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2 CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
3 SPECIAL 2010-2011 BUDGET MEETING
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Council Chambers
14 600 West Blue Heron Boulevard
Riviera Beach, Florida
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COUNCIL MEMBER ATTENDEES:
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Dawn S. Pardo, Chairperson
23 Judy L. Davis, Chair Pro Tem
Billie Brooks, Council Person
24 Cedrick Thomas, Council Person
Shelby Lowe, Council Person
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1 CITY CLERK WARD: City Manager Ruth Jones.
2 CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.
3 CITY CLERK WARD: City Clerk Carrie Ward is
4 present.
5 City Attorney Pamela Ryan.
6 CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Here.
7 CITY CLERK WARD: You have a quorum, Madam
8 Chair. You may proceed.
9 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. I'd like to
10 invite everyone to stand for a moment of silence,
11 followed by the Pledge.
12 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)
13 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay, thank you.
14 Ms. Jones, I'll turn it over to you.
15 CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, Madam Chair.
16 Tonight we have the first of two required public
17 hearings on the 2010-2111 budget. You have received
18 those documents, and so at this time I would like to ask
19 the Clerk to sound the first item.
20 CITY CLERK WARD: Ordinance Number 3080. An
21 ordinance of the City Council of the City of Riviera
22 Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida fixing the adjusted
23 tax evaluation of real property located within the
24 corporate limits of the City, levying a tax on real
25 property and tangible business personal property located

1 9.5 mills. So we reduced the millage rate.
2 The impact of increasing the millage rate on
3 City revenues, if you left the millage rate at 8.426
4 mills, it would generate total ad valorem taxes of
5 $24,800,000. Since you're increasing the millage rate
6 from 8.426 mills to 8.998 mills, it will generate
7 $27,068,000 in ad valorem taxes. The difference,
8 approximately 1.9 City and 213,000 to the CRA.
9 What is the rolled-back rate? The rolled-back
10 rate is the millage rate necessary to raise the same
11 amount of property tax revenues as the previous year,
12 excluding taxes from new construction.
13 This is a sample of our form DR-420 showing
14 how we get to our rolled-back rate. And it includes
15 prior year taxable values, our preliminary taxable
16 value, which is on line four of this. So our assessed
17 value is $3,163,000,000. And that's our assessed value,
18 preliminary, that we received July 1. Again, our prior
19 year operating millage levy is 8.426 mills, and our
20 current year rolled-back rate is 9.7628.
21 The impact on a homeowner, moving from 8.426
22 mills to 8.998 mills on a home property valued at
23 $100,000, less the $50,000 homestead exemption, if you
24 left the millage rate at the same, the property owner
25 would pay, in City taxes, $421. With the 8.998 mills, a

1 There really needs to be a projection of the
2 fact that the valuations of most residential, and also
3 should be compared to commercial, industrial, have
4 dropped more significantly, and therefore, the higher
5 millage may not result in substantial extra ad valorem
6 taxes. But I will come back more to address the budget
7 in appropriations, because I still think you have time
8 to make changes in that, and you have time to make
9 changes in the millage if you were to make substantial
10 changes in the budget between now and the second hearing
11 which has to occur under Florida law.
12 So there may be more equality, but I don't
13 think your discussion has been very illustrative in
14 exactly how the equality may be.
15 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay, Ms. Brooks.
16 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: I just want to make --
17 a couple of questions. What's presented here tonight is
18 the same information that was presented at our -- okay,
19 I just want to make sure if there were any changes, we
20 would know it.
21 CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, ma'am, the same
22 information.
23 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Okay. And the other
24 question is we're still looking at our insurance
25 situation and possible -- some changes in the premiums

1 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Right, okay.
2 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So what's the plan? Say
3 we decide not to -- say we decide to stay with the
4 insurance company and to pay the premium, how do we come
5 up with this money? Is it a fund balanced thing, the
6 general fund, the $250,000 in reimbursements and the
7 employee buyback?
8 CITY MANAGER JONES: We'd have to go into the
9 reserves.
10 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Into the reserves for
11 that. All right, and when are we going to know, when
12 exactly? When is the insurance coming back to us?
13 CITY MANAGER JONES: Originally we had
14 anticipated bringing it back on the 15th. We held a
15 conversation -- a conference call this morning, asked
16 our agents working with us to go back and try to
17 negotiate down even more, particularly in the areas
18 of -- Mr. White can speak to this -- in the area of the
19 prescriptions and some of the deductibles, because we
20 wanted to try to get that down so that we would lessen
21 the impact on our employees as much as possible in light
22 of the decreases or lack of increases that they've been
23 facing in the last couple of years.
24 If possible, we will add it on for next week,
25 on the 15th. Otherwise, we will be looking to bring

1 through that, with those dollars?

2 CITY MANAGER JONES: In the tax increase you

3 have funding for Weed and Seed and for YEP.

4 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: That was my question.

5 CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

6 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: Okay. Also, and I know

7 we're going to be looking at the budget, but I think

8 this is pertinent to bring up now. I know that there

9 were some positions that were saved, and I'm not opposed

10 to that, but I wanted to -- okay, those positions that

11 were saved, we had the three Public Works positions.

12 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Excuse me, Ms. Davis. Let

13 me just mention that, for the record, the Mayor is here.

14 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: Okay. The three Public

15 Works positions that the Board felt were needed, that

16 was done through, you know, positions from the buybacks

17 and the other positions where people were let go.

18 But there were six firefighter positions, five

19 of which were saved, and I was looking at the numbers.

20 It looks like -- because I remember what I said was that

21 they needed to come back to the table, and if they could

22 find it, that would be fine. And I see where they came

23 up $217,139, total, which left a little over $300,000

24 that still needed to be, you know, we still needed to

25 come up with to save all five of those positions.

1 But you're also correct that we have 2011 and
2 '12 -- looking at the remainder of '11, '12 and '13
3 looking at us. As we look at a random sample of the
4 assessments, and Mr. Ward alluded to this in his
5 comments, some of the assessed values, which would be
6 our citizens were being taxed -- will be taxed on in
7 some areas of the city, not all, but in some, have
8 decreased dramatically.
9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I about cried when
10 I saw mine.
11 CITY MANAGER JONES: And when people look and
12 see how much the value of the house is versus what they
13 might owe. But it also means that we would be
14 collecting less. And so we've got to be mindful of the
15 future and the difficulty that we're getting ready to
16 have, at least for another year, maybe two, until we can
17 get those assessed values back up in our collection.
18 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, but, you know, also
19 some of us are still paying even more. I know I got my
20 tax bill, and my property tax went down too, but at the
21 end of the day, I'm paying more this year than I paid
22 last year, you know. And I know a lot of my
23 constituents on the Island, it's the same thing.
24 I have a couple of questions. The first is,
25 you know, I just want to make something, a statement for

1 All right, the other thing is when I was going
2 through the positions to eliminate --
3 CITY MANAGER JONES: Do you want to finish the
4 millage one, and with the second item, we have to
5 sound (inaudible).
6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That is probably
7 better.
8 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right, well, fine.
9 All right, does anyone have any other issues on the
10 millage rate, to raise the millage to 8.998? Okay, no
11 others.
12 Madam Clerk.
13 CITY CLERK WARD: Council Person Brooks.
14 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Yes.
15 CITY CLERK WARD: Council Person Lowe.
16 COUNCIL PERSON LOWE: Yes.
17 CITY CLERK WARD: Council Person Thomas.
18 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Yes.
19 CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Ten Davis.
20 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: Yes.
21 CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Pardo.
22 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No.
23 CITY CLERK WARD: The vote passed, with
24 Council Person Pardo dissenting.
25 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay, thank you. Item

1 environment in lieu of staff layoffs; and maintenance of
2 reasonable and sustainable service levels.
3 Strategies for the 2011 operating budget:
4 Identify expenditure reductions; improve efficiency;
5 alignment with the goals and strategies of the City
6 Council; enhance revenues; and consider mandates.
7 This first schedule shows the schedule of
8 revenues. Ad valorem taxes, there's a reduction of 7.78
9 percent. In dollarwise, it's $2.9 million ad valorem
10 tax decrease. Other taxes, a reduction of -- an
11 addition of $185,000, a 2.55 percent increase.
12 Franchise fees, which includes the FP&L new franchise
13 agreement, an increase of $1.1 million. In all, total
14 revenues for the 2010-'11 budget are 48,372,000, a
15 reduction from current adopted revenues of $2 million.
16 And remember that we used 2.8 million of fund balance in
17 the current fiscal year to balance the budget.
18 Expenditures by function: Personnel costs,
19 32,145,000. Operating costs, 11,137, a reduction of
20 five percent. Capital, 232,000, a reduction of
21 52 percent. CRA TIF, 3.3 million. And transfers,
22 1.5 million.
23 Expenditures by general fund, departments by
24 function. Police, total general fund is 31.27 percent.
25 Legislative and executive, 4.78 percent. General

1 that's projected. And that's a 20 percent decrease over
2 current year of $1.4 million.
3 The expenditures, personnel costs represent a
4 6.9 percent decrease. That's $608,000. Operating
5 costs, $437,000, a 49.84 percent decrease. And
6 transfers to debt service and renewal and replacement,
7 $633,000. As you see, total expenditures are
8 $1.6 million, and excess of revenues over expenditures
9 are $514,000, which we would have to transfer in to
10 balance that budget.
11 Storm water, total budget is $1.7 million.
12 And expenditures include some capital outlay of 2.7
13 million, so we'll be appropriating the fund balance of
14 2.5 to fund those capital projects.
15 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair.
16 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.
17 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: You mentioned four
18 vacant positions was added back. What are you talking
19 about? What is that?
20 CITY MANAGER JONES: In the utilities section,
21 in the original -- the previous workshop that we had, we
22 had recommended eliminating four positions in the
23 utility district. When we went back and looked at their
24 revenues, they did not need to reduce those positions in
25 order to balance their budget.

1 from -- up to do capital projects.
2 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Okay, great. Thanks,
3 thanks, okay.
4 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: On the --
5 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Question -- go ahead,
6 Mr. Thomas.
7 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: No. The general
8 administration, who does all that include?
9 MS. HOSKINS: That pays for general employees'
10 pension, approximately $2.3 million. It pays for our
11 rent at the Port Center. It has contingency in it of
12 the 500,000 that Ms. Brooks mentioned earlier, and just
13 general operation of the City. And it includes the CRA
14 TIF of $3.3 million.
15 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: That's a very large
16 percentage of this pie. What is it that -- what
17 percentage of that, of the Port Center payments does
18 that 18.33 percent represent? What percentage?
19 MS. HOSKINS: I don't have it off the top of
20 my head. It's -- I think we pay approximately 400,000
21 annually for the Port Center lease.
22 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: 400,000 annually?
23 MS. HOSKINS: Yes.
24 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: And how would that --
25 would the construction of this police building, how

1 MS. HOSKINS: And we pay the TIF out of that.
2 That's 3.3 million.
3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What was that figure?
4 MS. HOSKINS: 3.3, approximately.
5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Health insurance
6 liability.
7 MS. HOSKINS: You have the general employees'
8 pension.
9 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: What's that number?
10 MS. HOSKINS: Approximately 2.3 million.
11 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: And in that there was
12 still -- well, I haven't seen any projections or any
13 type of information for us to consider looking at a
14 different type of pension system.
15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's being worked on.
16 CITY MANAGER JONES: What we -- we have met
17 with the individuals that are advising us on pension.
18 They have recommended to us, based on our request, to
19 come up with another second option. We're in the
20 process now of having to talk to the unions about that
21 second option. It would not impact the current
22 individuals in the pension plan. It would only impact
23 new hires.
24 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Okay. But before you
25 talk to the unions, I mean we're not going to be privy

1 electricity, water, professional services, other, that
2 pays the --
3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's the total?
4 MS. HOSKINS: The total is 275 to pay the
5 lobbyist, the two, the state and the federal lobbyist --
6 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: No, I want to know
7 about the building, the actual building.
8 MS. HOSKINS: I would have to add it up; I
9 would have to add it up.
10 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Well, I mean I need to
11 understand. You know, general administration, I mean I
12 understand it's a lot in that, but, you know, we have
13 problems throughout this building all year long where,
14 you know, the heat is not working in the winter, and the
15 air conditioner breaks down quite often during the
16 summer and during the fall and the spring too. So I
17 mean this is the time that we probably would want to,
18 you know, look at -- make sure that we can, you know,
19 correct some of these problems, you know, other than
20 walking into the City Manager's office when all of the
21 doors are open and we're wondering, you know, why.
22 So I mean I do understand that we need to do
23 something with this, the air conditioner, or something
24 in the building. I think this is the time that we
25 probably need to discuss that issue, since that is a

1 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. So what is in
2 district two, three and police investigations in
3 operating?
4 MS. HOSKINS: That would be -- are you talking
5 about just general travel, maintenance?
6 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I'm asking, say district
7 two personnel has decreased, and operating is up almost
8 $400,000.
9 MS. HOSKINS: Now, for the operating budgets,
10 in that operating function we have the liability
11 insurance. So that's the amount that we transfer from
12 the general fund over to the liability insurance fund.
13 And what we did this fiscal year, instead of adding what
14 we need to transfer to fund the liability insurance
15 fund, we separated, based on the type job that each
16 department or each person performs.
17 So police, that's a higher risk job. So we
18 transfer the cost, more of the cost to the Police
19 Department. You'll see it in utilities. That's a
20 higher risk job, so we transferred -- allocated those
21 costs to those higher risk jobs.
22 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So then the
23 districts are not broken up evenly? Like there was a
24 significant decrease in district one, but then
25 significant increases in district two and three.

1 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So no one came back to us
2 and asked us.
3 MS. HOSKINS: No.
4 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. All right, so --
5 CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, when we had the work
6 session, Council decided that they wanted all five of
7 you present before they deliberated and made that
8 decision.
9 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. And then where's
10 the decrease? Where's that coming from?
11 MS. HOSKINS: It was in the travel.
12 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Just travel.
13 MS. HOSKINS: Travel, yes.
14 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Travel for staff,
15 because --
16 MS. HOSKINS: Travel for everyone across the
17 board.
18 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So that's all it was,
19 $12,000 travel? That's all that the Council took.
20 MS. HOSKINS: Correct.
21 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. So so far, so
22 when are you expecting us to decide on, you know, the
23 legislative, or are we just going --
24 CITY MANAGER JONES: You could do that tonight
25 if you desire, because we need to bring back any changes

1 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So are we losing our
2 Marina Director?
3 CITY MANAGER JONES: This does not change the
4 current leadership in -- it's just a reorganization --
5 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is it going to save us
6 anything?
7 CITY MANAGER JONES: As people leave and you
8 fill positions, you get it through attrition.
9 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: I'm a little confused
10 here. If you are not changing your Marina Director,
11 where is he going?
12 CITY MANAGER JONES: He stays. It's just what
13 is the overall reporting structure. It doesn't change
14 the people; it just changes the reporting structure. He
15 remains the Director of the marina.
16 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Okay. But the person
17 that you're going to hire to take over everything,
18 they're going to be the what?
19 CITY MANAGER JONES: They're called -- they
20 would be -- what you have -- what I've attempted to do
21 is to consolidate 14 departments down to seven.
22 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: How does that save us
23 money?
24 CITY MANAGER JONES: It was for efficiency in
25 delivery of service, not to say it was going to save

1 say, "When you're hired in, here's the salary." And in
2 doing that --
3 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: So take, for instance,
4 the Marina Director. If he's going to have somebody who
5 comes in and he's not going to have the same
6 responsibility, why would he have the same pay rate?
7 CITY MANAGER JONES: The Marina Director will
8 have the same responsibility for the marina.
9 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Okay. But I
10 understood you to say that when you hire the new, I
11 guess -- the Public Works Director would be over the
12 marina also.
13 CITY MANAGER JONES: According to this chart.
14 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Okay. Why would I
15 have a Marina Director that's reporting to the Public
16 Works Director and keep him at the same rate of pay?
17 CITY MANAGER JONES: You would want for
18 divisions of under a director to hire the new division
19 heads in at a lower rate of pay, and do it as a --
20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is a division,
21 not --
22 CITY MANAGER JONES: It's a division within a
23 department.
24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A department, right. I
25 understand. Okay.

1 departments. One of them will become a division under
2 the department of Public Works.
3 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: One of them will
4 become a division under the department of Public Works,
5 okay.
6 CITY MANAGER JONES: It's kind of like in the
7 City Manager's budget right now, you've got the division
8 of IT. Different divisions are within the department.
9 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: I gotcha. So which
10 division is going up under the department of Public
11 Works?
12 CITY MANAGER JONES: You've got within Public
13 Works, you've got one of their divisions is vehicle
14 maintenance, one will be engineering, facilities, storm
15 water and streets.
16 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: But now everything
17 that -- besides the marina, it's already under Public
18 Works, correct?
19 CITY MANAGER JONES: In -- yes. Well, marina,
20 and also that new engineering position.
21 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Okay.
22 CITY MANAGER JONES: It's a position. It's
23 not really a -- it's not a lot of people. It's just one
24 person.
25 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. All right, I have

1 impacts your capability to pump fuel.
2 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, I understand that.
3 But, you know, I'm just hoping we're not being very
4 aggressive in this, you know, budget, and then have to
5 come back and say: You know what? We're losing even
6 more money than we anticipated. It just -- you know,
7 I'm not in the fuel business, but you know, just to --
8 you know, someone that knows a little something about
9 what's going on down there, like all of us up here, it
10 just seems like a very aggressive number.
11 Now, my last question is Parks and Rec -- or
12 no -- Parks and Leisure Services. There the operating
13 is -- has increased by almost 150,000. Is that part of
14 the new scheme also?
15 MS. HOSKINS: That's part of the liability
16 insurance transfer.
17 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. All right, thank
18 you.
19 MS. HOSKINS: Madam Chair.
20 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.
21 MS. HOSKINS: Can I answer Council Person
22 Thomas' question?
23 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Absolutely.
24 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Please do.
25 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

1 capital.
2 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Okay. Is it budgeted
3 somewhere?
4 CITY MANAGER JONES: We have the moneys that
5 we can go pull from. There is no -- and that would be
6 borrowing that $200,000 -- what's the fund?
7 MS. HOSKINS: From capital acquisition fund.
8 CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, capital acquisition
9 fund. So it's not a part of here, but yes, the funds
10 exist.
11 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Okay. And your plan
12 is to correct that here pretty soon?
13 CITY MANAGER JONES: We've got to get the
14 specs and know exactly what we need to do, because it is
15 going to require some ductwork. What unfortunately, in
16 all of our buildings, and it's not uncommon, that over
17 the years since the building was constructed, you put up
18 new walls.
19 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Right.
20 CITY MANAGER JONES: So all of that has to be
21 studied. Once that's studied, then you know what kind
22 of system you need to put in.
23 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Okay, what's our plan
24 for that, because I just want to see the problem
25 corrected.

1 strategy anymore, or what was the -- you know, is there
2 another reasoning for it taking them back away from the
3 Police Department?
4 CITY MANAGER JONES: None other than, you
5 know, just a strategy to balance out as a community
6 development function. It's fluid. I mean all it is is
7 redrawing and putting it back, I mean, you know.
8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I --
9 CITY MANAGER JONES: It's not -- I have just
10 been accustomed that Code Enforcement was a community
11 development function. However, it's easy to move it.
12 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Okay.
13 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: I'd like to piggyback
14 on that. I was informed -- well, let me first ask this
15 question. You said a while ago that -- well, let me ask
16 this one first. How many police personnel do we have at
17 the Port?
18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I didn't hear.
19 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: How many police
20 personnel is at the Port Center?
21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We have our detective
22 section, ten people, our training section, three
23 people --
24 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: Okay, so.
25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- code division

1 when it took place. Maybe even '06 or --
2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, it was -- well, no,
3 it was there when I arrived in '02, and --
4 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: But I'm talking about
5 the change to police, put it under police.
6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Code division, when I
7 arrived in February of '02, the code division was a
8 division under the police at that time.
9 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: Okay.
10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So at least that long,
11 and I don't know when it happened before that.
12 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: Okay. Well, I guess
13 maybe the conversation that I'm remembering is we were
14 trying to give it more teeth, you know, by having it
15 work with police to, you know, bring about the
16 enforcement. So if Code Enforcement -- would Code
17 Enforcement also move once the police building is built?
18 CITY MANAGER JONES: Right now they would.
19 It's in the drawings.
20 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: Okay, well so it's
21 everybody over there, isn't it?
22 CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. You would have
23 everyone out of Port Center.
24 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: So that's the entire
25 500,000.

1 and let me further just state that, you know, all of us
2 bring our training and experience to this position. My
3 training and experience just happen to be in law
4 enforcement, so that's why I'm giving my thought process
5 on this.
6 Now, if you feel that that is directly in
7 conflict with how you think that it should be
8 structured, then please state that. But if not, I asked
9 a question because I just wanted to know what was the
10 reason for that. But my training and experience, that
11 is in law enforcement. And subsequently I've served
12 about a year and a half stint as a Code Enforcement
13 Director, which further gives me some more experience in
14 this. I think that they, you know, would work better
15 hand in hand. But if you think that it's something,
16 please state that now and we can all, you know, discuss
17 it. That's what this meeting is for.
18 CITY MANAGER JONES: Every department should
19 cooperate with each and every other department, not as a
20 silo, but as a team. If you are a team, no matter what
21 your reporting structure is, you do what is necessary to
22 get the job done. And that was my reasoning for moving
23 Code Enforcement under a community development model
24 versus under a police model.
25 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Madam Chair.

1 connection with the Police Department with the Code
2 Enforcement. It's just under Economic Community
3 Development. But still the enforcement, the procedures,
4 the policies, the operational, the connection, the need
5 to be there will be there.
6 Is that correct, Madam Manager?
7 CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.
8 MAYOR MASTERS: And Madam Char, while I have
9 the floor, I want to ask a couple -- I have a question
10 and then a statement. May I?
11 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please.
12 MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I've been looking at
13 the organizational chart and looking at everything in
14 front of me. This is for the manager. As far as the
15 position that Ms. Roseanne Brown had as public
16 information officer, as chief of staff, is that going to
17 be somewhere here, or we're not going to have a need for
18 it? I'm a little --
19 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: It was originally in
20 the chart.
21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I was trying to find
22 it. Was marketing --
23 CITY MANAGER JONES: What I have attempted to
24 do was to expand the role and the responsibility of that
25 area so that we can get out a cohesive message about the

1 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And that's why some of us
2 don't get anything done.
3 MAYOR MASTERS: I can't help it they call me
4 more than others.
5 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: I'd like to go back,
6 Madam Chair, if you wouldn't mind --
7 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, please.
8 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: -- to the -- I heard a
9 couple of Council members state that they agree, and
10 I've also heard the Mayor agree with anybody, I guess,
11 with the exception of me, on this particular item. What
12 I would like to know is for the past eight years they've
13 been up under the Police Department, has it not been
14 successful? That's to the manager, yes. Has it not
15 been a successful merger?
16 CITY MANAGER JONES: I can't say what has
17 happened for eight years. I can say that I have not
18 seen any difficulties in them since I have been here.
19 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: You haven't seen any
20 difficulties in them being together, the merger? You
21 haven't seen any difficulty in the merger?
22 CITY MANAGER JONES: No.
23 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: That's the same way
24 I'm feeling. I'm like, well, if it's not broken, why
25 are we fixing it?

1 to the organizational chart here.
2 Another question I have, Ms. Jones, now with
3 the elimination -- it has to do with some cost savings
4 here as I look at this chart. By eliminating one of the
5 Assistant City Manager positions, and I know that you
6 also lost your secretary, I believe have we not enjoyed
7 some savings with these changes?
8 CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, there has been that
9 the administrative position that you're talking about
10 was a part of the reductions within the City Manager's
11 office. The position that's on the chart is a lesser
12 position than Assistant City Manager, and in that
13 particular case, yes, there is a savings.
14 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: So we do see some
15 savings. Thank you.
16 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I have a question then on
17 the savings. We're showing a decrease of $2,153 in
18 personnel for the City Manager office, City Manager's
19 office?
20 CITY MANAGER JONES: What page are you on,
21 Madam Chair?
22 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I'm on page 13.
23 CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, because you moved
24 over the media positions. So there were positions added
25 to it, because the public information position,

1 Have we thought about any of that, or are we just --
2 CITY MANAGER JONES: It doesn't result in a
3 savings.
4 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. All right, so it's
5 all about -- okay, so now it's all about savings, okay.
6 Barracuda Bay, how many -- how often is that
7 open? Throughout the year, how many days a year is
8 Barracuda Bay open?
9 [!EZ SPEAKER 03]: Tom Williams, Parks and
10 Rec. Four days a week.
11 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: For 52 weeks?
12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. Four months. From
13 August, September, October, November, we're open only on
14 the weekends.
15 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay, so from August to
16 November, just weekends, and then --
17 [!EZ SPEAKER 03]: And we're doing
18 maintenance. And when I say weekends, it's just for the
19 high schools. They're doing their swim teams.
20 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And then when else is it
21 open four days a week?
22 MR. WILLIAMS: Just during the peak seasons,
23 March, April, May, June, July, August.
24 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So from March through
25 August, four days a week it's open?

1 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 1.5, oh, my --
2 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Wow.
3 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Why would we agree to
4 that?
5 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, that is --
6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Williams. Madam
7 Chair.
8 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.
9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That was done way
10 back --
11 [!EZ SPEAKER 03]: Council members.
12 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: That is just --
13 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Let me ask
14 Mr. Williams a question. At one time we were charging
15 something like $2 or $3 for admissions, right?
16 MR. WILLIAMS: That's correct. Well,
17 originally when we -- before we opened the Aquatic
18 Center, we did a fee study. And we hired somebody out
19 of Atlanta, and he came up with a fee of $7 for adults
20 and $5 for kids. Council, through its infinite wisdom,
21 felt like that was too much money, so they agreed to
22 charge $3. Then it went from $3 to free dollars.
23 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: To free.
24 MR. WILLIAMS: Free dollars, yes.
25 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Who made the decision

1 [!EZ SPEAKER 03]: That's your direction.
2 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Well, I think so,
3 because they're going to pay the 25 -- our residents pay
4 the 25 or 50 or 100, whatever it is to go to the Rapids.
5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They sure do.
6 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: You know, so we
7 definitely -- you know, I'm not saying take it all the
8 way away or increase it to Rapids' prices, but, you
9 know, we have to -- you know, we have to get something
10 out of this. So we take it down one day and add $2 or
11 $3, that should give us some reprieve.
12 CITY MANAGER JONES: We'll gladly come back
13 with a recommendation for that.
14 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: That's great. And I would
15 also see if we could somehow have that agreement with
16 the County amended. Come on, that is such an awful deal
17 to -- you know, for a million and a half dollars you
18 have to run it for the next 30 years or --
19 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Especially when, at
20 this point in time in trying to balance their budget,
21 they're turning over their parks stuff to the cities.
22 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: This isn't right. We need
23 to seriously look at that.
24 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Well, what's the
25 penalty if we don't, if we just --

1 some type of relief.
2 Thank you, Madam Chair.
3 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Madam Chair.
4 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Ms. Brooks.
5 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: I would like if we
6 could, Karen, see what kind of revenues are generated at
7 the time that we were collecting fees, given of course
8 the, you know, the economy is much different now.
9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)
10 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Oh, you have it?
11 Okay. I understand what the Mayor is saying, you know,
12 but --
13 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Let's also --
14 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: But here we are, raising
15 the taxes --
16 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: That's what I was just
17 about to say.
18 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We're raising the taxes --
19 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Let's not -- let's
20 make sure that we still are, you know, acting in the
21 model of a business, and let's not turn this into any
22 type of campaign or any type of --
23 MAYOR MASTERS: Wait a minute; wait a minute.
24 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Let's make sure that
25 we discuss these numbers. They're going to have six

1 during campaign season; I make it now; I make it
2 whenever. I feel what I feel. And if anyone feels
3 differently, they have the right to express their
4 opinion. But it should be based upon how they feel and
5 what is in the best interests of the residents.
6 And because people differ, I don't think
7 anyone should throw the word campaign around, because
8 that certainly is not my intent. If and when that
9 happens, I stand on my record.
10 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Madam Chair.
11 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay, thank you.
12 MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.
13 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: What I would hope that
14 we would do is since we have this wonderful recreational
15 feature, that we would come up with some kind of
16 strategy for marketing it so that we would try to
17 attract people from all the area, you know, throughout
18 the county to come to our Barracuda Bay. And you know,
19 that is where we need to take our energy, to how do we
20 market this.
21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)
22 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Well, we can try again
23 now, because people don't have a lot of money to spend.
24 But as he said, they go to this other place out on
25 Military Trail.

1 CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, we will bring you
2 back a proposal for Barracuda Bay.
3 MR. WILLIAMS: Madam Chair, can I just say one
4 thing?
5 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, absolutely.
6 [!EZ SPEAKER 03]: Historically, pools
7 throughout Palm Beach County are not revenue driven.
8 They are just not. So, you know, most of the -- you're
9 just not going to generate enough money to maintain a --
10 it's just a service basically.
11 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. But if we can get
12 something --
13 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Get something, yes,
14 just to offset, yes.
15 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Pay for a lifeguard and
16 some of the chemicals.
17 Okay, anything else?
18 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: That's it.
19 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anything else?
20 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: Yes. Madam Chair.
21 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Um-hmm.
22 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: I just wanted to state
23 for the record, because -- and I was not going to say
24 anything about it, but for the last two budget sessions,
25 you know, it's been stated what's this Council giving.

1 working in a great city. And it's very unfortunate to
2 see people walking around here with long faces and just
3 shuffling along. And with no -- absolutely with the way
4 they answer the phone. Any other place, they would be
5 gone.
6 So I really think, and I mentioned this last
7 year and the year before, there really needs to be a
8 team effort in City Hall. We need to work as a team.
9 As a team, you know, you get more accomplished. And you
10 know, I would really, really, really like to see that
11 this year.
12 And guaranteed, if we all worked as a team,
13 come next year, when we're going to have another
14 difficult budget year, we might be able to, you know,
15 sit here and say, all right, because we worked as a
16 team, we were able to save here, we were able to save
17 here, you know. When you work as a team, you became
18 more efficient. So I would, you know --
19 CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you. And I agree.
20 MAYOR MASTERS: Team effort.
21 CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair, on another
22 issue, as a point of information and to ask -- and I've
23 spoken to one or two of you already, the City was made
24 aware of a move that the Sheriff is considering in order
25 to balance their budget, and I'm going to ask the Chief

1 Park on the Island is a large facility, and it is not
2 clear whether or not the Sheriff's Department is even
3 going to respond to calls for services in the park.
4 We actually had a situation at Phil Foster
5 Park this Labor Day, this past Labor Day, where they did
6 not respond and we had to handle a call for service
7 there. The Sheriff indicated that he had informed the
8 various municipalities at a Police Chiefs' Association
9 meeting, and that it would not take effect until
10 October. These chiefs were aware that it was going to
11 be part of his recommendation for his budget reduction
12 strategy. But certainly we were not informed of the
13 actual timetable or noticed in terms of him
14 relinquishing that responsibility.
15 In addition, it is a County facility, and
16 their Recreation Department, they have control over the
17 facility, who they rent it to, the hours. I see all
18 sorts of potential conflicts. In our parks there's no
19 alcohol. In their parks there is alcohol. Our parks
20 close at dusk. Theirs are extended beyond dusk. So now
21 we're going to be responsible for not only responding,
22 but patrolling, we certainly should, you know, have the
23 ability to impact, you know, when those parks are opened
24 and when they're closed, but --
25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

1 We've got a lot of concerns from residents about getting
2 into some of those parks and how the sheriffs have
3 treated residents. Thank you.
4 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. All right, at this
5 time we're going to public comment. Gerald Ward.
6 MR. WARD: Gerald Ward, 31 West 20th Street,
7 1150 Coral Way and 3930 North Ocean.
8 We're now over an hour and a half into this
9 discussion, but I hope there's more public comment than
10 me.
11 I would tell you that no different than last
12 night when you made a budget modification for the first
13 time of significance to the CRA budget, you obviously
14 saw that roughly a million dollars was not spent as you
15 ordered a year ago. This process is your orders to City
16 staff to make expenditures for the coming year, and I
17 hope that each of you have said that the 42 pages is
18 only the at this point of the iceberg and that you have
19 the detail budget sheets that generated each of the
20 numbers on the 42 pages.
21 That said, we still are one of the more
22 fiscally sound of the 38, if not the most fiscally
23 sound. Take your debt service. It's only less than
24 $2 million. For the size to the city, that's pretty
25 good.

1 that need to be served, and you just went on the Aquatic
2 Center.
3 The utility district needs more supervision.
4 You cannot just have the City Manager. She started to
5 go to six people, but in reality -- or six departments,
6 or seven with the marina -- with the utilities. You
7 can't do this in three minutes, but the utilities is big
8 dollars and is major health issues that need better
9 supervision. So the structure needs to be changed.
10 Why shouldn't the marina be under the Leisure
11 Services or the Parks and Recreation column? But I hear
12 that there may be changes coming in that. It is not a
13 good place to put it under the Public Works Department
14 because it's no different than the medians. They're not
15 getting their attention through Public Works, whereas
16 Parks knows and interfaces with the people.
17 Two more quick things. I said this at
18 Mrs. Davis' budget hearing, that you need to put in with
19 the savings of transferring personnel costs to capital
20 projects in the accounting process 50 opinions
21 positions. And it was interesting, staff knew what I
22 was talking about. Opinions, other personnel services.
23 They don't have benefits. But you can start to hire
24 because you've cut some of the Public Works positions,
25 some of the general government positions beyond what

1 answer the public comment. She did show us quite a lot
2 of detail about income from homeowners. I just wonder
3 if she could make a general comment on income and
4 revenues, changes, whatever she sees from all the
5 commercial businesses in Riviera Beach. Thank you.
6 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Do you have that
7 information?
8 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: He asked that same
9 question at our budget meeting. Can we make sure that
10 we --
11 CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Murphy asked the
12 question.
13 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Mr. Murphy, okay, yes.
14 MS. HOSKINS: Okay. For commercial, vacant
15 commercial, the just value is 50,925,000. The assessed
16 value is 50,410,000, and the taxable value is
17 49,254,000. And we have 191 vacant commercial
18 properties.
19 Improved commercial, that's 236,754,000 just
20 value; assessed value is 236,689,000; and the taxable
21 value is 233,122,000. And we have 321 parcels.
22 Are you interested in vacant industrial? We
23 have -- the just value is 13,837,000. The assessed
24 value is 18,826,000, and the taxable value is
25 13,168,000. And we have 51 parcels.

1 any kind of benefits. And so I applaud that comment
2 from Mr. Ward.
3 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anything else?
4 All right, Madam Clerk.
5 CITY CLERK WARD: Council Person Lowe.
6 COUNCIL PERSON LOWE: Yes.
7 CITY CLERK WARD: Council Person Brooks.
8 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: Yes.
9 CITY CLERK WARD: Council Person Thomas.
10 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Yes.
11 CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Davis.
12 COUNCIL PERSON DAVIS: Yes.
13 CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Pardo.
14 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.
15 CITY CLERK WARD: It's unanimous vote.
16 CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay, thank you. Have a
17 motion to adjourn.
18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.
19 COUNCIL PERSON THOMAS: Before you adjourn, I
20 just want to announce that any of the residents that
21 would like to utilize -- and City employees -- T-Mobile
22 services, they will be here in the morning from eight to
23 one. Thank you.
24 COUNCIL PERSON BROOKS: And we do have a -- at
25 Lindsey Davis this Saturday at 10:00 a.m., there will be

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