

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Officer? Officer, if you would close the door, please? Come to order, please. Officer, would you close the door? Good evening, everyone. Thank you so much for joining us this evening. The meeting will now come to order. I want to ensure that I have everyone's comment cards. Madam Clerk, would you please do roll call?

CITY CLERK WARD: Yes, ma'am. Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Present.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chairperson Billie Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Present.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Present.

CITY CLERK WARD: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

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

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Did you call me? Was I here?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I'm here, as well.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm here, as well.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I'm here, too.

CITY CLERK WARD: Well, you all are left off the agenda. Okay. So the councilpeople that are present, other than what's listed here, and also Assistant City Attorney Stubbs is here. Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I am here.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm here, too.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I'm here.

CITY CLERK WARD: Thank you, Council.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Welcome. I'm glad you're here with us. Okay. Um, all right. We will now stand for our invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Miss Davis. (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Councilperson Davis).

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Do we have any additions or deletions, substitutions?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. Yes, Madam Chair. I would like to remove from consideration tonight Item Number 14 on the regular agenda. We had asked for information as relates to additional coverage on a particular area. We did not receive that information until yesterday, so we will bring this resolution back at our next scheduled meeting and include that additional coverage.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's Item Number 14.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: For deletions and additions.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The additions, under Community Benefit, starting with Item -- with number 25, there are approximately nine Community Benefit Awards recommended by members of Council --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- and the Mayor.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any disclosure by Council on any agenda items? Move for adoption of the agenda.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Roll call, please.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Consent Agenda. All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine, and action will be taken by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a councilperson so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Would anyone like to --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Move consent.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'd like to pull Item 7, please.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Item 7. Okay. So Item 7 will be removed and moved down to the regular agenda item.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Where are you placing it, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Under the regular order of business.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Before number 14?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, ma'am. Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay. I'll second the motion.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. Let's call for the vote, please.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Thank you

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Under Petitions & Communications for Filing.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: None.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: None. Awards & Presentations. And what I'm going to do, um, one of the awards we did not list because it is to be a surprise. So is Reverend Burrs in the --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: He is.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Reverend Burrs, would you please come forward and give your presentation to -- say who you are, who you're representing, and to whom the presentation is to be made.

REVEREND BURRS: Madam Chair, Council, City Manager, City Mayor, Attorney, uh, it's a pleasure to be here this afternoon, and thank you for allowing this to go on the agenda for tonight. We, as the Riviera Beach Task Force, Citizen Task Force of Riviera Beach came together and thought it would be very nice that we would recommend -- or give a presentation, rather, to one of your employees who have done a tremendous job throughout the city and the state and the county, who is the best clerk in the world, uh, Carrie E. Ward, for being selected by the judge as the first -- first City Clerk and the first black to ever be selected to serve on the Palm Beach County's Canvassing Board, and we want to recognize her. We have Mrs. --

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Don't say a word. First of all, I'd like to say that we have some of the best employees in the State of Florida, and I think it's always very -- a lot of times people come with complaints, but I think it's very important to recognize people when they have done a good job. And I go back to the leader of the Citizens Task Force, Emma Bates. I remember when she decided that she wanted to put a proposition on the ballot, and the first thing she said was, "I'm gonna go and meet with the City Clerk," and she called the five persons that were going to be on that board. And she said, "The one thing that I do know is that the first thing out of Mrs. Clerk's mouth is going to be what the law says." But we do know that she is interested in the citizens of this city, and she will never ever do anything other than the best of service to everybody.

And I just want to say that we sometimes know that we have good employees, but it makes it even better when somebody else knows. And when Judge Block, Peter Block - - I think that's the name -- decided that he would appoint three persons, two persons were attorneys, a judge and an attorney, and then he -- whatever -- however he found out that we had the best clerk in the state, that he decided that he would appoint our clerk. And for whatever reason, we can't seem to get the election correct. For whatever reason we continue to have problems. I just hope he doesn't decide to try to make her the County Supervisor of Election.

But anyway, reading from the -- "Congratulations, Carrie Ward, Palm Beach, for being appointed to Palm Beach County Canvassing Board from the City, 2012, Riviera Beach Citizens Task Force." And we just want to let you know we appreciate you for all the years of your work for the citizens of this city, and we will hope that it will be another, what is it, 30 years?

CITY CLERK WARD: Thank you so much.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'll bet she does it.

CITY CLERK WARD: I must -- I must say this, I feel honored. I feel honored from the Riviera Beach Citizens Task Force, from the entire citizens, for you all respecting me in my position as City Clerk, and as Miss Duncombe stated, that outside people respect us and what we do. Out of the 38 municipalities, the judge had -- the judge could have chose someone else, and for him to choose someone in your city, you need to applaud yourself. And it is an honor.

REVEREND BURRS: And again, Madam Chair, thank you all for allowing us to be placed on the agenda. And if we did anything wrong for not doing it, we'd like to know what

procedure that we need to follow next time to get on the agenda. So we thank you for correcting those issues. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. We'll certainly add this to the agenda so your name will be on this meeting. Okay? That will be a surprise addition. Okay. Moving on, Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, thank you. I want to make one comment first --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- as it relates to Miss -- to Miss Ward.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right.

MAYOR MASTERS: I -- I want to not correct Mrs. Ward, but I just want to add something to her statement that the judge could have picked anyone else. No, he couldn't. He had to pick the best, so he picked the best one. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You're welcome, Mayor. And we do have to be mindful, Mayor --

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- we have two times certain items, and at 7 p.m. we will need to pause wherever we are and go forward with that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to present to the City of Riviera Beach the Riviera Beach Golden Years Discount Program for seniors who live in the city, 62 years of age and older. I'm -- I'm kind of taking my time with it, because about a year ago my mother passed and it took me about a year before I could even talk about anything about my mother. But I can do it now, I think.

One of the things that having been her caretaker for three or four years and watching the slow process of death, but in addition to that, being able to be with her and in and out of nursing homes and hospitals, being able to talk to seniors in the nursing homes, and their families, and the hospitals, and just our seniors in the city, I wanted to do something for the seniors that would help ease the financial and economic burdens that often seniors have to choose. I know firsthand, because I was there. They have to choose between medicine, food, rent, shelter, whatever, and they sometimes or most times have to rob Peter to pay Paul.

So in memory of my mother, 98 years of age when she passed, Dr. Isabell Masters, Ph.D. in Education, the Lord blessed me to come forth with this vision, this program to be able to give back to the seniors of Riviera Beach. So Madam Chair, I sought out on a mission, and I was blessed to knock on 100 doors. Got to the 100th door today. We had about 92 this morning. I said, "God, I just -- I need this 100," and we knocked on the 100th door today.

So I'm proud and humble to report to you, Madam Chair, and to the Council and to Riviera Beach that we have 100 businesses in this city who have joined us in this request, and honored the request, and they have pledged to give, on record, anywhere between 10 percent, 15, 20, to 25 percent. And we have one business who said, "Mr. Mayor, I'm gonna go beyond and above the call of duty, and I'm gonna give 50 percent discount on all the accessories in our store." And it's the -- the Boost store down on Blue Heron and Avenue E, I think, or F.

So first, some of the businesses I've asked to come to highlight their businesses for certain -- for certain reasons. We have a business on the island, uh, beauty salon with Margarita. Okay. Would -- would you come? We have the Boost Mobile store. We have a tire manufacturer in our city that I didn't really realize that we had. I don't know whether he's here yet. I don't -- I don't see him, but -- and we also have a young lady that I was very impressed with. She and her husband own four businesses, and all four businesses are in the City of Riviera Beach. I don't know -- oh, she's here. Let's just give these three a hand. They're here.

So we'll start with the last and make her first. Will you tell us about those four businesses in the City of Riviera Beach?

CYNTHIA OZIROS: Thank you. Good afternoon, everyone.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Good afternoon.

CYNTHIA OZIROS: Good afternoon. My name is Cynthia Oziros. I live at 65 W. 24th Street, Riviera Beach. I own Goddess Salon & Spa, which is located at 106 East Blue Heron Boulevard in Riviera Beach. The phone number is 863-4081. My husband and I also own Florida Sunshine Tire located at 1539 Avenue E. There's also a Florida Sunshine Auto Detailing Center and a landscaping business.

We have been here in the City of Riviera Beach pretty much all of our lives. We enjoy being here and I just want to thank the Mayor and thank the City for inviting us to be a part of the Senior Citizens Discount here in Riviera Beach. We are a full service, multi-cultural salon, and we service individuals on both sides of the bridge, so we welcome everyone here to come to our salon and -- salons, okay, not to leave anyone out, but all the other businesses here. We're proud and we thank you and we honor everyone here. Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, also as we knocked on the door to these businesses, we wanted to make sure that we didn't leave any part of the city out, from north to south, east and west. And I have to tell you that there were probably only two businesses who said, not no, but they've got to get corporate approval, this, that, and the other. But 99.9 percent of the businesses said yes. And we knocked on several businesses on the island. I have to tell you that almost every single business on Singer Island is participating, but we want to highlight including Johnny Longboat, and the Two Drunken Goats, and the pizza place, and the bagel place; you name them, they're there, as a part of this global program.

But one program, business that I want to highlight is one of the newer businesses on the island that's doing a good job, and ask Margarita -- I'm trying to learn how to pronounce her name -- to come and share the location, uh, for the islanders who may not - - can't get over on the mainland, but that she's brought a very well-needed business to the island, a couple blocks from where I live. So Margarita, please.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And Mayor, I want -- so they don't need to stay any longer than they have to, we're gonna have to fast forward.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Then we'll go back. We'll come back.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah.

MARGARITA: Good evening, everyone. My name is Margarita and I own the salon on Singer Island. The salon name is Elegance Hair Studio. And I welcome everyone. I'm sorry. I wasn't prepared for this.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good. She's done a great job. You are a hair designer, right?

MARGARITA: Yes, I am.

MAYOR MASTERS: They don't call them cosmetologists in the hair business, I guess.

MARGARITA: Hair dresser, yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hair dresser. Okay. And, um, the Boost guy, about 30 seconds, and then, Madam Chair, uh, then we'll come back and finish. Okay? Thank you. Mr. Boost Guy.

BOOST OWNER: Good evening, everybody. We have the Boost store here on Blue Heron, 113 West Blue Heron. As we all know, I want to -- yes, the senior citizen, always they don't care about Internet and so on, so we offering all senior citizen free phones. You just come in. That's for talk and text, unlimited talk and text. From now through December 31st they can come into our shop and get the free phone. Just pay the first month. So we hope that we can contribute and we hope that we have a mutual relationship. Thank you, everybody, and thank you for inviting me, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll be back to finish.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, you're welcome. Okay, dear. All right. Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll be back.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. All right. Maybe we'll pause for right -- we have to stop right now for our public hearing.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Madam Clerk, number 11?

CITY CLERK WARD: Ordinance on second reading. 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 the corporate limits of the city for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012, and ending September 30th, 2013, fixing the millage rate of 8.9980 mills, therefore providing a severability clause and effective date.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Need a motion, please.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. And, um, any comments from the Board? We do have, let's see, one comment card.

CITY CLERK WARD: He gets 12. This one the next one.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: This one. Okay. David Cross, please?

DAVID CROSS: David Cross, 1030 Sugar Sands. So another year of tinkering with the numbers to make expenditures equal expected revenues. Bouncing on the knife edge again. For two years I have been asking Council to have staff or better still an outside advisory committee do a top to bottom budget review starting from a zero base. I sent Council and Miss Jones a numbers comparison with surrounding municipalities firmly showing Riviera Beach at the bottom of the class. Only one councilmember even had the courtesy to respond.

Okay. Here's a scenario. You are, in essence, the Board of Directors for Riviera Beach, Inc. Your customers, shareholders, the citizens. Somehow over the years your cost to the taxpayers has risen from a modest stipend of \$19,000 each to an astounding figure totaling nearly \$500,000, 75,000 plus dollars each. This far exceeds any comparable city government in our area where car allowances, promotional allowances, travel allowances, training allowances, personal assistants, et cetera, are unheard of.

Riviera Beach is a mere eight square miles with 32,000 citizens. It has some of the best waterfront in the county. It has a low maintenance cash cow, Singer Island. Riviera Beach is in many ways the industrial hub of the county. How do you explain to your shareholders that the tax rate is the highest of any large county city, and by comparison with adjacent municipalities, we have by far the most employees per resident, and the second highest budget dollars per resident? How do you explain to your employees the fact that they have been partially furloughed for three years and have not received a pay raise during that time? In fact, I don't believe there is even a system of regular employee

evaluations. Doesn't it occur to you, Council, that we are somehow on many wrong tracks?

Your efforts to promote socially redeeming projects, turkey giveaways, clean-ups, Christmas gifts, et cetera, are certainly appreciated by the recipients. The efforts of some of you to attract new businesses are completely laudable. I have no problem with all those endeavors, as long as I know that your first priority, job one, is to make our city the best in class. Riviera Beach has all the assets to make it happen. Is Council up to the challenge? Are you justifying the nearly half million dollars you receive for your services? Not exactly chump change. Is your management team up to the challenge?

I hope I can stand here in 12 months and applaud your progress towards putting Riviera Beach on track to be best in class with financial stability and customer service. I want, more than anything, to be proud of my hometown. Thank you for your consideration.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay, Karen.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Karen Hoskins, Interim Finance Director. And for the record, I have to announce the millage rate that you are considering tonight, the millage rate is 8.9980 mills for Fiscal Year '12/'13. The rollback rate is 9.1937 for the City of Riviera Beach. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any further comments from the Board? Okay. Ready for vote, please.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Item Number 12.

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

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Hoskins, do you want to continue?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Then I'll go to the audience for comments.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: The second ordinance is an ordinance on the budget for Fiscal Year '12/'13. This ordinance or public hearing was advertised in Sunday's newspaper, um, Notice of Budget Hearing for tonight at 7:00 p.m., and this is the notice. General fund revenues for Fiscal Year '12/'13 total \$46,346,782. This is a percentage decrease of 1.50 percent. This budget ordinance also includes the changes that you made at the first public hearing, which is a change in the library hours from October 1 through May and, um, hiring two part-time positions to fill that -- that time slot for Saturday.

Personnel costs for Fiscal Year '12/'13 total \$31,324,088, a reduction of 2.02 percent. Operating costs for the general fund total \$10,520,597, a reduction of 1.14 -- a reduction of 1.41 percent, and capital outlay, operating capital, total \$96,626, a reduction of 54.37 percent. CRA TIF, an increase of 5.97 percent. Um, CRA TIF totals \$3,569,830, and transfers total \$835,641, for a total general fund budget for Fiscal Year '12/'13 of \$46,346,782.

New positions, we have various positions that you approved for the new fiscal year. Um, Finance Department, Business License Specialist, full-time temp; library, Program Aide/Cyber-mobile Driver, part-time; Library Assistants, two part-time; City Manager's Office, this was already previously approved from part-time to full-time; Finance, Customer Service Clerk from part-time to full-time; City Clerk, Records Specialist, part-time to a staff assistant full-time temp; Purchasing/I.T., to Purchasing/I.T. Director.

Reclassified positions, Civil Drug Court, you have your Crime Control Analyst current position title to a process server; Fire, a Senior Staff Assistant part-time, moving that to a full-time Senior Staff Assistant; Police, an Office Assistant Senior to a Police Records Section Supervisor; and five Commanders are being reclassified to five Majors.

Now we're moving on to the Enterprise Funds, the Utilities Special District. Total budget for Fiscal Year '12/'13, totals \$16,590,500, a percentage increase of 1.37 percent. Expenditures, total personnel costs for utility district, \$4,378,528. An increase in personnel costs of 4.46 percent. Operating costs, \$9,210,867 for a slight decrease of .32 percent. Operating capital, an increase of \$183,000. And then transfers, debt service to the debt service fund of 2 -- \$2.8 million. New positions added in the Utility District, Assistant

Director of Utilities and a Water Plant Operator Trainee. Eliminated positions which are currently vacant, Engineering Tech Senior and a Customer Service Worker.

Marina, the marina budget for Fiscal Year '12/'13 total \$1,297,125, a reduction of 8.94 percent. Personnel costs, \$564,535, a slight increase of 19.42 percent. Operating costs, \$732,590, a slight increase over current -- uh, current year of 39.31 percent. And no transfers, no debt service payments.

Storm water, the fiscal year budget for Fiscal Year '12/'13 totals \$1,637,233. We have expenditures. We're appropriating fund balance to pay for some capital out of the storm water fund. Personnel costs total 638,969, a slight increase of 5.42 percent. Operating costs, 988,584, a decrease of 12.25 percent. Capital outlay of 3,000,001, an increase of 22.21 percent, for an overall budget increase of, uh, 20.81 percent.

And these are the proposed furlough days for our next fiscal year. What's currently in the budget, 64 hours for all employees with the exception of Fire at 48 hours. And that completes my presentation.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We'll go to the public now for the comments. We have Joan Sloser.

JOAN SLOSER: Joan Sloser, 4100 North Ocean Drive. I'm a member of the Riviera Beach Library Advisory Board, and on behalf of the library board I'd like to say how very pleased we are that money was found in the budget to restore some Saturday hours for the bulk of the school year. This is really a tremendous service to the community. I know many of our council members have been very generous with their own donations to the library, both funds and equipment, and we're very, very -- and time, and we're very thankful for that.

Our overriding concern is still building condition. I know it's an issue in the entire municipal complex. And we have had some waterproofing done. We continue to have very severe issues with the air conditioning. And I just hope from a budget perspective that you're mindful of whether we are just putting bad money after -- more money after bad money. And we really hope that you're being very mindful of the expenses, and the best way that we can keep the physical plant in the best condition possible, because we do have a librarian and a staff there who are just doing terrific work for our community. Again, thank you so much for the Saturday hours.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You're welcome. Thank you for the thank you. Fred Angelo?

FRED ANGELO: Good evening. Fred Angelo, Legislative Vice President, Professional Firefighters & Paramedics, Palm Beach County, 2328 South Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach, 33406. Good evening. Thank you, Council, Madam Chair, Mr. Mayor.

A couple of things. First, I'd like to commend the Council on the library. Having two young children myself, one seven and one nine, I can't tell you how often they're at the library. The enrichment there will only grow the community into the future. Plus I know citizens go there for job search on the Internet now, Monster, and all the other job engines there. Internet schooling has become like one of the largest -- even, like, Florida now has a Florida Internet school spot. Government assistance available there. And did I mention the kids?

So as the Firefighters, we've always supported the library reading programs, not just in Riviera Beach but across the county. One of the things with this year being a slow legislative year, you know, after this November, I'll commit that we'll step up to the plate and we're gonna host a fundraiser somewhere here in the town, and we'll do it solely for the library. You know, the Firefighters will do some sort of chili cook-off or something, and we'll get the community involved. So we'd like to be able to do that type of thing, especially you know, helping there with the library. We've donated some computers through the years and stuff, but I think that would be the best thing we could do.

On the Firefighter stuff for the budget, we're happy to see the furloughs go down. I think that will help overall with the budget, because the overtime has just steadily increased through the Fire -- through the Fire Department, and that's more damaging to the budget than just paying straight hours to the people who should be working.

As far as the response, I'd just like to say capital funds in the budget do not look adequate. I think it was like .24 percent. I know Rescue 4 out at Station 4, uh, was shut down for an extended period of time recently. It looks like some of the apparatus are getting older, so we may want to look at that. Retirements, I know the Chief just put in his retirement, but we also have a couple others retiring, and we should probably look into the SAFER grants, so that we're not paying overtime and we can bring these people in while these grants are still available.

On the Dispatch, I think we've done a great job merging the dispatch around the county for a safer response for everybody. But one of the things here in Riviera Beach we'd like to see as the Firefighters is the automatic aid response, so when we have these calls with multiple shootings, or multiple people hurt in a car wreck on the highway adequate resources are automatically dispatched to respond. We should not ever, no matter what the community is, define somebody's emergency by municipal boundaries or county boundaries or whatsoever. We send our Trauma Hawk to Martin County to help people. There's no reason we shouldn't send neighboring communities ambulances to help people either.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

FRED ANGELO: Thank you so much and thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Ward, Gerald Ward? And following Mr. Ward we'll have Monica Daniels.

GERALD WARD: Good evening. Gerald Ward, 31 West 20th Street. Obviously, the budget has been a little bit reduced in total, but the millage has been maintained the same, and you've just done that. I would suggest that somewhere along the line we still have not gotten to effective budgeting in this town. 1st of October why don't you start something to look at the total budget, because it seems like the process that we've used for decades doesn't involve a whole lot of folks looking at what's being expended.

The City does have probably -- and people get upset when I say we're probably more fiscally sound than any of the other 38. We have a cash balance that -- of various funds that is extremely large, and we've just boosted it up in the last year even more from the CRA perspective. The CRA is a special district underneath you. So it is included in

terms of your overall Council responsibilities. If you look at our debt service element here, we're talking a mere quarter of a million dollars, a little more than that is our total debt service for the city. That's not what the CRA is, by the way.

But the capital funds, if you look at what we've allocated for street improvements, it's very distressing to see a 91 percent decrease in capital for streets. What do most people in the city want? They want a better looking, a better safe street and effective drainage within those streets. Now, later on at the capital budget, I'll say that's the only element of the City that seems to look out five years in advance. But you've got to start looking at the next year's budget next month, and get something done to start a process so that we're picking up a lot of the smaller elements.

Lastly, furloughs. You did finally cut it down 64 hours. Unfortunately, that's probably the biggest personnel problem of this city. More people are doing less because they're upset because once a month in the last three years or so they haven't been paid and haven't had to work on the last Friday of the month. That is not an effective personnel tool.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Mr. Ward. Monica Daniels?

MONICA DANIELS: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Good evening.

MONICA DANIELS: Monica Daniels, City homeowner, city taxpayer, and City employee. I'm gonna ask all of our City employees to please stand. My comment is going to be in reference to City furloughs. I'm asking that Council makes an amendment to the furloughs. We are asking that furlough be uniform across the board. We understand that there are still some unbalanced in the budget. We're fine with that. If furloughs are going to be given to all employees, we're asking that you make it uniform. We do not want one department to have 48 hours and the other departments to have 64. It does not work for all of the other departments.

For example, I do payroll. We have officers on a 12-hour shift, officers on a 10-hour shift, and general employees on 8-hour shifts, so when you say it doesn't go into some of the hours properly, it doesn't go into 64 hours for a 12-hour officer who works 12 hours. They still would have a remaining of four hours to carry over. Our 10-hour officers. Ten hours will not -- (phone ringing) -- please turn off your cell phone. We have employees who work 10 hours. If they do 10 hours on a 64-hour shift, it will not go in evenly.

So again, I'm asking that you reconsider adjusting the furloughs. If you want to give the departments 48, give all of us 48. If you want to give us 64, you give all of us 64. But we're asking that you make it uniform. And that's my comments.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Chuck Lupo is the last person. Chuck Lupo?

CHUCK LUPO: Good evening, Chairperson, Councilpersons, and the Mayor. Chuck Lupo, Firefighters, Paramedics, Riviera Beach, Local 2928. I'm the Executive Vice-President. I've been before you many times, and I'm here, one, maybe to explain when a firefighter takes a furlough, they're taking 24 hours within that same pay period. So it is a

lot different than -- than the other employees. We've asked for that to change, so that's probably why the reduction. Plus, any time you've given a furlough to a firefighter you're more likely are paying the overtime, which was shown in the arbitration that we had with you.

We realize you have the right to continue with the furloughs, but if you look at that document, it clearly said within that document that you have a financial responsibility, fiduciary responsibility to do the correct thing, and by paying overtime to give a person a day off is not that. So we're asking you to -- to remove the furloughs, even though you've reduced them, and we understand why, because it's costing you additional money to pay the overtime.

And, uh, we have a couple concerns. I noticed during -- during the budget information that almost every area within the City has increased as far as their increase in their budgets. But the Fire Department actually has taken a reduction, another \$60,000 on top of everything they've taken over the years. We have a deep concern about the capital improvement and capital outlay, because your apparatus is old. The longer that they go without the proper service, the more likelihood they are to fail. You do not want a fire apparatus, whether it's a paramedic vehicle taking a patient to the hospital to break down and then have to call another one, if you're lucky enough to get another one, or a fire apparatus to fail on you while you're on the scene of a fire, and to add to it, have somebody dropped in that fire and have that apparatus fail. Look around you. There's been plenty of cities that have had that happen because they made cuts in the capital outlay and capital improvements, and it's caught them where they -- and put them in a real bad position.

The other thing you might want to be concerned about, West Palm just got a SAFER grant for six firefighters. I don't know why the City of Riviera Beach isn't applying for them every single year. We brought the information to you guys. We've given it to you, and -- and it's not being used. You're missing the boat on that. Not only that, as every department in Palm Beach County, including Palm Beach County, will be hiring in the next 12 months, your -- your attrition rate is gonna increase.

You already have two firefighters leaving within the next month to go to other locations. You're already down three. You're down a fire chief from what we heard tonight. You're down a division chief, possibly a second one, within the next 30 days due to retirement. You're putting yourselves in a real bad position. You really need to take a deep look at it. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I just want to ask a question. You mentioned something about -- about a grant?

CHUCK LUPO: Yes, ma'am, the SAFER grant. And actually, now's the time to apply, because depending on the elections in November, those may go away. So if you don't get them now, you won't ever get them. And you're in a position of all these layoffs, the furloughs count as a layoff, you can use that to actually get those positions. And all the restrictions that were there before, where you had to have the funding to carry them the second and the -- the third through the fifth year, that's all been lifted. So I would contact West Palm and find out what they did to get the six.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Just one minute. You want to talk to Mr. Lupo? I want to ask Miss Daniels something.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Mr. Lupo?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You say you brought this to us in terms of a grant that you knew about in --

CHUCK LUPO: I came before you all probably two years ago, three years ago, when the furloughs actually started.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHUCK LUPO: And suggested that you look into that. I know I've talked to it with Mrs. Jones and several of the -- of the -- of you on the Council. We sent e-mails with the link, on how --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHUCK LUPO: -- to apply and the --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I gotcha.

CHUCK LUPO: -- response back -- if I may, the response back was in prior years you had to have the funding available to fund the positions, and you were afraid to apply for that because it restricts you in what you can do as far as layoffs and -- and furloughs.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. I -- I understand that. Understand that. And what year did they lift those -- those concerns that we've had?

CHUCK LUPO: I want to say within the last -- the last rotation the whole process changed. It was more of a stimulus to get people back to work.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I'd like for Miss Daniels to come back up.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Was that all the comment cards, Madam Chair? I just want to make sure for --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's -- that's it, yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: No, we put in a comment card. We put in two.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh.

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: From the union.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: What is your name, sir?

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: Alphonso Mayfield. And Joey Brenner, also the chief negotiator, put in a card.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: See -- see if you can find his card. We'll allow you to speak. I just don't see your card. That's no problem.

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: But I wanted to ask Miss Daniels something, because you mentioned about some of the employees that have 10-hour shifts?

MONICA DANIELS: Yes. We have officers, for example, that work 12-hour shifts. Some of our K-9s work 10-hour shifts. And then we have other employees such as commo and general that work 8-hour shifts. So we have a variety of shifts. And if you put a 12-hour officer or a 10-hour officer, for example, on a 64 that was proposed, what happens to the remaining four hours when they have to come and make that up? Somebody has to cover the remainder of that shift, which also creates overtime.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So -- because I really want to understand this. I know you feel like you're not being treated fairly in this. That's what I'm hearing from you.

MONICA DANIELS: We want uniformity.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uniformity, yes.

MONICA DANIELS: Make it consistent across the board.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So I need -- oh, let me finish up with Miss Daniels. Are you together?

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

MONICA DANIELS: General employees are part of the SEI Union, as well.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. How does what happened with the fire people then differ with the employees that she's describing here in terms of how we're looking at this?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Let me just ask a question. I don't know who this -- who these gentlemen are, but it isn't appropriate for you just to walk up like that. That's the first thing. Secondly, we need to hear from somebody from the City to help us understand this, not individuals that we don't know. And that's no disrespect.

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: Let me say this.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Excuse me.

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: As my --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Excuse me, sir. Excuse me, sir.

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: As my members stand, I will stand with my members.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Excuse me, sir. Excuse me.

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: And I have a right to do so.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Sir, what you don't have to right to do is just walk up in our meeting. We're not gonna have that.

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: Actually, you don't determine that. That's A.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Actually, I do.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: No, the Board does.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: And -- and I put in a card.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: As a member of the Board. Well, you don't have a card right now. I was not speaking to you.

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: I did put in a card.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Let's -- let's call -- let's come to order, please. Let's -- let's just come to order, please. Please.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's fine. I still want to hear from a City employee, not this gentleman.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. We want to hear from the City employee. We're trying to get an understanding from the City employee. We're trying to communicate.

MONICA DANIELS: You asked the question regarding to Fire?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, I heard you mention that there are some staff people --

MONICA DANIELS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- who, like, our Fire people are on a -- you said 12-hour schedule?

MONICA DANIELS: 12-hour, 10-hour, and 8-hour. We have a variety of shifts. So when you say, um, to put the other employees on a 64-hour furlough, if you take a 10-hour office -- you know, an officer who works 10 hours, and you have them do their 64 hours, they will have a remainder of four hours where they'll have to come -- come in for that 6 hours and then leave the four hours to carry the furlough. To make it complete somebody would have to cover the remainder of their shift, which will create overtime.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: What -- what had been presented that kind of helped me look at the situation with the Fire people was the amount of overtime in dollars. So it appeared that the furlough was really detrimental to the budget for firefighters, and that was the reason that we had looked at, you know, the difference here in the furloughs. Um, and I'm just offering my comment. I don't wanna --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- Madam Chair, I -- I wasn't here --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Are you gonna finish the public comments first?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I'm sorry?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Are you gonna finish with public comments?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I -- okay. Well, we'll do that.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I asked for the floor about five minutes ago.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right, Mr. Lowe. Okay. Go ahead on. Go ahead on.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: My statement is to the -- to the furlough, in itself. Now, three, four years ago, that's when the issue came about with furlough, and we were trying to save people's lives and save people's jobs, and that was our only concern was trying to make sure that we spread -- spread out the liability, so that, you know, we wouldn't have to take it out on individuals. Because I had several people coming up to me, "Mr. Lowe, what about my job?" and -- and I'd tell them, "Okay. We're doing the best we can so that we can spread this out amongst everybody." And I strongly believe, you know, we're together, and I believe in uniformity. Let me say that right off the bat. But we did the furlough to save people's jobs.

MONICA DANIELS: We're not against the furlough.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Hold on. I'm talking.

MONICA DANIELS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: That was the premise behind it, and now three years -- you advance that three years ahead, and now we look like the enemy. We can -- we can get rid of furloughs. Okay? We can do that right now tonight and say nobody's getting any furloughs. Find us the difference -- because we've already set the millage rate. Find us the difference in the budget, talk to your fellow employees and say, Which one of you is willing to leave so that, you know, I can get my full compliment of hours? Because I have to -- and we all have to deal with that type of issue.

MONICA DANIELS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And that's exactly what we're facing. The outlook, the future outlook, in my opinion, you know, when FP&L comes online, which is -- we're looking at 2015 or so. You know, we had planned, or anticipated eliminating furlough altogether, but right now nothing has changed. Nothing has changed between now and three years ago, other than, you know, property values are going up a little bit. They're -- we're starting to realize an upward trend. But as it relates to revenue for the City, it's went down steadily for the last four years, but we've made do. We laid -- we haven't laid maybe more than two people off at the City, and that -- uh, compared to any other municipality, I think, you know, that's -- that's -- that's good, and that shows a sensitivity to both issues, meaning the employees and to the -- the citizens, and the taxpayers.

Now, I have a taxpayer coming up here saying that, you know, we're footing all the bill. We should zero base the budget and start from -- from the beginning and determine who we need and who we don't need and bring the costs down. Right here, y'all gave him an applause. But that's the general sentiment of the taxpayers. They're -- they're thinking that we're paying too much for employees. And then you have public service -- public safety, it's 70 percent of the budget. 70 percent. Nobody wants to take the hit. We're just trying to stop the bleeding so we can get to better times.

But I -- you know, what I don't appreciate is this hostile attitude towards, you know, the Council that, you know, we're not doing enough. We're doing the best we can so that everybody eats. I -- at least I think so. But when it -- I admit it that, hey, we need

uniformity, and that's about the only thing. But if we had the money in the budget today to eliminate furloughs, I'd be for it 100 percent. And if you can't show me the money, then what am -- what are we to do?

I rely on the Finance Department and the City Manager to present a budget every year and I can't personally look and see what part of the furlough is working, the numbers, the intricacies, who -- you know, if I pay this one for 10 hours, how -- I don't know. I can't figure all of that out, 'cause I don't get paid to do that, and I don't get paid to sit in the Chief's office, or the Chief of Police office, or Public Works Office and monitor everybody's time and see who's worthy of being here and what's worthy of being done. I just don't. I have to rely on the staff. And what they're telling us is, Hey, this is what we can do, and this is what we can't do. And it's -- and it's just as simple as that. It's just that plain.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

MONICA DANIELS: Um, just to reiterate, it's not -- we're not coming hostile, at least I'm not coming hostile towards the Council. We appreciate everything, but I'm also a taxpayer, so I understand it from both sides. What we were trying to establish is that we just want it to be uniform. We understand that we still have to take furloughs. We didn't dispute that. We just want it to be uniformed.

One department -- we'll mention Fire -- states that, yes, they have to do overtime on a 24-hour shift. 12-hour officers, that's still overtime. Overtime is still overtime, whether it's 24 or 12, 10; whatever the number, overtime is still overtime at time and a half. So at some point, like you mentioned FP&L is supposed to be bringing in some revenue into the City. You mentioned 2015. I believe I read an article that mentioned 2014. That's a monopoly where you're going to definitely get paid, because they're the only electrical company we have to deal with. So revenue will be brought into the city, but that's a proposed budget for the upcoming year.

We just want uniformity. If we have to take furlough, make it even across the board. That's our plea. It's not out of disrespect. We just want it equal. We just stood up and said, "I pledge allegiance to the flag." At the end of that we said, "justice for all." Is it justice for all if you give one department a minor number and another department a major number? That's not equal justice. That's my point.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And I would agree with that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Thank you. Mr. -- Mr. --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Let me see --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I have a couple questions. The first -- the first thing is --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Mr. -- Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The -- the first thing is -- and you know, this is unfair to this process. There are other unions that want to be standing up there doing this, and it's not fair. Everybody had to fill out a comment card. Miss Daniels is a resident. We don't have an issue with Miss Daniels. She's also an employee, but she did the proper thing. She filled out a card. We listened to her. But it's not fair to deal with this in this manner. I have several questions. As everyone knows, I wasn't --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I think we're -- they got -- let me say this. The cards that you filled out would have come under public comment. If you want to speak to an item, then you must list --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And that's what we're listening to.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- the item number, and that is why we didn't have your cards, gentlemen, because you would now come under the public comment time, which begins at 8:00.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I don't have --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I don't have all the --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I was asking questions, since I wasn't here at the last meeting, exactly on understanding the hours, so --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mr. -- Mr. -- excuse me, Mr. Thomas. If people have a public comment card on this item, and it -- and regardless of whether they filled it out wrong or not, are we saying that we're not going to allow them to speak?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I never said that. I'm just saying --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm just asking.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I asked were the --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm just asking.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I asked were the -- all the comment cards done. The chair said they were, so that's when I started my questioning.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And maybe they filled out the card, you know, wrong. It was a mistake. Are you not gonna allow them to speak?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We're not trying to make it an issue.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm just asking.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I was explaining to the gentlemen why their cards were not called, because --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I just asked the question.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- of the way that they completed them, and it reads on here how you do the card.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So are we gonna go -- get through public comment then?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: They will -- well, it's pretty near time now for it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I mean, uh, on this item.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's fine. If this is the consensus of the Board, it's fine with me. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I'm -- I'm --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: (Inaudible) the Board.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That -- that's all fine. I -- it's up to you if you wanted to do that. I still have questions on the hours.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, let me say this, this is a public hearing.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: This is a public comment.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And the public has a right to speak.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: That's right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: They're saying that they -- if they fill it out in error, this is a public meeting. The public can speak. You will speak. Has Miss Daniels completed her -

MONICA DANIELS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Sir, um, Alphonso Mayfield?

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right, sir. Speak.

ALPHONSO MAYFIELD: Okay. Let me start from this place. So let's start over. Okay? Let's just do a clearing. A few years ago when the furlough days were first brought up, the thing that was said to our members and the thing that was said to the City employees was this, This is an unprecedented financial crisis and we are all in this together. That was said to us countless times. And you know what we said? We said, Okay. We said, We understand. And we stood with the rest of the City with enacting furlough days, even though 70 percent of our members live in Riviera Beach, and they're the lowest paid employees and they contribute directly to the economy of the City. We did that. We didn't complain. People hurt as a result of it. But you did what you had to do, because we didn't have layoffs. We understand that.

What we're saying is that we have come those three years. Has the budget completely returned to where it was? Of course not. We're not saying that. But I have, this man has, on countless occasions said, We are going to offer alternatives and ways to save money, and we have been rejected each time. Why? Not because it's not a good idea, but because it came from us. That's A.

B, when we were all in it together, when this started, and where it -- if we're all in it together now, why shouldn't there be the same sense of unity in how the furlough days are being meted out? There's a disproportionate impact to people who directly contribute to the economy of this city. We understand that. We believe that if you could overnight say the furlough days will be gone, I'd believe you. But what I'm saying is this: If you, for the sake of morale, for the sake of protecting the services that people from the community say they want to protect because our people deliver them, for the efficacy of what you stand here as a commission -- and I believe that you're doing your best. But what I'm saying is this: There are several different options in doing this.

We talked about them. We asked about them. We didn't get information. We gave information. We asked for input. We gave input. If we're all in this together, and we're supposed to stand together and find a solution, that should be not just when it's convenient as it relates to numbers on a balance sheet. It should be in finding the solution in how people are treated. Period, point-blank. That's all that I'm saying.

We live in a democracy. We live in a democratic republic. People will disagree. People will have alternative solutions. People will push back when things are unfair. You have said to me individually that you -- that you want your workers to feel like that they have a voice. That's not just when it's convenient. That's not just when they have something going to say. Now, I have faith we can find a resolution, and that -- but the only thing I'm asking for is fairness.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, sir. All right, sir. Your name, address.

JOSEPH BRENNER: Hi. Joseph Brenner, SEIU negotiator, 2012 South Congress, Suite 205, West Palm Beach, Florida. I would love to have a response to -- I'm sorry. I'll be a little lower on this. But I'd love to have a response to Councilperson Lowe regarding he wants us, the union to come out and say, Where can we save money? What are the solutions?

The union has requested in the past three months at least three times for budget documents pertaining to the city budget so that we can, with our membership, who do deliver these front line services, who are in the field every day, and who know how much a piece of equipment costs, who know how much man-hours it takes to fix something. We've repeatedly been stonewalled in every attempt we've had to get any kind of comprehensive budget documents from the City. Obviously, the Council might not know that. I would love to come out here and say, We know \$300,000 could be saved just like this. You would love to have those solutions. I would love to have them here with you, as well.

Um, as I'll -- as I'll say here, as Mr. Mayfield reiterated, overwhelmingly our membership here lives within the City of Riviera Beach. These are the folks who use all of our services. These are the folks who come to work every day despite getting more furlough days -- and I think you know this -- more furlough days than any other public employee in the State of Florida.

We commend that you are -- you're doing the best that you can, or you say that you're doing the best that you can. We -- we believe you on some fronts. But when we repeatedly ask for information to help be part of the solution, and we're stonewalled, and we're told that it has to go through Legal -- I -- I ask for budget documents from various municipalities, counties, school boards across the State of Florida. This is one of the most difficult ones to come by information.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: She wants to respond. Miss Karen.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: State law says that we have to put the budget on the City's website. The budget for the last five, six years is on the City's website. The tentative budget has been posted on the City's website, so I'm not sure what he's talking about.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Workshop documents.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam -- Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Yes, Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'm -- I still need to understand the -- the answers. And if it's okay with you, they can have a seat now. They have spoken and --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. Thank you so much for your comments.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- they can have a seat.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I've never even spoken to any of these gentlemen. I don't know who they are. No one's ever contacted my office saying that they were having a problem getting any documents or anything. So I don't -- I don't know. I don't appreciate his disrespect, but they're residents and they're employees, so I'm going to ask my questions, so I can help out all of our employees, not taking into consideration anything that -- that he actually said.

The hours -- I was not here on last meeting, and I -- I knew that I wasn't going to be here. Everybody knew that I wasn't going to be here. But I didn't quite understand the hours that were decided upon, so that is the reasoning for my questioning tonight in terms of it was decided on -- or it was voted on last week -- and I just need to make sure I'm confirmed -- that the general and, well, all employees with the exception of Fire would take 48?

CITY MANAGER JONES: 64.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: 64. Okay. And the Fire will take 48.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: 48.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So this is -- I need to understand it this way. Do all employees, Fire included, take what is it, 70 -- no, 96 hours a year. Is -- is --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Currently.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Currently.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Currently.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So every employee takes 96 hours a year. That's Fire included.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. To me, I don't understand why they can't be -- if -- I understand that 48 can't be divisible for the Fires because of the 24-hour shift. But if 72 hours work across the Board, which to me would cut it in half, will -- will cut it in half, why not do -- why not do the 72 hours? What is the reasoning for not doing 72 hours across the Board for every employee?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I need somebody from Finance or somebody to -- to answer my question, so I know.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Finance. Finance can answer that. Okay. Point of order, please, please, please.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Right. The -- when we met with the Fire Chief, he explained that working the 96 hours cost him more in overtime, and he said that he would be able to cut \$75,000 from his overtime budget if we reduced the Fire furlough to 48 hours, so we actually reduced the Fire overtime by \$75,000.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: They can work the 72 hours. It will work.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But 72 hours will work for all employees, correct?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So why is it -- because when you do it this way, it seems like you're trying to be unfair, so why do we not have 72 hours across the board? It gives everybody an equal amount of time. If I -- if that's not the -- the correct statement, then help me understand what I'm missing.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Jones, do you want to help?

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's a correct statement. 72 hours across the board means that everyone takes the exact number of furlough hours within the City.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Do we have -- is the budget balanced, or would the budget stay balanced by doing 72 hours across the board for every employee?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It would be an additional --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yes. We will -- we are balanced currently at 64 and 48 hours.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: So if you do 72, it would be additional savings to the City.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's \$95,000.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Let me -- let me get this straight. Let me get this straight. 72 hours reduction, correct? Can we -- for everybody but Fire, can you explain it to me in days, as long as I know everybody gets the same amount of hours, whether it's eight or 24 or 12, however they work. At the end of the day, everybody has a reduction of 96 hours.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It takes -- takes it to nine days.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It takes it to --

CITY MANAGER JONES: It goes from 12 days to nine days.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But that's -- that's just for general. It would be three shifts.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But, no, it --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Let him finish please.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. Let me --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: One person at a time.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Let me -- let me just get the understanding, 'cause I -- I done missed it. Say that one more time, Miss Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: If you go to 72 hours, you're going from 12 days to nine days.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Now, if we go to 72 hours, what would that take Fire to?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Fire.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: So they're on a 24 hour shift.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Three shifts.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: So 72 divided by 24, it would take them approximately --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's three shifts. Three shifts.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Three shifts.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- three shifts.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Three shifts, what would make it three days.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Three -- three -- three work (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Hold on.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: It would make it 72 hours.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Make it 72.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yeah. Three shifts.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Three shifts.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Three shifts.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So three days is three days. Okay. Fine.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The overtime issue that's happening --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) hours is 40 -- 72 hours.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I need to -- I need to -- I need to understand this. The overtime that's occurring, what -- the -- the Fire Chief, what -- the Fire Chief.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: He's gone. He left.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: He left.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. The --

CITY MANAGER JONES: And the -- the Deputy that was backing him up is not here.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So it seems -- you know, the -- this is sad.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. But --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's -- it's not --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But we do have documents.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We have the documents here that --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. We can answer your questions.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I -- I -- I do, and -- and that needs to be addressed. However, how does this affect -- if it's fair across the board, that's where I'm first and foremost concerned with. The second thing I'm concerned with is, what does it do to the overtime? What does it do to the overtime? How -- how -- how does it -- how does it affect the overtime?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: You're talking for Fire.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: If we went from 96 to 72 hours?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: And we've cut it to 75, so I would say we would probably have to add back probably -- probably about 50, 50,000. Probably about \$50,000 back to the budget to cover for their overtime if they are -- they're replacing people when -- when they're doing the furlough. So on a furlough day, if they have to call someone in, they have to work overtime. So I'm assuming that we would have to add back approximately \$50,000 to cover that overtime cost.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So why doesn't it affect the overtime of the other departments?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: It does.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It does.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: It does.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And how -- how does it -- how does it affect the -- the overtime with the other -- the other set-ups?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: They -- they handle the -- handle it within their overtime budget, and they are -- they're allowed to -- they're -- they're not working with as many hours. 24, that's a lot of hours for one person. They're -- you know, they have eight hours they -- that -- that they have to cover. So eight hours is not as much as

24, so that's all I can say. They're switching people around. They're rotating schedules. Um --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, let me -- let me just ask this.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: It -- it -- okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: There's overtime in -- in the other departments, as well.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So this is -- this is my issue. This is my issue, and maybe this will help me understand it clearly. If we gonna spend the money in overtime, how are we saving for the furloughs?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: The furloughs save \$991,000.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: For the entire City.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: So our overtime is not impacted by that -- that huge dollar amount. No, it's not. So \$991,000, if you say, Do away with furlough, that's how much money we would have to come up with. Our current overtime budget is a million-one for the entire City.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So get rid of overtime.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Break it up. (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, manage it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: A million-one for the entire City.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: For the entire City.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And -- and getting rid of furloughs totally will put us at a little over 200,000 for overtime.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: No, I'm not saying it to say that. I'm saying it to say that if you get rid of furlough, then you would have to look for \$991,000 to balance the budget. The impact of furlough does not total 1,000,001. It would be probably anywhere between 20 to 30 percent of that, but I wouldn't say it's the total million. It's not the total million dollars

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, people feel, it's clearly evident, that it's not fair, and if an unfair decision has to be made, we need to understand why. Other than

that, I don't understand making an unfair decision. Why? Why are we -- why are we saying -- why are we doing 48 for one and 64 for another when we can make it even across the board? I -- I haven't heard that answer yet. Why? Why are we doing it? What is the -- what is the impact of that. Why are we doing one for the other and -- and not -- why?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, the answer was to --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yeah, and that's a policy --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- save on overtime.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- policy decision that Miss Jones would have to answer.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Miss --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: That was voted on, right, last week?

CITY MANAGER JONES: It was voted on.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Right, right.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So ask your colleagues why.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I'm -- I'm -- I'm asking my colleagues. I was not here to take a -- to take part in that vote. Why is it done? Why? Somebody help me understand why it's -- why are we doing it? What is the explanation for it?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss -- Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: The reason that was given was that it would -- it cost too much in overtime for the Fire Department. That's the reason that was given. And if I may -- if I may, you know, we look -- we -- in our Fire Department we have -- we have Kelly Days, we have Good Calls Days, we've got -- you know, and when you're looking at a 24-hour operation, if somebody does call out, you know, and, you know, I firmly believe -- I was told this by a firefighter -- that you know, some of this is manipulative, okay, and it's not just Riviera Beach. It's pretty much all fire departments.

So you know, if I -- I feel that if every other department -- if we give the directive for every other department to manage their overtime budget, and they do so -- everybody except Fire seems to be able to do that. Now, I wrote down quite a bit of stuff here, and --

and I'm gonna say it before the night's over, but I'll -- if you've got more questions, you go ahead and finish up.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I -- I just wanna know what the -- what the tone of the meeting was, why -- why the -- why are we doing that? We all know that the overtime -- I thought we were doing --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- furloughs for the --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- public safety was because we wanted to keep it uniform across the board to start. We knew that --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You were asking a question and the selling point to us, now, we're listening to the presentation at the last meeting. When he showed from his figures the amount of overtime that resulted from the furloughs, it was a selling point that, well, we need to look at that department's situation a little bit differently, because if we made it an even 72 hours for everyone, there would still be a lot of cost over into furloughs.

We were looking at the bottom line to this. What is going to be the cost? And I believe that's what you're struggling with here now, because you're getting answers here and answers there, and I believe we all want to know what would be the bottom line here to have to increase the budget if we were to make the firemen have the same number of furloughs? Did you say \$50,000 more is what we would need to find?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: No --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Or what?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- it's 80 -- approximately \$85,000.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So it's \$85,000.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Is that to --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Miss Brooks?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- reduce everybody for it (Inaudible)?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss Brooks, let me make sure I hear you correctly.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Wait a minute.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I'm -- I'm searching for --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You said to --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- the answers here.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: What was your question again? Repeat your question?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Make sure I heard you correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We're saying to make this equitable, so that everyone would have the 72 hours --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Back up -- bring Fire back up to the 72 hours.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Correct.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: How much more money would we need to do that?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: About \$60,000.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: What kind of impact now?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: No, you wouldn't need (Inaudible).

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: We would have a savings.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We would have a savings.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: That that's (Inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So we're gonna have a savings.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Right. Approximately \$12,000.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: We'd have a \$95,000 savings.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So wait a minute. Let me -- let me -- let me -- let me -- let me understand --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: What about overtime?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Let me understand. So you're saying if --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: 'Cause if we're talking about the overtime; that if --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- if -- if we make it even, we're gonna have a savings?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: You're -- you're increasing from 48 --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: See, this is what getting everybody confused.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- to 72 hours.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I can't hear you. Can -- can you please maybe speak --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: You're increasing the number of furlough days from 48 hours, or hours from 48 to 72. So that's additional savings.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: That's additional hours that they are not working, they're not getting paid for.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: But then you're saying that --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- given that situation, that scenario --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- but then you added in that the anticipated, uh, overtime would end up with a loss instead of a savings?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Over time it would have to be --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Because if it's gonna be a savings, then we don't have a problem here.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Just on furlough. Now, your overtime would probably have to be increased, because we based it on 48 hours. He said that if we reduced his furlough to 48 hours, then we could cut \$75,000. So now we're increasing his furlough hours to 72, so we probably would have to approximately increase his budget by 30,000, \$30,000, 30 -- \$37,904.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Or --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So that's two shifts that they would have to do.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So that would be just two shifts.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Only two shifts. I mean, one -- one shift, 24-hour shift.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So then why don't we just go ahead --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You're still saving --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- and take the 72 for everybody, then.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, wait a minute. What is -- wait a minute.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Overall.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I just want to make sure I'm clear on this, because when we were at 96 hours the Chief came in here and showed us numbers --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- that were clearly showing that the furloughs weren't working. Okay? So then we decided at our last meeting to go down to 48 hours. One thing we all need to remember, unlike other departments, you know, public safety is different, especially with the Fire. We're supposed to maintain. Aren't we mandated to maintain a certain level of service? All right? So I think we need to remember that. You have to maintain a certain level of service, and you know, you're really -- you really don't know. You're saying right now that overtime could be \$30,000.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: More.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But like the Chief showed us, you know, he was estimating a certain amount and it went up. It went up a couple -- what was it, like, 20, 30, \$40,000? You know? So I think we need to remember that. The number that you're telling us is a pure estimate number.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You know, I'm -- I think here -- here it is, 48 hours of furlough for Fire, 64 hours of furlough for everybody else. And I think Fire makes pretty much -- they're in one of the highest paid departments in our city. Um, and they're important, yeah, to our city and to the residents, but you know, the rest of our employees are just as important. And the notion of balancing this budget on the backs of the least paid people in this city, the people who live here in this city, is just appalling to me. And I'll tell you something. The SEIU didn't support me, so it's not about me owing them anything. It's just about the fairness.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And for -- for some to say that this is not a -- an increase in take-home pay for the Fire Department is just not correct, because it is a 48 hour increase over 12 months in their take-home pay. Okay? And you know, there are other ways that we can -- can look at this as to how it can be done. There were 17 positions that were not filled this fiscal year, and I think the amount not spent in that was about 1,000,001. Okay? And also, you have one person in Fire who's gonna be leaving the end of October.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's gonna take some time for that position to be filled, so there is some savings in attrition right there. So you know, you know, you -- you think about it. Your maintenance personnel, your secretaries, your clerks, your police, these are the people on the front line. And I'll tell you, we -- we secretaries at the school board once had -- you know, we had a saying. You know, we could shut down the whole school district if we wanted to, you know.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Go back -- go back to those ideas that you had for --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, let me -- let me -- let me --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- savings.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Let me finish.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Go back to the ideas that you had for savings 'cause those --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Let me finish what I have to say --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- Miss Brooks. Now, I raised this issue of 72 hours at the last meeting and I was out-voted. And I understand that it takes three votes to -- to -- you know, for this to pass, but if we don't approve 72 hours for everyone, then you know, there's also the old saying, if you can't beat them, join them. Then we need to get to 48 hours for everybody. And for 48 hours for everybody, it would cost an additional \$170,000.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Um, Mr. Lowe and then, I'm sorry, Miss -- Miss, um, Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I can commend Miss Davis for her latter statement in terms of 48 for all and we have a problem with overtime.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Now, if we have to -- if we have to -- if we have to take it out of overtime, overtime is something that we budget as a contingency matter. You know?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: 48.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: But if we decide to do everybody with 48, we can drop the overtime budget throughout the city, and which we need to do and start monitoring it better and more closely. And I'd be amenable to doing something of that nature in terms of giving everybody 48 and reducing the overtime budgets for all departments to cover up the difference.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And -- and that could be taken out of fund balance, out of that -- that \$1.1 million that we'll save from not filling those 17 positions.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I want to hear Miss Jones respond to that. Okay. Miss Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Let me take the two scenarios of being consistent across the board. If everyone takes 72 hours, which is divisible by 24 --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And 12, and 8.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And 12 and 8, you would net probably a savings of about \$30,000. If you go to 48, Miss Davis has suggested that you go into fund balance and get \$134,000.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And the balance in fund -- in our fund account is what right now?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Approximately 3.5 million.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And it has been reduced from 6 down to about 3 now. Okay.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Our policy is, um, we should have at least three months of --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Right

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- operating -- monthly operating budget set aside, but we're below our policy level by about, um, \$4 million.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And a hundred -- and -- and a 53,000 -- \$53 million budget, \$170,000 from fund balance is peanuts. And I mean -- and we've taken from fund balance for lesser things, so, you know, I'm not supporting anything unless it's equal, period.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so therefore we have the two options. It's either 72 or 48.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Let me -- let me ask a question, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I believe --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, um --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- I was next.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- Miss -- Miss Pardo was neck.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I believe I was next. First of all, to, you know, even consider going into fund balance I believe is fiscally irresponsible [sic] and I believe a couple of years ago we all made the commitment that we wouldn't touch fund balance. If anything, we were going to try to grow it. And I know a couple of months ago -- I wasn't part of the vote -- but you went into fund balance for Jazz After Dark.

One thing I -- you know, someone made a comment, the same comment that was made two weeks ago about Fire, that if we decreased their furlough days they were getting an increase in pay. And you know what? It's not true. And that's basically, if we increase -- if we decrease the furloughs for the other employees, they would be getting a raise. No

one is getting a raise. If anything, what we're trying to do is, you know, by reducing the furloughs we're trying to bring everyone back to the level that they were at three years ago. No one is getting a raise.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I never said raise.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: At least not over -- yeah, you did.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I didn't. I said an increase in take-home pay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No -- no one here is getting a raise. In other agencies in the city, but not here in City Hall. So I just want to make that clear. And lastly, again, I would ask my colleagues to remember the presentation that the Chief made to us, where he, who was in charge of the -- of the Fire Department, you know, asked us to reduce it to 48 hours because of the overtime, and it was purely the cost of the overtime.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair? I had --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh, Miss -- Miss --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- a conversation with Chief LeDuc --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- Karen wanted to respond to something. Miss Hoskins, did you want to respond to --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Not necessarily respond, but just to make a statement to -- you know, we balanced this budget using the police pension overpayment that we --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- had made of \$1.1 million.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: So -- and we're hoping that the housing market will continue to turn around and our property taxes, you know, increase. So basically, for Fiscal Year '13/'14, when we are looking into the budget, start balancing the budget, we're starting off with 1.1 in the hole. So just to keep that in the back of your minds when you -- while you're debating this.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And that is a very good point, because had it not been for that -- and that's just a one-time windfall --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: One-time.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- we could find ourselves in a very serious position next year
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INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- if we are not able to come up with that same amount of money.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: That's correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So it's like a Christmas gift. It's like a gift right now. We don't know what's gonna happen come next year.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's why I would propose the 72 hours, so that you don't want to go down too far, too low and then have to come back up again. But I'll say this, I've had conversations with Chief LeDuc in my office just a week or so ago, and I'll tell you, he told me something different, that the 72 hours could work. So I -- I guess it depends on who he's talking to. So you know, and -- and -- and when I asked the question, you know, of whether the 72 hours could work, I was told, Yes, it could. So you know, it's just a matter of managing the overtime.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Was the budget balanced at 64 hours across the board?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Hoskins?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Was the budget balanced at 64 hours across the board?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: What was the -- what was the -- the difference when it was -- when it was 64 hours across the board?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: The difference in -- what do you mean? The deficit?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well -- yes.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: I would have to go back and look. I wouldn't be able to --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: How -- what -- we don't have the same things that would show last -- we don't have the same slides that were shown last -- at the last City Council meeting?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It wasn't done across the board for 64. It was done 64, 48.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And 48.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: These are basically the same slides that I showed at the last public hearing, or are you talking about the workshops?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The -- the -- the public hearing.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yeah, the public hearing, we said 64 hours for all employees with the exception of Fire, 48 hours.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Right now we have --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- a balanced budget.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So right now we have a balanced budget, but the furloughs are not equal.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But didn't you just say you had a balanced budget also for the 70 -- 72 hours?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: That's additional savings that we would have.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But you -- but it's balanced.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: It would still be balanced.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The budget would still be balanced.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But I also heard you say that we would have to raise the overtime budget for Fire.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Right. It would be a net -- the net would be approximately \$30,000.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Savings.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Savings.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But you would have to raise the overtime budget, so --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Right, right. The net would be approximately \$30,000, so we would --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'm a -- I'm a --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- (Inaudible) --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- I'm gonna walk through this just clearly with you, just so I hear what you're saying. Let me -- let me -- and just dialogue with just me and you for a second here, you and I.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If we keep it the way it is with the off balanced hours, even though you're going to have to raise the overtime budget, you're telling me that we're going to have a net --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- savings

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: I didn't say that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Bring it back to me again. It's an important issue, so I gotta understand this. Bring it back to me again, please

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: I said that we are balanced with the 64 hours for all employees and 48 hours for Fire. We are balanced. Fire has their required overtime that they need to work a 48-hour, um, furlough. The general -- all other employees have their overtime, whatever they need to work the 64 hours. Now, the discussions tonight is going to 72 hours. Going from 48 to 72 hours for --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: For everybody.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- for Fire --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: For everybody.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- would have a net effect not of -- of about \$30,000, and then there would be additional savings for all other employees from 64 to 72. That's additional savings. So the net of all of that is \$30,000, a savings.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Because --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Savings.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second. Hold on

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: We won't be adding additional money --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: (Inaudible).

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- to the budget. We'll still be balanced.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If we went to 72 hours for everybody.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: 72, correct, for everybody.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And not going to 72 hours for everybody, what was that benefit again?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: That was a policy decision that was made.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But for what reason? Because I'm hearing you say going to 72 hours for everybody saves money.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: It does, to the City.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, can I -- can I say something?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It would save about \$95,000, am I correct? Is that what I read in the e-mail that I got, that I asked for?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: 95. And then if you bring Fire back up --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And then to take money from that \$95,000 to increase the Fire's budget --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Overtime.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- which -- I mean, with -- overtime budget would still leave us with a \$30,000 savings.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Hold on.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- if --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I also heard something about we were gonna need to take some money from fund balance to make this happen?

CITY MANAGER JONES: If you went to 48 across the board you would have to go into fund balance.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So that's --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Not at 72.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Going into fund balance is -- is definitely something that I'm gonna -- I'm gonna support. But that's going to 48 hours --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Across the board.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Across the board.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: For everybody.

CITY MANAGER JONES: For everybody.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Which will be two days instead of three.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Four. It would be two shifts for Fire and it would be six days for eight-hour shifts.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It will be -- it will be six --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Nine, nine days.

CITY MANAGER JONES: 48.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Nine. 48, 48 --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Nine. No, he said 48. He said 48. 48 times six -- eight times six is 48.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Is 48. Eight days. Four days for police and two shifts for fire.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And then you have to go into fund balance.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And -- and it would be -- it would be balanced with four days for -- for -- wait a minute. Two days reduction -- from 12 days, it would be two days reduction. So instead of -- instead of everybody taking two -- instead of everybody taking 12 days a year, they're gonna take two days.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

CITY MANAGER JONES: No. Currently, everyone takes 12 days.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: 96 hours.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Which is equivalent to Fire taking four shifts, 96 hours. If you go to 72, employees would -- other employees would take, instead of 12 days, nine days, and Fire would have three 24-hour shifts, instead of four.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And Police would have six shifts, because 12 times -- 12-hour shifts times six is 72.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Lowe. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: You -- it was -- it was said that the only -- the only way to make up the difference in putting everybody to 48 hours would be to take it out of fund balance. Why couldn't we just reduce -- why can't we just reduce everybody's overtime? Don't -- and let me ask this. We set the overtime policy, right? It isn't set by the department. It's something that we set as an organization. We say, Okay, you're gonna have this much, you're gonna have that much, and -- and Department B, C, or D is gonna have that much. But all of that is within our control.

Saying this, we could take everybody's overtime and you just manage it from your office and have one pool of overtime in order to -- to solve our overtime problems. But that is an alternative other than going into fund balance.

Overtime, you know, it's -- it's just that. It's just overtime that's something that we set. The tail doesn't wag the dog. You understand what I'm saying? And if we're having - - it's obvious we're having a problem with overtime. And what better way to start trying to whittle it down than to attack it right -- right now. How much are we -- how much of a difference do we have to make up if everybody goes to 48?

CITY MANAGER JONES: \$134,000.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Exactly.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: We have some folks that have overtime budget of \$500,000

CITY MANAGER JONES: There's only -- only two.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: If you got it, you're gonna -- you're gonna -- okay. All right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- only two. Police and Fire.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Well, we do. Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Police and Fire.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's not everybody.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: But if you got it, you're gonna use it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: But if I took 50,000 or \$75,000 from those overtime budgets and said, "That's it. That's all you got," then that's it. But if you have it, you're gonna

spend it. And that's proven, because we show some numbers where the overtime budget for the Fire Department has remained consistent over the last couple years, or few years, despite the furlough. They spent --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- customarily at least a half a million dollars on overtime a year, because we budget that. We put it in the budget. We did that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I see, Miss Jones, you're struggling down there.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So I mean --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- everybody can go to 48 and we can reduce those overtime budgets and manage it like that, and we don't go into fund balance, which is --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah, we don't want to go no fund balance.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I'm not for going into fund balance.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So -- let me hear these that gotta vote first and then -- 'cause they've got to deliberate and get past this, and then, Mayor, if you don't mind, I'll certainly hear you, uh --

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, just -- I just want to just digress for a second and you can go right back if you want. Mrs. Dawson and Mr. Davis have to leave. They were our seniors. But I do -- I just want to recognize them, because they're going to be our Senior Captains. So they can go. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. Oh, yes, yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's all I want, in case that they have to leave.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I know we -- end of this public hearing we differently want everybody to have an opportunity to say, and we've really got to understand what is going on here. I don't want anyone to leave feeling that we haven't listened, that we're not being fair. So let's just continue with the dialogue here. What -- what were you about to say, Miss Jones? I'm waiting for Miss Jones. She's talking (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: (Inaudible) recess.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I didn't know if, um -- if you were responding to or questioning what's going on in your head there. I know we all trying to struggle to do the right thing.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: The point that Mr. Lowe made just then --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Of course, whatever is --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- and -- and --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- you know --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Whatever is the desire of Council, by all means we will do. It is just very difficult to anticipate your need for overtime.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It is almost impossible.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Especially when it's safety.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Because if you'll remember the chart that Chief LeDuc picked up -- put up, for three-fourths of a year he had already spent over \$400,000.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: \$400,000, yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And if you look at how much both Police and Fire spend in total at the end of the year, they always exceed what is budgeted.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Always.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. So they always exceed what's budgeted.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Always.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, these are points that need to be expressed.

CITY MANAGER JONES: You never know when somebody's gonna be sick. You don't know when somebody's gonna be on FMLA. You don't know when they gonna be on Worker's Comp.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It is -- you can cut the money, but if you need a fireman in the station, or if you need a policeman in the field, you're gonna do it, even if I got to cut someplace else. It's not as easy to manage to say, Cut this budget and now you go stay within it, when I have other requirements that you got to meet.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss Jones, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Yes, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss Jones, if we went to 48 across the board for everybody, where would that put us?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: 130,000 in the hole.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Help me understand what you mean by where would that put us, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: What -- do we have to go and get any money from anywhere else?

CITY MANAGER JONES: You have to go get \$134,000.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If we went to 48 hours across the board.

CITY MANAGER JONES: For everybody.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Across the board.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We'd have to go and get an additional hundred and --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- thirty-four thousand dollars.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: How much do we have -- if you don't mind -- how much do we have in our budget for Jazz After Dark?

CITY MANAGER JONES: 60.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So that's 60,000. And what -- what I'm looking at is our priorities here. Entertainment or looking out for these employees. I mean, we -- we need to look at what's most important.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: As I said before, there were, from those 17 positions that were not filled --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- during this current fiscal year, saved -- well, it -- it rolls into fund balance. Now, the \$3 million that is in fund balance right now --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: This is projected through the end of the fiscal year.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah, projected

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Including that number.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Including that. It's including that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Is that including this number?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yes, yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So we've operated for all of this year without these dollars. All right? Now, if we took 134,000 from this 1.1 million, okay, you still are able to roll some money into fund balance to build it up. Am I correct?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: When we do our fund balance projections we include all those -- the vacant positions, however long, so that number is already included in that --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: -- 3.5.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So you understand my question, though. So this money was dollars that were not spent.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay? That is now rolled into fund balance.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But prior to -- I mean, during this whole year this money has not been in fund balance. It's been in those vacant positions. Right? So -- let me -- let me finish.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So \$134,000 to -- to take from that, and put -- to -- to make everybody 134,000 -- I mean, 48 hours is doable. But all I'm saying is, if -- if we truly want to go ahead and increase our fund balance, all right, then the other option is the 72 hours for everybody, which is what I would prefer, simply because I would hate to go so low and then have to add a couple days next year because of that Police money, one-time Police dollars that we've already spent. I mean, you know, that we used to balance this budget.

So, you know, that's the most logical to me. But as I said -- and -- and -- and that would be a savings, a net savings of 30,000 -- approximately \$30,000 --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- to the City.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Now, if we were to, again, look at this line item of Jazz After Dark, you said 60,000. Is that a flat amount, 60,000?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: That's what we budgeted, correct. To transfer.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: No. We're talking about the new fiscal year, the -- the (Inaudible) through September

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Actually, we were supposed to be looking at discontinuing with that activity coming into the new fiscal year. We had given ourselves 90 days to see if it were going to work or not, and we know that July it did not, August it did not, September is here. We don't know what's gonna happen with that, but we know that we're in the red with that.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I would like to look at that \$60,000 to be applied for the furloughs here, and if we can find something else.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: We have -- we have that fund -- I think there's \$25,000 in it -- that agencies come --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Outside agency funding?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right, outside agencies. Because you know, now we also have --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, everybody's expressing themselves right now. So, okay, let's --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- just listen.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. So -- right. Everyone has Community Benefits, right? So we all get \$15,000 a year --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We could use --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- to -- right. Use that to fund some of these programs.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's a good thought.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So there's another 25,000.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So that's 85.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right. Let's keep moving.

CITY MANAGER JONES: You need 49.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: A thousand (Inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: 85.

CITY MANAGER JONES: You need 49.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So that leaves -- how much more we need?

CITY MANAGER JONES: 49.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And then reduce the overtime budgets, wham.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. So we ought to be able to look at something. Maybe we don't buy any furniture or something, you know, something that we just --

MAYOR MASTERS: We can find 49,000 more dollars.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- really don't need that we can manage.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Is there anything that we can just -- you know, I mean, we don't have to look cute. We can buy whatever, used furniture, go to Goodwill.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You know, I -- I -- I hear you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: But we're down to 49,000, right?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Miss -- Madam Chair?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And we're looking at 48 -- is that based upon the 48?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I -- I believe we can do it. We should be able to find --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Let me -- let me -- let me --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- \$49,000. That's all.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- ask a question. If we reduce -- if we went to 48 across -

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's all right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- the board and reduced the overtime by, what's that, the hundred -- is it 130,000 or 140,000?

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: 134.

CITY MANAGER JONES: 134.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: What did you say the overtime was? Upper --

CITY MANAGER JONES: No.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: The total -- the total's a million and something.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Right, right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: But if we look at -- well, the -- the departments, I guess, that could --

CITY MANAGER JONES: The -- the distribution of that million.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- afford to --

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: And most of it is, um, Police and Fire.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yeah, Police and Fire.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Police and Fire is where most of it is.

MAYOR MASTERS: Most of the overtime.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Yes, and we'll -- we'll find the remaining.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Because -- okay. All right.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: We will.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We'll find it. Okay. So we're --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Wait a minute. I'm still trying to -- I -- I missed when I was outside. What --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Take \$60,000 from --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Jazz After Dark.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- Jazz After Dark, eliminate it, and the \$25,000 --

CITY MANAGER JONES: 25 from outside -- outside agencies.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- from outside agency funding, which I --

CITY MANAGER JONES: And 49 from overtime.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, we can commit to giving some of our own monies for that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, we could.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I don't wanna see Jazz After Dark eliminated. I don't wanna see --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, it's gonna self-eliminate anyway.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- Jazz After Dark eliminated.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We're in the red. We can't afford it. I mean, it's just a waste of -- of taxpayer's money, and it doesn't benefit the City, as such. I mean, everybody in Palm Beach County, Fort Pierce and everywhere else. We gotta look out for these folks out here.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I understand that. I understand that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, I mean, if the majority say they don't mind going with -- if we got a consensus.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So if they -- so if -- if -- is it that you're gonna find the additional 49,000, we're gonna eliminate Jazz After Dark, and take the 25,000 from -- um, from --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: The, uh --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- outside agency funding?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right, right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Fine with me.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- that puts everybody across the board at 48?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: At 48. Now, keep in mind that's this year. Next year we don't know.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, and -- and -- and that's why --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- I -- I really don't want to support this.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: But I --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I don't want to support this.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I just want everybody to understand that this is for this year. We certainly can get very proactive, starting October 1st, trying to see about finding other monies.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And if we have to go back and increase the furlough days next year --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: But we just wanna take it --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- that's what we're gonna have to do.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- a year at a time, now, everybody. Okay?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: All right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'm good with 48 across the board.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right. All right. Then so y'all got the changes now?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Then we can go forward, make the motion, write it up.

INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR HOSKINS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so for clarification --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- we're eliminating the 60,000 for Jazz After Dark. We're eliminating the 25,000 from outside agency, and 49,000 from somewhere.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Y'all gonna find it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. We'll find it. I mean, we'll find it. We gotta put people above things and we'll find it. We'll --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: From some of these overtime budgets.

CITY MANAGER JONES: From overtime.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We will find it.

CITY MANAGER JONES: From overtime.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: From overtime budgets.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Can I have a motion? Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I -- I -- I move that information right there.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Y'all write it up.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We need a second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Ready for the roll call here.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous decision.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: A unanimous budget. Thank you. (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. All right. Okay. All right. Now, we're down to -- I know you didn't finish yours so, sir, if you want to -- Mayor? Oh, God. We're into --

MAYOR MASTERS: You got to do public comment.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We're past public comments.

MAYOR MASTERS: You got to do public comments.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We must do public comments. That's -- that's --

MAYOR MASTERS: That's fine. And then I'll go after -- Madam Chair, and then I --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- go after the public comments?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh. You may go after. I know you want to finish up.

MAYOR MASTERS: I have the patience of Job and the wisdom of Solomon.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. Okay. We have Mr. Ron Leonard? And remember, you have three minutes for your discussion. Mr. Leonard?

RON LEONARD: Ron Leonard, 2501 Avenue H East. Let me commend you for a job well done getting the budget balanced. I've come to ask a question. I know that I'm -- I'm always begging, but on Wednesday the Urban League is having its youth luncheon, and I would like to see some students from Inlet Grove -- I know that Dr. Banks is carrying eight.

I'd like to carry some students from Palm Beach Gardens, Lincoln, to this affair. It's having -- they're having Eric Dyson -- Eric Dyson, the noted author and speaker, and Tamara Hall.

These are role models that we need to have our young people see. They're not shooting. They're not killing. They're not running. But these are the kinds of people we need to bring to Palm Beach County that's gonna give our young people something positive to take a look at. And that's what I'm asking, for each -- each one of you buy two tickets. I have a table of 10. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Leonard, I think every -- maybe not everyone. Most of us have had to exhaust --

RON LEONARD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- our funds by now because we're going into another quarter and we had to make a commitment to be approved this -- at this time.

RON LEONARD: Okay. I understand.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So --

RON LEONARD: Whatever you can do. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

RON LEONARD: I'll find somebody. If you can't, I will.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Okay. Bonnie Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: Couple of things tonight. We have tonight nine add-ons. They're all Community Benefits. Miss Jones, if you were to give staff or -- or our councilpeople notice that they have to tell you two weeks in advance we wouldn't always be -- be doing the add-on/deletions. These are -- these are requests for money. It's not an urgent thing. So if you'd just let people know that if you want to be on the agenda you have to tell you two weeks in advance, and they would follow that. Because we've always got these add-ons. Nine of them tonight.

I want to talk a little bit about code. I came across a letter the other day; I had written it in 2008. It was a letter -- oh, I have it. Yes, I do. It was a letter to then City Manager Mr. Wilkins. And my suggestion then was the same as it was two weeks ago, and that was to go after our absentee landlords. We have a lot of them in Riviera Beach and they're causing the city to look like a dump, and for some reason -- I don't know what's happening -- why aren't they forced to clean up? And that was 2008 I made that suggestion, go after the landlords.

We have JAY's Ministry right on U.S. 1. They've had sheets of plywood in their front window. It's not JAY Ministry's fault. It's the fault of the landlord, and the landlord letting them put all their furniture and stuff out, so it looks like a flea market every day

there. We don't look like an up and coming business. We have a lot of vacant residences where drug people have moved in and are using the properties, and we need to go after the owners. That's it.

I just talked to Mr. Williams, and we only have three code enforcers in the whole City of Riviera Beach, only three people. They can't do the whole city. So we need to -- to do something there.

We have people living -- Mayor Masters, you were talking about the people who are on HUD and assistance. They shouldn't be living in slums, as they were at, um, Stonybrook. There's that apartment complex building right on U.S. 1 where the windows are broken out. I've mentioned that for several years now. The pigeons fly in and fly out. That's got to be a --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, Jesus.

BONNIE LARSON: -- HUD residence. That's been there for several years, so I'd like you to put that on your radar, too. People are living there, and you see their old bed towels and stuff flapping out onto U.S. 1. It -- we don't look like an up and coming business because of these landlords. They come here. They buy properties for cheap and -- and they're destroying us rather than bringing us up. So let's go after them.

Um, the gentleman, the young kid, 17 years old, who was shot at an apartment complex, Miss Davis, you addressed that situation a couple years ago and it got better. Because what was happening was young men were gathering there. Miss Davis, you did a great job. You got that cleared up, and now we're back to the same situation again. So when that young man got shot the other night, two weeks ago or so, I personally was not surprised, because they're hanging there all the time. We've got to go after the landlords.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Miss Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Miss Havener and Miss Wooten, would you like to come up together and talk about the clean-up?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, while they're coming up, I do want to respond a little bit, about 30 seconds, to Miss Bonnie. I agree with you and we have set up a hot line, a number, and I'll give it in my comment time, for absentee landlords who -- 24-hour hot line. Anyone can call and report it and we're gonna be on it. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Good evening, ladies. Would you introduce yourselves?

BERNICE WOOTEN: Good evening, Council, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

BERNICE WOOTEN: What a privilege it is to be here, and I'm Bernice Wooten, uh, 1088 West 26th Street and I'm the, uh, site manager or coordinator for Neighbors United. First I'd like to say thanks to the Council and also our Mayor for your wonderful support over the years, and a special thanks to Councilwoman Billie Brooks, who has always been so supportive.

Now, we're here tonight because it's that time again where the International Coastal Clean-Up is scheduled this Saturday from 8 to noon, and this year we are at Cunningham Park. And this is where it all started many, many years ago. So we'd like -- like to send a special appeal to our high school students. It is my understanding last May and June many of our seniors didn't graduate because they either failed the FCAT or did not have enough community service hours. And we're appealing to all high school students to please come out and avail themselves of this opportunity to earn these four hours on Saturday morning. And also, we'll have lunch, a delicious lunch, following the clean-up. We invite everyone listening to us to please come out and support this very worthwhile effort.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And give them the address, Miss Wooten.

BERNICE WOOTEN: And the address of the Cunningham Park I think is 29 --

VIVIAN HAVENER: S Avenue and 30th Street.

BERNICE WOOTEN: Yes, it's S Avenue and 30th Street. It's between 29th and 30th Street on S Avenue.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: In front of -- is that Washington Elementary?

BERNICE WOOTEN: Right, right. Directly in front of Washington Elementary School.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Okay.

BERNICE WOOTEN: And thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You're welcome. And Miss Havener?

VIVIAN HAVENER: We need help -- we need help --

MAYOR MASTERS: Speak in the mic. Just move it over just a bit.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Speak in the mic.

VIVIAN HAVENER: We need help --

MAYOR MASTERS: There you go.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. You --

VIVIAN HAVENER: We want -- we would like -- all the people just left. You should have let them stay here so we could ask them.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We'll -- we'll --

VIVIAN HAVENER: But they left so quickly.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We'll round them up.

VIVIAN HAVENER: Yeah. We really need help, especially the young people. They're going to get a free T-shirt and lunch and four hours community service.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

VIVIAN HAVENER: So rally up everybody. I know there are some coming, but we need some more.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. Thank you, ladies. Thank you so much.

VIVIAN HAVENER: Thank you very much, and thank you for what you're doing.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Miss Havener.

MAYOR MASTERS: And I'll be there, Miss Havener. I'm coming.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, good. Good, good, good. Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't know whether I can do four hours, but I'll be there.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Ward?

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 31 West 20th Street. Well, communication. You obviously have the fact that it was a two-way street, and we've had lots of information over the past year, and the discussion that went on on the last item, the budget item, it's certainly evident that we're not doing effective communication in this town. You -- you have lots of people that got up here and said, Hey, we're here to participate and have ideas. The 400 employees are willing to help. You heard them say that. The 300,000, uh, 300 -- 30,000 citizens have had ideas all century, but the budget process has not worked to get their ideas in as to how they think City functions should be modified and changed.

You need additional communication, staff to the five of you. Miss Jones, you've got to get more people talking to Council, so they don't come in here and say, What did Chief LeDuc do back in March or April? It needs to be presented in good form. The staff to the citizens, the Utility District discussion that went on tonight should never have happened, because there needs to be communications.

Number two, Port of Palm Beach. We finally got the State Road 710 connector back on because the Port has an obligation which has been committed since the mid-'90s very substantially on the record. Also, the Port agenda. Last meeting one of the commissioners says, We've got to redo the Port charter. That was last done in 1974. It is an extremely important affair and it's on the agenda for next Tuesday. They keep moving their meeting around worse. And sometimes we have a 5:00, a 6:00, a 6:30 meeting around here. So somebody at the City needs to be assigned to follow what the Port is trying to do with the Florida Legislature the coming session.

And lastly, Miss Jones, you're talking about in another item coming up with a new finance director, but we need to develop because tonight we had folks, Council opining on the FPL revenue. Every time you go to a CRA meeting Mr. Brown is talking about the FPL revenue. You need a one-page, two-page of where that revenue will go, because I don't think -- I mean, he thinks he gets it all. I don't believe he does, but it's a question that needs to be answered.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you so much. Uh, Lloyd Brown? And after Mr. Brown we have Eric Williams.

LLOYD BROWN: Seems like -- my name is Lloyd Brown. I live at 1464 West 35th Street, and it seems like nobody's in here now for me to say what I have to say. But what I'm trying to say is if I send my grandson or one of my nephews over to the Walgreens at like 12 at night, it's apparently that -- I mean, they're profiling these young kids, and you saying that there's a -- a lot of killings going on in Riviera Beach, and a lot of violence. Well, you know, when we had World War II we had allies. You know? That was like Russia, and then we had France. So, like, if Germany was gonna try to do something, then France would let us know. All those guys you see on those corners drinking beers, you know, the open containers, and the ones you pulling over, you know, harassing them for a beer, when you got murders going on, that needs to slow down.

You always say this, and I hear it on cops: Oh, they're not gonna say anything in the neighborhood because they're gonna be considered snitches. It's not that. I was confronted by an officer who asked me, he said, Did you hear this gunshot? It was in Riviera. I said, No, I was up here working on my truck. And you know what the officer told me? Well, you look a little confused. Now, he's over there in my city looking to see where there's a gunshot, but he's telling me I'm confused. I bit my tongue because I didn't want to tell the man. What I wanted to tell him, I probably would have got arrested.

And then on another day, I mean, I done seen the officers stop people on the highways and there's three or four cars. Y'all talking about the budget, where you gonna get the money from. Okay. If you got three officers, and they pull up and it's three cars, and they go up to that individual car and they see that there's a mother, a daughter, and two more kids, those other three officers, instead of standing over there twiddling their fingers, they can go out and be trying to find out about these crimes. You don't need six -- three cars on one individual stop.

And then the one officer -- I was taking pictures of this three cars. He -- he made a police traffic stop into a police investigation so that he can say something to me. You know, I'm gonna arrest you for taking the pictures, because this is a traffic investigation. But it wasn't a traffic investigation. If you gonna pull an individual at night just because you

see him and you gonna profile him because you got four black guys in the car, then you profiling. You can't -- you can't go behind him and stop him and then say, Well, we're stopping you. Could we search your car? You violating the man Fourth Amendment rights just by looking at him, following him down the street for no reason at all. And then you wanna come back the next week and ask those same individuals, Have you seen any crime going on? Oh, no. You get interrogated from an officer when he comes out and asks you about a crime. You could call him up. You get interrogated. That's not right.

You need allies; you don't need people pulling people. Pour the beer out. Let the man go on about his business. He may tell you who shot that guy over there in Stonybrook. He may tell you who did this. But he's not gonna tell you if your knee in his back. And thank y'all.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, sir. And sir, I believe the Chief still has Chief After -- what is it called?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Chief Night in --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Chief Night. What night?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Tuesday night, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Every Tuesday?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right, sir. So you can always come over and meet the Chief face-to-face and share these concerns. Eric Williams? Mr. Williams?

ERIC WILLIAMS: Good evening. Eric Williams, live at 141 West 17th Street. Just wanted to say a couple things. I wanted to put a face -- give you a face to the voice, Chairperson Brooks. I spoke to you on the phone a couple weeks ago about a couple of programs I wanted to try to bring to the City.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, yes. Yes, yes, yes.

ERIC WILLIAMS: I was raised in Riviera Beach, went to Suncoast High School, graduated in '85. I currently work at the City of Deerfield, and we have two programs that we -- the first program I implemented about a year and a half ago. It's called the College Tour Program. It's for high school, from 9th to 12th. It's a fully grant-funded program. We're going into our third year. I think it's something that's needed here because it could help offset some of the costs with the budget because it is a scholarship program.

We also have a, um -- it's called an EPI Program, which stands for Early Intervention -- Early Prevention & Intervention. It's for teens between the ages of 13 and 18. It's a mentorship program. It's like a 10-week program. And I approached Mr. Williams, John Williams, with the City, uh, Director of Parks & Rec back in April about the program. I tried to get a meeting with the mayor back in, I think it was June or July.

And it's -- it's something I think -- I have a heart for the kids. I heard everything that went on tonight, and I just want to make sure that -- with everything that's going on, I was actually late to the meeting tonight because there was a shooting one block from my house. Nobody got shot, thank God, but there was a shooting on 18th Street and E Avenue tonight.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

ERIC WILLIAMS: So I have a daughter, a 10-year-old daughter, a three-month-old son. I can't let them go out the house because a month ago two people were shot next door to me. And what happened with the Sweet 16 party, all of that stuff I'm seeing it escalate, and it's all with our youth. And I feel like our youth are being pushed to the side, so now they're pushing back in the only way they can.

So I just wanna -- I just want to let everybody know. If I can get a meeting with you -- I'm gonna be on vacation the rest of this week, next week. If I can get a meeting with you just to talk about the programs, because my funders, they're willing to bring the programs here because it's needed. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, thank you, Mr. Williams.

MAYOR MASTERS: Uh, Chairman --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, you have my -- my -- my number. We were gonna meet that Monday, but I was out that Monday, so we -- as I indicated, we're very interested. And people, let me say, you know, one of the reasons that I'm coming up on a deliberation to talk about changing our schedule for meetings so that we can have more time to meet with our constituents. You know, this justifies we just got to have more time available to spend time and hear the community, get out and have our town meetings, and invite people to come to City Hall. Let us show that we are people friendly. We want to hear you. So thank you, sir. It's not falling on deaf ears at all.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Williams, the Chair and I have been working very closely together on any and all initiatives that's gonna help our young people, so I'll work with the Chair with you and we can -- we can meet together without --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- violation of the Sunshine Law.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right. That's right. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTER: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you so much. That's the last now, and we are -- you want to finish --

MAYOR MASTERS: I may as well give the benediction now.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You want to finish. Okay. Okay. While you're doing that, sir, Mr. Jones, uh, Deputy Jones, he wants to -- oh, the Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: No, that's with me.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's with you? Oh, okay. Good. All right. Oh, that's you. All right. Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: He is helping me with this.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: I want to apologize to the seniors for not being able to finish the program, but we had time certain and the Chair was real clear that that needed to -- to start at 7. So let me just kind of briefly summarize for continuity that there are 100 businesses in the City of Riviera Beach that have agreed to give seniors 62 years of age -- we're the only city that has this -- this concept, and I'm hoping that other mayors and will get on board, 'cause we have seniors who live in other cities.

But anyway, it starts with 10 percent to 50 percent. I can tell you that most of the discounts are 15 and 20 percent, um, and then one is 50 percent, and there are several that are 25 percent. And, Chief, if you will roll this for a minute. And while he's getting ready to -- to roll this to the -- to the first sheet, I want to thank these seniors who are going to be serving as our seniors ambassadors, and these people will be responsible to help us to get these senior citizens discount cards out: Mike Sloser, Gary Ward, Miss Havener -- Havener and Earl Davis, Miss Dawson, Miss Wayne, Miss Wooten, and David Cross and a few others.

But they're broken down into categories. These are the grocery -- grocery stores, the food stores that are participating. We are working out something with Winn-Dixie as we speak, and we should be able to report that in the next week or two. The next ones are the restaurants and the delis. As you can see, we have several restaurants and delis, almost every restaurant and café in the city is there, including Denny's Restaurant, which has agreed to give our seniors 20 percent, uh, and we're really excited about that. Tony's is there, Tony's Subs. Um, they're all there. So, uh, you can see that the -- the green represents, what, 20 percent? Do you remember? The green is 20 percent. The gold is 15 percent. 25 percent, the blue. 50 is the red and 10 is the black.

The next one down is the health -- health and beauty. Several hair -- barbershops and beauty shops, and also, there is one dental center, and I meant to honor this young lady during the African-American History Month, but she is the only African-American female dentist in the City of Riviera Beach. Her name is Dr. Reid, and she is where Dr. Reynolds was. And she's a very, very good dentist.

And then we have auto, so almost every auto mechanic shop in the city is there: BK Automotive, Brakesmart, Broadway Auto Services. The list goes on and on and on. One of the tires company gives a 25 percent, and that's -- that's New & Used Wholesale Tires. So they have new tires that you can get for 25 percent discount, and they're right in the City of Riviera Beach. And we have Wash & Wax Auto Body, and the list goes on and on.

The next one down, printing and computers. So if you have any printing needs or computer needs, American Printing, Budget, Goodway Printing, who's been here a very long time, and of course, Port Printing. And then clothing, everyone needs clothing. And you'll see we have one laundromat that's giving our seniors 20 percent discount, and then another laundromat, and there's Dee's T-shirts, and fashions, and so forth and so on. All of this information will be available on our website.

The other category is just that: locksmith, cameras, desires, Dozier Electric, Fast Eddie's Pawn, Florida Sunshine Landscaping, upholsteries, a limousine service. The Majestic Princess Cruise is giving our seniors a discount, as well. Rent-A-Center is giving us -- and the only taxi that I know of in Riviera Beach, uh, Super Blue Star Taxi, is giving 15 percent, and there are two motels in Riviera Beach that's offering discounts. So right now we are at 100 and still -- still going.

So more information will be -- thank you, Chief. More information will be available on the website. The cards are being made as we speak, and within a couple days we will continue the distribution. You can call the Office of the Mayor at 845-4145 or you can just stop in when you pay your water bill. There's one of our seniors, Miss Harris, who is -- one of the AARP seniors who runs this desk down there, and you can just stop and get your card, or any one of the councilpeople that you know --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Qualify.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- that if you -- not that you are a senior, but if you know seniors --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I've signed up.

MAYOR MASTERS: You've signed up?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I've signed up.

MAYOR MASTERS: Anyone who knows seniors. We just want to help our seniors, and the way that the Chief and I did the math today, it will save seniors hundreds of dollars in a year time. And if anyone needs a discount, it is the seniors. May God bless our seniors.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: May God bless our City.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, Mayor.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Mayor, for looking out for us. Okay. Now we're down to number 13.

CITY CLERK WARD: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, modifying and updating the City's five-year capital project plan for Fiscal Year 2012/'13 through 2016/'17, providing for severability, conflict, and providing an effective date.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Need a motion, please.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Second

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Second. Okay.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Good evening. Mary McKinney, Director of Community Development, and this is the first reading of the City's ordinance to adopt the City's five-year capital plan for fiscal years 2012/'13 through 2016/'17. It was advertised in Palm Beach Post on September 6th, 2012, and we're required by Florida Statutes to adopt by ordinance our five-year capital plan. The City Council did review the proposed capital plan at a workshop on August 28th, and staff recommends approval of the five-year capital plan.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any comments from the Board before I go to public comments? Mr. Gerald Ward?

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 31 West 20th Street. Well, I think you're probably getting tired of me coming up here every year of this century. We're making progress, but not very good, in terms of about half the departments. Fire Department always tended to get a five-year projection, and they do have some major equipment, even though the lobbyists seem to indicate that they weren't. There are three \$400,000 trucks or equipment to be bought. Storm Water Utilities got a plan. Public Works has a few things, but not the comprehensive department.

Between now and second reading why can't you come up with some more future long-range plans? Because when you project for years -- five years out you start to really look at your needs. And you may have something that's a trinket that the staff wants, but put that down if it's really something, and then it gets vetted over the years.

So now there are a couple things in there that need to come out. I said how Storm Water's done good, but this beachside breakwater project is dead and is not going to be resurrected. In the '12/'13 there's \$5.6 million. Now, why couldn't that -- and it may be

unfunded. I'm not sure yet where that 5.6 was coming from, but this is something as to why it's still in the capital budget way out, or next year.

The things like surveillance cameras; don't we have a bigger -- a plan for doing the third -- fourth and fifth years, Mr. Jones? You're -- it's a favorite of yours, but we need to go ahead and continue that project, because people seem to like it. So why not get some proposed funding for the fourth and fifth years?

Again, this is something that's lacked communication, and it's no different -- next month you need to start on the following year and get a group of employees and citizens together that work with maybe a designated representative from the Council.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Mr. Ward. Any -- that's the last card. Ready for the vote, please.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Moving now to the regular agenda, and we had taken from the Consent Agenda Item Number 7, I believe it was. I believe it is. Item Number 7?

CITY CLERK WARD: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving payment of additional funds to Target Engineering Group, Inc., in the amount of \$254,150.44 for additional construction engineer and inspection services on State Road A1A improvement project, appropriating funds in addition to gas tax fund in the amount of 254,150.44, authorizing the Interim Finance Director to make payment for same and providing an effective date.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Need a motion, please?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Need a second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. Um --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- I asked that we pull this because I have a couple of questions. The first question is I believe in the letter that the company sent us it said that that number was a preliminary number. So what happens if they exceed the \$245,000? Where are we getting the money from?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Brent Johnson, Director of Public Works. That was listed as a preliminary number because we -- because the project is where it is in construction phases. It sort of dwindled down so they're sort of -- uh, dwindled down on staff a little bit. That's why it's an estimate. It wasn't a true number. It's sort of a time and materials thing where they're submitting their time sheets to us and we're reviewing them just to make sure that they're not allocating anymore resources than they need on the project. So that's why it was --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So we --

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: -- only a preliminary number.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- don't anticipate that number to be higher? You don't think you're going to come back to us.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: We're gonna do our best. I really don't think that we are. I think that should pretty much get us through the project.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. And how come we didn't allocate for this money? You know? Tell me what happened. Is it just because of the delays?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And was it delays with the permitting --

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: No, no. It --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- from the agencies? What was it?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: No, it wasn't delays with the permitting. It was more just delays in construction. There were certain things that happened on the project, unforeseen conditions, and any time that we award the contractor days for extra work, then we have to have the CEI on site for that same amount of time. And that's required by DOT to have them on site.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. And is that November close-out date, is that realistic?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: As it stands, it's realistic. Some other things came up on the project that -- you know, that we're hoping doesn't impact that date. But as it stands, that seems like a very realistic date.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. And then, you know, this is a side question. So when is the project going to be turned over to us? And I'm asking that because I've spoken with you several times and the City Manager about the maintenance of A1A, and you know, I told you that residents, especially on the north end -- the north end looks awful.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Right. I --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: The trees are dead in the medians. The grass is high. It looks awful. It looks worse than it looked before the project started. So when is the project going to be turned over?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Well, the news is -- right. The good news is, as I mentioned to you before, we're waiting on them to submit something to us to go ahead and pay for maintenance, because while the issue is with the project and the time that it's been extended, it's not common for them to pay for maintenance for that extended period of time. So they did submit something to us to review for us to begin normal maintenance of the project. So we should begin normal maintenance within the next two to three weeks, I'd say.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. And then what about replacing the trees?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: That's going to be caught on the punch list. At the end of the project, that's when they call for substantial completion. The thing is that DOT doesn't come out and do an inspection -- or a substantial completion inspection -

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: -- until all pay items are installed. The only thing that we're missing as far as pay items is the bridge tape, the striping for the bridge.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Because they do the bridge a little different than they do --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: -- the normal asphalt roads. So once that tape goes down, all pay items will be complete and DOT will come out and do their inspection. And we'll do our inspection at the same time and generate a punch list.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. Thank you.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any further questions? All right. Ready for the vote, please.

GERALD WARD: Whoa.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh. Did we have -- oh, yes, Mr. Ward.

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 31 West 20th Street. Well, CEI, Construction, Engineering & Inspection. I really think that you need to go back and look at the backup materials for this. A quarter of a million dollars on top of almost \$400,000 that you gave them last November on a total of a \$920,000 original contract. That's a very high percentage of change orders. And it obviously tripped the threshold which you gave the staff a high percentage, a double digit percentage to approve change orders without coming back to you. You haven't heard whether we've got a big change order coming from the worst contractor ever, H&J. This has not been a good job, and they're known around the county of not being a good contractor.

What's going on with the contract? Article 1 and Article 29 have obvious problems, and yet you're not making a change in this particular resolution. There are two things in there very wrong on those two items. If you go to the resolution that you enacted last November and go to the last page, Amendment Number 1 only modified Article 2. And guess what? It said the consultant shall commence services on 26 June of 2010 and complete services December 30th, 2012.

Now, the -- the problem that I see is that when I objected last time to this item in November I was told, Well, we're going to have -- this will carry us through the end of the contract, and they got the same four months or extra months for close-out. Now we're saying we've run out of money in June. Well, this happens to be September. Why is it just coming back to us now? The letter from Target was dated August.

But the real thing when you get down to it is that back in the early part of last year you let the City turn back to the DOT a large chunk of money. I think it was like over a million dollars. Now if you go look at the financial codes here, guess what? We're taking it out of our gas tax money, which is affecting the entire City. And you had a discussion not a month or two ago about how we were going to fund road rehabilitations in the western areas out of gas tax. So you need to ask why we can't go back to DOT.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Mr. Ward. Any comments? Comments?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'd like to know why can't we go back to DOT?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Well, with DOT, the way it works is they allocate a certain amount of funds for the project. In our case, we came in below what was allocated, so the standard procedure is that if you come in lower than what was allocated, that money goes back into their pool. So, you know, if you had allocated 12 million, the project came in at 10 million, that two just goes away.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So is this because of the drainage? Is that the bottom line --

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- or was it other things?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: This -- this -- this is just a combination of -- of time extensions. It's -- some of -- I mean, some of its bridge railing stuff. Some of it -- it's just a combination of issues.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Did they work on the drainage?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Well, this is just the CEI. They just do inspection of the project.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Inspection and reporting. So any issues that relates to infrastructure or the project itself really wouldn't involve them so much.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Coming clear?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. I don't think we have a choice.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Any comment? Miss Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, no.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's it? Okay. All right. There being no further comment, let's have the roll call, please, on this item.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis? Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. We deleted Item 14, so moving on to Item 15.

CITY CLERK WARD: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the interlocal agreement between Singer Island Dune Restoration Project between Palm Beach County and the City of Riviera Beach, and providing an effective date.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Need a second.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Do we -- do we have a quorum now?

CITY CLERK WARD: Right, uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Any comments from the Board before I -- oh, I'm sorry, Mary.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss McKinney?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: This is an agreement with the -- with Palm Beach County and the City of Riviera Beach. It's for 10 years, and funding would be allocated on a yearly basis by the City. Each year when we did our budget, we would allocate the \$200,000 -- up to \$200,000 for this beach re-nourishment -- yes, beach

re-nourishment. And as we all know, the northern section of the island experiences a great deal of erosion every year. The County has proposed to enter into this agreement, and the County would do the actual design and permitting and the dune restoration, and then any funding up to the \$200,000, they would ask for reimbursement from the City. And each year the City would allocate that \$200,000 in their budget. And staff recommends that the City Council do favorably consider this resolution.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: What's on the horizon in terms of restoration projects? Is there something that they're anticipating doing this fiscal year or what? What's coming down the pike?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Well, you know the breakwater project that was under design, that was -- the City was going to participate and the State was going to participate. The County has decided not to go forward with that funding, so the City has not allocated any funding for that in our capital plan.

This is a yearly maintenance of the -- the beach on the northern section of the island because every year the yearly storms take away a lot of the sand, and it's a common problem for areas that are south of inlets. Like the Town of Palm Beach is south of the Lake Worth inlet, which gets dredged out, so the sand that flows south that would go accrete on the beach gets dredged out. It doesn't make it to the beach.

Well, the same thing happens to the north section of Singer Island. The sand that flows south from Jupiter doesn't make it to the north end of Singer Island because it's excavated at the inlets that are north of the island. So -- and it's the whole east coast. It's every coast in the country, in this country, that has this same problem with sand naturally flowing, doesn't get to accumulate on the beach when it's dredged out of areas that are north of them.

So Palm Beach has this issue; Singer Island has this issue. Almost every barrier island that has an inlet north of them has the same issue. So they will be doing yearly dune restoration, probably every year.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: But there's nothing --

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: There is no --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: There's nothing coming down the pike.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: The permanent solution was that --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: For right now, in terms of --

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Right. That breakwater that they had --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: What's the current condition?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: The current condition is not -- it's stable right now.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Uh-huh.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: I mean, there are more seawalls on the north end of the island, so where those seawalls have been built to protect the condominiums, where they have gotten permits to build seawalls, there's very little beach left on the east side of those seawalls because the wave action that rips up against the seawall, it just takes the sand away, so it doesn't get a lot -- a chance to build up at all. So unfortunately, seawalls are built, then there's less beach, there's less areas for sea turtles to nest in, which the breakwater would have helped to protect, but there were objections to spending money on the breakwater for a variety of reasons, probably political and some may be environmental.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And where is our jurisdiction as it relates to all of this? What part -- because I -- I was trying to get to who determined the fair share and is it our responsibility for the shores, or is it the County's responsibility?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It's the State.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Well, right. And that's a mix.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: More the State?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: It's a -- it's a mix.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It's a mix.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: It's the State, and the County participates. And then what the County spends, they ask the City to participate, so to help share -- share with them the cost of the --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: They asked. But --

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- whose jurisdiction is it and whose responsibility?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Well, the -- the State is not going to bring in sand --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I just --

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: -- certainly, right.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- want to know who -- yeah. What --

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: They're not going to bring in sand.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: But it's their responsibility to bring it in.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Well, that's almost debatable. The State does not require to protect the private property.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Uh-huh.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: They're not required to do that. If the private property is diminished, then the City is going to lose valuable tax revenue, so it's logical that the City would participate to help ensure that the area is shored up, so that we don't lose our revenue and --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Isn't private property covered under their insurance?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Insurance is -- usually does not cover erosion, beach erosion situations, because they're -- it's just not cost effective for an insurance company to cover that.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay. But now who -- who determined the fair share?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Well, the City Manager and one council member, Pardo, met with County representatives and they suggested this allocation. The County is going to do at least a million dollars, and they asked the City to participate for up to \$200,000 of that million dollars.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So they have a plan to spend a million dollars this fiscal year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: Up to a million. It -- it -- it may not reach a million, but --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR McKINNEY: -- they -- they believe it will.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So they've already --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Yes. They've already planned that up to a million dollars.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: All right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. Let me just tell everyone what exactly is going on. DEP is putting in 50 percent, the City 20 percent, and the County 30 percent. DEP made it clear to us that they expected the City and the County to participate, and then the County made it clear that they wanted the City to participate, also.

Um, the plan right now is, we have a commitment from DEP for the next three years to bring the beach on Singer Island back to a healthy state. What DEP and the County has done in the past, they would look at the hot spots and fill in the hot spots. And that would be the end of the nourishment. What they've committed to now is they will go and re-nourish the entire north end, instead of just the hot spots, with the plan of just bringing it to a very healthy state. And if they do that for three consecutive years, you know, you'll be protecting, um, the buildings and the properties better.

Along with the -- with the sands, they're also going to replant the dunes, and this entire project is due to start in November with the dune plantings sometime in early -- either late January or early February. Everything has to be done by the end of February, because then we get back into turtle season. So what they're proposing for us isn't any different than what they do with the other cities. Right now the County expects that every city along the coast participate, you know, in this.

And then the -- the last thing I want to mention, Mr. Lowe had asked about, you know, long term solution. DEP put together a program about four or five months ago, and it's called the BMA, the Beach Management Program. And they decided to -- to start looking at certain areas, not just in Palm Beach County, but around the State. And DEP feels that it's up to them to, you know, get hold of the erosion problem and not rely on the County to go out and try to figure out how to move forward with it. So they decided to begin with the Town of Palm Beach. So it will go from Town of Palm Beach down to Lantana.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And they are trying to come up with some solution to stabilize that beach. And after they figure something out there, the next spot was going to be Jupiter-Singer Island. And what DEP had told Commissioner Marcus and I, what they would like to do is they will take it upon themselves to look and see if the best solution for Singer Island is a breakwater. And if it is, then they would initiate it.

You know, in the past it's been the County. The County's been initiating it. The County's been trying to get the permitting. And now DEP is saying, We will do it. And they feel it will take, you know, some of the politics out of it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It'll have more clout, I guess, with them.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So, you know -- so that's what's going on with it. DEP finally is very involved and I have to give them kudos. DEP's been doing a great job. So hopefully, you know, sometime down the road there will be a permanent solution, but for the time being I think it's great that there is this three-year commitment to bring the beaches back to a very healthy state.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I heard you say that the interlocal agreement for the 20 percent commitment is -- applies to all other cities along the coast, also. Am I correct in that assumption? Is that what I heard?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I believe, yeah. I believe some of the cities may pay more. What this agreement --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay, so --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- is doing is it's locking us into 20 percent for 10 years.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Is that 20 percent for only Riviera beaches -- if -- if there came a time for Riviera beaches to be re-nourished?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. 'Cause this -- initially they're gonna do, we know, at least three straight years.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh. But there's no other city --

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- that we're -- our 20 percent is going to be used.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, no.

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, this is just the --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's going to be used strictly for us.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- interlocal for -- with --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And all --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- Singer Island.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Also, I -- the County has been doing this by themselves in the past, right? They've been putting forth the dollars? I mean, it's taxes that they've collected from cities, so I mean, if we're also now going to be required to give, uh, 20 percent, is that considered double taxation?

CITY MANAGER JONES: If I'm not mistaken, it's -- was it bed tax that --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Correct, it's -- comes --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- was used in the past?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- from the bed tax.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So it wasn't the tax money that you got from the residents. It was really from your tourists.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Your tourists, uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right, it's bed tax.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Bed tax.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So are you saying -- okay. So anybody who stays in a hotel --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- in Riviera Beach --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- then that's where it comes from. Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: They're contributing to that fund.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Gotcha. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Good question. Okay. Anything any further? Ready for the vote. Oh, did we --

GERALD WARD: There is me.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, Ward.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Ward. Okay.

GERALD WARD: Wonderful misrepresentations. Number 15 is a 20 percent extortion. You've never committed to that kind of extortion by the County. The County's lower level government. If you look at Item 6-I, this agreement gives them total authority to come in and decide what projects to do and whatever. There's nothing in here that says that there's going to be three beach -- or correction -- dune fills within the next three years. Uh, the County makes any decisions if you sign this agreement.

You have easements all over. It's a proscriptive active easement for the beach. All of us can walk the beach any time we want to, and even though you have condo commandos that jump up and down. And by the way, my address should have been 3930 North Ocean, for which I'm an owner of 150 feet there, plus an owner of an undivided ownership of an area south of this particular area that's not included down near 3800.

So we don't need government being involved in maintaining our back yard. If you have a back yard easement, which most people, say, in Palm Beach Isles do for power lines, you require them to maintain the area. The condos, or the ownerships of that property, need to maintain their own lands. You don't need government involved.

The beach probably hasn't changed significantly since statehood. The dunes have. And that's the private uplands which are not being well maintained by most of the folks that live there. They don't put in the vegetation. ERM has done, as you see, \$6.7 million worth of sand on these dunes since 2000, and many times they didn't do the re-vegetation. There's no real commitment in here and in fact, ERM gets to decide whether they re-vegetate or not.

Now, fortunately, as -- as Miss Pardo mentioned, the beach management, we had our fourth meeting yesterday. They came in with a new section for dune fill. Maybe this project will fall apart based upon the new State standards, because they would not allow dune fill projects to occur in some of this location. There's a lot of things involved. Turtle people seem to still think they have a -- a strong oar in the water here. So I don't see why the City of Riviera Beach should discriminate against the majority of the citizens and give the County 20 percent.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm just trying to see, Mr. Ward, are you against this particular project? Because that's what it would seem like to me.

GERALD WARD: Absolutely. Every property owner needs to take care of their own back yard.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any further comments from the Board?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I just would like to --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes. Can I --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Sorry.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Are you finished, Mr. Thomas? Mr. Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: No, I wanted to find out whether their project will come before us when they decide to do it. Like, if they decide to do a re-nourishment project, will it -- will it come before us --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Will it come before us?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- first? And -- or will they just go ahead and do it and just use the \$200,000 at their own discretion?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, no. They would have to let us know what they were doing and when they were doing it, and of course, they would show us what the bill is. If it's less than a million dollars, we -- we're just 20 percent of whatever that cost is, not to exceed in a million dollar project. So if in a year they don't have to spend a million dollars, then they would not spend a million dollars.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And we would not spend 200,000.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And we would not spend \$200,000. And we were able to have within our five-year capital plan at least the \$200,000 for the next five years.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Which is a million.

CITY MANAGER JONES: On our part.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss Jones, did -- did anyone else over on the island have the same sentiments as Mr. Ward? I haven't heard, so I just want to make sure that - that no one else is -- is echoing his -- his beliefs.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I would say within the last year I've attended several meetings, the condo association, the communities, and all of them, even when we had county officials attending those meetings, were in support of doing something about the dunes and helping with the erosion that they're experiencing over there.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I got -- understand.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any further comment? If there be none, then we're ready for the vote, please. Roll call.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yep.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Item Number 16.

CITY CLERK WARD: 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 agreement for professional services between the City of Riviera Beach and Alcalde & Fay to provide lobbyist representation at the federal level on behalf of the City in the amount of \$5,000

per month for one year commencing October 1st, 2012, to September 30th, 2013, same to be paid from professional service of account 001020351903106, and providing an effective date.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any -- we don't have a card on this. Do we have --

CITY CLERK WARD: No.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- a card? Okay. Any discussion from the Board on this? Any questions? If not, ready for the roll call.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I mean (Inaudible) --

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Pro Tem Pardo.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Moving on to Item Number 17.

CITY CLERK WARD: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding Bid Number 354-12 to Foster Marine Corporation of West Palm Beach, Florida, for the reconstruction of 36th Street between Avenue O and Avenue R, in the amount of 599,389.50, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract authorizing the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10 percent, authorizing the Interim Finance Director to make payment for same, and providing an effective date.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Thank you. Uh, do we have a card on this one?

CITY CLERK WARD: No.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Um, obvious -- I had asked Miss Jones to have you talk about this project, but she did say that she really didn't know that much about the history of it. But I just wanted the residents to know that this is completing improvements in that area. Are you comfortable talking about it? If not, as long as it's being done, we'll let the residents know that this is a plan that's near completion. I think we have one other street in that area, and then that will be the --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I thought this street was done already.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: No.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible) 36th

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Not 36th?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Not 36th.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: I'm gonna show you -- Brent Johnson, Director of Public Works. I'm gonna show you -- figured this question would come up.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And we'll be real quick. It's getting kinda late.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: All right. All right. We'll just go basically to what you want to see. This is the Northwest Neighborhood Strategy Area. As you can see, this street -- it's a little hard to see but this street was just completed, which is --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's 35th Street.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: -- 35th Street.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right, yes.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: So to answer your question, Mr. Lowe, that's what was just completed. 36th Street is right here, and that's what we're proposing to do with the approval of this contract. The areas over here, everything in yellow that you see here, here, those are areas that haven't been done yet, um, but like all the other streets, we're getting to it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Thank you. I just wanted the residents to be aware what we're trying to do in that area to improve our streets.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any comments? All right. We have a comment card?

CITY CLERK WARD: No.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: No. All right. Let's vote.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Now we're down to Discussion and Deliberation. Item Number 18.

CITY CLERK WARD: City Manager's request that City Council accept the appointment --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: There he is.

CITY CLERK WARD: -- of Randy M. Sherman as Director of Finance and Administrative Services for the City of Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: What you -- you have before you is a request from the City Manager for the confirming of the appointment of Randy Sherman as the Finance and Administrative Services Director for the City of Riviera Beach. He has several years, 22 plus years of finance experience. He comes to us with his most previous position being with the City of West Palm. Most of you are familiar with their waterfront development. This is a project that Mr. Sherman worked on, and I'm sure our waterfront will look as good, if not better than the other work that he has. He's had extensive experience in working with CRAs, so he will also be of great assistance to the City and the CRA in that particular capacity. And I thank you for your support of this appointment. And Mr. Sherman's in the room.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Would you like to stand up, Mr. Sherman? Okay.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR SHERMAN: By -- by a process of elimination.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right, right, right. Okay. Thank you, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: We've seen -- you've been -- you know, you've been sitting back there for months now.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And you're still interested after all you've heard and seen. We applaud you. Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible) went down and asked him.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right, right, right. Have to change your mind, yes. Okay. Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo, did you have a question?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: (Inaudible). Yes, Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, I'm sorry. Um, the residence -- residency requirement, are we waiving that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, I'm asking to waive it. He has a residency in West Palm.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so that's a part of the -- the request in the resolution.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Then, uh, ready for the roll call.

CITY CLERK WARD: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I'm sorry. We have a card.

CITY CLERK WARD: Two of them.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, two. Okay. Mr. Ward, since you're here. Then after that, Bonnie Larson.

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 31 West 20th Street. Well, the only reason this comes before you, because it should be Mrs. Jones' purview totally, is that two things are being violated. One is it says in excess of 15 percent. I'm not quite sure how much is in excess of a salary jump. And number two, the residency requirement.

Well, in 1997 we put the residency requirement in for very good reasons, and everybody thought it was really good to start making all department heads reside in the city. Now, if you go to the last page of your backup, you'll see the actual section of the Code, Section 2-8, which says within 12 months. Well, he has to serve a six-month training period -- I forget what we call it -- but I'm not sure why you have to even do this tonight. Furthermore, I just don't see -- I mean, we've had a total disaster with the marina manager not have -- living in town. He's gone every time there's a holiday weekend or there's major events going on with events of boats and so forth, so there's a real good reason for having people involved at the managerial level of the town.

I also note that there were only 23 applicants, and you only short-listed two. Now, West Palm Beach is probably the 37th worst of the 38 municipalities fiscally. The \$30 million project down there gives a great example of tremendous amounts expenditures which West Palm seems to be able to commit to, and the real results for the citizens of West Palm Beach has not been that great, and they've had to even come back and want

to rehab that facility which is underway today. If you go down there, there's work started. Questions need to be asked, and I just don't see why you -- you need to do this.

Now, the gentleman does have a good background. He started out as a grunt and went up through his town up North, but Riviera Beach obviously, from tonight's discussion, needs to have the Council clearly understanding that the budget is the most important thing you do all year and you need to be working on it every month. And it's your hands-on item, not staff's, because you need to be the conduit that knows what the citizens want.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. Bonnie Larson?

BONNIE LARSON: I'm gonna repeat some of the same things Mr. Ward said because those are my comments, also. We have here on the information, it says 15 percent above the mid-point salary. It was my understanding that if anybody was gonna get above 10 percent, they had to ask you first. That was my understanding. So what is the percentage? By saying it's over 15 percent, does that mean it's 25 percent? Does that mean 50 percent, 75 percent? This should be specific, not just over 15 percent. Your information should tell you that. You're the ones voting on this.

There were only 23 people, as he said, who applied for this job, and maybe some of them were turned away by the residency required for Riviera Beach. So what good is a statute if you advertise it that you have to become a resident in Riviera Beach within 12 months, and then the end of it says, but we can waive that? So some people may not have even applied and it could -- you have to be very careful that this does not become a discriminatory thing. Because maybe you apply; we don't really like you, so you know, don't forget Miss So-and-so, that you have to live in Riviera Beach within the first 12 months. Somebody else that maybe you like a little better you can say, Oh, but it goes on to say you really don't have to. We can waive that. So that can be a discriminatory thing, and I think we should avoid that at all costs. Either make it mandatory or don't have that at all. Make it fair for everybody else who's applying for the job.

This gentleman worked in West Palm Beach for five years. And he's a CPA. That's good. He's at the meeting tonight. That's good. He's going to be starting on October the 20th. Again, you should have been asked about the salary. I -- I do believe that's a requirement. I do believe it is. So what -- what is the percentage? That's -- I would like to know that.

And also, um, consider that -- oh, and another thing. We really have to quit telling people who come into the city -- we keep asking them, How many Riviera Beach people are you going to employ? We really make a big deal out of that. We should quit saying that, because a lot of our high paying jobs, these people do not live in the city. Some of them live pretty far away. So we shouldn't make it mandatory on small business owners that they hire Riviera Beach people if Riviera Beach is not gonna do it themselves. Another thing to consider. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: A couple things. The first thing is I -- I would like to know what the actual salary is and what is the actual percentage. The second thing is I normally would agree with those comments made by Miss Larson on the residency requirement. However, I understand that the economic conditions now, most individuals are under water, can't quite get out of their homes, and we're not gonna lose a good candidate because of that. I do want to make sure that we recall that this particular applicant won't be the only applicant that the residency requirement has been waived for, so I -- I do want to -- to bring that up.

But I would like to know what the -- what the actual salary is and what's the percentage, the actual percentage of the increase.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The salary that's proposed is \$113,520, and that is 15 percent above the minimum.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What was the actual for base salary, and what is the percentage amount?

CITY MANAGER JONES: The base salary is 90 -- I have to look up on the classification what the base salary is.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, the range.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. The starting Step 1 is \$90,816. The maximum is \$136,223.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And --

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So anything above 10 percent, I have to bring to Council.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, I think the Mayor was first.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh. The Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Couple things. One is have we ever paid any of our Finance Directors in the past this much? Is this the highest that we've -- that we're offering?

CITY MANAGER JONES: The one that retired was making more.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And, um, the residency agreement, I agree with Miss Larson. I agree with Councilman Thomas. I see both -- both opinions have -- have equal weight. But my question is what is the criteria that causes us to waive a residence requirement and not waive one? I hope I'm asking it the right way. Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: My recommendation is if a candidate that is applying in this day and time -- in 1997 when this was put in place I could understand it, but in this day and time if someone is applying for a position within a two county radius of the City -- so I'd go up as far as Martin County, down to Broward -- then my recommendation is to waive residency.

MAYOR MASTERS: So therefore, maybe the policymakers -- I'm certainly not one. I just have veto with ordinances. That's the only policy that I have anything to do with. But maybe in the future maybe we want to just look at it altogether and just do away with it if it's -- if it doesn't really serve, if it's not in our best interests, because we certainly don't want to waive it for some and not waive it for others. Your logic is very good. I -- I understand it, so I don't have a problem with it. That's -- maybe they'll set a new policy. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You're welcome, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Manager.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, I -- I agree we should just get rid of it because, you know, what this does is diminish the applicant pool.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You know? I mean, we want the best --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- person for the job, and I think it's just a -- a -- a waste.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh. Well, and that's good, because we need to look and revisit policies that are not working right now.

MAYOR MASTERS: They're obsolete.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Absolutely, absolutely. And as Mr. Thomas said, we've got to be very sensitive to the housing situation, now the housing matter, and other cities are doing the same thing. Trust me. I've heard them. Okay. Ready -- was that the last --

CITY CLERK WARD: Right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- public comment card? Ready for the vote, please. Roll call.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. For Item 19, I'm gonna turn the gavel over to the Vice-Chair because this was something that I want to discuss, and I definitely want to make a motion on it.

CITY CLERK WARD: Discussion by City Council of meeting schedule and start time.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. I had mentioned several meetings ago a couple of times that I want us to consider our meeting schedule. I was reviewing the membership put out by the Palm Beach County League of Cities, and I was looking at all of the meetings of the 38 municipalities. And the usual meeting ranged from whenever needed to two per month. In the City of Riviera Beach all of us elected officials meet every Wednesday, a minimum of 48 meetings per year, not counting the executive sessions that we have or the special meetings that we have.

And -- and I've talked with the attorney about it, certainly talked with the department heads, talked with the City Manager, and I would hope that we would consider that per the Charter, we are permitted to have one meeting per month. We're meeting as CRA commissioners twice a month. The -- in talking with the -- with some of the staff, you know, it's very challenging when you've got to prepare for the agenda almost on a seven-day basis. It would certainly give all of us more opportunity to meet with our constituents and to have more time to really serve the community, to look at some of the issues that we're faced with, and really take the time to carefully deliberate and make wise decisions.

I feel that if we had what -- not that we couldn't meet twice a month, but if we had to have a second meeting, we could certainly plan to have that meeting on the third Wednesday and have those times set aside so that we can have workshops, we can have the time to, well, just really spend time to look and deliberate on matters that are of importance to us. With the Sunshine Law, we cannot talk to each other. We simply can't do it. But if we can have that third Wednesday to just, as we need, even for the Utility District, to meet with them and not have to plan to have 30 minutes before a budget meeting, a regular meeting.

I just see a lot of advantages to it, and I -- I'm -- you know, I'm prepared to make a motion that we consider meeting on a regular basis one -- once a month. It can be first Wednesday or third Wednesday. I'm suggesting maybe the first Wednesday. We do have the CRA the second Wednesday. And we could leave the third Wednesday for meeting as needed.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Is that your motion?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's my motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Any discussion?

MAYOR MASTERS: I -- I have a comment.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I respectfully disagree with the Chair on this, because we agree 90 percent of the time, so this is one time out of ten, perhaps. But a couple things. We serve the people and I -- I just personally feel that I don't think that we should change our own rules when it comes to serving the people. The people -- we -- we're servants of the people, and to me, that's almost like an employee deciding they gonna cut back on their days, or cut back on their hours.

And I think that this is the type of issue for me that it should be a referendum, because this has always been two meetings a month, and it's always worked. And if -- if the Charter says one meeting, and we've done two, and it's been effective, you know, we're paid and we have our work to do, and I think that we've done a good job, and I don't -- I would not want to see us, you know, cut back on meeting. We're not cutting back on our salary, although we definitely are overworked and underpaid like everybody else is.

But I think it -- this should be a referendum, I think, number one. And number two, I just think it works better, better government for -- for me to have the two established meetings. And then if there's a need for a workshop, so be it. But I -- I'm -- I'm opposed to going to one meeting a month.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: And I do --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you for your comments.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- like -- I'm not finished, please.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: I -- I -- I think that when we took away the meeting that we had on the day before with the agenda review, I thought that was very helpful. But we took that away, and now we want to take away another one of our established meetings, and I just -- I'm just not, um, comfortable with that. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you for your comment.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Any other -- any other comments?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Miss Davis? Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What's the matter?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It's hard to give up control.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I missed something.

MAYOR MASTERS: It's the spirit. Don't worry about it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It's hard to give up control.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: She's Acting Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm chairing.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: But she's the -- she's --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, you --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And Billie's still trying --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: She forgot. She forgot.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I -- I -- I can agree with going forward on this, but what I think is gonna happen is that if we only have one meeting per month, our agendas are going to be longer, or larger, and right now it's 10:00. And if -- I can only imagine what the meetings are going to be like with a larger agenda. So for that reason, I won't support this, no.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I want to respond to that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We have talked about --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Hold on. Hold on, please.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I'm sorry, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You touched --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- the gavel.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Mr. Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I have -- I -- I have just a couple of questions about it, Miss Brooks. I think that that will give us more time to meet with the constituency, such as the gentleman who came in tonight. There is a lot that -- that goes on. So if there was a way that if we didn't need a second meeting, just to have a second meeting, but if we needed a meeting, um, that we -- we could still have a meeting, then I could be more -- more comfortable with that. But to cut back to one meeting to go five or six or seven hours, that's not conducive. But if we manage what needs to go on the agenda, then I'm okay with that, because that will give everybody more time. I do want to state that if we need a second meeting, that I definitely would not be opposed to having it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, Miss Brooks.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And -- and I'm glad that you're asking these questions, because, you know, a lot of thought had gone into it. It would give each of us an opportunity to spend time before a meeting with the City Manager and the department heads, and everyone else. It is not unusual that sometimes we -- we come to the meeting and there are questions, because we haven't had an opportunity to go over the agenda with the City Manager.

Along with this proposal, I had asked -- I also suggest, and if you approve this, that we start our meeting time, if agreeable, at 5:30. And then -- because if we are -- we spend so much time, colleagues, asking questions that if we were to ask these questions and get the answers before the meeting we could move on. When you all have the pre-agenda --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's why we stopped.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- that it -- it -- it was to serve that you would review your work and get your questions answered and when we got to the meeting, the meeting would go very smoothly, because you've already got your questions answered. And it's the same concept here. You've got three weeks -- or two weeks from whatever time to at least have dialogue with the City Manager, so that when we get here everything is all understood and it should flow very smoothly.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Because I have observed that most of the time is spent really just answering questions.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And -- and --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So I think that if we just move forward and it -- it can be done.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss Brooks, will you speak --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. (Inaudible) --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- into the mic, please?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, yes. I'm sorry. That it -- it really could be done.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And Madam Chair, I kinda like the idea of what Mr. Thomas said concerning the second meeting. If -- if we can incorporate into your motion that at a time certain, say for instance 10 -- 10 p.m., if we're not finished with the agenda, we end it unless there's a vote by Council to continue, you know, if it's only like two or three more items. But I would say end the meeting at 10:00, and then if we need to have a second meeting and bring the rest of the items from this meeting, you know, that's an alternative.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And also, concerning the meeting with the City Manager, I know that at the County the way they do this is everything that is on your agenda, whatever department is needed to be a part of that meeting --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- with each of us, you know, you can get all of your questions answered at the same time, but we have to schedule the meeting. You know? And -- and I have no problems with it, but I -- I just don't like, you know -- the reason that I supported ending the agenda review was because, you know, we -- we -- we came here. We took our time. We come here to -- to -- to attend the review, to get all our questions answered, and then when we get to the meetings, we got the same questions. And it was just a waste of time. And I don't know about y'all, but my time is valuable.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It is.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And so if we can move in this direction with those things incorporated, you know, I'm all for it.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair, if you amend the --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Madam Chair? Madam Chair? Oh, okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Miss Brooks.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I just want to say that the attorney had assisted me in -- in coming up with this motion, and the motion does -- and I'll just read it, because it does allow that the third Wednesday. We could meet every third Wednesday --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- if you so desire, but we're looking at having to only meet right now once a month. Here's how she suggested that I -- that I word it. That the regular City Council meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of every month, said change to be effective for the October, 2012 -- 2012 meeting, and that the third Wednesday of the month shall be reserved for meetings of the Utility District, workshop, and special meetings as needed. So we're still leaving that third Wednesday there if we need to meet. You know?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So it would be a special meeting if we had to run over from the first --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: No, you could continue your regular meeting.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So we could continue --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You can continue your regular meeting.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- the regular meeting. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We could continue the regular meeting.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. All right. That's fine with me. So --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I want --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Wait. Hold on.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I would like to amend the motion to incorporate --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh, this.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- those things that we just talked about.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Mr. Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm -- I'm gonna still hold my second with that --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- if -- you were to make that original motion?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: She was.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Miss Brooks (Inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, I made the --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'm seconding whoever was to make that original motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I'm just trying to wrap my brain around why we're -- why we're making a motion for a privilege that we already have in the charter. It's -- we're only required to do one meeting by -- by -- by way of the Charter. And if we have the third meeting, that's entirely up to --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You mean the second meeting?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- us, or the Chair, or the Manager, depending on the -- you know, the amount of -- the amount of items she has on her agenda or what she needs to bring forth to us.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Madam Chair, we have --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: We already have that. We already have --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Madam Chair, may I respond? Because that was a question I had to the attorney, as well. And she did her research, and she found that there was a meeting sometime back when a motion was made to change the meeting time, and it was her legal opinion that given that it had happened previously, where you all voted to change the time, it would be appropriate to do the same thing here. But you're right, Mr. Lowe. We already have that. It's inherent in our charter that we can do it. And it's always left up to the Chair to call a meeting, so --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Vice-Chair?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Hold on. Hold on. Mr. Lowe, were you done?

MAYOR MASTERS: And the Mayor, yeah.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Uh, yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I do want to make sure that we add the time into the motion of 5:30, so that it's stated in the motion.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: 5 -- okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: 5:30.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: 5:30.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: 5:30, and that we end the meetings at 10.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's fine with me.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's beautiful.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Yes, Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: I just -- I just want to go on the record. I'm -- I'm opposed to 5:30. I want to keep it at 6:30. I think it should be separate, but you know, it is what it is.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: You know, we gonna talk about 5:30 to 11. I -- keep it at 6:30 for me. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's just me.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Clerk?

CITY MANAGER JONES: And could I ask you to include something else with that?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm sorry?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I -- yeah. Could you include, also, that public comment would be at 7:00?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: At 7:00. That was the -- right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We need to set that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: At 7.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: At 7.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. We'll incorporate that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So if you make --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Do I need to amend that again?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Let me, uh --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You know, actually, people it's already written out, but it was done internally first and second motion, but we can just incorporate that and make it one motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Motion.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So it's already written out.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So whatever's written out there --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So why don't we read the -- read the motion.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I will read it.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Read them together.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That the regular City Council meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of every month, said change to be effective for the October, 2012 meeting, and that the third Wednesday of the month shall be reserved for meetings of the Utility District, workshops, and special meetings as needed, or a continuation of our regular meeting, and that the City Council change the start time of the regular meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., with public comments to begin at 7 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And also --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You're forgetting that --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- to amend it that the meetings end --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And end at 10 --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- at 10 p.m. and --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- p.m.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Public comment at 7.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- public comment at 7.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. Bonnie Larson?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And my second still stands.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Miss Larson?

BONNIE LARSON: Bonnie Larson. It keeps coming up every few years about changing the start time. We'll start there, start time. Now you're suggesting starting it at 5:30. People do work. Hopefully, they work. They're not going to be able to get to a meeting at 5:30. This is for a meeting of the public, to accommodate the public. They can't get here by 5:30. They gotta -- they got kids to pick up. They got to get home from work. A lot of people work till 6, 6:30.

You know, the meetings used to start at 7. So now they start at 6:30. 5:30, you're eliminating a lot of people. Not that you're eliminating them; you're not allowing them to come to the meeting and comment on the first hour or so of subject matters. They're just - they're -- they won't be allowed to discuss those things that are happening, and I don't think it's right. I think it is -- this is a meeting for the public.

We used to have agenda reviews, and that's where you got a lot of your questions out. And I never quite understood that, why you had that, and then you still came here and argued and had the same questions you had that night, so I never quite understood how that happened, because that should have been the time where you discussed all the things like you discussed tonight for like 20, 30 minutes, on the -- the furlough. That was ridiculous. That would have been taken care of during a -- an agenda review. So we've done away with the agenda reviews.

The other thing is, how in the world are you gonna fit two meetings into one and end it at 10:00? You had a full meeting two weeks ago. You have a full meeting tonight. How in the world are you gonna incorporate all of that into one meeting? How does that work? Doesn't make -- I don't understand how that's gonna happen because what are we doing that we can suddenly fit everything into one meeting?

So could you tell me, please, in the charter, what chapter and what page that is that says we only have to have one meeting? Could you please tell me that? I would like to read that, because someone supposedly in the knowledge said to me that, no, the charter is very specific about how many meetings you have to have per month. So I would like,

again, to read it myself where it says we only have to have one. So I'd like to know the page and the chapter where it says that.

But like I said, how are you gonna incorporate two meetings into one? I don't know. I don't know how it's gonna happen. And 5:30, I think, is very unfair to the residents. This is a meeting where you comment, and if we don't have discussion, the residents will never be able to understand why you're doing certain things. If you go to Miss Jones -- a comment was made that then you can individually go to Miss Jones and ask her questions if you don't have to go to that meeting. Well, you're gonna take up all of Mrs. Jones' times asking your individual questions, 'cause you can only talk one at a time. She's gonna be so busy answering your individual questions, she won't have time to do her job. Whereas if you do it in the public, you can all have a conversation and we can understand why things are being done. You're gonna use up all of her time meeting with her individually.

And like I said, since the beginning of the time we've always had two meetings per month, so I'd like you to reconsider, make it convenient, not necessarily for the Council, but make it convenient for the public. You are serving the public. Make it so that people can attend and so people can understand what's going on. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Okay. Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: No.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion approved with -- that motion approved with Councilperson Lowe dissenting.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. And I will give the gavel back to the Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: The Chair has it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Yes, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The -- the attorney wants to --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We can forward that to you tomorrow, Miss Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: Well, could I have it right now?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't have it right now.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: She'll forward it to you tomorrow.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't know the exact site right now --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: We're in the middle of a meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- but we can forward it to you tomorrow.

MAYOR MASTERS: Is -- is it online? It's online.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, it's online.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It's online.

BONNIE LARSON: I know, but I wanted the chapter because I don't want to (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. We're going to -

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: There's a -- there's a --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: We're in a meeting right now.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'll -- I'll give that to you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. Thank you so much. Moving on, Item 20.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilman Cedrick Thomas' 2nd Annual 5th Grade Fun Day at John F. Kennedy Middle School, 1901 Avenue S, on November the 15th, 2012, 9:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Do you need a motion or is this just for discussion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I was instructed last year that I needed a motion, so --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- that's why it's on there. So I'm -- I'm gonna move for -- on it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But wait. Wait a minute. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Last year didn't you use Community Benefits dollars?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So that's why you needed a motion.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'll be using some Community Benefit dollars, as well.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, you know, I don't know what your budget is or anything for these, so I mean, on our documents, we have to put down a budget amount, so I'm -- I'm just not comfortable with it. Sorry.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, I guess I was kinda do -- I was -- I thought that this was just a presentation, but you're saying --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I was told that I needed --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- you might need some money.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- to do it because we're expending funds. So it's -- you know, if -- if you don't vote for it, then we, you know, we just don't do it. I mean, I'm -- there's nothing I can do if you -- if you -- if the Board says that they don't want to do it -- they don't want me to do it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Do we -- do we know how much funds we're going to be expending?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, all the funds will have to be raised, as they were last year, or they're coming from my Community Benefits, as they did last year. The City is not expending any funds. The most the City does with -- with this particular event, is the utilization of the rec vans to help pick up the kids.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But that's -- that's where my issue is.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: If -- if -- I'm sorry. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: If -- if you're going to be raising the funding, then you don't need my approval. If you are -- if -- if you're going to be using Community -- Community Benefit dollars, then there needs to be a Community Benefits request form showing --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, it's -- it's not going to be for this particular event, because this event -- well, it might. It might be. And when it comes back -- when it comes back you would -- you would -- you would get that. You would get the --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But you're asking for approval now.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Because I have to plan it, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We can't just wait --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- till that time. I have to plan it. I have to get whatever -- what all the people who are involved in it. I can't just pop up at the last minute and -- and do it. So I mean, it's -- you know, it's up to you. It's -- it's -- it's there. It's on the floor. If -- if -- if the Board doesn't want to support it, then I understand that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I think --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah. Mr. Lowe? Yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Are -- are you asking for financial support or you asking for --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- us to endorse it so that the employees can be free to work and drive the buses and --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's pretty --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: That's -- that's a cost, as well. It's an indirect cost, but it's -- it's not a direct cost. It still takes time --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It's an in-kind kinda thing.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- and personnel and gas and --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes, it does.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- a bus driver and --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- all of that stuff.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So I'm just trying to find out what you're asking for.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: For this --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Do we (Inaudible) --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- particular event what I use is the City's buses, and that require some City drivers to -- to drive it, so that is. If you -- you know, if you -- if you're not comfortable with that, then it's fine. You know? We'll -- we'll have to raise the money and -- and, you know, pay for transportation. However you want to do it, it's -- it's fine with me.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair? Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I'm comfortable with it. With all the shootings and killings we've had in the last few weeks, anything that we can do for the children, a Fun Day, any kind of day, I -- I support that a hundred percent. The other thing is, we -- we've - - I'm missing something here, because we've used the buses before for different events and that -- I thought that was in the authority of the -- of the Manager to make that -- I don't know why we need to approve this, because we've used our employees. We've used our bus. We've used other things in the other type of City-sponsored, or co-sponsored events. So what is different? What is the difference with this one?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well -- well, Mayor, I think it's because the Manager wants to make sure that it's unified that the Council is okay with that, so she's not in a -- in a situation where some council members that clearly have an issue with it now may have an issue with her doing it. So what's been used -- and you were there, Mayor, last year.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah, I was there.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And Miss Brooks even came by.

MAYOR MASTERS: Great day.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's a good event, but I can't wait till the last minute and think that --

MAYOR MASTERS: I understand. I get that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- we're gonna pull it together. All that's being used from the City, I believe that we used three members from Parks & Rec with the buses. We used Mr. Johnson from Public Works. And we used my staff members. So those are the members that were used from the City. Only money that would be used is money that's raised or by Community Benefits. That's it. No costs for it. And it's a -- you know, it -- it's an event that, you know, our children, they're the 5th graders in our city that they're -- that it is. So if you don't want me to use the City buses, then, okay, but I mean, the -- the Manager just wants to make sure that everybody's okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And Councilman Thomas, I think that it's just for clarification to know what is our commitment, 'cause if it's an in-cash kinda contribution, you just gotta make sure that there is --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's not. And we provided a budget. I don't know why it's not in there, because the -- Miss Hoskins actually came back to me and asked me to give a budget, so we gave a budget for all events. I don't know why it's not in there. But all the money would be raised as it was last year, or used by Community Benefits.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Well, we'll just take them item by item. So Item Number 20, what you're saying here is that on the City side, we would be -- you want the approval to use the bus and staff, which is during regular work hours.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Regular work hours.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: 9 a.m. -- 9:30 a.m. --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So no overtime or anything at all?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No overtime will be incurred, none -- none of that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair, I'll support that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, I will, too. I'll get --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I don't have a problem with it for the kids.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Do we have a consensus? We've got --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'll motion -- I'll motion that --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh, it's not an issue of whether I support this or not, because I mean, I support anything to do with -- you know. It's -- it's about the -- there is no budget. And -- and as I said, Mr. Thomas, Councilman Thomas does not need permission from me or approval from me to go out and raise dollars. If what you wanted was to -- permission to use the buses, I mean, I don't think you even need that, because I've had painting projects and stuff and I just simply call Miss Jones, tell her to make it happen. So I don't know --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: There is no budget. There's -- you don't need my approval.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Miss -- Miss Davis, you may feel that way, but the Manager wants to know that it's --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, why is it --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- it's consistent, and I would like for --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- that you need this?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But wait a minute. I would like for everybody to know, residents included, when they see those buses moving with those kids on it, that this was something that the Board endorsed.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You know? So I would feel more comfortable by it. You know? If --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So it's an endorsement.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Of -- of course. But we're --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- going to use --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: The bus.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- the buses. You know?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah, that's fine. So we can -- we've all agreed on that. We have a consensus.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Do we have a motion there?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm not -- I'm --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Do we need a motion?

CITY CLERK WARD: There's a motion on the floor with it by Councilman Thomas.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. So let's go for the vote, please.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Hold on.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I -- I -- I have a comment.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, yes. Question. Yes, sir, Mr. Lowe.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: No, you know, I -- I don't have any problem supporting the buses and things like that, but I -- I do know that, you know, everything that I ask the City Manager to do, you know, there's some times when the question arise about the costs, and how we gonna pay for this and this and that. So it's -- you know, it's not as simple for me to make a phone call and say, I need ten buses. Make it happen. But in this particular instance, you know, you can rename it the City's Annual -- 2nd Annual 5th Grade Fun Bash, if you're going to be using the City's resources, as opposed to just the Cedrick Thomas 2nd Annual Fun. If you're doing it all on your own, then it's -- it's your project.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Raising the money.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, exactly. Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: But the City is contributing to it, so --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Comments?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Call the vote.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: All these -- all these projects have your name on it, like it's yours, but the City's doing it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I'm raising --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, this is --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- the money. I'm out there putting it together.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay. Well, then pay for the buses if that's what it is.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And that's -- there's a motion on the floor. If that's what you choose, then --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I have --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: The motion is on the floor.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- one question. I have one question.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What if -- what if the money is not raised? I mean, everything that --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Then they won't have the event. Well, on this one he's saying --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: But we're -- we -- if we're --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- all he wants --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- already --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- from us is to use the City resources of the bus.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If the -- if the money is not raised, then the event won't happen. You know, the -- the money's going to be raised. It's -- I don't know what -- what every -- everybody's getting at. If you don't want me to use the City buses, then fine, just say so, but we got a couple more of these to go through. So it's --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- up to you. It's up to you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We're take -- we're taking them item by item here. This right now we'll --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. It's up -- it's up to you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- we're -- we've deliberated on and discussed the 2nd Annual 5th Grade Fun Day at John F. Kennedy Middle School. It's going to be from 9:30 to 2:30, the regular workday. I understand Councilman Thomas is asking the resources specific are the bus, the staff, and that's pretty much it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And that anything that requires out of pocket, that he's raising the money for that. Now, are we ready for the vote?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Public comment card.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Public comment card, please?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, Jesus.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. What number?

CITY CLERK WARD: This one.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair --

CITY CLERK WARD: Number 20.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- while she's coming up -- while she's coming, uh, Mr. Thomas, if this passes you can certainly use my staff, as well.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right, Miss Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: Okay. Someone doesn't want to hear my comments. Okay. I know. I put all -- I put these together in one comment, and that was 20, 21, and 22. That was the Fun Day at JFK Middle School, the 4th Annual Turkey Give-Away -- I'm gonna do them all in one -- and the 2nd Annual Night of Elegance, which has already happened.

I think the big -- the big situation here, I thought this was a request for the community funds from Waste Management was the way I read it. And any time you're doing an event, you need to -- you need to know the budget because -- well, first of all, you have -- if you're talking about the buses, you just have to make sure those days the buses are available and that the something else is not planned. But whenever you plan an event, you have to know what you're estimated cost is going to be.

And as Miss Davis said, what if you don't make the money in the donations, then what's gonna happen? Because now you've committed the community funds, but you don't have enough funds. Now, the Number 22, the Night of Elegance, that has already happened. That cost \$17,700. That was a party for the Seniors in Riviera Beach. \$10,200 --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Miss -- Miss Larson?

BONNIE LARSON: -- was to be raised. Yes?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry, but she's giving out wrong information.

BONNIE LARSON: I read it from the backup.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You probably are reading the budget that's attached that's planned for this year.

BONNIE LARSON: I read the backup that was in the book. The -- that's the only thing I had to read is the backup that goes with it. The only thing --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. That's the budget for this upcoming one. If you look at the date, this --

BONNIE LARSON: Are you -- which -- which item are you talking about? Are you talking about the --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: 22, which we haven't gotten to, yet, but --

BONNIE LARSON: Oh, there's going to be another one. Is that what you're saying?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Next March, yes. I'm asking for that, yes.

BONNIE LARSON: Okay. See, it doesn't say that on here. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. It says -- I thought that was a typo because I know that has already happened, and it said 17,700, 10,200 to be raised. And my question then was, was it raised? But it's for the next one in March.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's for next March.

BONNIE LARSON: Okay. I just -- let's not get hostile here. I know you're a little angry, but I think there was a misunderstanding here, because to me, this seemed like you were asking for community funds, and if people are gonna -- people vote on the community funds, and if they don't know how much they're voting on -- so that would be a problem.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I still have to bring the Community Benefits fund back. We're only doing this so we can plan.

BONNIE LARSON: All right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So that Miss Jones knows to have Recreation set aside those buses for that date. All these events are in November and in March of next year. We're just planning them.

BONNIE LARSON: All right. There was not only confusion on my part. As you saw, the Council had a lot of questions and they were confused, also. It's not just me who was confused, and maybe if it had been written differently on here, there wouldn't have been a question, and -- and people wouldn't have gotten angry and whatever and misunderstood. So it needs to be written more clearly on here so the people can understand, because clearly the Council didn't understand it, either. So thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Let's make sure we keep our vote here.

MAYOR MASTERS: You raised the question. We need to vote now.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. Ready for the vote. Item 20.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe?

MAYOR MASTERS: He had -- he asked to be excused, Madam Chair, um, Chair.

CITY CLERK WARD: Thank you, Mayor. Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: She's away.

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't know where she is.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved with Councilperson Lowe out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And Davis.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: 21.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilman Cedrick Thomas' 4th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Give-Away.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's a turkey give-away that we're doing now for the fourth year in a row. The monies will be raised the same way or donated as they have been for the past four years. Very limited resources, I think, are used out there from the City. Command vehicle, the library, whatever on-duty officers are out there to help with traffic, and that's -- that's it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And you're saying no cash, no -- no financial --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No cash for any of these items.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Just make it plain, sir. All right.

MAYOR MASTERS: I support that.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Was there a motion made? Did we get a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Ready for the question.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe? Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis? Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved with Councilperson Lowe, Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Item 22.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilman Cedrick Thomas' 2nd Annual Night of Elegance honoring our senior citizens on March the 2nd, 2013.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: This particular event I was only planning on doing it one time, one year. There was an overwhelming response that individuals were asking for it to be done again. It is something that we do for our seniors that I agreed to raise the money, use whatever I could to have it happen again. It's held at the Port Center. I did send a letter to ask for a request on that. It's the same, you know, event basically as last year. The reason why I'm starting early is to give us time to raise the money, and that's just where I'm -- you know, where I'm at with it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So again, you're not asking for any financial participation from the City.

MAYOR THOMAS: I have --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

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

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right.

MAYOR MASTERS: I have a question. I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, we're really trying get out of here.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I know.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I mean, you know, if we all agree --

MAYOR MASTERS: My question is, Madam Chair, if you don't mind, is that how are the police officer -- I support the event a hundred percent, but how are the police officers paid? There were quite a few the last time.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I know that recruits were used the last time. There was not any overtime. They're basically only used for the -- the traffic in -- in and out of the dangerous road coming down.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just wanted you to clarify that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The Firefighters helped serve last time. The amount of money that we spent last time I think was somewhere around 8,000. All of it was raised or donated by someone, some of the businesses, Rybovich, those type of businesses, actually put in money to help get that going. The other agencies helped pull that off. So there is an attached budget, as Miss Larson looked at, of proposed, but that's what it is. I won't be asking the City for any money. If we don't get it covered, and it's clearly that members are -- you know, don't really want to support it, then we'll come back early enough and not do it. But it's six or seven months out, so we can try to make it happen.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just wanted you to --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- clarify that --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- for the public. That's all.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Vote?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I'm ready for the vote.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe? Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis? Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved with Councilperson Lowe, Councilperson Davis out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And let us go -- quickly run through these Community Benefits requests. Number 23?

CITY CLERK WARD: Neighbors United, \$300, Billie E. Brooks, funds to be used to purchase lunch for the volunteers at the September 22nd, 2012 clean-up.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh, we need a second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. This is the recurrence of the same event, so we can go ahead and vote. All right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Where's (Inaudible)?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Call for the vote.

CITY CLERK WARD: Couple comment. Bonnie Larson.

MAYOR MASTERS: Chair wants to get out of here.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Miss Larson?

BONNIE LARSON: I'll put it in my public comments next time.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. Let's --

MAYOR MASTERS: That's so --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- go for the vote.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- kind of you.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe? Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo? Chair Brooks.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved with Councilperson Lowe, Councilperson Pardo out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: 24?

CITY CLERK WARD: City of Riviera Beach, \$4,110, Judy L. Davis, funds to be used for catering and music entertainment for an employee social.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We need a motion.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's basically all it is. So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Can -- we need a second.

CITY CLERK WARD: Right. Need a second.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) gonna be.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah, it's gonna be, to be held on September 27th at Wells Gym.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Is that where we're doing the -- they gonna be the three -- okay. All right. We need a second for that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: From 6 to 8.

CITY CLERK WARD: Thank you, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Can we get a second?

CITY CLERK WARD: Second?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, I guess I don't get a second for my Community Benefit since I didn't (Inaudible) --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I haven't had a chance to answer, but of course I will give someone a second for doing something for our community and our employees.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. All right. Item 24?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Did we vote?

CITY CLERK WARD: No.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And we've got a public comment.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Huh?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We've got a public comment.

BONNIE LARSON: All right. This is a request for Waste Management Community Benefits funds for \$4,110. My question is very short. Why are we using Waste Management funds for an employee event? Why isn't the City paying that? Why are we using a community money to pay for an employee event? Why isn't the City paying for that? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Ready for the -- ready for the vote?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe? Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo? Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved with Councilperson Lowe, Councilperson Pardo out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Item 25, Youth Empowerment Program, \$500, Shelby Lowe. Can we get a vote -- a motion?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second. He's not here to discuss his item?

MAYOR MASTERS: No, he wasn't feeling well, so he left early.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah. Okay. All right. No comment card.

CITY CLERK WARD: Right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Go for the vote.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe. Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo? Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Also on Item Number 25, that was one. Now, this is two, the legislative office.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Brooks. Motion?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I'm sorry. Yeah, motion, uh-huh.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved with Councilperson Lowe, Councilperson Pardo out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CITY CLERK WARD: The second is the legislative office, \$300, Shelby L. Lowe, defray costs of the City's 90th Anniversary Celebration.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So we just -- we missed a number on there then, didn't we?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It was 25-1 and -- and 25-2.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, I see.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: There were two for Councilman Lowe.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Sorry.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And the other is for the legislative office, to defray costs for the City's 90th Anniversary Celebration. He's planning a -- a big event for that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, ready for the vote, please.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe? Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo? Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved with Councilperson Lowe, Councilperson Pardo out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Item 26.

CITY CLERK WARD: Business and Neighborhood Crime Watch Group, \$2,743, Thomas A. Masters, security cameras for Neighborhood Crime Watch Groups throughout the neighborhood.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Ready for the vote.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe? Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo? Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved with Councilperson Lowe, Councilperson Pardo out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Item 27. Let's just take Item 27, 1 through 6. Can we do that?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That will work.

CITY CLERK WARD: Youth Empowerment Program, \$500, Billie E. Brooks, (Inaudible) Mentor Interaction Program. R.A.J. Huntley Christian Community School, \$1,000, Billie E. Brooks, tuition support for school students. Friendly Travelers Club, \$200, Billie E. Brooks, defray costs for the 11th Annual Banquet to Handicapped Children & Elderly. Reviver Outreach Community Ministries, \$300, Councilperson Brooks, defray costs -- defray costs for 2nd Annual (Inaudible) in October. St. George Centers, \$250, Billie E. Brooks, tuition support for students in school. Riviera Beach Maritime Academy, \$500, Billie E. Brooks, defray costs and fee associated with special programs for school.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Vote, please.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe? Councilperson Pardo? Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved for those six items with Councilperson Lowe and Councilperson Pardo out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Down to discussion by City Manager.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. One item. If you'll recall, at our last meeting the City Attorney talked about the response of the review from the I.G. that we received, and the two corrective actions that they were recommending as it related to their most recent investigation of our procurement practices. Those two items you have in front of you.

Because they're not items that fall administratively under my responsibility, I am asking Council to consider having -- letting the Chair sign the attached letter which says that -- and I will read it. "As it relates to the first recommendation, please be advised that the City Council always in the spirit of transparency will adhere to its advertised evaluation criteria contained in any RFP, and if the City Council disagrees with the criteria or the ranking of staff, it will endeavor to restart the process."

The second part of it -- and the second recommendation is that Council will eliminate making requests for Community Benefit type funds in awarding contracts. And in

this letter it says, "Please be advised that at this time the sitting Council has no intentions of requesting Community Benefits from future contractors and staff have been advised of the same." And I would like Council's approval --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- for the Chair to sign this letter --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Need a second.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- on behalf of the Council.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Vote. A vote, please.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Lowe? Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo. Chair Brooks.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion is approved with Councilperson Lowe, Councilperson Pardo out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Is that it for discussion --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- Miss Jones? Um, Legal discussion?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Nothing, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. City Council Committee Reports? Mr. -- let's see.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Not -- not tonight.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I'll defray mine until the next meeting.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Same. Yeah, I will, too.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Defer mine. Okay. Statements by the Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I'll try to be brief. I've tried to speak twice earlier, but it hasn't been my night for speaking, I guess. But I do want to just mention to the seniors that Badcock Furniture Store, one of the large corporations in the area -- although the store is in Lake Park -- they have agreed to give our seniors a discount, as well. Job fairs will be continuing very soon. We must continue to provide jobs, get jobs for many people as fast as we can, including ex-offenders. The hot line for absentee -- to report absentee landlords not keeping up their property is 845-4031, 845-4031. I also want to commend Mrs. Ward, again, for that appointment of one of the best clerks, period.

And last, but not least, as you know we've been very involved helping to organize a peace movement that everyone can become a member of: students, workers, preachers, whoever. I believe that in order to -- to stop the bleeding, as the Chief says, the -- the immediate violence that we're seeing, it's -- it's going to take a movement, and the Chair and I have been working very closely together to make this happen, not just -- it's not a City initiative. This is a community initiative. And I'm working with other mayors of other cities that they can identify community advocates that would like to take on the peace barrier -- uh, uh, peace banner and bring peace to all the communities. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, you're welcome. Thank you, Mayor. Well, I have no comment. Anyone?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm gonna wait till the next meeting. I will give an update. Several people asked me about the Democratic National Convention.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And I will give an update on that at the next meeting.

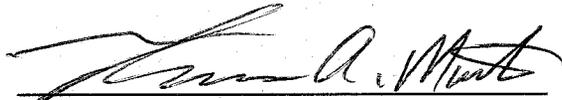
CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Good, good, good. That will be great. Okay. Um, just -- just need a motion to --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Move adjournment.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED.

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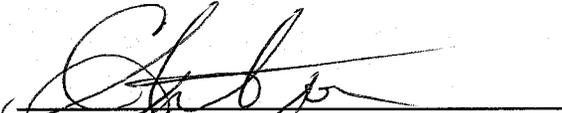


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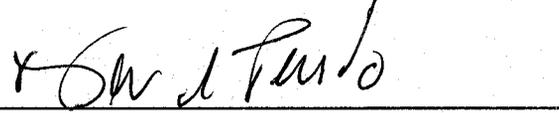


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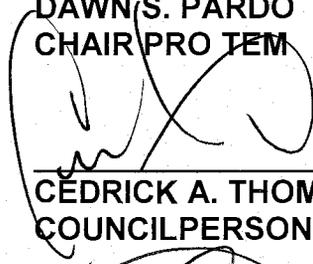
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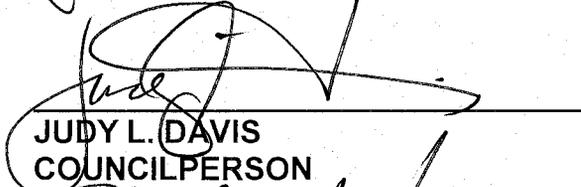
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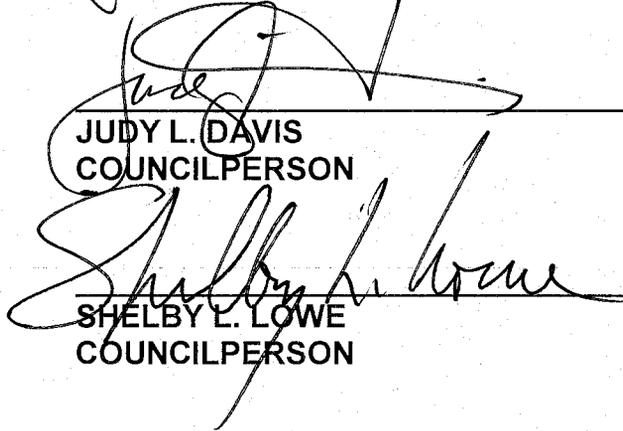
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