

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**ROLL CALL:**

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Mr. Jones, Deputy Jones, would you close the door, please. We'll get started.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** (Inaudible). Oh, that's (inaudible) Grangers.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, the Grangers. We'll take care of you. Okay. This chair's too low. Well, I guess I'll (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Come on, Miss Brooks.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. We're gonna get started here. Good evening, everyone, and welcome to the Riviera Beach City Council Meeting. We are about to begin and we will begin with our roll call by City Clerk.

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

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** He's en route.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Thank you. Chairperson Billie Brooks.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Here.

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

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Out of state.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Cedric Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** He's attending his daughter's induction into the Honor Roll, Honor Society. Should be coming later maybe.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Thank you, ma'am. Councilperson Shelby Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** City Manager Ruth Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Present.

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

**ASST. CITY ATTORNEY STUBBS:** Valencia Stubbs, Assistant City Attorney present.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Thank you, ma'am.

#### **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We will now have our invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by our Honorable Clerk. (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by City Clerk Ward).

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

##### **Additions, Deletions, Substitutions**

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Jones, do we have any additions, deletions, or substitutions?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, we do, Madam Chair. This evening, for council's consideration I would like to add three items. The first item is a resolution as it relates to the conducting of early voting at the City of Riviera Beach for the Presidential primary in August, as well as for the general election.

Miss Bucher has a prior commitment that she's needing to get to and so I would like to ask to also have that item moved up as the first item on the regular agenda.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All right. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So we're right above 6 or are we talking about right above –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You want to do it before Awards and Presentations or –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- number 9?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- before –

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Probably right after we approve the consent, before you do the first read on the ordinance.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So you want us to go through the Awards and Presentations?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes. We only have one. Councilman Lowe is asking to remove number 7. So we only have the one.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** The Mayor is asking that I'll allow him to do an -- give the award.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** His later?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes. During the time of the presentations.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. So then it could be after we approve consent. It can be the next item that we do.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes. Let's just do that.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. Thank you so much.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Can you hear me out there? Okay. Thank you.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** As well as I would like to add item 10B as it relates to the jazz festival. And under Discussions and Deliberations an item 11G, a community benefits request.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I'm sorry, what would that -- oh, 11G? Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Make sure everybody has it. That's 10A, 10B and 11G.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** 11G.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And I would like to remove item number 7.

**Disclosure By Council**

*(If any Council Member has anything to disclose regarding any item on the Agenda, please do so at this time.)*

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Item number 7. Oh, yes. Okay. Disclosure by Council. If any council members has anything to disclose regarding any item on the agenda, please do so at this time. And I do have one. Under item number 8 -- no, I'm sorry, number 9, I do have a granddaughter who's participating as a Girl Scout.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Move approval of agenda.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Need a second.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Roll call?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** 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. Does anyone choose to remove an item from the consent agenda?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair, I'd like to pull items 1 and 2.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Items 1 and 2. Any others? Okay. Then we'll go ahead on and move for approval.

## MINUTES

### 1. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP HELD MAY 27, 2012.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Item number 1. Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. This was -- the only question I have on this is --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** We can't hear you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'm sorry. Sorry. The only question I had, I noticed that these were verbatim minutes and wondered why these were verbatim and others are not.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Miss Davis, response to that?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** It's because we've been receiving so many controversies and so forth reference the minutes that people want them to be more detailed. So the manager and I discussed it over the past months, that this is the way that you will be receiving them.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. From March 27<sup>th</sup> on?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Yes, ma'am.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. And the other question, Madam Clerk, is are workshops also recorded and if so, I notice -- 'cause I went to the clerk's website to see if the others were verbatim as this one was, and noticed that there were no workshops there. So are our workshops -- are minutes created for our workshops and are they also put on the agenda? Because my understanding is when there are two or more there should be minutes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Uh-huh. We have approved minutes of the workshops. They've been on the agenda. What we're checking to make sure is that we get them on the website.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Yeah.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Because they have been on the agenda to be approved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. All right. That's all for me.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And item number 2?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Wait one second. Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'm sorry. Yes?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I just noticed, it says on the agenda that these are the minutes from the regular city council meeting. But the minutes are from a workshop.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That's what's on the agenda under Minutes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Oh.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** It says Workshop. Minutes of the City Council Workshop, P.M., May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Is that a new -- oh, I don't have it. I got the wrong agenda.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No. She's correct and the agenda's printed incorrect.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** On the actual --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, in the -- in the agenda document. If you look at page number 2.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah. On here it says regular city council meeting. But the actual document says --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Correct.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I know. I just wanted to make it clear that --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- where it's workshop, yeah. Okay. Okay. That's all for me.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Item number 2. Did you pull 1 and 2?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, we don't -- do we need to vote on this? Item 1?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yeah. Okay. Let's go ahead and vote on 1. I thought we'd do 1 and 2 but okay. We need a motion.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Roll call.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Item number 2.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 61-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$28,202.06 FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY FOR FY2012 EXPENDITURES TO PUBLIC WORKS REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT NUMBER 001-1127-541-0-4601; AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$28,202.06 TO FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 001-1127-541-0-4601 FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF WEST 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET NEAR AVENUE R AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CITY CLERK WARD:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Interim Finance Director to transfer 28,202.06 from General Fund contingency for fiscal year 2012 expenditures to Public Works repair and maintenance account number 001112754104601 and approving the payment of 28,202.06 to Florida East Coast Railway from account number 001112754104601 for the maintenance of W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Avenue R, and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'll second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, Madam Chair. The reason I pulled this item is because in looking at the actual agreement from 1997, I was a little taken aback by it. But after speaking with Miss Ryan, found out that this is pretty standard all over the state where FEC rails are. But my question is at this point being that this impacts our budget whenever the FEC determines that, you know, there needs to be maintenance or something, whether or not we can address them and ask the question that, you know, in the future, whether we can cap it or whether, you know, a certain amount or whether or not -- and I noticed in Mrs. Jones' e-mail that she would ask for a five-year capital plan from them.

(Coughing). Excuse me. So Miss --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, Miss Jones can address it. We had a conversation about this in our pre-agenda meeting. So would you please respond to that, Miss Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, Madam Chair and Councilwoman Davis. We have talked about this. We are engaging FEC in discussions in order to try and be made aware as early as possible within the course of that budget year those items that are coming up that would impact the budget for the City of Riviera Beach.

Mr. Johnson is here from the Public Works Department if you have any other direct questions about the kinds of work that might come up under this agreement. And as Miss Davis mentioned, Miss Ryan supports the fact that it's customary when you have FEC lines running through your city, and if they do work within those areas, that the City has a responsibility for a part of that.

And so we would like to be able to know earlier so that we could at least budget for them and not have to allocate resources in this manner.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Would you say that it would be safe for us to maybe do a projection in our next fiscal year budget?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Then we'll look to you to come up with some figures.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That we could have as a line item.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And particularly after we look at what their next cycle is for --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Their projects.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- their repairs.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** To see how soon they have something coming up in the city.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Very good. And at least we're being proactive on it.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** No other comments, we'll go --

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah, this is the first time I've ever seen this before us in the past seven years that I've been here or six. What's happened in the past? 'Cause this agreement is from what year?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** 1997.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** 1997. Okay. That's not that far. I thought I heard '67.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, '97.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** I apologize.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Well, that's why it's important that we start focusing in that area. Because we're paying the costs for the infrastructure that's there. And, you know, we need to work on bringing businesses in that area that -- 'cause it's a money-making area. So we're going to put this in the budget every year as a maintenance cost?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** When we see that they have a project in the City of Riviera Beach according to their capital schedule.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Let's go for the vote, please. Roll call.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 62-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (JAG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,227.00; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SET UP THE BUDGET; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4. RESOLUTION NO. 63-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID NO. 310-11 TO KOLDAIRE, INC. OF SUNRISE, FLORIDA FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW HVAC UNIT AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$59,777.00 FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY FOR EXPENDITURES TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 001-0817-521-0-6405 AND MAKE PAYMENT FROM SAME; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
  
5. RESOLUTION NO. 64-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID NO. 349-12 TO ALTIMA LIGHTING, INC. OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA FOR FURNISHING AND INSTALLING LIGHTING FIXTURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,690.00; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%); AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 114-1127-541-0-3106; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Move consent.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Roll call?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All right. We will now go back to our regular agenda format here. Petitions and Communications for Filing, none?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** None.

### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Awards and Presentation? The Mayor isn't here. So we will just move on, then, to –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** 8.

#### **6. PROCLAMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAIMING MAY 23, 2012, AS ABIAD KHALID PHILEMON GRANGER DAY IN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.**

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Well, is it the desire that we go to 9? Why don't we pause now and -- because they're here and, you know, I know she works for the school district and they need to -- and the kids need to go home, study, stay on the honor roll. Okay. So then we'll pause now and, Mayor Masters –

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes, Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- we're going to ask you to prepare yourself –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes. Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Just a point of order.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I think there was a conversation sometime ago about advertising and political stuff. Does that apply to just us or other advertising? I'm noticing the Mayor's tag on his shirt.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, yes. He would need to remove it. Small problem. Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** What's it say, Barak Obama 2012? I'm sorry. It's gone.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Let's go for Awards and Presentation, Mayor, item number 6.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor proclaiming May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, as Mr. Granger Day in the City of Riviera Beach.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, I'm looking for -- first let me apologize for being late but I had two graduations I had to participate in on behalf of the City. One in Lincoln Elementary School. I led the young people in, which was a great honor. And Shelby was there. He bought all the caps and gowns. We were so proud of him. And then at John F. Kennedy Middle School and Councilman Cedrick Thomas is late 'cause he's there now.

So if Debbie Isaac is here, she has my proclamation. Young man -- is this for Granger?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, it is.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Granger, Jr.?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So the Grangers can come up.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. The Grangers can come up.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** The Granger family. Bishop Granger and Mrs. Granger and all the Granger boys whose names I could never pronounce. They know I love them.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, when folk name their sons with these rare names that nobody can pronounce, we just have to do the best we can.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Amen.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm just glad my momma named me Thomas so I ain't got to worry about that new stuff here. Debbie Isaacs?

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** Yes?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Come back. I'm gonna have Debbie to read this 'cause Debbie can pronounce all kind of stuff.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And you don't have your glasses, right?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I have my glasses but she's highly educated and highly qualified. And I'm a student. I'm still learning.

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** Okay. Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Florida, Palm Beach County. Whereas Abiade Granger is a graduating senior at Suncoast Community High School, Riviera Beach, and also the son of the proud parents, Bishop Walter Oshea and Katrina Granger.

And this young man is also a letterman in football, basketball and track and field. It is noted that Abiade has received a full scholarship to play football at Stony Brook University, Long Island, New York, and whereas Mr. Granger has not just been a

champion in sports, but is being recognized as a champion for possibly saving a life.

And after noticing a fellow basketball teammate choking from a two-inch piece of chocolate candy that he had placed into his mouth, Abiade Granger acted without a moment's hesitation and came to the rescue by performing the Heimlich maneuver on his teammate causing the item to dislodge.

And this heroic act was reported to school officials and to the Suncoast athletic trainer as one of the school's finest seconds. I am sure that the entire administration and staff are very proud to have such a student in their midst and recognized Granger as a true champion and hero during the senior awards breakfast on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 [sic]. Now, therefore, be it resolved --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- that I -- Thomas -- come on, Debbie, stay close by. Thomas A. Masters declare and proclaim this day to be this young man's day. What's his name?

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** Abiade.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Abiade, Katrina/Walter Oshea Granger's son, Day, in the City of Riviera Beach, the youngest person so far that I've had the opportunity to proclaim and give a key to the city which he will receive before going to college for saving a life.

And there's not any other honor that I can bestow upon this young man for what he has done, saved a life. And I'm so proud of him, so proud of Bishop Granger, who I think is the chair's pastor. And also Katrina Granger for all that they do in their community. Apples don't fall too far from the tree. God bless you, young man. You saved a life. The bishop will speak for the family.

**BISHOP OSHEA:** Thank you, your Honor, and to Chairperson and to the entire council and to all of the citizens of Riviera Beach. Our family is extraordinarily proud of Abiade. He has been a sterling academic in school.

He's demonstrated athletic superiority, but most importantly, we're proud of him because he's been a model citizen. And so thank you, Mayor and the City of Riviera Beach for this honor. It's one that I'm certain Abiade Khalid Philemon Granger will cherish for many years to come. Bless you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Now you understand why I don't try to pronounce those other names. God bless you. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Does Abiade wish to say anything or --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** He's quiet like his dad.

**ABIAD GRANGER:** Yeah. I'm just thankful and grateful for the opportunity. You know, I didn't think it was as big as it turned out to be. I'm just glad that, you know, I was there and I knew how to do the Heimlich maneuver. So I'm glad that I had the opportunity and I was there in a position to save his life. So thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you. Thank you. Okay. Mayor, are you -- oh, photo shoot here.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**7. PRESENTATION BY COUNCILMAN SHELBY L. LOWE TO WINNERS OF THE MISS RIVIERA BEACH USA AND MISS RIVIERA BEACH TEEN USA PAGEANT HELD ON APRIL 7, 2012.**

**ITEM DELETED**

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Mayor, you mentioned that there was another proclamation for the lady that's 106?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. Madam Chair, it is always an honor and a high esteem privilege to share the mayoral moment of proclamation and keys to the city. You know, I don't have a vote. And this is all I can do, is kiss the babies and hug little old ladies and try to do the right thing to represent the City. And while they're coming, let me just take this moment to announce that on June the 12<sup>th</sup>, we're going to be trying to put as many young people to work in this city and Palm Beach County.

We have major companies that'll be coming to John F. Kennedy Middle School at 11 a.m. They'll be there. We want our young people who are listening, you have to be there at 10 a.m. So the door will open. Be on time at 10 a.m. Major department stores and businesses, corporations, construction companies, security companies, BrandsMart, Kmart, Walmart, Target, JC Penney's, security company, they all say they'll be there.

And of course, because you come to a job fair doesn't necessarily mean you walk out the same day with a job. But you will have opportunities to be employed, to be interviewed, and we will follow through. And it's our prayer that as many young people between the age of 17 and 22 will get a job thereafter. All right?

**PRESENTATION BY MAYOR THOMAS MASTERS TO THOMAZINA FORRESTER**

**ITEM ADDED TO AGENDA**

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I see the beautiful lady coming.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We have a young lady -- it's my great honor -- let me digress and go back.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** She's so beautiful.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- to honor this young lady who is celebrating a very special birthday, who lives in the City of Riviera Beach. Once again, one of the oldest residents anywhere in Palm Beach County. And the age today, Debbie, is --

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** 106.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** She is 106 years of age today. Somebody ought to say happy birthday. And from the information that I have, she lives --

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** She lives in Riviera. She's from Jamaica.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- from Jamaica and lives in Riviera Beach.

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** And she has three surviving children.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Three surviving children. I understand she lives by herself? Does she?

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** And, yeah, she cooks for herself. She cleans for herself.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Wow.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** 106 years old and still doing everything that I can't do for myself; you're doing it for yourself.

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** And her favorite food is fish and oxtail and chicken.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I think that's Shelby's favorite food, too.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah. Does she need a husband? She's still cooking and cleaning.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Shelby is looking for a wife. I heard today was your birthday and I wanted to make sure that we do this right. So there's a birthday cake on behalf of the City Council, the Mayor and family, that we are honoring your 106<sup>th</sup> birthday. I'm a little hoarse from preaching Sunday but I think some people will say this to you. Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday, dear Mother, happy birthday to you. We love you, we do. That's that high note.

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** Her name is Mrs. Thomazina [phonetic] Beatrice Forrester.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I want you to know that I think this may be the first time that I decided to wear my total clergy, the bishop's hat and the attire, only because I know that it had not been for the Lord on your side, you would not and could not have been here.

So I wanted to honor you with the fully fledged bishop attire tonight. Not as mayor, that I am, but I'm also a bishop. And I heard you talk a little bit about the Lord. You would like to have a comment on the mike and then we'll let you have your day?

**THOMAZINA FORRESTER:** So what's this (inaudible)?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Happy birthday.

**THOMAZINA FORRESTER:** Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. God bless you. Now blow them out on the count of three. One, two, three, go. One more.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** She looks like a little doll. She's so beautiful. I want to look like that when I get 106.

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

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, you're more than welcome. This was something nice to celebrate.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** If folk want to live to be 106 years of age, they must move to Riviera Beach. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And eat oxtails and fish.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's right. And marry Shelby.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Now back to the serious business here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, ma'am?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Let the records reflect that Councilperson Thomas is now on the dais.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes. And also did we also mention that the Mayor –

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

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And Mayor Masters. Yes. All right. Great. So now moving on to item number 9.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**NONE**

### **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

- 8. ORDINANCE NO. 4014 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "ZONING" BY REPEALING ARTICLE VIII, ENTITLED "LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS", AND CREATING A NEW ARTICLE VIII ENTITLED "FLORIDA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- Public Hearing if that's okay.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Ordinance number 4014. An ordinance of the City Council of the

City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances entitled Zoning by Repealing Article 8 entitled Landscape Regulations and creating a new Article 8 entitled Florida Friendly Landscape Regulations, providing for severability, codification, conflict and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Comments? Any comments?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Well, if you don't mind.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. I'm sorry. Go ahead, Jeff.

**P&Z ADMINISTRATOR GAGNON:** Good evening. My name is Jeff Gagnon, Planning and Zoning administrator for the City. A summary of this item is the City of Riviera Beach recently received its renewed consumptive water use permit from the South Florida Water Management District. The South Florida Water Management District has requested that the City update its existing landscape regulations to reflect Florida Friendly principles and design strategies as one of the conditions of renewal of the consumptive water use permit.

I'll describe those in greater detail shortly. Staff has held a public workshop on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, to discuss the proposed amendments. The Planning and Zoning Board reviewed the amended landscape regulations on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Planning and Zoning Board passed a recommendation to City Council to approve this ordinance.

I do have a brief presentation. So the bullet points listed here are really the five major talking points that are incorporated into Florida Friendly Landscape Design. The first is the promotion of efficient water use within the landscape design itself. So that could be irrigation practices. That could be irrigation design itself, implementation of water use sensors, that sort of thing.

Also reinforcing the Right Plant for the Right Place. For example, you wouldn't want to plant a large Live Oak in a small, you know, 10-by-10 space as at maturity it would outgrow that space. So it's really trying to incorporate a design strategy that is appropriate for the site.

The third bullet point allows for creative landscape design strategies. So this would allow a landscape architect to use the site and its characteristics to its fullest potential to create a Florida Friendly Landscape that incorporates native plant species and is also water efficient.

This Florida Friendly Landscaping also looks to provide economic and social benefits. There is economic benefits associated with healthy growing landscape material on site. There's economic benefits associated with shade trees on private property. And also, social benefits and well-being associated with that type of environment.

And finally, establish diverse, functional and sustainable landscapes. So we really want to look and try to make and plan for long-term landscapes that are energy efficient, that are water efficient and that over time actually save money.

So this is a typical Florida home and a yard. It's mostly turf grass. A lot of developments have, you know, built out in this manner. So I just want to show you now a couple examples that incorporate Florida Friendly Landscape Design.

This was a similar style landscape as shown previously; however, they've

incorporated shrubbery and mulch beds. They still do have turf grass but it's reduced from the large amount that it was previously. So this is going to be more water efficient. It's going to be less maintenance for the property owner. This is another angle of the same site. So you can incorporate those Florida Friendly principles and still have something that's aesthetically pleasing.

This is more like a commercial or industrial development incorporating the Florida Friendly principles. If you can notice, you can see the special irrigation sprinkler heads along the path. So having appropriate irrigation is important.

This is another single-family or multi-unit development. And they've incorporated shrubbery along the sidewalk. There's still -- once again, there's still some turf grass present; however, it's reduced. It's not all just turf grass. Additionally, they've placed shade trees away from the actual houses so at mature height and width, they'll have proper room to grow.

This is probably one of the more extreme Florida Friendly layouts. There's no turf grass whatsoever. There's ground cover, native shrubberies. There's also some gravel used for walk areas.

And this is our final picture. It kind of shows the Florida Friendly principles as mulch bed, native plant material, and instead of having an impervious sidewalk or walkway, they've incorporated gravel along the path for the bench.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, thank you for that presentation, Jeff. Any questions, comments from the council?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Well, I'd like to know what major impact it's going to have on the residents. You know, I understand Florida Friendly. But as far as the neighbors and neighborhood, how do we educate the community about these principles here? Do we have any literature to pass out?

I know Florida Friendly is a product of the University of Florida. You know, it all stemmed from there. Can we go to that website to get some ideas in terms of that type of landscape? And will this be a requirement to our residents or just an alternative?

**P&Z ADMINISTRATOR GAGNON:** Those are very good questions. These new design principles and guidelines are not a requirement of existing single-family houses or developments. This would be applied to new development or renovation development. So if someone is already existing in a single-family house, there would be no requirements imposed on them.

On the other hand, if they chose to, like you said, follow through and become more educated on these principles and guidelines, I believe that our Code Enforcement Department already has a pamphlet that is available that does discuss Florida Friendly landscaping. There's actually a section in the ordinance that speaks to an education component, and that was one of the requirements that South Florida Water Management District also wanted to ensure was in this language. So it's something that staff can and really does wish to educate residents more about these practices and principles.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Okay. Let's make sure we get something in the newsletter either this month or next month explaining the new ordinance and where we can find different designs and stuff.

**P&Z ADMINISTRATOR GAGNON:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And also, Jeff, what I'm trying to do using our –

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah, with links and –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Using our TV channel, we can have an interview with you. We can show some of these photos. But I'd like for us to try to find people in our community with a different kind of landscape so that persons with different landscapes, if you will, will have an idea from the smallest size lot up to the ones that you just showed. So we should do that on our Channel 18.

**P&Z ADMINISTRATOR GAGNON:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And that would be ongoing. And you and I will follow up on that. Thank you. We don't have any comments cards from the public?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Not for that one, no.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Then we can go with -- any further comments? We can go for the vote.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All right, madam. Going on to number 9. The Mayor still hasn't come. And I see the Grangers. Is there some way maybe someone could call him just to find out -- oh, there he is. Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Who, the Mayor?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** The Mayor is coming in now.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, okay.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – 8:00 PM\*1 – Non Agenda or Consent Item Speakers (Three Minute Limitation).**

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*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 BROOKS:** Okay. It is the magic hour of 8:00 now. We can have the Public Comments. Okay. We have, one -- Bonnie Larson, Angela Wynn -- okay, Bonnie Larson? And we do give everybody three minutes.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Good evening, Bonnie Larson. A couple questions on the consent agenda tonight. We allocated some money. Number 4 was 59,777 for the police, air conditioning in the police building. I have two questions on that. Why are things like that coming out of the General Fund versus coming out of the police budget?

And number two, that's a lot of money to be spending on AC if we're going to be building a brand new building. So why are we, like, trying to update that building? Also we're spending 85,690 for lighting fixtures, the fire department, the library and the police department. Again, why is that stuff coming out of the General Fund versus coming out of the funds for those particular departments?

The model block that we have is looking bad again. It's got weeds up to your knees. That's where we made Sea Chest -- we made them move out in March of 2011. I'm wondering why did we make them move out then? They were paying rent. Now we have a big vacant property there. And what are our plans for that block? Do we have any plans? What are the plans? You're talking about giving away the swale area to DOT. Has that been done?

And you know, when people come into our city and want to relocate or start up a business or whatever, they look around at the surrounding properties and they say, Let's see how well the City keeps their properties. You know, see how well the businesses are doing and, you know, what kind of a city is it. But then they look at that property and they say, Wow, that's owned by the City. That's how well the City does not even take care of their own properties. And what's that going to say to someone who wants to come in here and start up a business? This is not a very good example when the City can't even keep our own properties looking decent. Number -- no.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Let me just have you pause for a minute. Miss Jones, are you listening to some of her questions so that we can --

**BONNIE LARSON:** Can you stop my clock?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Okay.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Stop my clock. If we would enforce even the basic code along Broadway and Blue Heron, we'd be a lot better off. We've got that -- there's a Children's Home Society -- I mentioned this several months ago -- it's right there on Avenue -- it's on Avenue E and Blue Heron. It needed paint 10 years ago. The weeds there are knee high. The thing was sold in November. The back door looks like it went through a paper shredder. People are using the parking there.

We should have had a lien on that property 10 years ago. And yet it's sitting there and we're wondering why Blue Heron looks bad. We're wondering why Broadway looks bad. Why don't we at least do the basic, basic code enforcement? Our city would look a

whole lot better.

We've still got that plastic snowman I keep talking about. There's torn fabric in the window there and it's the same realtor as the CRA chose to help with CRA properties. Look at that plastic snowman and the big fabric which is torn and in shreds. That's what it looks like on our Broadway. So that's really why we're not looking so well.

The apartment building is still there, the one with all the broken glass. You can see it whenever you drive down -- no one's listening to me. You can see it when -- you can see it when you drive down Broadway, the homing pigeons are still flying in and flying out. That's gotta be a health issue, too. And that's what people see when they come to our city. So we can't really wonder why people don't want to come here. Oh, I've got, like, one second. Okay. Thanks.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And just a comment. In the last four months we've had about 12, 13 businesses come to Riviera Beach. So that's not quite true. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Jones, you want to just wait until we complete all of the Public Comments? You can just address each of them --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. 'Cause that's --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Those that can be addressed.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Or would you like to do it after the --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- (inaudible) time so --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We'll do it together.

**DR. WYNN:** Good evening. Dr. Angela Wynn.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Dr. Wynn.

**DR. WYNN:** God bless each and every one of you here tonight. I must commend Mr. Bruce Johnson, the Director of Public Works.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Brynt.

**DR. WYNN:** -- for the excellent job he's doing, and his staff. Is that his name? Bruce Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Brynt. Brynt.

**DR. WYNN:** Brynt? Oh. Mr. Brynt. Pardon the interruption. I commend him on all the good work, he and his staff, at Public Works, because that building needed to be fixed long ago. I hope a hurricane do not come and blow it away. You know, just on the brink of that. Anyway, I want to -- Billie Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**DR. WYNN:** I heard that you're running against Mayor Masters.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, we try to keep politics out of the -- but anyway, it's Public Comments.

**DR. WYNN:** I can speak in Public Comments about what I want to speak. That's why it's there.

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

**DR. WYNN:** So I'm not being rude, Mrs. Brooks.

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

**DR. WYNN:** I just want to ask you the question publicly, you're going to come out? And I also know that this is going to be an uphill battle. This is what you would call a political warfare. Well, anyway, let me move on.

I want to ask the attorney that I get to understand that Fane Lozman took the City to Supreme Court and won something about that for \$22,000 payment and other more stuff?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I have no idea what you're talking about.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Just continue and they will --

**DR. WYNN:** I'm just asking the question because that's what I get to understand and that's what I'm --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No. There's --

**DR. WYNN:** -- searching the website and that's -- he had won some case with the Supreme Court. So I'm not a villain here. I'm just asking.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. No. Madam Chair, his appeal of the lower court and appellate court case of the vessel will be in front of the Supreme Court in its October session. So his attorney has filed their initial briefs. We are working on our briefs. I don't know where you got that \$22,000 amount.

**DR. WYNN:** Well, thank you. I'm not going to (inaudible). Thank you, Pam.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But just --

**DR. WYNN:** Because, you know, I'm just saying that I just want to ask because people have rumors or they are saying this and that.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Sure. Absolutely.

**DR. WYNN:** I just want to make it clear. I'm not a bad guy, right? You know that.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. No, we are defending, as we have, you know, so far, and we've won at every level.

**DR. WYNN:** Uh-huh.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We will be going to the Supreme Court in October to hear the case.

**DR. WYNN:** That sound right. Thank you very much.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes. Supreme Court of the United States. Not Florida. Of the United States of America.

**DR. WYNN:** Not Florida. Okay. That's good because –

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Washington, D.C.

**DR. WYNN:** That's good. 'Cause that rumor here, I don't -- you know, just hear that. So my time is up. So I have to go. Miss Billie Brooks, I didn't mean to be rude or anything.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, no, no, no, no.

**DR. WYNN:** I just asked a public question.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Dr. Wynn. I know, I know. But we're trying to keep politics out of –

**DR. WYNN:** This is politics. This is politics.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Campaigning. You know what I mean. Okay.

**DR. WYNN:** All it is is (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay, Dr. Wynn. We're okay. Now we have, after Dr. Wynn, Bruce Guyton.

**BRUCE GUYTON:** Good evening, Madam Chair, fellow Council people, City Manager, Mayor. My name is Bruce Guyton. And let me preface my comments by saying that there is no political party divide in our city when it comes to Republicans and Democrats. We all work together to try to bring the bacon home to the city. So I just wanted to lay that out before I make my comments, because my comments would be about the Florida

Democratic State Convention.

But we all work together and I just happen to be a member of that party. But we have Republicans that work hard for our city and we appreciate the things that they do, as well. Having said that, this past weekend the Florida Democratic Party had the election and selection for national convention delegates. And we had two people. One was selected and one was elected.

The Mayor -- congratulations -- was selected and he'll be going as an elected official. But the elected process was one that was grueling. It was competitive. It was sometime contentious. And it was emotionally draining.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And unfair.

**BRUCE GUYTON:** It reduced some people to tears. Some were tears of joy. Some were tears of disappointment. I'd like to congratulate my good friend, Mr. Cedrick Thomas, who went through that grueling process and came out on top. And for those who are political junkies, it's a big deal when you're elected as a national convention delegate. And he'll be there representing the City of Riviera Beach, but he was elected out of District 23.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**BRUCE GUYTON:** And I'd like to give him my congratulations. I'm proud of him. We went through this process. We developed a strategy. And it paid off in the end. And I'd also like to commend Miss Davis who went to the state convention but she didn't submit her paperwork to be in contention for the national delegate. But I'm glad to see the City representatives get involved because when we work together within our parties to bring the bacon home to this city, Democrats and Republicans, our residents benefit. Thank you very much. And have fun in North Carolina, my friend.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Now, do we need to sell dinners to get you there?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, I'm going to be selling all kind of dinners.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Do we need to take a collection? Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So we'll let it be known.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I want to respond to the comment by Mr. Guyton. Just as a point of clarification, only 32 elected officials that were selected out of the entire State of Florida. I was one of the 32 that were selected by the party and also by the President -- President Barak Obama's team, came in and they had the right to strike anyone that they felt could not represent the President or the party.

I was the only mayor in Palm Beach County that was selected to be one of the 32.

I thank God I was spared the election process that others had to go through. It was an honor to be selected by the team of the President of the United States and the higher up of the Democratic party for having that confidence in me to be one of 32, only 32, elected officials in the entire state. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We applaud you, Mayor. We're proud of you. We're proud of you. Thanks for sharing. Barbara Pierce. And we have two, Barbara and David? So you want to go one each or you're going to split your time a minute and a half? Miss Pierce?

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Yes. Madam Chairperson and Council people and Mayor.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And your name? What's your name?

**BARBARA PIERCE:** My name is Barbara Pierce and I'm with Maranatha Assembly International Church. We are a church of worship and praising the Word -- healing in the Word. Okay. What I'm here for is this summer we would like to open up a camp, a summer camp for the kids. They're going to have too much time on their hands during the summer.

Now, we already have three or four people for a presentation, and we already have set up the food for catering. Joy Braswell is going to do the catering in Washington Elementary School, and I know everybody's familiar with Joy Braswell from Federal Gardens.

Okay. We're going to have the Supervisor of Elections going to speak for a presentation, a field trip for them at Dreher Park and we're going to have several people -- Palm Beach Marina -- Riviera Beach Marina, they're going to do a presentation for us, too. So what we're trying to do, we're trying to get something for at least 50 kids. We already have the food situated.

And what we're going to need, we need a building, some funding, you know, for our 15 van -- we're going to have -- take the kids to the zoo, Dreher Park Zoo, as a field trip. Now, what we need, we need a building so we can put the kids -- or either we can get a tent, set a tent up. And there's a vacant lot in Federal Gardens where we can pitch a tent up, but we'll need a generator and the tents.

But what we'd like for the City to do is to break it down to, like, \$8,000, but if you can give us some funding we could break it down to, like, \$4,000 to help us out with these kids, because these kids, you know -- as you know, they're going to have too much time on their hands. We're running a group from age 3 through 13.

We're going to break them down to four groups, you know, so the teenagers -- then they're going to have activities, like volleyball, all the stuff like that. But we're gonna only have it for, like, four hours a day from 9 to 12. They're going to have activity, you know, in between that time. They're going to have hot and cold lunches.

And then not only that, the kids are going to have to do a presentation of what they learn. We would like to do it, like, from July 18 to July the 29<sup>th</sup>, if it's possible. But if we can get the funding for a building to help us out, we would like to do it for much longer than that, for the summer for the kids. So we're asking the City of Riviera Beach -- we're going to have the media there to keep an update of whatever we're doing for, you know -- to keep the City -- give the City recognition for what we're doing with these kids for the summer.

'Cause as you know, things are bad for these kids and they don't need to be on the

streets. They need less time on their hands. And that's what we're trying to do. We're not a very big church but, you know -- in the eyes of man, but with God we're very big. So what we're trying to do, we're just trying to step in and help some of these kids out during the summer. And we would like for Riviera Beach to help us out.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Your location is where?

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Right now we're located at the Goodwill building on W. Industrial Drive in Riviera Beach out here. All the residents that go to the church live in -- all the people that go to the church live in Riviera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I heard a little bit of what you said. Now, is it operational now? Are you already operating for the summer?

**BARBARA PIERCE:** No, we're not. That's what we're trying to do. We're trying to get everything operating. But we've done set mostly everything up. Everything's already in process. Only thing we need is a building. And we'll need a van to take the kids on a field trip to the zoo.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But you say you're coming to the City to ask for money?

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Eight thousand?

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Yeah. But we can break it down to, like, 4,000 if you could give us a building.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well --

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Fund us?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'll have the City Manager answer that comment.

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But as far as each of us, we do have a certain amount that's given to us under Community Benefit.

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And you can always submit to us your 501(c)3. There's certain documents that we must have. And I'll give you a number to call.

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** 845-4032 and ask for Miss Dozier. She could tell you exactly what it is that we would need for you to submit. And each of us just can see what we have and whether or not we can accommodate. But the more information you give

about your program --

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- the better we can assist and --

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Well, I presented a proposal yesterday and each and everyone, including the Mayor, should have one.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All right, then.

**BARBARA PIERCE:** So --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Then there's just the other format. The paperwork, you can call Miss Dozier and she'll give you the follow-up on what we would need to address that.

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay?

**BARBARA PIERCE:** So then I come back to you?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** She will give you all of the information.

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Okay. I want to thank each and every one, the chairperson, for listening to --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Manager, I have a couple questions.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** How many hours a day are you looking at for your --

**BARBARA PIERCE:** We're looking at four hours a day.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Four hours a day?

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You'd mentioned something about a tent --

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- in one of the open areas?

**BARBARA PIERCE:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Madam Manager, is that -- and I'm a firm believer that we ought to have something going on at every park in the city. Particularly during the

summertime.

**BARBARA PIERCE:** And see, and another thing what we do –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Hold on. Hold on.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And I'm just wondering if you could look in the possibility to see if any of the parks -- if they're only going to be there for four hours –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** What I'd like to do is not solve it here. If she –

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, you're cutting me off. Please –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. All right.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- let me finish. Thank you. Madam Manager, if you could look into the possibility of a park or any other place that we may have that's an open -- that a tent would accommodate in case if she can't find a building or if the City does not have a building to make available. Because I'm a firm believer that the more recreational activities that we have during the daytime, even for four hours, is a plus for the community and a plus for the police department. Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to finish that.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, sure. That's fine.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You didn't let me finish. I'm getting too old and I'll forget.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yeah. Yeah. Mayor. Okay. All right. Thank you, Miss Pierce.

**BARBARA PIERCE:** I want to thank each and every one of you, including the mayor, and y'all have a blessed and God-filled night. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you. Thank you so much, dear. Pam Williams? Is Pam -- oh, Miss Williams. And that's it for Public Comments.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Good evening, Miss Williams.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Madam Chair and staff. As always, it's a pleasure to be here. Mayor. It's a pleasure to be here. On behalf of the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach and J.A.Y. Ministries, I would like to thank everyone that came out on the 31<sup>st</sup> to our event. Miss Bucher, our Supervisor of Elections, did an excellent presentation and we got a lot of good information.

We have fliers like this that I brought tonight to hand out to anyone that wants to know, because we do a lot of -- they did a lot of redistricting.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** It was a lot of the information about absent ballots. Oh, it was awesome. We also had a couple people drop in. Joseph Anderson, who is running from Group 1 commissioner for the Port, and also another young man that I had not met before, Bobby Powell, and he's running for a state position. So they all came out and we had a wonderful time. We were able to sign up several people for registration, as well as for the absentee ballots.

I'm really sorry that none of you were there. I expected the Mayor to be there, especially since –

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I was thinking that. I was out of town.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** -- since he -- okay. You're forgiven, then. Okay. But we definitely wanted all of you to show.

Now, this other thing is a little -- not easy for me but I'm being sent. This is for Miss Brooks. Last month I did speak to you about the house on 33<sup>rd</sup>, on the corner of R. Nothing has been done. Our captain has not been informed of anything that's going to be done.

Now, they are getting very upset. They really are. Their patience is running very low.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Jones will give you a report on that.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** What's happening with that.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Okay. They made a statement and I'm gonna say it the way I was told to say it. They say, "If this was happening in Miss Pardo's district, the house might have been burnt -- the house burnt down on Monday; the residue would be up on Tuesday." That's how they feel.

And I'm trying to calm people down because all of them want to come in here and tell you how they feel. And I don't think it's necessary. But I think they need to see something.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** This is the house that was burned down on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street?

**PAM WILLIAMS:** That's correct.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I had a conversation with someone about that house. And I understand that J.A.Y. Ministries had a contractor that was going to come in and, I guess, destroy -- but again, I'll have Miss Jones -- but –

**PAM WILLIAMS:** I think that should be communicated to our captain.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Miss Richardson, because she will keep everybody informed. If only one person knows, then nobody knows, really.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Right. And we'll do what we can to communicate to all the residents who are concerned. But there are legal issues here so far as how far we can go, who the owner is, because we just can't go in and demolish people's property.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** I understand that. But we got children that are being hurt. They're going in the house. They're playing and they're getting hurt.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I noticed somebody had taken the tape from around there.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Yes. Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And there is a safety issue there.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And we'll just -- again, I'll have Miss Jones address just how far we can go as a City. Especially to protect our residents and the young people.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But our hands are tied legally in some matters there with that property.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But I do want the people to know. And it was conveyed, you know, to City staff what the situation is and the cries of the community.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** When you go there, the smell is awful.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** It's horrible.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And when I'd heard that there was someone who was willing to come and, you know, I guess, destroy it or demolish it --

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Well, the members of my community are saying that they're going to go up there and tear it down themselves.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, you know --

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Okay? So I don't want that to happen like that.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- I can't make a comment on that.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Okay. But they're very upset.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But we will answer -- but I want you to wait and Miss Jones will -- Miss Jones, would you like to answer that now?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I can.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The property that Miss Williams is talking about was taken before --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I don't think they can hear you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Louder.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Louder.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The property Miss Williams is talking about was taken before the special master. We can't, like you say, just go on someone's property and do something with their property. We did get the order to be able to tear it down. We got quotes and those quotes are back in. So within the next 10 days, the building should be down.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** In the next 10 days?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Within the next 10 days.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Okay. And then after you look at that, then you'll make some decisions on getting rid of the -- the house?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** It's going to be torn down.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That's what we're saying.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We're going to tear it down.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Okay. Oh, okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We're getting quotes on it. Yes.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Okay. Oh, okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So there was follow-up right after you brought it to my attention.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But we did have to go through the legal process.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Yeah. Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** Thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You're welcome. I hope that's good news.

**PAM WILLIAMS:** That is good news. Now I won't get beat up when I go home.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Thank you, Miss Williams. That's the last in the Public Comments. Okay. Item number 11 now?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** 10B.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** 10B. I'm sorry. 10B.

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## **REGULAR**

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 65-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT FROM OTHER GRANTS AND AIDS ACCOUNT NUMBER 001-0203-519-0-8301 FOR THE RIVIERA BEACH YOUTH AND RECREATION OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING PROGRAM RECIPIENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO ASSIST NON-CITY AGENCIES IN BROADENING THE ARRAY OF WHOLESOME SUMMER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO CITY YOUTH; AND AUTHORIZING THE AGENCIES' DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Resolution 652012. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Interim Finance Director to make payment from other grant aid accounts number 001020351908301 for the Riviera Beach Youth Recreation Outside Agency Funding Program recipients in the amount of \$20,000 to assist noncity agencies in broadening the array of wholesome summer activities available to the city youth and authorizing the agencies available to city youth, description of code of services and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. I can't vote on this. We'll have the presentation and then we'll have comments from the council and then comments from the public. Actually, let Tamar do a –

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah, what you have before you tonight, Madam Chair –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- are the recommendations from the Outside Agency Review Committee that was chaired by Tamar Reno.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** So at this time I would like to ask Miss Reno to come forward to talk about their process and to answer any questions that anyone may have about the allocation which is recommended to you tonight for approval.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Reno.

**TAMAR RENO:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Good evening.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Good evening.

**TAMAR RENO:** Well, this year we were kind of under the gun with our process. We didn't actually find out that the funds were available until about the beginning of April. So we jumped into high gear and we held three technical workshops for the applicants and basically wrapped up the process in about a month.

The recommendations are for Ele'Ganzia, \$1,875. This is a leadership training workshop for girls. For Girl Scout Troop 20963, \$1,875 for STEM-related experiential learning activities. Nelson's Outreach Ministries for their Money Smart Program which is geared towards middle school and teens, \$1,450.

The Family Development Center for a youth empowerment program for at-risk youth, \$1,875. The Etiquette Touch Charm School, activities for girls to empower, build confidence, motivate and inspire, \$1,845. Surge Teen Center, a project-based summer camp for teens, \$1,818. The Artist Showcase of the Palm Beaches, art supplies and field trips for \$1,875.

Mothers against Murderers, an eight-week teen program, \$1,760. I'm sorry. I don't have my reading glasses with me so I hope I'm saying that right. The Palm Beach Panthers Travel Team, traveling basketball tournaments for underprivileged boys, \$1,875. Waverunners, which is the similar program but focused on girls, 1,875. And the Life Center of Palm Beach County, a summer leadership academy for 1,875.

This year we had \$20,000 to allocate. We had a significant increase in applications. So we weren't able to fund every applicant and we weren't able to fund any of them at the full amount requested. But what we did was we looked at their budgets and did a percentage and tried to be as fair as possible. The total number of youth being positively impacted by this program is 363.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Wow.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**TAMAR RENO:** I would like to request that next year going forward -- this is the fourth year that we've done this and it's been a real learning experience and every year we gain some knowledge -- that next year if we could have -- if we could know early on how much we have available, who the staff contact is going to be for us, and so that we can get this process started by the end of January. These are all for-summer activities and it's such a crunch trying to get the checks to the organizations in time that they can use them. Most of these organizations are very small, so they don't have a lot of wiggle room in their budgets. They can't reimburse themselves later after the fact.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I believe you had that problem last year, if I recall. And I thought that it was resolved; that you would know the funds available early on.

**TAMAR RENO:** We did. Yeah. I think there's been, you know, some staff turnover, staff leaving and new staff coming on. So I just would like to request that that really be addressed next year very early on in the process. And if somebody could even let me know, I'd be happy to put it on my calendar and be the one to remind. But I need to know who to remind. I don't know if I should go directly to Miss Jones or, you know, who I should go to with this.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** When -- I'm sorry, Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** When did you start reviewing these? When did you get your team together?

**TAMAR RENO:** Well, we found out that the money was allocated at the beginning of April. We held three technical workshops over the course of the month of April for the applicants. And then we made our decisions right around the first of May, give or take a few days.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. So I was just wondering, 'cause I know in April we have our mid-year --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Budget review.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So you need to be notified sooner. So why don't we just put it on the calendar for January just to notify so that they can do whatever they want to do.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. And we will definitely do that in order to be able to do it.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** If -- whatever's closer.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** But we weren't asked.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**TAMAR RENO:** And I do want to say that --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We weren't asked.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Wait just a minute. Huh?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh. You weren't asked, you say?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We weren't asked how much was in that for them to get started.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Well, I mean –

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** But we will notify them and -- well, what we can do is right after the approval of the next year's budget –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Right.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- and with it being in there, notify them at the beginning of October. Then they already know.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Exactly. Okay. Wonderful.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That's good. All right.

**TAMAR RENO:** That would be great. And I do want to say that given the crunch that we were under, Miss Jones' office was very helpful –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**TAMAR RENO:** -- in pulling it together as quickly as we did.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**TAMAR RENO:** So we definitely appreciate the support that we got. Also for next year, we would really like to revise the application so that it can be submitted online. There's an incredible amount of paper. A rain forest gets used up every year. And that's so unnecessary. You know, other cities that have similar programs are doing this online. And I'm not sure why we can't. I don't think there's any reason that we can't. So –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I agree.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All we need is the suggestion and we can follow up. I guess it shouldn't be a problem.

**TAMAR RENO:** Okay. Well, that's my suggestion, then, that we do it online.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Is that –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Miss Jones, you got that one?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Okay.

**TAMAR RENO:** And then I think Bill Contole, who's also on the committee, wanted to make a comment.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes. Okay.

**WILLIAM CONTOLE:** Good evening. Bill Contole. This is the fourth year I've done this and I just want you to know there are so many people in Riviera Beach that have these great ideas for children in the summer. And these programs are wonderful. I mean, they touch a whole spectrum of things that you'd want to make available to children in the city.

And so, you know, I encourage you to do this. It was tougher this year because the budget. I know we all have that problem. We cut down. And it was hard because we had to reduce everyone's request by that amount.

And I did want to tell you what happened last year, because you need know how this worked. Last year we had 5,000 more and we could not give it all out to the applicants because we're really particular. We go through their budgets line by line.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**WILLIAM CONTOLE:** And companies that make a lot of money on salaries and things like that get thrown off.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Good.

**WILLIAM CONTOLE:** 'Cause we're trying to direct this to people in the city.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**WILLIAM CONTOLE:** And so last year we had about \$7,500 that didn't fit. So we met with the representatives of the Recreation Department and the City and found out there was two great programs last year for the children in Riviera Beach.

One of them was that we could fund the Waterproofing swim lessons over at the city pool. And the other one was there was an art director that was available to teach special art classes to the children in the city in the summer. Both great programs. And so we felt we could fund those with the excess last year.

We did do that. We came before all of you and you all approved it. But I can tell you right now that not one single child got one single bit of benefit from that money because the program never gotten enacted, never got pushed through after you approved it.

So I would like to be involved in making sure these projects get funded, really, now because none of us meant that to happen. We worked too hard on this. I mean, it was a fantastic program, the summer arts program, that never happened because even though you voted it, we went over all this, nothing happened in the system to make it go forward. And, you know, this is for the kids in the city.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**WILLIAM CONTOLE:** And so I want to make sure that happens. So anything I can do

this year to follow up and to see why or how that system sort of didn't work for us this last year is the only thing I wanted to bring up. But it's a fantastic program because it really brings a lot of people in the city together helping the kids. And I just wanted to thank you for that.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, thank you for your comments, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you. Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Just one question to Mrs. Jones: Can you provide us an explanation of why that didn't happen?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I'm not sure and I would have to check because I just did not -- I remember the activity, particularly as it relates to the one in the library is where that arts program was. And it was difficult with the timing of last year to be able to expend those monies in a summer arts program that was in the library. The swim lessons are coupled with other vouchers that we had for swim lessons. If you recall recently, we put an item on the agenda for summer vouchers for -- and we couldn't even do all of those.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Well, can you find out --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And we continue to offer --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- and let us know?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- the swimming lessons. Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** All right. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We do have two public comment cards. Bonnie Larson?

**BONNIE LARSON:** My question was answered.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, okay. Great. And I'm sorry, Bill Contole has already spoken. So any comments from the board? No comments? Ready for the vote. You know I can't vote.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks is abstaining. And we'll file the necessary papers in the office tomorrow.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Thank you.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Thank you, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh. Did you get Thomas?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Mr. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'll support it, as well.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes. Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Thank you. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That was because I have a granddaughter that's in the Girl Scouts that was approved.

All right. Moving on now to 10B. Was it 10B?

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 66-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR TO APPROPRIATE FUND BALANCE IN THE IMPACT FEE FUND ACCOUNT FOR ROADS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$625,000 FROM THE FY2012 EXPENDITURES AND CREATE A BUDGET FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN 13<sup>TH</sup> COURT AND AVENUE R AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah, you had number 10 –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** There's 10B.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** 10 first.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- 10 first.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** No, I'm sorry, number 10. Okay.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Resolution 66-2012.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, yeah. Go ahead on, yeah. Yeah, 10A.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Interim Finance Director to appropriate fund balance in the impact fee fund account for roads in the amount of 62,000 –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** 625?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- 625 from fiscal year 2012 expenditures and create a budget for the reconstruction of 13<sup>th</sup> Street between 13<sup>th</sup> Court and Avenue R and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Presentation.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Madam Chair, what you have before you is a request for the allocation of capital dollars from impact fees. When we presented the capital program, these dollars were not allocated. In the interim, as you will recall, we did receive \$500,000 appropriation this year for this particular street for construction.

So right now I'd like to ask Brynt Johnson, the Director of Public Works, to talk to us about what we plan to do along the 13<sup>th</sup> Street corridor.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Good evening, Council, Mayor. I'm Brynt Johnson, Director of Public Works. I do have a very brief presentation regarding W. 13th Street and the reconstruction. As Miss Jones mentioned, various representatives came before us and let us know that we had received these or would be receiving these funds from the State to assist us in reconstructing 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

Immediately upon discovering that we were approved for the funds, we went down and had a meeting with FDOT because unfortunately, the State doesn't just cut the check directly to the municipality. I wish that's how it worked, but –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'm sorry. What did you say? I couldn't hear what you said.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** No, I was saying that immediately after being notified that we were receiving the funds from the State –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** -- we went down and had a meeting with FDOT because unfortunately, the State doesn't just cut the check directly to the municipality. It has to be filtered down through DOT as a JPA, a joint participation agreement.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Which basically means that we have to abide by FDOT's scheduling for submission of various packages and design. They put us in a very tight situation as it relates to design. We actually have to have a design set of plans submitted by mid-September of this year. But the project wouldn't be happening until May of 2013. But we have to have all those documents in because we have to go through the JPA

process and all those things.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So once it's committed for this fiscal year, it's okay for us?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** This will be for the next fiscal year for the State.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Okay. Thank you.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** All right? It's a little bit difficult to see, but if you look right here, this red oval is the actual project limit. We've divided the project in two project limits. The reason that we did that was because if you look right here, this is Dixie Highway and here is Australian. Well, there have been improvements from Dixie to roughly 13<sup>th</sup> Court already as a part of, I'm assuming, maybe the 13<sup>th</sup> Street project on the west side of Dixie.

But there's already been improvements here, plus we didn't want to encroach upon FDOT's right-of-way so we tried our best to stay out of that area, because that triggers a whole 'nother process as it relates to permitting and everything else, which wouldn't allow us to meet our deadline.

So basically the project limit is right around 13<sup>th</sup> Court and it extends to just east of Australian. The reason we did just east of Australian, once again, is because that's the County's right-of-way or the County's roadway. And we tried to stay outside of the County's right-of-way, because once again, it would trigger a permitting process through the County which wouldn't allow us to meet the deadlines provided by FDOT.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So we're not going to R?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Oh, yeah. That's this -- broken up into two parts.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Okay. Okay.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** This is part 1. And part 2 is from just west of Australian to basically the railroad tracks, which was near Avenue R. That is where we actually ended another project that's just to the west through the neighborhood. And basically, 13<sup>th</sup> Street has been reconstructed from Congress up to this point.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** And from Dixie to the marina. So this is basically just filling in the gaps. What we're proposing to do as a part of the project --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yes, uh, Mr. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Johnson, before you go on, can you go back to that --

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- so I -- actually, go back to the first level. I'm noticing an oval shape and the rectangular shape that you have for the second project.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Is that line, that oval shape, are we planning on doing construction within that or are we just talking about the road?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Just the roadway, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yeah, okay.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yeah, just the roadway.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, you know, I just want to make sure that that's clear because that may lead one to believe that we're going to do improvements or infrastructure improvements to that entire area.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** No. No, sir. Just the roadway. It was just an easy way to identify it besides putting a line right around the road. So no, it's just the roadway.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Just everything within the City's right-of-way. What we've come up with or what we're proposing to do as a part of the design -- here you have a typical section. They're both pretty much identical. We're looking at widening it to a 34-foot roadway, an 11-foot lane -- with one 11-foot travel lane, another 11-foot travel lane, and a 12-foot center lane. The center lane --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Johnson.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- Johnson, what is it now?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Roughly about 30 feet. Roughly it's 30 feet.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And you're going to make it --

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Thirty-four feet, only because that way we can divide lanes up evenly and bring it to standard.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. So you're going to add four inches to each side?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** No, four feet. We're going to add two feet to each side.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Four feet to each side. Okay.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Two feet to each side.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Two feet to each side.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Two feet to each side? Okay.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh. Total of four.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** And -- yeah, so basically it's two 11-foot travel lanes, one 12-foot center lane. The center lane will be left and right turn lanes, which we know them to be suicide lanes, is what we call them. That's just the terminology. It doesn't mean anything. It's just the terminology.

What we propose to do is to beef up the base course. Normally it's eight inches we were going to do and 12 inches because of the heavy traffic, and that's kind of what contributed to the deterioration --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** -- you know, at this point. So we're going to beef it up to 12 inches and then, in lieu of two inches of asphalt, we're going to do three to three and a half inches of asphalt. This way we'll have a road that'll last us 30, 40 years, 50 years. You know, in 25, 30 years you may have to come back and mill and resurface but you won't have to do a complete road reconstruction.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I have a question. Does it also include curbing?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yes. I was going to get to that.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yes, ma'am. If you look here on each side there's F curb. So it will be curb, guttered, and if you look here, there's a five-foot sidewalk. But we won't be doing sidewalk on both sides because we have conflicts. There's poles on the south side. So we'll probably try our best to not do sidewalk on that side. It'll be sidewalk on one side because the expense of moving those poles would be tremendous.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Johnson, slow down with me on that. Let me swallow what you're saying.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Okay. Go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Because I don't understand why would we not do sidewalks on both sides?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Well, because of the pavement width that we're going to do, it won't allow us -- because our city right-of-way is only, you know, so wide. So being that we have an asphalt width of 34 feet and then you include two feet on each side for curb and gutter, that brings us to 38 feet. Our right-of-way doesn't really -- may not allow us to do it. And even if we did it, we would have to have poles possibly relocated which would add to the cost of that. So to stay away from the poles and increase that cost by a couple hundred thousand dollars, we just decided that that would probably be the best solution.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So how did we select which side we were going to put the sidewalk on?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Because the poles are on the south side so we're probably going to do the --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** They're only on one side of the street?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yeah. So we were going to do the sidewalk on the north side, I believe, is what we were looking at. So like I said before, it's curb and gutter both sides. Currently there's no drainage on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Our plan includes installation of a complete drainage system. It also includes other upgrades or improvements such as a water main installation or rehab. We've discussed that with Utility District already as far as funding that portion.

And that's pretty much it as far as the roadway section and what's planned. There's no landscaping as a part of the project, because once again, if you do landscape, you have irrigation. It just increases the cost tremendously. And it also adds to the design time. And so to avoid any conflicts we just decided the road.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No landscaping, no decorative street lights? No --

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** I mean, there's going to be some sod replacement because certain things are going to get torn up as a part of the construction process. But it's basically just putting back what gets torn up, which will basically be the responsibility still of the business owners as they maintain it now.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, I would have liked to have been able to at least see what the cost would have been to do some of these things and, you know, decide as a council if we wanted to try to -- versus just saying, we don't, you know, want to do it.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Because we are spending a lot of money over there. And I would like to see, you know, at least decorative lights. You know, if we're going to make it our thoroughfare --

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- let's make it our thoroughfare, you know? So --

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Uh-huh. And I understand your concerns. But unfortunately, it

was just time constraints because we met with DOT. Then we had to move forward and it's just really tight as far as the time. You know, they're asking us to do a complete design in about three months. It normally takes about eight. So we're going to crunch it down –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** -- just to make it happen. So it wasn't -- we didn't have a whole lot of room to go and look at some of those things. But if council desires, we could.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** All right. Now, with that being said that we're going to be beefing up the base course and increasing the asphalt things, adding curb and gutter, doing all these improvements, I'll get down to the price of those improvements.

Estimated cost of construction. This should actually say estimated cost of the entire project but we did capture it here. Total project cost, option 1 is without equal distribution of professional services. Just basically meaning that the City is paying for all of the engineering services related to the project without having Utility District or Stormwater contribute to the design portions. That would be -- the City's contribution would be 1.76. Utility District is 230,000. Stormwater is 348,000. Total project cost is 2.3 million. So this basically means that at some point in the future, we will be coming back for additional funds to help complete the project.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Those funds may not be asked for in this budget year but in the next budget year because of the way the State's budget works.

Option 2 is with equal distribution of professional services, meaning Stormwater and Utility District contributing their portion, if you will, to the design. That effectively brings the City's total down to 1.4 million. Utility District goes up to 356, and Stormwater goes to 519.

Project schedule, as I mentioned before, they put us on a very tight schedule. The first one, appropriation of funds, that's tonight's council meeting. Survey proposal to council is going to be next council meeting. That's to move forward with the surveying of the roadway. We'll start design immediately after getting that approval, which is a part of the surveying process, surveying and design, on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Hundred percent plan completion and submittal to FDOT September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Bring the joint participation agreement to council for approval on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Construction procurement May through June of 2013. Council approval of the construction contract June 18<sup>th</sup>. That's after we bid it out; we'll come back with the request to award the contract for construction on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Construction period from August 1<sup>st</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. And project closeout May through July of 2014. And that concludes the presentation.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Any comments, questions from the Council? Mr. Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah. I got a map in the mail this week where they -- it showed 13<sup>th</sup> but some landscape design on 13<sup>th</sup>. Did you -- not landscape but roadway improvement on 13<sup>th</sup>. And it said -- you guys didn't send that?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That was about the –

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I didn't send it.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- the rail. The whatchacallit.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Oh, the Tri-Rail?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, yeah, that was about the rail station.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah, that's rail station.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Davis, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** You done?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** No, I'm not done.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, okay.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** You said FDOT is imposing this time constraint on us?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Why is that? Can you explain that a little bit?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Well, it's a part of what they call a joint participation agreement. It's a way in which funds are distributed from the State level down through local municipalities. There's also another component of JPA that relates to something else but as it relates to this, it's a way for them to basically filter the funds. And that also makes sure that we -- as a part of the JPA we have to adhere to DOT's time frames for submitting.

They have all these real strict criterias for submission of JPAs, where it has to go, who has to review it, the time frames and when it has to be back to the State for final approval. And so that's where that comes from.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah. You mentioned normally you would have eight months. But now it's three months.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah. And I wanted to find out why, you know, they were being so –

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Well, not that we would normally have eight months. That's how long it would normally take to do a design such as this one.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Oh.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** It's just being that we got the funds when we did, that's the schedule that we have to work within.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** So if we don't meet the schedule then what happens?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Hopefully we're going to meet the schedule. But if we don't make the schedule then there's certain time -- there's certain things that are built in that we may be able to crunch down. They gave us so many days to approve the JPA agreement.

They gave us so many days to go back and do all the various revisions. So we may be able to buy some time in those areas. But hopefully we'll get it submitted by the September 7<sup>th</sup> deadline. And that's what we're pushing to do. We have a plan laid out to get us there.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** It's just a matter of getting there.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah. Okay. Well, I was glad to see that you guys reinforced the roads because that has been pothole central.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** And not to mention a dump for tires and everything. So you know, I welcome the improvement. Another problem in that area is that the intersection at Australian. You know, there's some blind spots there. And the trucks are really tearing up the curbing trying to make that turn. So the increase in the road width, you know, I was glad to see that. But what are we going to do to kind of address those problems?

And you mentioned coordination between us and the County would cause some delay or drag. But have we talked with the County? You know, if we could simultaneously improve the road and the intersection and perhaps a traffic light there or some -- that's a very dangerous intersection right there --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** -- at Australian and --

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Uh-huh. It is.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And 13<sup>th</sup>, yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** -- and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** It is. And it's --

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** It's been that way for a long time.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Oh, I know.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** It is. And it's funny you should mention that. We did have conversations with the County and conversations with them were very promising. All right.

Here's -- at this intersection of Australian, the County, in meeting with them, they were actually -- or have been for some time trying to signalize that intersection. They haven't been able to do so because of the width of the current road, the current width of the roadway.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** You mean 13<sup>th</sup> Street?

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Yes, ma'am. And when we met with them, they were really, really glad that we were widening that road because now it gives them the opportunity to signalize this intersection. Additionally, this curb at Trainor Glass -- this is Trainor Glass right here -- this radius return, the County standards for radius is now 50 feet.

You have to have a 50-foot radius return. That's probably 20, 25 feet. I haven't measured it. But they require 50-foot radius return, which means they would be pulling this radius back, pulling this radius back, and they would be signalizing this intersection to help ease traffic, because like you mentioned, trucks coming in and out of here, you know, it creates a lot of chaos.

But us widening this section of roadway allows them to move forward with signalizing that intersection. So even if we had to get a permit from the County, they've assured us that they would push that permit through as fast as possible because it would in essence and in the end it would help them out in signalizing that intersection.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah. I was recommending that we coordinate that so we --

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** We are. We actually are, uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I just want to add that, you know, it's just really important that we encumber these funds. There was a history -- and the city manager can help me with the history -- these \$500,000 were allocated to one -- I'm sorry?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's our next item?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'm sorry? Oh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Oh, no, he was -- I was giving him the answer to a question he was asking me.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, okay. We as a team -- you, at the time Chair Davis and Dawn Pardo and myself went to Tallahassee to ask that the Governor would consider putting these monies back in for us.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** At one time we had the 500,000. It was taken out. And then we successfully, with the help of Sean Pittman and some of our legislative persons, were able to get reconsideration to have these funds given back to us. So we really want to move forward with what is presented here and not take the risk of having the funds taken out again.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Uh-huh. And also –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam -- Madam –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You are correct. That was the chronology of events that occurred with these dollars. And I want to extend a special thanks and appreciation to the business leaders along 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Because if you'll recall, we sent out an e-mail asking for letters to be sent that it remain in the budget. And not only did Council write letters very quickly, but we also had business leaders that were making direct contacts with the Governor ear to ear to make sure that these monies remained. And I just want to say that this was an effort that all of us participated in.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And we want to allocate these resources of \$625,000 so we know of the figure that Mr. Johnson showed you, we at least have the \$1.1 million to go ahead and get started with this project.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I do see Miss Sandie Foland with Baron Signs who really, really -- yes -- worked hard to get the business community involved and active in this.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am. Just piggybacking on what you said -- and you pretty much said it all -- at the time Senator Smith and State Representative –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- Mack Bernard.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- Mack Bernard and Senator Sachs and others –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- who do not represent this district but who were working with Riviera Beach, because our state lobbyist, Mr. Pittman, has a very good relationship with just about everybody there. And they respect him highly. And I'll tell you what they did. We buried this. They helped us bury this money so deep into the budget that other folks didn't know it was there. So we worked it and wrote letters and --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes. Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- you know, Miss Foland and Miss Lee and others along the 13<sup>th</sup> Street corridor -- I know I sent you an e-mail, "Write letters." You know, so --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- we got that done. So this is a real accomplishment for all of us, you know --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, it is. Yes, it is.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- to finally get this road done. So I'm on board.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All right. We're ready for the vote. There are no comment cards.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah, you got one, I think.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Do I have one?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Right here. I have one (inaudible). There's three.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh. Oh, we have three. Okay. We have, oh, Miss Foland, Sandie Foland. And after Miss Foland, Bonnie Larson, and after Miss Larson, Sharon Lee.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Shellyn.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Shellyn. Bonnie? No? Okay, dear.

**SANDRA FOLAND:** Madam Chairman and Council, I want to be the first to say thank you from the business owner on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. As Shelby said, potholes are a daily event. It's dangerous to drive on. There isn't room for the trucks.

One question I had is to make sure -- today we had two trucks trying to pass and they couldn't pass. So they had to pull in people's yards. So the measurement of making that wide enough, because it is, you know, an industrial, busy area for cars and trucks. And if a car goes and one of the large trucks -- across the street we have Callaghan Tire.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**SANDRA FOLAND:** They're half in my yard and half in theirs. So getting this road properly paved, my one question is, what was the reason not to take it to Dixie's corner and to have it at 13<sup>th</sup> Court? I mean, if you're going to widen it -- because that leaves a section of it not widened on 13<sup>th</sup> Street that you would enter narrow and then have it wide.

**DIRECTOR JOHNSON:** Basically we stayed out of that particular area -- and we're talking about maybe 100, 150 feet maybe that we left untouched only because, like I said, some of that area had already been improved or that area -- that same 100, 150 feet has already been improved. And we didn't want to get too close to DOT's right-of-way with our construction work because any time you encroach upon their right-of-way you have to go through their permitting system. And we have to avoid that in order to meet the deadlines.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Thank you. Any other -- okay, Miss Foland. Shellyn Lee?

**SHELLYN LEE:** I would just like to thank everybody for working so hard. And I want you to know on our end, the business end, we -- as you know, we've been trying to get businesses to meet and a recorder. And we're behind you any way we can to help make things happen, too. So Mr. Thomas, as far as the landscaping, if we don't get that, we're fine with that. We'll get out there and do it ourselves and make it beautiful. So as long as Brynt could keep up and do his end and make that road support those heavy trucks. As you know, our goal is to get more businesses back there.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**SHELLYN LEE:** In the empty buildings and lease or to sell. Zachry, as you know, Construction is doing a lot of the work at the Port for FP&L. Their trucks are going up and down that road every day. And it's important for us to get that road done so that we can have companies come into this community like Zachry and want to be here and want to continue, because they don't have to look elsewhere, you know, being able to get back and forth.

So they -- in fact, today I was talking to them and they have hired over 400 people, employing them right here. And they've got another 300 to go. So you know, we're happy to have them; we want to keep them here. And we just want you to know the businesses back here are behind, you know, whatever we need to do to help make it work. So thank you, again.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, thank you so much.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mr. --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Ma'am, what is the name of your business?

**SHELLYN LEE:** Oh, I'm sorry. The people I work with is Global Energy United. We purchased the old Gulf Stream building, which Zachry Construction has rented a lot of it from us. We still have a lot of it to rent out still. And also we have been looking at the

Trainer Glass building. So we're looking to expand and do some more, as well. So we're here.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, thank you. And we're here to support the businesses any way we can.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, I sort of missed out a little bit on the conversation about the sidewalks. I know Councilman Thomas brought up a very valid point. We appreciate the project. What was the final summation about the sidewalks, his question?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** They're going to be on the south side.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** They'll be on the south side of the street?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Thank you.

**SHELLYN LEE:** If I may say, Mr. Thomas, there is sidewalk on one side.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**SHELLYN LEE:** But we really don't need it on the other side. What we need is room for those trucks –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**SHELLYN LEE:** -- to be able to turn and deliver and pick up and go out. One side would be -- you don't get a lot of people walking down that road.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Pedestrian traffic, yeah.

**SHELLYN LEE:** But one side would probably be enough. I mean, what we need is that room for those trucks to turn in and out of and be able to get in and out without tearing up the buildings. Or if there was another sidewalk there it would get torn up.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Uh-huh. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Any other -- no further comments, then -- we do? That's it for Public Comments. We can go for the vote.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**10A. RESOLUTION NO. 67-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING "EARLY VOTING" IN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH TO PROVIDE VOTERS IN THE CITY AND THROUGHOUT AN EXTENDED TIME PERIOD OTHER THAN THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS DATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAST AN EARLY VOTE DURING THE AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> PRIMARY AND THE NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**ITEM DISCUSSED OUT OF SEQUENCE**

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** At the request of the City Manager, we are going to pull forward item 10A from the regular agenda.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Resolution 6712, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing early voting in the City of Riviera Beach to provide voters in the city and throughout an extended time period other than the primary and general election's date an opportunity to cast an early vote during the March 14<sup>th</sup> primary and November 6<sup>th</sup> general election and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Any comments?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Let's see. I know that in 2008 we spent about \$40,000, Miss Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That's correct.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. And can you tell me what kinds of things those dollars were spent on?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** When you look at the allocation of the expenditures when there was early voting in 2008, and this extended for, I believe, about 15 days, you saw expenditures first of all for a rally, kickoff, kind of get out to vote activity. That was somewhere in the range of about 9 to 10,000 of that 40,000. There was transportation for

senior citizens, as well as the residents in a couple of locations, and so you had a transportation expenditure that was often there. The bulk of it was for personnel costs that the City used in order to carry out a successful early voting.

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

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And so we had employees -- we had a couple from different departments to help with controlling the lines, as well as parking. We also had employee costs because running these 15 days is also over weekends.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Where your major hours were charged, was for the weekend and after hours. And then you also had expenditures for the clerk's office staff. So you had --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- personnel costs. You had transportation. And then you also had activities around the kickoff and that particular event.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. And I know that was a pretty special time for all of us. You know, but as much as I commend our city clerk -- she does a wonderful job -- but there is a conflict here for me. Because according to what I'm reading in a county election, you provide all the staff. Is that correct?

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Madam Chair, that's correct.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. So my issue is why are we paying City staff?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** In this request there is --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I know there is none in this request but -- I know. Well, I'm just looking backwards right now.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Why did we?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Oh. I can't speak to why we did but I'm sure it was in order to ensure that it was a success. You're right. That election was a different kind of election.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** But my question, Miss Jones, is the law is clear in what it states can and cannot happen in a county election. So I mean, what's done is done. But in looking at the documents from 2008, I mean, people outside of who the supervisor of election hired made quite a bit of money. One person in particular made \$17,000 in 14 days. And, you know, that is mind-boggling to me.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. Well, the good thing about this time around --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- it is all with the supervisor of elections.

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

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I can't say that there won't be any City expenditures. If it's hot, we've gotta give people water.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I understand that. Yeah.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I mean, but it won't be any employee costs, any staff costs.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I would like and would consider still a transportation because people would -- parking is limited out front so if people can go to a satellite place and be able to get on a bus to get here, that would help with the parking. But it would be minuscule like that. But it would be no staff as it relates to that.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Just in the future, let's remember that. And if I could, I'd like to hear from Mrs. Bucher and what she's going to bring.

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Please introduce yourself.

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Thank you very much. I'm Susan Bucher. I'm your Supervisor of Elections for Palm Beach County. And we actually operate 12 locations during the primary and we hope to operate 14 during the general election. And in every case we offer to, if necessary, pay the overtime for somebody to open the building and lock the building when we conclude.

Currently the Florida law requires that only voters, only active voters, are within the area of early voting. And so it does not allow anybody else but the actual voters and the poll workers that we provide for early voting. And I had a great conversation with Miss Jones and explained that I know that the November election might be a lot busier than the primary. And we've offered that we would hire additional deputy poll workers to help us control the line outside.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Any other questions from my colleagues?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** No, I'm good.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Miss Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Might I mention something to her?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, please.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay. Miss Bucher, also perhaps you may want to acknowledge that you are mailing and have mailed out new voters registration cards to the voters, and how important it is for them to open it so they can find out if their precinct has changed or not.

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Thank you so much, Miss Ward. We did just mail out 840,000 new voter registration cards to the entire population of Palm Beach County. All of the district numbers were changed by the Florida Legislature when they concluded redistricting, as well as some of the district territory lines. And so recently -- today we concluded with the balance of the mailing and everybody's going to get a new voter card.

And it's very important for them to open it because the candidates will conclude qualifying by this Friday at noon. And we'll see the candidate qualifying up in the newspaper and on the news. And it would be extremely important to look at the district numbers on your voter card and identify who your candidates are so you know who to pay attention to that would be running for that territory or district.

In some cases we have changed the precinct numbers. So your precinct numbers have changed. We went from 792 precincts to 842 precincts. And we also have, in some instances, had to move the location where people vote because their district territory has changed. And we work hard to make sure that they're voting within their district.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I know that there was some complaint by some of our residents that they were having to go almost into West Palm Beach to vote. So that has been straightened out or can you recall?

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** I can recall. I worked extremely hard with Miss Davis and we fixed those precincts. Thank you very much for your help.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** You're welcome.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. So that's been straightened out? They can now vote in Riviera Beach?

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** One more question. I was on your website last night because I wanted to -- I received my card yesterday and noticed that my congressional district had changed to 20 instead of 23. And I went and looked at the map but the map really doesn't tell me the boundaries. Are you aware of what those boundaries are, I

mean, right now? Can you tell us?

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Well, it's a very difficult district because Congressman Hastings' district changed substantially.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** Where you can go is a website, MyFloridaSenate.com.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** And you can enlarge that. We don't have maps here locally. And I spoke with the legislative members and they haven't received their maps yet. But you can blow up the map on the website and determine the boundaries. I know he got taken out of Wellington and he splits a territory just west of the turnpike on Okeechobee.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** And that's about the end of where his district territory goes west.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** And now he comes all the way up here. But he lost some of the territory along the coastal area –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Right.

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** -- and has a majority of his district in Fort Lauderdale.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, thank you. Any other questions or comments?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you so much for taking time to come out and explain everything to us.

**SUPVR. OF ELECTIONS BUCHER:** I just want to thank you and thank Miss Ward and Miss Jones. They do a wonderful job for your city. And of course, thank the citizens who support voting very much. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Ready for the vote.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**10B. RESOLUTION NO. 68-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF \$60,000 FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO THE JAZZ AFTER DARK FOR THE REMINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Resolution 6812. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving the transfer of \$60,000 from General Fund contingency to Jazz after Dark for the remainder of the fiscal year and providing an effective date.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Need a motion.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Need a second.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Comments? Presentation by Miss Jones.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Madam Chair –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- the item that you have before you is in response to an earlier request. If you'll recall back at the first of May, we discussed this item under the City Manager's Comments. At that time I was recommending suspending the program for the remainder of the year. We heard the sentiments of Council and went back and explored additional options.

What you have before you tonight is the recommendation in order to carry the program through September 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. As a part of that recommendation, we are looking at having to satisfy the deficit that this program currently has.

If you recall that handout that you had that night, there was approximately a \$23,000 deficit.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We had the May event. Because the May event was a makeup rained-out event, individuals were given the opportunity to -- and we honored the tickets from the rain-out event. So as a result of that, there was additional deficit in this program of approximately about \$8,000. So that program now, because of the issues that occurred at the beginning of the year, the rained-out events, it's running about a \$30,000 deficit. A little more than that. This request is to move \$60,000 from contingency in the order to cover that indebtedness and to carry the program through September.

The other part of that recommendation is that with your approval, we go out for an entity or a group to run this Jazz after Dark program for the City and work under a contractual arrangement with the City. And therefore, it shifts the responsibility of this particular program from the City to the organization or entity that might be successful.

We're also recommending that we increase the ticket price by \$5. We will purchase the event's insurance that will cover any rained-out events for the remainder of this fiscal year. But that is the recommendation from staff in order to continue through September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Jazz after Dark Program.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** You know, I love Jazz after Dark. And I'm really struggling with this one. Because I -- for the last two years I think I've been very vocal about, you know, thinking that this event should support itself or sustain itself.

And I know that the residents absolutely love this event, also. And just to say, I'm very much proud of the event and what Mr. Williams and the Parks and Recreation Department has done with it. But, you know, I remember two years ago we had this conversation about, you know, bringing in other entities, renting it out. You know, and what's so very disappointing to me is, I mean, Mr. -- the Parks director worked so very hard to bring this skate park, you know, that I'm so very proud of. You know, and it's never been used, I don't believe. We've never had a kids' event. And --

**DIRECTOR WILLIAMS:** It's not true.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** It's true?

**DIRECTOR WILLIAMS:** It's not true.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, okay. Well, I don't know anything about it. And you know, hopefully you'll come up and you'll tell me about it. But you know, I just think that we're missing out on so many opportunities. We only allow so many vendors in. And I think it needs to be opened up. And you know, but I wanted to give it a chance and allow

our personnel to keep going with it and see where we could go with it. And understanding that when it rains, hey, we lose out. What is that insurance called? I can't think of the name of it.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I can't remember right now the exact name.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** But we did have our risk manager do that research for us.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. But that's a wonderful idea. I think that's great if we move in that direction. And ticket prices, I've always said that regardless of, you know, what the price is, I still believe it's such a wonderful event that people will come, you know, if it is something that we need to do in order to sustain the program.

So basically where I am with this is that, you know, I can -- and I'm looking at this last bullet, Develop a request for a proposal.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** For event programming and management commencing with the 2012 fiscal year -- '12/'13 fiscal year. And that is the only way that I can support going forward.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'll support going forward, funding it for this year.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** With these three things in place. But for the 2012 fiscal year, I think I've been very patient. But you know, I have to be accountable to people. And this really should sustain itself and pay for itself.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Mr. Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you, Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Who do we have coming up this month or do we have anything planned within the next two months?

**DIRECTOR WILLIAMS:** John Williams, Director of Parks and Rec. At this point we don't have anyone because we was waiting to see what's going to happen tonight.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** So June is pretty much shot, then?

**DIRECTOR WILLIAMS:** That's correct.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** So you're looking at July and August. Two months.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** September.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And September.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And September.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And September.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Oh, okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Through September.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** All right. Three months.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Mr. Thomas, any comments?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes. Are you done, Councilman Lowe?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Are you finished?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah. Right now I am.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I have just a few comments. What was proposed here, I'm okay with everything except for sending it out to be for another organization. I've heard Miss Jones' reasoning for that and I respect it. I just don't agree with it. My issue is it will probably turn into something lucrative but this city has already invested dollars and have received the growing pains and now it's on track now. So to give it to somebody else to reap the harvest of the seeds that were already planted, I'm just not feeling like that's a very prudent thing to do.

This is an event that was created and started by the Parks and Rec. Department. It has become renown. Artists call to come to perform at this event. And I think that taking it out of the hands of the City -- and I know that there's other things you can charge them or you can do whatever. But you know, I think that it's a signature event that the whole city is enthused about. I think it's a great opportunity to continue to showcase our parks.

And, you know, I thought about it. I don't know anything else that we really do that is ours. So you know, I understand everybody have ideas that they think can make it better. I have some myself.

But the persons who are running it, you know, if they could get the support, you know, of it -- when you give \$20,000 and say, Make this happen, and you have two or three rain delays and you have cancellations or you have all these things, you're taking the opportunity for them to be able to make it self-sustaining. And by all means, everybody can have their issue.

But you know, I challenge everybody to really look at this and see that it may be considered leisure but we have a lot of residents that, you know, appreciate it. So I don't think that we should take it out of the staff's hands. I know that that's the recommendation

by the manager and I understand that.

I'm just basically making sure that everybody knows that I'm confident that this will continue to be successful now that we have rain insurance, which is something that is a big benefit to it. And I think taking it away at any point, you're going to lose momentum of it.

And to be honest with you, I haven't seen any projections of what, you know, this company would come in and give to the City for that. And I mean, it's a lot of things that I think the City is still going to have to be involved in. I mean, that's our facility. Those are our chairs. Those are our tents. Those are our, you know, everything. Our staff sets them up. Our staff -- it's created and molded for our staff for something that we offer to our residents. And I just think that we ought to just make sure before we, you know -- we do this that we think about that.

And I'm not trying to debate with anybody. Definitely not tonight. I'm just giving my, you know, opinion on it. It is something that we have. It is ours. It's something that's positive. We've never had a negative incident there. People from all across this state and even out of the state come to this event.

There's other cities begging, you know, to have these type of things. You know, we started Jazz over at -- on the beach. And Miami Gardens came in and watched us for a couple of years and now nationwide they come to that event, that Riviera Beach, the -- the council before me, the people, the staff before me had the wherewithal to visualize that. And now I'll bet you everybody up on this dais and probably out there, as well, know when it come to Miami Gardens, you're getting your tickets early.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That's true.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I have people come and say, We want to stay there. So I don't want the same thing to happen. You know, we've given up a great opportunity because it has some struggles at first for seven years. And I want to point this out.

We dumped -- the councils before me and since I've been here for that first -- we had it one year after I was here -- we dumped hundreds of thousands of something into that that we let go on for seven years, dumping hundreds of thousands and hundreds of thousands in it. I don't think that we gave this program the same level of support to be able to be successful.

It's going. They've robbed Peter to pay Paul. They've squeezed on this end and took less on that end to make it happen. All I'm saying is please consider that. And those are my comments.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair and distinguished Councilman Thomas. Certainly one of the great lessons in life that we learn is we learn from the past. We learn from our mistakes.

And if it took us seven years to learn that the City cannot throw away \$700,000 to have a party, cause a deficit \$700,000 -- if it took us seven years to learn that and to see that, I think it would be wise for us not to make that same mistake.

Now, having said that, I don't think anyone up there that's opposed -- certainly I'm not -- to Jazz after Dark. There's a need for it. It's wonderful. It's a great promotion for

the City. People come from far and near now to Jazz after Dark. They enjoy it. I go as often as I can.

But it is what it is. And so I've got some questions to ask the manager because I want to be clear. Madam Manager, it is your understanding -- I'm just very hoarse tonight -- that it is in the best interest of this City to farm this out; is that correct?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Tell me again, because I've read it and I heard what you said, but why do you feel it's in the best interest of the City to farm it out rather than for the City to continue the way it has been with Jazz after Dark? I just need to understand it from you. Can I get some water, please?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** First of all, the City's financial position is such that I don't believe we can continue allocating above a certain level of resources to this program.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Number one. Number two is the fact that this program is very taxing on the time and what it takes to pull off this program when we look at staff time.

The third one is that there are other individuals and groups out there that specialize in doing this. And in order to capitalize on their expertise, I would not ever want to relinquish any oversight and authority so that it can continue to maintain the quality and not decrease in the quality of the kinds of programs, but will increase in quality and improve in quality.

So we would never give that up. We would always want it to be Riviera Beach's Jazz after Dark. Not with someone else's name on it. But they would have the benefit of being able to use their resources in order to offset the cost.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So you studied this, obviously, and you are the city manager. So if the program was successful to the point that it did not or would not create a financial liability for the City, that wouldn't be your recommendation, would it? You would recommend that we continue as is?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Not at all. I'd be saying -- you're right, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That would not be my recommendation.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Now, Mr. Thomas brought in a good point. He mentioned something about rain insurance. Do you still feel that even with the rain insurance, it would not be in the best interest of this city to continue for the City to do it, rather than farm it out? Did that make that big of a difference?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The Parks director has estimated that in order to run this program, he needs \$120,000. And so when I look at that \$120,000, even with rain insurance, I just don't see where the City at this point can budget \$120,000 to support this program.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Therefore, what I'm understanding is we would still have Jazz after Dark. We wouldn't miss a beat. Instead of the Parks and Recreation trying to carry this as a burden as you -- and I'm paraphrasing -- creating a financial situation with the City in a time that we have furlough and we have employees that are experiencing the hardship of being furloughed, which I hope one thing, as we spend money for this and other things, that we can find a way to correct that -- but that's neither here nor there. You've made your decision based upon the facts and the numbers.

Now, I want to ask the attorney a couple questions. As it relates to insurance issues, do you feel that the City is in a better position to farm this out as far as liability issues rather than for the City to do it itself, if you may understand what I'm asking?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You're not talking about rain insurance anymore?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No. I'm just talking about liability period.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** If we entered into an agreement with a promoter that said that they had to have their own insurance, that they would indemnify the City for any negligence, for any types of accidents that they would, you know, hire the attorneys and take on that liability, it would certainly cut, you know, the liability down.

But that comes at a cost. So if we made that a part of the RFP, we would have to be very clear about it because anyone who would respond to that would certainly add that cost into the response or deduct it from any profits that they would give the City.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I guess my question is -- and I appreciate your response because I do understand your response. But I guess what I'm saying, A versus B. Which is it? I've heard what the manager said, but from a legal perspective as relates to the overall liability of anyone getting hurt at the park or artists or people, is it better for the City to farm this out rather than for the City to carry it as it has been? That's my question.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. I tried -- yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I didn't quite understand your answer if you answered it.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** My point is that unless you -- when you farm it out, unless they take on the liability, the liability is yours. So if we farm it out and we don't make that a condition of the acceptance of their proposal, then we will keep that liability. Meaning that if someone hurt themselves at the function, they would sue the City. And they probably will still sue the City, but if we have an agreement with the promoter that they would take on that liability, then it goes to them.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So right now who's taking on that liability now?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** The City.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** The City. The City's taking on that liability now?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** The City has that now. Absolutely.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Let me just say this in closing. Sometimes I'm criticized by

people when I disagree with the manager. They say I shouldn't do that. And the public, they say I should do that behind closed doors. And if I disagree, it's being divisive or whatever it may be. So you know, you're almost criticized if you say something, you know, and if you don't say something you're criticized. So it doesn't matter. Because it is what it is.

But on -- and I have disagreed with the manager publicly before and I've agreed. But on this issue, I don't think it'd take a rocket science degree to figure out if something's not working in the financial interest of the City. I don't know that because I don't deal with the figures. I don't run the City. I don't have the information that the manager has or the attorney has. I can only make my decision based upon what the attorney says about liability as an issue and what the City Manager says.

And I take that -- and it's common sense which is the sense that makes all other senses nonsense -- tells me that this event, as good as it is, as much as we like it and as much as we celebrate and as much as we want to continue -- and we will continue. But if they tell me that we've got to switch from A to B and go to another level, I'm with the switch, as long as we don't lose the event. And I rest. Office of the Mayor. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'll just offer --

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. I'll go last.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Mr. Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** How are we able to get 30,000 in debt and we're -- I mean, was this being funded out of your Recreation budget or what? How did --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The council in the approval of this year's budget allocated \$20,000 seed money for Jazz after Dark. In anticipation of this year, prior to the approval of the budget, the Department was paying for Jazz after Dark out of their budget.

And they had encumbered some P.O.s of which they were thinking that the dollar value of the P.O.s and the money would carry over, which it does not. And we --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Encumbrances?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, we started anew saying, "Here's your \$20,000 to start out the '11/'12 year.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Seed money.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Seed money.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Can I ask a question?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Now, you can do encumbrances and you can carry them over. But this was to be set up in its own special account. So I couldn't honor an encumbrance over in General Fund –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Right.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- when this had to come out of its own account. And that was about 18 of this \$31,000, just that movement. So all of the deficit is not a result of rained-out events. There were the three -- two or three -- two, I know, rained-out events and then one cancellation.

That's why the insurance is so important in order to try to recoup some of the costs, if not all of the costs that has been expended on that particular event.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** And why didn't we have insurance in the first place? I mean, that's standard in event planning, is rain insurance and things of that nature.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I don't know. I just know that from its inception, there had never been any insurance. But we have done that research and are prepared to do that. So you had the rain events. You had the \$18,000 issue with the encumbrances and all of that led to the deficit that was on this spreadsheet.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** So we never had a -- we've never had a positive month with Jazz after Dark?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You had positive months for -- well –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** There was a point where we were in the red, I thought, at –

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. You started out, you were okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And you got through October okay. November was your first rained-out date.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And so we were never able to recoup from that initial rained-out date.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Recoup from that rain-out. Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Do you think you can sell the event? I mean, if you're talking about going out for RFP or RFQ, do you think we would get a lot of bids for this event?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I have no idea in anticipation. And that's why we need to do it early enough.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Because if we're not successful and if there are not people out there wanting to take this on, I've got to build it into next year's budget.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Just a comment 'cause –

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** So I'd need to know if there's a possibility out there –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- a lot of (inaudible) a comment, if you don't mind, just –

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- as soon as possible.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** If we are considering going out for an RFQ, we do have a history to show that this has been a successful event. Had it not been for the rain and a cancellation, we would now have found ourselves operating in the black.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Probably. Correct.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Probably. An advantage to going forward, no matter what we're going to do -- an advantage to going forward through September is hopefully we can continue to show that this event does have a success story, continue to have a success story.

If you are going to sell a business or market a business, you must do it while it is making money or shows some profitability or success.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Right. That's right. (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Jones, of course you and I discussed this and the one question I did not ask is in the RFP, are we asking -- how is it going to be presented? Are we wanting them to give us money for this event? What amount are we -- I guess you can't really say that. But would that be something that's in that –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Percentage.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- in that RFQ?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The Department head and the director of purchasing will work on that RFQ. All of the things that -- or RFP. All the things that we're hearing now if this is successful will be taken into consideration of that. You will be notified prior to that going out on the street.

And we want to write it as tight as we possibly can in order to not make it so tight that no one is willing to entertain it, but at least tight enough to protect the City to ensure that for what we're expending, that it covers that as well as if they have the proper liability coverage and some of those other things.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And we need to look at this as really an enterprise and do we really want to have another enterprise for which that we are responsible for?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** There's a lot of responsibility. There's a lot of accountability. You're talking about having a business design so that you are insured of accountability in all aspects of this event. And that can really require a lot of staff time. I'm favorable towards really doing the RFP because we're not giving up the event.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No, that's right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We are speaking about having someone come in with the expertise, the experience and it can be a brand for the City. It can continue to be a brand, if you will, of entertainment for the City. Once we look at all the RFPs and what's there, we can still make a decision –

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- come October, you know, again, if we choose to change our position on this. But for right now, I am supporting what is recommended here by the City Manager.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I think Mr. Thomas was next.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And then you, Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes. I stated at the beginning of my comments that that wasn't for a debate. I just was saying how I feel about it.

I seem to understand that it doesn't take rocket science to figure out something. I was just stating that I think that we put a lot into it. It's clear that if the majority of this board wants to go into the direction that's there, you know, that's fine. But what I don't want to do is sit here and, you know, make people think that this is all what happens. You know, we're sitting up here and we're talking about the nice ways that it happened. But if you want to be insulting as the Mayor was to me –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, no.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- I think that all the aspects need to come out. And it's so often that we don't do that. So it looks like we're doing something other than just being truthful. You know? There's a lot of other aspects that went into doing it or coming to this

recommendation that we did not speak about. There were several. And all I'm saying is, you know, whether you support it or not, that's fine.

I'm just saying let's be honest with at least the citizens. Just be honest with, you know, what's going on. Give a true and accurate report of what went on, not just the things that may make it seem like it's bad. Well, not even just the things that only make it seem like it's good. Give the citizens the truth about what happened.

You know, do a detailed report. Put it up on the website. Somebody talk about it so the citizens actually know what's going on here. You know, it's -- you know, you get into a point where you don't really want to say, Well, that's really not the best thing to say. We don't want to air the dirty laundry. But I just can't sit here and just be like, Well, you know, okay. I'm gonna go along with everything that's been said, when everybody here and most of the people out there know what some of these issues are.

So I mean, it's clear what we're going to do here. But I'm just asking. I'm imploring everybody, you know, let's just start giving out all of the information and not just what it'd seem like to support, you know, whatever position you have.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Mr. Lowe, comment?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes, ma'am.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I thought I was next.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And then we can --

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Mr. Williams --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You were next, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, yes, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I apologize.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Sorry, Mr. Lowe.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I remember the insurance is called Errors and Omissions insurance. And my question, though, is anybody in here from HR who could -- or Risk Management who could answer a question for me about this insurance? Say, for instance --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The Risk Manager is not here.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** She's the one that did the research on that insurance.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. I guess -- and I'm just asking about this -- I guess what Errors and Omissions insurance would do is if there was a rain-out --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** It's not called Errors and Omissions, though.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- it wouldn't cost -- it's not?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** It's not.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's not the one?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I did hear the name. Jimmy gave me the name of it but I cannot recall the name of it.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. So whatever the name of it is, would that -- if there was a rain-out, it wouldn't cost us anything.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** It should cover some of the costs that -- Miss Jones?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So we would --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. It's not going to cover you -- it's not going to cover your profits.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'm sorry?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It will cover your costs.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** It'll cover your costs.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'm talking about the costs.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** But it's only a portion of the costs.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Not the profits.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It depends on what the costs are.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So we don't know what that is at this particular time, what exactly it covers, this particular insurance that we're talking about?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I don't think we do. No.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So anyway, you're going to be bringing that back. And also, another thing that has to be considered is winter months. You know, in winter months people simply don't come.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** They don't come. That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And also, I'd like to -- I support the RFP process, but I'd also

like to see that extended to activities on the beach side, because we've talked about that for a long time. There's nothing that goes on over there unless, you know, one of the restaurant hires a band. I mean, you know, we've got a beautiful beach over there. There should be something happening.

So anyway -- and I'm a little bit confused. I don't know what's going on here about what the real story is. I'm not understanding that. But if there's something that we need to know, I wish somebody would tell us. Because I've been here since it started. And I know what's happening. But unless -- if there's something outside of that, I need to know what it is. Miss Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** (No audible response).

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, we don't want to get into hearsay. You know, whatever we say, we want it to be factual. And I'm not knowing where all of this is coming from but I'm saying whatever we say, I --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Well, I want to know. If there's something that -- 'cause that's what's being said that, you know, the general public doesn't know what the real story is. And I want to know what the real story is.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Manager -- I mean, Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mayor.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** No, well, I had --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Certainly --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Mr. Lowe.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Oh, Mr. Lowe, I'm sorry.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Mr. Lowe.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah. Mr. Williams, what's -- can you come up? What's your plan for July? And how much would it cost to do an event in July?

**DIRECTOR WILLIAMS:** Probably about \$10,000.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** For --

**DIRECTOR WILLIAMS:** That's what the events generally average, between 10 and \$15,000.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Okay. All right. Go ahead.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. I want to certainly apologize to distinguished Councilman

Thomas who I'm supporting a hundred percent, great supporter and advocate of Mr. Thomas. We agree most of the time, 99 percent. But I certainly was not directing my comment to him or it certainly was not intended for it to be taken in a personal way to insult him. He's the last person probably up there I would want to insult. We're friends as well as colleagues.

But, yeah, that's just an old expression that's been said since I came into the world. It doesn't take a rocket science degree to figure out something that's laid out in front of me. I was just dealing with the facts as I see them in front of me, but not to use that expression to be insulting to anybody. So as a man of the cloth and certainly tonight, I certainly don't want to be in a position to insult Mr. Thomas or anyone else up there. So I want to apologize to that.

But I just feel that the manager has made a decision based upon her knowledge which I don't have, the expertise which I don't have and facts and figures of the pluses and the minuses. And you know, we try it and we see if it works. I would recommend that based on what I've been told and it was quoted tonight about Miami Gardens, that they farmed that out to a certain extent, that they have people. Is that right, Madam Manager?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The same group that did Jazz on the Beach for us here does the Jazz in the Gardens for Miami Gardens.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And that group, from what was said earlier, is being successful. It's not creating a problem for the city. And everybody's going so if they've been successful -- if they weren't successful here maybe they've learned better -- learned how to be successful there. And since that was quoted tonight and we all support it, maybe they might be interested. But I just refuse to believe that in a time like this that you have promoters and people who can do this for a living, who's done it for a living that would not have an interest in our city.

The City of Riviera Beach is not in the business of managing and promoting these kinds of events. That's not what we're here to do. So why not get somebody who does it for a living and go forward with it? You won't know until you try it.

We've tried this and we see where we are. We're in a deficit. We've got the need, money to do this and do that. Money that we don't have continuously. So let's try something different. If it doesn't work, go back to the board and try something else. But I'm for the manager's recommendation. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Are we ready to vote? Okay. You have --

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** I'm not, no.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We will --

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** This is what I'm going to do, if I can do it. But I don't want to increase the price of the ticket, and why do we do a RFP versus a RFQ? And --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Either way, it's just something on the street.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Okay. Well, let's look at how we're going to send that out. If

we are going to do the RFQ or RFP, we don't need to do the insurance and spend an extra \$1,200 a month if we're going to put it out on the streets.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, you still have got three months.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Go through September.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You've got July, August and September to go in case of rain.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah. But that's \$1,200 that could go into the event if the event was allowed. You know, and my other option would be -- my other recommendation would be, you know, I don't believe going into contingency for an event like this, but I will give \$2,000 towards the July event. So, you know, like I said, the event is well-attended and well-appreciated. And until we straighten it out -- we want to have the event, and until we straighten it out, you know, that's my best offer. It gives us a chance to sit down and look at what improvements we can incorporate and also a period to see if things are working. And Mr. Williams said it would take 10 grand so, you know, I'll give 2 grand towards that 10 grand.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Ten grand per month.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Oh, I'm only concerned month to month.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** For July.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** You know? If it works out in July --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You'll try August.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** You know, the people like the event. But, you know, we've been going through this year after year. And we just really need to solve it. I like the event. But, you know, the event needs some controls. And we should be trying to rent out that venue as much as we can so it can make money and pay the light bill over there and all the other expenses. And people would be glad to come in and hold events. You know, we have our price and we say this is what it's going to cost to keep the lights on during your event or hire your labor people and this and that and this is our fee schedule and that's how we do it. But --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Are we ready for the vote now?

**BONNIE LARSON:** Miss Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**BONNIE LARSON:** I do have a card there.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I don't -- do you see a card for -- she has -- I see one from 11 -- I don't have one for 10B from you.

**BONNIE LARSON:** (inaudible).

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Who was the maker of the motion?

**BONNIE LARSON:** (inaudible) I'm sure.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'm sorry?

**BONNIE LARSON:** I did fill out 10B.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Mr. Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Huh?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Who was the maker of the motion?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Look through the cards (inaudible).

**BONNIE LARSON:** (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Who made the motion?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I might have. I don't know. I think Mr. Thomas and I second. I don't know.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That's correct.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Miss Ward?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Who made the motion?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** There's six of us up here. We can do an event in July.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Davis and Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Two grand apiece.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** So I would just –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yeah. I didn't see one.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** You got some money, Mayor?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Mr. Thomas, I believe -- Mr. Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** There's not one for 10B here.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I believe you were the maker of the motion?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** If you would consider going back and doing a motion on each one of them individually rather than just one blanket one.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** A motion on what?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** On what? We're still on Jazz –

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I mean for Jazz after -- there's five recommendations in there. One of them is take money out of contingency.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Everyone may not agree with that. There's one about an RFP. Vote on that one separately. And then that way the parts that individuals would like to support, they get an opportunity to support. Just a thought.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Jones, I have no problem with doing that with the exception of you're going to have to allow for public comment on each one of those items.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yeah, on each one.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So I'd rather -- if we're going to do anything, I'd rather just pull it and then bring it back how you want to have it since we clearly are not going to have an event in June. But going over each one of them, some people not here to comment on breaking it down in one and just a lot of other aspects is what I feel. I'm willing to do as you request. I have no problem with that. But I definitely think that we should allow public comment.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** If you want to do it that way.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. No, sir. I have -- you know, I have no problem with that.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, are we going to keep it the way it is?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. Just with the one motion.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, it -- well, keeping it to one motion does not satisfy, you know -- Mr. Lowe had some issues that were in there. Miss Davis had some issues that were in there.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I don't have any issues with what's in here.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, let me just get a -- let me just get a consensus, then.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Hold on one second, Miss Brooks, for just one second. Please.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. All right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm not saying that you had an issue with that. I'm saying you said that you definitely wanted this. Mr. Lowe said he wanted this but not that. It's too convoluted at this point. I think that it needs to be pulled and done. And if we don't, it's enough of us up here to do it however you want to do it. But if we are going to do it that way, then public comment would definitely have to happen.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I really appreciate what you're saying, Mr. Thomas. If we're looking at the time here and if we postpone this until the next meeting, it will not give them an opportunity to plan for July.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I call for the question.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So, you know, again, it's up to the board. But --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Clerk, let's call the question.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Well, let me ask this.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I have a motion on the floor to call the question.

**BONNIE LARSON:** I still have my comment card. This happened (inaudible) two weeks ago.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But what is the question now?

**BONNIE LARSON:** My cards were not found. It goes through five people by the time it gets to you. I have a card for 10B.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Go ahead on, Miss Larson.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** How are we doing budget-wise? How are we doing budget-wise? Can you --

**BONNIE LARSON:** This happened two weeks ago, also. Like I said, you pass the card between five people.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Let's go ahead and start with the comments. Let's start with the comments, please.

**BONNIE LARSON:** It's going to get lost. I have a card. I wouldn't say it if I didn't. All right. This is much too major an issue to do one vote on like Mr. Cedrick Thomas said. I took notes at the beginning of this conversation, and Miss Jones, I didn't quite understand what you said, because I was writing down what you said. Now, first of all, we talked about –

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** (inaudible) existing budget –

**BONNIE LARSON:** Excuse me.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** -- try to –

**BONNIE LARSON:** Hello?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Oh, I'm –

**BONNIE LARSON:** I talk -- that's all right. We talked about a deficit of \$23,000. Then we said the May was a rain-out. Then there was an \$8,000 deficit and now there's a \$30,000 deficit. So I'm confused just like you are. Which is it? Are we 23? Are we 8 or are we 30? It was three different figures given.

Also think about what the police, the rentals, the Parks and Recreation staff, and if you purchase the insurance for the rain-outs -- Mr. Lowe, you mentioned something very good -- why haven't we had this all along? Of course. That's basic to event planning that you have something like that. We've had, I think you said, seven years we've had this event. So for seven years why haven't we had it?

It's because you have to know what you're doing. You don't go into event planning not knowing –

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Four years for this event.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Four years.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Well, whatever. Someone mentioned seven years so then we have four years. I don't know. But anyway, you have to know what you're doing. You can't just go in and be an event planner without having been properly trained to do it. So that's how things like that happens and that cost us a lot of money to do it.

We want to keep going with it. We have to set a date. How long are we going to keep going with it? How many years are we going to say, Well, we're going to get it right next month?

Miss Brooks, you said that if we were to farm it out to someone, we need to show we're a success from the last couple months. Someone who's going to take over the event, if they were to do so, they're going to look back at the number of years that we've done it. They're not just going to look at the last three months and say, Okay. We were successful then. They're going to look at it for the duration of the time that we've had Jazz after Dark and there's some pretty dismal months.

I was very disappointed. There's no backup in the books tonight. So we can't even

read up on this to find out, like, what's going on. It should be here for us to read tonight. This was put on as an add-on. This is not an emergency situation. Well, it is because you say you can't have July. But it should have been brought up months ago. Not now. It shouldn't be an emergency as an add-on. That's just not right and then with no backup.

If you were to farm it out, we're going to be the ones responsible. As Miss Pam Ryan said, they're going to have insurance. The company who puts it on is going to have insurance. But it's going to come back to Riviera Beach eventually, because we're the ones that let it happen on our property. So they're going to go for the deep pockets, the deep pockets being Riviera Beach.

We talked about, well, do you want to see activity on the beach? That has nothing -- we don't own the beach property anymore. We've leased that out so there is no space to do events over there anymore. And Miss Judy Davis, you said you wanted to know the real story. We want to know the real story, too. But it's much too complicated an issue, like Mr. Thomas said, to do all in one vote. It's way too complicated for that and we don't have the backup. I would like the backup. Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, what is the question before us?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair, I have a motion on the floor --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm sorry.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- to call the question.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You need a second for it.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** The clerk has to read, I guess.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. So we go back to our original motion?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah, that's the question, right?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Go back to our original motion?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And we vote on the original motion.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** She said she put the motion on the floor. It doesn't require a second. Don't we have to vote on her motion that she's putting on the floor to call the question?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Well, there's no second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** There's no second.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** You don't need a second for that motion.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, well, (inaudible) –

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** You don't need a second.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** It's just -- yeah. It's just to call the question on what's already on the floor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So we're waiting on the clerk to read it?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Is that what we're waiting on now?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So if she doesn't need a second we'll go ahead on the call for the question, then.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** No, I don't wanna do that.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That motion passed with Councilperson Lowe dissenting.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** I don't want to raise the price.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And that's your only –

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** No. And I don't want to get it out of contingency so –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Now we go on to item 11.

**DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION**

**11. COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUEST**

- A. VALLEY OF LOVE MINISTRIES- \$500- THOMAS A. MASTERS**  
*Defray costs of the ministries' provision of multiple services to the needy.*

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Community Benefits Request. A Valley of Love Ministries, \$500 from Mayor Masters to defray cost of ministries provision of multiple services to the needy.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, whatever it is, I want to do it. It is what it is. I'm so confused at this point I don't care.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So moved.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I think we're just all tired. We're just all tired. Okay. We have a –

**CITY CLERK WARD:** We have a second?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. We got a second. Did we get a second?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** No.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** AIDS ministry.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Give me a second, somebody.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm going to second it but, Mayor, you have to explain what it is. That's part of the rules. So –

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- let's please adhere to (inaudible).

**MAYOR MASTERS:** This is for the people that are doing something in our city as relates to AIDS awareness. And whatever it said, that's what it is.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And they do feed the poor. They feed the homeless.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Feeding. And they have provided backup. And I think -- I think, Madam Chair, did you give some money to this? Somebody else gave money for it

before. I'm not the first one. Is that right?

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** Triple H.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Triple H. Yeah.

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Are you finished, Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. I'm finished.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So moved.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Funds will be used for educational testing material, basic refreshment for the AIDS Walk.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But this is not Triple H, though. This is Valley of Love, right?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** He just said Triple H. The first one's Valley of Love.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, Debbie gave me that.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (inaudible).

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, I'm for that, too. Whatever that is. The Valley of Love, whatever they do, that's what I want.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. We'll call for the vote. We'll call for the vote.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. 11B?

**BONNIE LARSON:** Miss Brooks? Miss Brooks?

- B. TRIPLE H MINISTRIES- \$500- THOMAS A. MASTERS**  
*Defray costs of an AIDS walk in the City to be held Saturday, June 23, 2012.*

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Triple H Ministries, \$500, Mayor Masters, defray the cost of an AIDS walk in the City –

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** She said she has a card on it.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Well, 11 covers all of them.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Do you need any explanation? I think –

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- defray the cost of an AIDS walk in the City to be held Saturday, June the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** AIDS awareness, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Call for the vote.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** (inaudible) –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Larson, the reason why you're standing there, did you put a card in to speak?

**BONNIE LARSON:** Yes, sir, I did.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Where is the thing?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All of this is 11.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Good question.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** All of these are under 11. (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** (inaudible). Okay. Which one did she want to speak on?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Which one did you want there? You just had 11.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Well, I'd like –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But was there any one in –

**BONNIE LARSON:** -- to talk in general about 11.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** All of them?

**BONNIE LARSON:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh. So let's have a (inaudible).

**CITY CLERK WARD:** When we get to the end (inaudible) at the end?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** At the end.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Can we? We'll just do it at the end.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. All right. 11C. Did we vote on B?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, hold, Madam Chair. Let's wait a minute. I just want to clarify. Do you want to just talk about Community Benefits in general and not about any of the particular –

**BONNIE LARSON:** Yes, in particular. Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- items? I think it would be better to allow her to go ahead and speak first.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Go ahead and speak.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So that the council has the benefit of her public comment.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Absolutely.

**BONNIE LARSON:** We've got to do better with these cards. This is ridiculous. We're giving out a lot of community benefits now and it's -- \$15,000 was given to each one of the

Council people and to the Mayor to give out for Community Benefit as they saw fit.

What I would like to suggest that we do -- and I know if they're on here, you're all going to vote them okay tonight -- but what I would like to suggest is that we not sit back and wait for nonprofits and churches to come to us and ask for that money. Let's go out in our communities, each one of you in your district, and find out what the people in your district need.

This money comes from us the taxpayers. We paid Waste Management more --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** No, it doesn't.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Yes, it does. We paid Waste Management more than we would have paid another company. And one of the things they did to curry their favor was they gave each one of you \$15,000, plus the Mayor, to do something for Community Benefit. My request is that we do something for everyone in the community rather than dribble it out 500 here for a little party or \$1,000 there for something. Let's do something worthwhile for the community. Put your money to something that years from now people are going to say, You know, we had these speed bumps in our community and it really quieted down the area. Really, fewer kids have gotten hit.

Let's do something worthwhile with the money rather than giving it to nonprofits. We have one nonprofit here that got money last time from us. Are we going to continue to give every time a nonprofit comes to us, the same nonprofit? Are we going to give them more than once? We need to do something -- it's for the Community Benefit. Let's do something that's going to help people in our community.

If two of you need to put your money together to get some better lighting, something, do something worthwhile that's going to help. Additional lighting. I know Miss Pardo, she mentioned a water fountain on the walking path. Something that's going to be there for years from now. Not just dribble it out on something for a one-day event. And you are setting precedent if you give people that apply more than once. The group that is applying more than once, they're just getting their tax I.D. in May so we don't even know if they have their federal tax I.D. yet. They only applied for it in May of this year.

But like I said, let's do something for the community. It's money that we're paying extra to Waste Management. We're paying more to Waste Management than we would have to someone else.

So let's think about it. I challenge you to think about the people in your district, find out what they need. Like I said, people have come here for speed bumps. And we say, "Well, there's no money for that." We have kids that need something to do this summer. "We don't have money for that." Put it to something that's going to have a long-term effect rather than a one-day event or something that's going to only benefit one particular religion, people from one particular country. Do something for the community with this money. Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you. Yes, Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I accept Miss Bonnie's challenge. I think she makes a good point. So I'm going to challenge you. If you know of any nonprofits or whatever in the community

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**BONNIE LARSON:** I didn't say I (inaudible).

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No. Well, whatever you know –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** They have to be nonprofit.

**BONNIE LARSON:** I didn't come here –

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, Madam Chair, let me just address this to you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'm sorry. Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** If there's anyone out there that has any recommendations about where they feel that the monies that have been allocated can best be spent, please call the Office of the Mayor. You know, I don't know everything. I'm not trying to know everything. And if you know something I don't know and know someone that's hurting and the lawyer says that it's legal to give that agency the money, I'm for it.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** So Madam Attorney, I do want to say this to you. She mentioned something about May or -- the tax thing. You've looked at all this stuff, right? So we're not -- when she said something about May and that there may be a new tax -- a new –

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. I will say this. I do check to make sure that the documentation is here. I am not a tax expert. I don't look at it for dates. I did not look at it for that. I looked at it to make sure that we had the documentation. So we would have to ask someone from Finance for the verification. I have no idea.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But I want to make sure that whatever I do is right and legal as far as the date. So look in mine. Thank you. Please.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. We're on item number 11B?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Correct.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And, Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You want to tell us about –

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Which one is that, now? Where are we?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** 11B, Triple H Ministries.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The AIDS Walk.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** The AIDS Walk?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. That's for awareness and to support their cause. This is something that certainly I think we can embrace. Any kind of agency that want to do anything about HIV and AIDS, I'm going to support it. And it's an issue in our community and I'm going to be right there with them.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Ready for the vote.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All right. Now we're at 11C and –

**C. T.E.A.M. ELAM - \$1,000– DAWN S. PARDO**  
***Support the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Day in the Park event on June 9, 2012.***

**CITY CLERK WARD:** T.E.A.M. Elam, \$500. Council Chair Brooks support the Fifth Annual Day in the Park event on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Ready for the vote then.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** 11D.

**D. T.E.A.M. ELAM - \$1,000– SHELBY L. LOWE**  
***Support the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Day in the Park event on June 9, 2012.***

**CITY CLERK WARD:** T.E.A.M. Elam, \$1,000, Dawn S. Pardo support the Fifth Annual Day in the Park event on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Need a motion.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Ready for the vote.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes. 11E, also.

**E. T.E.A.M. ELAM - \$1,000– SHELBY L. LOWE**  
***Support the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Day in the Park event on June 9, 2012.***

**CITY CLERK WARD:** T.E.A.M. Elam, \$1,000. Councilperson Lowe support the Fifth Annual Day in the Park event on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Ready for the vote, please.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes..

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** 11F.

- F. YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION (YRA) -\$1,200 - THOMAS A. MASTERS**  
*Defray costs for a series of summer events in the City.*

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Youth Recreation Association, \$1,200, Thomas A. Masters the Mayor defray the cost for a series of summer events in the City.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm going to comment on that, Madam Chair. May I comment on that? I think this is very important and it's for the public good. Anything that we can do to promote peace in the community and that our young people can benefit from it –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- I am going to support it. And Youth Recreation Association has a long history. I don't know anyone in the community like Mr. Calloway who has done as much as he has done for young people and seniors successfully. So we are supporting this because it's important that we open these parks up during the summer months, that the young people -- I'm going to be there with job opportunities, job referrals, and Mr. Calloway, and feeding and the mingling and the positive influences, the police department, we're all working together. So like we have given monies for security for cameras throughout the community and lights.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We're supporting this, as well.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Good.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. All right.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Need a motion.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Ready for the vote.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All right. 11G.

**G. YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION (YRA) -\$1,200 - THOMAS A. MASTERS**

*Defray costs for a series of summer events in the City.*

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Community Benefits Request, Black Educators Caucus of Palm Beach County, Inc., \$300, Councilperson Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am, Madam Clerk. This is to assist with providing scholarships to outstanding students.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We have a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Ready for the vote.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. This completes all of our Community Benefits Requests. Board Appointments, none. Discussion by the City Manager.

**BOARD APPOINTMENT(S)**

**NONE**

**DISCUSSION BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a couple of items. At the last meeting there was issue -- there were issues raised as it relates to the automated voice telephone system. We called out the vendor. What we have determined is that it's probably because of the years in service that the PBX system has been in place. So we're monitoring that, as well as feel as though with the new Voice over IP, we'll be able to move away from that old PBX system so that that does not occur. And that is getting the voice mail when you try to get a particular department. You mash -- you put in those codes for that department. However, the recording just keeps playing. And so that's the way we'll address that issue as we move forward with Voice over IP and move from that old PBX system that gets caught up like that.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Just a couple announcements. Next week on Monday, April the 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** April?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I mean -- April? Excuse me. June 11<sup>th</sup>, Representative Allen West will be holding a town hall meeting in Newcomb Hall that begins as stated at 5 p.m. We are asking the residents to come out and ask him questions. He is very willing to address just about any topic so we're encouraging all the residents to come out and

participate in that town hall meeting. That's Monday, June the 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 at Newcomb Hall.

I will be setting up individual appointments with each of you next week in order to complete the evaluation process. The document you should have this week for your reference and for your use. And I just wanted you to be aware of that.

After discussions with the Chair and the polling of the Council, it has been the decision that there will be only one Council meeting during the month of July. The first meeting falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. And so we will not have a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. And we will definitely be advertising when the one meeting will occur. And I believe it's the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** The 25<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Because it's important that we approve our TRIM millage –

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- in the month of July. And so it's necessary for us to have that one meeting. And I promise that'll be the only item on the agenda.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, good.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We are scheduled to go before the County Commission for extension of the water excess grant. Their second meeting in June. We will give you further information of the particular time and where it falls on the agenda as soon as that agenda is published. And that ends my presentation.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you. Legal?

#### **LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST**

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a couple of things. This afternoon I sent to the Council a pretty detailed memorandum on the Ocean Mall.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** A status of what's going on with that with our property for the public's sake. As the Council is aware, Catalfumo basically doing business as OMRD who has the current lease, 50-year lease on the Ocean Mall property, has pretty much gone into default and the bank is foreclosing on his mortgage, which puts us in a very difficult situation. It should be made clear that the City's interest is still there. This is our property. The only thing that the bank has is what OMRD had, which was an entitlement to foreclose upon the 50-year lease.

I'd like you to take some time and read the memorandum, because it talks about different options that the City has. I will not discuss that because I do anticipate that we may be in litigation with GFS, who is the current bank who's foreclosed on the property, if we choose to go a certain route. So I'm asking the Council to please read the memorandum. And the City Manager and I and perhaps Tony Brown and Michael Haygood will be setting meetings up to discuss individually with you the memorandum and

some of the options. The CRA is involved primarily because this implicates the DDA that we entered into, that disposition and development agreement, and the ground lease. The CRA, they were signatories to the DDA. So they are involved in whatever we decide to do on the property.

So you will be contacted next week, most likely, so that we can make a decision about how to move forward. Because they are calling. GFS representatives would like to meet with the City. They want to discuss some options. And we think that you should have a discussion with your staff before we start setting up those kinds of meetings.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I would ask Miss Ryan to please speak in layman terms and let the general population know that we are not losing the -- they are not foreclosing on our property. Our property is going to stay our property. They're --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Good point.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Would you please elaborate and let the public know that (inaudible).

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** (inaudible) say that. Okay. Yes. The City entered into a 50-year lease with OMRD. OMRD took our lease and used it as basically collateral to get a loan on the property. So initially it was with BB&T. BB&T sold the mortgage. As in your private life, your mortgage gets sold once or twice or even three times. And you just get notice of that.

They sold the loan to this GFS Investment Group. It's not a bank. It's an investment group. And apparently OMRD didn't make the right payments. We're not privy to their agreement so we're not exactly sure what the breach was. But they have filed an action -- it will come out in the action for foreclosure against OMRD. That means that OMRD will no longer be in control of the property but the lease will still be intact with GFS.

From our position, there's still some things that OMRD did not perform on. And the City Council needs to make a decision about whether or not to terminate the lease and take the property back or deal with the public. Bottom line is, the City's property is the City's property. We have nothing to worry about. They're still required to give us the rents that are due. They're still required to take care of the property. They're still required to take care of the parking area and to deal with their lessees. I hope that's layman enough.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's sufficient.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But, yes, our property is intact. We're fine.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Just one thing I would ask, that, you know, I read in some document -- in your document, I believe it was, that, you know, this trust GFS doesn't even know what the lease amounts are. Do we know what the lease amounts are so that we know what our percentages are?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I mean, I think that's something we need to know.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, this is the problem. The lease provides that they are to pay us 4 percent of their net leases.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Four percent, right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We get that information from them. They are required to provide that information to us.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And they haven't?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** OMRD has not. And --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Since when?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** From the very beginning or --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I don't know where Miss Hoskins is. I do not know.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** All I know is, is that they have not made their annual payment in April.

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

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I don't know the details of that. But GFS has relayed that they don't even have the documentation at this point.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Well, I would suggest that we be brought a total report, maybe at a workshop or something, because I think these are things that we need to know. You know, and --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Have a detailed discussion on it.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- detailed discussion on it.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Because, you know, I've never been told what the lease amounts are.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We don't have a grasp on any of this.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, we need to have the one-on-one meetings with you first.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** First. Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And then we can certainly schedule anything that you would like to bring you up to speed.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Make you comfortable. And as the manager stated, I will be calling you next week to set up appointments for my evaluation, as well.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You did send the document out so each of us has the document.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes. Yes, ma'am. Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. City Council Committee Reports.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am. I'd just like to give everybody an update on the FEC, FDOT, Port and City meetings. Our last meeting was on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We've been meeting about severely reducing, greatly reducing or eliminating the blockages at Blue Heron Boulevard due to the Port stacking of their rail cars. We've had some very good talks. And right now since West Palm Beach, who may also be involved -- the city manager and I and some Port officials are going to be meeting with Mayor Muoio and her staff on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to make sure that they're on board, also. And later that day we'll also have our next meeting with the FEC, FDOT and the Port. But we are very, very close to resolution.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Good.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And as far as the MPO, I see that there is a petition to save Riviera Beach and keep the community residential. I think this pertains to the State Road 710 expansion. And at the last MPO meeting that was held the third Thursday of May -- I

can't remember the date -- all of that has been resolved. The cemetery is going to remain intact just as it is. Some of the properties will not be touched. And because in all of this from the very beginning, Australian Avenue had never, ever been mentioned as far as it relates to the State Road 710 expansion.

And, you know, there was a resident here at the last meeting and I have to give them credit. They did start going to the County Commission meetings and the MPO meetings and reached out to other state reps and all that and they were very successful in stopping this. So I'm not trying to take anything away from them. I'm just reporting what the facts are. So everybody's good on that.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you. Any other -- is that it, Miss --

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

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Any other committee reports? Mr. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No committee reports.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Mr. Lowe, any committee reports?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I have none. Now to Council and Mayor Comments. Mayor, we'll start with you.

#### **STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes, Madam Chair. I want to just give a point of information. A lot of people have asked me over the past several weeks why have I chosen to sit here instead of the distinguished chairs up on the dais there.

And my answer was at first I was suffering from bronchitis and I was doing a lot of coughing several months ago, and I didn't want to be coughing over everybody up there and I need to go out quite often. So I sat here and chose to sit down here.

But since I've been here, some of the people that have been viewing channel 18, they've said to me that I looked very handsome down here.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Oh, Lord.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So I thought I want to look handsome as long as I can. So I decided, Well, if that's the case, I'll just stay down here. But I'm coming back up there. I think my handsome days are over. So I'm coming back. But I just wanted you to know that, Madam Chair and Madam Assistant.

I want to talk a little bit about the upcoming jobs fair. It's going to be held at JFK Middle School. That's right near the corner of S Avenue and Blue Heron, just a little bit -- what is that? South --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** South.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- of Blue Heron/S Avenue. And we're expecting 4 to 500 young people. Not just from Riviera Beach but throughout Palm Beach County. And we want

our young people to know -- obviously I want you to know 4 or 500 young people does not necessarily mean that everybody that comes to the job fair is going to get a job. That just doesn't happen at any job fair. Some people are not qualified. Some are overqualified. Some are underqualified. But those who are and for those companies that have positions, whether it's two positions or 10 positions or five positions, they certainly are going to be given an opportunity to fill those positions from the job fair.

Doesn't happen on the same day. There's a process that -- there's background check. There's a drug test and there are things that just have to happen. So I don't want people to be misled and think, oh, my son's going to get a job because the Mayor said that. No, the Mayor's not saying that. The Mayor's saying there's job opportunities. Now, we are thinking that we're going to get as many young people jobs as we can, possibly can, as fast as we can.

These are companies that have continuously worked with the Office of the Mayor in providing jobs. Winn-Dixie manager will tell you that half of his store has been hired throughout job fairs. He will tell you that. The Marriotts will tell you that lots of people have been hired through the job fairs or the job clubs. Of course, when the U.S. government had the census deal, over 400 young people were hired for the U.S. census right here from Riviera Beach.

So we can go on and on and on. But the main thing that I do want to say is that it starts at 10 a.m. on June the 12<sup>th</sup>. It's important that you be there on time to get a good seat. It's important that you be properly dressed. I used to tell young people to dress as if though you were going to church.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Uh-oh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I don't say that anymore because folks dress up any kind of way these days going to church. But I will say the number one dress is always a suit and always a tie. Period. If you don't have a suit, then you should definitely have a long-sleeved white shirt or blue shirt and a tie. Period. Dress pants, no jeans, no tennis shoes. Regular dress shoes. That's it. And be well-groomed. If you have tattoos, they need to be hidden. Just little common sense. Common sense, again, is that sense that makes all other senses nonsense. So dress like you want a job. And be professionally dressed.

It will also help if you have a resume on hand. Now, they're not expecting you to have a long, drawn-out resume because you just graduated. You're young. You haven't had time and experience to have a lot on your resume. But we are recommending that you have a functional resume.

I'm going to ask Miss Debbie to come and take one minute and tell the young ladies how they ought to be dressed professionally. Debbie, will you come quickly and just tell them, give them ideas of how the young ladies should be dressed that are interested in a job?

**LEGISLATIVE ASST. ISAACS:** Yes. We are recommending that the young ladies wear a skirt and a blouse or a nice dress just above the knees. Nothing too short, nothing too tight. Or they may wear a suit, a skirt suit or a pants suit. That's about all. Probably dark colors would be a better idea for you at the job fair.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. Madam Chair, the ages that we're focusing on is from 17 to 22, 25. We're not going to turn anyone back if they're 25. You know, we're focusing on the youth. And we want to get them jobs now. Summer jobs, seasonal jobs, part-time

jobs, full-time jobs. Just a job. And we're looking forward to great success and we're going to invite all of our Council people to come and share with our young people. May God bless Riviera Beach. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You're welcome, Mayor. To my right, Mr. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, thank you. First I would like to congratulate all of the transitional individuals to their next grade. I know I've attended a few today. I know the Mayor has. I know Lincoln and Bethune Elementary, as well as John F. Kennedy. So I would like to make sure that they know that we congratulate them here at the City of Riviera Beach for that accomplishment.

I also want to recognize a young man, Mr. Eddie Gibbs, from Bethune Elementary who scored perfect scores on his FCAT in every category. I don't think that there's been very many people to do that. But Mr. Eddie Gibbs, who's a transitioning fifth grader into the sixth grade scored perfect scores in all the categories on his FCAT, which I think is a phenomenal accomplishment. So I want to congratulate you, Mr. Eddie Gibbs of Bethune Elementary School. That is a great, great, great accomplishment.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Wow.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'll also like to take this time to congratulate my daughter Jasmine Thomas for being entered into the National Junior Honor Society at the John F. Kennedy campus. That is a great accomplishment. Very good job, baby girl. I appreciate you doing that. You're making your daddy proud.

I'll also like to thank all of the individuals who came out to vote for me at the county level to be able to go to the state as a Democratic delegate. As already has been said, that our community is very diversified with both parties, all different types of parties. Independents, Republicans, Democrats. But we all, you know, work together to make sure that the City is getting what it needs to function.

I'm very happy to report that in a grueling process that was very taxing, as you heard, very emotional and didn't even understand some of the process -- and it may have seemed to be somewhat lopsided or unfair. You know, we did get through it and I was happy that the delegates in District 23, which is Alcee Hastings' district, selected me as one of their representatives to go to Charlotte, North Carolina, in September.

It is an incredible feeling and it's something that I don't take lightly, to go and represent this area at a national convention. I would like to thank everybody who was, you know, a part of that. Like, all of the well-wishers that was a part of that. So I do want everybody to know that I appreciate that. I'm very humbled by it. And I promise to do the very best that I can in those duties.

One thing that is, you know, a huge issue -- and I am the representative for the education, or the liaison for the school board. I've been talking about coming up with a process or some format that we need to talk with the school district in reference to our children not being accepted into some of the magnet programs. Not just at Suncoast, but they're not being accepted into a lot of schools. And these are community schools.

People in the community need to be allowed to attend them. And I don't think our voice is really being heard or maybe we're just not speaking loud enough. But I want to aggressively attack that problem, you know, over the next several weeks to bring some light on that. So you know, we'll have to call some type of workshop or let's see what, you know, is amenable and palatable for my colleagues to address this. Not in an adverse

manner, but we definitely need to bring light to that.

Most times I get a lot of requests for assistance getting into Suncoast. And we do accept some denials that come. But this year was incredibly grueling in terms of how many students that they did not accept. And there has been a problem that I have not gotten yet that the set area which allows the student to attend Suncoast has not been moved to where the new Suncoast is. So I'll be drafting a letter to get explanation on that.

That seems totally absurd but that is the response that some of the parents are getting that have received denial letters for the ability to be able to attend Suncoast. It is a very prestigious school and it's in a very prestigious city.

And I just believe that our children should be allowed to participate in a school that's in our city that is still a community school even though it's magnet. So I just want to notify my colleagues that I will be aggressively dealing with that particular part of our education problem in our city. That's all.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you, Mr. Thomas. And I certainly would like to support you in that effort because I've been getting some concerns from the citizens, so whatever I can do. Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd just like to thank all of those people who supported and assisted me with the Memorial Day Tribute and Mayor Masters, Councilwoman Brooks, thank you for being a part of the agenda. Chief Peter LeDuc, Captain Spencer Rozier, the Riviera Beach Police Honor Guard, Commissioner Taylor from the County. Dan Liftman from Congressman Hastings' office. Mary Goodman, VA Medical Center. And the VFW Post 4143, Mr. John Balquet [phonetic], and Dan Moran from the American Legion Riders, Post 268. Our City employees, Tawanna Smith, Beverly Bostic, Jeff Gagnon, Claudene Robinson. Mary Brabham was the only citizen from Riviera Beach to participate. And Miss Debra Blue [phonetic] and Demarcus Brantley.

Thank you, also, to our sponsors, Zachry Holdings, McKinley Insurance Services, Financial Services, Community Officers Association of Singer Island, COASI, Mr. Chris Hein [phonetic], Global Energy United, All-Site Construction and American Printing & Signs. Thank you all very much. It was, I think, the very first time the City of Riviera Beach had ever done anything like that. And I think it was very well received.

Also, the Port of Palm Beach is also going to be hiring 10 interns this summer. We did place some of the fliers back there on the counter and so we want our young people between the ages of 16 and 21, I believe it is, to apply for those internships.

Also, KBR, the company that has been awarded the Solid Waste Authority's project to build a new waste energy center, I attended their ribbon cutting a week before last. Their office is open now on -- oh, goodness -- I believe it's -- not Village Boulevard. The one where the Department of Revenue is. What's the name of that street? I can't remember the name of the street but if you will call --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Metro Center?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Metro Center Boulevard. If you will call the office tomorrow, 845-3464, after 10:00, we will give you the phone number and address.

And also I figured out the name of that insurance. It's special event liability insurance. And Miss Jones, I have one question for you. Our security camera -- scanner. I'm sorry. I believe we purchased that only, what, in '08?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Downstairs. The security scanner, you know, that you put your purse and stuff on.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** It's still broken. It's been broken for a while now. And I think we purchased that in, what, '08, '09? And is it that it just can't be fixed or what is the problem with that?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** You gotta order some parts?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** (inaudible).

**INTERIM DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Danny Jones, Interim Deputy City Manager. We have had a couple companies come out and take a look at it. As early as tomorrow morning, I think, someone will be on the premises to look at it. The quotes were extremely expensive and we had to go out and do a process to get the right vendor in.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. So the vendor who sold it, they don't supply somebody to come out and repair it?

**INTERIM DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** The original quote we received from them was rather expensive.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, I see. Okay.

**INTERIM DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** But it is in the process of being repaired and we're working on it as fast as we can to get it repaired.

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

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** We had a manual for it?

**INTERIM DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes. We have a manual for it.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Oh, okay. Any one of us try to troubleshoot it?

**INTERIM DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. We tried to troubleshoot it. We actually had them come out and work with us to get it serviced, to troubleshoot it before it broke down. And it broke down shortly after that. So we've made some efforts to get it repaired but we need to go a little deeper and a little further with it.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** You want me to come look at it? I was an electronic technician.

**INTERIM DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** We can arrange that, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** For a fee, though.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** No, I don't think that's going to work, Mr. Lowe.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Why? Everybody else gets paid.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** But anyway, and last -- I'm sorry, Madam Chair, last thing.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay, then.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** 3301 Broadway, Southern Courts. I've gotten all of the backup information about this particular property. And right now we're looking at somewhere around \$814,000 in liens. Oh. Do you know what our next steps are concerning this property?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That information was sent when, you know, I got the original request from you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** To date Code Enforcement has not gotten back to me as to the recommendation as to what would have to happen with that.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** There are always the other options of the litigation.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Whether you're foreclosing on the property.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** But we will have the attorney that works with these projects look into it and see what the most expeditious way is for us to address these issues. 'Cause one of the questions was, Are any of the owners in there individual owners?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And so do they have separate liens versus the liens?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** So it takes a lot of looking at to come up with an answer.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Please keep me posted on our progress.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Will do.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you. That's it for me.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay, Mr. Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** No. I don't have anything.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, I'll be very quick with my comments in the lateness of the hour. I want to first of all send out a big thank you for all the volunteers who helped make our clean-up campaign successful. I'm starting first with my aide Miss Dozier who really coordinated everything to make everything happen.

And we had from Public Works, Mr. Johnson, Brynt Johnson, very faithful about coming to help out, and also Jeff Gagnon. Am I missing anyone else from the City, the volunteers? Okay. Well, anyway, we just want to thank all of the volunteers and certainly our coordinator -- or our cosponsor is Neighborhood United with Miss Bernice Wooten and her faithful members. We did -- and all the volunteers who came out, the young people who came out. We are just so appreciative to everyone who came out in spite of the threat of rain.

Moving on now to a petition to save Riviera Beach. Miss Davis did report and to correct a misnomer that's going out that there is going to be a desecration of the Glenwood Cemetery. That, we know, has been resolved by FDOT so no need to be concerned about that.

Also in this petition, whomever is sending this out is wanting people to be alarmed that Newcomb Hall -- as if something is going to happen to Newcomb Hall. They're asking that Newcomb Hall be saved and that the industrial boatyard and large yacht yard not be used in some way. But anyway, all of that we know is in the past right now. So please, people, don't be alarmed. This petition is really about nothing.

The other matter that had been brought to my attention, Miss Jones, we at several meetings ago, had approved for a company to come in to provide warranty on water lines. And there have been two pieces of correspondence sent to our residents which is very confusing. And one of my constituents in Monroe Heights told me she had called Tallahassee when she'd got the first letter.

And Tallahassee reported that there had been some problems with that company. They've been getting a lot of complaints. The second piece came out with our logo.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh. That's (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And your signature.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So we should say to the residents, This is the company that we have officially entered into an agreement to provide this warranty. And also, there are persons who are going door to door about insurance. So you know, you --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes. So you've got to be very cautious about people in the neighborhood and just don't even entertain them.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So we would say Service Line Warranties is the company that we –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Well, the letter will have her signature.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yeah. Well, the letter has Miss Jones' signature so that would be the official company.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That would be the official company.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes. So I just wanted to alert our citizens to that. And I have no other comments. So can we –

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** You reminded me of something. A lot of people in the City have a security alarm system called Vivint, V-I-V-I-N-T. Well, there are people walking the neighborhoods, one of which who came to my door, and I'm gonna call the name of them. It was ADP who came to my door and told me that they were sent by Vivint to replace my alarm system. And I told them, I was like, I don't think so, and I got on the phone and called Vivint. They didn't know anything about that. So don't – you know, don't let people tell you that they're, you know, there to do something else. They just want the business and they're there to put in their own alarm system. Okay? Okay. Motion to adjourn.

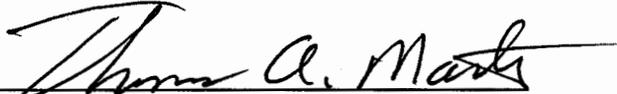
**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Motion.

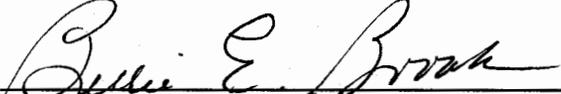
## **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:08 p.m.**

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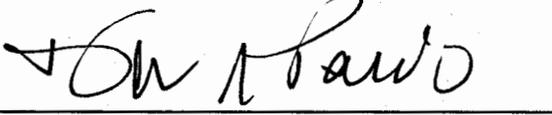
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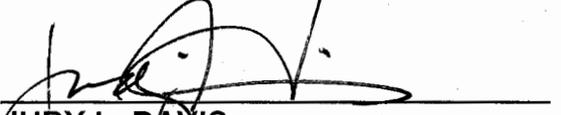
  
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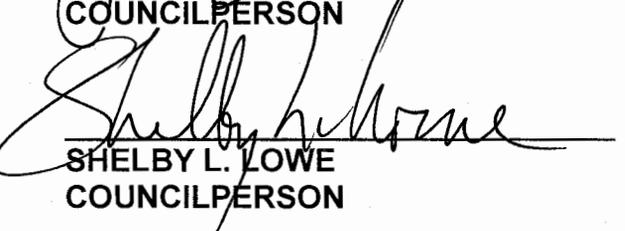
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I, Billie E. Brooks, hereby disclose that on June 6, 20 12 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, my granddaughter, Keilana Brooks;
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

The measure was a grant to be given to the Girl Scouts Troop 20963 as part of the City's Outside Agency Funding Program. My granddaughter is a member of that particular troop.

June 7, 2012

Date Filed

Billie E Brooks

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