

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Good evening, everyone. Thank you so much for coming out in this weather. We welcome you. We're about to begin now the regular City Council meeting and I ask you if you have any cell phones, to please turn them off or put them on vibrate. Thank you much. All right, Madam Clerk. Let me see. Special things here. If there's anyone here who would like to speak on an agenda item, non-consent, please fill out a pink public comment card located in the back of the Council chamber and give it to the -- well, the legislative assistant or to Deputy Danny Jones. And it should be filled out and given prior to the meeting. And we are getting ready to start the meeting.

City Clerk, Madam, would you please do the roll call, and I will say that the Mayor and Councilman Thomas are in Charlotte at the Democratic National Convention.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Billie Brooks.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Testimony Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Judy Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Here.

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

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Present.

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

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. We will now stand for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. For the Invocation, we'll have a moment of silence. And let's please in our hearts, think about the families of the victims of the recent shooting, as well as the families of the offenders, and in your own way just say a special prayer for them and for our City. And we will be led by City Manager Ruth Jones. (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by City Manager Ruth Jones).

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

CITY MANAGER JONES: There's one addition of a community benefit request from Councilman Lowe.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right. I need a motion to approve the agenda. Well, first, if there's any disclosure by Council on any matters on the agenda tonight. No? Okay. I'd like to have a motion to adopt the agenda?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Roll call, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: The 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 requests, and in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Motion to approve consent.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Roll call, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Now, we -- and motion to approve -- we've already taken care of that. We are down to Petitions and Communications for Filing. None. Awards and Presentations. And I will ask the Mayor's Chief of Staff to come forward. Well, I guess actually the first one is the one that -- that I would be doing. It's the Hunger Action one. But you know, go ahead on and do it, if you would, for me. Appreciate it. Thank you. We were expecting a representative from the -- from the group to come, but they're not able to make it. But anyway, we'll do our proclamation.

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair, Council members and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Ryan. I'm Debbie LeBlanc-Isaacs, Chief of Staff for the Office of the Mayor. As mentioned earlier, Mayor Masters is in Charlotte, North Carolina, along with Councilman Thomas, at the Democratic National Convention, and you may not have seen him on TV last night, but he asked me to remind you to be sure to look for him tonight, as he casts his vote to re-elect President Barack Obama.

Now, although the Mayor is not physically here with us, anyone who knows him knows that there is no event too great and no distance too far that Mayor Masters cannot keep his hand on the pulse of what's happening in this great city and the effects thereof on the citizens of Riviera Beach, whom he holds very close to his heart. If going across the world to China was not so far that he could not orchestrate an entire weeks of feeding for displaced residents of Stoneybrook, then rest assured that keeping control of this office from North Carolina is a piece of cake. The mayor is in constant communication with law enforcement, community leaders, the victims and families of last week's tragic incident, and he asked me to let you know that he is always praying and working on behalf of the citizens of Riviera Beach.

Tonight, in his absence, I have the privilege of presenting several proclamations and I'd like to ask the -- if there's no one here from Feeding South Florida? There is no one? So I'll just read this proclamation. "Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida. Whereas Feeding South Florida feeds hungry people and works with others who are not, to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger, and to provide additional resources that all residents of South Florida can use, and the City of Riviera Beach is committed to working with Feeding South Florida, to educate people about the critical role food banks play in addressing hunger and issues related to hunger, and more than one million people in South Florida every year rely on food provided by Feeding South Florida and its network of partner agencies, and the members of Feeding South Florida distributed more than 30 million pounds of food and grocery products in 2011 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations, and food banks across the country, including Feeding South Florida, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to encourage attention to and involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local communities, now therefore be it resolved that Thomas Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, by the power vested in him by the citizenry of Riviera Beach, Florida, does hereby proclaim September, 2012, as Hunger Action Month in the City of Riviera Beach."

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: I'd like to ask representatives from the library to please come forward? Okay. "Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach. Whereas National Library Card Sign-Up Month is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country, and observed annually during the month of September since 1987, National Library Card Sign-Up Month is a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Children who use the library perform better in school, and the total number of Riviera Beach public library card holders as of July 30th, 2012, was 14,366, of which 9,457, or 66 percent, are City of Riviera Beach residents. And during National Library Card Sign-Up Month the Riviera Beach public library will join other libraries across the nation to promote the use of library services it offers to all patrons, both children and adults, such as story-telling, information to help improve reading skills, access to books, public computers and free wi-fi, homework help, assistance with online job searches, e-filing, e-books, adult computer literacy courses, DVDs, movies, much and much more, and whereas the Riviera Beach public library wants to make sure that all children, teens, and adults have the smartest card of all, a library card, this year's theme is, Your Library Card is the Smartest Card You Should Own, sign up for yours today; now, therefore be it resolved that Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in him by the residents of this great city, hereby proclaims September, 2012, as National Library Card Sign-Up Month in the City of Riviera Beach, and he calls upon all residents to join in supporting the library's aims and goals in raising awareness of the importance of owning and using the smartest card at the Riviera Beach Public Library to take advantage of the library's resources that are available.

BOBBY POWELL, JR.: Well --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Introduce yourself.

BOBBY POWELL, JR.: My name is Bobby Powell, Jr. and I am the State Representative Elect for House District 88, and the Chair of the Riviera Beach Library Advisory Board. Once again, it's great to be before the Council, and I would like to thank the Council and our Mayor for inviting us here tonight to accept this award on behalf of the library. It's really great to be back in the City of Riviera Beach, and I look forward to working with and working for each and every one of you. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: Representatives from the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Little hitch.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right.

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: "Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida. Whereas the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association is a state-wide organization composed of water industry professionals who dedicate themselves to the production and distribution of safe drinking water, as well as to the proper collection, treatment, re-use, and disposal of waste water and storm water, and this organization is committed to protecting the health of Florida citizens and our State's natural resources and supports the training, certification, and licensing of water industry personnel as a means to achieve these goals, and this organization is recognizing the importance of the Florida Statutes and Administrative Code that regulate the water industry, acts as liaison between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and industry personnel; and whereas each year the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association recognizes that all those who have played a significant part in operating and maintaining drinking water, waste water, and storm water systems in Florida by celebrating Florida Water Professionals Week, which applauds their constant efforts to protect our health and environment; now therefore be it resolved that Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, by the power vested in him by the residents of this great city, hereby extends greeting and best wishes to all those observing September 1st through the 7th, 2012, as Florida Water Professionals Week.

PHIL DONOVAN: Thank you, City Commission, for taking a few minutes out of your busy schedule to see the -- see the Water Professionals come before you tonight. I asked your Utility Director to join me tonight, and some of the professionals.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Your name?

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: Your name.

PHIL DONOVAN: My name is Phil Donovan. I'm the Director of Region 6, Florida Water Pollution Control Operators Association. I've asked some of the water professionals to join me tonight, such as you're Utility Director, Pat Lyles, who is retired from Palm Beach County Utilities, um, Dennis, who's working for Palm Beach County Utilities, Alan Galway in the back that's working for -- for Boynton -- retired from Boynton Beach Utilities, and -- and Lou from Manalapan.

Um, this -- this organization has a long, long, long history in this area here. It started out in 1941, and we used to come before the Council many years ago and talk about water. We used to talk about Operator's Week. In 19 -- about eight years ago when I was State President we -- we changed it to -- to Water Professional Week, because we know that it takes a lot of spokes to make a wheel turn, and we have water meter readers, we have customer service people, we have LabCorp [phonetic] technicians. We have water plant operators, waste water plant operators. People who get in the truck and take care of the pipes and distribution system deliver clean, healthy water to your homes. So we changed it to Water Professional Week about six or seven years ago. So it's a new thing.

One of the special people didn't make it tonight because he had some kind of emergency he had to take care of was Rim Bishop. Rim Bishop is the first son of Riviera Beach. He grew up in Riviera Beach. He was born in St. Mary's Hospital, and his first job was at the City of Riviera Beach water treatment plant at age 18. He started out as a trainee there. And I asked him to tell me a little bit about what it was working for Riviera Beach, and he worked the midnight shift, so he said he was proud to display the flag each morning. It was a big part of -- of being here in Riviera Beach. He loved to hang that flag in the morning. And it's kinda like I like to look for products made in the USA with the flag on it. It's -- I'm a patriotic person, too. So I was glad he told me that.

And one of the interesting things he told me, when he was in high school he wasn't the -- wasn't always on the best behavior, and he told me that his class came by and painted the tower next to the water plant. So one of his jobs on the midnight shift was to make sure no one painted over his Class of '69. So I thought you'd enjoy hearing that.

Rim Bishop went on to night school and he was -- he was promoted to the first Utility Director in Wellington when they first started the utility. So you gave him a good footing here with your elementary school in Riviera Beach and your -- and your middle school and high school. He went on to the Palm Beach Community College, got a two-year degree, and later on he went to Florida Atlantic to get a four-year degree. But here it's hard-working people in the community, and he loved working for the community water plant.

And he's kind of my mentor when I got started in 1976. He kind of led me the way to the path through the Utility career. But it's really a good success story for us in the water industry to look up to Rim Bishop, and I'm -- I'm proud to tell you that he grew

up in Riviera Beach and he's an asset to Riviera Beach.

And the Operator's Association is a volunteer organization where we promote training throughout the State of Florida. We have an army of volunteer teachers to teach people jobs about -- do their jobs better in the utility. And also, our web page is fwpcoa.org. If you look up there you can see some videos we made about, uh, careers in Water Utility. So I think it could be very helpful to you to pass it on to the young folks in the City to look for good careers in the future.

I hope I didn't take up too much time, but our main thing is about teaching, teaching the people about water utilities. And we're really the first responders. When the storms come to town, the Water Utility people are in the water plant, fighting the storm. We're not in the bomb shelter. We're out there right out front, and a lot of people don't know that we're there, but we're there fighting to protect your water. And I don't -- I don't know, but I think your Utility Director probably has a few words to brag about your staff here at Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, thank you for sharing your story, too.

PHIL DONOVAN: Thank you.

UTILITIES DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Thank you. Lou Aurigemma. Lou Aurigemma, Executive Director of the Utility District. I just want to thank the water professionals that we have at the utility district. They do a great job to provide you with a safe and reliable water source each and every day. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Lou.

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: And would the Cummings family please step forward? They brought a whole crowd. You can all just stand where you are and just have Elder and -- and Mrs. Cummings.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All the supporters just stand where you are, please.

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: I'll face this way so that you can do that. Okay. "Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida. Whereas Pastor Claude Cummings was born in a little town in Georgia on Christmas Eve, December 24th, 1927, and moved to sunny Florida with his parents and siblings for his education and upbringing, and the former Beatrice Stevens also moved to Florida at an early age, met and married 20-year-old Claude Cummings when she was barely old enough to vote, they had their first of four children one year later, and moved to West Palm Beach to raise their growing family, and being married for 64 years -- I need to just pause right there. 64 -- oh, 65. Excuse me. 65 years now, the couple does everything together, including joining the church in 1952, where they began their spiritual service and upward climb in the ministry from musician and lead singer to missionary and pastor. Next month Elder Claude Cummings is celebrating his fifth year as pastor of Bibleway Church of God in Christ, located on 10th Street in Riviera Beach.

His wife, Mother Beatrice Cummings is the overseer of more than 15 missionaries serving members of the Church of God in Christ from Fort Pierce to our beautiful waterfront city here in Riviera Beach.

Whereas Elder and Mother Cummings literally built the Riviera Beach Bible Church from the ground up, or rather, from the dirt road that was 10th Street in 1970, Mother Cummings bakes cakes and pies and helped raise funds to install the water and sewer lines to the only building on the block at that time. She is now well known for her famous desserts served at weddings, birthday parties, and other celebrations county-wide, including Bibleway's Pastor Appreciation Celebration, which culminates on Saturday, September 15th, 2012. Now, therefore be it resolved that Mayor Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in him by the residents of this great city, hereby proclaims September 15th as Elder Claude and Mother Beatrice Cummings Day in the City of Riviera Beach.

MOTHER BEATRICE CUMMINGS: To all of you fine people, I want to thank you so very much for the thought, the idea, and for you coming out here today, and the Bishop -- now, Bishop -- well, he is a Bishop -- the Mayor, sorry. I'm used to saying Bishop. The Mayor Masters, and you, beautiful lady, we appreciate everything that you do for us. We have lived in this city, in this particular city, for 50 years, uh, going on 51 years in this house. And I always say when I'm emceeding a program, I'll say, "My name is Bea Cummings, and I'm from the beautiful City of Riviera Beach, Florida." So we want to thank you and thank you and thank you again. Here's my husband. Oh, by the way, I'm his Church Mother. Oh, yeah. I'm his wife, his Church Mother, and we sleep in the same bed.

AUDIENCE: No wonder he looks happy.

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: You sure? Okay. All right.

AUDIENCE: She done said enough, Elder.

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: He doesn't want to say anything. I guess she said it all.

AUDIENCE: Yeah, she stole the show.

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: And now, Madam Chair, I have two other brief announcements --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: -- from the Office of the Mayor, that with your permission I'd like to make now, instead of coming back during comments.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, I just gotta say, they were so delightful, the Cummings. Oh, we just love you. Thank you for sharing all of that. Okay.

DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS: The Office of the Mayor is announcing monthly Town Hall Meeting listening tours, where Mayor Masters will travel throughout the City hearing directly from residents, and continue to set up neighborhood crime watch groups to take back this community. Three such meetings have already been scheduled. The first is in Long Pine on September 11th, Indian Trace on September 20th. And October 9th has been tentatively set for meeting with residents in the south end of the city.

And finally, the Office of the Mayor is announcing the establishment of a hotline for reporting unsafe and unhealthy living conditions. The hotline number is 845-4031. That's 561-845-4031. Just follow the prompts. The Office of the Mayor will make sure your issue is addressed by the proper authorities and your call will be returned. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, you're welcome. Continuing on now to Public Hearings, we have Ordinance on Second Reading, Item Number 9, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, the following ordinance was published in the August 19th, 2012, edition of the Palm Beach Post. Ordinance number 40-17, an ordinance of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, entitled Buildings and Building Regulations, Article 2, entitled Building and Technical Codes, by updating and revising Section 22-33 entitled Schedule of Permit Fees, providing for severability, conflicts, and codification, and providing an effective date.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: A motion, please?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Is there going to be a presentation or anything on this? Okay. All right. Ready for the vote. Oh, we do have one comment card. I'm sorry. Mr. Ward.

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 31 West 20th Street. This is an ordinance on second reading. I think I was out of town in August when you had first reading, but I certainly would have raised the issue of there is nothing in the backup other than let's extort more money out of citizens of Riviera Beach for permits in the Building Department under SeaDek.

Why doesn't Riviera Beach want to have the lowest fees? We have had lots of people complain about not a lot of new development, new work. We have a reputation which has been discussed at length at the CRA about a perception of Riviera Beach being adverse to development. Four of you sat there and have heard the executive director at least twice talk about that.

How many building employees did we have in 2009? How many building employees do you have today? How many -- what is their cost today? What is the

relationship of the revenue being extracted out of the citizens for building permits in relation to the cost of the Building Department employees? Many governments are reducing their fees over the last two or three years, since 2009, so you need to ask why the backup doesn't talk about things other than just money, and what new services is the Building Department going to provide?

Now, the Mayor just talked about something, or through his aides, of -- related to that. There's a bad residence, bad home for habitation, and Stoneybrook obviously comes to mind. He's proposing under his authority something, but that really is something that's SeaDek's problem and the Building Department's problem. So he was giving you ideas, even though he must be in Charlotte.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Mr. Ward. Any comments from the Board? Ready for the vote? Let's go.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, let the record reflect that Councilperson Lowe is on the dais. Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson -- Chairperson Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Going to Item Number 10.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The following ordinance was published in the August 19th, 2012, edition of the Palm Beach Post. Ordinance Number 40-18, an ordinance of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Article 4, entitled Police Officers Pension Plan, Section 14-75, entitled Board of Trustees Created Powers, Duties, Subsection (a) of the City of Riviera Beach Code of Ordinances, relating to the Police Pension Plan by providing for an increase in trustee terms and creating new sections (1) and (2) requiring trustee certification, providing for codification, severability, and -- certification and severability, and providing for an effective date.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We don't have any comment card on that. Any comments from the -- from the Board?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Ready for the vote, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. Okay. Moving on to the regular meeting, regular items, Item Number 11.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution Number 105-12, a resolution of the City Council, the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving Amendment 001 between the City of Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County for the continuation of the Disaster Recovery Initiative Program through June 15th, 2013, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement, authorizing the Internal Finance Director to disperse funds for the cost of rehabilitation for Hurricane Wilma, related damage, not to exceed \$45,000 per unit, and providing an effective date.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Miss Jones, are we gonna have a discussion on this so that the persons affected will know what's going on?

CITY MANAGER JONES: What is happening here, you may be aware that initially the

disaster recovery program was to end on September 16th, 2012. The County petitioned to the State, and the State granted them an extension to -- what is this -- June 15th, 2013. We have been in conversations with the County about the program. They would like for us to explore partnering with other groups and entities, the CRA or some other area, some other agency, in order to expedite the repairs of homes. So if an individual has made application, they can rest assured the program is not going away and we will still be around to address their issues as it relates to their particular application. Now, since the damage has to be related to hurricane storms in '04 and '05, not any of the recent storms, we will continue to contact and work with individuals to make sure that they provide us with the appropriate information so that we can continue this program and to get their homes repaired.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Now, we do have many persons who have already submitted their applications and --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- we're not expanding this to any new applications are we, or -- I just want to be clear about -- we are just going to take the current list.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The 80 that we currently have.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes. The current list we have, approximately how many homes are there and what status are they in? And if -- if -- if there needs to be an effort to find more contractors or I -- I heard the Manager mention getting other agencies involved. You know, can we do that quickly? 'Cause it's been since 2004 these folks have been -- been in this predicament. But I know due to certain circumstances we hadn't been able to complete the construction. So where are we, and what do we need to do to expedite this and get all of those Wilma cases cleared up?

BRAD STEIN: Good evening. Brad Stein, principal planner with, um, SeaDek Community Development. Currently there was 85 applicants. Of the 85 applicants, 67 qualified. With those 67, six have been currently reimbursed. Six more are in the process of being reimbursed. Then there are 15 currently in the process of the asbestos survey, which wasn't initially required, but now it's a new federal guideline per the program that is now required. And so those programs are now getting surveyed for asbestos. And then they're gonna go through the process again of getting approved by our inspector, and then they have to get approved by the -- the County --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Is there money --

BRAD STEIN: -- through their program.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- for all of those who applied?

BRAD STEIN: Yes, there is.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay.

BRAD STEIN: We have approximately still 1.1 million left.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So where's the bottleneck?

BRAD STEIN: Well, what happens is it's kind of a back and forth, and it's kinda what happens. So originally in the program with the City, we didn't enter the program until January of 2008, and subsequently since then there's been four agreements and three amendments to that. And what happens is every time the program expires you basically get stuck in limbo and they won't process anything that you're doing. So then every time the program gets re-picked up, all of the information that's been provided by the applicants then has to be resubmitted by the applicant and -- 'cause it -- all of it expires per the County's guidelines that they have to follow.

So basically what happens is, you get stuck in a situation where you think you have everything done. You submit it to the County. You get to the end point where they're giving -- they're telling you you're missing maybe a piece of information. You give them that piece of information. Then they're holding the application. Then the application is coming back to us. We're providing whatever additional information, sending it back.

And then what happens is you'll get to a point where the program is ending and they'll say, okay, a month before the deadline, which is what currently happened, they say everything has to be submitted to us. Nothing -- we won't accept anything after the beginning of August, even though the program ends September 16th. So you're stuck with whatever you can get done at that point, and you provide that to them. You hope to get reimbursement for that. And I mean, more or less that's really the situation that's going on with that right now.

We had two part-time employees working on it. Now currently we have a part-time employee and one inspector working on the program, and we are exploring the opportunity to hire currently, right now, one more part-time employee. So hopefully that will speed things up. And with the addition of being able to go out till June 15th, hopefully we can get as many people serviced as possible through the program.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: How do we handle the situation with the contractors? Do we work off a list of contractors, or --

BRAD STEIN: No, that's correct.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- all of those jobs are -- are they -- are they currently out to bid, each -- each case, or just the ones that have, uh, been through the asbestos stage and then the inspection stage --

BRAD STEIN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- I -- I think I --

BRAD STEIN: Okay. So the 16 that had been approved prior to the federal guideline now for the asbestos survey were in the process and were bid on and awarded. So then you have to get that approved by the County. Then the program had basically shut down and didn't -- we didn't sign the agreement until June 20th, and the County didn't sign it till June 27th. So then once we got that, again, we had basically from June 27th till August 15th to get all that information done.

Then they dropped the bomb that we needed the asbestos guidelines. So then we had to run out, find an asbestos surveyor, or surveyors, to go out and then get all the properties surveyed. So basically, that's where we were at the last three months, was getting all the asbestos surveys done. And all 16 properties that were in the process before and bid on and awarded by the City, but not approved by the County, are now in the process of getting the asbestos surveys now finished, and now we're going back through the process of getting them re-approved with the asbestos survey now.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Wow.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But each one of the homes are placed out to -- for bid by contractors.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes. I just wanted to ask -- I just -- whether or not mold and mildew have factored into any of this, given we're talking about homes that have suffered damage way back. Have they been tested for mold?

BRAD STEIN: Yes, they have, but you have to -- there's a checklist that we have to follow.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

BRAD STEIN: And mold inspection would definitely be one of those things, items on the checklist, also, yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

BRAD STEIN: But unfortunately, we can't just go in and do the work. We have to get everything approved, so the people that are --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And that's -- and that's a process. I understand. It really is --

BRAD STEIN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- a long process. And if we're looking at the track record here, I don't know, the -- was it 85 or 86?

BRAD STEIN: Well, of the 85, 67 of them were qualified for the programs. Some just did not qualify.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: But what I'm looking at is the -- the number of applicants that have been completed over a long period of time. It seems that it really is a very tedious and lengthy process, and I'm hoping that we'll be able to expedite so that we can get everyone approved. And I know it's a task, but we just gotta stay on task with it. And I'm certainly gonna encourage that we document everything that we do. Every -- every item that is submitted to the County, send it certified, or return receipt, or whatever, because we don't want them saying that they're not receiving information. We will show that we timely submitted just what they asked for. So that's just my suggestion. Um, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. Just to piggyback on some things, I've been speaking with Commissioner Taylor over this past week regarding some of the issues, and I -- and -- and what I wanted to say is that some of the residents really feel that, you know, the City is just not processing their application, and that's not the case. It hinges on exactly what you said. I know that -- I know that -- I think it was 12 that were completed, and we had -- we were -- or -- or 12 or 10 that had been sent to the County back in December and we didn't get them back until June of this year, indicating that there was an asbestos survey that was required, which was not part of the original packet of stuff that was needed.

So as you said, after a six month period, all of the information that is required, like your -- your income and all of that stuff that's required on the application, you have to do it all over again. So people were really getting frustrated about it, but it really was not the City holding up the process. It was more or less -- I guess it was HUD that kept changing things, what was required.

So -- and I kinda stayed on top of it. I got some information from Commissioner Taylor just last week, I think, last Thursday, that the program had been extended to June 15th of 2013. So all of those that were in the pipeline, those 12 or 10, however number it was, those are being sent to the County currently, and we'll be working on the rest of them that were already submitted previously.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. And I certainly want to thank the City Manager, too. I know she's been really pushing as an advocate that it stays with us and she's provided information to show that we have really done what we should do on our end.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Lowe.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Just a note. I -- one of the -- one of the -- one of the underlying problems is direct funding, you know, and we really need to advocate for that, because we're dealing with three agencies, you know, the County and the feds, and then, you know, our own -- and the State.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: You know? And if we had direct funding, that money would come straight to Riviera Beach, as opposed to us --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- going to the County for everything. So that's a -- an addition bureaucratic level that, you know, we have to -- you know, we have to deal with those problems, as well. So I just want to remind folks, if you ever see anything about, you know, direct funding to municipalities, that's what we're talking about, so we can get that money and put it to use, instead of going through all of the loops -- hoops that we have to currently go through. 'Cause right now it's raining, and it's been raining for the last month, and those houses that haven't been repaired, they're getting even further damaged.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh. Uh-huh. That's right.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And we're still trying to peel our way through red tape, and that's -- you know, that's just not the way to do things. So -- thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. Any other comments? We have one comment card from Mr. Ward.

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 31 West 20th Street. Well, normally I wouldn't comment on -- on something like this, and probably didn't. This is the seventh extension since we got involved with this with the County, and you know, Wilma is 2005. We're talking \$45,000 max to an applicant, and if you took the one and a quarter million dollars which the backup says is supposed to be the -- the number, although there is another number later on in the written material that says 1.1 million, which may be what's left, as Brad just said. But we've got a real problem here in supervision. Now, this is another SeaDek job that just keeps going on and on, and the citizens aren't getting anything. You've got 12 or 10 as -- as Miss Davis may think, out of 85 to start with, of which 67 are authorized. So we can't possibly use all the \$1.1 million with only 67 applicants in the pipeline, so there's a big disparity there. I just think that we need to get, at the City level, somebody to supervise. If you submit something in -- in December, by God, somebody ought to be on the County's case in the first two weeks of January as to where it is and not wait till you come back in June and say, Oh, you need an asbestos survey. The same supervisor needs to keep up with the regulations of HUD, which change, yes, but by God, the process of administering a program like this requires our staff to keep up with the requirements of the feds, the regulations, as

well as the County requirements.

So communication is one of the problems of this City, maybe the biggest problem. We need to get supervision. So ask who's going to supervise this so that a week doesn't go by after a submission that somebody doesn't know the full answers of where it is at the County and what the expectations are.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Mr. Ward. And what I would like is that we get a monthly report on the status of the program, sir. So we'll know just how things are being processed. And if you need our assistance in any way, we're here. All right. Ready for the vote?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Next resolution, Item Number 12.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 106-12, 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 development of noticed elements agreement, an integrated plan by and among the City of Riviera Beach, Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, and Viking Developers, LLC, for the development of certain elements within the marina district as provided in the 2010 master development agreement, and providing an effective date.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: You have a comment card right here.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any comments from the Board?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'll just make a comment. This is the same agreement that the CRA --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- approved last week.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right. Any other comments? We have one comment card from Mr. Ward, public comment card.

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 31 West 20th Street. Well, this, again, is, you heard at -- four of you -- at the CRA meeting, not a well staffed agreement. We don't have backup that dissects each of the provisions of each section of the -- of the document. There really isn't -- you just heard somebody ask -- which is a very appropriate question -- is this the same as what we did at the CRA, and I hope that got on the record, that I understood it to be the same. We have a habit of changing agreements and saying, Oh, it wasn't consequential. We have four agreements at the -- of 2006 at the Ocean Mall, and nobody at CRA or the City seems to want to administer the provisions of those agreements over the past five plus years.

So we -- we do not have anything other than another delay, where they now have brought in a foreign planner from Canada to re-plan. And I will guarantee you that the date of 30 November, that moved to 31 December, over the holiday seasons, will cause substantial further delays in approval of a plan.

This City has an extensive code required process, a waterfront advisory board for this type of project, for the planning and zoning board. It is recognized, certainly, by some CRA staff that they need to be consulted, uh, by the City when it gets to the City. So somewhere along the line we're not gonna do anything probably for another year, is my estimate, at least another half year by the estimates in the various schedules of this document.

Again, supervision. Who is going to monitor this from the City level, such that each week, each month there will be some production. We do not seem to ever get to first base. And since the mid-'90s we have really regressed in terms of production.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Mr. Ward. I will state that I have made one contact with a member of the Planning and Zoning Board and intend to contact all of them to let them know just how important it's going to be when we bring these matters before them, and that it's very important they have a quorum, and they should be involved in the whole process early on. Uh, let's -- ready for the vote. Roll call, please?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, I'm sorry.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Just for the record, I -- because Mr. Ward brought it up, this

is the same document that was presented to the CRA last Wednesday and is pretty much the MOU that the CRA also reviewed last month, just revised and a lot of City workings you can tell that are in the document now. So we are very pleased with the document that you have to vote on tonight.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you for confirming that. Okay. Ready for the vote.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. Moving on to Item Number 13.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 107-12, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending the department head, administrative, supervisory, and general employees job classification lists by deleting, creating, and increasing the salary of various classified and unclassified positions, and providing an effective date.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Any comments, questions?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I do.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Miss Jones, okay, I just want to make sure. I see that some of the positions that you're reclassifying are currently filled. Okay? So I want to make sure we're not giving raises. Correct? We're just -- what are we doing with the salaries?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Now, there are individuals, according to the classification structure --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- if they are not up to Step 1, you need to bring them up to Step 1 for that particular grade.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So can you point out those, please?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I think I.T. is one. Purchasing and I.T. -- Purchasing and I.T.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The Purchasing and I.T. position, I think the process server is like \$2,000 and --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Two thousand per year?

CITY MANAGER JONES: And then -- yes. Then, of course, the crossing guards got a \$2.00 an hour increase in here from 11 --

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: It was -- Doretha Perry, Human Resources Department. Uh, the school crossing guards was \$11.50, and it's going to \$12.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right, 50 cents I see.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: And that's covered under the police department's budget. There's no extra funding. He's just using some of the money that he has to fund it. The process server, which is a new position -- I'm sorry, a new classification. However, the gentleman who was in it for -- since 1997, I believe, he never had an increase but was performing the duties, and so we're increasing his salary. It's a couple of -- couple of dollars of an increase on him.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: A couple of dollars --

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: The other new --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: A couple of dollars per hour?

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Yes, yes, but he only works like 20 hours

a week. Do you want me to go through all of them?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, please.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Okay. The Director of Purchase and Information Technology, this is where there's a larger increase of all of them, because he's taking on a new division, which is the I.T. division. So his will be increased, um, more than any of the other positions that we have here. It's about a 21 percent increase.

The Utility District Executive Director, there's no increase in salary. It's only a change in classification, just to keep in line of what we have on our pay and classification schedule. Most people call him, and he sometimes calls himself Executive Director, so we're just trying to put that in line of -- as it relates to our pay and classification schedule.

The police commander, which is changing from -- from -- from police commander to police major, there's no increase in salary on there. That's only a change in title.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. And I have a question with that. Is that -- are they part of a union?

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: No, they're not. That's an administrative position.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I would like to ask all of those that don't require any money, if we can go ahead and approve those. If it doesn't cost any money.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: No problem, huh?

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Okay. The next one is the Utility District Assistant Executive Director, that's a new pay in class -- that's a new classification, and of course, the maximum -- the minimum salary for that is 73,161. Now, we have to advertise for that position, so -- that's a new position there.

The next position is a police records section supervisor. That's a new classification. We have to advertise for that. That's not an appointed position. And the salary for that position is 38,878. The next one is the school crossing guards. I told you that was an increase from 11.50 to \$12. The last one, the process server, and I informed you about the -- that position.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you, Miss Perry.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any other questions?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. Um, Miss Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: On yesterday did we not approve a 48-hour furlough for fire and a 64-hour furlough for all others?

CITY MANAGER JONES: On first read for --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: On first read.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- the budget, yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So basically I look at that as a 16-hour increase in pay for Fire. Am I correct in that assumption?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, I haven't done the calculations but --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, that's the difference between the hours.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Right, yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So that's -- that's like a -- a raise for them.

CITY MANAGER JONES: They don't -- they're not reduced as much as other employees.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So I -- this boggles my mind. It really does. Well, hopefully, all I can say is that I hope that everybody gives some serious consideration for this on second reading 'cause I -- I just don't see it as being fair to others who have to take care of their families just like everybody else does, just like the fire department does. So thank you.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Lowe.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: That's why I asked to separate out the ones that -- that don't cause any salary increases, just the position -- I mean, just the change in title. And we can separate out the question, can't we?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I guess we can.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, it comes up on second reading.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It has -- yeah, it comes up on second reading.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, I think--

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, this is a -- this is a resolution.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yeah, well, we can --

CITY MANAGER JONES: You got the (inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: This is a resolution. This is a resolution.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I -- I understand that, but we can divide it and --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: We can divide the question.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: You can.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, we can ask if it's agreeable consensus to --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Well, I'm asking --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Specifically, what do we want? You want to take out --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I'm talking to the Board.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We want to, then, look at those positions that would -- that will involve an increase. Is that correct?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: That don't involve an increase, and just --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, either way, you're dividing it out.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- a change in title.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. What you're saying, we want to go forward with those where the money is not an issue here, an increase is not to be considered.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes. I'm asking to extract those out of the original.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And handle them separately for discussion.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: If we can go ahead and approve those, and then --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And those three are which ones? Would you review them again? We have the I.T., Purchasing.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I.T. (inaudible)--

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: The -- the positions that --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Crossing guards.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: -- that does not require an increase in salary --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No, the ones that do require.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Oh, does require? Okay. The --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Purchasing --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Purchasing --

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: -- Purchasing Director.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Process server.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And the crossing guards.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And the crossing guards.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And the crossing guards.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Well, we have some new positions. I don't know if you want to consider those.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, now, but nobody's in them, so they're new positions.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Right. Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Those are the three.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And also --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So we will -- we will remove them or delete them from the resolution. Is this what we're doing now?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, he wants a separate motion, I think.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yeah, I --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: A separate -- well, I'm saying --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yeah, I want to handle --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- we can set them out.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Just handle them separately.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yeah, I wanna handle them separately.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: If -- if that's okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. For discussion, okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Right, absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Is that a motion or --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: That's a motion.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'll second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Ready for the vote?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And I'd just like to -- Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: One last comment. I mean, we did the same thing a few years ago whereby I think the fire department got almost a five percent increase and everybody else got a two percent increase, and it just isn't fair. So --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: We can have it for discussion, individual --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. So all you've done is divide the question right now.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So which one are you going to discuss first?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Any one you want to go by. I -- we -- we can discuss the school guards or the I.T. position or --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, you should --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Let's start with that Purchasing I.T.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, wait. You need to vote on the approval. You just voted to separate them. So you need to go ahead and vote on --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: The remaining ones.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Let's do the easy one first.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Which is to approve the new positions that -- that are either being created or changed without any money. That was -- that's the -- how you want to (inaudible) the question.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. So we can vote on that now.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So there needs to be a motion to approve those --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Revised solution -- resolutions.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. Those positions.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Classification changes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So we need a motion. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Motion to approve the revised changes --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Classification changes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- classification change --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- and title change.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Correct. All right. Ready for the question. I mean, let's --

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. Now, there needs to be a motion, if there is one, to approve the, um --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Purchasing, I.T. --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- the purchasing -- I don't have it in front of me. The Purchasing --

CITY MANAGER JONES: I.T. Director --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- and I.T. name -- name change, whether to increase the crossing guards and the third one.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Process server.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Process server.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Me?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, I've got a question going back to our budget, uh, workshop, when we approved -- well, actually, it was just a workshop. Go ahead on with the discussion.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: The -- let's see, the one where we're giving the 21 percent, the Director of Purchasing and Information Technology, you know, 21 percent seems like a lot of money, but I think we all need to remember that we did, I guess, lay off the Information Technology Director a year or so ago, and we've been without one for a while, so the City has been saving money. So to put the Director of Purchasing in charge of Purchasing and Information Technology, and give a 21 percent increase, I am in favor of it. I think we will be getting a bang for our buck. Uh, Mr. Guy --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- does an excellent --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- job with the Purchasing.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So that is definitely something that I can -- I can support.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I, too, can support that --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- and I'll continue down the line.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Oh, we going down the line?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Lowe, your comment on that?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yeah. I just -- I just know how demanding the I.T. position is.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And then I know how demanding the Purchasing position is.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: How big of a savings is this? I know that we're saving in terms of a body, and providing insurance and benefits and whatnot, uh, but in terms of the capacity of the job, do you feel comfortable that -- those -- those are both two demanding positions.

CITY MANAGER JONES: They're very demanding positions. Mr. Guy has been performing those tasks for the last year and he has done it admirably. He has brought us new initiatives and moved us forward. So I feel he has the skill, knowledgeable ability, and the desire to continue to move us forward.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay. So you're gonna make this -- it will -- this will be a permanent department head position, Purchasing/I.T., or when -- if he happens to leave --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, in the future you can always go back and look at -- as the demand comes, as the budgets adjust, you always go back and look at all of your positions, and this would be one that we would do so.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Well, are we all agreeable on that? Then we can move to the next position. Question, Miss --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Now, crossing guards, 50 cents an hour, I don't have a problem with it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I, either. Anybody has a question, a problem with the crossing guards getting an additional --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, just the firefighters 16 hours increase, for me.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. And what is the next position? It was processer or server or --

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Process server.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And we're going from what to what on that? Explanation?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: The process server, we're on that one now?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh. She's gonna give us the --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Is this a funded position by the County? Is it coming out of our -- our budget?

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Yes, it does.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay, Miss Perry. Any time this year.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: I'm trying to see if I wrote a narrative on that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No, it just says, "Pay rate, hourly, \$13.12."

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Which is an increase from --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It doesn't say.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Seemed like it was --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's the current rate?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That was 11 -- I don't see it. I think it was 11 something. It's in our backup.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. And -- and again, this is --

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Currently he -- current -- excuse me. Currently he's receiving \$12 an hour.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And this goes to 13-something.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: So what -- what did you say?

CITY MANAGER JONES: And this goes to 13 what?

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: 12.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: 13 --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: 12.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: About 50 cents more.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: \$1.12 an hour.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: \$1.12 an hour. Okay. So what does it -- let me hear from everyone. Mr. Lowe, how is --

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: The -- the annual increase is about \$2,000.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And this is a part-time position, you said, Miss Perry?

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: That's correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So no benefits, just -- okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: No benefits.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. I'm fine.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERRY: No benefits, no.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I'm fine with it. Miss Davis, are you fine with that?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No problems, just the --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Lowe, you fine with that?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Moving on to the next one.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's it.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's it?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yep.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay, then. We just vote on it.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yeah. Oh, you got a card?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. My assistant here -- okay. We do have one. Okay. Mr. Ward?

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 31 West 20th Street. This is the type of -- of items that just seem to roll through with very little backup. And I'll do them in reverse. Process server. I -- by the new system, I can't tell whether the police chief signed off on this, but I didn't know that Drug Court was serving whatever papers. This is not necessarily the easiest job in the world, but you've already heard that it's a part-time job. And I'll tell you, I get a lot of process servers coming by the office for various and sundry things, and they are reducing their rates, so there should have been an analysis as to whether we have enough business in process serving to take care of that.

Now, obviously he's all -- doing something else, or has been doing something else. But Drug Court has been one of these areas, Miss Jones, that is not well supervised. And all you gotta do is go out there. I told Miss Ryan, she ought to move out there, because there's so many square feet of place that she would never have a feeling constrained or being in an elevator out there, because it's -- it's lots of square feet. And we need to start analyzing each of these positions when they come to you like this as to whether this is the way we want to continue.

The school crossing guard. I hollered out at S Avenue today at a guy, I said, "You're probably gonna get a 50 cent an hour increase tonight." I'm not sure anybody's communicated to him, because is there really this supervision in that position? The question to be asked is, why does the City have to fund school crossing guards? It's something we got into decades ago, because it is a well needed operation. Most of us went to school and we had the badge, or the cross, or whatever we called ourselves back in elementary school. Safety Patrol.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Safety Patrol, yes.

GERALD WARD: And you have seen that go away. That gravitated into school crossing guards. So there is another -- another question as to whether there's another way to do this, but that's not analyzed.

Lastly, obviously Miss Jones has been working on straightening out the Gang of 14, the department heads, and I think this is an appropriate action and you should go ahead and support coalescing Purchasing and I.T.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Mr. Ward. Are we ready for the vote?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. We're down to, um, Discussion by City Manager.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. You have one add-on.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We have an add-on? Okay.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Community benefits requests.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's -- that's -- okay. That's right. It's the request for donation, community benefits?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Mr. Lowe, you want to just tell us about it quickly, and we'll vote up on it?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes, ma'am. Um, uh, the Suncoast Football Team is in need of ten extra helmets, and that means we'll have 10 more students that will be on the field. And Suncoast -- I -- I won't go any further on how I feel about Suncoast. I am an alumni and past school president and all of that stuff, so it gives me great pleasure to be able to -- to help out.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's wonderful. I just need a motion and we'll move on.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Motion, please?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Need a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Roll call.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lowe?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's great. That's great. Discussion by City Manager?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, Madam Chair. All of us have been saddened by the events that occurred last Saturday with the young -- two young people losing their lives and the six being injured here in the City of Riviera Beach. We held a press conference, um, yesterday and Chief Williams had several items that he wanted to bring forward to the Council, and we discussed those.

In order for us to begin to proceed, I am pleased to announce that two residents of the city, Reverend Doctor Tony Drayton, Pastor of Saint James Missionary Baptist Church, and Mr. Michael Sloser, who is the president of the Community Officers Association on Singer Island, have agreed to co-chair a commission on social justice. They are two able-bodied, concerned residents.

This commission will have a four-prong approach in the area of health, education, social issues, social services, as well as justice. It is important for us to begin to talk about, and after we talk about, to be able to take action on what we can do to occupy our young people with something other than guns.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We were supported by the clergy, um, yesterday, and I want to thank them. There have been others that have called today saying whatever they

can do to help, they are willing to help, because we have to get out here and we have to try and show our young people that there is another way of life. In addition, we have to let those individuals know that might be coming through Riviera Beach that this is not the same old Riviera Beach, and we don't want to tolerate this anymore.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We're tired.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We're more than sick and tired.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right. That's right. That's right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And we feel very pleased about the direction the City is taking. It is so unfortunate that we had to get to this point, but it is just the reality of where we are. But I am pleased to announce those two co-chairs. We will be consulting you about people that you know that can serve on the respective subcommittees: education, criminal justice, social justice, and the other areas. But we believe this is a first step. It's gonna take the entire community and everyone that has called the office, spoken with the Chief. We've just had enough.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so I'm pleased to announce the two co-chairs for that commission.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And I do hope that they will involve young people on the committees. We can't plan for them. We have to plan with them. And even involve some of those who might have been in trouble, but who have changed their lives and they can certainly be just a source of information on how they even got there. So, thank you so much for sharing that with us.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Lowe.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay. The Commission on Social Justice, you said the two chair -- chairpersons are here?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, I --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Is it a sponsored -- City sponsored commission or is it --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, it's a City --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- an ad hoc --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- initiative. It is a City initiative. We will be bringing back to you a formal resolution, but someone has to start it and write up everything that we need to do, and these two residents have agreed to begin to assist as co-chairs in doing that, working with the Chief of Police.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay. So it's a Chief -- it's a police initiative, then.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's a recommendation by the Chief to the manager that will come to the Council.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay. So you guys are in the -- the phase of drawing up this commission?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Right, yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay. All right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. This is for the Chief and the City Manager. What I would really like to see on this commission, and we'll discuss it when you bring the resolution back, but I think it's very important that we reach out to the schools and we reach out to the businesses in Riviera Beach, because I think we can all agree the only way that we're going to try to bring these young men back is with jobs. They need to be mentored and they need jobs, and that's the only way they're going to see that there's another way out, or there is a way out from the life that they've been involved with recently.

So please keep that in mind. Please reach out to the businesses and to the schools. I'd appreciate it.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Lowe.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I'd -- I'd like to say that, you know, yes, we -- yes, we do need jobs, and -- and that's -- that situation is just so blaring, and it's so -- it's just so unfortunate that the City has to experience such an incident that like what took place this -- this weekend. But this City, along with the CRA, has been proactive. Matter of

fact, two weeks ago we were just discussing plans to provide an ambassador program at the facility and increase security. So it just happened right before, you know, we were making strides to protect our residents.

And we've -- as -- as far as the City is concerned, we bought the technology. We have ShotSpotter. We have all of the necessary tools. Our officer -- our officers are on patrol. We've been proactive as far as programs we support, charitable programs. We have the Waste Management budget, that we contribute to. I mean, we -- we've done everything that we can as a municipality.

Now we're reaching out to other organizations such as the clergy and -- and other folks that -- that make this community whole, and saying, Hey, this is a problem. And it's just not in Riviera Beach. It just happened -- it just happened in Riviera Beach, unfortunately. But this is a national problem, and I was glad to hear the Chief mention that part in his interview yesterday.

And you know, there's very few places that you can buy a gun in Riviera Beach. You know, we don't -- they don't -- we don't manufacture guns here in Riviera Beach, but they're here and if we could pass an ordinance tonight to control the gun problem in Riviera Beach, we would do that. But unfortunate, you can bring a gun here, right here in City Hall right now.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And it's just your right. And we do need to have a discussion. We need to have a discussion on a local basis --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- State basis, and -- and a national basis, in terms of what's happening to our youth, because they're taking life serious. They're playing for keeps. They're not going out there and just doing what we used to do, put our dukes up and just --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Fisticuffs.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- scrap it out. But now it's -- it's --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Now it's --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- the end of the game and -- and -- and how did it get that way? I don't know, but we have to come to them with serious solutions, not just pie in the sky, because they're tired of hearing it, and include them in it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Absolutely. So, um, it's unfortunate that it happened here in Riviera Beach, but don't think that Riviera Beach is slacking by no means. We're on

the case and I appreciate our staff for responding quickly and coming up with some solutions and -- and just know that Riviera Beach cares about all of its citizens. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Mr. Lowe. Yes, Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, just one other comment. Okay. So it's nice to see that everyone is very, very passionate about this, and maybe this is -- this awful, awful event is maybe what we needed to bring the outreach to the forefront. And you know, I hope as this progresses that everyone stays engaged. And who knows, maybe Riviera Beach could, you know, lead the charge on bringing, you know, or stopping the gang violence in Palm Beach County.

Um, Chief, you'll recall this. I think it was maybe in 2005, 2006, there was rash shootings in Palm Beach County, and at the time, the Mayor, who was just -- I don't even think he was Bishop yet. I think he was Reverend Masters. And he called together a task force, and I was on it. Chief, you were there. And we had the leaders in Palm Beach County, and it -- I guess it was -- we probably had maybe six months worth of meetings, and we were able to bring some of the gang members in and after a while, you know, the violence calmed down.

So you know, these kind of committees work, but we just need to make sure that we work the committee, all right, and everyone stays very committed to it and just remember that -- the outrage that you felt on Saturday night when you heard about the incident. And I think if we all keep that in our heart, that we will definitely move forward and, you know, try to bring these young men back.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you, Miss Pardo. And it is so important. You know, when we're in the emotion of it, you know, we're all geared up, and then it fizzles out. I think back on the young girl who got shot in the stomach over at Hilltop. Everybody was all gung ho, we're gonna do this, we're gonna do that. And then after a while it fizzled out.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: But we cannot afford that now. We've got to come up with something that's going to be sustainable.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: We've got to include families.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, yes, we're gonna include --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: We have to bring them into the fold, also. Because that's where it starts. And you know, I just believe that, you know, all of these things that we've talked about are great, but if we don't bring the parents, the grandparents, and -- and you know, other family members into the fold, you know, it's, um -- it's -- it's simply incomplete, because we've gotta -- we've gotta do the healing on that side, also. So keep that in mind, too. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And -- Madam Chair, one --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Lowe.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- one more quick thing.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It's okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I also heard some conversation about our rental policy and I just wanna just --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Crack down --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Where in America can you go and not have a Sweet 16 party at a community center? Now, whether or not it was permissible or not, I mean, a birthday party at a community center. You know? That's what it's for, for our citizens to use it. And -- and you know, and not allow anyone under 21 -- that's a problem in itself that needs to be addressed. You know? Because that's what that building is there to serve, our youth and people under 21. A family should be able to go there and -- and have a Sweet 16 party, or a 90-year anniversary, or -- that's what that building is for. So it's -- it's beyond our policy. You know? It's beyond the policy. It's -- it's a problem. It's a national problem, and we're doing our part, and I just want to reiterate that to the community.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. Any other discussions from the Council? Thank you so much for all your comments. We -- well, let's see. We're down to Legal Discussion now. Any -- anything else, uh, Miss Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Legal?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. I think the City Manager gave

Council a copy of an OIG Management Review letter that was sent on August, um --

CITY MANAGER JONES: 12th.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, the initial review was initiated on March 21st and they sent us a letter -- I don't have the date on this document here, but we received this document on August 16th asking us for corrective actions, and the actions that they want the City Council to take are not of the type that the City Manager or I can address for the City Council. So what I really wanted to do tonight, unless you want to discuss it now, is to just bring to your attention that we would like you to review the corrective action. And we can meet separately to discuss your thoughts and ideas, but I would like to place this on the next agenda, so that the Council as a body can deal with their recommendations. Again, these are Inspector General recommendations that --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Which -- which -- what -- what -- what part is this about? I mean, which subject is this about?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: This was on the Waste Management --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, the procurement?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- contract and on the Community Benefits Funds.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, I thought we corrected the Community Benefit. I thought this was more or less about the procurement -- following the procurement process.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. As it relates to the community benefits, the Office of the Inspector General is recommending that the Council do away with Community Benefits.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Community Benefits, yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And I'll -- I'll read it, if you'd like, the second part, as --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I never got that. Well, anyway --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: As it relates to Community Benefits, it says, "In order to maintain impartiality and the integrity of a contract award process it is recommended that the City implement the recommendation of the Palm Beach County Grand Jury regarding discretionary funds by eliminating requests and/or acceptance of funding similar to Community Benefits as part of the awarding of contracts." So, I take from that that they are recommending that the City Council --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: In the future. Well, we can get a clarification from them,

you know. If they're saying --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- we must no longer use our Community Benefits --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm certainly -- I am certainly not saying that. This is a recommendation that came from them. You will remember that this issue was addressed by --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- the Ethics Commission and the City Council made changes to Community Benefits after we received their recommendations. And I -- I just -- I --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Was it in --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It is up to the Council. It is not something that I am -- it's -- my recommendation is that you do what you think is best, but it is certainly not incumbent upon -- upon the City Council to, um, do away with its Community Benefits program.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Because I really want a clarification is this something that we would do in the future, because the contract has already --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's what it says.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- been approved and --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's what it says.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- is going forward. And I was assuming that they meant in the future.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And they may.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, we can ask them.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Absolutely. Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Because --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So, yeah, this is --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- you know, we --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- a -- this is -- they want to know from us, "Please review and advise the OIG of all corrective actions."

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So we'll say we'll do it in the future. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Well, number two -- and reading number two, that's what I understand, too.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah. We'll just thank them --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That it's whatever --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- for their advice, you know.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- comes forth in the future.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You know, we're not angry with them.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And that's if you wanna say that. You can say, Okay, we -
- we, uh, hear you and --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We hear you. In the future we will not do this.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- and thank you very much, and we're gonna continue to give this money to charity --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- within the City.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Okay. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. And now moving on.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Anything else?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Nope, that's it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We'll still meet with you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Uh-huh. I hope you do.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Um, yeah, it's 8:00 now, so we'll -- we'll pause and go to public comments, and I do have three cards. I want to make sure I didn't miss anyone. I have Ron Leonard, Mr. Ward, and Margaret Shepherd. Are -- were -- did I miss anyone?

All right. Mr., uh, Ron Leonard, and please be advised that you have three minutes. Good to see you.

RON LEONARD: Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Your name and position and all of that good stuff.

RON LEONARD: Ron Leonard, 2501 Avenue H East. I got to cover it fast. We gotta get -- catch the truck to go to dialysis.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

RON LEONARD: But I just want to commend you ladies and gentlemen for doing an outstanding job in what you do. Every time I beg, you come through for me, and I appreciate you working with the Black Educators Caucus. And that brings me to this point.

On Tuesday night -- I want to be politically correct. That's why I'm coming before you tonight, to let you know on Tuesday night we're having a Town Hall meeting. The Mayor on his way to -- to the Democratic Convention asked me to put together something, and I've done that, and it's going to be Tuesday night at 7:00 at Enlick Grove [phonetic]. We're asking all persons involved, parents, pastors, community leaders, business leaders, and parents to come out and just dialogue. And what my -- my intent is, to see what's happening, to open up the dialogue process, talk with the parents, talk with the students, because this goes right back to my initiative as it relates to African-American males' graduation rate, and also why they're not graduating, because it ties right into this.

Because here's what happened the other night -- and I was so disheartened, because as I look at my two students, Pam and -- and, um, Selby -- Shelby, they've done very well. They've done very well. They've matriculated Suncoast, they done very well, and now they're -- now they're community leaders, and that -- that made my heart feel good as I look at them do their job on the dais.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Thank you.

RON LEONARD: But the other night those two young men will not have any more chances. It's -- it's -- it's gone for them. They can't get it back. They can't go borrow it back. It's gone. So we've got to eradicate this behavior, and that's why the Black

Educators' Caucus, along with Pastor Masters, will do this Town Hall meeting on Tuesday night. You guys are invited. Come out and bring all your -- bring your thinking caps. I've asked the ministers to get involved and many of them have done so. I'd like you to come out and listen.

And I want the young people to come out so they'll talk with us, and we don't want to talk down to them. We want to be open-minded. We want them to express themselves and let them tell us what we can do. They know more how -- they know more about it than we do, and they can tell us what the issues are, what we need to do. Someone said, Well, you may get the wrong gang. I don't care. I'll be -- I'm -- I'll be -- soon be 62. I'm big enough. I'm bad enough. Let whoever wants to come -- excuse my grammar -- whomever wants to come, let them come. I want everyone to come. And maybe we can eradicate this behavior, because life is hard to get. You can't get a second chance.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: No.

RON LEONARD: When it's gone, it's gone.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It's gone. That's right.

RON LEONARD: And we can't bring them two young men back, but we gonna -- we can work it out. I'm glad the Chief had his press conference, and I'm gonna work very (inaudible) with him and try to bring -- he's gonna be on the program Tuesday night. Put -- well, Chief Police will give me (inaudible) politically correct. I wanted you to make sure that I don't step on anybody toes. That's why I called you several times, to make sure I had the right people coming.

But anyway, this is what's happening Tuesday night, Town Hall meeting, and I'd like all you guys to come out and support us. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. Mr. Ward?

GERALD WARD: Good evening for the last time. Gerry Ward, 31 West 20th Street. There are two -- four consent items, and the first one, three of you were here to vote on it, and I don't know how you got to read all of it, because I think that is something that -- you can't vote on something unless you're able to read on the item. There was a glitch in the agenda item, and I -- at 1:30 this afternoon it still wasn't available for the public to read the minutes of the 1st of August meeting. So you should have been screaming about it a week ago, that it wasn't right.

Number 4 item is 430-some thousand dollars worth of additional work for the City marina, which the backup background information says, Oh, this was in Phase 2, but we're gonna move it to Phase 1. Well, the billboard at the marina doesn't show it in Phase 2, so there's some obvious problems. But the real problem is, it hasn't ever been through the code required Waterfront Advisory process or the Planning & Zoning Board

process, and thence to Council. It -- it has been glossed over. Then more importantly, the infrastructure to serve the water facilities are still not agreed to by the City or the CRA.

Lastly is something of -- distressing. Uh, two mornings ago, Monday, Philip D. Lewis passed on, 82 years old. His funeral will be at 10:00 next Monday at the Catholic Church out the back door of his home on Ed Moore for decades. And I would tell you that the 90th anniversary that's being developed for later this year, one of the features will be the Lewis Terminals. And although Lewis Terminals is not over a thousand acres, the City has over a thousand acres of industrial base, which is probably the principle reason we're probably the most fiscally sound of the 38 municipalities in Palm Beach County. Lots of people come to work at 6:00, go home at 6:00, and we don't have to provide a lot of typical services that the other types of land use uses require in this City.

So that's the end of an era. His father was really the promoter of the large amount of industrial institutional real estate development in this city.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Margaret Shepherd?

MARGARET SHEPHERD: Good evening, Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: I want to first say to you all that I'm very, very just thrilled on the last two phases of things that has happened in this City. You guys have taken a stand and jumped right on it. I was very, very happy today to not only look at television, but read the newspaper, because when things happened like that some time ago, that's what they did, Madam Chair. And that shows that you guys are in unison. I mean, phones was ringing and everybody was so happy that the Chief came forward and made a statement that they were gonna take care of this problem right now. And it just made me very proud to be a resident of Riviera Beach. I was so proud today. Number two, I want to go to Stoneybrook. I want to let you know that that was an awesome move that Mr. Thomas made by standing up to his district, District 3. When I went through that problem with Ivy Green, Miss Wade came over, Chair Snider, Mrs. -- from Polk County. You all know who I'm talking about. And they came together and they said, Well, we don't know how it was running. But I took it upon myself to learn the running of HUD, how the Housing Authority worked. And Bill Wilkins, he was a whiz at it. Michael Brown was a whiz at it. And I was listening to Chair -- Mr. Drayton when he said at last, They can't be trusted.

Now, you guys are getting ready to go into your election, and they're gonna seep down, but as sure as my name is Margaret Shepherd, it's gonna pop back up while you guys are busy. I want to urge you to stay on them. They just paste together things to make it look good. When they stood here and said they did not have emergency vouchers, not true. When I got sick downtown I got a letter from my doctor, simple process. They processed the letter. I was out of there within 30 days, back here in my hometown.

So there's certain things that they say. And you have to listen. You have to be sharp. You got to read. You got to understand it. Those ladies deserve just what you all have. That's decent living.

Once again, I am proud to be a resident of Riviera Beach. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you so much, Miss Shepherd. Okay. No other comments. City Council Committee reports? Any reports? Something Mr. Lowe? Okay. Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: None.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: I have none. The Mayor is absent. Do you have a statement on behalf of the Mayor? Okay. Any by the City Council?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Yes. Mr. Ward mentioned in his last presentation about two things, Senator Phil Lewis, and it's just so strange how things happen. I was moved to go visit Senator Phil Lewis a couple months ago in regard to the Lewis Terminal and the -- the potential that currently exists and the potential that was realized over 50 years ago in that particular area as it relates to the industrial base of the City, and that Riviera Beach even 50 years ago was planning to become a hub, a center of trade, industrial warehouses and things of that nature to generate business in Palm Beach County. And just somehow over the last, I guess, 30, 40 years, that that didn't materialize, but the potential was still there.

And I just want to encourage the staff and the Council to, if we can, look into those possibilities that exist because, you know, this place is a jewel. We have a reliable rail system with spurs, rail spurs. We have warehouse space that's available. We have the port that's right in our city, and it just doesn't add up. I said this earlier in my conversation to be in the position that we are and not realize the results that we need to, and that we're -- we're right in the midst of things, a trade center, and we'll be working towards realizing that, especially in the near future.

Secondly, the 90th anniversary of the City of Riviera Beach, September 29th. The -- the City will be in existence for 90 years, since 1922, and I've tried to strum up as much support as I can to have an event to recognize that point, but, uh -- it is what it is. But at the very least, we plan to at least have a commemorative item, be it a badge or a pin for our employees and the residents, and a cake --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, nice.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- in the courtyard on the 29th. And if anybody have any ideas, or just want to show up or have anything in reference to Riviera Beach and it's 90-year journey, you know, just come see us, because we're still interested in -- in what has happened and more interested in what can be. So I just wanted to make that point and bring -- bring that to recognition. September 29th, 2012, 90 years in existence, Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So that's gonna be on --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And 90 years strong.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- on a Saturday?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: The 29th.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: The 29th is a Saturday.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: We're trying to do -- yes, absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: I'm working with the Manager's --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: What -- what are the hours?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- office.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: What are the hours? You're gonna have a party, right?

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Well, I -- I want to have whatever the money permits. You know? But, I --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, let us see.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: -- I feel like we should at least recognize that point.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, I still have a few dollars, so just let me know early, 'cause we'd have to approve it at the next Council meeting. So --

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: We -- we can have a party (inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And I have one resident that had -- was interested in conducting a tour. He loves this city. His name is Henry McNish, and he's always talking about the City's history and -- and, uh -- mainly about the City's history and trying to form a historical society and keep that -- keep the history alive.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: And he mentioned wanting to organize a tour, and hit a couple of spots in Riviera Beach. And if that's possible, maybe we can look into that, as well.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON LOWE: He's a volunteer and he's willing to do that on his own.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Wonderful. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Miss Jones, I know it's probably been a little over a month ago I asked for you to provide at least semimonthly reports concerning marina activity and I have not received a report since we got that last one. And particularly being that on number four, C has been included in phase one, so would you please make sure that we get those reports? I don't know if other Council members want them, but I certainly do. Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Will do.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Thank you. Okay, Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, my turn?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I have two things. The first, for the Manager, the -- I've been getting a number of telephone calls from businesses along Broadway and along the waterfront south of Blue Heron Boulevard, on Broadway, and they are requesting signage. You know, there's a lot of construction going on right now. Newport Cove people are having problems, you know, going down Newport Cove. They don't know where they turn. Sea Tow, the same thing. So you know, is there any way that you can reach out to FDOT and request that they put signs along the Broadway corridor pointing out the businesses?

CITY MANAGER JONES: And, yes, Miss Pardo, we will continue to work with them. Just this afternoon I saw on the west side of the barricades signs up now saying "Sea Tow" and --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- some of the others.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Perfect.

CITY MANAGER JONES: They just have to make it so that you can get across. But they are slowly beginning to do that, and we'll continue to monitor that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Perfect. And, you know, not to sound divisive or anything, but you know, I need to say this. We did have our first budget hearing last night and we are taking the employees from 12 furlough days down to eight furlough days, and the firefighters are going from 96 hours to 48 hours, and that is happening because of overtime. The Chief showed us the overtime, and it just doesn't make sense to keep them at, you know, the same level as the rest of the employees.

The comment that was made about the -- you know, looking at this as the firefighters getting a raise, no one's getting a raise. All right? No one is getting a raise. We're just trying to bring people back slowly to the level of their salaries in 2009, prior to us starting the furlough. So you know, I'm not looking at this as a raise, and I'm sure none of the -- none of the employees are looking at this as a raise. So I just wanted to put that out there. No one's getting a raise. Firefighters aren't getting a raise, nor are the employees who are going from 96 hours to 64 hours. All right. That's it. I'm done. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. My comments.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, sorry.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: First, I want to -- I wanted to introduce two of my trainees. They're new to my legislative staff. They're working under the supervision of my legislative aide. I will say that the office has really been blessed to have Ron, Ronald Glen, who has a Juris Doctorate from Nova University, and we have Laura -- Ron, raise your hand. Huh? And then we have Laura Hansen, who's also -- she has a B.S. in legal studies and quite a background in working in the legal field.

And so I've got them really busy now looking at all kind of initiatives that I've been interested in for quite a long time. They're here through a special grant with the Department of Education and should be with me for about three to six months. So you'll see them visiting the different departments. Roseanne Brown is giving them very intensive training. She has a training module that will allow them to learn about the entire operations of city government, both here on the city side, as well as the CRA side.

So I'm very blessed to have them, and they're all excited. You know, they've had long hours. They want to see how everything operates here at the City. So thank you, guys, for hanging around.

A bit of good news, I hope. Next month we will bring before the Council a reinstatement of our Senior Water Assistance Program. It wasn't very well used when it was originally brought here. I sponsored it in 2010, but I think we have the staff now, and we have reduced all these ridiculous requirements, making it very easy, and the word will be getting out in October. So that's good news.

There is going to be another clean-up campaign on September the 22nd, and we changed from Monroe Heights now to Cunningham Park, and we do encourage the young people to come out, ones in high school who need to get community service

hours. It will be lots of fun. It's going to be from eight until noon, and we'll have food and entertainment, so please come out and join us. You may call Bernice Wooten, because this is something that's sponsored with Neighborhoods United. Her telephone number is 561 area code, 309-3370, 309-3370.

One other matter that's really been troubling to me, we're getting so many complaints about the water bills, water bills. I mean, commercial and residential. And we're trying -- there was some information that was provided to my office from CNN. And all of this is going to be given to the City Manager, because we want to know -- honest, in Atlanta and some other major cities that have this Neptune manufactured meter that the customers are having the same complaints that we've got, and I think there's been a big class action suit or something. But anyway, we're looking -- we're trying to get all the information and we will provide it to whomever, so we can find out if there's something wrong, if there's -- this is defective equipment, because it's just horrible about the water bills.

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CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah, ready to go.

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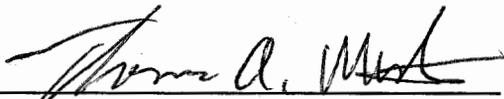
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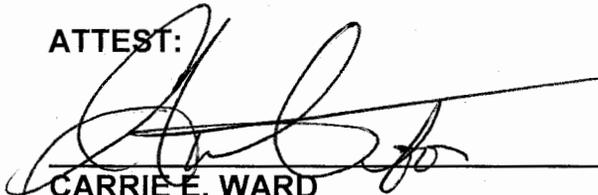
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