

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Good evening, everyone. We are now prepared to start our special meeting this evening. And let's have the roll call.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters? Chairperson Billie Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Here.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro-tem Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Cedrick Thomas? Councilperson Judy Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Shelby Lowe? City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Deputy City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Pamala -- well, Assistant City Attorney Valencia Stubbs?

ASST. ATTY. STUBBS: Here.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right. We will now stand for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. And as we pause for a moment -- moment of silence for the invocation, let us be mindful of the families that are grieving today. Keep them in prayer. And I'll ask, um, Miss Davis, please, to do the invocation and pledge.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. Shall we pledge? (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Councilperson Davis).

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Do we have any, um, additions, deletions, or substitutions for the agenda?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Then I need a motion to approve.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Move consent.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Roll call.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, I'm sorry. Approval of agenda.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh, right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Sorry.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Uh, roll call?

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. And now we have the consent agenda, and all matters listed under this item are considered to be routine and action will be taken by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a councilperson so requests. In such event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. So we have no --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No (inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We have nothing.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- nothing, okay. All right. Then the, uh -- we've already approved the, uh, motion to approve the regular agenda.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh. Move consent.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Roll call?

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. And we do have a majority of the council here, so this meeting is all in order. I just want to make that for the record. And the Mayor is at the convention, as, um, Councilperson Thomas is also at the, uh, Democratic National Convention. And so just wanted to explain why they're not here. Uh, all right, Madam Clerk, we have ordinances on first reading.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, fixing the adjusted tax valuation of real property located within the corporate limits of the City, levying a tax on real property and tangible business personal property located within corporate limits of the City for fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2012, and ending September 30th, 2013, fixing the millage rate of 8.9980 mills thereon for said year, providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Do -- I was trying to see if I had any comment cards. Just one on the library.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible) item number 2.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Item number -- okay. We didn't -- okay. Item number 2. All right. Uh, any comments or discussion from -- first of all our presentation.

INTERIM DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Good evening. Karen Hoskins, Interim Finance Director. What you're voting on tonight is a millage rate of 8.998 mills. And let me back up. This, um, public hearing was advertised via the TRIM notice sent out by the, uh, Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office, advertised for 6:30 p.m. tonight and we -- we're having it tonight because tomorrow night is the school board's public hearing. So we can't have it on the same date as the school board.

Again, the millage rate that you are levying or considering levying tonight is 8.9980 mills, which is the same millage rate as current year. And this is based on a preliminary taxable value of 2,964,000,000. Ad valorem tax revenues or projected ad valorem tax revenues for next fiscal year total \$25,511,087. Of that \$25,511,000, 3.5 million will go to the CRA as CRA TIF and the City will retain 21,941,000.

Um, current year in ad valorem taxes, we received approximately \$25,951,000, a difference of approximately \$440,000 reduction.

Um, we're to discuss the rolled-back rate and that was only if we were levying a rate higher than the rolled-back rate but we're not. And the definition of a rolled-back rate is the millage rate necessary to raise the same amount of property tax revenues as previous year, excluding taxes from new construction.

So our rolled-back rate -- and this is a calculation -- is 9.1937. The City's rolled-back rate for next year, fiscal year, is 9.1937. It's actually, um, 2.13 percent below the current millage rate of 8.998 mills or the millage rate that you're, uh, considering levying for tonight. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any questions from council members? Okay. We're -- (inaudible) we're ready for the vote.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Who made (inaudible)?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I'm sorry. Any --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: We had a motion.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Who -- who made the motion?

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Miss Davis made a motion.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Davis made the motion.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And we had no comment cards on that. Uh, going to the second, uh, ordinance.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: An ordinance of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, making appropriations and establishing a budget for fiscal year ending September 30th, 2013, providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

INTERIM DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Good evening. This millage that you're considering tonight is the budget millage, budget ordinance. Public hearing was advertised. Um, total general fund revenues for next fiscal year, \$46,346,782, a difference of \$705,547 from the, uh, previous fiscal year which is approximately 1.5 percent below the current millage -- current budget.

And as you see, ad valorem taxes, we're getting in 1.53 percent below current year ad valorem taxes, which includes delinquent taxes. Um, other taxes, \$8,141,270. Um, franchise fees, we'll generate approximately \$2.5 million. Um, other fees, permits and licenses total \$3,174,529. Grants and other shared revenue, 1,223,959. Fines, \$281,500. Rents and leases, \$111,100. Other revenue, \$885,143. Um, administrative fees, 4,128,194, for a total general fund budget of \$46,346,782.

General fund expenditures, total personnel costs, uh, which make up approximately 65 percent of the general fund budget, total \$31,317,365. Operating cost for the general fund total \$10,527,320. Capital outlay total \$96,626. CR -- T -- CRA TIF, \$3,569,830. And then, um, transfers. The total, um, reduction, overall general fund reduction of 1.50 percent.

New positions that are included in the budget for Finance Department, business license, um, specialist, full-time temp, the library program aide for the Cyber-mobile -- um, Cyber-mobile driver, part-time. Reclassified positions, City Manager's Office. You've already approved that from part-time to full-time.

Finance Department, a customer service clerk from part-time to full-time. City Clerk records specialist part-time to a staff assistant full-time temp. Purchasing/IT to, um, purchasing director, I'm sorry, current position to new purchasing/IT Director.

Civil Drug Court, you have the crime control analyst, the current position, to a process server is the new position. Fire, you have a senior staff assistant part-time to a full-time senior staff assistant. Police Department, an office assistant senior to a Public Records Section supervisor. Police Department current, five commanders, reclassifying those to five majors.

And these -- I'm just hitting on the, um, high points, not going into the detail of the

special revenues in the, uh, capital funds. This is the utility special district, a total budget of 16,590,000, a 1.37 percent increase over current year.

And for personnel on the expenditures side you have total personnel costs of 4,378,528. Operating costs of 9,210,867. Capital outlay -- and that's operating capital of 183,000 and transfers to debt service and renewal and replacement of 2,818,105.

Uh, new positions for the Utilities Special District include assistant director of Utilities full time, a water plant operator trainee full time. Um, Utilities Special District eliminated positions, engineering technician senior, um, vacant, and a customer service worker, vacant.

And then you have the marina, um, fund, total -- no, that's not the correct number. Total, um, revenues for marina are approximately, um, 1.3 million. This shows the Utility District so that's not the marina fund.

Let's see. We'll move on to Stormwater. Stormwater revenues and expenditures. Um, total revenues, 1.6 million for Stormwater, a reduction of approximately 74,000, and then you have the expenditures. Personnel costs of 638,969. Operating costs of 988,584, and capital outlay based on the, uh, master plan of 3,100,000.

Um, and then the, uh, proposed furlough days. We have 64 hours of furlough days budgeted for all employees with the exception of Fire, and these are the proposed furlough days that we're recommending. Also for, um -- originally we had recommended a furlough day in September and because that last day in, uh, September falls in the next fiscal year, we're recommending to use the October 26th day as a furlough day. So there's no furlough in January or February or March.

And I'll stop right there. If there are any questions or --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Um, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. I think from the last meeting, um, I know Mr. Thomas was not in favor of a furlough for, uh -- the 64-hour furlough for everyone except Fire. I believe that his -- his, um, stance was that it should be a furlough, same amount of hours for everyone. I feel the same way.

Uh, I just feel that, you know, um, when we start placing, um, one group above others, I -- I just think it causes morale problems and I would hope that in -- in going forward that, um, we will keep the same amount of furlough hours for all, uh, union units. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Any other comments?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. I have a question for the police department.

ASSISTANT CHIEF MADDEN: Hi, Mike Madden, uh, acting assistant chief.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Hi. Um, I have a question regarding the CRA. At our meeting last week we were talking about a budget close to 6 million -- \$600,000 for the CRA policing. And at one point, um, the CRA director said that he would be getting with the chief to, you know, figure out how to have a collaborative effort in, um -- in policing the CRA. Are you guys, um -- have you put any of that CRA money in this budget?

ASSISTANT CHIEF MADDEN: No, there's no CRA funds represented in --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Nothing?

ASSISTANT CHIEF MADDEN: -- in our budget.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: If -- Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's -- it's really not working that way, Miss Pardo. Um, it's for -- I've had meetings with the chief and Mr. Brown concerning, um, you know, making sure that we have, um, adequate coverage within the CRA boundaries. And, um, basically what we talked about is having special details that the CRA would pay for.

And as you know, you know, I mean, we -- we can't operate where the CRA just puts money into the City's budget. You know, it has to be documented. So we felt the best way to go about it is just for the CRA to pay for those, um, instances, you know, when we set this up for, um -- to -- to actually start October 1st.

But actually, I have another meeting set up with Miss Jones, the police chief, Mr. Brown, to see, uh, how we can move forward sooner than October 1st. Um, to see if Mr. Brown can come up with some dollars from his budget so that we can implement some things right away. So, um, that's where we are.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. So, sir, so we don't have any money. So there's no CRA money in this budget. And are we still -- what about those two police officers? Are they back in your budget?

ASSISTANT CHIEF MADDEN: Yeah. Correct. The two police officers that were funded through the CRA are now, uh, rolled back into vacant, uh, police positions in the regular police budget.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. Okay. Thank you. And then, um, the next -- all right. That's it. Thank you very much.

ASSISTANT CHIEF MADDEN: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. A question for you.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: And -- all right. And then -- wait.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were finished.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And if other questions from the commander --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- before he --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Are you finished?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: I'm done with the commander. I still have other questions.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Um, Commander, uh, but come October 1, um, those two officers, will they be, um -- once the money -- once we approve -- did we approve -- did we approve the CRA's budget? We haven't even approved the CRA's budget. Um, once the CRA's budget is approved for, um, the next fiscal year, then that will make the determination of where -- whether or not those officers will be back or are you saying that you're just getting rid of those officers and putting them back in your police --

ASSISTANT CHIEF MADDEN: That's correct. They're -- they're taking two vacant positions that we have. Uh, those officers will be assigned in District 1, which encompasses a majority of the CRA, so they will still be in that area.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So it's just a matter of once the budget is approved?

ASSISTANT CHIEF MADDEN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. And then my other item is, um, what are we doing with the library hours on Saturday? Miss Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: My last proposal was in order to accommodate that, that we take half of the money from, um, Jazz after Dark's \$60,000 allocation and half from the Outside Agency. Because we were in a workshop it will require a motion here in order to make that happen.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. And what I would propose, the -- at the last meeting, I believe we said it would be about \$16,500 to have the library open every Saturday. What I would like to propose is having the library open from August through

the end of May and then giving everyone a break over the summer. Then at least we can have the library open to accommodate the children in school. So that would -- you know, it would be --

CITY MANAGER JONES: That would reduce that.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- right. It would be a little cheaper.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It would reduce it.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Exactly. It would reduce the 16 and a half -- \$16,500.

INTERIM DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Okay. So the 16 did include -- it was from October to May.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: It was from October to May?

INTERIM DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct. Correct.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: I'm sorry. I thought it was the entire year.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I want to be clear. So you're saying the 16,000 is from October --

INTERIM DIRECTOR HOSKINS: To May.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- through May?

INTERIM DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And if we are going to consider favorably here making the change prior to the new fiscal year, then we would need to look at where our monies would come from for September, 'cause August is over.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: No. We would start it October 1st.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: October 1st through May. But I thought I heard you say something about August.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: No, originally, I thought that the library was going to be open -- if we pass this it would be open 12 months a year. I had proposed, you know, September until, um -- until May. You know, the --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- encompassing the entire school year.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: For the May -- the school year.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: But since our budget starts on October 1st, I would say October 1st through May.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So it's --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, don't we have it open -- oh, you mean on Saturdays?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: On Saturdays. On Saturday mornings.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So would --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Even if we had it, like, five hours a day.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: --would that --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- would that also require hiring the two part-time personnel?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

INTERIM DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I -- I -- I just don't see the point in that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So what you're saying, though, we're look -- if -- if this idea is -- is to go forward, um, we would need an additional \$16,000 to come into the library's budget.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Has there been any consideration as to where the monies would come from?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Jazz after Dark.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Half of it -- half of -- well, 8,000 would come from the Jazz after Dark budget and then the other 8,000 and change would come from the, um -- the community --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Outside Agency. Outside Agency.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Right. The Outside Agency fund.

INTERIM DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Outside Agency funding.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. And I missed that meeting so that's why --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So 8,000 would come from the Outside Agency.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Correct.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And 8,000 from the Jazz after Dark.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And how much is in Outside Agency funding?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Twenty --

INTERIM DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Approximately 20 --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- five --

INTERIM DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- 20 -- 25.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Twenty-five?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Twenty-five, um, minus 8 is --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So we'd take 8,000 --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- what? Uh --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Seventeen.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- it leaves 17K. I -- I -- I'm not willing to do that. I think this program is, um -- you've heard many people come up and speak about it, how it helps the various agencies. And, um, I know that the library has, uh, inter-local or inter-agency agreements with other libraries and, um, you know, I -- I --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Let's just talk about what we can do, then. So now, I hear what you're saying about the outside because we do have -- get a lot of, um --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- favorable comments about, you know, they -- this -- it meets a need.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: I don't think so.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: If we want to look at Jazz after Dark for 8,000, could we as council people commit some of the benefits that we get towards this? 'Cause there's always this --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You can only commit up to April or March.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, it would have to be equal amounts from every -- each council person to make up the other \$8,000.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We can find \$8,000 in this budget (inaudible). We can --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Is this something that we can solve right now? Because I -
- I understand --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- we can -- uh, we need the motion to fund the weekend library opening.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: First.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'll find the money.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You'll find the money?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I will find the money.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. But --

CITY MANAGER JONES: We know where the first aid -- we did mention Jazz after ark.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We -- I -- I -- my consensus I think I'm hearing is not to

touch Outside Agency but go someplace else for the money and find \$8,000.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. And if -- and for --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right. Yes. And you can do that, correct?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- the other --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: For some of our other councilpersons not to be here it's kind of a --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Well --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- it would be -- it would be wrong for us to --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CITY MANAGER JONES: So I can go -- I'll go (inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, if there's a consensus among the three of us it would be a majority anyway.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, not for community benefits.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: If there's a consensus.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I mean --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, no, no, no. We're -- we're saying --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- I know.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- only the 8,000.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I understand.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We don't want -- I -- we -- I'm not gonna commit anybody for any of their money. Miss Jones said that she would find the money. So what we're

saying, we would get the 8,000 out of Jazz after Dark. That's a given.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, I -- I -- I still have some issues with that. Um, and I'm -- I'm gonna tell you why. Um, as I said at the last meeting, we have spent a total of about \$12 million, uh, making Singer Island a wonderful, um -- not Singer Island but the Ocean Mall and the beach improvements, um -- a place for people to enjoy.

Um, and you know, Jazz after Dark, um, I -- I do have some -- some concerns about it but, um, understanding that we're working to, um, fix those concerns. Um, I -- you know, everybody doesn't come -- doesn't want to come to the -- to the Ocean Mall. Um, and persons who live on Singer Island don't like to come to, um, Jazz after Dark. I don't know what the reasons are.

And as I stated at the last meeting, um, this is not a division statement. It simply is just a matter of fact. And I believe that just as diligently as I would fight for, um, you know, things to happen on the island, I'm gonna fight for, um, things to happen on the mainland for people to enjoy, also.

So, uh, until, uh, I can -- until, Miss Jones, you can bring something to me or to this board that, uh, shows us in going forward how you're going to handle the Jazz after Dark -- I know we've gone out to bid but I don't know much past that -- I'm not willing to take money from that at this point in time, either. So, um, you know, it -- it may not go over well, but that's how I feel about it.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh, I was gonna let the City Manager respond to that and then you.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: She was -- did you want to respond or --

CITY MANAGER JONES: If it is the desire of council, we can find \$16,000 for library opening. And to not touch Jazz after Dark or Outside Agency. I just need a motion to say that is what you would like to have happen.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I -- so moved.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And I -- okay.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Didn't we have another motion on, though?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Not for that issue.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, we have another motion to make after we vote on this.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I just want to know where we are with our motions right now.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: We should just vote on that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. We'll vote on that. Before we vote I just want to make a comment. And that is, I know we were postured here to make a decision as to what's most important, entertainment or education for our citizens, our young people. And, um, I definitely support whatever we can do to help the library.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Jazz after Dark seemed to be something that we're looking at as is this something that we want to continue with. It has pulled -- it has not worked to our benefit financially. Um, and when we speak of that as entertainment, it's entertainment not specific just for Riviera Beach. It's -- it's --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- it's a -- it's a broader scope of entertainment.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And so we want to ensure that as we go forward that it's worth the dollars that we're investing --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- in Jazz after Dark. So --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- but I'm glad to hear that, our City Manager say that she will find the 16,000, because we do need to have the library open for our young people on Saturday. Many parents just do not have, uh, the time to come in or the resources to come in in the evening. We close early. So Saturday is the day when our young people can come in. So however we can work that out, I think it's a -- it is a great idea and we've just gotta make it happen. And I hear your -- I hear assurance from you that it will happen.

CITY MANAGER JONES: By the next public hearing.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The library's budget will be increased to cover Saturday hours from October to May.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And it may not be -- I was just asking, um, Miss Hoskins. It may not be a full 16,000. We need to go back and drill down on those utilities 'cause it may not cost that much for utilities. But we know the staffing numbers are correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And as we're looking at that, let us be mindful that there could be resources in the community that can help us with the staffing even. You know, right now --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- I'm -- I've got two people that are working with me as legislative assistants, and those positions are being funded by the Department of Education through Vocational Education. So we need to find out that there are resources out here. People are anxious to get involved and there -- there's monies that can help with it. And I will certainly do what I can, Miss Jones, to help --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- Miss Cobb, to help find out if there are resources. In addition to what we're going to fund, if there might be other programs that will help with the library and the staffing.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay? Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I -- I would ask that, um -- I don't see Miss Cobb here. Oh --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: She's here.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- there she is right there. That, um, come October 1, if you could -- well, I know you keep accurate -- very accurate records. Um, to see, you know, what our activity is on Saturday.

DIRECTOR COBB: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay?

DIRECTOR COBB: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So that's it for --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Cobb, the Friends of the Library, is -- that's no longer -- you smile. But do you have any resources for volunteers?

DIRECTOR COBB: We have resources for volunteers. There's sensitive information that we handle, personal information. And sometimes we share -- we -- we care not to put those in the hands of volunteers because we don't have, you know --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR COBB: -- the -- the type of security there.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR COBB: We have two AARP employees right now. They're limited on what days they can work.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right.

DIRECTOR COBB: And that's the only other program that we have a direct partnership with. We do not have an active Friends of the Library group.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right. Thank you, Miss Cobb.

DIRECTOR COBB: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any other questions? All right. Then we need to -- to vote on the motion to approve the, uh, 16,000 for the library staff positions.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It should say summer hours.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I'm sorry?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Summer hours.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: For the Saturday --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Summer hours.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: For the summer --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Or Saturday hours.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Saturday hours.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Saturday.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Saturday hours, yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, ma'am?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: There was another discussion there concerning, um -- concerning, um, the Fire's hours, uh, the furlough hours. I would, uh, you know -- this could certainly help in that effort with the -- with the library. I think what I heard from Miss Hoskins was 64 hours?

INTERIM DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I would, um, propose that we look at 72 hours, which is one more day. That would be a total of nine -- um, nine days for General and just to make it so that it can work for everyone, 72 hours is divisible by the 24- and 12-hour shifts that the other, um, people work. So I would propose that we do nine hours -- nine -- I'm sorry, 72 hours. And I'll make that a motion.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. It has died for lack of a second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Now, so we're still with the hours that have been

recommended by the department heads from the Fire and Police, that their furlough days would be different; is that correct?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Only Fire.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Only Fire.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Police is the same as everywhere else.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well --

CITY MANAGER JONES: That was to make everybody the same. You know, that's to make everybody the same. Police, Fire, General, everybody.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Okay. Well, there was quite a detailed explanation by the chief, I think, regarding this. And --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So I'm just going to --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What was that explanation?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- be guided by --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I don't remember.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- the wisdom of this -- we didn't (inaudible) was --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Can I ask him to -- what was that explanation? I don't remember what it was.

CHIEF LeDUC: Peter LeDuc, Fire Chief. I didn't quite understand the question.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What -- what was the explanation for you -- for Fire not being able to do the 72 hours as opposed to the 64?

CHIEF LeDUC: Okay. Yes, I remember and it was a complex answer and there's one - quite a bit of information. There's many factors that go into, um, the -- the -- the minimum staffing was the major factor in maintaining the fire department budget and holding overtime when there's furlough to maintain the minimum staffing.

Uh, in order to maintain minimum staffing, people are out on furlough to get their 96 hours. You have to hold a position, whether it be a driver, captain, division chief -- it's variant amounts of -- of overtime in order to cover that, in order to maintain the level

of staffing.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But -- but -- but what -- what does that have to do with 64 versus 72 hours?

CHIEF LeDUC: Okay. Sixty-four hours does not divide into 24-hour shifts.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

CHIEF LeDUC: And so there's extra time left over that you'll have to take in order -- in the middle of a shift, the middle of the night, middle of the day, in order to get 64 hours, uh, after you deduct, say, 48 hours of --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So 64 hours wouldn't work.

CHIEF LeDUC: It wouldn't work. It just would not work.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Seventy-two hours would work.

CHIEF LeDUC: Seventy-two hours would work.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's what I'm trying to get at.

CHIEF LeDUC: So, 48 hours would also work.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So why does -- do --

CHIEF LeDUC: The -- the 48 hours came from -- because there is so much overtime for furlough in a fire department budget that it's affecting the fire department's budget ability to maintain its overtime line item.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. But you showed me a chart some -- uh, last week from 2008 when there was not a furlough. And your overtime was, like, 4 -- 4 or 500 inside --

CHIEF LeDUC: It was very close to -- very close -- uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Close to what it is right now?

CHIEF LeDUC: In 2000 -- okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And -- I'm sorry?

CHIEF LeDUC: I -- I don't recall that. I believe we were -- we were close to matching our budget in, uh, 2008 without the furlough. Because -- 'cause the furloughs didn't start till 2009/2010.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm talking about your overtime budget. 'Cause you -- you -- don't you have two pots of overtime?

CHIEF LeDUC: No. We have only one overtime.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: One -- one pot? So in 2008, your -- is your overtime close to what it is with the furlough?

CHIEF LeDUC: (No audible response).

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's -- that's my question.

CHIEF LeDUC: I -- I'm trying to recall. And excuse me. I'm trying to recall what I showed you on the thing and I -- I do have, um, my jump drive to -- in order to see --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Would you please show us?

CHIEF LeDUC: -- we can pull up that information.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Please.

CHIEF LeDUC: Can you give me a second so we can -- I can speak on it?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Because if -- if -- if -- if -- you know, I -- I'm just saying that if the overtime was high or just as high with -- without the furlough as it is with the furlough, then something is just not jiving for me.

CHIEF LeDUC: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And if you are saying that, uh, the 72 hours, uh, definitely will decrease your overtime, uh, from the 12-day furlough, you know, to the nine -- you know, to a nine-day furlough, if that's going to decrease, then, you know, possibly I can support it. But, um -- where's 2008? Okay. 2008.

CHIEF LeDUC: It's (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Your overtime was \$436,000. Okay.

CHIEF LeDUC: This was our -- our --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And that was without a furlough.

CHIEF LeDUC: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And you had budgeted 516.

CHIEF LeDUC: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So here we are now at 2000 --

CHIEF LeDUC: If we started -- yes, ma'am. We started furloughs here. Um, as you see, we just exceeded our overtime budget with the first implementation.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHIEF LeDUC: As you recall, we started our furloughs a little bit late in the budget year -- I think in December -- due to some variant reasons. But, um --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And it has continually increased.

CHIEF LeDUC: It's continually increased as we lost --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Lost personnel.

CHIEF LeDUC: -- personnel. Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHIEF LeDUC: And we're maintaining our minimum staffing throughout, um, and we've had extra people be on at Worker's Comp. We have had other similar type issues, family medical leave and those kind of issues. And it -- it's just come to the point, um, that is it's no longer manageable for us to maintain that type of furlough schedule.

The 48 hours would help reduce that overtime amount and get it more manageable than here to the last -- the budget numbers here projected of our actual overtime.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So you're -- so you -- you expect your overtime to decrease?

CHIEF LeDUC: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Go onto the 64 hours?

CHIEF LeDUC: It is anticipated -- that's correct.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Forty-eight.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Forty-eight hours.

CHIEF LeDUC: Forty-eight hours if --

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So that's two -- two shifts?

CHIEF LeDUC: If -- if we -- if -- two shifts. Two 24-hour shifts. If we go -- if we go to 72, um, I either would anticipate that our overtime would remain the same next budget year.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-uh.

CHIEF LeDUC: There'd be --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: How was Police able to -- to handle theirs?

CHIEF LeDUC: I can't -- I can't speak for the police department.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It just doesn't make sense to me. But anyway -- okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any other further comments? Any other further comments?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Thank you, Chief.

CHIEF LeDUC: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. We do have one comment card from Joan Sloser.

JOAN SLOSER: Joan Sloser, 4100 N. Ocean Drive. I'm also a member of the Riviera Beach Library Advisory Board. I'm delighted that you're hoping to find the money to begin Saturday hours again, but there are some grave issues with the library building.

And I would assume similar to things that may be going on in the rest of the municipal complex. And I'm concerned that there may not be enough capital funds in the budget. The library has a terrible water intrusion problem. Some of that has been addressed with the waterproofing of the building. It's not simply a paint job but part of the building was waterproofed.

But the interior has really suffered a lot of damage. And when I toured the -- the whole of the library with Miss Cobb, you can see where shelves are swollen from water and beginning to mold. I mean, there are serious issues. And the air conditioning is a continuing difficult problem. It is no longer reliable.

The library, it is not just the traditional function that we grew up with of borrowing books and doing schoolwork and some research. It is serving this community in amazing ways. Particularly since the state has required now if you are to apply for any sort of assistance, whether it be unemployment or other assistance, you must file online. And people in need cannot afford either to have a computer or have Internet

access. And this is a booming activity in our public library.

And there's just so much that goes on there that truly serves the community. And I just have the feeling that the staff -- a lot of the staff and a lot of the council people may not be aware of how seriously damaged this building has become and how minimal the attention has been. Miss Cobb seems to have had to really work hard to get the right equipment in. I mean, I'm appalled to see regular fans going when carpeting is soaked.

I understand now she's been given a water vac, and it seems that this library staff is operating the water vac when the carpets are soaked. And there just needs to be a little more focus on the capital needs. And I'm not as familiar -- not that familiar with your budgeting. It doesn't look like there's enough capital funds, not just for the library but I'm sure there are similar problems in other buildings in this complex, to really address what's going on. But the library building and facilities are really suffering and I hope that it -- it is being given as much attention as it really deserves.

We have a wonderful librarian and she's really going upstream with this, you know, fighting for it. Thank you for your time.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And thank you so much for being an advocate for the library and just to hear you, you know, give your appeal and for us to be more mindful of what's going on. We really appreciate it. Thank you so much, Miss Sloser. That was the only comment card.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Um, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I totally understand, Mrs. Sloser. My office is wet, too. And, um, there's a lot of capital needs in this City. I mean, through years of not putting forth dollars of, you know -- to take care of things.

And, you know, I think at this point in time we're trying -- we're in a holding pattern trying to get to that point. Um, maybe a couple of years down the road. Um, so I feel your pain. I -- I'm -- I'm in it. So, um, we're working on it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. We still have to, um, vote on the second ordinance that we do have a motion on, I believe?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. And a second. So roll call?

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

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

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Do we have any other comment cards? Miss Jones, would you like to have any comments or anything before we continue?

CITY MANAGER JONES: (No audible response).

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Um, any comments from a council member? Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yeah, Miss Brooks, I have a comment. Um, I'd like to thank my colleagues for supporting keeping the library open on Saturdays. Um, I think you'll find that we will get a lot of children in the library. I shared with you at our last meeting, um, you know, on Saturday mornings I'm in my office working and I've witnessed a lot of kids and also adults going to the library, trying to get in and the library is closed.

The library is the heart of this community and our residents and children shouldn't have to travel to another city to use their library on the weekends. So again, thank you all for supporting that.

The other thing, I did talk to Miss Sloser and, um -- and I said to her, "You know, there's a possibility that really good news is forthcoming regarding capital projects in the City of Riviera Beach." I know. We're all crossing our fingers.

And, um, if it comes to fruition, it's going to take care of all of the problems that we're having right now inside City Hall and around Riviera Beach, around, you know, our complex. So just sit tight and wait.

The last thing, Miss -- this is for the city manager. Um, I think we need to do a better job with utilizing employees that have a certain task that they should be working on. I did go into the library and witnessed, um, librarians and assistants wet-vac-ing the rugs. And --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's a custodian's job.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- we should not have our library staff, you know, playing housemaid. We have -- we have, um, a utility or whatever you call it, Public Works Department. And I would think that either they or the maintenance person that we have in the City should be over there wet-vac-ing. I don't think it's up to the women in the public library to be doing that. So I would appreciate, um, if that happens again, that

you take care of that, please.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Will do.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Will do.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Nothing.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I wanted to introduce --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, there was one --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- Bobby Powell before he leaves. Is he still out there? Has he left already? Please, Mr. -- to be House Representative Powell?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: House Representative Elect.

BOBBY POWELL: State Representative Elect.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: State Representative. State Representative. You know what I mean. Okay. Please. I just wanted you to -- I saw you shaking your head and nodding in agreement about the library. I didn't know if you wanted to make a comment.

BOBBY POWELL: Well -- well, as you know, um, my name is Bobby Powell, Jr. I am the, uh, State Representative Elect for House District 88 and I would like to thank all of you for your support. As of right now I'm still the chair of the Riviera Beach Library Advisory Board, so of course I'm an advocate of the library.

I'd also like to thank Miss Sloser for coming up here and voicing some of the concerns that we've had as a -- a board. And I would like to thank our council members for advocating and looking out for the best interests of our community, because the library is one of the cornerstones of the community.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

BOBBY POWELL: And it's about the education of our youth and, uh, making sure that we lift our -- our youth up to be leaders in the community. So, uh, I'm just thankful to be here tonight.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And we're so pleased to have you here. It's an honor to have you here. And when you're in Tallahassee, I know you'll be looking out for grants

and all that that can help with our -- our library and the -- I know whatever you can do, Mr. Powell, (inaudible) Powell.

BOBBY POWELL: Everything I can do to be an advocate for our entire district.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

BOBBY POWELL: As you know, I'm a native of Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

BOBBY POWELL: So, um, as a homegrown leader, I look forward to working on behalf of the constituents of Riviera Beach and all of the other cities within our district.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

BOBBY POWELL: And the entire state.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

BOBBY POWELL: So thank you very much for allowing me to be here and speak for a few minutes tonight. I'm very appreciative. Thank you, Miss Brooks.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, thank you.

BOBBY POWELL: Chair Brooks and Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Pardo, and to the entire -- and, uh, City Manager Jones. The entire staff, just thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Thank you.

BOBBY POWELL: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Bye-bye. All right. Um, well, I just want to thank all my colleagues for your inputs, for your comments and the -- the staff and everyone who's worked hard for the presentation, and that's it. Move to adjourn.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

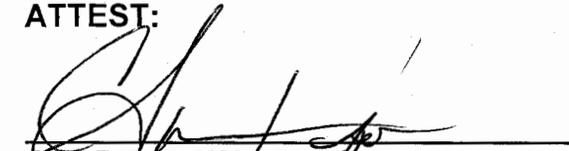
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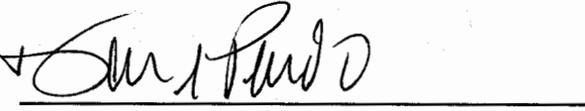
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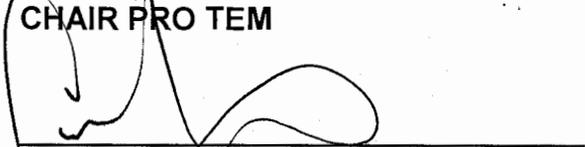

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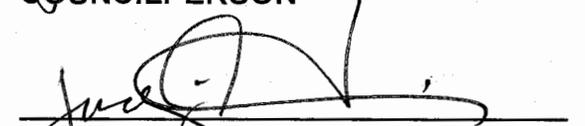

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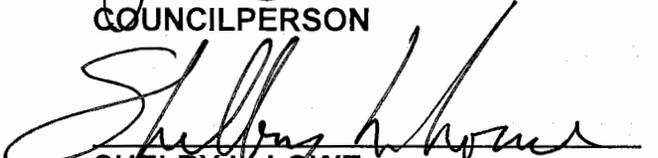
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