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CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Good evening, everyone and welcome to the Riviera Beach City regular council meeting. Uh, roll call, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm almost here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Billie Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro-tem Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Judy Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Shelby Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Deputy City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. Assistant City Attorney Valencia Stubbs?

ASST. ATTN. STUBBS: Present.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. Let us all stand for a moment of silence, for the invocation and then the Pledge of Allegiance led by, um, our Assistant Attorney. (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Assistant Attorney Stubbs).

ASST. ATTN. STUBBS: Let's pledge.

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

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: If not, then I need a motion for approval.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Roll call, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. Uh, with all of the items, are there, um -- is there any need for council to, uh, do disclosure at this time?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Not me.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I do want to publicly disclose -- and I think this is -- I've done it before but it was sort of in my comments, that the, uh, trip to China was a gift by the Chinese government as far as the accommodations, transportation and food while I was there. And I am reported [sic] that as such. And, of course, the transportation was provided in our budget that the mayor and the city council people have. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, sir. Okay. Um, now we move on to the consent agenda and all matters under this item are considered to be routine and action will be taken by one motion. There will be no separate discussions of these items unless a council person 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 under the regular meeting. Um, does anyone choose to pull an item?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Pull item -- item 6.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. That's September 20th Special City Council Meeting?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No, number 6.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: No. Homeless.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, unless mine or Miss -- Miss (Inaudible). I have an old -- okay.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: It's regarding the homeless.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Regarding the homeless. All right. Then we'll pull that one. I'll need to redo my -- my minutes here. Okay. Any other? I'll need a motion.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Motion to accept consent.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Roll call, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Now I'm on the right one using my little iPad here. Okay. All right. Item number 6.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an interlocal agreement to provide the protocol by which the City shall refer and transport homeless individuals for acceptance into the HRC and provide for payment of any transport costs incurred by the City and provide an effective date.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So moved.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. Um, I pulled this item because, uh, I was asking the City Manager to tell us exactly how this is going to work. And I see here that the County -- if my memory serves me correctly, the County is supposed to reimburse the City somewhere along the line there. So how is this gonna take place?

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN:Hi. Good evening, Mike Madden. I'm acting assistant chief. The only exchange of funds here occurs when the County transports on our behalf.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: And then we would be liable for those expenses.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: But our internal protocol requires us to use City vehicles to transport. So those should not occur. And if they do occur, it should be very limited.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So whenever we find homeless people we just transport them to the --

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: We transport ourselves.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. That's all.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: Which is what we do for other services throughout the county.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Do we know how many, uh -- this is just a resource center --

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- that they -- they'll refer them to the various resources and -- and that type of thing?

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: That is correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Commander Madden, why are we doing an interlocal agreement?

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: This center is located within the City of West Palm Beach. Uh, you know, and West Palm Beach had concerns of having a facility that might attract a large number of homeless people to their city. So they have an interlocal agreement with the County that says that there -- that -- that the County, who operates the facility, will have interlocal agreements with each city to ensure that certain protocols are followed. You know, they were concerned of being a dumping

ground, you know, which is a, you know, legitimate concern.

So they want to make sure that each city that refers people follows the protocols. because our officers are to receive training, uh, to who meets the criteria. And if we were to take somebody down there knowingly that they didn't meet that criteria, that they wanted to ensure that, uh -- that we're under some guideline.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And was this something -- was this protocol, this local agreement, um, was it agreed to by all of the, um -- the prospective cities? Do every city have a representative there?

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: Yes. All -- all other cities have signed this agreement to date.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Or do we have a representative there? Do we have a representative there while these -- these protocols were being developed?

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: Yes. The -- the -- many of the protocols regarding the homeless -- the homeless resource center, uh, were vetted through the Law Enforcement Planning Council, which we actively participate in. So we were at the table at the time of -- of these protocols.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And the reimbursement. Can you give me an example of why would we -- why would we need the County to transport and then why would we reimburse them?

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: It's a service provided by the Homeless Resource Center. Uh, each city, I guess, has that option. Technically, our officers, rather than transporting, could call the Homeless Resource Center and say, We have a referral we'd like to make. Come pick them up.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I see.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And then how -- how much is that going to cost us for reimbursement?

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: It's a pass-through cost so it's simply the -- the cost, uh, incurred by the Homeless Resource Center for their contracted service providers. No -- with no additional cost.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Commander, I'm -- I do apologize but all I heard you say was a pass-through and I didn't get a number.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: Yeah, I don't -- I don't -- I don't have that number of what that transportation cost is. But again, we are not going to use that

service. We -- we are self-transporting.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I understand that. I'm very aware of what most of our policies are. I'm just a little uncomfortable agreeing to reimburse somebody for something when we don't know how much that fee is going to be. And we don't know if we're going to be tied up on an emergency and may need to utilize that service.

So I'm just not comfortable, you know, with that. Before we agree to reimburse somebody for something, we need to know what type of impact that's going to have on us. So that -- that -- that's a small problem that I have that makes me a little uncomfortable.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Is there any way that you can clear that up for me?

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: Not tonight. I mean, it's not a -- it's not listed in the interlocal. It is addressed in there and it simply indicates that those, uh -- those costs are, you know, pass-through expenses so --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But it's not a number in the backup and that's --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm sure it would be minimal.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You know, I'm -- well, okay, thank you. I -- I'm just speaking to my colleagues. I'm just a little bothered by agreeing to pay for something that we don't really know, um, how much it's going to cost or impact, you know -- impact us. Um, you know, we -- of course, it's a board and we can do whatever you choose but I -- I just think that we probably should have the police department take that back and clear up whatever costs those are before we actually agree on it. That's all.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Just -- just want to suggest that perhaps we, you know -- when we have questions like that and I know we're trying to learn how to manage to read all this on our iPads, but we really should call Miss Jones and have her bring that kind of information to us so that you -- you know, so that we -- we'll have that when we come.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: I -- I could tell you that we could obtain that information and the -- this agreement provides for the City to, uh, cancel this agreement with notice so I could provide that information if it's something that the City believes is not a -- a cost risk that it wants to take that, you know -- that the -- that this could be canceled at our request.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah. It'd be minimum, you would think.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I -- I understand. Madam Chair, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. No, go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I -- I understand that whether it's minimum or maximum, I just think that we should know what it is before we say we agree to pay something that we don't know.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: Understood.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You know, that -- that's my whole thing about it. If the board is comfortable with it, you know, we -- we do it as a board. But I'm -- I'm not comfortable with that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Mayor? You had a comment?

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, you know, I don't want to be in -- in disagreement with my fellow councilman but I'm comfortable with it for a few reasons. Um, because there's several cities that have agreed to share and participate in this program, one. Two, I don't really see this as a -- as that big of a deal for me to be comfortable with. And then, um, thirdly, I don't see any liability or risk factor for the City. That's just me.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: If there be --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: In the, uh, past, uh, how often do we transport? Is it a significant number or it's a rare occasion that we -- we're taking -- well, I guess we didn't have a -- a homeless facility to transport them to so never mind that question.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: Yeah. Of the resource centers that are out there, whether it be C.A.R.P. or one of these other programs for alcohol abuse or drug abuse, uh, these places don't even provide transport.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Huh.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN: And we've never used an outside transport for these types of services. I -- I will also add that this is located --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: 45th --

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN:-- uh, 45th Street in -- in West Palm Beach.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yeah.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN:Um, so it's a very close --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So you're talking about a cab ride.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN:-- very close for us.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN:It's transportation, uh, you know --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

INTERIM ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE MADDEN:-- is not a problem. And I think in an extreme case that we used or requested transportation., uh, by the HRC, uh, you know, it would only be an extreme case. You know, we don't use them for the other services and we specifically institute a protocol not to use it for this.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any further comments?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I'm ready for the question.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Ready for the vote?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yeah.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Thomas dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. That is the -- now we're down to Petitions and Communications for Filing, none. Uh, Awards and Presentations. First there will be a proclamation from the Office of Mayor, proclaiming August 2012 as the Riviera Beach Firefighters Appreciation Month in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Fill the Boot" campaign.

MAYOR MASTERS: Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida. Thank you, all firefighters.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) come over here; stand behind him.

MAYOR MASTERS: She said that they're behind me. I'm happy to know that. They're always behind the mayor, right?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) fire marshall.

MAYOR MASTERS: You're behind -- I just need somebody behind me. Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Whereas fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions requiring physical strength, stamina and extensive training, courage and selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens, and whereas, in addition to their daily service to our communities, firefighters throughout the state and across the nation have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the past 58 years in the fight against neuromuscular diseases.

I had to kind of say it in syllables, right? Did I get it right? And whereas Florida firefighters collected over, what, \$1,318,231 in over 300 communities, including the City of Riviera Beach incorporated within the professional firefighter/paramedics of Palm Beach County IAFF Local 2928, who raised 90,000 with their 2011 "Fill the Boot" campaign --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Wow.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- for the MDA, again, making them the MDA's largest source of funding. I think we ought to just applaud that. I mean, we did it. Whereas the Muscular Dystrophy Association is extremely grateful of the City of Riviera Beach firefighters for their support and dedication.

And whereas, the funds collected by the City of Riviera Beach firefighters assist the MDA in providing medical services at local clinics, summer camp, research grants, support groups and public education seminars at no cost to local children and families.

And whereas, in honor of the efforts of the City of Riviera Beach firefighters, the Muscular Dystrophy Association -- so glad that's the last time I have to pronounce that big word -- is sponsoring the City of Riviera Beach Firefighter Appreciation Month and ask all citizens of this city to join in this tribute.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Thomas A. Masters, the Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the residents of our city, do hereby proclaim August 2012 as Firefighter Appreciation Month in the City of Riviera Beach, proclaimed as such, Thomas A. Masters, Mayor, and MMC Carrie Ward, City Clerk, the C.O. and the staff of the City. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you so much.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: I'd like to make a comment. Uh, Chief LeDuc, I just want you to hear this. I was at an event last night with an elected official from the County. And we were talking and she said to me that her parents live on Singer Island.

And her father had been very sick for quite a while and he had just passed away, I think, on Monday, Monday night. But, she said that she and her mother had called our Fire Rescue Department many, many times. And she complimented you guys. And I think you'll be receiving a letter from her. And she had nothing but praise for each and every one of your staff. So I just wanted --

FIRE CHIEF LEDUC:And I (inaudible) --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- yeah, I just wanted you to hear that. And, you know, you guys know how I feel about you. Everyone does a great job. Just like the other employees in the City. But I -- you know, I just thought it was very nice in conversation that she -- you know, that she mentioned that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: So she was very, very grateful for everything that you guys and women have done for her family.

FIRE CHIEF LEDUC:Thank you very much for bringing --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: So thank you.

FIRE CHIEF LEDUC:-- bringing that up and --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

FIRE CHIEF LEDUC:-- thanks to the crews because they're the ones out there doing it every day.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Absolutely.

FIRE CHIEF LEDUC:And their commitment and dedication. So, uh, thank you. And it is our honor and privilege to do -- provide that service. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Hey, for our finest. Okay. Moving right along. And now for the presentation and report by the Mayor on his trip to Kunming, China, for the Fifth Annual Global Outsourcing Summit.

MAYOR MASTERS: Now, I know you know how to pronounce it then because you're the travel agent. We're going to be for a minute, Walt. Um, let me just say first that it was a wonderful trip. Of all the places that I've gone in America and abroad, it was the first time in my life that I felt that I was treated like a king. And so I acted like a king, you know? It was a wonderful trip.

One of the things that we hear from our citizens time and time again is that we want to bring new businesses in our city, create new jobs, invest in Riviera Beach. And I went over there because I knew that the Chinese government, the Chinese people and investors are interested in investing in cities in America and bringing new businesses, new jobs. As a matter of fact, talked to one investor. He went to Ohio and just bought a company. And was able to put many local people to work. So that was the main purpose of going to seek out, uh, investors and companies and interest them in the City of Riviera Beach.

We were prepared by the Tourism and county -- the -- from Palm Beach County, Commissioner Priscilla Taylor, assisted us with a package that even talked about some possibilities, not just in Riviera Beach but in the county, as well as it relates to tourism.

It was a wonderful trip. We feel that our mission was completed, not just from an entrepreneurship perspective but as far as student exchange programs and other cultural activities that now can and will exist, because the mayor went to Kunming, China, and put Riviera Beach on the map. They're, uh -- and they're looking forward to even coming to Riviera Beach. They've asked me then if I would host the next summit and do some things as it relates to our relationship between China, Kunming, China, and the City of Riviera Beach.

One of the things that I have found out before I -- I took this mission is that there is great presence of Asian influence in our city. Many of us will remember the Chinese restaurant on Eighth Street at the time for many, many years. And of course, we have one right -- had one on Broadway for many years. And we have one in the Blue Heron Plaza. We have a new Chinese restaurant that's getting ready to open up next door to President Obama -- Barak Obama's headquarters there in Riviera Beach. And of course, we are blessed to have one of the greatest schools in the nation. What are we,

number 9 now?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It depends on which list.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But, yes, number 6 magnet school in the nation. You know?

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And Suncoast has an international presence and certainly has a presence with the Asian community and done a great job. As a matter of fact, Chinese was one of the three languages at one point that was required.

So I've invited the principal of that school to come as a part of this presentation to talk about the Asian influence -- influence and affluence there at the school and what this means to Suncoast, this trip, and the student exchange, it means to the City, as well. Dr. Carlidge, let's give her a hand, please, if you will, the principal of Suncoast.

DR. CARTLIDGE: Well, first of all, I want to thank the mayor for certainly his global mindedness, because we have that same mission at Suncoast. We are an IB world school in partnership with Dr. Mary Bethune, as well as John F. Kennedy. And we're sitting there as a hub to really connect with the world.

And with his trip and his connections, I can't tell you how many uses we can have for it. First of all, we have two state-of-the-art video conferencing labs where we could actually sit there and have conversations with the students and the elected officials in a live setting, where we could share ideas collaboratively in our classrooms with -- from everything from chemistry experiences, as well as sharing the use of languages and certainly our math, science and engineering. So we are so excited because global mindedness is what makes an IB world school. We can't stay in just the United States. We can't just look at where we are.

But what he has done, your mayor, I'm just so excited about, because he reached out to the world and he's bringing that world to us. We know what a powerhouse certainly China is and will continue to be on the world stage as the world becomes more flat. And we know, too, that Suncoast has one of the largest Asian populations of any high school. I think they all apply to go to Suncoast because we have about 13 percent of our student population is Asian.

We have maybe about 40 percent white, maybe a 27 percent black. We've got 17 percent Hispanic and the rest are multiracial. So we are probably one of the most diverse schools in Palm Beach County. We also are one-quarter free and reduced lunch. So we have the spectrum that represents the world.

But you know what? We have hundred percent graduation rate. Yeah. I'm pretty excited about that. And what we look at is this partnership will take us to a new level. So I'm looking for the opportunity for us to meet together and share what we can do to create the powerhouse that we want for certainly Riviera Beach. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Doctor. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mayor Masters, I have -- can I ask her a question?

MAYOR MASTERS: I think so.

DR. CARTLIDGE: Yeah. For me?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. Yes.

DR. CARTLIDGE: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Do you, as the principal of Suncoast, have any latitude as to, um, who -- who is allowed into Suncoast?

DR. CARTLIDGE: No. I have no control over that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DR. CARTLIDGE: I know everybody thinks I do because I get all those calls.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DR. CARTLIDGE: There, uh -- there was a bit of a confusion by what's called the Principal's List. Uh, what the Principal's List is basically, the district tells me how many from each program I can take, and it's just the highest scoring students.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DR. CARTLIDGE: And then basically when the process through lottery takes place, is that it's all at the district. So let's say I -- I just give them the numbers.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DR. CARTLIDGE: I will just say that we need 100 MSE students, 100 CS -- you know, CS students, so forth. I just tell them the number. But the Principal's List, they tell me the number because it can only be 20 percent.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DR. CARTLIDGE: But it's not 20 percent of each program because we have a lot more IB applicants. They just do 19, like, 18 for each of the four programs.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DR. CARTLIDGE: So actually, I have no control over it, which actually, I'm very happy about.

COUNCILPERSON DON DAVIS: I can imagine.

DR. CARLIDGE: But, you know, sometimes the power of, you know, the secret, the power of positive energy, what happens is that people call me, including board members, and they tell me their names, and they know every year that I can't do that. But for some reason, you know, sometimes you just think positively. Then all of a sudden they end up getting there and she goes, "Well, they got in." Well, I didn't -- I didn't even know what their names were. So -- but, no, I don't have any control over that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And one -- one last question, Mayor, while I have her here. I'm sorry.

DR. CARLIDGE: Me.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I know that there used to be a -- what's considered a boundary area in Riviera Beach --

DR. CARLIDGE: Yes. Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- where students could attend Suncoast.

DR. CARLIDGE: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And I think it is still --

DR. CARLIDGE: Sitting by the old high school, yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- the old -- it's still the old SAC area, even though Suncoast has moved.

DR. CARLIDGE: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, um --

DR. CARLIDGE: I can give you two things. One is that is probably up to change right now because it's not near where we are.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DR. CARLIDGE: It also is a preference for just one program, which is our Interactive Innovation -- Innovative Technology Program.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DR. CARTLIDGE: It's not for all four programs.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DR. CARTLIDGE: But I will tell you, to my excitement and pleasure and push, in order to be authorized as a middle years program, we have to create greater access from JFK. So, that is going forward. I haven't gotten the specifics yet but you'll be seeing that with board approval so, indeed, the students that are in JFK and being successful will have --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

DR. CARTLIDGE: -- instead of being in a pool with all of middle schools that have the IB program.

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

DR. CARTLIDGE: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Councilman Judy. And certainly the principal knows the passion that I have for the students who live in the city and will continue to push for more of our residents in Suncoast.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: And we'll get there one day. And we're almost there. All right. Uh, I'm going to ask the chief of -- the mayor's chief of staff -- and we say that because we have several interns working with us now and, um, a couple of seniors, as well. Miss Debbie -- I never could say LeBlanc or what -- however she says it -- Debbie Isaacs, to come and introduce our two guests and then we'll -- about four or five minutes we'll be finished.

DEBBIE ISAACS: Okay. That's fine. Debbie Isaacs is good. I'm proud and happy to present, um, to the council and our residents Gloria Wong and her daughter Angel. Angel Wong is an incoming student, senior at Suncoast High School, and she's originally from China, from Hong Kong. But she moved here in -- when she was what, six years old?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Six.

DEBBIE ISAACS: Six years old. So she does still have a grasp of the language. But because we have also been joined and declared a sister city with Kunming, we wanted her to read into the record the declaration. But her mother is -- has happily agreed to read it in Chinese and then Angel will read it in English. Thank you.

MRS. WONG: Thank you. Here's the Chinese version. (Chinese). Thank you.

ANGEL WONG: The Sister City Relationship Intentional Memorandum between the City of Kunming, Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, and the City of Riviera Beach, State of Florida, United States of America, with the purpose of advancing the mutual understanding between the peoples of the City of Kunming and the City of Riviera Beach and strengthening the friendly cooperation between the two cities, Mr. Fringbing Ron [phonetic], deputy mayor of the City of Kunming, Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, and Bishop Thomas A. Masters, the mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, State of Florida, United States of America, had engaged in friendly talks on 28th of July 2012. The two mayors consented on the mutual intentions of developing towards the establishment of sister city relationship between the two cities, hence reached the following consensus: One, the parties shall promote prosperity and develop on the principle of equally and mutual benefits by encouraging all forms of communication and cooperation in various industries such as tourism, economy, trade, culture, education and etc. Two, the two parties ensure the regularity of communication between related bodies to facilitate the consultation on exchanges, cooperation and issues of mutual concerns. Three, the two parties shall -- shall initiate further negotiations on the matters of establishing sister city relationship. Four, this memorandum is signed on 28th of July 2012 with immediate effect. Five, this memorandum is written in the languages of Chinese and English in duplicate. Both documents have equal effects.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Thank you. I guess I need to do that. I proclaim that as such, Madam Chair, and we look forward to this great relationship that's going to be opening the doors of tourism, trade, economic advancement for our city. Mr. Tony Brown, the CRA director will be on the phone tomorrow with, um, one of the delegates that will be leading the delegation over here shortly. He's -- we're going to talk about the EB-5 program and he's going to talk about the interests of maybe partnering as it relates to the marina project and some other projects. So we're looking forward to that as well as other projects that our city may be interested in. But the door has been opened and now we're ready to proceed.

Now, Madam Chair and Madam Manager, you are going to look at about a two-minute presentation and just a highlight of the actual signing of the declaration of the sister city relationship with Kunming and Riviera Beach, and also this will -- the hotels have agreed there -- well, the one I stayed in, the five-star hotel, that any of the residents of Riviera Beach that will travel to Kunming or Beijing will receive a special Riviera Beach sister discount. So this will highlight the signing, part one, for about a minute. And then part two, the young man that is putting together the Chinese delegation that'll be coming to visit us to explore the investment possibilities for new businesses and etc. in our city. So here we are. Lights. (Video shown). That is the mayor of Kunming. I'm sitting there trying to figure out what am I supposed to do. Sign it. The people that are standing behind us are members of the government. I can't tell y'all what's in the glasses. It's Kool-Aid. All right? Uh, part 2, you will see the young man that's coming on now who is going to be leading the Chinese delegation to Riviera

Beach to talk about investing, uh, in investment in our projects and other entrepreneurship, and I know Bruce Guyton's always interested in new businesses to the city. Next time I go to China, Bruce, I'm going to take you with me because you're always talking about that economic wheel. So this is one of them. So you're gonna see, um, him come on right now. (Video shown). Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you so much.

MAYOR MASTERS: That -- that concludes the summary of the, uh, trip to Kunming and Beijing. And there will be a documentary that is being put together that we're going to just make available and give freely to everybody that will show you the full extent of the trip and, uh, some of the things that we got accomplished and looking forward to in the future as the delegation will be coming to Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm sorry. I -- I just want to say hats off to Mayor Masters for, um, pursuing this opportunity. Um, you know, we're trying to grow our city so I think it was a job well done, sir. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Ditto. Thank you for representing our city.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Bringing back the bacon. Bring back the bacon.

MAYOR MASTERS: Absolutely. That's what it's all about. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. We have one comment card. Uh, Bonnie Larson?

MAYOR MASTERS: There's a comment card on the presentation?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

BONNIE LARSON: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, okay. Bonnie Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: Yes, yes, yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Freedom of speech.

BONNIE LARSON: A couple of comments. Bonnie Larson. A couple of comments. And I'm wondering, I'd really like to see -- with all due respect, I'd really like to see us promoting Riviera Beach within Florida, all over Florida, rather than have foreign nationals -- no disrespect to China or any other country, but let's keep Riviera Beach Riviera Beach. Let's -- let's have our businesses come at least from Florida. You know, I don't -- I would hate to see us become another New York where a huge percentage of the city is owned by someone else. I'd really like to see Florida --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: With all due respect --

BONNIE LARSON: You want to say something?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: You know, New York --

BONNIE LARSON: Pardon me? Pardon me?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: What's wrong with New York?

BONNIE LARSON: I'm just saying I would like to see Riviera Beach, just a little bitty city owned by Riviera Beach people, supported by Riviera Beach people, and I don't really -- I just don't see the need to go out and have foreign nationals come in and take over our city. I would just hate to see that now that we are supposedly on the move. Hopefully we are.

The other thing, I was reading the backup and I heard it last time at the meeting but I didn't -- I thought maybe I misheard it. But I looked in the backup and we're talking about EB-5 again. And I never thought we'd see EB-5 again. We all remember what that was. A lot of you were on the council when we had that discussion before. We spent hundreds of thousands of dollars and that has to do with immigration. Really don't think we want to get into that again. Miss Davis, do you remember EB-5? Do you remember how much money that the City wasted on --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You can go ahead with your comments, ma'am.

BONNIE LARSON: I'm just telling you the City wasted a lot of money on that. A lot of us spoke about it before it came to the vote. A lot of us didn't think it was a good idea but the council voted, so we went with the council and it turned out to be a huge fiasco. All it did was end up costing us money. We don't need to get involved in immigration issues. And Mr. Lowe, I remember you particularly, you were sitting at that end of the council and the gentleman was here -- I'm not going to mention his name. But you asked him particularly, "If we go with this, what is the guarantee that this is going to help Riviera Beach?" And he was very honest. I have to say. He said, "Absolutely nothing." He was very honest and, yet, we voted to go ahead and do it and we lost a lot of money on that. So I really hope that gets taken off the table, EB-5. Let's -- I hope to never have seen that again and then here it was in this, um, subject. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Um --

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- and --

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I'm -- I'm just going to say this to you, Miss Bonnie.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- I --

MAYOR MASTERS: I think your comments are, uh, misdirected and misguided. The Chinese nationals are not coming to Riviera Beach to take over Riviera Beach. That's not going to happen on my watch and it's not going to happen on anybody's watch. This was a -- an effort to try to bring new businesses into economic development into our city regardless of where -- where they come from. But it doesn't surprise me that you would make that kind of comment because I've never heard you say anything positive. You look like every time you come it is something negative. So no matter what we do, it's never going to be good enough for you. I haven't seen that. And hopefully one day you will come up and you'll have something positive to say. But I haven't seen it. If I have, it's been very few.

BONNIE LARSON: (Inaudible) respond to that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you very much.

BONNIE LARSON: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Let's just keep order, please. Okay. Moving on now to Public Hearings. Item number 11.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a special exception application from Philisha's Family Childcare to operate a large-family child care home located at 1611 W. 12th Street and provide an effective date.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Need a second.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:Um, good evening.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes. Thank you.

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:Mary McKinney, Director of Community Development. And this is an application from Philisha's Family Childcare Home to operate a large-family child care at 1611 W. 12th Street. The applicant was reviewed by the staff and the Planning & Zoning Board on July 12th, 2012, and the Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval and staff recommends approval. The applicant has met all the requirements for our code for large-family child care homes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Unfortunately, Councilman Thomas had to leave. But he asked me to relay to each of you that for this, um, application, as well as the next one, he has visited both of the, uh, child care centers. He was impressed with the programs and services that they offer. And that the neighbors had no objection to this request.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Miss Jones.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Just my same questions that I -- as I had last time. Uh, have there been any police/fire activity calls?

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:No. No. We checked on that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Miss Pardo, any questions?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Nothing, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Any -- we do have one comment card. Bonnie Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: Bonnie Larson. I have the same question I asked last time we were approving day cares. And I would think that day cares that have six children now would have to get some other type of state licensing to have 12 children in their homes now. So my question is, again -- I asked it last time. No one answered -- have these, um, day cares that are coming up for consideration -- have you checked that they have the proper state licensing to go from six to 12 children before you make the approvals?

I asked last time. I didn't get a -- didn't get an answer. So I'm asking again just so that we are on the up-and-up on our side before we approve something which has not been approved by the State. Thank you.

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Um, the applicants have to obtain approvals from the local jurisdiction and have that application signed. And then they take that to the State.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: They --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) county --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- right.

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes. That's what I thought was the order of things but it's good that we inform Miss Larson. This is the first step for them and then it goes to the State.

BONNIE LARSON: So --

MAYOR MASTERS: No, no, no.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Is -- is that correct?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah, that's correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We do our part.

MAYOR MASTERS: She can't talk (inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And then it is -- that information is then gone to the State for the license to be issued.

MAYOR MASTERS: So in other words, Madam Chair, it comes to us first?

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Comes us to first. That's the -- correct. Correct. Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: Not last that she (inaudible). Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And if it were in the reverse, we would do it the right way anyway.

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Yes, we would.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So what -- you know, okay. Ready for the vote.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Eleven -- I'm sorry, 12.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a special exception application from Talbot Family Daycare to operate a large-family child care home located at 6 -- 680 W. 34th Street and provide an effective date.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: And this application was reviewed by staff for compliance with the city's code and it was reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board on July 12th, 2012, and they recommended approval and staff recommends approval, also. And there have been no fire or police activities.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. I have no comment card on that. Any questions, comments from the board?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Ready for the vote, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Now Ordinances on Second Reading, if you would read number 13, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Ordinance number 4015, an ordinance of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Article III, entitled Firefighters' Pension Plan, Chapter 14, entitled Board of Trustees, created, powers, duties, by amending Section 14-47 subsection parenth 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Riviera Beach providing for conflicts, severability, codification and providing for an effective date.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any -- will there be a discussion on this? Well, no need for discussion. Any questions or comments? Ready for the vote, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, that ordinance was published in the August 5th, 2012, edition of the Palm Beach Post. Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Moving on to Item number 14.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Ordinance number 4016, an ordinance of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Article II, entitled General Employees, Chapter 14 entitled Pensions and Retirement Programs, by amending Section 14-24, entitled Retirement Benefits, subsection parenth D parenth 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Riviera Beach relating to the retirement system for general employees, providing for conflicts, severability, codification and providing an effective date.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The following ordinance was -- was published August 5th, 2012, Palm Beach Post.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Sorry. So moved.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. We do not have any comment cards on this item. Any questions or comments from the board? Please call for the vote.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Now we're down to Ordinances on First Reading. Item number 15.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: An ordinance of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances entitled Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II, entitled Building and Technical Codes, by updating and revising Section 22-33, entitled Schedule of Permit Fees, providing for severability and conflicts and provide an effective date.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: And this is an Ordinance on First Reading for the increase in the City's permit fees. Um, the last time the City's permit fees were increased was in 2009. And we project -- at this time we're collecting approximately \$52,000 a month in fees. We project to increase to approximately \$62,000 a month in fees with this increase. And this has been reviewed by City staff. We've done comparisons to other jurisdictions. Some of the fees are -- that we're presenting are higher, a little higher than some; some are a little lower than some. But they are all the same as the West Palm Beach fees. So we're in compliance with --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair.

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: -- the surrounding community.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair, um, and the -- the -- this increase will take effect October 1st?

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: No. It will take effect on second reading and it'll be -- start to be applied after second reading in September.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So if a person wanted to, um -- say, for instance, I don't know if business licenses, occupational licenses --

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: This is not licenses.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. This is just building permits?

CDEC DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: This is just permit fees.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Gotcha.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any further comments or questions?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Ready for the vote, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Um, moving on to item number 16.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: An ordinance of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Article IV, entitled Police Officers Pension Plan, Section 14-75, entitled Board of Trustees, created, powers, duties, subsection parenth A, of the City of Riviera Beach, Code of Ordinances, relating to the police pension plan by providing for an increase in trustee terms and creating new sections, parenth 1 and parenth 2, requiring trustee certification, providing for codification, severability, and providing for an effective date.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Need a second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We don't have a comment card on that. Um, open for discussion now. Any comments from the board? Questions? Ready for the vote.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Item -- we're now down to our regular, um, agenda. Item number 17, please. And we do have one comment card.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding bid number 363-12 to furnish and install the potable water, sanitary system, electrical lighting, and fire protection system for the fixed and floating dock structures, phase 1 and 2, of the marina replacement project to Current Connections, Inc., of Mangonia Park, Florida, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$2,076,405.50, and providing -- and approving work order number 1 for phase 1 in the amount of \$1,281,562.50, authorizing the mayor and city clerk to execute the construction services contract, authorizing the interim finance director to establish a budget and make payments for same and provide an effective date.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: So moved

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Will we have a discussion, a presentation on this?

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: No, ma'am, I don't have any. I'll just answer questions if you have them.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any questions?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah, I have one. The, um -- what's the name of the company? Who's going to be -- who's going to be doing this?

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: For the record, Ed Legue, Marina Director. It's Current Connections, is the name of the company, Current Connections, Incorporated.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. As far as minority participation, where -- where are we?

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: I believe they're a hundred percent from what I -- I -- I believe -- I believe it's a hundred percent.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Are they here?

MAYOR MASTERS: A hundred -- a hundred percent?

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Yes, they're right here. You're --

MAYOR MASTERS: A hundred percent minority, is that what you're saying?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're a small business owned.

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Oh. Oh. Oh, it's a small business, S -- SBE. SBE.

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, okay. Okay. I just --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Small business? Thank you.

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Yeah. You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Local vendor?

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Uh, the sub -- well, they're in Mangonia Park.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: The sub -- the sub, which will be, uh, Farmer & Irwin, is in Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right. Um, we do have --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yeah, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: I -- I'd just like to make a comment. Um, I do appreciate the fact that this council was able to pass an ordinance, right, a couple months ago, that, um -- that made it clear if we had a contract, I believe over a half a million dollars, we had to go out and -- and -- or whoever was bidding had to go out and look for an apprenticeship program. And I see that they did that and I -- I appreciate that. And I look forward to seeing more, you know, every time we have these bids, going out and getting more of these apprenticeship, you know, people on board. Um, my question is, how do they go out and find them? Do we have a list that we give?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: Good evening. Um, Ben Guy, purchasing director.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: The ordinance that you're referring to actually requires that if a bid is, um, gonna be more than \$750,000 --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: 750. Okay.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: -- that, um -- that there's an expectation and a requirement that the firm will, uh, seek to engage a, uh, certify -- a state-certified apprenticeship program.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Right.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: And the way we achieve that is that we have a list of all the area, um, state-certified programs. We provide that list, uh, to the contractors. We also notify, uh, every apprenticeship program on that list of the opportunity and encourage them to come to the mandatory or if it's nonmandatory, prebid.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: So that, you know, they'll have an opportunity for formal introductions and, uh, we also provide --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Perfect.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: -- them with the, um, sign-in sheet for that. So they'll, you know -- if they didn't actually -- they weren't able to make the meeting, they'll have a list of the contractors that were actually there at the prebid.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: And then have an idea who they can contact to let them know that they're available.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. So all the programs are notified?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: Yes.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. Excellent. Thank you.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Do you -- uh, would you provide us with a copy of what was provided to them? Of all of those --

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- apprenticeship programs?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And I'm -- I'm sorry, Madam Chair. I didn't --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. No, that's all right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Um, and also, um, I'd like to know when and -- you know, when you have reached out to them and what the decision was with the contractors. I mean, I'd like a report, more or less.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: Okay. Sure.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay?

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: We'll -- we'll get that done.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair? Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah, just a little point of humor. That's a nice shirt you're wearing there, young man. I like that color.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR GUY: Thanks.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. Looks like he's new there.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Purple. Royal. Very good.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We have one comment card. Um, Edward Latka [phonetic] of Current Connections, Inc.

EDWARD LATKA: Hello.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Hello.

EDWARD LATKA: Uh, just like to say as representing Current Connections, we look forward to working with the City and giving you guys an outstanding project. Uh, we have extensive experience doing marinas and we look forward to using that to the best of our ability. We love the area. We frequent it. We're right across the street. We're -- we're neighbors. So we're going to give you guys everything we got, and it's going to be a beautiful area.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Great.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. Thank you so much. Okay. We can call for the vote. Any further questions or comments from the board? Call for the vote.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right. We're down now to Community Benefits Request. And we just have one. And while they come up, we really gotta compliment the Waverunners. They just -- I think they just won the national championship. Hats off to you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible) I paid for it because I knew it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, we know about the Waverunners.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, yeah. I, uh --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Do we have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- I asked for one or two --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We have a motion. Give me a second.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Was there a special something you want to say, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. And I can't find it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, well, while you're doing that -- oh, my.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, here it is. Right here.

MAYOR MASTERS: Did you find it? And while they're -- Madam Chair, while they're coming, may I --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- just a quick comment?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes. Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: The last city council, um, I wasn't here, but I want to thank the council for approving the 2,500 that's -- \$2,500 that we gave to partner with Stonybrook for those children could have a summer camp. That was way before anything broke out over there. We just wanted to give them something positive. I just wanted to put that on the record. Thank you.

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

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Um, the Waverunners girls' basketball -- travel basketball, sixth to ninth grade teams, recently competed on a national level in Kansas City, um, August 10th through 13th. The ninth graders are the Southeast regional champions and third place national champions. This was their first year for the ninth grade team participating in the basketball team. Are either of these ninth graders here?

COACH COLEMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Which one?

COACH COLEMAN: This is Taylor Brown.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Taylor Brown, congratulations to you. The sixth graders are the state champions, division champions, and nation -- national champions. The sixth graders on the team have been playing since the fourth grade and I'm assuming you are the sixth grader? Come on and get a hug. Both teams did a total of eight tournament games and finals. Sunday was championship day in Kansas. This opportunity was initiated by the pursuit of these young athletes dedicating their time and having the work ethic to improve their skills to compete competitively. Their investment has awarded them an opportunity to become national champions by competing at the highest level possible in their grade bracket. So I am honored to give you, uh, a \$500 check, which is not approved, yet, but I'm hoping my colleagues will approve it and it will be processed and given to you next week. So I know you are the Coach Coleman.

COACH COLEMAN: Okay. Thank you, ma'am. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Do you have any words?

COACH COLEMAN: Yes. Um, I'm Coach Coleman and tonight we have Coach Orange with us, Coach Neal, and we also have two of their parents in the back who also are managers. Um, this program is really right now into the 14th year. Um, we started the program when my daughter was probably nine-years-old when I met up with Coach Neal over at Wells Recreation Center. Um, we have programs all around us but we didn't have a program right here in the heart of the City of Riviera Beach. And we decided to get together to show the world that we have talent here.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right, here. That's right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right.

COACH COLEMAN: Uh, right now we have a girl playing in the WNBA.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Wow.

COACH COLEMAN: We have a girl at Maryland University. We have a girl at, uh -- she on the USA team, the U -- UA teams. And having these young ladies with us, we're not just a basketball team. Sometimes people don't always understand that the program is geared toward, uh, growing up, being a young lady. What do you really want? What can basketball do for you? Right now I am a P.E. teacher at West Riviera Elementary School.

MAYOR MASTERS: Uh-huh.

COACH COLEMAN: I have a chance to, um, get a basketball scholarship. Now I'm living my dream and what I'm doing and what the program is trying to do is pass it back on to the community that we have here.

MAYOR MASTERS: Giving it back.

COACH COLEMAN: And we carry girls that only can carry a 2.5 and better. And right now the sixth grade team is averaging 3.2. Our ninth grade team is averaging 2.9.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: 3.8, he said.

COACH COLEMAN: Okay. And we're just -- we've been blessed.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

COACH COLEMAN: Um, because we flew to Kansas, um, and -- and then have an opportunity now to send them back to school. Uh, what we're going to do now if we're approved for the money is to help us to train the smaller girls. Over at West Riviera I have 35 girls in second through fifth grade. Right now we practice sometimes outside, behind Tate's Gym in that nice beautiful park you have. So that's what we're trying to do. And we're just so grateful and thankful that, uh, the City of Riviera Beach is behind us. This is not our first time in front of you, but we're -- we're very grateful that you're giving us an opportunity to showcase our players and we're trying to win.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good.

COACH COLEMAN: Because winning puts us in another level up here in our minds with the players.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes. Yes.

COACH COLEMAN: Because imagine doing it together. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: All right. And thank you. You can see their beautiful trophies there and, uh, you're doing a great job. Also, I wanted to remind -- or let the council know that I was just notified that, um, Mr. Calloway is hosting a -- a dinner, uh, for the young ladies at Newcomb Hall.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Saturday at 6 p.m. and you're all invited. Thank you. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair and, um, Councilwoman Judy?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'd like to, uh, match your donation and give \$500. I ain't got no money now but I'm gonna have some in October. So Madam Chief of Staff, give them \$500 in October.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes. Yes, Mr. Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes. I'd -- I'd like to recognize, uh, the three coaches. I -- I know two of them. And I remember, uh, when the head coach first came to town I was working with the Parks & Recreation Department. I don't know if you remember that. But she's been involved for all those years. Right. It's been about 14 years. And, also, uh, Mr. Neal, he's been around in the community helping kids for an extensive amount of time. I mean, for years. So -- and I don't know your name, sir, but --

COACH ORANGE: Rod. Rod Orange.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Mr. Orange, thank you very much. I appreciate your volunteerism and your support for our -- our young ladies, especially. Thank you very much.

COACH COLEMAN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And of course, our district, we've already given you 1,000, I believe, early on.

COACH COLEMAN: Yes. Yes, you did. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you very, very much.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Oh, well, thank you. We're so proud of you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Wow, we're moving right along here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Need to take a vote. Need a vote. Need a vote.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You need a vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We need a vote. That's right. We already got a first and we got a -- a motion to approve that's seconded.

MAYOR MASTERS: Y'all children did a great job.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Let's -- roll call.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, we're moving right along. What is the, uh, desire of the council? Would you like to continue on or have public comments now? We're about --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Let's do public comments.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Keep going. Keep going.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: A consensus? Do public comments? Or keep going?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Keep going.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Keep going.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Keep going.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Discussion by City Manager.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Just one announcement. Um, we will be polling each of you, um, for our last budget workshop on Tuesday the 28th. Um, so that we can get all of your comments before we have to publish the final agenda -- budget for 2012/13.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. So we don't have anything on our calendar for the 28th, do we?

CITY MANAGER JONES: That would have been the -- remember, we talked about that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: (Inaudible) the -- yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. The other meeting. Okay. All right. Very good. So Tuesday should be okay. Any other discussion?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's it?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No. I'm finished.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. So with the legal?

ASST. ATTN. STUBBS: Nothing, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: City Council Committee Reports.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: I have something to make staff aware of. I mentioned this to you guys a couple weeks ago. The Port of Palm Beach had a meeting where they were discussing their master plan. And they did not make the City aware of it prior to the meeting.

And, um, while the meeting was going on, a couple of business owners attempted to make comments and they were not allowed to. So, um, the -- I guess the -

- the commission realized what they did and they had to allow these businesses to speak. So they're having another meeting to discuss the master plan and it's next Thursday at -- I believe it's at 4:00, and I would suggest that you have someone from staff there.

And one thing you need to be aware of, um, they have deleted the south end of the -- the south end of the port. You know, that right-of-way. All right. So there's no mention of it. And, um, I believe when the port was here several months ago, we told them that they had to figure out a way to accommodate the boats and the businesses before we would move forward with rezoning that land. So I think it's important that staff is there and, um, maybe make them aware of that.

ASST. ATTN. STUBBS: What is that date again, please?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: You know, nothing formally has come back to us. Um, the 20 --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. And we'll also ask them for a copy.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- it's -- yeah, it's next Thursday. So the 23rd or 24th.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I -- um, maybe I misunderstood but I -- I didn't remember anything about, um, a decision of accommodating the businesses. I don't remember that.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yeah. We -- there was -- there was a lot of discussion about it. If you recall at first --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, I know there was a discussion about how it all happened.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. Well --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But, you know, I don't remember anything about that. But --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- we can pull the record.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Well, the next meeting is August 23rd at what time?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: 4:00.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: At 4. Okay. All right. Now we're down to Statements by Mayor and City Council. There were no other committee reports, correct?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Starting with the Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, actually, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Actually, I do wanna talk briefly about, um, the school board issue, uh, or the school district issue in reference to us taking a more aggressive stance with Suncoast not transferring the SAC area to where the new Suncoast is.

Um, and I don't really know what the pleasure of the board is but what my pleasure would be is that we send a resolution, um, to their board stating that that's just unacceptable to have a new school built and not transfer the SAC area which allow for, uh, some of our residents to not be able to enter that school this year.

It's a, uh -- it's a tragic situation that we have, you know, two individuals who are told their parents -- I won't call their name, but to have a 4.0 average live inside of -- right next to the school but can't attend the school. Literally right next to the school in Congress Park but can't attend the school because the SAC area is not changed.

And I don't feel that we should sit back and -- and take that any longer. Um, so I want you -- the permission from this board to, uh, be able to move a little bit more aggressively. You know, with this board's permission, I would definitely get with Legal and Miss Jones and see how we can bring whatever we need back here to send to the district.

But, um, it is definitely my, um -- my thought and my opinion that we should take an aggressive stance toward this. I'm not stating that the school district is trying to do anything underhanded or trying to mistreat us. Um, I just believe that that's kind of terrible that you don't move a SAC area when you move a school. So the SAC area for every other school is right around the school, in that radius.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But for Suncoast, the SAC area still remains on this side when Suncoast is clearly on the S Avenue corridor now. So, um, that's a serious thing to me. And I would hope that this board would support me in that effort to definitely get our position known to the school district. So I don't --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You got my support.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, yes.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: And same here.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I don't want to be in confrontation. I just want to go -

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right. Very much so. And -- and make sure that we take all the --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Sure. Sure.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- the steps, the protocols, starting with the area superintendent or whatever.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So that we've got all bases covered. No one can say, Well, I was not aware of it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. Um --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You know, and do it in writing.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- right. Definitely. Definitely. If -- you know, and if I need a motion for that, I will. But I do want to --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You don't need one.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I want to --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right. It's the consensus --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. I'll take that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- of the board.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But I do want to --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I do want to make an aggressive stance from the City of Riviera Beach's position. Um, you know, I -- I know that we had 14 this year that did not make it because of something minor like that. And, um, you know, the school is a -- a great school. It's in our community. Um, and we just would like for it to reflect -- the student body to reflect that, as well.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So, um, those are my comments for Committee Reports.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Um, we don't have a, um, MPO meeting for this month.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Also Thursday's canceled.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, good. I was thinking about coming. All right. Statements now by the Mayor starting -- Mayor and Council. I'll start with the Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. The illustrious Madam Chair. You've done a great job tonight. And --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- you always do a good job as chair. Um, I want to talk a little bit about -- a few minutes, put in perspective from the Office of the Mayor as it relate -- as it relates to the Stonybrook, um, situation. Um, I want to take you back a little bit.

Actually, all of this broke out on the day that I was going to China. Thought I could go and, you know, enjoy the, uh -- the economic wheel, as Mr. Guyton talks about, that we definitely need and come back and start implementing and planning for, um, our sister city to connect with us. But came back, ended up in a struggle with the residents of Stonybrook. Actually, uh, the rain and water going into the apartments there that cause the unlivable situation, uh, that happened and, um, there wasn't any real explanation. It's just something that just happened. Certainly it wasn't intentional. Um, but it happened. And as a result of that several families were misplaced. Um, then the management, like the ownership who was responsible for putting these families in some type of safe place and feeding them, um, they did something as it relates to that, moved them to Travelodge.

And -- however, the, uh -- the feeding of the -- they did write some -- I guess some checks to, uh, help feed them. But I certainly, in my absence, want to thank Council -- uh, Chair Brooks. I think she was very instrumental in making sure they ate one night.

And, um, I want to thank Mr. Calloway, um, who was very instrumental in working with the Office of the Mayor. I asked him to make sure that those residents ate at least one hot meal every single day.

And he and I were on the phone from, um -- he was here and I was in Kunming and we coordinated to make sure that people who wanted to help were given an opportunity. New Macedonia Baptist Church fed them one night. Mount Calvary Missionary -- no, Full Gospel Baptist Church, Bishop Granger, um, fed them one night. Um, Winn-Dixie was very instrumental in donating food. Um, McCrae's Barbecue came up to the bat and helped out, uh, along with, um, others. I think Jimmie "Bo" Horne was responsible for that Saturday and the different churches and organizations were very instrumental. I want to say thank you.

I also want to say thank you, uh, to Terence Davis who was very instrumental as being the glue of keeping those ladies together and trying to keep them encouraged and their spirits lifted. He did a very good job. Young man has great potential and I certainly hope that in the future that Terence will certainly, uh, land somewhere and be - - continue his -- using his gift of helping others in the community.

Certainly I think I'm always looking and wanting to pass the torch now that I am 60. I want to, uh, do all that I can to encourage our young people. Let me digress for a moment to Joe Anderson and to Nikasha Wells. I want to commend and compliment you on a job well done. Don't be discouraged because you may have lost the race this time. It only means that you're closer next time to winning. Continue to engage our young people and others and get them involved in the process.

I also want to thank -- and I know that many times that we have differences of opinions with, uh, our residents, but does not mean that we cannot find common ground. Tina White was very instrumental in, um, her e-mailing and making sure that the story was told on all levels. Brilliantly, uh, put together several e-mails. And I want to commend and compliment her for her work. Because I have to tell her every day, "Tina, now you don't tell me what to do." And -- but I jokingly say that. She says, "Oh, Mr. Mayor," but anyway.

Moving on. Um, I want to thank Councilman Cedrick Thomas for his profound leadership in bringing and making the effort -- somebody had to make the effort. He made it. Um, making the effort of bringing the -- everyone together as -- like you would as a hearing. And listening and hearing all sides.

He's to be commended and complimented for that leadership. I feel that I am where I am today in this position as mayor not by accident and not by choice necessarily. I think it was predestined to be in this position and to use advocacy to policy and also to be one that believes in steps being ordered by a higher power that I call the Lord, my personal Savior, and believing in the power of prayer.

After listening to the cries of those mothers having to live in those horrible, terrible conditions, I prayed about it. And I asked for divine guidance and direction as to what I can do or should do to come to their rescue, to make a difference. That morning I was awakened early by a mother who told her story of waking up at 5:00 because of a defective hot water tank that caught on fire. You heard it on -- in the press. Ran out with her children, ran to save their lives.

And then I was confronted by another parent that talked about the rats in the tub and her four-year-old child -- just all kinds of stories. So after much prayer I decided that it was a time for what we call in the civil rights movement, direct action. Some of you don't remember Dr. King and some of you may not remember the civil rights movement.

But all of us are here today because Dr. King and others stood up and they protested. They went to jail. And I was willing and I told the police department, "Do not treat me any differently than anybody else out here." If we're trespassing -- which I -- you know, we were on their property. And I told them we were gonna be on their property. As long as the rats were there, I was gonna be there. Don't treat me any different. I'm -- I'm prepared. And I am prepared and was prepared to go to jail if necessary.

We talk about the legacy of Dr. King. But no one went to jail and protested more than Dr. King. But all of us enjoy his benefits. So -- enjoy the benefits that he and Ralph and Farmer and Roy Wilkins had all brought to the table.

Now, I protested with those people that live there, the -- those residents who live there, because I felt -- I think my microphone went off. Do I need to protest for a better mike? Um, because I felt that it was the right thing to do. I didn't want the debate to be:

What did the Mayor do? He did absolutely nothing.

But I wanted the debate to be: The Mayor did what he felt was right. He stood up. And I had to do it. And I don't apologize for standing up. But I do want to say that there's some people who felt the mayor was crazy, the mayor's lost his mind, the mayor is no longer acting mayoral, but he's acting like an advocate. Yes, I am an advocate. I'm gonna always be an advocate for the people, and I'm gonna always stand up for what I feel is right in this position or out of this position.

And I feel that's why I'm here. Also, coming to an -- conclusion, there were negative things that were said because the mayor participated and actually gave leadership to some people that needed a voice but may not have known how to bring their voice and their presence and their power collectively together.

Some people said the mayor was acting for political purposes. It was a political media hype or whatever. But people who make those comments do not know my history. They do not understand that I've been a part of the movement of protest and demonstrations and standing up for students, for workers, for women, and we could go on and on and on. All of my life.

The real test to see if something is political, to see if it's different, Is he doing something that he hasn't done? Then if that be the case, then you -- you can make that argument. And then others said, Madam Chair, as it -- as it reflects to you -- others said to me, Oh, he only did it because the -- the chairman -- the chairwoman filed to become the mayor. I thought that was very ridiculous type of statement. Had nothing to do with that. Whether she files or he files or anybody files doesn't matter. I'm going to do what I feel is right.

For -- so someone to make that statement certainly is misdirected and misplaced. Last but not least -- I didn't even know that the chairwoman had filed so that was irrelevant for me. Last but not least, I declared a state of emergency, city emergency, as it relates to Stonybrook. Now, what that meant, it's not -- it wasn't the type of emergency that we normally would do in a case of a hurricane. But what it was was a cry to all of the powers from the federal government to the state government to the county government to the local government, there is an emergency in this city. Children are exposed to disease and could die with mold, with rats.

And it worked because every agency began to get involved. And I'm happy to report that within the next couple of days, there will be a satisfactory resolution and children will not be able -- will not have to live with rats and roaches and mold. So I'm very thankful that I had that opportunity. I did it then. I would do it again. Here or anywhere if necessary. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, you're welcome, Mayor. Thank you for those comments. Um, Councilman Lowe, comments?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: No. No comments at this time. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: None for me.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. I have a couple of things. The first is Mayor, I'd like to thank you for everything that you did for the people of Stonybrook. And --

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- I don't think anyone -- this is the United States of America, the greatest country in the world. And no one -- no one should be living like the people in Stonybrook are living. And I would hope if that -- something like that ever happens again or if it's going on somewhere else, that the people notify the authorities. No one should ever have to live like that in the United States of America, let alone the City of Riviera Beach. So Mayor, thank you. Councilman Thomas, thank you. I was at the meeting that you had with the residents and bringing the owners and the agencies in. You know, kudos to all of you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: And -- and it was nice to see that everyone got on board. We had all these agencies coming together. They saw the need for something to happen immediately and it looks like the ball is now rolling. And the people, you know -- hopefully in 10 days or so, everything will be rectified. So again, thank you, thank you, thank you, for your leadership on that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Um, Madam Chair, A1A. A1A is looking great. You know, we still have problems with the landscaping, but I know that the project will be turned over to us soon and then we'll be in charge of the landscaping.

Um, the issue we're having right now is speeding. And it may be because of the traffic now on A1A. You know, people see --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Right. And they're trying to take the island, you know, go through the island to bypass some of the construction. Um, but there is a lot of speeding. And I would ask that maybe we could have the police department either put out the signs stating that it's 35 miles an hour or maybe do some radar or something. Um, it's bad at rush hour and also the weekends.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: And so I would just ask that, um, we notify the police department and do something.

And the last thing I want to mention, there was another very good article in the

Palm Beach Post today in the PB Pulse Section. If you recall, they wrote an article a couple months ago about the restaurants on Singer Island, about a month ago on Sunday, they wrote about the, um -- the resort.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Right. Right. The -- the reporter took a weeklong vacation, a staycation to Singer Island and had a great time. And today they had an article about everything that's going on in the marina. If you want to go kayaking, you can rent a kayak. You want to go fishing, snorkeling, everything. And, um, you know, it's about time -- well, it's nice to see that the entertainment/leisure reporters --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- are giving us kudos. So, yeah, and, um, what else? That's all I have. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You're welcome. Councilman Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Madam Chair. Um, in reference to the, uh, issues at Stonybrook, um, I'm glad that there's going to be some resolution there. And I hope that the -- this council and this mayor will stay engaged with those type of issues that are happening across the city, as well.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So, um, I'm glad that everyone is engaged with that. And when I get the resolutions that are happening, I will definitely let the public know. And if the mayor or whoever else may have whatever resolutions that are happening, it will be nice to let the public know exactly what's going on. Um, one thing I do want to, um, announce, um, in reference to John F. Kennedy Middle School, we are the pilot program for all middle schools in terms of their new cafeteria.

The -- the cafeteria -- and I don't ever encourage anybody to look at the news, because most of the times they don't get it right. Um, but on this particular time I think that they're going to get it right. I haven't quite seen the story. But it's pretty --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: I seen it tonight.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- it's a -- it's a -- it's a pretty good story. They chose our, um, middle school here in Riviera Beach and they have redesigned, um, the school to look like a food court like you go into the mall. Um, I was invited over today to do some, um, sampling of the -- the food that they'll be serving. I always enjoy that but they had everything from Chinese to Burger Buddies and, um, I mean, they're actually in the Chinese little containers and, I mean, very good food. But the one thing that I was very happy about was that it's going to be the same price.

So whatever your economic, uh, situation is at that time, one student doesn't

know the next student's economic condition and it's all the same price. So it didn't go up but you get an opportunity to just basically, for lunch, eat at a fast-food restaurant.

And I know that our first lady is trying to -- to, uh, curtail some of those meals to make sure they're healthy. They do have some of those, as well. I thought it was my duty to try everything that they would be serving so that I could, uh -- I can give an accurate account of what might be there.

But I was very impressed. They have put in, you know, big screen TVs and a P.A. system and, I mean, different lines that are set up. I mean, it really looks nice. So if you get an opportunity, please stop by. I'm -- I'm glad that we're the only middle school in the district right now. They've tried it at some high schools. They are making John F. Kennedy Middle School the, uh -- the pioneer for that in the middle school area. So kudos to Principal Brooks and his staff, um, over there.

Madam Chair, on every first day of school, um, I have been doing this since my daughter started school. Um, going to school on the first day. I know that Mr. Ron Leonard has been calling for, uh, fathers to take your, uh, child to school on the first day.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Child to school.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I do it every year. Um, but I'm -- I'm going to be partnering with him, and I'm asking any of the fathers who wish to take their, um -- their child or children to school, um, in that general area where the, um, John F. Kennedy, Suncoast and Mary McLeod Bethune is. I would -- I would like to coordinate efforts with you so that we can do it collectively. And you can call the office at 845-4095, I believe. That'll get us there?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Will that get us there?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: 3687? 845-3687. Um, 845-3687. Call, please. Let's make this a, uh -- a large effort. And we're not trying to leave the moms out. If you want to come along, as well, please do. Please do. But we want to have as many of our parents, um, be engaged this year and work with our educational structure that we have here in the city to make sure that our kids get the necessary guidance that they need.

So for those three schools I'll be in that area on the first day of school. I'm going to walk my daughter to school first. And I don't have the necessary times but I believe that Suncoast starts around 7:30, um, or 7:00. I believe the elementary school, um, Bethune Elementary, starts around the same time, 7 or 7:30. And John F. Kennedy starts around 9, 9 a.m.

So, um, if you want to participate in that, please call us and we'll have a concentrated effort. If not, I'll see you out there. I'll be up and down those streets, um, with that.

One other thing I wanted to bring up, um, on the -- with the day cares that are --

the family day cares that are -- are going on, uh, we always get a chance to go out and talk with the -- the neighbors in that general area. And I wanted to make sure that I put on record that, you know, some of the issues that these individuals have in terms of how they think it's affecting their area.

And for things like, um, speed bumps, um, and some other things that they feel, we need to come up with a, um -- a way that any resident would know, Hey, listen, if I need a speed bump on my street I call this particular number and it gets, you know, through the process. So, um, I would like to, you know, be able to have that information to give how we -- how we get that to them, the speed bumps, the stop signs. I know that I'll grab a -- a department head here, there and take them out and show them. I know Mr. Johnson has gone out with me on a time or two to -- to make that happen. But we want -- we want the process to be open so everyone knows how to do it.

Um, if we're not gonna discuss the capital, uh, budgets in detail like that, we still need to let them know how they can get it, what monies are available, because sometimes when you go out and you see something happening on one street -- just for a case in point, I think we just redid 36th Street or 37th Street. Um, you know, individuals in those areas ask, you know, how -- When is my street gonna get done? Why is this street getting done before that street? We just want to make sure that they have an understanding on how all this is going so they don't feel like, Well, I have to be a councilperson or I have to know somebody at the county to get it done.

We just want to let them know, you know, how it gets done and the money that's spent on that and -- and what those necessary things are. So, um, those are some of the things that I've heard while I've been out, you know, canvassing to talk about the -- the day care centers. Those are a few of the -- of the things that I've -- that I've heard. So I'd like to have some resolutions to those and -- and be able to -- to -- to get that information back to them.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Um, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Um, Councilman Thomas, we will get you the information but we will also make sure it's readily available on the website, as well as TV 18.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But we'll get it on paper in case you need to hand it to someone.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Davis, you had an additional comment?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. I just had one. Um, Miss Jones, you said you were working on the Palm cards with the information? I -- or was it Danny Jones I was talking to about it? Do we know when those are gonna be completed?

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You don't remember?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You said within 30 days?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Within 30 days?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. And -- and -- and just one last thing. Uh, I'm -- I want to go back to Stonybrook. Um, I've -- I've known friends out there. This was back in the '80s. And I've visited out there. And, you know, the places that I visited didn't, um -- I didn't see any of, you know, what was happening that is being talked about today.

And all I would have to say on that is that -- to the residents specifically, who live in the Stonybrook Apartments, if those kinds of things are happening, you have to let somebody know.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay? If there -- if the rats are -- are crawling over the place and the roaches are -- or -- or just talking over your apartment, you gotta let somebody know. Because I'll tell you one thing: being poor does not mean you do not have rights.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right. That's right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay? So it's unfortunate that it happened, um, the way that it did. Um, but it did and -- and maybe that's God's way of bringing it to fruition. I don't know.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh. Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But, um, it's being fixed and, um -- and that's a good thing. So you know, you don't have to live like that. You can just, you know, let somebody know, even though that's a HUD project. At least the City could have orchestrated pulling all of the agencies together and putting pressure on them to get something done about it. So in the future, don't stay quiet. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I have three quick comments. Um, the first is to, um -- I'll give the affirmative to what the Mayor said about my candidacy for the Office of the Mayor. It was filed on August 1st. And certainly not with malice. And I think it's

important for people in District 1 to know that I will not be speaking re-election to that seat. I will be seeking, um, the mayoral seat 2013.

The second comment is -- well, I want to thank the staff. Very recently we've had citizens who have come to us with needs, with complaints. And I'm taking hats off to Jeff Gannon. Each time that I've called him he's been ready to go and to give information. And I just want to thank you, Jeff. You've never been too busy to -- to answer our residents' needs.

And also Parks & Recreation. They're always there to help out with any event that we have. We had one on the CRA side and they were right there. And I want to thank them for that. And, uh, recently with our water -- our billing department, we've had some very serious, um, complaints. But we've been able to resolve some of them. Um, with the help especially of Dr. Aurigemma, and also, uh, with our city manager. So I'm just pleased that we're really listening to our residents. We're really trying to help meet -- resolve some of their issues. And I just want to thank all of you for -- for that. And, um, to our Public Works, we get nothing but comments on the landscaping, how well it's being maintained.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Hmm.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh, it's just such a pleasure to drive even down Old Dixie and certainly down, uh, Blue Heron and the other avenues. So we just want to thank you for all the hard work -- everyone for all the hard work what you're doing, um, right now. And lastly, I've been talking with the city manager and also with Legal about how can we more effectively, um, perform our duties as elected officials and -- and especially as it relates to all of these meetings.

I've just been so concerned as I see staff struggling every other week to try to get things ready for us. And it's just one vicious cycle. We meet every Wednesday. We're having meetings on Tuesday. And I think everybody's just getting completely worn out. And, um, what I -- I will be bringing back to you all for consideration in September is by charter we need only to meet once a month. And if we would consider, uh, having meetings once a month, maybe the first Wednesday and a third Wednesday to be, uh, set aside for special meetings, workshops, Utility District, and open to, um, starting the meetings early on the day that we meet, 5:30. Um, and then, you know, moving forward.

And it would give us more time even to have time with our constituents. I mean, we're just meeting exhausted. And, um -- and I know it will be more efficient. It certainly should be a cost saving feature here. And I just want y'all to think about it, because, uh, we will be bringing it back for you to, um, discuss and -- and -- and vote on.

And that is the last comment from me. And we'll move into Public Comments. And I have two public comment cards. Bonnie Larson. Miss Larson? Mr. Mahoney, was that another -- I had one for -- okay.

BONNIE LARSON: Bonnie Larson. Please listen, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Miss Brooks, for answering my question about the day care. I asked it twice. Tonight you answered it, like, in less than 10 -- 10 seconds. So that answered the question. What

happens with day cares is Riviera Beach approves, uh, people having 12 children versus the six. Riviera Beach approves it first; then the day care must get approval from the state.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

BONNIE LARSON: So now you straightened it out. Mr. Thomas, you asked, um, if people could know how to go about requesting speed bumps. Good question. I'd like to add to that to put on the web for Miss Jones, what do we do when the lights are out? We have lights out on Broadway a lot. We have lights out on Blue Heron a lot. We think as we're driving in the dark that there are enough city staff that see this but what happened? Are we supposed to call in? Are they -- they already called in? Who's in charge of those lights and how -- how do we go about getting them fixed when we're driving in the dark? Whose responsibility is that? If you could put that on the web, also, because that affects everybody in the city.

Um, the website -- Mr. Mayor, please listen. It looked good this week because on the agenda you clicked on the item and then you got the backup. Much more efficient way of doing it than toggling back and forth between a page with the backup versus the agenda. Much more effective.

The only thing to work on there is to get to the agenda in the first place. Um, I went to the agenda and I didn't see this date. And I -- and to get to it I had to tell the computer if I wanted it to be in HTML or if I wanted it to be in PDF. I couldn't click on it by doing the date because the date wasn't there but the idea of having the subject matter, clicking on it and getting the backup, that's good.

About the marina and, um, advertising to foreign people, my question is what kind of a market study are we doing within the City of Riviera Beach? Are we letting people know that the marina is gonna be new and improved? And we have to -- we have to put out some advertising because we can't just have the marina open and then say, Gee, I guess we need to find out, like, who's interested in being there. We need to advertise it rather than advertising in a foreign country or maybe in addition to a foreign country. But at least advertise to the people here that, you know, we're going to have a wonderful marina.

Um, the update on Stonybrook, I had that on my list and you kind of went over that but I didn't really find out, like, what's going to happen there. We -- we have to see things on the news. And it'd be nice if we heard it on Channel 18, if we heard, like, what's happening at Stonybrook.

So tonight we heard that something good's going to happen but we don't know. And I just want to hear it direct from the City to make it a more personal thing, that you're letting your residents know, like, what's happening to those people out there, um, rather than us having to read that in the newspaper.

The FDOT, if someone would discuss that tonight, um, what's happening with the median situation. I heard now last time that maybe that's still up for discussion. We've talked about that many, many times. So if you could go over that tonight, what's happening with the medians. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. This is for Miss Larson. If you have a street light that's out, you can go to the City of Riviera Beach's website, click on Public Works and then, under Public Works, there's icons. And one icon is -- one icon is Street Light Out. And if you click there, you go to --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, neat.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- Florida Power & Light and it comes up, you know, where is the light out. You just type in where the light is out. So it's already on there.

BONNIE LARSON: But it won't happen (inaudible).

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. So --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Call FP&L.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: You know --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: You know, nothing is instantaneous.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: No. It -- it takes a while. It does.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Nothing.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Miss -- Miss, uh, Larson, you -- you are correct that, um -- and that's one of the things that I've always felt very sensitive about is that even in the church, I always make sure that the members know about something before I publicly talk about it. So you're right.

Unfortunately, the -- as far as getting the -- the word to the residents, because I -- I don't really like the fact that they just get soundbites, because they don't get the -- the total story in totality. Unfortunately, we sometimes have to wait until there's a council

meeting to kind of get the story out as I had to do tonight. But I -- I will tell you that within the next, uh, couple of days, we are going to have a breakthrough and it's going to be very positive. And, uh, I'll be making an announcement.

And, uh, I think that's -- it's an announcement that we will all be able to -- to live with, that's going to be a very positive announcement. Um, so just give us another day or two and you'll -- you'll get an announcement. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You're welcome, Mayor -- Mr. Mayor. Nora Mahoney. And while she's coming up, I do know that with some of the lights, FDOT is responsible. I learned that myself.

NORA MAHONEY: (Inaudible) my time is coming.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. You'll get your -- your three minutes.

NORA MAHONEY: My name is Nora Mahoney, 2120 Broadway. Um, I don't know about Stonybrooks but I think that they have a problem, is not Code Enforcement able to check it out what's going on if there is any complaints? So we don't have to do it so big? I mean, somebody have to inspect it at least once a year. They check my building once a year if everything is correct. So that would be nice if they can go once a year to check if -- if that building is in perfect conditions, living conditions.

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible) she's going to respond to that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Let her continue.

NORA MAHONEY: The other thing is, uh, Miss Brooks --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes?

NORA MAHONEY: -- you said that you would like to meet here once a month? Guess what? You mean, you're going to reducing your salary? That would be great.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We thought we should get an increase but --

NORA MAHONEY: Perfect. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- since we can't --

NORA MAHONEY: And the other thing about the budget -- the budget. Um, hopefully you're gonna be able to have certain amount of money for Christmas decoration? Probably something for the 4th of July? I think we deserve it. We pay taxes. We don't see nothing. I don't know for how many years. Miss, uh, Pardo say a long time ago that she will do something but still until now, I didn't see anything about it.

Anyway, the other thing about the budget, fix the microphone. For years since I came, since 1999, it's still in the same condition.

Um, I was going to talk about Treasure Coast and the plans that they made without input of the citizens of the City of Riviera Beach and the people that have businesses here like us. And I saw a different picture in 2008 compared in 2012. Talking about the U.S. 1 with an on-parking street.

Now it's not gonna have no parking. We're gonna have medians. And if I remember, last year -- or let me see. Was it this year? This year. It was, uh, Miss Judy Davis. Give everything that they want. If this is what they want, we're gonna give it. Guess what? We go to the MPO meeting and they say, No, we discuss it. We're gonna leave it like that because they're gonna have delays.

Well, have a little delay and -- and try to work it out with us. I have a lot of (inaudible) different people come into my place. I have a lot of senior citizens that cannot walk all the way down where the -- they can park and come back to my place.

So I don't know what is the status of the on-street parking or it's already pass. We're not going to do anything.

The other thing is about the money spent, approved by you to the CRA director, to get some money to go somewhere. Take a vacation. You have Miami, Key West. Everybody goes to Key West. Delray, Boca, Fort Lauderdale.

I mean, you can go here. You don't have to spend all the money over there. We're going back to the time in 2002 where everybody went to South America and we didn't have no reports. And besides, the places that you visit, they are -- not even look like here. They have snow. We have the sun. So think about it. We don't want to have no more expenses. I don't want to pay more taxes last -- I mean, for the following year. It looks like I'm gonna be paying more. Let me know. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Um, Madam Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Um, I believe you were in MPO meeting, you and your husband --

NORA MAHONEY: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- both when, um, it was decided that they were moving forward and as -- as the plan was. So, um, that's all I can tell you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss -- Miss Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Just for the -- the information as it relates to Code Enforcement, Code Enforcement cannot enter a private residence. They can enter

businesses because you have a license to conduct business.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And they're only looking to see for code violations and our Building Department can only look to see whether the structure is unsound or unsafe. They can't deal with the other issues. It's not a part of their responsibility. So that's why Code Enforcement did not go into the residential units of the individuals in Stonybrook.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I'm really glad that you explained that because people really didn't understand that we have certain boundaries. And I really appreciate -- once people know what the laws are, I think they're accepting of it. So thank you so much for, uh --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And -- and Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's why I just said if -- if people let us know. I mean, the Health Department could have gone in.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Right. They could.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay? But if they don't call the Health Department, it's not gonna happen. If they don't call us and let us know that there's a problem and we can kind of coordinate getting the Health Department out there, then that's -- you know, that's what we can do. But you know, from a visual looking outside, the property looks fine.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You know, we can't go inside.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, I -- no, we have faith and confidence that all this has happened for a divine purpose and that it all is going to work well. And so we can just know this has been a lesson. It has been illuminated, a very serious situation. Um, and I -- I just must say that for the new owner. He inherited this and maybe he's looking like the villain but he inherited this situation and certainly HUD should have been on top of it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: But we've gone over all that now and we're just about making progress and helping these people.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And let's not forget them after it's all over. Yes, sir, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. Two things. Um, point of information. The Health Department, if it's four units -- if it's under four, the Health Department can step in. If it's over four -- and this is what -- we have an e-mail to this effect from the Health -- to Mary McKinney and I read it earlier. It's the -- Chief, it's the Bureau of Professional Regulations. They're the state agency --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- that we contacted. Priscilla Taylor assisted that -- assisted us in those efforts. They did come in.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Along with HUD and, um, I think the Health Department did kind of give some input. But it's really the Professional -- what is it? Regulation, Torrey?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Professional, um --

MAYOR MASTERS: And the other -- the other comment I wanted to make as it relates, just very briefly. Um, I know that Stonybrook has new ownership and new management. And -- and I know some people say, Well, this didn't happen overnight. It didn't happen overnight. The fact is, if you buy this bottle and if you buy whatever you buy, then it's your -- your responsibility to fix it.

And that's the position that -- that I have personally taken that, um -- because to be honest, the ball was dropped. Probably several different people dropped it. But the fact is at the end of the day, whoever ends up with the ball needs to fix it and that's where we are. The other -- the other issue is July 4th, I -- I want to agree with you. I can't agree with you more.

NORA MAHONEY: Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: Um, Christmas is always big for me and others, as well as, um, Kwanzaa and Chanukah and all the, uh, religious holidays. And certainly we can do -- we can do better.

NORA MAHONEY: Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: And we should do better in celebrating those things as a city, particularly we have the money. And Manager -- but July 4th. Um, the new -- the newly re-elected chair of the Port -- Palm Beach Port, Wayne Richards and I have had a conversation.

And he and I have mutually agreed that we are going to contact businesses and partner with local businesses in this city and anyone else that wants to partner with us

to make sure that as a city, that we will celebrate July 4th as a city, uh, next time around. That's one of the things that my predecessor Michael Brown brilliantly did amongst some other things. But I promise you that that is something that we ought to do and it's shameful that we haven't. So that's going to be fixed. Thank you, Wayne Richards. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You're welcome. Miss Jones, got one issue here and that's with our city car. You know, recently we paid, uh, a nice sum to get the car all cleaned. And you know what we need to do, Miss Jones, if it's okay with you, I think the log should be kept up in your office.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So that there would be accountability for it. Um, already it's in bad shape again. We have it over at Public Works being worked on. So I think -- and then the security key is lost. So we should have the log kept in your office.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We'll know when it's checked out, when it's coming back, and also the purpose for -- for using the city car.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You know, we do get \$500 a month so, uh --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. Thank you. If there's no further business --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Motion to adjourn.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So moved.

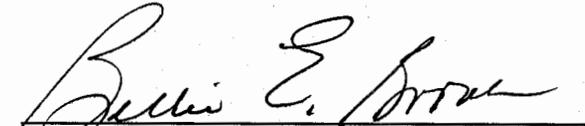
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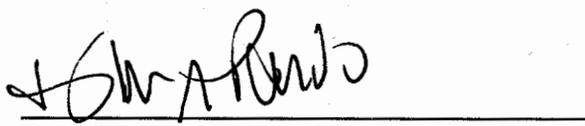
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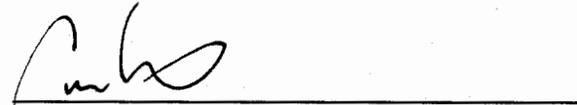

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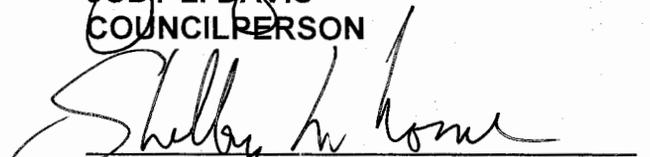
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