss McKinney.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Based on the -- on the existing charter, the previous item, who are all -- all the board members? Are they all appointed or --

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: They're -- they're all appointed by the City Council but all of them are inactive now, the ones that were on the board, because we have little to no variances or appeals.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So there are no set employees to this board?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: No.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Oh, just all --

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: No city employees, no.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: All right. Thank you.

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

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We're now down to our Regular Agenda, item 15.

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: Okay. First up is Bonnie Larson. After Miss Larson is Lloyd Brown. And Miss Larson, before you start, please hold on just a moment. I'm going to read some of the rules of decorum governing public conduct during official meetings in the City of Riviera Beach. No loud talking during the meetings; no impertinent remarks - well, impertinent remarks are prohibited; cell phones should be off; obscene or

insulting language is prohibited; no food or beverages allowed; you're not to approach the -- the dais; and the sergeant-at-arms is our police official. So please adhere to the rules. Thank you very much. Miss Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: Interesting you said that before I spoke. I never do any of the above. Anyway, I have some comments regarding the improvement of the look of Broadway. This is a repeat request. Silver Beach and Broadway, the entrance to Riviera Beach, right there where's that nice "Welcome to Riviera Beach" sign, the fence is still broken. It's still laying down. So you see "Welcome to Riviera Beach", oh, look, there's a broken fence which has been there for months and months.

The building which is right across from Winn-Dixie, it's on the west side of Broadway, it used to have the plastic snowman for years and years. He was there for all year round. He was about 50 years old, the poor snowman. Now the building has been purchased by someone else. It was painted. It started to look nice. But now the plastic snowman has been replaced by a headless mannequin which sits out on the sidewalk every day. She's wearing no shoes, no head. That looks a little tacky. It looks tacky.

Also, every time you drive by there, it seems like they put up one more sign on the building. It's -- I don't know that there's hardly any space left on that building. We must have some kind of sign regulation, so it's not just wall-to-wall signs. The building is -- it - - it was started off to look nice, but now it really looks junky with all those signs on it. We must have some kind of regulation which says you can't cover every square inch of it.

Jay's Ministry, still that plywood in the window. It's been there for a couple of years now. It looks like a drive-by shooting. That's what it screams out to people as they drive through our city. Why is that plywood still there on their plate glass right on Broadway? They and other thrift stores -- not thrift stores necessarily, but non-profits. They're putting food out on the street. It looks -- we look like a third-world country. That's nice they want to give food away but don't leave it outside your building. Keep it inside your building. It's out there where the lizards and everything can run all over it. The sun beats down on it and it looks junky. Keep it inside your building. Let's remind those people of that.

DOT, they still have not put up the trees in the area between 27th and 28th. I talked about that maybe two months ago. No trees yet. Little bird told me something about those trees, maybe they've been redirected. I hope that's not true, but that median needs trees. It just looks very bland there. Every other median has trees except that one. DOT need to pick up their "Road Work" signs. They're 12 feet high. They're in some of our yards. We have to mow around them. There are blinking lights on them. It's time. Get rid of those signs. Pick them up.

The P&Z, if you want to find out what's on the agenda for P&Z, that's like impossible to do. I went on the -- the web just before I came here tonight, and you go on, you see there's a meeting coming up for P&Z but you get in a loop and it just loops you back,

telling you what P&Z is. You can never get to the agenda of what's coming up, so people don't know.

The city meetings on the web also, if you hit the "calendar" button, there's a pull-down menu -- it used to go to 2013. It's almost the end of 2014 now. Tonight, it only went down to 2012. So our agendas, our pull-down menus, it all needs work. But please make Broadway look better. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Manager. Madam Chair, I mean.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: For the benefit of the audience that's viewing, Madam Manager, don't we have a -- a -- a policy that if a resident submit a complaint in writing or concerns in writing that -- doesn't the policy say we have 10 days or something about a 10-day that we can answer each one. Because I am -- I'm -- I'm concerned about some of those issues that she raised but I don't know whether if you submit them to your office, don't you have a -- a way to address them in -- in writing to the resident? Can you explain what that process is?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, there's a Citizen's Request form. And they complete that and we attempt to address whatever issue they have. But it's pretty much dealing with their issues that they have as a resident, either with their property, the treatment, and what we do otherwise is with Q-Alert, which is on the website. If someone knows a streetlight is out, a resident can always go in and then that filters on through to the appropriate department to handle that particular request. So there's two mechanisms for getting requests to citizens issues.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Well, what -- for those two avenues, how would Miss Larson -- I mean, I heard her say that she has repeatedly been here to say something about our city sign down or something. And I mean, I don't want people hearing that and thinking that we don't care and that we're not trying to do something about some of those issues. So what would be the protocol for her to have those issues, one by one, addressed by your office? Would it be a letter or would it be the Q or the P or the M or what?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, I don't know getting an answer will stop the request, because if the answer isn't what you want, you can still be -- because some of these properties she's talking about are private properties. And you've got to work with a private person to -- to correct that. She's not talking about a sign down. I think it says strategic some --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: A fence.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- used to be a drive-thru bank right there on the --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- on Silver Beach.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So you've got to work with the property owners. Jay's Ministry does not own that building. They rent that building. You've got to work through the landlord, so it's not like you can just handle all of these issues just very quickly like that.

MAYOR MASTERS: I understand. I just wanted to know what the -- what -- what -- what would be --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- the protocol to get some answers, to get some resolutions for people to know rather than shame and blame us. Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Lloyd Brown.

LLOYD BROWN: Hello. My name is Lloyd Brown. My driver's license number is B6552854147, Social Security number is 265-21-1771. House number is 1464 West 35th Street. I gave y'all this information so that I would have the opportunity to conclude my comments without interruptions from you.

You know what? Let me tell you, you -- and some of you remind me of the kid that come to the park. You know, he brought his basketball, but because we didn't play his way, he took it home. Well, you can take your ball home, too, because we'll get somebody who can play ball the next time we have elections. We'll find somebody who's gonna work with us. You can't use your position as a dictatorship. This is a -- this is not a dictatorship. I hope you know this.

I mean, another thing I gotta know. Do you ever notice that all these guys that go over there to 29th Street for breakfast, who's paying for the time that they're over there on 29th and S buying breakfast in the morning? You know, because for one thing, that man doesn't put anything back in the neighborhood. He don't give nothing back. You don't see nothing he's doing. But yet these Public Work workers are right over there every morning, spending our taxpayer money and then some people (inaudible) spending taxpayer money burning gas and you don't say nothing about it. You come in here and you complain about stop signs and red lights and all this stuff. It's irrelevant. You're worse than the "Jerry Springer Show."

I mean, we have fought so long -- I couldn't even vote last time because they couldn't get it right. We have fought so long, so hard for the right to vote. But, I mean, now that

we got the right to vote, we gotta fight hard again to get representation. I mean, how long are we going to have to fight for that?

I seen enough felons on the side of the street in West Palm, downtown, and we could've won these elections. But, no. You know what? Because that open container law gives you the right to violate the Fourth Amendment. If you had seven apartments and you had seven windows and you smelled something coming out of them, could you go look in each window? No. So you got seven guys on seven corners with their cans covered up. You can't go and just assume -- there's no assumption law. You making these guys felons on this pathetic thing because the police department can't do their job. You have to do your job the way the Fourth Amendment and the First Amendment says. You can't just go and assume because there's guys sitting at a place. You're making him into a felon.

After awhile -- I looked at the polls. I just sit there. I haven't seen a young guy. My nephew is a felon. It's a lot of guys out there are felons. Those are votes. Keep it up and you gonna have nobody. And then you got a liquor store right over here across the street with a drive-thru. Would you rather be hit by a car or hit by a man? That's all I gotta say. It's only a comment, so I don't need no response.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Terry Mitchell and then Kimberly Shields.

TERRY MITCHELL: Madam Chair, I'd like to reserve my comment for a later date and time. Our public relations firm will be back to address.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, ma'am. Kimberly Shields. Is she here?

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: I'm right here.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. After Miss Shields, Dr. Philip Dukes [phonetic].

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: So what do I do (inaudible)?

MAYOR MASTERS: The cordless mic?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Troy.

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: I just want you guys to be able to see me (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Troy, could you --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: She need a microphone --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Can you push --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to come down.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Now that's perfect --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: There you go. Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- right where you are.

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: Does that work?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's working.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: Awesome.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Troy. Tell him (inaudible).

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: Okay. So I am here on behalf of the disabled community and I live on Singer Island and there are some access issues. Ocean's Bar & Grill, which is a former Buddy's, built a ramp after I asked them because I needed access to get in there. And now there's problems with people parking on the ramp and I have to keep complaining to them and they keep saying they're going to do things and they never do anything. They painted it brown. I sent pictures to Dawn Pardo and to Mayor Masters because I had --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Today.

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: Yes. I just sent them --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: -- a few minutes ago. We had problems printing them out. So - - but also, I sent some other pictures of other places around the island. They're specifically -- where the old 7-Eleven used to be, they put up a fence because they had torn it all down and they're blocking part of an access ramp that I am not able to get up on because the fence is blocking three-quarters of it. I also sent you that picture.

And so other -- I have to go around the building, in the road, to get to 7-Eleven. I have no other way to get there, except in the road. I almost got hit by a vehicle because that fence on the other side of the building is a blind spot. And it's very scary when you're in a wheelchair, so you can't go very fast and you have this vehicle coming at you, you know? And they were speeding. And so that's really scary.

And then, like, the -- there's the -- the Custom Swimwear. There's no way for me to get up there if I wanted to go into that store without going to the side that's on Ocean and coming up around the pizza place. But the pizza place has tables out there so there's

no way I could get past them. And I also sent you that picture. And I just think we need to work on access around there because I use a wheelchair. People visit Singer Island all the time; I've seen other people in wheelchairs. And how can you get around safely -

MAYOR MASTERS: Hmm.

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: -- without the threat of getting hit by a car. It's very dangerous and, you know, I am just advocating for it, and my friends are here advocating with me to try to get something done about the accessibility issues on the island.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll -- I'll wait.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Pardo and then Mayor Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: Please stand. Stay there for a second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. We got a call -- my office got a call from Miss Shields today and I spoke with her at 3:00 and she explained all of this to me. You know, I was surprised because, you know, she sees the world in a different light. Okay? And Ocean Mall issue is a very valid issue. And, you know, I explained to Miss Shields there's a process. You know, we'll bring this tonight to the City Manager's attention and I assured you, tomorrow morning, staff will be out there.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: After I hung up the phone with you, I spoke with the owner of the new Buddy's. And what they were able to do, they went out -- they sent me a picture. They painted the ramp. Okay? So the ramp is painted and they have two chairs there just blocking it so that people wouldn't drive on it. In addition to that, I'm going to ask the staff to tell us how we can go about putting some kind of sign there. Since the ramp is there, it obviously has to be for disabled. So if we can put a -- some kind of sign there. And -- yeah. And, you know, just -- not just for you, but for the -- you know, the people that are (inaudible). You know, if you have these kind of issues, you need to contact us.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Instead of trying to do it on your own and dealing with, you know, these businesses, if you just contact the city, you know, it -- things move much quicker. Okay?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Just for the benefit -- Miss Shields. Just for the benefit of those that are in the viewing audience that may not -- the camera may not pick up the advocacy signs. Can you tell me what they say?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: "Do something."

MAYOR MASTERS: All right.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: "Access for all."

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Young lady?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: "Accessibility is the key to mobility."

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And since we are all students at -- at FAU, we have "FAU, Future Advocates Uniting and FAU, Finding Kim's Access Unacceptable."

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're social work students at --

MAYOR MASTERS: All right. I can tell you -- I can --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Perfect.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And then this one says --

MAYOR MASTERS: Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: "Do not ignore disabled citizens or their needs."

MAYOR MASTERS: I can tell you with Pardo and Masters, we'll get it done. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, let me just --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- say this. One other thing I think you said -- you can go ahead and have a seat.

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is that you said somewhere there were some tables on the sidewalk?

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: Yes. By --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Now this is --

KIMBERLY SHIELDS: -- the pizzeria.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- that -- that may become an issue. So please look at that also.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. All that's (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Because ADA issues are very serious. And so we need to definitely look at that and make sure that our sidewalks are clear. Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I think you just addressed it. Well, I don't think, I know you did. My question was going to be as it relates to the ADA issues, does that Ocean Mall building fully comply with the ADA requirements of the state?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. It had to be built that way.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, yeah. Did -- we'll go back and do a new assessment.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: We did when it was built. We'll have to look at that area where they demolished the old 7-Eleven to see if the fence is blocking --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hmm.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: -- some pathway.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: But otherwise --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: -- the -- the Ocean Mall does comply with the ADA requirements.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Dr. Duker.

DR. DUKER: Good evening City Council.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening.

DR. DUKER: Mayor. First I want to thank all of you for your prayers while I was going through my surgery. For the last four years and this illness I've been battling, I want to thank you so much for contact and all of your kindness.

I came to tell you about Operation Restore. Operation Restore is a 501(c) 3, non-religious organization that works with philanthropic organizations and churches. We -- I'm going to tell you about our Community Mentoring Program. When we look at gang violence and the negative attitudes in our youth, it stems from thug life. Drug dealing, gangs and murder are all tied to thug life. Our youth are socialized through a culture of violence because of what goes on in our community atmosphere. They go into programs which are good. We have excellent programs. But the missing link is what goes on in the community atmosphere.

Now, these young men are community terrorists. We might as well start saying it and put it out there because that's what is truth. They have held our neighborhoods hostage from -- with fear and apathy in the church. They breed fear in us. And we are afraid. The neighborhoods are -- neighbors are afraid to speak out against them. And we gotta look at what makes them murderers between 10 and 19. How do they become killers? It's because of what's bred in our communities. And they hold us in terror because they will kill. And we all know that. Like, now let us all say, Amen.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Amen.

DR. DUKER: In 2002, we have arrest and convict one of the most notorious drug dealers in South Florida. Now we are pushing our program and we are asking you to join us as we begin this in January. Systematically going through the City of Riviera Beach and take all dope boy's territory. Why we can't do that? Why we afraid of that? We're afraid of that because what may happen while we're driving through the community. I've lived through that. I know what it feels like to live in your -- to sit in your living room and wonder if they're gonna come and shoot up their house. But it's allowed to breed to another generation.

So we have created the missing link that we believe to stop this and we need to be the example to California, New York, Chicago, Miami, of what we do when the City Council begins to work with the churches that have vision and the non-profits, to change this.

Because we fight ISIS, we fight all of these Islamic terror groups. But what about the ones in our neighborhood? What about them? They killers. But we are afraid. We've been afraid for 40 years. Another generation, another generation. So I'm asking you to join us. Oh, I'm sorry. Where our members at? Y'all stand up. You -- 'cause these -- these are some of my members that belong to Operation Restore, right there.

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't think the camera can -- let them --

DR. DUKES: And we asking you to join us.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- let them come up behind you, Reverend. They can't (inaudible),

DR. DUKES: We're asking you to -- we're asking you to join us because most of you know about the work I've been doing. But I've been silent for about five years because of this illness. Now I have acclimated to this machine. I'm bionic man now. And making this thing happen. I also want to tell you, this weekend, y'all come by our house to our fundraiser.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, sir.

DR. DUKES: Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Amen.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you very much.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Amen.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And thank you all for coming out to support his -- his cause. Okay. And we're now down to item 18. Miss Pardo.

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.

REGULAR

- 15. RESOLUTION NO. 128-14 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE MASTER TAX-EXEMPT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. BANCORP GOVERNMENT LEASING AND FINANCE, INC. TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) RESCUE TRUCKS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH HALLMARK FIRE APPARATUS. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE RESCUE TRUCKS; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF**

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE FIVE (5) ANNUAL PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,408.07 TO BANCORP; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mrs. Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: What you have here is a long overdue --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Amen.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- lease/purchase request for apparatus for our fire department.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We have entered into lease/purchase arrangements for other apparatus in that area as well as police vehicles. What you have before you are items for two of our -- in this one then we're talking about rescue trucks. And we seek your approval for this Lease/Purchase Agreement.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any questions, comments from the board?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Not ready --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Mr. -- Fire Chief (inaudible). Come -- come up, Chief. How you doing, Chief?

FIRE CHIEF DUREN: Great, sir. Reggie Duren, Fire Chief.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good to see you. Want to thank you personally for attending the Town Hall Meeting that we had the other week and you're the only one that stayed through the whole meeting. And I wanted to say thank you. It was very -- it was a wonderful thing to see. On the new equipment, it's a -- a new -- go back with that one more time. A new --

FIRE CHIEF DUREN: This first request for two rescue units.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. My question is what's -- I know with all the new technology and the new equipment that we're getting and we're seeing, is there any particular item on this -- on the new apparatus we have -- that we're getting? Any kind of new

equipment or something that -- that residents may not know but they need to know about it?

FIRE CHIEF DUREN: I think the most substantial thing that the citizens will see is just reliability. These units will be in service. It's been long overdue as the -- as the City Manager stated in terms of our need. It's been ongoing. We've fallen behind in our needs for apparatus, both rescues as well as engines as we're going to ask for momentarily. Basically, reliability. Assuring that we have the rescues on the streets and available to our citizens whenever they call.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Other than reliability, is there anything that the -- that it is equipped with that we haven't had in the past --

FIRE CHIEF DUREN: Well, in terms of an -- an efficiency --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- is what I'm trying to ask?

FIRE CHIEF DUREN: -- what's going to be unique about these apparatus is they're going to be built specifically for Riviera Beach. That's why the timeline for us seeing arrival will actually be approximately six to eight months. It's going to be built for the equipment that we have. It will allow us to add additional equipment to these rescue units as well. So as we move on, we migrate to other generations of equipment, advances. You know, we'll be prepared to store this equipment in a safe manner.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Thank you.

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

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 15 [sic].

- 16. RESOLUTION NO. 129-14 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE MASTER TAX-EXEMPT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. BANCORP GOVERNMENT LEASING AND FINANCE, INC. TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FIRE ENGINES (PUMPERS); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH SUTPHEN CORP. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE FIRE ENGINES; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE FIVE (5) ANNUAL PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$209,898.51 TO BANCORP; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

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

CITY MANAGER JONES: This item, like the previous item, continues our efforts to provide the best equipment that we can for our residents on the road. It's a long overdue purchase of two engines in order to meet the needs of our citizens and the community.

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

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We're now down to discussion and deliberation, item 17.

17. RESOLUTION NO. 130-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CLOSING OF WEST 26TH COURT AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEST TH COURT AND AVENUE 'R'; APPROPRIATING UP TO \$4,000 FOR THE MATERIAL AND SERVICES CONNECTED THEREWITH FROM ACCOUNT #303-0717-541-0-6355; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a motion? Oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I thought this was just --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: This is just --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- discussion.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- discussion, you're right. Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. This is just discussion, yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. This item --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I do have two public comment cards.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I'll wait.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Let me go ahead and get those out of the way. Miss Hubbard, Lynne Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Then after Miss Hubbard is Mary Gilbert.

LYNNE HUBBARD: Good evening. Lynne Hubbard, 1405 West 23rd Street, Riviera Beach, Florida.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

LYNNE HUBBARD: While --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening, ma'am. I just said good evening. That's all.

LYNNE HUBBARD: Good evening; thank you. A few years ago, approximately nine years ago, there was a lot of us in the community that thought it was necessary to close that particular street. As a matter of fact, I understand that you have been shown some of those signatures from some time ago that we collected them. But, as you know, within a nine-year period, a lot of things have changed and there's a lot of things that we need to consider now that we didn't have to consider then. There was a lot of speeding. There still is a lot of speeding, that people are racing up and down the street.

But we have a couple of things that we need to -- that outweigh that. We have to hope and pray that if speeding gets to such an exorbitant rate, that we have law enforcement that's going to handle that for us. We cannot put access to emergency care aside for that. When we first wanted -- wanted to do this, we had a meeting and one thing that really changed my mind about it years ago, and I don't know if Chief Perry remembers it, but he explained to us the -- what would happen with the time and the response time that it would take for access to emergency care. And, hey, I'm 10 years older. I'm sure my health wasn't what it was then. So if I'm 10 years older and the people that was in our community are 10 years older than they were, every minute counts.

We do not want any access to emergency care kept from us. There are a few of us here tonight who want -- want you to understand that we respect and we understand the people, or the few people, that live on that street that have a problem with it. We live on a thoroughfare street that's a straight-through shot as well. But we are not willing to risk our older neighbors, our senior neighbors. Our neighborhood is made up of a lot of seniors that moved out there years and years ago and we're putting their health in jeopardy. And we're asking each and every one of you to consider that. We kind of know, as a majority, what's best for us in that community.

We -- we talk about we don't want Rick Scott to deny us healthcare. We feel that we will be denied healthcare and access if you block off those streets. Those streets, yes, they speed. But we're not willing to trade that for the emergency vehicles coming for us in a time of need when we want them. We want them to get there and we want them to get there quick when we are on the other end of that phone. So we would like for you to leave that open and, usually, one thing that happens, is when you do a speed trap in a neighborhood, it's your neighbors that usually get caught up and get mad with you. But you -- you know, we got one or the other. We want our healthcare and we want access to emergency vehicles. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, Miss Hubbard. Mary Gilbert.

MARY GILBERT: Good evening to the Council body.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MARY GILBERT: Mary L. Gilbert, 2617 Avenue Q. I have lived at that residence since 1972 and if you close off 26th Court just to please three members of our community, we are not being fair to the rest of the community. We have senior citizens that refuse to

come out and speak for themselves because they feel that you will not listen to them. I'm one of them that don't mind standing for what is right. Why are we closing off 26th Court? I don't understand it. And if it was that bad, where are the police officer when all these things are happening in my neighborhood?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible) --

MARY GILBERT: Why can't you put someone there and monitor it and bring it back to you, what they are seeing on 26th Court.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And I'll give you a -- some extra minutes, but I just wanted to let you know it's really just a discussion. There's no decision made --

MARY GILBERT: I know.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- at this point. Okay.

MARY GILBERT: I know there's no decision.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MARY GILBERT: 'Cause I was at the other meeting as well.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MARY GILBERT: But I just want you to keep an open mind on why you are closing --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MARY GILBERT: -- why you are bringing this up again. Because it was closed off and before it was Sister Denson lived there. There was a child there in a wheelchair. And when the emergency came there to pick Sister Denson [phonetic] up, they had to back into her house. That's not fair to her and it's not fair to the citizens. So please, please think of the members that there -- citizen that are living there and just like she spoke, when I moved into that neighborhood, I was in my 30s. And now --

MAYOR MASTERS: You're in your 40s.

MARY GILBERT: -- I am a senior citizen and I'm very proud of it. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. Thank you, ma'am.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Ma'am, come -- come back, please. What's your -- what's your name again? Mary -- Miss --

MARY GILBERT: My name is Mary L. Gilbert.

MAYOR MASTERS: Miss Mary Gilbert.

MARY GILBERT: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you for coming.

MARY GILBERT: Oh, you're very welcome.

MAYOR MASTERS: And -- and -- and thank you for representing the seniors who would not come back -- I mean, couldn't come out.

MARY GILBERT: I know.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just do me a favor. Tell them I'm with them 100 percent. I'm with you and Lynne Hubbard. I do not want -- I agree with you and I told you I would say that on the record, to keep the street open --

MARY GILBERT: Thank you very much.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- and -- and -- and not be closed. Thank you.

MARY GILBERT: Thank you. Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. I have the benefit of actually living on the street that is in question and I've had a Town Hall Meeting, we've had discussions. I called staff together yesterday, was it?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I think so.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The City Manager, the Police Chief, the Public Works Director, the City Attorney and what -- what I wanted was to have a discussion about what traffic-calming measures that we can institute, short of closing the street. I don't have strong feelings one way or the other. Let me put that out there. But I do have the responsibility to consider both sides in a fair, unbiased manner. And that is what I think I've been doing.

What I would like to see is that our policy be upgraded. I passed down our policy that exists and I've passed down just an example from another municipality, none in particular. We could have gotten it from anywhere -- any other city with these type of policies. But this one is from Coral Springs. And section four of Coral Springs -- what I told staff is I wanted to bring to the Council a recommendation that we institute uniform criteria that we can use throughout the city whenever we get a request for either traffic-calming speed humps -- we have something in place now -- or road closures. We don't have what I consider a uniform criteria at this point now, and I would like for my

colleagues to allow staff to bring something back to us that we can entertain so that when a decision is being entertained, what I like to make my decisions on as everyone know, is data, documents and evidence.

We can have things considered, like the crime in the area because that's an issue. We can have things considered like the response time from our emergency services because that is definitely important. I would never support doing anything that would reduce or not allow our emergency service to at least, at a minimum, meet the industry standard response time. All of those things, in my opinion, needs to be considered. Not just for this request, but for requests throughout the -- out the city. So I'm personally not prepared to recommend closure at this time. I do want to recommend that we institute some temporary measures in an effort to further calm the traffic on that particular street.

There is a diagram up now. On our street, we have, from O Avenue to R, where the request is being made, we have two speed humps. One in the block where I live, 1200 block, and one in the 1300 block, where the blue. And then there are none to Q Avenue, I mean, to R where the request is being made. I would like for my colleagues to allow a very inexpensive move here and where there are no speed bumps from Q to R, staff thought that if we put stop signs -- there's one going northbound -- if there were two more stop signs put, one traveling east and one coming west, that would require traffic to stop and slow down before it reached the speed hump there in the 1100 block.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I just want to ask him a question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You have a stop sign at Q.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Going northbound.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You can't go north on Q.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. No. You have a stop sign there because you can't go further.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. You have a -- you have a stop sign right there at Q and 26th Court.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Q -- going north.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. You mean -- you mean west?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. It's --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Or -- that's --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- west.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- what I keep --

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible) north. (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Q, north?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: There's no north.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I've been living in the community since '68. Everybody who lives in that community up here and saying yeah, north.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I don't -- that -- that's what I'm trying to understand.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Can -- can we --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. But, yeah. There's a stop sign. There is a dead end and you're right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But wait a minute. I want to understand what do you mean by north? Where -- maybe I'm not understanding where you're trying to place it.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Council Member Thomas? You see where the cursor is pointing? That's where the existing stop sign is. Oh, sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: But, can a person --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So it's on (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- move further north --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- than that intersection?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's what he's trying to say.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But there is a stop sign there.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: But there's a stop sign there.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible) is what they're saying.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. So you have a stop -- you have stop signs in those four corners, right?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No.

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, just one.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No, only one. And I'm recommending --

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- now to put two more --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Two more.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- stop signs --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: On east --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- going east and west.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- and west which will require them to stop on that hill there.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. But there's a stop sign, if you're heading west on 26th Court at Q, there's a stop sign there.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I beg to differ.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: There's --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's P.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: P?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's P.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I live there.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- Q --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Q is on --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay, man, I know where you live. All right?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm trying to understand where you trying to get this at.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Q is on the hill.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So Q is where you saying that there's no stop signs --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: There's one on that dead end going north. On that side road coming into 26th Court.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's -- but you saying right at the intersection.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So there's no rules preventing that you can have stop signs at all the intersections? I know for a fact.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: According to staff --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, you can't.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- it's a city street --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and we're allowed to --

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: If there's a traffic problem --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- do that.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: -- they can -- we can put stop signs up.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. So that's what you saying. At the -- right by where they were going to close them?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. On the hill --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible) jerking around (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- before you get to the next block, closing them.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So you're talking about at Q, before you get to R but after the speed hump --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- in the 1300 block of 26th Court.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Depending on which way you're coming, yes. If you're traveling eastbound before that speed bump, yes. Right there on the hill of 26th Court and Q.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So you want a stop sign at P and at Q and at R, is what you're saying?

CITY MANAGER JONES: It will slow them down.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: R -- we -- there are already stop signs there.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. There's a stop sign, but I'm saying you have one at -- well, you have one at O, you have one at P and you want one at Q and Avenue R?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. That -- that essentially --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- what it would end up being.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Being. Okay. All right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: In essence, to -- and this is only a temporary measure until staff can -- if the Council allows them to go and prepare some uniform criteria that can be considered when we get these requests. And this is something that I think it's long overdue. And because we don't have it -- I thought that in section four of the Coral Springs one, it has criteria that it lists to be considered, and we would certainly customize ours to the City of Riviera Beach, of course. But it's something that I thought that would be useful city-wide and in the interim, we can institute some traffic-calming measures by staff if the Council allows them to go and prepare some criteria to consider.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Yeah, go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton. That's a vacant lot --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- right there -- or you want it -- you want to put it -- you want to put it right there at the intersection. So it -- is that in front of a -- a resident and a vacant lot next to it?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Now, staff would determine the location. But we discussed having one coming eastbound and one going westbound. So both ways, when you come in, you have to stop to break your speed coming over that hill or going over that hill.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: All right. So it's one that's already there. And you're proposing to put two additional ones.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. Two additional ones.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: East -- east and west.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Going in both -- yes, east and west.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So I'm -- I'm -- I'm hearing you now. And do we know -- have you been able to speak to the resident that lives in that house where this is going in front of?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I have not. We didn't want to do anything without the Council's approval. As a matter of fact, I told them, "Don't do anything until we bring it before Council and then we can get Council direction."

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I -- I mean, I just made -- just want to make sure that they, you know, understand what's being proposed because they're gonna be stopping right in front of their home --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- or whatever. So I just want to make sure that they -- I mean, it's your district. I'm sure you've been vetting this that's why I'm just asking are they okay? Is it -- 'cause I don't want next week them to come up and say, "Why would you put a stop sign right in front of my house?" You know?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So I mean --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And -- and -- and let's -- let's be honest. There is no perfect solution.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And no matter what we do, there will probably be some opposition to it, quite frankly. But I have not spoken to the residents. I indicated to staff that I don't want them to do anything until Council has a chance to --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm okay with it but, you know, do -- would you have the opportunity to go back and vet it, you know, with your -- with your district?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. We -- we would definitely do that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I'm -- I'm okay. I'm okay with it. I just want to make sure that, you know, they're okay with it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But -- but should -- let -- let's say if we -- we make it, one person there is saying, "Well, I don't want the stop sign." We have to make a decision on traffic-calming measures that won't be able to please everybody.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I understand that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I just think that --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- we at least ought to talk to that particular person --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- that it's going in front of their home.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's all. I'm okay with it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And I -- I'll -- I'll -- I'll come to you in just a moment, Mayor.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible) too.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Just to give you an example, on Avenue H East, people were concerned because people were speeding down this street from Blue Heron Boulevard all the way down to 20th Street. And we put in stop signs at every intersection. From -- and -- and from Avenue H -- from 25th Street down to 20th, there were at least seven to eight stop signs.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: As you know the area, it's a three-way stop. And so they were there for three or four years, I guess, and people started complaining that it was too many stop signs and it was ruining their brakes. So, I mean -- you know, I mean, I'm serious. You know? So we took some of the stop signs out. I think now we have three. So as you move forward, just, you know, the -- the general public, you know, just think, you know, that every -- you're going to have to stop. And -- and I'll tell you the other thing is that when the stop signs were installed, I saw -- I witnessed with my own eyes -- people ran those stop signs every day. Okay?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible). It was ridiculous.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And I even asked the chief to put a motorcycle cop there, you know, on various mornings, you know? But it happened frequently, all the time, as a matter of fact. So I just wanted to throw my two cents out there and to let you know that, like you said, there is no perfect solution.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. And --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: At all.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and that's why I prefaced my comments with "there is no perfect solution." But this is only a temporary measure --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- until staff can come back with -- if the Council allows - - some criteria to uniformly evaluate each request based on the same criteria.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And that's all this is for now and staff hasn't done anything yet until Council decides if they want to move forward on it. But I'm not in support of, at this point -- of closing it. I think that should be a last dip measure --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. So --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- after we try other measures in order to address it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So at this point in time, you -- you're looking for a consensus from the board for staff to go out and -- and look at the situation and come back with a recommendation?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And come back with some criteria that can be uniformly applied throughout the city --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- for all requests of this nature.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Everybody okay with that?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam --

MAYOR MASTERS: I had --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'm sorry. Mayor Masters --

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- and then Councilman Thomas.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I was just curious for Mr. -- to Mr. Guyton. At the Town Hall Meeting that you convened, were there any -- was there any discussion or were there any requests for the traffic-calming, speed bumps on any of the streets in -- in that area or the street that was in question, R? Was there any requests from the people who live there for any more additional stop signs?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: There were -- we have speed bumps now. There is a request to just close it off, period. The discussion was either close it off or leave it open. That's -- that was the discussion. My position is that closing it is a pretty drastic measure and we don't have any data, documents or evidence that I feel comfortable with saying that because of the traffic counts and the volume of traffic, I feel it's justified. I would feel better with some type of data to support a decision of that nature.

I'm not saying that, you know, it's not appropriate. I'm saying I have nothing to support it at this point. So if staff can develop some criteria, they may or may not meet it and it can be applied throughout the city, keeping in mind that there is no perfect solution. No matter what we may do, there's going to be some opposition. So I'm not as concerned as much right now because I'm not prepared to take that drastic measure. But once we get some criteria, we can develop some data and we can recommend either keeping it open and just using some other measures or closing it, depending on what -- what the data indicates.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, just to follow through on Councilman Thomas observation, comments. So I guess what that means, that after staff comes back and say that these are the alternative options, then I guess there would be another Town Hall Meeting to see what the neighbors want or don't want. That's what I was trying --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. Or -- or a meeting in the chambers here.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But it will go back to the people --

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- once staff bring back -- if the Council allows --

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- any recommended criteria.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So everybody good with --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I just want to make sure --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- that same (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- of what we're giving the consensus to do.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Allow staff to --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We're asking staff to develop some uniform criteria that can be applied, not just for this request, but for requests throughout the city. When we get requests for either traffic-calming measures and/or street closings, they'll have some criteria that everyone knows that, at a minimum, must be met and they can make a determination at that point whether they want to submit a request based on what we have established as the criteria.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I understand that. But in the meantime, while they're developing that, what decision -- because this was generated by a group of individuals that live in that neighborhood.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And we know it's another group that is, you know, for and against. What are we going to do? Are we going to just say --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: There's no action (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- right now we're going to leave it how it is until this comes back --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No action is taken.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- or what's going to --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No action is taken.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Right now, I'm only recommending those temporary measures with the stop signs. That's -- there's no closure --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: But --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- that I'm recommending right now.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- but --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- you -- you want to know whether he's going to talk to the -- the --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- the people.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I -- I'm fine with that recommendation. But what I would like to know is on -- the -- the people who live on that street, including yourself, are they okay with those stop signs, those additional stop signs going in? And, you know, I mean, on the corners, that's fine, but that traffic flow that's trying to get to Avenue R or Avenue S, I just think that, you know, if -- you know, if you reach out the same way you've been doing and they're fine with it, okay. I just don't want to add to it if they're not, you know -- this is the first we're hearing about it, so I don't know if you talked to them already. That's --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- what I'm asking.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I just discussed this with staff yesterday.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But I would guarantee you that we would not be able to satisfy everybody.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I understand that, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So I don't know what you're expecting to get 100 --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I just would expect --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- oh -- oh, they're going to be informed and --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I think that we should do that --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- get their input.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- before we say, you know, we -- that's all. I -- I'm okay with it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But I just -- I would -- I think that we should just notify and say, Hey, this is what's being recommended by your district representative and -- I mean, I'm okay with it but I just think that we ought to ask them first. That's all.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If -- if the board wants to move ahead with it, fine. But -

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I -- I don't have a problem with that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But -- but I -- I've been in this a long time, as you know, and we're not going to be able to satisfy everybody.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So right now, what you're proposing is to place two other stop signs going -- the one going -- wait a minute. The one going north is already there, you said, right?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. The one going north --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. It's already there. So you're proposing two more going east and west.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And we can have, if the Council agree, staff to notify --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, that's what -- I -- I'm getting to that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: But right now --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The residents.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- what, just to be clear, there's one already heading north.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Going northbound.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You want -- you're proposing to do -- put one going east and put one going west.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: To -- to slow down the traffic.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: To slow down the traffic.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So staff is going to talk with the -- the persons who live at the intersection.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Intersection --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay? And then --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and notify the other people on the street that there is a proposal --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And then they'll --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to -- for temporary measures (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- go forward. And I -- I don't see where -- I mean, if -- if the goal is to slow the traffic down, you know, I -- I don't see where anybody would have any problem with it but then again, you never know. But if the majority of the people are -- support it, then, you know, I -- I don't have a problem with that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So -- okay?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: What -- what happens if the majority of the people do not support it?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We don't put a stop sign.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Then you don't put them there.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: So we --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We're -- we're going to request in a letter --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- so we're going to let the people decide?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- for a response.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Let the people speak.

MAYOR MASTERS: Let the people speak.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Let the people speak. Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So either way it goes, that's the action that will be taken.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh, uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. We're now down to --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Eighteen.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So you -- we have the consensus?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Just wanted to make sure, so staff's clear.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 8 -- I'm sorry, item 18. Miss Pardo will discuss the change in focus of her annual Christmas celebration.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, wait a minute. No, no, no, no. It's 7:00. We gotta go to Public Comments. Sorry.

18. COUNCIL CHAIR PRO-TEM DAWN S. PARDO WILL DISCUSS THE CHANGE IN FOCUS OF HER ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you. So on December 4th, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Johnny Longboats, we will be hosting the Annual Mingle & Jingle Toy Drive, Every Child Should Smile on Christmas Morning Toy Drive. And this year, instead of, you know, um, collecting dolls and trucks and stuff like that, we're asking the community to donate books and educational toys. It is imperative that we get more books in the homes of our Riviera Beach residents. I put this item on the agenda like I do every year because I am going to need some of our staff to assist prior to the event. We'll need lights again from Public Works. We're going to close off the street. So I'm just looking for a consensus from everyone to allow Public Works and whoever else needs to assist, to assist.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Is there a consensus from the board?

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I have no problems.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. And that's it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So thank you all and it's going to be a great event and we have more sponsors on board also, more businesses who are getting involved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Great.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So it's great. Thank you all.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I have a question --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- to Councilman Pardo.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: The -- the fabulous reading program that you do in the library.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Do you need any gifts that would help facilitate any books or any -
- for -- that would go --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, yeah. That's --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- hand-in-hand with that?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- gonna be -- that's gonna be part of it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You know, that's one of the first steps in getting the books into the homes. But it's really a different initiative.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That initiative -- and I'll bring it to the Council next week because we're still working on the video part of it. And it's going to be a great program.

MAYOR MASTERS: But people can donate books for that program --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: They could donate books --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- for Christmas?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- for that, correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. You have a consensus.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUEST

19. YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION - \$1,000 - CHAIRWOMAN JUDY L. DAVIS - MEALS FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FOR YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 19 is \$1,000 donation to the Youth Recreation Association from Chair Davis for providing meals and thanks -- meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas for youth and senior citizens.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Is -- Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton? Councilperson T. Davis? Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes. And let me just -- I -- I need to say this. I have never received any money from the Youth Recreation Association for any item that I -- any dollars that I've given them nor will I receive any for -- from this donation also. Item 20.

20. 6TH ANNUAL COUNCILMAN CEDRICK A. THOMAS THANKSGIVING TURKEY GIVE-A-WAY - \$7,000.00 - COUNCILMAN CEDRICK A. THOMAS - PURCHASE OF TURKEYS FOR FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: 6th Annual Councilman Cedrick Thomas Thanksgiving turkey give-a-way in the amount of \$7,000 to purchase the turkeys for families in our community.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis? Councilperson Guyton? Pro Tem Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson T. Davis out.

21. COMMUNITY BENEFITS DONATION FROM COUNCILMAN BRUCE GUYTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 TO WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PATROL.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 22 is a donation from Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo in the amount of \$3,000 --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Can we do 21?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yeah. We'll do 21 first.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, I'm sorry. 21, a community benefit donation from Councilman Bruce Guyton in the amount of \$500 to Washington Elementary School Patrol.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis? Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson T. Davis out.

22. COUNCIL CHAIR PRO-TEM DAWN S. PARDO--\$3,000 COMMUNITY BENEFITS DONATION TO RIVIERA BEACH FIRE RESCUE FOR PURCHASE OF HONOR GUARD UNIFORMS.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 22. Council Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo, donation in the amount of \$3,000 to the Riviera Beach Fire Rescue for purchase of Honor Guard uniforms.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- item 23. Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. It's the --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is it the Mingle, Jingle?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, yeah. \$2,000 to offset the Mingle & Jingle costs.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Miss Larson --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- I missed your card for item 20. You want to say anything?

BONNIE LARSON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Come on up.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: What was 20? She wants a turkey.

BONNIE LARSON: Councilperson Cedrick Thomas has mentioned in the past that other companies and entities donate also to the turkeys for Thanksgiving. So if he could mention who those are, maybe we could patronize those businesses or at least give them a shout-out, a thank you, for doing that.

The other thing I'd like to make sure of is that the turkeys somehow go to Riviera Beach people, that we don't get people from other communities coming in. I heard about that one year. But if we could make sure that those go to Riviera Beach people only, some way of doing that. But we'd like to hear who else is donating so that we can thank them personally. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Sure. When they donate and I know, I'll tell you, but at this point, I have not received any donations. I do expect to -- to get some. As far as it just going to Riviera Beach residents, I can't just guarantee that, but it's open to the public. We do make sure that Riviera Beach residents are first come, first serve basis. Just some numbers, over the past few years, there's been about 70 to 80 percent of the turkeys that go to Riviera Beach residents. There's always a list of who receives these turkeys and as soon as we have it compiled, you can have a copy of it. If you'd like to have a copy of who received a turkey last year and the years before, the prior five years, we do have those lists.

I do anticipate some businesses stepping up, but for the majority of it, I use community benefits to pay for it. So I do anticipate some but I won't know until they -- they come. In the years past, it's been Viking, Coventry, Rapids, Vanguard Construction. I'm sorry, did you -- Nubold Construction. Who else was it? Pittman Law Group, of course, Councilman Guyton's office, I even think Miss Pardo did last year as well. So it's been a joint effort with some of those. And, you know, I'm hoping that some of my colleagues, you know, see the cost and throw a few dollars this way if they could. You know? But that's just where they -- that's just where it is. But any information that you would like on it, you're more than welcome to call the city and we can get it for you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We're now down to discussion by the City Manager.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CITY MANAGER JONES: Just a couple of items, Madam Chair and members of Council. I gave you a copy of an instrument that will be used for consideration for our future discussion as it relates to the city manager's performance. And so I look forward to those discussions. Just wanted to reiterate on the Consent Agenda, you approved a resolution informing the public that you will be participating in the sister city meeting tomorrow. That meeting will be held at 4:00. The City of West Palm is hosting the meeting in their City Hall. So the attorneys told us it was appropriate for us to at least say something about those meetings so publicly and we have done that. I just wanted the public to know about that.

Also would like to continue to encourage the public to meet with and to contact the city. It's getting slightly cooler than usual and the season for our homeless has increased. And we can't be everywhere at all times so we're encouraging our residents if there is an issue that you observe, to please make us aware. We try to refer individuals to the appropriate resources in our area. But some people are very skilled at where they find to sleep.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh, uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And -- but we need all of the assistance of all of our residents to assist us with that issue with the homeless. Finally, I would like to show a very quick video that has been put together by the Public Works Department that is running on TV 18 --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- that tries to make our residents aware of the focus of the Public Works Department, but then also get the faces of the individuals out there so that they'll also know the individuals that are responsible for the different functions. So right now, I'd like to show a very short video. (Video playing).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Very good. That's what I'm talking about. That was the goal of trying to --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- inform the citizens of -- of what each department does. That was great. Thank you, Miss Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That ends my report.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right. Legal.

LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, thank you, Madam Chair. The only thing I have is to announce the Closed Executive Session. My staff sent an email and polled some of you regarding the session and we've set it for tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. in the case of

Lozman vs. City of Riviera Beach, case number 9-08-CV-80134-T -- I'm sorry, DTKH. Present at the Closed Executive Session will be Mayor and Council, City Manager Ruth Jones, myself and outside counsel, Benjamin Bedard. We will have the Closed Executive Session most likely in Council chambers. Okay. Sometimes we have it in conference room but it's going to be in the Council chambers at 9:30 a.m. Thank you. And that's all I have.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. City Council committee reports.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Nothing? Statements by the Mayor and Council.

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We'll start with you, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. As most of everyone knows, we are hot and heavy into the election season now. And as a result of that, every election season, there is information that is distributed that's either misleading or untrue. Oftentimes it go unaddressed and the public really doesn't know the other side or rather what the information being distributed is actually coming from a credible source.

I was provided with some literature that was distributed to some churches, actually, two Sundays in a row. It was different literature but my name was on it. There has been, I guess, a small group decided that they're going to come after me and I guess our Chair as well. I'm not one to sit back and allow misleading information to be circulated. So I just want to very briefly address at least one of the flyers that was distributed to churches.

Walt, could you put that up for me, please, sir? Okay. I don't know if the residents can see it but I'm gonna read it and address each one of them because either it's completely untrue or misleading. Now, there's a small group that clearly has targeted myself and the Chair, and what is ironic about it, the Chair and myself are two of the Council members who often read their information and come to meetings informed. And they have chosen to try to take us out, obviously, irrespective to our contributions substantively to the Council body.

But the first thing that was said was -- everyone can see the top. "Judy Davis and Bruce Guyton. Two council members, one of a kind." The -- number one, "Both voted to suspend over 35-year veteran employee department head, Miss Carrie Ward, City Clerk, for five days without pay for nothing. Really? That's just wrong. The rest of the Council had to overturn the vote of Judge Judy and King Bruce." Let me -- let me first say I -- I'm not enamored by that royalty reference because I don't consider myself anything but normal.

The reference that we voted to suspend an employee is completely false. The City Council does not get involved in employee issues ordinarily. That was a decision not

made by Council, but made by our City Manager who we've hired to do that. Not to suspend, but to handle personnel issues. What did happen was there was a group that came to our City Council and tried to essentially demand that we undermine the City Manager and I refused to do that because my position is we've hired a City Manager to deal with that and she's the one that has to make those decisions. And I'm not going to get on this dais and start trying to undermine and undercut the City Manager.

I've been in government at the county level for 17 years. I've worked on the municipal level for four years. I was a director of government for two years with the Villa Association. I've been in government all my adult life. I have never seen any elected body undermine their administrator on a personnel issue, ever. I would never do that. It's inappropriate and this reference to "we voted to suspend" is completely untrue.

The other thing that was said -- and let me just also say that there's no reference to who actually put this out. They reference Concerned Citizens for Change. Any time one gets an anonymous flyer, more likely than not there are things on it that are not true or very misleading. And in addition to that, they apparently are cowards. I would never distribute anything without referencing my organization or who I am. So we have some cowards in our community now coming after us and the other thing that they said was, "Both support eliminating the right for you to vote for a mayor. They want to appoint a mayor. How awful is that?"

We have been having discussions about restructuring our government, our -- our political structure. We cannot, as a body, institute a new structure of government. We cannot sit up here and vote to say that we're now going to go to a five-member Council. That's gonna have to be done by the people. They are suggesting that we shouldn't even have the discussion, that if we have a discussion about restructuring our government, somehow we are eliminating the public and being condescending. Our structure of government is almost 100 years old. We are the last of three holdouts. Out of 38 municipalities, there are only three remaining with a ceremonial mayor position: Green Acres, Palm Beach, Riviera Beach. We can eliminate Palm Beach because they have enough money to do whatever they want to do. Green Acres and Riviera Beach.

I personally do advocate restructuring our government. It is long overdue. I have not advocated that we decide that. Should that decision be made, what they're not telling you that it's going to be made by the people. They're making you think that somehow five people gonna make that decision. We have a right to have an opinion. And my opinion is it's time to restructure and they're trying to make you think that somehow we're going to ignore you and we're going to do that unilaterally. That is not true.

One of the problems that we have in this city now, that when investors come in to our city, they look at the structure of government. The most important position in most cities is the mayor's position. The least important position in our city as it relates to authority is the mayor. They get an impression by the structure of our government and -- and I'm going to try to have a dialogue to discuss why a better structure of government may attract investors. We are long, long overdue for a change and the -- the position of Mayor needs to be respected and I do support restructuring our government, which

would save the taxpayers a million dollars every 10 years for a position that we actually don't need. We have five people doing all the voting and we have six people up here. That, to me, is inefficient government. Why do you have six people when five people are actually the ones making the decision? So I do support that but it's not as this little flyer says that we are supporting the five people eliminating government. They said that both supported shutting down, closing our fire station, Blue Heron Boulevard and moving the police station and fire station and City Hall. That is completely untrue. City Hall has never been in the equation, ever -- ever.

And let me -- let me make one thing clear. In order for them to be successful, they have to get you angry, the public. So they're going to insert things into these accusations that may be partly true, 'cause the fire station, Public Works and Police are -- are being considered to be moved. Not City Hall at all. City Hall has never been discussed to be moved over there. That is completely untrue. But if you don't get angry, their plan is going to hell in a hand basket. So -- so they're going to have to get you angry. That is not true and -- and those who wrote this probably knew it wasn't true.

They said both voted to give the City Manager and CRA Director a big raise, but what about our day-to-day city workers? All of our city workers got raises, all of them. As a matter of fact, they negotiated their raise and took it back to their people and also voted to approve it. Another thing, not true. All of our city employees got raises.

"Both voted to waste almost \$100,000 a year to hire a public relations firm instead of filling a published, in-house, job vacancy, bypassing several of our own current employees who would've done the job for much less." What a shame. What a shame that people don't understand that sometime you need to go out and hire a public relations firm to help change your image. This firm that we have has offices in New York, Miami and West Palm Beach. They have connections with the media that our people on staff don't have. They have now begun to reshape our image with the business community. That has been long overdue and that is money well spent. The other one that's about Judge Judy, so I won't address that one.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'll address it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. The -- the -- the violence -- this is -- "The violence continue in their districts and they appear to be MIA, missing in action. Maybe they're too busy for us but not for the island. Is this taxation without true representation?" They are suggesting that somehow we give more attention, or I give more attention to the island than the mainland. That is absolutely not true. Most elected officials are more effective if they can cross the aisle. If you're a Republican and a Democrat and y'all can work together, I admit that I do have a relationship with the island and we do work on issues, but not at the expense of the mainland.

As it relates to violence, it takes more -- and I support the rallies and I support the -- the functions that go on in these areas to draw attention. But the way you eliminate violence in a crime-ridden community, you have to create jobs. The violence are normally related to what they call stacks, that mean money, grands. So my focus is on

trying to ensure that when we have the big projects that our kids, young adults, go get a skill that you will qualify for these jobs. They think if I don't address it in the way they think I should, that I'm ignoring it. I'm addressing it in a way that will give them not just a job but a career. That is untrue.

And the last one is, "Both voted to give their families city paid health insurance. However, they are considered part-time employees. Unbelievable." It's unbelievable that somebody would have the gall to put a lie like this on a piece of paper. We did not vote to give our families -- we voted for elected officials to have an option, if they have families, to have that as a benefit. I haven't used any family benefits because I don't have a family. I'm not in -- being the beneficiary of that vote. I voted for it because whether I'm here or not, when the elected officials sit up here, they families serve with us. They go through the stress, they -- they go through all the trials and tribulations that they do and I voted that that would be a benefit to elected officials. I'm not taking advantage of it. I -- I have another health plan where I work. So to suggest that somehow I voted to give myself and my family a benefit that I don't even use, that is a lie.

So I just want everybody to know that it's an election season and guess what, my seat is not even up till '16. So they have me on flyers now, running around here trying to discredit me. Any time that I support something, I don't go negative. If I'm opposing somebody, I'm going to tell them what the person I support, the benefits of them being elected. I'm not going to try to tear anybody down. All you have to do is talk about your candidate and what they're going to bring to the seat. And they don't even have the courage to put their name on it. Now how cowardice can you be? I'm done, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir. While we're on the subject, I'll go ahead and go next. First of all, you received the City Manager's Evaluation Form and as I did with Miss Ryan's evaluation, it is left up to you whether you want to put -- do a written evaluation. I did do Miss Ryan's and I intend to do this one for Miss Jones. And to address those that apply directly to me on this particular flyer, item number five, there was never a vote taken to end the Senior Gala. The Council member who hosts that made the decision to discontinue it. And number eight, I do not receive any family coverage from the City of Riviera Beach. I never have. So that -- both of those are definitely not true statements. Okay. And that's all for me. We'll go to you --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam -- Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'm sorry.

CITY MANAGER JONES: While you still have the floor, will you talk about the 19th, please? I failed to do that in my comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: The 19th.

CITY MANAGER JONES: No meeting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, yes. The -- the 19th, Council meeting will be cancelled because all of us are -- are out of town. So this will be our only meeting for the month of November. Now we'll go down to Mayor Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm gonna make a couple announcements. Debbie -- Reverend Salter asked me to announce something about the Boys' -- about the Boys' Choir. He forgot to say, what was it? Do you have it?

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: The (inaudible) thing.

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, no, he wrote something down. Something else.

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: It's on your papers.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, come and --

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, yeah. Riviera Beach Boys' Choir recruiting. The 8th and I don't understand it. They're going to be recruiting in a couple of days, I guess.

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: Tomorrow night at --

MAYOR MASTERS: Tomorrow night.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Could you --

MAYOR MASTERS: Tomorrow --

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: At 6 p.m.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- tomorrow night at 6 p.m. at the Max Fisher Boys & Girls Club at 221 North -- West -- I mean, West 13th Street.

MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEBLANC-ISAACS: For ages eight to 18.

MAYOR MASTERS: Eight to 18. So if you have a son that's in that age bracket, have them be there. I'm sure it'll be something very, very positive. I also want to announce as it relates to Thanksgiving. I've sort of made it a practice to always not to forget the people who live in Stonybrook, one of the -- back in the day, they would say a project -- but a housing, low-income housing development. I wanted to make sure that -- that every resident there will have an opportunity to get a turkey. And the turkeys will be provided by Dunkin' Donuts on Military in Riviera Beach as they've done in the past.

I've also promised the seniors at Lindsey Davis senior facility that we will provide them turkeys. One of the thing as it relates to Thanksgiving, many times we focus on the needy and which we should, but also we should not forget the working people who are struggling, who are robbing Peter to pay Paul. So I will be going into certain communities and I want to use the word "middle class," maybe lower middle class or

working people, struggling. Many times they're overlooked or just don't come and stand in the line. But because of the economy, I want to -- and people who are working who are having such difficulty and economic challenges but they don't get food stamps, they don't get housing benefits. They don't get some of the other benefits that other people get. So I want to focus on them. So I'm not going to announce which communities, but we're going to make surprise stops in those communities and help some of the working people.

I want to announce that our radio program, many of you have listened to it and you've stopped me all over the city and say it's a good -- good show and -- and Reverend Jesse Jackson will be on -- was on our show and we're looking forward to Reverend Al Sharpton being one of our guests. But it's on every Sunday morning at -- and most of you are asleep but can wake up a little bit sometimes -- 6:30 a.m. on the leading African-American radio station in Palm Beach County and I'm thankful that I've been chosen to be the radio commentator and the radio personality to interview local, county, state and national guests and people who are making a difference in our community. Like Miss Kisner, Reverend Kisner, and -- and others who are doing some -- some things that are worth noted. So 6:30 a.m. and the radio dial is 102.3. We would love for you to tune in.

Reverend Griffin Davis, the illustrious senior pastor of the Hilltop Baptist Church has asked me to make an announcement that Friday, November the 7th at 5 p.m., he is leading the ministerial charge of pastors and ministers. However, he has asked that people who are interested, who want to join him and others, people who are student, seniors, he asked me to mention the name of -- of Earl Davis and Miss Mickens [phonetic] who are also involved, and others. And he asked that I would make the announcement to plea to residents of the city that if you're interested, he would like for you to come to his church at 5 p.m., that's November the 7th, and as -- as he stated and he is leading the charge to support KaShamba Miller who is a candidate for District 2 challenging our Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Excuse me. This is a campaign issue.

MAYOR MASTERS: No. I'm making announcement. I have a right to make an announcement. I'm making an announcement.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It still is a campaign issue.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I'll refer to the attorney. Attorney, can I make an announcement about an -- an event at a church?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You want me to answer that?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, please.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. The rule that the Council imposed upon itself years ago was that you would not allow yourselves to campaign or to -- to discuss campaigns on the dais and you wouldn't allow people to do it at the podium. So, you know, I -- I

didn't hear your -- what -- whatever it is you were saying. But we -- we don't do that. You -- you -- you've put that control on yourself. So --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- if you want to change that, it should be done by a vote of the Council because I believe it was a vote of the Council many years ago to refrain from doing that because you wanted it stopped at the podium so you have to put the same restraints on yourself.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Since you didn't hear it, I want you to hear it and you tell me --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. Let me --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- look at it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't want to hear it.

CITY MANAGER JONES: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No.

MAYOR MASTERS: I can't --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And basically --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- hold on.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- you know, you made the announcement --

MAYOR MASTERS: So I can't make an announcement --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- but you don't need to mention anything about --

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Well, let me do it this way.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- somebody supporting somebody else.

MAYOR MASTERS: Reverend Griffin Davis, illustrious pastor of the Hilltop Baptist Church, is leading the ministerial -- ministers of this community for a community meeting November the 7th at 5 p.m. and he is asking people who are like-minded in what he's trying to accomplish, to be at that meeting. Ministers and lay people as it relates to the person that I previously named. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir. All right. Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am. Briefly, first I would like to thank the Council once again for supporting the 6th Annual Turkey Give-A-Way that will indeed happen, rain or shine, 8 a.m. November the 25th at the old drive-in, swap shop, 1301 Old Dixie Highway in our great city. Once again, the turkey -- 6th Annual Turkey Give-A-Way, November 25th, 8 a.m. and it's going to be a first come, first serve basis. 1301 Old Dixie Highway. Anybody's welcome. We just ask that you do bring an ID. All we are asking is that you be at least 18 years of age; you can have a proxy come to stand in line for you if you're a little bit ailing on that morning. You know, a proxy can come and stand in line. All we want the IDs for is just to make sure that we can, you know, keep track of where these are going just for the public transparency on that. So please come out and support that. Tell a friend, tell a neighbor. It's a first come, first serve basis. 8 a.m. and I move the line very fast. Hopefully, we're done by 10:30 or 11 a.m. but the line will move that particular day. So I'm excited about it and my office is also excited about being able to do it again.

For those of you who are looking at my face and wondering if I just forgot to shave, I didn't. I am supporting the No-Shave November. I'm asking everyone to support the No-Shave November. That's all the men, of course, No-Shave November. And the American Cancer Society, it's just simple. No-Shave November is a unique way to raise cancer awareness. What better way to grow awareness than show some hair? Show your support and give back. Of course, it's a fundraiser as well. You can go to No-Shave.org if you would like to participate. But I would like for all of the -- all of the men to show some -- some awareness for the month of November. A fraternity brother of mine, Mr. Al Roker, is supporting it, of course, so I'm -- I'm joining in and Matt Lauer is as well.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Wow.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The No-Shave November. So if you can and will for the month of November. Now after November, we need everybody to go back to your grooming, your grooming ways. But for this month, please, let's show some awareness on it. Cancer is affecting not just our community but communities all over in various ways and it seems like it's affecting individuals younger and younger and younger. So, please, if you can, No-Shave November for the month of November. And I'm sure Miss Jones would be okay with any of the -- the gentleman that work for the City of Riviera Beach Police, Fire, whoever, for this particular month.

The other thing that I want to do, I know Miss -- Miss Ryan didn't get a chance to. I was shocked today that -- since we don't have another Council meeting before the end of the month, that Miss Valencia Stubbs is going to be moving on to some other employment opportunities. I think that she has represented us well --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- in Miss Ryan's office and I want her to know that I'm deeply moved, you know, by her time here. She's always been the constant professional. She's always given a level of Christianity that I know I've needed many a times. I am -- I'm really happy that she served us in such a phenomenal capacity but, please, wish her well. She's definitely going to be missed and I want her to know that -- that I, and I'm sure the -- the board would echo it. We appreciate your service. I know you worked in Miss Ryan's office but you worked for the City of Riviera Beach and we do appreciate you doing such a phenomenal job while you were here. I know that she told me she's going to be here till the end of the month, and I'm probably not going to get a chance to say or see her much but I do appreciate that. I want you to know that -- that you're -- you're very much appreciated and your -- your absence is going to be missed and felt. So congratulations on your new job and if there's anything that the City of Riviera Beach can do, we -- we -- we definitely stand with you. And at this point, Miss Davis, that's going to be all for me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Miss Davis, I mean, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes -- yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Please, I forgot Mrs. Stubbs. Can I just give her some kudos because I want to echo --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: She's not here.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: She's not here.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We're not going to be here.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Wait --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I know.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- but I'm --

CITY MANAGER JONES: She can hear you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- I'm -- I'm sure, I just want to say that Mrs. Stubbs has been one of the best attorneys that I've encountered. I knew her before she started working for the city, in the private sector. And she's very, very detail oriented, very good, and I just want her to know that she's going to be dearly missed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Real briefly. I just want to say that the National Village wall cleaning, painting, this past Saturday was a great success.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible) good.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I would like to thank the Public Works Department, their staff, for participating and helping us out. I would like to thank Melina Healthcare. They came out and provided, too, some support. The National Village community, all the young children that came out, we had a wonderful time.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I'd also like to thank Mayor Masters for coming and showing some support, my staff and all those who just chose to stop by to say hello. It was a great event and the community really wanted to say thank you to the Public Works Department and they told me to ask at this time to the City Attorney, what, legally, could they do to really show some appreciation to the staff. They wanted to do some things. I said I'm not too sure what they can do, legally. But they want to present something to them. And they offered to do gift cards. I said, No, I don't think that's something that you can do because it's dealing with funding. But -- I said, but let me talk with the City Attorney to ask you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Is there anything that they can do to show some appreciation?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well -- right. The -- you can't give any city employee a value over \$100.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's a Palm Beach County rule.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So -- but they can give something to them.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So if they want to do like a lunch, that's always good.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-huh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Or something for the department. They could do individual cards as long as they're under \$100 because the -- the citizens are not resident, I mean -- I'm sorry, are not vendors. If they're vendors --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- it's another whole issue. But we always suggest, you know, doing a -- a luncheon or something like that.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. All right. But, yeah. I just wanted to say it was a great success. We had a lot of fun. Ain't too many times where you're actually doing work and have a really good time, I don't think. Mr. Brynt Johnson, he actually rolled his sleeves back and was actually doing some training with all the community residents on how to actually paint without getting paint all over your body. So I learned that you do not push hard and get too close. He said keep your strokes light and smooth and stand back and everything will work itself out.

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible) strokes.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So thank you all. For those who came out, it was a fun event and look forward to many more.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It came out great.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: What?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Pardo.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It looks good.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Like I said earlier, just want to reiterate it since we're not having another meeting. December 4th from 6 to 10:00 p.m. at Johnny Longboats, the Annual Christmas in Paradise, Mingle & Jingle. We are asking that you donate toys and books. We will have a live band there. I believe we're going to have -- what -- what's the name of the Motown band?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Memory Lane.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Memory Lane.

MAYOR MASTERS: Memory Lane.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Memory Lane.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. Memory Lane will be playing once again and Johnny Longboats will be giving out drink tickets for everyone who donates something to the toy drive. They will be giving out a drink ticket and as you all know, almost everyone in this room has been to the Mingle & Jingle. It is a great time. It's a great party and it's a great event that helps the children in Riviera Beach. Now, if you are a parent or a grandparent and you need educational toys and books for your children for Christmas, you can come to my office in City Hall and fill out an application. Please bring a driver's license with you. You need to prove that you live in the City of Riviera

Beach. We will be taking applications until November 24th. If there are any employees who would like to assist with the toy drive and, you know, it's all after hours or on a Saturday, please contact my office. We're always looking for volunteers.

The other thing I'd like to mention, I spent most of the day at the Singer Island poll yesterday and it was great to see a lot of my snowbirds are, you know, coming back home. So it was great to see them. And the meetings on Singer Island have begun. We had a COASI meeting two weeks ago and a SICA meeting on Monday night. And the SICA meeting was the first meeting of the season and I shared with the residents everything that -- all the work that we've been doing over the summer and it was quite a list. And I could tell you the majority of them were very impressed with, you know, how we're, you know -- the majority of us are moving the city forward. So with that, Madam Chair, that's all I have.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And I -- I -- I just want to say that the reason I was not at the wall painting, I went to -- Lockheed Martin was over on 10th Street at the Gardens and then had to run home, change and visit my daughter -- get on the road to visit my daughter. So that's the reason I was not there. Is there a motion for adjournment?

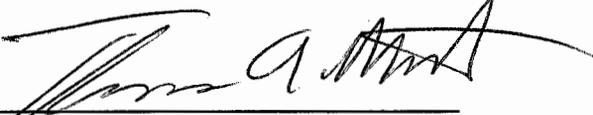
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CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

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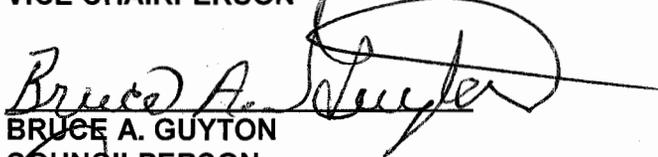
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