



**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. Would everyone please have a seat?

[Inaudible chatter].

**INVOCATION**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. We good? Okay. Welcome everyone to the City of Riviera Beach. Tonight we have our City Council meeting. Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

**ROLL CALL**

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mayor Thomas Masters?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Present.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chairperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Present.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair *Pro Tem* Terence Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Present.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson KaShamba Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Here.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** City Manager Ruth Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Present.

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

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Present.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. We have quorum. I'd like to invite everyone to stand for a moment of silence [cough], excuse me, followed by the Pledge.

[Moment of Silence]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I Pledge allegiance...

**ALL:** ...to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Ms. Jones, do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions to the Agenda?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, Madam Chair. We have one addition and it is a Community Benefit request. And it's on, given by Ch'.., Chair *Pro Tem* Terence Davis in the amount of \$1,500 to the Southeast Florida Public Fair Association, Incorporated.

### **DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Do we have any disclosures by Council or Staff?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I do want to disclose that I had the opportunity to attend the funeral service a few days ago in Charleston, South Carolina for Pastor Pinckney, Senator Pinckney and I want to thank the New Macedonia Baptist Church that sponsored my trip for going. Thank you.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Do we have a motion to adopt the Agenda?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** *Pro Tem* Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

### **CONSENTAGENDA**

**ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCILPERSON SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE**

**GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Do we have a motion to accept Consent?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I wanna pull number 2.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Anyone else?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** That's the only one.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Do we have a motion to accept Consent with Item 2 pulled?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So move.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** *Pro Tem* Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Item 2.

**2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF \$188,820 FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO THE FIRE, HUMAN RESOURCES AND RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE LAW FIRM OF TORCIVIA, DONLON, GODDEAU & ANSAY, P.A. TO CONTINUE TO ACT AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY UNTIL THE POSITION IS FILLED, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO TRANSFER \$25,000 FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S REGULAR SALARIES AND WAGES ACCOUNT TO CONTRACT SERVICES ACCOUNT FROM SAME; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** A second?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. We have one public comment card. Rodney Roberts.

**MR. R. ROBERTS:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**MR. R. ROBERTS:** Rodney Roberts. 1581 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riviera Beach, Federal Gardens. Just a couple comments on the Item. It, looking at, I guess, who's asking for the money, I, I guess I have a issue with, like, the fire department but I spoke to the Chief outside and I was looking at the sense of urgency of, you know, spending this money for the rehabbing of some of the engines or whatever and, in looking at the backup, I guess they're expecting a new fleet or a few new engines so I was just wondering was the sense of urgency so that we had to rehab some right now, when we're expecting new, a new fleet to come in in a few months? So that was my..., and I, I just want, I didn't know if either of you were gonna ask that question. The, uh, like, if you have money, you can sp'..., you know, we spend it like water if you have it. But we're looking at, you know, the budget and we're looking at where we're falling short on certain things and it's ti'..., I guess it's time to be tough on everything. You know, on

everything and everyone cause we, we, we strapped for cash as far as I'm concerned or I haven't seen where we have the cash and we can, you know, just spend money outright like we, like we have it. So, uh, even at the Parks & Recreation Department with the, uh, Jazz in the Park, I love Jazz in the Park. I love, you know, us being able to go out and listen to the music or whatever. Again, I haven't seen where we have the money and it's time to get tough on everything. So, I don't know if right now is that time but, again, that's for, for you all to consider. The Special Assistant City Attorney, I'm trying to figure out, okay..., like, for a long time we had, a, a, the Interim Chief here for a long time while we tried to find another chief and that took, it seemed like, forever to find another chief. So, again, I don't know how long it's gonna take to find a Assistant City Attorney but is it., and when we do have those assistance, Assistant City Attorneys, do they charge us by what they would normally charge by the hour out in the public sector or do they charge us a lower rate because they work for the City? So, um, again, hard times is coming as far as I'm concerned. I'm always up here talkin' bout jobs n' stuff. And, it, and [stammer], at the Utility District meeting, lady, you know, she spoke about hard times out in the community. If you're not feelin' it, I mean, it's going on. And people are having to take, uh, drastic measures as, as they, as they always have in life, when hard times come. But we don't wanna, you know, force people into situations that they don't have to be in. And, we don't wanna hurt the City. So, uh, thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. I just need to make a comment...

[Beep]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...about the money that we're allocating to fire services. You know, you gotta remember, we have a professional in charge. Alright? A fire rescue. And, if he thinks that we need these services, I think we need to go along with the Fire Chief. Remember the, you know, government is here to provide basic services and the most basic service is, is to protect the citizens of the City. And I think, you know, if the Chief is saying that we need \$120,000 for apparatus or whatever it is, I think we need to go along with it because, who knows, you might need one of those services soon and it might not be there. So, you know, that's how I'm looking at this, Rodney. Okay? Alright. So, Ms. Miller, this was your Item.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Um...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You, you have questions?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes. I didn't so much have any, many questions about the other Items. What really stood out for me is, when we had that mid-year budget, I think a couple of us asked for the figures to come back as to see whether or not the Jazz in the Dark is bringing in money. You know, is the attendance increasing? And, looking at the backup, it seems that it is running a deficit. I, I just don't see how we could approve something as such when, from October, 2014, May 2015, um, in October it was three thousand. Sorry, five thousand in the red. They brought in two thousand,

expenses was seven thousand. So, for each month between October and May, we're constantly running into a deficit. To me, I mean, it is certainly is a, a great activity to have our community come together but I, I really question is this worth continuing being that it is not bringing in a whole lot of money. And I know when we met the other night for our budget meeting, Parks & Recs, where's that, you know, they were requesting other items, things such as a storage. Um, a nu'.., nu'.., a number of things. So, I'm just wondering is this something that we probably don't need to do and maybe just put that money towards something that is necessary such as the Items that were requested. Um, I'm not sure about how my colleagues feel about it but I just don't see where, financially, it is making any sense because it is continuously going into the red. So I, like I said, I don't, the Item, I did have a problem with all of these being lumped together because, when we met for the mid-year budget, that was something that we, we questioned. A few of us questioned. And then to put it in this one Item to approve together, I, I, I...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** [Inaudible] tell me what to do.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** ...had problems with that. You know, unfortunately, it's gonna cause me to have to vote either a down or a, a up on other Items but and, you know, I don't haven issue with many of 'em other than what we're doing with the Jazz in the Dark or Jazz in the, you know, Jazz in the Dark.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Um...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So, alright.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** There's no question.., Okay. So, Mr. Guyton? You have...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...comment?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** The discussion about Jazz after Dark has been ongoing for years. The problem with Jazz after Dark is that we start it, we stopped it, we start it, we stopped it.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** [Whispering]. It's Jazz in the Park.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** In every community there is a signature event. West Palm, Clematis, whatever it is. Lake Park have their event. Jupiter. If we, as a community, going to compete with other communities, we need something that will bring people to our community. This is not always about making money. This is about foot traffic. This is about on, whatever night it is, you know, Riviera Beach is having Jazz after Dark. Recreation programs, by design, do not make money. It has a different

purpose. For this one, it's about bringing not just our community together, but we don't have anything.., we don't celebrate any holidays. No 4<sup>th</sup>, no Memorial Day, no Christmas, no.., Martin Luther King is the only thing that we have to bring people to our community. This is an activity that needs to be in place for at least two to three years to determine its viability. You cannot stop and start, stop and start and expect that we're gonna make money. Granted, I don't think that it should be a situation where we are losing substantial amounts but, if we're bringing something in to help defray the cost, it's well worth it. We need a signature event. If it's not Jazz after Dark, we need something else. We cannot plan and compete with other communities if we're not willing to bite the bullet and sponsor things that we don't make money on. It's not about what comes back to the City, it's about people coming to our community and patronizing our other businesses. The convenient stores, the fast food stores, the gas stations, the.., you know, we look at what's coming back to the City and I think that that's not a fair assessment of why we hold activities. But, if we're ever gonna be able to compete, we need to understand that for a while, we're gonna have to bite the bullet and we're not gonna make money. Once they see that it's there consistently, and when it was there consistently, we had people flying from Atlanta, Georgia just to come to Jazz after Dark. We had people driving from Pompano, Miami and then we stopped it. Then we tried to start it back, then we stopped it again. We have to be consistent. We need a signature event and it's my hope that my colleagues will understand, it's not always about what comes back to the City. It's about foot traffic and them patronizing our other local businesses.

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Anyone else?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair, I wanna see if I can make a motion that we amend this Item to make, to pull out the Parks, Jazz [stammer] Jazz after Dark, in this motion?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I second it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Alright. Any comments by the Board?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I think it's a good idea to be pulled out because I was, I had questions about why all of this is lumped in, in the same thing anyway because you may be supporting one and opposed to two or supporting two and supporting one. Either way, so, I think it's.., my comment is, let's do it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Let's vote for the motion and...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Madam Clerk.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** we can vote one by one.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Madam Clerk.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Ch'... Oh.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Well, we're voting on?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** [Inaudible] discuss it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Splitting, splitting each Item.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** This motion is to remove the request by the Parks & Recreation.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Separate it and to discuss it.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Out of the...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Separate...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** When you said just discuss it separately or we're voting it down not to do it?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** You're...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...voting to remove...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** To remove...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...the request the...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So, we can talk about it...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...from Parks & Recreation from the Resolution altogether.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And discuss it separately?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** To.., and discuss it separately. So that they can vote separately on it? Removing it is totally taking it off but we'll still be able to vote on it?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Quick question.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You can make that motion.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You can make a motion [inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Question on the...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...[inaudible].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Hold on a second.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Question on the stated motion.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We've already discussed it in great length.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Why would we pull it out just to discuss it again? If you wanna pull it out to say we're not doing it or what.., why would we pull it out to, to do.., just to discuss it again?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I want to...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** To vote on it separately.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** ...pull it out so that when we do vote, we're not voting in one block vote. So, to pull that one out to...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** [Inaudible]...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** ...have that one separately.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...[inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Or we can make a motion to take each one of 'em and do 'em separately.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. So, your original motion was to pull out...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And put it separately. To make 'em separate.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Put that separately?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Mhmm.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** And then discuss it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright? Alright. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** *Pro Tem* Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion fails with Councilpersons Pardo, Thomas and Guyton dissenting.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So, the original motion is on the floor. Anything else from the Board on that?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, there is.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** On the original motion, I wanna make a comment about Jazz after Dark. It's still in here, I understand that but I, personally, I, I don't think we're doing it right. I, I think that it should be, as Mr. Guyton says, signature event but it oughta be a free event. It should be free to the residents. At least to the residents of Riviera Beach

and we should support it that way cause when you talk about the other signature events, they're free. And, this oughta be funded by the City, number one. And also, vendors, sponsors or private par'.., public partnership. The other thing is, the problem that I think why it is, it is, has not made any money because people do not like to pay to go see local talent. They just don't. That's just a rule of entertainment. But, and when we had national talent, even though it may not have been A talent but B, B talent, people were pleased to pay. But, when we have local talent, no one wants to pay to go see local talent. So, I think, as long as they have local talent, it ought to be free and fully supported.., and make it a signature event for the people without charge. That's my ques'...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...my comment.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You know, the Mayor makes some, some valid points, um, on this Item. However, if you take away the stream of money that you get from the tickets prices which, I think it's ten bucks, and you still have the mindset of this event either makes money or loses money, I think you offset your goal. If you're saying, 'Okay. Let it be free and we're going to adequately fund it,' then I will 110%, you know, agree, you know, with that. To me, it's, it depends on whether it's raining, whether we have whatever it is.., local talent I think it should be done by them if we're gonna say it's going to be free, it needs to be local, local...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...local talent. What I really think we ought to do is let this be how it is, give them the opportunity and the support to make this happen. Let Ms. Franks and her team go and do what they're very capable of doing and, as a Board, let's support them. That's all I would say.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. And what I would I would say is, this only takes us to the end of the fiscal year. We are in the middle of our budget and if we all decide that we wanna move forward with providing a free event every month, then we need to budget for it. But this Item right here just takes us to the end of the fiscal year.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay. Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So, I would say everyone, you know...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I just...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...the next., at the next budget meeting, you know, let's bring it up, let's talk about it. Alright. Mr....

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...Davis...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Thank you. My concern is a few things. One is the budget that's presented before us is not itemized. It's not stating who's receiving funds, what vendors are paying. Um, how many tickets was sold. What event, what acts were paid out. It's not itemized that. And that's one of the main issues I don't wanna support it at this time is because we're spending money, approving money for something that we don't who's getting paid, when the event is getting paid based on the rain-outs and etcetera., even though they do have rain-out, rain insurance. I like the idea of supporting this signature event but with a public-private partnership stated like the Mayor stated earlier. Now, we have parks, we have a venue that we can provide for someone else to reach out to a local, local Palm Beach County vendors that can sponsor the event and make it a free event. The City should only be., have to provide facilities. Facilities are the most important part to any event that you have. It shouldn't cost us absolutely anything but a little manpower as far as, you know, with the cleanup crews and things of that sort. Someone else should be able go out, call Coca-Cola and other people, whoever they may be, to solicit the funds to pay for this event. This Board need to consider having a public-private partnership with someone else to allow local promoters to come in and work with the City and don't cost us anything and show that we, we're doing great with these parks that we do have. I stated before, before, before we got to this point, I said, um, and Mr. Guyton you stated earlier that it's gonna need to get off the ground, it's gonna need momentum, which I truly understand but momentum at the cost of money, is something I that I don't wanna continue doing but I think it can get off the ground without the City, us giving the money. So, I would like to see a itemized budget coming back to this Board before I pull it tonight specifying what we paid out over the year, to who, and when and how many., the exact rain-outs and those dates, they are dated in the budget before approving this. Because we don't know where we're going based on where we're coming from.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Anything else from the Board? Alright. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** *Pro Tem* Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilpersons Davis and Miller dissenting.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. That's the end of the Consent Agenda.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Petitions and Communications for Filing.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** None.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**3. PRESENTATION BY MR. TOM TWYFORD OF THE WEST PALM BEACH FISHING CLUB, TO THE RIVIERA BEACH SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF \$2,000.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, sir.

**MR. TWYFORD:** Yeah. I got the money in hand.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yay.

**MR. TWYFORD:** Good evening. [Chuckle].

[Applause]

**MR. TWYFORD:** Some happy news. Good news.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good news.

**MR. TWYFORD:** Mayor Masters, Chair Pardo, Council People. I'm, I'm just here to say thank you for the City's partnership with an event that we, uh, have been doing the last thirteen years at the City's marina called the 'Palm Beach County KDW Classic.' It's one of your signature events, um, for the last [chuckle] thirteen years. Uh, whether you realize it or not, this event attracts, uh, a lot of boats to the community for one day every year for a very, very popular community event that not only helps raise money for your scholarship fund but, uh, we utilize some of the proceeds in other ways through the community such as our annual kids' fishing day program where we always reach out to kids in the, in the City. I've been working with Kenneth Payne over at Wells Rec for many, many years. Um, we have a Rods and Reels for kids program where we support lots of local community youth groups. And, um, so, we're just delighted to be able to continue to do this event at the City marina. It was challenging this year because of the construction but, uh, we did not wanna lose our connection to the City. Um, it has the potential to be even much bigger as the City marina development finishes up. It will be an opportunity for the City to continue to showcase this incredible community asset to people from all over the state. This particular fishing tournament is one of the largest one-day fishing tournaments in the State of Florida. We had two hundred and thirty-eight boats and, um, as Councilperson Guyton points out the, the impact, the economic impact of an event like this, goes far beyond just somebody throwing down \$175 to enter the tournament. Local hotels, restaurants, gas stations, bait suppliers, tackle shops, many in your community benefit from this particular event and we're very, very thankful to have the City as a sponsor for these thirteen years and we look forward to doing it a, a whole lot more down the road and growing the event and showcasing the City's marina. So, thank you. And...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**MR. TWYFORD:** ...and, I have \$2,000. I, I didn't see Roseanne Brown in the audience. I know she's...

[Chuckles]

**MR. TWYFORD:** ...she, she, I know she wants this. But, uh...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I'll come down and accept it.

**MR. TWYFORD:** I'll, I'll give it to somebody, I guess.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I'll accept it.

**MR. TWYFORD:** Sure. Dawn was one of our volunteers again this year during the event.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Alright. Mr. Chair. What I was wondering if we could add to the event. I know that you all do something with that fish that you catch. I was wondering if we could add a fish fry.

[Laughter]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** At the end of the, the event or something like that.

**MR. TWYFORD:** You, you know, to that point, we used to, um...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Inaudible].

**MR. TWYFORD:** ...have people donate the fish.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uhuh.

**MR. TWYFORD:** And we got out of that business.

[Laughter]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MR. TWYFORD:** It was, it was a, a little bit of a shady operation when [chuckle], when you, uh take people, other people's fish, there are certain permits and legality of how the fish is maintained and we decided that we did not wanna...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, if you...

**MR. TWYFORD:** ...be in commercial...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...take them out of the water...

**MR. TWYFORD:** fishing business. [Chuckle].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...put 'em in some grease, you know...

**MR. TWYFORD:** Yeah. I know, but...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Trust me...

**MR. TWYFORD:** I...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...I heard...

**MR. TWYFORD:** I' with ya.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** [Chuckle] yeah.

**MR. TWYFORD:** I'm with ya but...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No, no. All joking aside, I heard that we, we did get some wahoo off of there, out of there and I was impressed with that type of fish. I've never tasted it but I heard that we did get quite a few wahoo's.

**MR. TWYFORD:** We did. We, we...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**MR. TWYFORD:** ...had a lot of wahoo. Wahoo always bite right up before the full moon and our tournament date this year was right before the full and the wahoo bite was on. So we...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh.

**MR. TWYFORD:** ...had, we had an exceptional scoreboard this year. Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Well, congratulations and thank you for continuing to donate to our scholarship fund.

**MR. TWYFORD:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We, we do appreciate...

**MR. TWYFORD:** And, and...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...you know...

**MR. TWYFORD:** ...thank you to the City.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...what you're doing.

**MR. TWYFORD:** I work with a lot of different departments of the City. From the police department, we hire off-duty...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's right.

**MR. TWYFORD:** ...police officers. I work with the Parks & Rec folks, Ms. Franks and her team. I work with Ed League, of course, at the marina and work with the, um, Utilities Department. I work with Jimmy Pickron. Every step of the way, City Staff is

behind this event 100% and it truly is a signature event for the City and it helps really showcase all the good things happening at the marina.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, next year, all that construction'll be done.

**MR. TWYFORD:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** At least in that area.

**MR. TWYFORD:** And we're...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And you'll have...

**MR. TWYFORD:** looking forward to that too. Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Alright. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And, I would say I would encourage all of you to join me in the Raffle Tent.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** For the...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...past, I don't know how many years, I'm in the Raffle Tent and I sell the raffle tickets.

[Chuckles]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And it, you know, it's a mazing because I've been doing it for several years. I have people come to me, you know, and they come into the tent looking and they're like, 'Oh, I was lucky with you last year.'

[Chuckles]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You know, 'Give me \$100 worth of tickets.' So, I would encourage my colleagues to come down and help. It is a fun event.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It's a good time.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Has anyone else have anything to say as she took the picture?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Just, one co'..., comment. I can wait a second. It's okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Uh, Tom?

**MR. TWYFORD:** Yes. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You, I think you said it attracts a lot of boats to the area?

**MR. TWYFORD:** It does. Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Inaudible].

**MR. TWYFORD:** There's a lot of local boats but it...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And that's good.

**MR. TWYFORD:** ...it does attract boats...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I just...

**MR. TWYFORD:** ...from outside...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...wasn't for sure...

**MR. TWYFORD:** ...the region.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I just wasn't for sure if you said boats or votes but you said boats.

[Chuckles]

**MR. TWYFORD:** Boats. Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Thank you.

[Laughter]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's our Mayor. Always thinking about the votes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Absolutely. Only way we can make it happen.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Great. Thank you...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Boats bring...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...so much.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...votes. Right?

**MR. TWYFORD:** Thank you very much.  
[Applause]

**4. PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS ANDREW GIONTA AND JASON ZAMPERINI FOR THE EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AND VISITORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Item 4. Presentation and recognition of Firefighter Paramedics..., oh God, I'm gonna crucify your name, uh, Andrew Gionta?

**DIVISION CHIEF MCCARTHY:** Close.

[Chuckles]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. Sorry. And Jason Zamperini.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** [Whisper]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** For the excellent service of the citizens and visitors of the City of Riviera Beach.

[Applause]

**DIVISION CHIEF MCCARTHY:** I would like to call Firefighter Paramedics Jason Zamperini and Andrew Gionta. Jason, by the way, is a resident of the City of Riviera Beach too.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, he is.

**AUDIENCE:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And Mayor, he's a voter.

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Does he have a vote.

[Laughter]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. Good evening, Chief.

**DIVISION CHIEF MCCARTHY:** Good evening, everybody. My name's Tom McCarthy. I'm Division Chief of Emergency Medical Services for the fire department here. I'm also the Chairman of the Palm Beach County Association of EMS providers. Every year during EMS week, our Association recognizes the best and the brightest that EMS, in this County, has to offer. The way we have recognized that is through nominations for distinguished service. And that's from departments from Boca Raton to Tequesta to the Ocean out to the glades. You name it. If you've got a Fire Rescue COPCN in your city or your county, you're nominating people. It's not just the fire departments that nominate these contestants. It's also hospitals. We call them EMS partners. It's also the educators such as Palm Beach State College Health Career Institute. Entities like that. So, from a big mass of nominations this year, two of our people were recognized for distinguished service. One of them, actually, was noted to be the overall Distinguished Service Provider of the Year for Palm Beach County Proper. So, what I would like to do right now is I'm going to read to you the letters of nomination that were submitted to my entity, the Association of EMS Providers. "To Tom McCarthy, Chairman, Palm Beach County Association of EMS Providers from Laurena G. Reese, Director of Emergency and Critical Care Services, West Palm Beach Hospital. The subject is 'Distinguished EMS Provider.' 'When looking for an outstanding individual to nominate for such an accolade as a distinguished EMS provider characteristics such as service excellence and community relations were immediately identified. After careful consideration and discussion regarding this award, the employees of West Palm Hospital would like to nominate Firefighter Paramedic Jason Zamperini of Riviera Beach Fire Rescue for this award. Jason visits our facility on a regular basis. He always arrives with a smile and pleasant sense of humor regardless of the stresses of his day. His patients are often complimentary of the care he provides to them in attending to their medical complaints. Jason also appears to possess good decision-making abilities in the field as evidenced by the following. Not long ago, he brought into our facility a critically ill, young female patient who required extreme lifesaving measures. Because of his efforts in the field, this patient was eventually moved from emergency department to the critical care department and then subsequently discharged from our facility. That's a success story. It is this kind of dedication and concern which obviously goes above and beyond the call the duty that we feel exemplifies what a nominee for distinguished service looks like. Jason's caring and compassion also demonstrates true commitment to the community he serves. His passion, commitment and abilities are truly an asset to the individuals and facilities within the community he serves."  
Jason...

[Applause]

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Speech, speech, speech, speech.  
[Chuckles].

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Ah, Jason.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Time's rolling.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** [Inaudible]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Now smile for us.

**MR. ZAMPERINI:** Thank you very much. It's a pleasure of serving and living here in the City I work.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Alright.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you for everything.

[Applause]

**DIVISION CHIEF MCCARTHY:** To Tom McCarthy, Division Chief of EMS, from Rachel Hannon, Battalion Chief A Shift. Subject, Distinguished EMS Provider. "It is my nom'..., it is my honor to nominate Andrew Gionta for the Paramedic of the Year award. I have had the privilege of working with Andrew over the past two years and can vouch for his determination, hard work, compassion and effectiveness. Rarely have I encountered a person who is so attentive to the mun'..., minous'..., most minute of details. He never hesitates, taking on any challenge or task regardless of difficulty. One of Andrew's greatest attributes is that he makes sure that he learns from every event and continuously seeks opportunities to improve his paramedic skills and knowledge. Andrew has been an integral component on an abundant of significant calls such as trauma alerts, cardiac arrests, cardiac alerts, and stroke alerts that I am challenged to single out just one. His skills are not solely limited to the technical aspects of EMS. He has always maintained a very positive and friendly attitude towards all our patients. He is also able to work under pressure while managing highly stressful situations. Andrew continually proves his value to our organization as a hard worker while always striving to promote a positive work environment. Andrew's level of proficiency and competence was greatly illustrated when he became our first ever employee to become a Paramedic Field Training Officer with just under two years of service completed. Even when he is not assigned to a rescue unit, Andrew is the first to assist the rescue crew on a scene as with the less and glamorous tasks in completing paperwork and report writing back at the station. He epitomizes all the good things in our Department and is a very deserving candidate for the Paramedic of the Year award." The calls. "Firefighter Gionta was the lead on a trauma alert shooting that involved an eleven year old child. His total scene to arrival time at the hospital was nine minutes. The golden, the golden hour of standard of sixty minutes from the time somebody has an initial injury to the time they've gotta be on the surgical table, not in the emergency room but on the surgical table with a surgeon standing over them, is one hour, sixty minutes. We've got a mandate both locally and on a statewide level that we

are on the scene, assessing [snapping fingers], treating and transporting that patient in under ten minutes.” This was nine minutes. These people hit the gold standard every day.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Every...

**DIVISION CHIEF MCCARTHY:** Every day.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...day.  
[Applause]

**DIVISION CHIEF MCCARTHY:** “Andrew’s direction, the crew on this call was able perform with maximum efficiency as they seamlessly conducted their assessment and interventions for a child who sustained a gunshot wound to the right kidney area. The bullet pierced his kidney, liver, lung and was lodged in his sternum.”

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mm.

**DIVISION CHIEF MCCARTHY:** “Firefighter Gionta was also lead paramedic on a call which had two teens involved in a watercraft accident in the midnight hours on a darken jetty. The patient that Andrew was challenged of treating and transporting was extremely combative due to a closed head injury. This posed unique assessment and treatment challenges but Andrew was able to manage the patient’s needs and delivered a viable patient to the emergency room. In another challenging case, Firefighter Gionta was the lead in a pediatric crushing injury which sustained from a television the patient had pulled on top of himself from the elevated platform. Despite Andrew’s timely and decisive actions, however, the child unfortunately succumbed to his injuries. Firefighter Gionta has been on a multiple of car., a multitude of cardiac arrests in the past year. One of which, in particular, I witnessed, displace his instinctive and decisive nature where he performed a precordial thump on a patient who was ultimately turned over to the ER with pulses. On several cases above the norm, Andrew has turned cardiac arrest patients over to the ER with pulses. Additionally, he has also had many cardiac alerts achieve successful outcomes due to the proper care under his direction. I can sit and recall incident after incident that I had been on with FTO Paramedic Gionta where the lives he has impacted have better outcomes directly because of his skill. It is ultimately his desire to help people and provide the highest level of care possible. Respectfully submitted, Rachel Hannon, Battalion Chief, A Shift.”

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Wow.

**DIVISION CHIEF MCCARTHY:** Andrew.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Excellent.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Speech, speech, speech, speech.

**MR. GIONTA:** Thank you for your time, everyone.

[Laughter]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Oh, come on.

**DIVISION CHIEF MCCARTHY:** In closing, we talked about returning it, about turning a patient over to the hospital with pulses. We call that a return of spontaneous circulation or, in the EMS community, a ROSC. That is one heck of a statistic to be able to stand behind. This past week alone, uh, we had two of those ROSC's from cardiac arrest. One was a medical etiology and one was from a trauma etiology and both patients were delivered to the hospital because of the timely, professional and efficient interventions that our EMS providers on our rescue trucks and fire engines provided. Please, be proud. They do a great job.

[Applause]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Absolutely.

**DIVISION CHIEF MCCARTHY:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. Thank you. Each and every one of them, you're all heroes. Thank you. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I just would like to say to our, to our men of our..., and women of our Fire Department, we appreciate what you're doing and, and thank you so much for, you know, shining and being a shining light for our City. So, thank you very much. We appreciate it.

**DIVISION CHIEF MCCARTHY:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I would like to add that, that we definitely appreciate that but, at the same time, we never want to forget the bridge that brought us to where we are today. So, I wanna recognize the great work of the former Chief, Troy Perry, that, that set the foundation for others to continue to build on and make it bigger and better.

Thank you.

**5. PROCLAMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS ACKNOWLEDGING AND CONGRATULATING THE PORT OF PALM BEACH FOR ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY, 100 YEARS THIS JULY 2015.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Okay. Item 5. Proclamation from the Office of Mayor Thomas A. Masters acknowledging and congratulating the Port of Palm Beach for its Centennial anniversary, 100 years this Janu'.., July, 2015.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida proclaiming 2015 the Year of the Port. **WHEREAS**, the Port of Palm Beach was established in the year 1915 as an independent taxing district in Palm Beach County, Florida and now, in 2015, the Port is celebrating 100 years of economic growth through international trade and commerce as well as community partnership and development. The self-sustaining port, having relied solely on revenue generated from its Riviera Beach operations since the City was incorporated in 1922, the Port of Palm Beach has not levied taxes on its district in thirty-eight years. And, you know, we're happy about that. **WHEREAS**, the Port's cruise partnerships, especially with our Bahama and Caribbean neighbors have brought international tourism to Florida by the hundreds of thousands annually, thereby contributing to millions of dollars in revenue for private and public interest alike.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And we're happy about that. And, **WHEREAS**, through its internship program, the Port of Palm Beach has aided in the development of community youth and area students giving them the tools and the knowledge today to become leaders of the marine industry and its development for tomorrow. And we're happy about that. **WHEREAS**, in the Port's goal of improving and empowering the lives of area, area youth annually sponsors a holiday toy drive, educational tours and school lecturers for children throughout the County. We're happy about that. But it's not as good as the one that Chair Pardo sponsors though, that Christmas toy drive. We oughta get 'em, put 'em together, right?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. We're happy.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** [Inaudible].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** **WHEREAS**, as one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, as one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County in our City of Riviera Beach. We're happy about that. The Port of Palm Beach has brought, and continues to bring, employment opportunities through innovation and diversification... I was wondering if I could pronounce that word. ...by participating [chuckle] in local and countywide job fairs and is a valuable partner of our own jobs Mayor in its efforts putting people back to work, especially in the City of Riviera Beach. Now you know I'm happy about that. In conclusion...

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it Resolved that I, Thomas A. Masters, the elected Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida by the power vested in me by the residents of this great City, do hereby recognize and congratulate the Port of Palm Beach on its 100<sup>th</sup> Year Centennial Anniversary in Palm Beach County, the best waterfront city in which to live, work and play and also I proclaim in the City of Riviera Beach, 2015 the Year of the Port and let it be known that the best is yet to come. **WITNESS THEREOF**, the Mayor of the City, Thomas A. Masters. Thank you so much.

[Applause]

**UNK:** I feel like, I feel like following that is gonna be a little hard so, I really...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** He's a preacher.

**UNK:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** [Chuckle]

**UNK:** I really just wanna thank you guys for participating in our Centennial Celebration. It's an honor to have your support. I am relatively new to the Port so over the past couple of months, I've had the opportunity to get to know some of your Staff, and a growing number of your Staff, on a personal level. They have been amazing. They've been hospitable, helpful and a pleasure to work with and it makes me excited to continue down this path. Even after we're done, shaking hands for a 100 years, I think we've got a great future together. So, thank you for this.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's great. Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you so much. Good to see you.

**UNK:** Thank you. You too.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And that we're certainly going to do all that we can from the Office of the Mayor to continue to improve the relationship between the Port and our City.

**6. INLET GROVE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES THE NAME OF THE STUDENTS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY THE OFFICE OF MAYOR THOMAS MASTERS THROUGH COMMUNITY BENEFITS.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's great. Thank you, Mayor. Alright. Item 6. Inlet Grove Community High School announces the name of the.., well, the names of the students receiving scholarship funded by the Office of the Mayor, Thomas Masters, through Community Benefits. Um, Mayor, we have, can we do our public comment card first?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. Of course.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Ms. Sheppard, do you still wanna speak? Okay.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** Margaret Sheppard. Rivera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** I would love to have heard what the Mayor had to say. But, in, in behalf of Inlet Grove, we are a growing school and it take people like the Mayor and it take people like you, it take everyone to come together as a team. And I'm very proud, I'm very proud this year. We're working so hard and we're trying to make sure that every child become a benefit of a scholarship. But it take team work like each one of you that make that growing problem so a necessitated factor that we have to work very, very hard. I don't care how much the scholarship fund is for or whatever, whatever you can give, it help these children to go to school. And every time I'm over at Inlet Grove, they say, 'Ms. Sheppard, I'm working so hard. I'm workin' so...' I say, 'Keep on working. You don't have to go off to a major school. You can stay right here and go to a community school.' And so, with that, I wanna thank the City Manager and to all of you, Chair, all of you. And, most of all, to the Mayor of this great City. Thank you, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you, Ms. Sheppard.

[Applause]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes, I would like for one of the administrators of Inlet Grove to come at, at this time and, and do his thing. Mr. Woodard.

**DR. WOODARD:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** There you go.

**DR. WOODARD:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, sir.

**UNK:** Good evening.

**DR. WOODARD:** I'm Dr. Woodard. I'm the Board Chair for Inlet Grove Charter Community School.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Welcome.

**DR. WOODARD:** Thank you. And, just wanted to say that, at Inlet Grove, we are truly committed to having all our students graduate and we're also committed to providing them with a scholarship. And that is a focus of our aim for all the students, and for the teachers, to ensure that this occur. We have different programs that we offer from TV production to nursing to pre-med and some students actually graduate and are already enrolled in college when they graduate. So, we're extremely proud of that. And we have two young ladies here today that we are also extremely proud of that I will introduce to you. One is our most improved student and one is our valedictorian. And, I'm gonna introduce them and let them tell you about themselves. Our most improved student is Ms. Nohema Andrews, Andrews and our vali'..., valedictorian is Ms. Rodenia Peart. And Ms. Andrews, we'll have you come first.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Give her a hand as she come.

[Applause]

**MS. ANDREWS:** Hi. My name is Nohema Andrews. I'm seventeen years old. I would just like to say, um, thank you for nominating me to receive this scholarship. I thank you, Mayor and I thank all of you guys for it. And I would also like to thank God first and secondly, my mom. Cause she would always try, um, to push me, tell me to persevere. And living in a Haitian household, she would always tell me, stay in school, get good grades, you know, all of that. And it would be annoying sometimes but it worked.

[Laughter]

**MS. ANDREWS:** So, I just wanna say, 'Thank you, Mom. I love you.'

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Aw.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's great. Thank you.

[Applause]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Congratulations to you. And to your mom.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Come on, Mom.

**MS. ANDREWS:** Come on, Mom.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Come on, Mom. Stand up.

[Applause]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright.

**UNK:** Keep doing what you're doing, Mom.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay?

**UNK:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** We have..., next.

**MS. PEART:** Hi. I just wanna start by saying thank you to Mayor Masters for the opportunity to be here. I would like to thank the City of Riviera Beach for this wonderful and much needed scholarship. And also, I want to thank the faculty of Inlet Grove for providing me with such a needed and thorough education that allows me to compete with some of the best and brightest, brightest students out there. I am Rodenia Peart. I am sixteen years old and I would like to say thank you for one of the best birthday gifts yet because tomorrow I will be turning seventeen.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yay.

[Laughter]

**MS. PEART:** And, I wanna share a personal story with all of you. At the age of nine, I was diagnosed with a brain tumor requiring surgical intervention. It was impossible for the surgeon to remove the entire tumor without causing prolonged complications such as paralysis or even death. After an A-R surgery, I awoke and eventually, with a large amount of struggle, I became a regular kid again despite the occasional MRI and doctor appointments. Unfortunately, during my freshman year of high school, I had an MRI that showed that my tumor had grown again. I needed another surgery to remove a majority of the tumor and, following the surgery, I experienced several complications which required several procedures to be corrected. During the week before my sophomore year, I had my final surgery in which a shunt, which is a device that takes the fluid from my brain and takes it to my stomach so I can normally process it, was implanted. This was a hard time for me emotionally, physically and mentally. Emotionally I felt very depressed as I reflected on all the changes I underwent in my body over that summer. I was in a lot of pain and I also began to show in school due to the fatigue and the distraction associated with me recovering. But, despite all this, through my own will power and through the faith of God, my faith in God, sorry, I was able to do more than recover. I returned to school and I worked my hardest and eventually rose to the position of valedictorian of Inlet Grove Com'..., Inlet Com'..., sorry, Inlet Groves Community..., Inlet Grove Community High School's Class of 2015. I am proud to have graduated from such a highly esteem school right here in Riviera Beach. And, even though I still have a brain tumor, I still walk around with a prescription for an MRI in my purse and I still must avoid magnetic fields because they disrupt my shunt, I am optimistic and hope to show others that obstacles don't have to stop you from being all that you can be to achieve great fates in life. Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Alright.

[Applause]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yay.

[Chatter]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Your mom, Ms. Pear'...

**MS. PEART:** I'm sorry. My mom had to leave early to go to work.

[Laughter]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, you tell your mom I'm at work.

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Wow. I'm just so touched and moved by that story and others need to know that no matter what happens or what obstacles are in life, whether they're physical or emotional, you can overcome. And I am very thankful [pause] that Inlet Grove chose you and you. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair? I just would like to, to congratulate you..., oh, by all means.

**DR. WOODARD:** The amount for the most improved, \$500. Thank you, Mayor. And for valedictorian, \$1,000.

[Applause]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's great. Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I, I just would like to congratulate you two young ladies on your accomplishments. That is something very good and, and we want you to continue to be a, an influence for our youth. But for the young lady who graduated at sixteen, you know, I got a sixteen year old daughter. I was wondering if [laughter] you will have a sidebar conversation with her but..., no. That, that is, that is a very, very, very, very high accomplishment. So, congratulations to both of you all but to graduate at sixteen, that's pretty amazing. So, congratulations.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. Congratulations, ladies.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Congratulations.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Be proud. Great accomplishments. Be proud of yourself. Okay. Thank you again and good luck to both of you.

**UNK:** Thank you.

**7. PRESENTATION FROM THE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA TEAM TO DISCUSS THE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA RAIL NETWORK PROPOSED THROUGH THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. We're gonna move on. Item 7. Presentation from the All Aboard Florida Team to discuss the All Aboard Florida Rail Network proposed through the City of Riviera Beach.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Come on, Walter. [Inaudible conversation].

**MR. ROBERTS:** Thank you. Thank you, Chair Pardo. Appreciate that. Members of the Council. My name's Rusty Roberts. I'm Vice President of Government Affairs for All Aboard Florida and we are very pleased to be here to give you a quick update on where we are with the All Aboard Florida project and obviously answer some questions that, that you may have. It will be very brief. I wanted to, while I'm here, introduce some colleagues of mine that are in the room. Also, Ms. Ali Soule who's a public affairs manager with, with the company. We have Michael LeFevre who's one of our operations planner and Michael will be up here in just a moment cause I'm gonna ask him to walk through some of the technical aspects of what we're doing with the crossings in Riviera Beach. And from our sister company, I also want to introduce, and he'll be up here as well, Mr. Bob Ledoux who's the Senior Vice Present and general counsel of Florida East Coast Railway and Sandy Kelley who's also with Florida East Coast Railway. And then we have one of our major supporters in the audience. I just can't, uh, forget to introduce Sandy Foland who's back here somewhere, resident of Riviera Beach. Where'd ya go, Sandy? And, and she's been in here with us. She's one of our big supporters in Riviera Beach. The All Aboard Florida project, as you know, or you may not know, was introd'.., we announced it in March of 2012 and since then, a lot of activity has happened, uh, since that project began. We are Florida East Coast Industries, which is the parent company of All Aboard Florida and we have.., I wanna put this up here to, just to, uh, sort of describe the fact that Florida East Coast Industries and Florida East Coast Railways are here in the room. Florida East Coast Railway obviously is the legacy company of, uh, of, uh, the company that Henry Flagler started. Florida East Coast Industries is also a legacy company of, of the company that Henry Flagler started in the 1890's, that is still operating a railroad on this corridor today. Passenger Rail, as you may or may not remember, ran on this corridor up until 1968 and, uh, it left, as most every private passenger around the country left and now we are bringing back Passenger Rail to Henry Flagler's corridor and we're really excited about that opportunity. And why, why is the time now to do that? Because, uh, because it, Florida is really ready for an intercity and express intercity passenger rail system. We live in a very congested corridor right here, as you know. We have the fifth most congested urban area in the country. Uh, all of us drive on I-95 in South Florida and we know that, uh, we can never depend to get where we wanna go on time when we're using I-95. We feel that the, uh, and not only do we feel, we are confident, that the, that the opportunity to operate a passenger rail between Miami and Orlando,

there's been no better time. The opportunity's now because of the, uh, the travel that goes on in this State and because of the tourist, the strong tourist sector we have in this State, will provide an opportunity for people to conveniently move north and south through these corridors quickly and efficiently. In fact, when we studied this corridor, we found that there are appr'..., approximately five hundred million trips that happen between South Florida and Orlando every year. And that.., of that five hundred million, we have an opportunity, uh, of a catchment area group of about a hundred and ten million travelers that we feel that we could attract, uh, at least a prec'..., a reasonable percentage of that to our train. And so, we think that with the continued growth of Florida, uh, six million more residents due here by 2030, that the time is right to bring back Passenger Rail to this corridor in a private sector fashion. And not only are we just bringing Passenger Rail back to this corridor but we're also developing city centers. Uh, and that would be in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach. In West Palm Beach in particular since we're six miles from where our station will be there. We'll be building a sixty thousand foot, square foot station and about eight.., eight hundred thousand square feet of transit oriented development around that. And that also will occur in Fort Lauderdale and in Miami and much larger, uh, much larger transit oriented development. So, we are two businesses, uh, that, that co-exist, that complement each other, that, that, uh, are part of the overall success of this, of this project. And, not only are we bringing benefits for travelers along this coast but we're bringing econ'..., economic benefits to Florida in terms of our GDP increase, uh, taking cars off the road, thousands of jobs we'll be creating in construction and in the operation of the train. Uh, and we're going to do it without asking the taxpayers for any subsidies or grants. And we're also bringing for our customers, uh, a great hassle-free experience with reliable service that will be every hour from Miami, Fort Lauderdale or West Palm and Orlando with state of the art trains built in America. And we are going to be serving tourists, residents and business people. With regard to this area and the City of Riviera Beach, we, uh, have done a lot of coordination and we do this with every city, every town, every county along the corridor. Um, hundreds and hundreds of meetings we've had with staff and, and elected officials in the cities along the corridor. This is sort of a timeline of meetings that we've held here in Riviera Beach, uh, bringing Staff up to date, uh, uh, with the project, answering questions, many different aspects and impacts of, of the project. As part of the All Aboard Florida system, we will be making sitif'..., significant upgrades along this corridor so that corridor you see out there, part of it is double-tracked. It certainly is in this area and in many places and, and part of it is single-tracked. Originally, the entire corridor was double-tracked and it will be double-tracked again. We are upgrading the existing track that is there now and the new track we're putting down will be upgraded and that is a higher class of track that will help Passenger Rail that will be designed for Passenger Rail to make it operate more smoothly and quietly and also the, that, those same benefits come for the freight rail system. We're upgrading all the crossing infrastructure to Federal Railroad Administration and Florida DOT requirements. We're installing something called Positive Train Control that, uh, and new signal equipment that you may have heard about in the news, especially since that awful track, uh, accident in Philadelphia, when that was discussed. We will be having Positive Train Control from day one when we start operating this train. And in those areas where we have drawbridge operations, we are making significant upgrades

to those drawbridges. In benefits to Riviera Beach, includes those great crossing improvements includes what we call CL Corridors and I'll ask Michael to explain that. And then quiet zones which I know is a big topic along the corridor and we'd be happy to discuss quiet zones with you. And quiet zones is where the, the regulation that the trains sounds their horns when they pass thru will be waived if the City requests that and if they meet those particular standards. There are four major intersections in Riviera Beach that we will be, uh, we'll be doing work on, Silver Beach Road, Blue Heron., I'm gonna let, uh, the, the, my colleague from Florida East Coast Railway discuss that, um, and certainly 13<sup>th</sup> Street and MLK Boulevard and am going to have Michael go into that. I do have, and I'm gonna ask for assistance, before I turn it over to Michael, this is very quick cause I was told to be quick in this presentation...

**UNK:** Hm.

**MR. ROBERTS:** And this is about as quick as it will be for a train to cross our crossing, uh, cross., uh, cross one of your roads. Uh, of a simulation of a passenger train that will be passing thru Riviera Beach. I believe this was filmed in Fort Lauderdale. Fort Lauderdale, this particular [train bells]. There's a clock on the right that is, uh, key to this demonstration. [Bells & whistles].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thirty-two.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, sir.

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Let, let me just ask you a ques'..., what, what is your name, sir?

**MR. ROBERTS:** Rusty.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Rustic?

**MR. ROBERTS:** Roberts.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Rusty Roberts.

**MR. ROBERTS:** Roberts.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Roberts.

**MR. ROBERTS:** Yes, sir?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I apologize.

**MR. ROBERTS:** That's okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Nice tie.

[Chuckles]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. I like the color. It was just one thing when I saw the demonstration. It was a great demonstration. But, the train didn't look real.

**MR. ROBERTS:** No. It's a simulation. Uh, so, so our...

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**MR. ROBERTS:** ...it's, that, that's not what the All Aboard Florida train is going to look like. That was our track. That was an actual movement of our gates...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But it wasn't your train.

**MR. ROBERTS:** We hired Pixar or somebody to put that train on there [chuckle].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. So that's what, that's what kinda, um...

**MR. ROBERTS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...you know, concerns me and you, you did send a representative. I believe it was this young lady right here.

**MR. ROBERTS:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We, we had one of those meetings that weren't so smooth.

**MR. ROBERTS:** Never happens.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. Because we couldn't get a lot of questions answered and I wanted to ask those questions with this particular young lady who is very well trained. She is, she would not say anything other than what...

[Chuckle]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...the, the canned responses should be. She was very well trained. Really was. I was very impressed with.., she stayed on, on topic. But, my issue would be, you all, who is, who are a part of FEC, um, whether you say it or not, you're FEC and you all have given us poor service in terms of when you just park your trains on our track and block our City up and I was totally offended by that but now, since you want thirty-two trains...

**MR. ROBERTS:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** To come through..., I mean, obviously you all are gonna get your permit in a couple weeks or whatever and we're gonna, you know, probably not have a say in this. I'm just curious as what do, what do we have to say, 'Hey, look. Can you treat us better than taking thirty-two trains on one track and then on the other track, you're gonna have the same train that you've had going inside of the Port that's been here a hundred years that don't really have a real concern about our transportation going back and forth, including, you know, our fire and police apparatus that have to move. Are you giving any type of plan to that or are you just going to just continue to, to do that and inconvenience us more?

**MR. ROBERTS:** Councilman, I, I that's why I brought my colleague from Florida East Coast Railway. We do have a plan for that. And we do have a plan that, uh, we think you will like and he'll explain it to you that, that will resolve that issue.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, by all means, bring him up.

**MR. ROBERTS:** And we're gonna do that. If you'll give me a second, um...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, okay.

**MR. ROBERTS:** I don't know. I feel like I'm on script here and so I wanna stay on script and I'm gonna ask Michael to run through the road crossings and I'll bring Bob right up and we'll do that. Is that okay?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MR. ROBERTS:** Alright.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's just fine. But I am gonna ask this question again so just...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah, yeah, yeah. They have the answers.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MR. LEFEVRE:** Thank you, Rusty. Um, thank you, Council. My name is Michael LeFevre. I'm the manager of operations planning for All Aboard Florida and I hope you like my tie.

[Laughter]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It, it's nice too. It's nice. It's nice.

**MR. LEFEVRE:** Very similar to his.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. [Chuckle].

**MR. LEFEVRE:** Um...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I like blue.

**MR. LEFEVRE:** I'm here to discuss some of the more technical details. We have shared full plan sets with your Staff, as my colleague, Rusty said. So, fortunately, we get to stay somewhat at a higher level. So, these are the four crossings, um, in the City of Riviera Beach. Uh, there's just a brief outline of what All Aboard Florida's installing at them. I will skip quickly onto the exhibits that we have which show exactly what we're doing. So, this is an exhibit showing Blue Heron Boulevard, from an overhead perspective. This shows that given how wide the roadway is, there are going to be two gates and I, maybe I can point..., here we go. Two gates here, which would be spanning the entire section of the roadway to keep cars from going around. And, on the opposite side, the installation of something called an exit gate which keeps vehicles from dodging the, um..., excuse me. I apologize. This location, this is regular entrance gate. Vehicles coming here approach. See this entrance gate, vehicles coming in this direction see this entrance gate. What we have at this locations, very quickly, is something called preemption, so when a train is approaching this crossing, there're..., there is no turn signal that would allow a vehicle to approach the crossing. So, there's no risk that an oncoming vehicle would encounter an oncoming train. At this location, this is what I was beginning to describe. These are called exit gates. Through here you see that you have gates in both lanes, in both directions of travel so that no vehicles can swoop and go around the gates if they're impatient and wanna get to work before the fifty second closure for the train that crosses.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Excuse me.

**MR. LEFEVRE:** Yes?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair? You have three sets of tracks on there? Cause that's what it looked like to me. I just wanna make sure I'm understanding this clearly.

**MR. LEFEVRE:** Yes. So, let me just explain.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Sure.

**MR. LEFEVRE:** So, this track in the center is, is to be removed.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mhmm.

**MR. LEFEVRE:** This is the new track construction. This is new track construction. And this is an existing freight track.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So we have this out there now? We have two tracks out there now?

**MR. LEFEVRE:** Bob, do you wanna speak to this? Bob Ledoux's our general counsel from Florida East Coast Railway.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Um...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** How ya doin', Bob?

**MR. LEDOUX:** I'm doing well...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Good.

**MR. LEDOUX:** ...Councilperson Thomas. Chair Pardo. Thank you. It's my pleasure. My name is Bob Ledoux from the Florida East Coast Railway. It is our trains out there. Every day, serving the Port but also inconvenience to community and we recognize that and apologize.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I like you already.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Uh, what we have done is we have met with the, the City as well as the Florida Department of Transportation over the last four years and I am pleased to, uh, come to you tonight to tell you that we have a solution that we feel will work for, not only us, the Port of Palm Beach but also the City of Riviera. That dilapidated track you see on the right side there, there will be a new track installed. That new track will start at, at Blue Heron and go south to 45<sup>th</sup> Street.

**UNK:** Mm.

**MR. LEDOUX:** What we're going to be able to do, which we can't do today, is when the train comes in every morning at eight o'clock, it stops either north or south of Blue Heron and what we call, breaks up the train and takes up cars that are supposed to be parked and left for the Port of Palm Beach. So it's kinda like, um, you know, dropping off..., a school bus dropping off kids at different stops. That's what we do with that train and it stops here at the Port of Palm Beach. The problem we face today is we have to go back and forth multiple times, on Blue Heron, blocking it way too much and we know that, because of the length of the train and what the moves are. So, what we have done is we've come up with what we call a self-restoring switch so the train every morning will come in and stop at Blue Heron, the conductor will get off, turn the switch, bring it on that brand new track and the minute the train clears Blue Heron, the switch'll go off and the gates will go back up. So, it'll be one crossing [stammer] once, once a day, in the morning by Blue Heron with the freight train as far as mo'..., the Port of Palm Beach business.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, you're gonna block 13<sup>th</sup>, and Blue Heron is gonna be free?

**MR. LEDOUX:** That's correct, sir. And 13<sup>th</sup>, we will cut off either north or south of 13<sup>th</sup> Street depending on, on the length of the cargo that's going to the Port.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. That's not improvement. Um, but...

**MR. LEDOUX:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** [Inaudible].

**MR. LEDOUX:** And, and, and our challenge has been, and I'll just give you the rest..., real quickly, the rest of the story is...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Is the train length is about nine thousand feet. We actually have to limit the train length because, if it gets any longer, I block 45<sup>th</sup> Street and I block people's access to the hospital...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And West Palm Beach is definitely not gonna tolerate that.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Uh, we have met with both West Palm and the City of Riviera and, uh, we have attempted to try to get a solution that works both for them and for the City of Riviera and for the Port and for FDOT. I mean we, it's clearly, was a, it was a consolidated effort of all the parties in the room on many meetings. We probably had no less than twenty meetings over the course of several years to come up with a solution that allows the Port to continue getting business from us and grow and grow jobs here, as well as not block Blue Heron for extended period of time or not block 45<sup>th</sup>. We look nor'.., south of 45<sup>th</sup>, there's way too many crossings as you know in West Palm. We look north of Blue Heron to see if there's an opening where there's a nine thousand feet that we're not blocking streets north of Blue Heron. And frankly, there isn't a location.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, Riviera Beach had to take the brunt of that?

**MR. LEDOUX:** Ah, the, the challenge is, is, is not the singling of Riviera Beach, this is the closest place to serve the Port.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I understand. So, this is my.., not blocking both exits.., I mean both, um, crossings, is a good start. But when would that start?

**MR. LEDOUX:** Actually, sir, the RFP's on the street for construction. If you go out there now, you'll some rail that's already been delivered.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I seen it there.

**MR. LEDOUX:** So, the contract has already been issued between us and the Florida Department of Transportation.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MR. LEDOUX:** The contract will awarded in the month of July.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Construction will begin in August, the design work is already complete. Um, and they will be finished no later than the first quarter of next year.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. This is good stuff. But let me ask you a question.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Do you really plan on having thirty-two trains come through here?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Every day?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I just wanna., I'm asking a question. That's...

**MR. LEDOUX:** The answer...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...kinda my job.

**MR. LEDOUX:** ...the answer is, is, the answer is, is there are two types of trains that are coming through here. You will see the freight trains you see today except for they won't stop at Blue Heron.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Is that part of the thirty-two?

**MR. LEDOUX:** No, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. [Inaudible].

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Alright.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Okay? The, the thirty-two trains are the hourly service that, that All Aboard Florida talked about. That, that's fifty second time.., they're trains are, I believe, eight car sets. It's a small train, not a large train, um, that would, that, uh.., you know, from a size standpoint like the freight train that you see today.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I get it. So, thirty-two. How many is that gonna be an hour? They're gonna run twenty-four hours or they're gonna run eight hours or twelve hours or.., how many trains would that be an hour?

**MR. ROBERTS:** Six'.., there's sixteen trains north, sixteen trains south. Uh, service will start about 6:00 a.m. from the two terminal cities. Um, and then the last train 9:00 p.m. So, uh, through here, you know, a train that left Miami at, at 9:00 p.m. would be here through about eight o'clock'.., uh, ten o'clock or so. And, and the train left, leaving from Orlando at 9:00 would be here about, 11:00, eleven o'clock.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So these are not high speed trains. These are just...

**MR. ROBERTS:** They're not high speed in the sense that you think about in Europe. They, they do meet the standard of U.S., U.S. standard for high speed but these are.., we really call this an express intercity passenger rail.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I mean, but you can almost drive a car from Orlando to here in two hours. So, I'm saying, it's gonna be normal speed in terms of...

**MR. ROBERTS:** Well, we'll be going faster than, than you.., I don't know how fast you drive on the turnpike or 95...

[Laughter]

**MR. ROBERTS:** ...but, uh, [chuckle], we will, we will be going faster than that in some areas. Some areas, yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Alright. So, when you.., we're still responsible for the maintenance of these tracks if something go wrong? Are ya'll planning on relieving us of that responsibility?

**MR. LEDOUX:** Um, we have agreements with the City of Riviera for the maintenance of the tracks, uh, the crossings and I wanna say just the crossing piece that, you know, not...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. But I want you.., I know that. I want you to relieve us of that responsibility. I don't wanna pay the \$30,000 a year anymore.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Um, we're not in a position to relive you of that responsibility.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But you're gonna rebuild track. You could do it if you want to. You're gonna have a hundred million people., and I know you're gonna charge more than a dollar to go. You're gonna have enough money to do it. We've been inconvenienced for several years. Why, why could you not relieve us of that?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Cause everyone else wants it too.

**MR. LEDOUX:** The, the, uh, the crossings that are here and the reason for the repair work that's being done at the tracks at the crossing, is not caused by the trains, it's caused by the perpendicular striking of trucks and, and, and cars across the rail that causes it to wear and tear underneath. And so, if you can., you'd be glad to meet., I'll be glad to meet with the City's engineers and, and City Staff to go through the exact process and exactly... We, we inspect each one of these crossings annually and, uh, we determine what exactly needs to be done at each of the crossings.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I understand. What I'm saying is, we have an agreement.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Yes, we do.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That we have to pay...

**MR. LEDOUX:** Yes, you do.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...for the maintenance of this track. Of these crossings.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Yes, you do.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It., we're payin' to the tune of about \$30,000. I want you to alleviate that cost from us.

**MR. LEDOUX:** I'm, I'm not prepared to do that today, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But, what, you obviously need something from us.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You don't?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** They don't.  
[Inaudible chatter]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, why...

[Chuckle]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** [Stammer]. I got it. Listen, my job is to try to do what's best for my City.

**MR. LEDOUX:** And I agree.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So that's what I'm doing. And I'm gonna ask you as much as I can to get out from our City. This is obviously a multibillion dollar business that you all are gonna do. You've inconvenienced us for ninety years. I'm just saying, can you alleviate the burden of that \$30,000 we're gonna have to pay, which will probably be more because the tracks are gonna.., the crossings are gonna be more expensive now.

**MR. ROBERTS:** Well, let me meet you half way a little bit. So, what you're going to get when we finish the work, uh, in these crossings is a brand new crossing, uh, which will last many, many years. Uh, the general lifespan of a crossing that has been totally rebuilt.., you can correct me if I'm wrong, Bob, would be, would be up to ten years. So, you will actually, uh, instead of us, uh, instead of us putting, um, a new carburetor in your '90, '92 Chevy, uh, we're gonna just buy you a new Chevy. And so, that's gonna last you for about ten years and you, you will probably not be paying, uh.., you'll be paying a minimal amount of inspection fees every year but you'll probably be, uh, relieved of that kind of maintenance for the, for the [inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, you're saying we won't have to spend \$30,000 every year because of the new construction of the...

**MR. LEDOUX:** I.., sir...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...crossing.

**MR. LEDOUX:** ...the, Councilperson Thomas, I don't...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, sir.

**MR. LEDOUX:** ...I don't have the agreements so I don't know.., when you quote \$30,000, I don't know what's included in it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I think that's about \$30,000.

**MR. LEDOUX:** No, no. I'm saying is, is there are, there are, there are two pieces that our agreements cover. One is for us to go out there. For example, when someone knocks down one of the crossing arms out here, we just replace it. Okay?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And we don't get charged for that?

**MR. LEDOUX:** No. You don't. That's part of the fees.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's part of the \$30,000?

**MR. LEDOUX:** That's, that's correct, sir. And if there's any problems with the lights or signals, with our signals connecting with, with the City's signals, that's part of the fee as well. If there's a damage to a crossing because some car or truck damaged the crossing, we have to repair that, you do not get the bill. So, there is ongoing maintenance costs that occur under that bucket of money that you don't see an itemized and, and bill you back because some resident or guest of Riviera Beach damaged that railroad crossing.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Or, whoever drove across there.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Or whoever...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Don't necessarily...

**MR. LEDOUX:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...have to be...

**MR. LEDOUX:** And, and...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...from Riviera Beach.

**MR. LEDOUX:** No. And, whoever it is. It doesn't., it's not a City, not a person., it could may be a guest, could be anybody.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Got it.

**MR. LEDOUX:** And, and, and one of the challenges we face is, usually it's someone who is not a resident, who is usually damages it and then leaves and we, you know, and...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I got it. My question to you would be, you recognize that you have inconvenienced us, put us at risk by the utilization of your FEC trains.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** At some point, can you extend the olive branches? Say, 'You know what, we're trying to do some new things, we know we've inconvenienced this City, we know that we didn't dare inconvenience Lake Park or Palm Beach Gardens or even West Palm Beach. But we did that for Riviera Beach.' I don't

see \$30,000..., give it to us for ten years or something to say, 'Hey, look. We, we apologize. We're doing something better. We'll relieve you of that cost.' Is that something that you can consider?

**MR. LEDOUX:** We can consider that and we'll get the..., get back to you on that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I appreciate that, sir. Thank you.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Okay. But one of the things I do wanna recognize and I hope you all recognize is, our train coming into this community brings lots of jobs to Port of Palm Beach. Tropical is one of our larger customers and it would severely be impacted if we stopped running trains and didn't deliver 'em to Tropical, a lot of jobs would be lost. So it's very important to us too that we help grow this community.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I understand. Thank you for considering it and I'll, I'll love to, to talk back with you again.

**MR. LEDOUX:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm not gonna let you forget that now.

**MR. LEDOUX:** No. I won't forget you either, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

[Laughter]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you.

**MR. LEDOUX:** And you don't say anything about my tie. I got it. [Chuckle].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It's a nice tie. It's a nice tie.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So, at this point, does the Council have anything else for them? Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Just one quick question. There was no definitive answer to the speed that your trains will be traveling through our community.

**MR. ROBERTS:** We are, we are, we have speed limits set by the Federal Railroad Administration. Through this community and from here all the way north to the City of Cocoa, where we turn left and go toward Orlando. Our speed limit is 110 mph. We..., do not going that fast all the time...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** [Inaudible] in West Palm.

**MR. ROBERTS:** Speed goes up and down depending on curvature, depending on, uh, if we're approaching a station for instance. A southbound train that might be traveling at that rate of speed, will be slowing as it gets toward the, the station of West Palm Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** West Palm.

**MR. ROBERTS:** A northbound train will be accelerating. I don't think we're reaching the maximum of 110 through here. I think we're getting close. I don't know what the exact rate of speed is.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And then one other thing I'd like to mention because I've been meeting with them for quite a while, through different groups. I was part of the marine industry's group, through the Palm Beach County League of Cities, through the Port of Palm Beach, the liaison. You know, I've always been very concerned about the safety and what would happen if we have an emergency and a train is approaching. And we've been assured, not just the City of Rivera Beach but all of the cities, have been assured that we would be able to contact the train. Either the train that's heading, you know, south or heading north to tell them that there is an emergency and they would have to slow the train down and possibly stop the train, you know, so we could get through the crossing. So that, you know, that is in place. And I know that...

**MR. LEDOUX:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...they've been working with the chiefs in the cities.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Uh, Chair...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** To make sure prior to, you know, the, the whole operation commencing, that...

**MR. LEDOUX:** Chair Pardo, that is correct.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. Right.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Also, what you will see in the next few months, is we will be out there at each one of these crossing and while our webpage is out there and our 800 number is out there, they will actually be posted at each of the crossings.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**MR. LEDOUX:** So, should a car get stuck or something happen or there be an emergency at any one of these road crossings, they can reach out to us. In addition, we've rolled out to your emergency responders and your fire department what we call FECR Connect. It gives them online instant access to every one of our trains, where they are and exactly what's on them. So they can see for themselves exactly what's on

every car, what they would need to do if we're moving any hazardous material. I know that's been a concern. Um, and anything from, like, motor oil is considered hazardous material so I don't wanna make it bigger than it is but everything that's on the train is identified by car and by location and your emergency responders have that information instantly. Uh, we've had them log in and they also have the ability to download that and take it with them should there be an emergency out there with our trains for any reason whatsoever.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You do that now?

**MR. LEDOUX:** We do that now, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** One...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Anything else? Go ahead, Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** One other question. The improvements to your tracks, Tri-Rail has been considering going north, further north.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Uhuh.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And, I'd like to know how the improvements would impact the possibility or, of Tri-Rail not having some of that cost that they were looking at to improve the tracks to go further north, would...

[Inaudible]

**MR. LEDOUX:** Um, the additional of All Aboard Florida would allow for additional trains, both passenger and freight. The thirty-two passenger trains and the roughly fourteen to sixteen freight trains today, are not the limitation of the track. The track can handle more. So, if Tri-Rail should elect to come on with what they call "Coastal Link" or on the FEC, um, there is some capacity there. It gets down to how many trains they wanna run. You know, can they run some? Yes. Can they run fifty? No. So, I mean, given the number of, of tracks that are there and the number of other trains already out there. So, what we will do and what we are working with [snap fingers] is, is what they call 'modeling' and, and Michael LeFevre of All Aboard Florida has done that with us, is determine exactly..., kinda like, the highway roads when, okay, how much more traffic...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mhmm.

**MR. LEDOUX:** ...before we need to add another lane. It's the same thing with the railroad. How much more tr'.., how much more trains can we put out there before we

need to add some additional track. So, we ha'.., we have designed and ensured that the design and the build will not prohibit or preclude Tri-Rail from entering onto the FEC.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Has there been any discussion with Tri-Rail?

**MR. ROBERTS:** Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** [Inaudible].

**MR. ROBERTS:** There's, there has been discussions. As you may or may not know, there was, uh, there was a, a grant pro'.., a grant agreement, uh, the Florida DOT received a grant, it's called a 'TIGER grant' some, a few years ago to help connect the, the Tri-Rail tracks with the FEC tracks in two places in north Palm Beach County and then in north, um, Miami-Dade County so that Tri-Rail would be able to move over onto the FEC tracks and continue on, onto Jupiter. That connection is right around Mangonia, uh, near Mangonia Park.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mangonia.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Yeah. That...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mhmm.

**MR. LEDOUX:** Those connections, uh, the Florida Department.., we are working closely with, uh, Florida Department of Trans'.., of Transportation and Tri-Rail, the preliminary engineering has started, the actual physical connections will be completed by 2017. Um, this was a partnership of CSX, the Florida East Coast Railway, Tri-Rail, FDOT and the TIGER Grant. We are putting \$1,000,000 of our own money into that connection to make that, make that possibility occur, um, as well as, you know, CSX is putting \$1,000,000 of their money into it as well to assist in the funding of this connection that allow'.., would allow Tri-Rail in West Palm to jump off of the existing tracks and come north on.., up to Jupiter on us.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That means we get a stop?

**MR. LEDOUX:** I...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** [Inaudible].

**MR. LEDOUX:** We are not the...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That would be determined by, uh...

**MR. LEDOUX:** ...party that would determine the stop but that, that would be, uh, the MPO...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** [Inaudible].

**MR. LEDOUX:** And, and, and...

**MR. ROBERTS:** Tri-Rail's discretion.

**MR. LEDOUX:** And Tri-Rail discretion. We don't, uh, the only thing we would be concerned of where the stops were would be, compared to, uh, crossings or connections and things like that. But the [stammer] feedback from the technical standpoint, it is as community decision, not a railroad..., not our railroad decision.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Anything else?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I, one...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Can you leave your card with, both of you leave your card with Ms. McKinney. I wanna...

**MR. LEDOUX:** You wanna call me?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ... be able to talk to you guys. Yes. Believe me, I'm gonna call you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And then you can [inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** A million dollars will go a long way with a \$30,000 bill annually.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And then you can leave your ties on the table back there.  
[Laughter]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Gentlemen, thank you very much. We really appreciate it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you.

**MR. ROBERTS:** Thank you very much.

## PUBLICHEARINGS

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. We're gonna continue now. Public Hearings. Item 8.

**8. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATION FROM CHENEY BROTHERS TO BUILD A 68,156 SQUARE FOOT WAREHOUSE, ON A 7.7 ACRE PARCEL CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED BY PCN 56-43-42-31-06-001-0010, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF CONGRESS AVENUE AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. We have a motion and a second. We have no public comment cards. Ms. McKinney.

**DIRECTOR MCKINNEY:** I'm Mary McKinney, Director of Community Development and this is an application from Cheney Brothers to develop a 68,150 sq. ft. industrial warehouse which has a general industrial zoning district. It's on a 7.7 acre parcel and it's at the southwest corner of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Congress Avenue. Cheney plans to expand their current operations on that site. They plan to hire an additional five people with an average salary of \$35,000. The tax value of the project will be approximately \$5,000,000 when completed. That would generate approximately \$44,500 in tax revenue. And I'll put the location up on the screen, which you can see it's down in the left corner there. Right here. Next to where our HR offices is. It's..., they're in the building next door and their warehouses, existing warehouse sits here. Thank you. And they will be expanding to this side. After thorough review, City Staff determined that the proposal is consistent with the City's Comp Plan and the City's Land Development Regulations. And, on June 11, 2015, the Planning & Zoning Board reviewed the proposed development and recommended approval. Staff also recommends approval with the conditions that a two year landscaping bond for a hundred and ten (110%) percent of the value of landscaping and irrigation shall be required before the Certificate of Occupancy is issued. Construction must be initiated within eighteen (18) months of the Effective Date of this Resolution. All future advertising must state that the development is located in the City of Riviera Beach and fees and penalties will be asse'..., levied against properties that violate this condition. And this development must receive final Certificate of Occupancy from the City within five (5) years of the approval of this Resolution or the Resolution will be considered null and void requiring the applicant to resubmit their application for site plan approval. The applicant is here this evening if the Council has any questions or needs additional information. And this is the end of my presentation.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. I think this is wonderful. Cheney Brothers, for a very long time, has been very supportive of the City of Riviera Beach

and, um, they are always participating in any kind of event that we have. They never, ever, ever hesitate to come out, support, you know, support these events with food and, uh, and other donations. And I think it's wonderful that, again, that they are expanding in the City of Riviera Beach instead of expanding somewhere else.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I did have a chance to go over and look at the plans in detail.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And, um, they do much more than I thought. I thought they were just a food preparation place...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...not preparation but, you know...

**UNK:** Distribution.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Distribution.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But, they do everything from kitchens to.., I mean, everything. I had an opportunity to, uh, to visit there and spend some great deal of time with the owner and some of the other employees there. They're truly a fascinating company and I'm glad they're in our City and every truck they have, which is a whole lot of 'em, has Riviera Beach on the side of it. And, you know, when you see 'em traveling back and forth, it gives you a great sense of pride. So, you know, I fully support this. This is definitely in my District but, most of all, you know, I support the Cheney Brothers brand and the employees there.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Anyone else? Okay. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Absolutely.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** *Pro Tem* Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

### **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. And thank you again to Cheney Brothers. Ordinances on First Reading. Item 9.

**9. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE CITY'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND POLICY AGAINST HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION TO INCLUDE EXPRESS LANGUAGE OPTING OUT OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE; AFFIRMING THE CITY'S OPT-OUT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. We have several comment cards. Let's go to them first. Mami Kisner and then Margaret Sheppard.

**MS. KISNER:** Good evening, Mami Kisner.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, ma'am.

**MS. KISNER:** I was before you earlier. Um, let me first clarify something. I have no hidden agenda. Just for clarification for anyone that questions it. I am here primarily because over thirty of the residents of this City have contacted me and many employees have contacted me for me to assist them and I am volunteering, not getting

paid, but I want that clarified. There is no hidden agenda and I'm not getting paid, just so that you know.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** At, at some point...

**MS. KISNER:** In case that's ever questioned...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Could you...

**MS. KISNER:** ...if that's ever questioned...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Could you provide the names of the people you represent?

**MS. KISNER:** Absolutely. I brought it the first time that I came to the City of Riviera Beach.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'd like to see those names, please.

**MS. KISNER:** And that's not a problem to...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**MS. KISNER:** ...give those names. That will be provided with no issue and it'll be more than thirty just so that you are aware. First of all, I'm very concerned and so are many other residents about the approval of this because in the backup I understand that it said that the City of West Palm opted out. Yes. They did opt out because, in 1979, the City of West Palm Beach had their own policy. I spoke to the Assistant City Attorney's rep today from the City of West Palm and so there was no need for them to be a part of the County EEOC program. They had no reason to join. Many of the municipalities in the county belong to the county and endorse the county's policy on EEOC because it gives the employees another opportunity to settle something. When employee morale here is so low, I don't understand why this is coming before you for a vote, at this time. And, the fact that you do not have a permanent human resource director. You have an interim, sitting in. I find this a little concerning. Uh, the permanent, former human resource director signed, um, this in., oh, on 4-28 in 1995. And so, there is a major concern. Um, you have said that you have given fair evaluations, yet, in hostile work environments, you've only interviewed a few in some of the departments. So now you wanna cut some other step out. What is the reason for opting out? You cannot use the City of West Palm because I spoke to them directly today. They were never a part of it. They had their own in 1979. Now I know you have heard the year of 1994 but I spoke directly to them today so that I could have the clarification. And when I come before you, I do my research before I come. So there's never a question of anything that I can provide. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you, ma'am. Margaret Sheppard and then Lynn Hubbard.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** Margaret Sheppard. Riviera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, ma'am.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** Is there discrimination in the workplace? Yes, there is. I don't know why we're opting out by putting question marks there. Believe it or not, Mr. Guyton, I don't know their name but I can point 'em out. The only thing with that, Mr. Guyton, is they shimmer, shake, they really don't want you to call 'em out.

**UNK:** Right.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** They're, they're really afraid. A couple times, I opt not.., to say anything. But I thought about the times that I worked and what I went through. I think about my grandchildren, my granddaughters, when they're going into their jobs. Will they be get'.., [stammer] discriminated upon? I'm sure they will. It is hostile work in the working place. And I think we all know it. Why are we turning a blind side? I don't know. But, with future references as my.., I hope they don't come back here but if they do, that they, they're not met with this type of discrimination. Not only are they discriminate' at home, married, they're discriminated upon. I'm not just talking about women. People. And I think we need to take a solemn moment and just think of where we're going with this. I had one lady tell me that this particular person put they hands in her face. I declare. I, I hope nobody ever do that to me. Is it true? I'm gonna say it one more time. It's true, Mr. Guyton.., and I think with your heart of hearts. I'm not running for office. Not running against you, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Chuckles].

**MS. SHEPPARD:** Don't have a tie on.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you very much.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** But, I wanna make sure you guys understand that these are our people that work very hard for us and to have someone come from out of town and come and talk to these people, any kind of way, it's just a little nerve racking. When I heard the Utility Department talk to Mr. *Pro Tem* Chair that day, I mean, he did it in public. He didn't throw a rock and hide his hand. He did it. And my flesh crawled because I heard *Pro Tem* talk about, 'Whoa, whoa, whoa.' When he said, 'Whoa, whoa, whoa,' I said, 'Whoa, whoa, whoa.' How do you talk to your boss like that? If he's doing it to that man, what do you think he's doin'? And I don't wanna pick him out. You already made your decision but in the near future, I hope you understand that not only are your jobs on the line.., I mean, we just saw it not too long ago. Everybody's running for cover, discrimination in the workplace. I ask you to think about where you're going. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Lynn Hubbard...

[Beep]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...and then Juanita Nalls.

**MS. HUBBARD:** Lynn Hubbard. 1405 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**MS. HUBBARD:** Riviera Beach. The City of Riviera Beach has been a part of the Employment Ordinance since 1994-1995 and that's for a reason, because the employees need to feel safe, they need to feel that they have another option, they need to be able to feel that there is hope. That they don't have to take all kind of abuse, be it verbal or, or otherwise. I think it's important that you leave that in place so that people can come to work and feel comfortable. If nothing is going wrong, if you aren't mistreating people, you have nothing to hide and nothing to worry about. I mean, we have done un'.., so many things have been put imply'.., in place, so many amendments, so many ordinance, so ma'.., just like the Voting Right Act have just been gutted. Now we're talking about locally gutting the Employment Ordinance Equal Opportunities for our resi'.., for our residents. And, just like Ms. Sheppard just said, that was an.., that was an example I wanted to use. That should tell all of you everything you ever need to know. If your department head come here and disrespect you in your face, can you imagine what he's doing to your employees? So, you can't run from that. You, you saw that firsthand. Whether you felt empathy or sympathy for, for your colleague and backed him up, that's irregardless. You did see it. So, you know of.., it's in him to do that to you, he'll do it to somebody who he feel can't, has less power. I think that we have to understand that people fight for those ordinances. Those people fight for those rights. The Office of Equal Opportunity wa'n't put in there for jokes. It was put in there because it starts somewhere. Little bit by little bit and to undermine the peace that people feel that, when they have an option, I think , we need to leave it in place and especially in today's climate. If we didn't need it before, we need it now. And we need to ke'.., make sure that the employees of Riviera Beach understand that the administration and the Council is backing them 100%.

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Juanita Nalls and then Tina White.

**MS. NALLS:** Good afternoon, Council.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**MS. NALLS:** Okay. I'm Juanita Knolls. 2011 Avenue H East. I'm here also in reference to a couple of things. The first one, what we're talking about tonight in reference to the Equal Opportunity Department, uh, being eliminated from the City of Riviera Beach. This, I feel, is something that is very, very important for our employees.

We're trying to build bridges here in Riviera Beach, not just in reference to our..., the City itself but also our employees and the citizens. And it's important that the people that..., a lot of the employees that, that work in the City also live in the City. And they are just as concerned about their workplace. A lot of us here have worked and retired on jobs and you had discrimination against you and, and you worked through it. But you, some of us had, um, the, uh, our different labor groups to be able to help back us up. But if you don't have this, in a government type situation, where do the employees go to? They must have something or somebody that can be there for them. So, I, I do ask the Council to please, do not opt out of this program. It's an important entity. We need to have it hear for the employees. We want to be able to have our employees to be able to do a good job. And, in doing that, I think this will also take care of that. Couple other things that I wanted to mention about what we talked about earlier, the All Aboard Florida, if the Council...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No, ma'am.

**MS. NALLS:** No? Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** This Item is just on...

**MS. NALLS:** Okay. Alright. I comment with that. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Tina White.

**MS. WHITE:** Good evening. Tina White. 808 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street. As a taxpayer and now as a part-time employee of the City, um, this Office is very important. It is a neutral ground for employees but it's a neutral ground for the City itself because, by going to this particular Office at the county, it doesn't mean that they're going to automatically side with the employee. They can also say that the City is correct and there is no validity for the claim. So, it is a, a neutral party that can review whether a person have a legitimate complaint as an employee, for the City as well as for the employees. Also, in order to properly investigate these types of matters, you need someone that has been trained and specialize and dedicated to that. We do not currently have anyone on, in the human resource department that has been properly trained and dedicated to investigating anti-discrimination, anti-harassment or when an employee should have gotten promoted that did not get promoted. And so this is very important to keep this, um, keep the City a part of this program. The county not only is there for thirty-six municipalities but it is also has jurisdiction over all of the employers in Palm Beach County. So even employees from Cheney Brothers, if they have a complaint, they can take it to the county. If you are forced to file your complaint with the federal office, it is taking up to two years for that complaint to be reviewed. And often the st'., the federal office will bring the complaint back to the county because they are in such a backlog. I think that to opt out is to say to the employees that once we decide you..., there was no validity to your complaint, that's the end of the line unless you want to go to the federal government. The bottom line is that we need to have a safe place that employees can go. You have to keep morale up. And it's very hard to think that you can get a impartial

decision if human resource reports to the City Manager. If an employee is complaining about a department head, how can they expect they're gonna get an impartial decision through the human resource department who you're complaining about to that is their equal as a department head. So I do urge you to maintain being in it. I don't think that Ms. Ryan can tell of an instance in which the City had to sue because of insufficient legal notice or that the county did not have...

[Beep]

**MS. WHITE:** ...jurisdiction which is why the City of West Palm Beach sued. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Would you like to do the presentation?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Sure. Wow. Madam Chair. Staff is presenting an ordinance to you for opting out of the county's ordinance. The county passed an ordinance in 1995 basically making themselves, putting themselves in the middle of a federal process in your own government or non-governmental process. It does, the county's ordinance does apply to private employers as well as public employers. I'm not sure if private employers can opt out but public employers can. The City of Riviera Beach has been a part of the county's process since its inception. What has occurred in our City is that, in all of these years, we have never had an individual ask for an administrative hearing in front of a nine person, lay persons board. So, we've always worked with the Palm Beach County EEOC but what I think is getting lost here is that it is only a component of the federal EEOC. So, when our employees file an.., firsts, they file an internal complaint with us and the city either resolves it or not to their satisfaction. The employee can then file an EEOC complaint. Usually it is filed with the federal EEOC who will work in partnership with the county's, because the county's is there but the county cannot tell you to file a lawsuit. What usually has occurred and it's occurred since, since the inception.., we've never gone this far, is that they will make a decision and it has to go to federal EEOC. They're the ones who make the finding, who make the final finding. We have a case, right now, with a person who's not an employee, who filed a complaint because he was not hired at the City and, um, went through.., is now going through the Palm Beach County EEOC process. Instead of doing like every other employee has done since the inception of this ordinance, this individual decided to avail themselves of the administrative process of the Palm Beach County EEO'.., EEOC. We have asked them to provide us with a list of the cities who have been a part of this administrative process with these lay people and they have not done so as of yet. West Palm Beach went through the entire process with Palm Beach County EEOC and they raised the issue of, 'We have our own process and, if a person wants to sue, we'd like them to go ahead and go through their federal process.' In this case, an employee was awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars. What we have found out is that, even though you go through the Palm Beach County EEOC process, if you are not happy

with the, the nine person administrative board, you can still file a regular lawsuit. And that's why people usually skip that process. The EEOC process with Palm Beach County does not stop the individual for not.., if they're not happy with it, they can still file a lawsuit. If we're not happy with it, we can still file a lawsuit. And so you have participated in an administrative process that really may mean nothing because either party can go through the entire EEOC proc'.., the federal process anyway. In this particular case, we have asked the federal EEOC to review the Palm Beach County EEOC's determination on this one case. And they're in the process of doing that but they told us, 'Well, we're not really a part of that process,' so if, if you wanna go through that process, you can but you still will have to avail yourself of the federal process. The City of Boca Raton has also opted out of the process, basically, for the same reason. They don't see the benefit for them for having to go through two different processes. The speakers have said that employees need these, this process. If an employee has an attorney, most attorneys will not go through the Palm Beach County process. And that's why the issue has never come up before. In the twenty years that this ordinance has been on the books, I, we have never had a process here and most cities that I've talked to cannot tell me of a process. I've talked to just individual attorneys. But I have not gotten a formal statement from Palm Beach County EEOC. I've asked for a list of the lay people. They're just residents of the county. I don't know who they are. I don't know where they work. I don't know if they have experience in this area but it is a very.., federal lawsuits are very serious. Discrimination issues are very serious and I would feel more comfortable if there was an administrative judge, someone with a legal background, who is a part of this process. But, it is of great concern to me, and it should be for the City because we may be wasting money in this process and still having to go through another process. And that's why the, the opting out is here before you. It does not, in any way, stop an employee from doing what they have done for the last twenty years which is filing their EEOC complaint and then, whether they get a determination in favor of themselves or not in favor, it doesn't stop you. If Palm Beach County EEOC or the federal EEOC rule in favor of the City, people still have the right to file their lawsuits. And you have to file it within, I believe it's a hundred and eighty (180) days of a determination. So, that's why we, we put it before you. It's not to stop employees from having a voice because they will continue to have the same voice that they've had for twenty years. But what it does do, is it says we don't wanna be a part of your administrative board process. And it's up to the Council. But, when this came to my attention, we decided that.., and it was just coincidental that we passed our anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policy, the new one. It just happened to, to fall at the same time with this other, with this other case that is pending in front of Palm Beach County EEOC. I'll entertain any questions, of course.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair. Madam Attorney.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** For the Attorney. Which cities have, are still in?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I have no idea. I don't know. That is a question I have asked Palm Beach County EEOC.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, let me ask you this. Which cities have opted out?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I don't know. I can tell you...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, you said Boca.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I can you that Boca Raton has and that West Palm Beach has. I'm not saying that's an exhaustive list.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So, the que'..., the questions [stammer], the legal questions that you've had, that, that the questions that you wanted answered, you haven't received the answers yet?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That is correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. So the, the, um, before I can understand the motion, the motion tonight is for us to opt out?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Correct. Because that's the only way that you..., otherwise, we have to go through that administrative process and...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...if we don't get a determination that we believe is a legal determination, then I'll be back asking you to, to either appeal that or to file out..., you can't go through..., it's not even a federal process. We'd have to appeal..., if we don't like the decision of that Board.. First of all, one of the issues that we're going to raise is whether or not this is even constitutional. That issue has, to my knowledge, has never been briefed or never been decided. I can't, we've been researching it. We can't find out whether or not anyone has ever dealt with this issue. In the Palm Beach County, in the West Palm Beach case, the Court did not even address it. They said, we need not address it because they opted out with their, with their own process.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So, question. If three people vote..., and this is an ordinance, correct?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That is correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** If three people vote to opt out, which is to, to pass it and two vote no, not to, then the Mayor can extend the, the veto which means if I do that with the two..., if there, if there are two people who says, 'You know, we're gonna stay in. We're not..., we don't wanna get out.' If two people go on record and vote that way, then the Mayor's vote to veto will essentially leave it like it is. Will leave us in. Is that...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That's correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Madam Attorney.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Attor'..., Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Let me make sure I understand the Mayor correctly cause I don't think that that is totally correct. If the Mayor vetoes something, it still has to, it still can be overridden by the Council? It just, just because he vetoed it doesn't mean that it stays that way.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That is correct.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** With four votes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** It can only be...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...I know that it takes a super majority but I what I heard, the question I heard you ask was if three people vote for it and two people don't, you can veto and...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...keep it the same way but that's not...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But that's...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It's not...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** He's..., you're right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. That's not correct.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** To be technical, it doesn't matter if everybody voted for it...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** He could veto it.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Whatever...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You can always vet'..., You can veto...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Exactly.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Inaudible].

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...any ordinance.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And that's what I wanna make..., I don't want that going out to people. If the Mayor wanna choose to use a veto and he knows that a super majority needs to be to overturn it and that's what he's trying to say, then that's fine. But I don't want the process to be convoluted in understanding for our public. He can veto whatever ordinance he wants to.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That's correct.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It, it still can be overridden by a super majority which would, would take four votes. I just wanted to make sure that we didn't convolute the process that, that, that happens. But, aside from that, my question about this is, are we saying that we want to opt out because it's just an additional process that causes a, a, a undue burden when whatever the result is of this Board, it really has no real weight, you can still do whatever? Or, what is the reason...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. That...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...that we're asking to opt out.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** What's interesting to me is that, you can go through this entire process and it still can mean nothing. Because if an employee or a person who's applying to become an employee...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** If they go before this Board and the Board says we agree with the City of Riviera Beach, we give you nothing, all his attorney has to do is to go into federal court and file his federal lawsuit anyway. And so, he's just had the benefit of all of our discovery, testimony, everything because we've had to present it to that Board.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** He has everything. And we can, of course, we can still do that. But it does put, from what I can see, it puts munic'..., not just, well, it puts municipalities at a disadvantage.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, if you can, if you can just help me along here a little bit. The actual, this actual ordinance was brought to the cities for what reason and how did...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It was never...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...the county...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It was never...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...just...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...brought to the cities.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So how did the county just enact an ordinance.., I mean, what happened to our home rule powers?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, and that's how.., that's why you can opt out.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's why you can opt out.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Because anytime the, the county passes an ordinance that it wants to affect everyone, they can't, they have to get your.., basically, your permission and if, and if you don't say I don't wanna be a part of it, then you are a part of it. The difference is, with the IG...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. Cause...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...legislation...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...that was my next question.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Because they put that on the ballot and it went to referendum into every city and the cities voted for it...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...that's where cities basically made the decision for you to be a part of it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. But what I'm, what I wanna make sure that I understand, if we, if.., please, I'm trying to understand. If we opt out of this, are we essentially taking away something from an employee that has.., are we taking away an, an option for an employee to be able to have a chance at vindication, so to speak?

**UNK:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You're taking away this extra step that no employee, to date, has ever availed itself of. They, an attor'.., an employee who doesn't get their issues resolved at this level...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** When they hire an attorney, they go to court. They go to court. And that's what happened. I'm not going to say we have not had.., we've had plenty of, um, EEOC complaints that the City has won. We're very proud of that. We've won a lot. We've had some where they found cause and they go, and they filed their lawsuit. We have a, a big case going on right now involving lieutenants. That's what happened. All the lieutenants, they were not happy and they went to EEOC, federal EEOC, said.., actually, did not rule at all. Didn't say anything and they went ahead and filed their lawsuit. You have to go through with the process. So, this is just an extra, it's an extra step and maybe, I wanna say it was probably meant for private employees, employers more. And, you.., I have to admit, I have not found anyone and we're still looking...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, uh...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...to see who's availed themselves of this administrative...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I get it but...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...process because we have not in twenty years.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But play the devil's advocate with me for...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...a minute. If we haven't, if no one has ever utilized it, what would be the reason for us removing it? You, you know what I'm sayin'?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, somebody's using it now.  
[Chatter]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So, they're using the, they're using this process now.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And how does this negatively affect the City because they're using it now?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Because they've asked for an administrative hearing.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And so, we are going to have to go through that process.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** With this person, who's not an employee of the City.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We've gotta go through that administrative process. Which is outlined in their ordinance and they talk about the nine people and they have to be residents of the county and, you know, they will get together and we have to present, we have to have a.., we have a premedi'.., mediation.., a pre', um, a pre-administrative board conference. So, and then we have to give them all of our evidence and we have to tell them who the wit'.., it's a whole process. So, they will go through that process. And, if they win, the City's position is still going to be this was an administrative board, we have a federal right to defend ourselves in a court of law on discrimination issues, discrimination, harassment issues. And so, we will probably appeal. If we win and they lose and the board says, 'You know what, nothin'. You get nothin'.' I can promise you, he's going to appeal and say, 'Yeah. Okay. That's fine but we wanna go to a court of law where the judge knows best.'

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, if we opt out of this, if that person's already asked for it, they can still get it, right? Because we're...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...currently in it now.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No. It doesn't matter. The courts have said, basically, if you decide you're gonna go through your own process, at any point, at any point, you can opt out.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And, you know, again, I, I, I really don't want the Council or the residents to think that we're trying to take something away from employees.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mhmm.

[Chatter]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Please.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We are trying to make sure that the monies that we expend are spent, um, in a productive manner which, because it's going to end up in a federal lawsuit, no matter what. That's, that's really what the bottom line is.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But we have two readings to actually, you know, get through this...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And if I...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...and bring anything.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...can get some answers on my public records request, including the makeup of the board and, you know, what they do, we're asking for all that information. I will provide it to the Council. But, that is my concern. My concern is with the administrative board of lay people who may not know the intricacies of...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, no one in the county has ever gone through this process?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I didn't say that.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Inaudible].

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I made a public records request trying to find out...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Find out who.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...who has. We know West Palm Beach did. And the, um, it was overturned by the court. It was overturned. And they said this co'..., the, West Palm Beach opted out so they're not subject to it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Hold on a second. Are you done, Mr. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Um, yes. I'm just processing it. I'm done.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. Madam Attorney, one question for you. You said it was on the ballot and the City, our City voted for it.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No, no, no. I'm sorry.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. [Inaudible].

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I was talking about the ordinance relating to the Inspector General's office.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Mr. Thomas asked what was..., basically, what was the difference, with that. And the difference is, is that the..., all of the residents of the, of the county got to vote on that. So if the county had done this in that same way...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...then, it wouldn't be an issue. But they didn't. They just passed an ordinance that said this is gonna apply.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But what bothers me is you have asked for it..., you, you, you sent a public information request. This shouldn't be such a big deal. I mean, they should be able to send it to us. Why is it, why do you think they're, they're playing games with this?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I never said they...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...were playing games.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Me. Why, I mean, why do you think they haven't responded? This is something...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I have no idea. And I will not...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, how long did you...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...speculate.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** How long ago did you ask for it?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** A few weeks ago.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And we, and we have absolutely nothing in, in, since a few weeks?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I have not gotten a response.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. And I wanna just say one more thing. It is certainly not the Mayor's intent to conflate, the conflate, or whatever the word that was used earlier.

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You know, I'm not as educated as others. Certainly not the Mayor's intent to confuse the issue but I just needed clarification on a 3-2 vote. Now, I can just say it if, if anyone is confused, I am prepared to veto this. In all respect to the City Attorney who I respect highly but I am prepared to veto this and then I will wait and see if there, if that three number goes to four. If it goes to four, then it becomes a super majority. And this is not in any way questioning the integrity or the judgment of the City Attorney. It's just that I don't agree.  
Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Anything else from Council?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mayor, are you saying that you're going to veto something before we even vote on it?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm, I'm saying what I said. And I'm clear. I have that right to say that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Well, that's all for me.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And, since I can't vote, this is ...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's [inaudible].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...my way of saying how I'm voting.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. Go ahead, Ms. Miller.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Um, I did send some information to Attorney Ryan earlier. Either today or yesterday and I did get some answers. I, I just think that we're taking this away, it's taking an option away from our employees. We spend a lot of money on a whole lot of things that we probably don't need to spend it on and we waste a lot of money and I just think that this is not something we need to take away from

because we're worried about funds. You know? I mean, we have a number of things that we, we just voted to.., well, you all just voted to do the \$30,000 extension for the Jazz after Dark. So, when looking at.., knowing that we've had some issues with harassment, with discrimination, hostile environment in some of those departments, I think we need to have as many options as.., that we can. I mean, um, you know, it, it wouldn't hurt. You know, it's not gonna hurt to keep it in there because we know that we do have some issues going on and we need to make sure that people are in a position to be able to be heard and fairly heard and, um, not think about the amount of money that would be spent because we do have other areas that we have, you know, put a little too much on that probably didn't need it. So, I, I, I would not support having this taken out.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Anything else from Council?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mr. Davis.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Like Councilwoman Miller stated before, I truly support the statement as referenced. But I have a few questions. When it's regards to fight this in federal court, um, what is the likelihood of someone who is an employee losing.., not having the opportunity going locally and fighting the federal court system? Would that be very expensive for them?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, I, number one...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I'm just asking.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We've never had this issue before. So, I can't really speak to the expenses but I will tell you that an attorney who has to prepare for this administrative process is going to spend money and time.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And, because they're trying to do it in a very expedited manner, it's going to be expensive on both sides.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Because they, they're trying to get this done very quickly.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Usually, so.., [stammer] so I don't know how much this process will cost.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But, in 100% of our cases, an employee who files an EEOC complaint...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And who gets a Right to Sue letter, um, or gets a letter that says, well...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** It goes to the federal level anyway? Is that what you're saying?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** They usually just go court. You can go to state court or you can go to federal court. If you file it under Florida, um, under the Florida state statutes, you can go to state court but usually, most opt to go through the co'.., the federal court...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Federal.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...system. That has been our experience.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** See, see here's, here's my thing. I'm listening to both parts and I can understand but if I'm someone, an employee that's going through a situation that's fighting against any municipality and I'm trying to fight for my, my, my livelihood, I want this Board just to take into consideration that if you're gonna go to.., if you get a letter that states that, you know, you have the right to sue, um, depends on the policies that have been violated if they are very strong, this Board's gonna have a tough decision before it even get to the state court. So, this can be something that can really save us money before even going to, to the next level is what I'm looking at. You get what I'm sayin'?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** When you say this...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Like, if I'm, if I'm suin', I'm suin'.., filin' an EEOC, and EEOC stated, 'Hey, Mr. Davis, you have the right to sue based on these grounds, the policy states this and this is what.., all the findings.'

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** And those findings are very strong findings, we as a Board, have been put in a position to where we might not want to even wait 'til it get to a federal system. We might wanna come back and you might wanna say, 'You know what? Let's sit down, let's talk.' You might wanna go ahead and negotiate a settlement.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, we can do that now.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Well, I know but...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...point is, it's, it's a process and I don't see what triggered this. Why we oughta have this discuss right now and I wanna hear something that makes me feel comfortable even moving forward to change something that's already working. That's, that's what I'm trying to find out. I haven't heard anything yet that says why we should even consider changing what we're doing.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, the, the only [sigh]. I guess what, the point is, is that the administrative board is not a process that is used very often.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And it has never been used in the City of Riviera Beach.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And, it has only been used once in the City of West Palm Beach. And Boca quickly, um, got out. I think they may have had a case that was brewing and they opted as well when they realized that they would be subjected to this. Most attorneys will not go through this process because it is going to be an extra process.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So, and I, I've said this before and I'm gonna point it out again. The person who is...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...availing themselves of this process is not a City employee.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Right. It's somebody who just never received a job and they...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Correct.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...and they took it...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Correct.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And they're going through this process.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** That's a very, that's a very unique situation because, you know, they haven't even got to the point of...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That is...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...of exercise...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...of a series of policies...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And my point is...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...and showing history.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And point is is that, the process that we have has worked.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We go through the process. We have our own internal investigation.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Which we, we turn over to the EEOC.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And they may conduct further investigation and they rule one way or the other.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So, who does the internal investigation? How does that process work?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** On the City side?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Different., it depends on what the complaint is. Some complaints are small, department heads can handle them.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Some complaints rise to a higher level, human resources handles them. Some complaints go to the City Manager. We've referred out some of the complaints.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And, whether that process..., when we finish with our internal investigation...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I don't care what the outcome is, they can always go to EEOC...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...and file their complaint.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** See, and with all due respect, the issue I have is when you're talking about doing an investigation, a lot of these investigations need to be independent and that's where your HR [stammer], HR director should be independent from your City Manager because they are the arm that protects the policy that's gonna have instruction in place where we don't even have to have this discussion today.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, hold on. This process does not supplant your process.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I know but my point is, if I'm an employee and something happened and I have to have a discussion with my boss and I'm really need..., and I don't feel that my boss is gonna be unbiased and now I gotta go to the City Manager, go before a Board, go before you, then I don't know what relationships that people have, are they gonna protect the policy, are they gonna protect me and I wouldn't wanna put no one..., even yourself into that type of position.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, we're in that position.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** What I'm trying to say is, we still have to have that process.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Right. I understand that but...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But then this next step is to go to...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...the EEOC.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** But what triggered this process, this conversation tonight? Did someone recommend that we have this discussion? Did something or is this your typical exercise?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No. No, no, no. Because, once we realized, we were going through this process...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** With a case, with a discrimination case.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And Palm Beach County EEOC did their investigation and then they turned it over to the federal EEOC.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And we asked the federal EEOC to look at their, you know, their investigation. So, the federal EEOC is looking at it.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** In the meantime, the attorney for the person who didn't get the job...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...filed for an administrative process under Palm Beach County EEOC.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And our position was, 'Well, federal EEOC is still looking at it.'

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And then, once they made their decision we can go from there. Federal EEOC said, 'You know what, that's their process. You can still, you're still having your process looked at over here.'

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But their process is separate. It's a separate ordinance. It

doesn't apply to the fe'...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...federal government. So, what., we make a separate decision but Palm Beach County's Board can come up with something totally different than what we'd come up with.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Let me., how old is that case?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Which case?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** The one you referencing now.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Two thousand., oh, our case? The case that's going on?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Well, the one you said that's triggering this one.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right, right now.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** It just started? Recently?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** 20., I wanna say '14.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Fourteen? So last year?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yep.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So when were we gonna have that discussion as a Board about that case?

[Chatter]

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We will be having a closed executive...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay. I'll be quiet for now on that.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We will be having a closed...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** But...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...executive session on...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...that case.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yeah. Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We were having that eventually anyway. But...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...it's gonna be sooner than later, now.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I appreciate it. But yes, I'll, I'll just hold all further questions.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** At this time.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Ms. Miller.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** So, Attorney Ryan, we are basically making this change due to that one case?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes. Because if, I guess what I'm trying to say is that we don't, we don't need this., we never needed the ordinance at all. And what the federal government does is, it will ask., because they have a, because this ordinance is in place, they will have Palm Beach County investigate some of their things for them and then you send it over to them and they still, they can do further investigation and we've had them do that before.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** They'll do further investigation. They'll, you know, they can do an independent investigation. And we've never minded because ultimately it was in the fed'., the federal government's hands, the federal EEOC. But, in this particular case, in this particular time, this whole administrative process has come to light that has never come to light before.

**UNK:** Mm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...we're trying to get a handle on it. In the meantime, we decided, you know what, it might be best to just opt out and go the federal route. Because that's what our employees have done for the past twenty years anyway.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Our employees have always gone the federal route.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Anything else?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. Mayor...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...and then we're...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...going to the question.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Attorney, the, just two quick things. It could hurt us or it could help us because if we win the, an, an administrative hearing on round one and then we win on round two and we win on round three, it says that, you know, we, our case is solid. We're, we're winning. It's just like appellate. You appeal one time, they lose. You appeal the next time, they lose. It gets to the Supreme Court or the Appellate Court, they lose again. So, I'm not really conc'..., really worried about that. I do wanna say, just for the record [clears throat] as it relates to vetoes, it is not uncommon for the president or the governor or any other executive officer announce a veto prior to a vote on legislation. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Madam Clerk.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Inaudible].

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** The veto.

**UNK:** He asleep?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No, I'm not. I'm thinking.

[Chuckle]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Usually praying.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It was a motion by Mr. Guyton. Second by Mr. Thomas.

**UNK:** That's good.

[Inaudible chatter]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion fails with Councilperson Thomas approving.

[Laughter]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So that means it stays, we stay in. Right?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Everybody else dissented.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - 8:30 PM Non-Agenda Item Speakers (Three Minute Limitation)**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. That's fine. Thank you. At this time, we're gonna go to public comment. Please adhere to the rules of decorum that are posted on the wall over here and outside the Chambers. If you would like to speak, please get a public comment card to us right now. Once we start, we're not taking any more cards. Okay. Let's begin. Peyton McArthur and then Mami Kisner.

**MR. MCARTHUR:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, sir.

**MR. MCARTHUR:** Peyton McArthur.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thanks for staying...

**MR. MCARTHUR :** Port...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...with us.

**MR. MCARTHUR:** My pleasure. Port Commissioner. I like to come periodically just to say hello.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Hello.

**MR. MCARTHUR:** Mr. Mayor, Madam Chair, Council Members. I wanna thank all you for hosting the joint workshop earlier in the month. Well, actually, last month. I thought it was very successful. I look forward to working with you and I want you to know, if you ever have a problem with the Port that can't be resolved through Staff or isn't being resolved quickly enough, all of you have my cellphone and my email. All you have to do is pick up the phone or drop me a line and I will do everything I can. And we look forward to working with all of you and Ms. Jones and her Staff. And I do apologize if my tie is not up to standards but I will...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** [Chuckle].

**MR. MCARTHUR:** ...work on that in the future. But I do., as I look at this distinguished body, I notice my tie is much more flamboyant than Cedrick Thomas' tie.

[Laughter]

**MR. MCARTHUR:** So, I take some pride in that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Ooh.

**MR. MCARTHUR:** But anyway...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Those some fightin' words.

**MR. MCARTHUR:** I just wanted you to know how much we appreciate the joint workshop and that we look forward to working with you on issues of interest of boat parties.

[Inaudible discussion]

**MR. MCARTHUR:** And please, but please don't wait for a Port meeting. If you ever

need me, give me a call.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Great.

**MR. MCARTHUR:** Thank you. And have a wonderful 4th of July.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you very much. Same to you, Mr. McArthur.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Commissioner, don't, don't come to my Chambers and insult me, please.

[Laughter]

**MR. MCARTHUR:** I'm sorry.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Alright. No problem.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Ms. Kisner and then Dorothy Gay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** He didn't really mean it.

**MS. KISNER:** Good evening again.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**MS. KISNER:** Mami Kisner. Um, just to wrap everything up that we've talked about, one of the things that we should all be reminded, that you are elected by the people for the people. And you're not here permanently. That can change depending on the vote. The employees of this City are paid by the people and many of the employees of this City vote and elect you so you should be doing the things that are the voice of the majority of the people not just a segmented few or personal opinions or agendas that you said that we may have coming up here. It is important that the people are represented and if there is anybody listening tonight that does not believe in this County that I have not fought for civil rights, that I have had an..., my own agenda, I ask you to come to the next meeting here in Riviera Beach and hopefully we will flood this building. I am here for the people, I have been for the people for twenty-one years and for..., I don't want anybody to think there is a personal agenda and I ask the residents to show up. I ask the employees to show up since that is being questioned. I ask you to do the right thing as Staff and as elected officials because people vote for people who represent their interests and the interests of the majority of this community. Children

are looking for future jobs in this City and they do not wanna work in a hostile work environment or being harassed. You have employees who have been here ten, twenty and thirty years that are suffering right now. We have departments who are being run by not full-time employees and were making decisions. That is not how you do business. Whether it is private or public and I have been dealing with elected officials around this country, including Washington, for over thirty some years. So this is not new for me. I have been fighting civil rights for people since I was sixteen years old and I will continue to fight for civil rights for people and the people of Riviera Beach. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Dorothy Gay and then Willis Williams.

**MS. GAY:** Dorothy Gay. I concur. Making it real brief. Um, being that it is continuously assumed that, uh, the residents are, are, we are pleased with what is going on whether I am a landlord or I am a, uh, a resident of the City of Riviera Beach, that's never the question. My bottom line, any time I speak is for the unthrottle, the ones that are not here, who cannot speak, not aware of what's going on, why they have to pay such a high price for anything. So, I, along with Ms. Kisner, I consider myself for the underdog. And I'mma always be a voice for the underdog whether you like it or not. I believe they need to have someone to speak for them. They are not present because they are not aware that they are constantly put in the spotlight without them even knowing or being aware of. So, I consider myself as much a resident as my property being here. So there should never be someone questioning my motive, it is for the underdog and will continue to be for the underdog. The one that can't come in here. The one can't, uh, even attempt to speak with you so I point, make it a pointed, as I point to different objectives. I speak for the ones who cannot speak, the ones that you refuse to listen to, the residents, the taxpayers, they all are important and you should have their, real., really have their interests at heart. It's for the people. It's for the ones who can't be here to talk and voice their opinions. Whether you like it or not, we are out there. We are out there. We don't have the time, we don't have the money, we don't have whatever it is to pay these [inaudible] prices that you have placed upon them. So I hope that you will, like you say, I have the interest of the City of Riviera Beach at heart, I also have it. And never question that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Willis Williams and then Lynn Hubbard.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** Good evening, Council. Willis Williams. I had a few things I wanted to comment on tonight and, after watching, uh, the dais go through that, uh, vote where it was turned down. I'm, I'm happy with that because taking the employees out of the loop is, is a real problem and you're talking to a person who filed an EEOC complaint and if you, if anybody there, I won't stand here and tell you how the process go but if you wanna talk to me between now and the time you, this should ever arise again, I'd be more than happy to talk with you because some things that Ms. Ryan said tonight just didn't make sense to me. So, the other thing is that I watch from last, a week ago when was in here last Thursday and I really wanted to call it something else but I'm gonna say, it, it bothered me to see all of those people that came in here and

stood up and applauded Mr. Brown. It was unb'..., it was such an unbalanced situation that it was almost like I was not even in the City of Riviera Beach. I looked at all the Republicans that stood up in here...

**UNK:** [Chuckle]

**MR. WILLIAMS:** ...put their hands up and talked about all the money that they take out of this City and none of 'em bring anything in. Don't chuckle Mr. Thomas. Cause you guys know that what happened in here. Ya'll don't wanna face it, ya'll wanna laugh now and [stammer] it's not smirk. All of those people that stood up in here did not live, not work in the City of Riviera Beach. They take money out of this City. I wa'n't here to support Mr. Brown's firing. What I was here for, just to see how you guys would react to two people who were bringing something to a different perspective. Mr. Thomas, I'mma, I'mma ask you, I'mma put this on your shoulder. I'm gonna just asked you please have your colleague that sits to the right of you to stop bashing Mrs. Miller cause..., hold one, hold on.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You need to talk to him, not me.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** No. But...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No. You need to direct...

**MR. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...your co'...

**MR. WILLIAMS:** Alright.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...your comment...

**MR. WILLIAMS:** I'll do that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...and question...

**MR. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...to whoever it is that's giving...

**MR. WILLIAMS:** If you want me...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...you the problem.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** ...to do that, I'll do that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's what you should want to do.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Cause I'm not bashing anybody.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** No. You're sure not. That's why I'm saying...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm responsible for one person.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** That's, that's...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's it.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So, please can...

**MR. WILLIAMS:** You're right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** You're right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Just finish your comments please.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** I'm gonna ask you, Mr. Guyton, would you please..., the election is over. Whoever won is won. She's sittin' right there. Let's get passed..., we got a lot of work to get done between now... You got all of this stuff with the CRA. You got so many things that are get'..., need to be taken care of. And the time that we spend killin' Mrs. Miller over there..., it just.. That's somebody's mother, that's somebody's daughter...

**UNK:** Mhmm.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** That's somebody's child. I mean, come on. [Stammer] and, other than that, that's a lady.

[Beep]

**MR. WILLIAMS:** So, please, just, just stop doing that. I'm just asking you to stop doing that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Lynn Hubbard and then Bessie Brown. Yes, Mr. Gutyon.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Um, I., Mr. Williams and anybody can characterize my disagreements as bashing if they wish. I don't know how they characterize it. I have different positions than Ms. Miller and, when I do, I'm gonna voice those different positions. When Judy Davis was attacked, nobody came to that mic and said not one word. I'm not attacking her like some of your attacked Judy. I mean, it was absolutely, totally uncalled for. They barkin' loud. I'm not doing that to Ms. Miller. I'm just saying I disagree on some issues, which I'm entitled to do. I do it in a respectful manner and I'm gonna continue to do that. Not just with Ms. Miller, with anybody else on the dais. I've disagreed with my buddy. I've disagreed with Ms. Pardo. But, as soon as we do not agree with somebody you support, it's bashing. I'm not bashing. But what I will continue to do., everybody talk about representing the people and representing the majority, I'd like to see the survey where you think that you can speak for the majority of the people. I'm, I'm waiting. I only represent those who actually., the people who, who live in this City, they're gonna be some that support and some that don't. People come to that mic talking about they represent the people. I just, I'm like, where do these people come from?

[Chatter]

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Because we have thirty thousand [clapping hands] people in this City with different opinions and people come to this mic that said, 'If you don't support me or agree with me, you're not supporting the people.' Totally bologna.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Absolute bologna. So, but I'm gonna continue to disagree with my colleagues. I do it in a respectful manner. It may be someone you support. Those issues you got to deal with but I'm gonna continue to be Bruce Guyton. I, I don't, I don't worry about the consequences cause I'm gonna keep it real. I'm not gonna be up here being a phony, trying to say things just to be reelected. We need to move our City forward and, quite frankly, I don't think Ms. Miller is on that same train.

[Exclamation]

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** She votes against everything.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Point of order.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That's my opinion.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Point of order.

**UNK:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm gonna speak my...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I'm not, I'm not doing this tonight. I'm not. I am not doing this tonight.

[Chatter]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. Mr. Guyton, let's just move on. Okay. Ms. Hubbard and then Bessie Brown. Good evening, ma'am.

**MS. HUBBARD:** Lynn Hubbard. 1405 West 23rd Street, again. A couple of things that I wanna make, that I want to, to point out here. Um, in the.., for the ci'.., for the citizens of Riviera Beach, for the citizens of Riviera Beach, we all want to move this City forward but we want community development plus economic development to be responsible redevelopment that's gonna trickle down for us. When, when we get to see.., we livin' in a major'.., a majority minority City. We're having all kind of things happen across this country and for our black men to sit up and degrade and allow our black women to be put down and disrespected, I mean, it's taking us to a whole new low. We got young guys out here that we're tellin' about, 'Pull up your pants. Respect the little girls. Stop domestic violence.' But we sittin' up here on the dais on TV doing it. That's not what I came to this mic to say tonight but, you know, it just, it just has to be said. I know I have a heavy voice and may come off sounding angry but I'm just appalled at the level of disrespect that we can show each other but we can kiss everybody else ring and everything else but we won't even show a microcosm of respect for each other and try to set the tone so that we can work together to move this City forward even if it is in a different vein. The other thing I wanted to say is that, in, even considering increasing our water bill, we, we can't afford to do that. And one of the reasons we can't afford to do that is because we make light of the fact that, uh, the miscalculation of monies in the CRA that we then could've used on this side of the track that now.., and, let me take that word back, this side of the track. In the City, as opposed to the CRA, now we got to clean up a blunder and use it over there. So, some of the capital projects that we could of used that money to do, we can't do it now. But we try to make light of it and tell the people, 'Oh well. It was going to the CRA but it's coming to the City and being.., and figuring out how to transfer it, we don't have to do that now.' And, now, and, and that wasn't quiet, that wasn't quite true. Real quick, the FEC guy said that we didn't have any other choice. We do have a, a other choices and that \$30,000.., that we need to find a way to hold up his permits, put him in some kind of thing or put \$30,000 worth of something back on him. We gotta negotiate from a position of strength and stop doing it from a weak positon. The way FEC looks on Dixie is appalling. Ya'll need to make 'em do something about it and hold 'em up as long as you can with whatever you can 'til they get that part done anyway.

[Beep]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Bessie Brown. Norma Duncombe and then Michael Brown.

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** Norma Duncombe.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, ma'am.

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** Okay. First of all, what I'd like to say, thank you, the young man that was up here earlier. I was.., sometimes when people bully... Well, we talk to children about bullying and many times kids are not really aware of the fact that they are bullying someone. And adults are the same way. I grew up in a house with four brothers. There was no way, at any time, would my brothers disrespect any female. Any female. And not just a, adults but any female. That was the way my father taught them. Now, I'm gonna deal with Ms. Miller because I was so upset the last meeting as to how she was bullied by her cohort next to her. And, now, tonight I'm thinking that maybe he doesn't know what bullying is. And the thing that got to me, most of all, no one said anything about it.

[Chatter]

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** And I am saying, wait a minute. Everybody up there was elected. You either won or you lost. Ms. Miller, I give you my commitment, and you have my husband's commitment that we are with you, not just in word but if you open up your account tomorrow, we will give you a contribution. We voted for you the first time was because you made a commitment that you would make decisions based on what was best for the entire City. In that meeting, there was so much disrespect for you, for you, that I could not believe it. And then I said, well, okay, if the.., we have a code of conduct for the speakers who come to this mic, why don't we have a code of conduct for the persons who sit up there. Ms. Miller, I voted for you because you said you would take care of.., make the best decisions you could for the entire City. We had a situation in here where Mr. Tony Brown has given himself and his employees a raise every year. And if he messed up money, the City, the entire City needs to be stabilized. I want you to cons'.., to continue to make good decisions, know that there are those of us who back you when you make these decisions and we're not going to stand.., I mean, we can't stop somebody from being a bully but we can definitely support you. The number one thing I like about you, you ask questions and you are sober-minded. You make decisions based on a sober mind. So, continue to do the things that you're doing. Thank you.

[Beep]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Thank you, Ms. Duncombe.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Michael Brown and then Juanita Nalls. Michael Brown.

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Michael Brown. Is he out there? Okay. Ms. Nalls and then Rodney Roberts.

**MS. NALLS:** Good afternoon again, Council and Mayor.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening again.

**MS. NALLS:** Okay. Um...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening, Ms. Nalls.

**MS. NALLS:** A few things I wanted to go over and I think we've already spoken enough about our Council and our attitude in reference to what's going on on the Council and I hope that we can be adults and be able to do what has to be done to take care of City business. One of things I wanted to ask about was this, um, All Aboard Florida. Um, the quiet zone. Um, and I know he did say that there was gonna be quiet zone. But I do understand that the All Aboard Florida is gonna be coming in my backdoor. It's on the east coast and Park Manor is right there on the East Coast Railroad track. So, it's right there in my backdoor. I'll hear these trains coming through thirty.., is it thirty-two or thirty-six of 'em?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thirty-two.

[Inaudible]

**MS. NALLS:** Thirty-six. Okay. Um, I was reading some information in reference to that and it was saying that properties along the railroad track, if there's not a stop in that area, the value of the properties will be going down. Council, I want an answer to fi'.., for you all to find out about this and find out how this is gonna effect the, the citizens that live in the Park Manor area. Um, my next thing was about the Public Works Department, the Stormwater District. Um, talking about an increase that's go'.., trying to go into effect October 1st, uh, as well as the waste water, um, increase, the eighteen percent and us floating with a \$40,000,000 bond. Um, I've asked this question before, we don't have a grant writer on staff and I don't have any problems with that but can we get somebody to write grants for us to get monies for our infrastructure? We should be able to do this here in the City. I mean, this is what our Council is for. We should be able to do this and get someone to write grants. There's federal dollars available.., this is what Barack Obama said, there's federal dollars available for infrastructure. Why can't we get some of these federal dollars? So, I sure hope that maybe this Council can get somebody on that, get our City Manager working on that project because we need to get these things done. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Rodney Roberts.

**MR. R. ROBERTS:** Rodney Roberts. 1581 West 14th Street, Riviera Beach, Federal Gardens.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening again.

**MR. R. ROBERTS:** Good evening.

[Chuckle]

**MR. R. ROBERTS:** Uh, what are we gonna do for the citizens? I'm talking about the citizens that..., some, I just heard somebody say about the underdog and I call them the backwards dog. And if you call, if you spell dog backwards, you'll see what I mean. I'm not very religious but that's what I believe about my people. Uh, I wanna see Riviera Beach move forward just like anybody else. It seems as though, and I said it before, the whole game was to get Riviera Beach cash strapped so that we're pushed into a corner where nobody in this City would wanna be in. And, even with, you know, with the CRA, with the findings with the FP&L shortcomings on millions of dollars, we're getting closer and closer of being there. My thing is, I believe that..., well, I, I think I see that persons on the Council..., I don't know if you call that pride or any'..., uh, but, instead of saying, 'Hey, I'm losing,' or, 'Hey, that's a, it's a failed project and let's, let's go back and see what we can save,' people just wanna go forward, ever forward and go over the ravine like we're a bunch of swine around here. And, uh, we're not. We're, we're, we're smarter than that and we give them the credit for being who they are and that's why they're in that position but, honestly, the position is a representative position, you're supposed to be representing the voices of, of the people. For instance, Brother Guyton, when he does have, uh, meetings, it just seems as though it's, to me, from where, where I'm from, it's just a, a bunch of propaganda just to, to support his ideals and, and where he wants to go. And I'm thinking that community meetings should be meetings where, myself as an individual and anybody else in the community can come and voice their opinion, voice, you know, whatever suggestions that they may have so that we can reason about what's going on and I, I don't ever see that. I would like e'..., equity participation for the citizens. That means, the same way you were floatin' these bonds, I want you to find some way where the citizens can buy bonds. Or, or have some equity participation in these projects that's going on. If you ask, if you're gonna raise the rates on the water bill, tho'..., that, that water bill should be going towards paying off bonds and buying bonds in the future. I, I'm not a finance person. I just know that the'..., these numbers that you crunch and make ha'..., things happen, make it happen. Cause we want equity participation. If people can lose their houses and all that stuff...

[Beep]

**MR. R. ROBERTS:** ...we want equity participation. We want som'..., something in it besides just paying the bill. We wanna get some money back. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh, Madam...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Let me just clarify one thing.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Quickly.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** At my community engagement forums, everybody has an opportunity to bring...

[Inaudible discussion between Chair Pardo and another unknown]

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...up anything they want. Any issue, I have all of the department heads there and whatever they wanna talk about, they can. Many of these comments, again, are orchestrated but that's what they do in politics. But, anyone who's come to my meetings know that my meetings are open. If there are projects going on, I try to inform the people, get their input and then I always allocate time for them to say or talk about anything they want.  
Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Okay. We move on. Item 10.

#### **DISCUSSION ANDELIBERATION**

**10. CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND LAKE PARK, BY INTER- LOCAL RESOLUTION, PETITION THE COUNTY TO FAST TRACK THE REDESIGN AND REPAVING OF SILVER BEACH ROAD WITH A TIME CERTAIN DATE FOR THE WORK TO COMMENCE.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** We have two public comment cards. Ms. Sheppard and Ms. Duncombe.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, while they're coming let me just say quickly, that is so great. I get so many calls about Silver Beach Road and it being so dangerous. I'm really happy to see that this..., that we're moving on it. So.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** Margaret Sh'...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Wonderful.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** I'm sorry. Oh, I'm sorry, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No. I'm through.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No, Ms. Sheppard.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** Margaret Sheppard. Riviera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** I did have a card, Mrs., uh...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You didn't give it to me.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** And I, uh, I apologize.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's fine. Okay. But you have a card on this item.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** Okay. Um, [sigh]. The re'..., redesign of, um...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Silver Beach.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** Of Silver Beach Road, this road has long been overdue.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mhmm.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** I don't think we even have to discuss it. Whenever you travel down that road...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Very dangerous.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** ...we already know that we should be on top of our game with Silver Beach Road. I don't care how or what we have to do., just like with this, this, what is it., Florida thing coming through?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Chuckle].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All Aboard Florida.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** Yeah. We, you know, we should not take this light.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mhmm.

**MS. SHEPPARD:** This is our City. I mean, when I go down there, I, I go off on the next., I really forget because it's a shortcut for me. I go down the next street because my car is on its last leg already and some of these new cars, they're on their way on the last leg. You know, it's just implorable that you guys., just, whatever do.. Step up your game to get this to move one. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Ms. Duncombe.

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** Uh, Norma Duncombe. This project is way overdue but it's a few things I'd like to point out that I'd like for you to really empathize in the process of dealing with this. I don't like to use Broadway but I don't have a choice. Broadway has been done. The first complaint I have about Broadway is when they did that road, I have never seen., and I know this is county and that's state, they did not remove all the old light poles that have been there for over fifty years and it looks terrible. The next thing with, uh, Broadway, it is too narrow and you can't navigate where you need to go because you have to make a U-turn to get to different places and the road is too narrow. People are backing up. I mean, I'm just looking for a terrible accident to happen. So, what I'd like to say with this road coming up, make sure you put it as a part of the plan that maybe, put the lines on the ground for the, uh, road. Make sure it's wide enough so people can navigate. I cringe every time I see a bicycle coming toward me on, on, on Silver Beach because I am seeing that person is this close to being dead. And it's not because people., I'm very careful as a driver but there are people, who., I mean, you can't see beyond [stammer] in front of you because the road is so narrow and if it's a wide truck, if there's garbage pickup, it's all kinds of problems. So, what I'd like for you to do, is when you all get together consider these things. [Stammer] you don't necessarily always have to have a divider in between if the road is too narrow. And I think that's the problem with Broadway. I hate to go on Broadway because you gotta make a U-turn, you., I mean, it's just not really organized and I think it got away from us when they did that road, that the design could have been much better. So, with Silver Beach, let's make that a different project. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. And I just wanna mention something, Ms. Duncombe. If you recall, about a year ago, the., when the County came in front of us and they presented the project, on Silver Beach Road they wanted to put a roundabout. Remember? Over by...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** S Avenue.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** S Avenue. And we said no. You know, how are the buses going to get by? How are just some of the residents with big cars...

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...going to get by? How will fire rescue get by?

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** Well, that's the problem with Broadway.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mhmm.

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** If we have an emergency...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It's...

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** ...you know...

[Beep]

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** ...we, we are in real trouble.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** So, I'm just kinda throwing these things out to you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Sure.

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** So that when you ne'.., uh, negotiate with them...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mhmm.

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** That you make sure.., and, and Silver Beach is so busy.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It really is.

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** It, it is...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And can you...

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** ...so busy.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...imagine it with a roundabout?

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** But, but...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** ...that's the thing. So...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Correct.

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** ...a lot of times things.., you don't think about it at the time but later on it comes up.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Sure. [Inaudible].

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** And so, I think we can be more vigilant when it comes to Silver Beach Road.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**MS. DUNCOMBE:** I thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Alright. So who's doing this presentation?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam [inaudible]...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Ms. Miller.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I'm not really [inaudible] pres'..., presentation...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Sure. Go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** But what I'm looking to do and I hope my colleagues join me in this is to do an inter local Resolution with the City of Lake Park. I did request several Items from Madam Manager and I notice that this has been going on for several years and haven't been getting much information or anything moving. So, I'm thinking that if we partner up with the City of Lake Park and join them and go directly to the County to get this fast tracked because, you know, it is, it's probably very short of having a bad accident because of the road being bumpy as it is. It's narrow. I mean, I'm not sure if they will be widening the road but definitely it needs to be repaved and smoothed out because it is causing, probably, a lot of car damage, as well as just not safe. It doesn't provide for the pedestrians or anyone riding their bicycle, as Ms. Duncombe just stated. So, I'm, I'm looking for my colleagues to, to join me in possibly doing a inter-local Resolution with the City of Lake Park. Colleagues?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead, Mr. Davis.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Ms. Jones, right now, based on Ms. Miller, Councilwoman Miller, I do support that. Right now, if a vehicle was to get torn up or have some damage to it based on road conditions, will the County be held responsible for that vehicle replacement or fixture or the City?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The County, sir.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** The county? Alright. So, what would be the next step as we move forward if the, to.., would it be a joint meeting or would this be a Resolution or how would that...?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, first of all, let me say that I appreciate Ms. Miller bringing this forward because, as she can see and you can see from all of the emails, it's not like we have not tried to push at the Staff level.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And now it's time for elected officials to talk to elected officials.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Correct.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And I think this is a good way to do that. I am sure that, you know, if.., when we talk with Lake Park, if it's the Chair and the Mayor or if you wanna hold a group, it's the kind of issue that I feel as though, if the Mayor and the Chairs of the Council spoke, it would be on the next Agenda. I don't expect any opposition with either city wanting to fast track this. So, I think the next thing would be, once you all take a vote, and then Staff will work to schedule the meeting of the appropriate people so that then they can get the support and then take it to their Council and then we will send it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. I have no...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...problem talking to the Mayor tomorrow. I have no problem with that.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. And I ha'.., and I have a...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...I have a very good report with the Mayor too.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. Alright. Mr...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And I don't know whether...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...Thomas.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Inaudible].

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...whether they were at the sister city meeting, the Mayor, or not, the other week.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** They were there.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. Alright. Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Just to add some background to this, if Ms. Miller wants me to.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Oh, sure.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** First, let me say I, I don't have a problem supporting whatever...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Appreciate it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...Resolution you want to do but we all know sitting here that the Resolution is not the issue.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** First of all, let's go ahead and put everything in context. Riviera Beach and Lake Park didn't agree, originally. Then Lake Park wanted to close off all of the exits that go into their city from Riviera Beach. Then we finally got the design and then we didn't agree with the design because it had the roundabout in it. The, the, the issue..., we can do a Resolution, and by no mean am I slighting, you know, your initiative because I will stand with you and push as hard as you wanna push but, until the MPO decides that they want to fast track the design or redo the, the design to take the roundabout out, we're gonna be sitting here a couple years later. I don't think that, you know, I know that Lake Park Board is changing, this Board has changed slightly. I don't, I don't think that the issue is between Lake Park and Riviera Beach. The road belongs to the county. So, until the county decides that they want to do it and that's going to be, that's gonna need to be advanced to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. You know, it's not going to do it. So, I mean, we've done this before. Everybody's been working on this. Your, you know, you have a fresh voice for it. Maybe this is what it will take but I'm just basically telling you, getting Lake Park and Riviera Beach to agree on it, that's not gonna be your issue. Your issue is getting it to be a priority at the Metropolitan Planning Organization level in order to get it done. Lake Park would fix it if they could, Riviera Beach would fix it if we could but neither one of the, the municipalities, towns owns the, owns the road. Now, what I, what I would suggest that we do, is seeing as Mr. Guyton is the new rep, I would suggest in addition to us doing the Resolution between both cities, I would suggest that we have Mr. Guyton present this at a MPO meeting as an Agenda'd Item and let's see if we can get

some discussion or movement there and maybe the entire Board should show up on that Thursday morning. Actually, it may be an MPO Board meeting tomorrow. Is it one tomorrow?

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It's not?

**UNK:** The 16th.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** The 16th? So, on the 16th we send that there. We bring the whole Staff and maybe we could show some united front with Lake Park and Riviera Beach but what we need to be concentrating on is the MPO Board and the county in order to get it done.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. Well, I wanna do whatever it is that we need to do. Whatever hasn't been tried, I would like to try as much as we can to get this done. Uh...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, would you, would you, would..., I'm sorry.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But, I'm just sayin'...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** No, no. Go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Would you, would you like to, would you like for us to draft a Resolution to first, how you wanted to do it with both...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...Town of Lake Park and Riviera Beach.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And then would you like to see if we can have that Agenda'd?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Um...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** To, for the MPO...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** For the MPO meeting.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Which will be...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Then I, you know, I, I...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Inaudible]...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...support that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...too late for the 16th.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It may be too, too late for the 16th or...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Or whatever the next meeting...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** When is..., yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** August.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** What is it...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'll get the date.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** ...once a month?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** How often...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Alright.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. And, the other thing I would say, someone needs to have a discussion with the county commissioner...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...and ask her what's going on with it because it's a funded project.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Mhmm.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You know...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I will do that as well.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...someone, Staff or, you know, someone needs to have a conversation with her to find out what's going on.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I'll take it. I'll do that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's fine. Okay. So there's...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** [Stammer]...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...consensus. Do we need a motion or..., there's a consensus to have Staff draft a Resolution and then Mr. Guyton will see if he could get it on the MPO Agenda. And then someone will have a discussion...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That'll be in August.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...with the county commissioner. What did you say, Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** It will probably have to be in August. The 16th.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. That's fine. Okay. So there's consensus...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Who, who...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...to move forward with it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. But which one of us are gonna talk to the county commissioner?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I said that I could do that.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Ms. Miller.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** She will.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**11. DISCUSSION BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE RIVIERA BEACH, FL CODE OF ORDINANCES - ARTICLE IV. - NOISE.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay? So, that's the consensus? Are we good? Okay. Next Item. Item 11. Discussion by the City Council on the Riviera Beach Florida Code Ordinances. Article IV. Noise. Okay. Who put this on? Ms...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I think a couple of us had this issue brought to them. I don't know, um, where the [pause] the, the Council is on it but this is an issue that I was attending some function and I stopped by one of the Island establishments, Two Drunken Goats and the discussion came up about Memory Lane Band and why they weren't there anymore. So, and apparently there was something to do with the noise ordinance and, um, one of the new buildings there apparently complained. So, what I wanted to do, is have a discussion about how businesses and residents can coexist in a resort area. I think that's doable. Memory Lane Band had been coming for a long time and I think, Madam Chair, you even used 'em at your event. But, I think that a happy medium needs to be reached. I do, I went back and looked at all of the documents and it looked like they were..., the, the decibel level that was permitted at that time was sixty. When they were recorded I think it was seventy-four and I'm not sure about the permits. There may have been something with the permits as well. But, what I want to do is have a discussion of how to allow live entertainment during a reasonable time, at a reasonable decibel level over on the, over at Ocean Mall. So, I know that there, there may be some concern about the hours and certainly I think that we can work through that. But, I don't think an establishment should be prohibited from having live, live entertainment. That's where I'm going with this.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Well, since it's my District. Okay, well. Everyone, that's the new term that I hear up here now. You know, it's my District. Okay. So this is in my District and I think I need to give people some history on this. You know, prior to the new Ocean Mall being built, we had the old Ocean Mall. We had Ocean's Eleven and re'..., if you'll recall, they had music outside on the second story.

**UNK:** Ocean Eleven had...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. There were, you know..., we all know what went down over there. Okay? But, you didn't have residents complaining about the noise because

the parcel just north to them was a hotel, the Days Inn was there. Okay? So, it was a hotel next to all of this entertainment, no one had a problem with it. Fast forward, they knocked down the Ocean Mall, they start rezoning everything on the beachside, they got rid of the hotel and they turned it into condominiums. Okay? Two towers of condominiums. So now you have residential next to all of this commercial. Go down a couple buildings north, we have the Tiara. For the longest time, next to the Tiara, there was nothing. And then we approved the Marriott timeshares and there's two buildings of Marriott timeshares. And now you have the people from the Tiara complaining because, when they go on their balcony, they can hear B-52. Alright? They do bingo at night and they hear the music and then they started complaining about it. Alright? And then on the other side of them, you have Ocean Tree, another residential condominium, and they complain also about the noise. But, the good thing is, by ten o'clock, that noise has to go down to a lower level where, when they shut their patio doors, more or less they can't hear it. A couple of weeks ago we approved a new condominium between the Hilton Hotel and the Marriott Resort. And I can tell you, I live right across the street from the Hilton Hotel and, you know, I've shared this with a lot of people. There are people here who have been at my house, on the weekends. I can sit in the backyard. I don't have to bring music out because I hear the music across the street. Sometimes, if there's a wedding going on, they have a band or a DJ and, if not, I hear the steel drums. And it's great, for me. Alright? But, again, I know by ten o'clock, I'm not gonna hear it anymore unless the wind is blowing a certain way and, you know, that wind is bringing that music over. The City of Riviera Beach allowed residential to be mixed in with commercial. And, what we have on our books right now, I think helps both parties. The condos know by ten o'clock, the decibel level is going to be decreased and the businesses should know that they can have their entertainment outside at a certain decibel until ten o'clock and after that, if they have a permit, the music.., they can continue the music but it has to be much lower or they can bring the music inside. And, you had mentioned Two Drunken Goats and, if you recall, when they built Two Drunken Goats, they built a little platform in the corner of the restaurant which they said would be used for entertainment. Once the Ocean Mall changed hands, all of a sudden the businesses over there started putting tables up in the public walkway and they started having entertainment in the public walkway. And there's been an issue with the permits. Some of the permi'.., they didn't have permits for some of these, you know, bands. As you can see, if you read the backup...

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...Staff.., alright, we had the Police Chief, the Assistant Police Chief, Mr. Rozier. What are you now? A captain?

**MAJOR ROZIER:** Major.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Major? Okay, Major. Ms. Jones was there, Mr. Jones and we met with the Board of Directors of the Ritz Carlton and we had a very long meeting with them and they were concerned about the noise. The higher up you go in the

building, the more you can hear the noise. And what they were saying, it was to the point that they went out and they hired someone to use the decibel meter...

**UNK:** Measurement.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. And they measured, I think it was seventy-five decibels.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Seventy-four.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Seventy-four. Okay? Which is, you know...

[Background discussion]

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...it's not...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. And, and...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. It was above what we allow. And they all agree that they knew when they were buying into the Ritz Carlton, which we all know is the, you know, that building out of every property in the City of Riviera Beach, the Ritz Carlton brings in the most money. The CRA is getting the majority of their tiff, right now, off of the Ritz Carlton. Okay. You go look at the tax bills, they vary from, I think the cheapest tax bill is \$24,000 and it goes up to..., you have people paying \$101,000 a year, in taxes. But that's besides the point. They bought into a residential. Alright? Thinking that they were going to have all of the amenities and all of the rights that other residential communities would have, in the City. They were aware that they were buying in next to the Ocean Mall but they knew, also, that we had that ordinance on the books. So they knew very rarely would they be, um, would they have to listen to this music at seventy-four decibels, every night. You know, so that's the issue. We talk to them. Right, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Jones and everyone else. We spoke to them about, we are hoping in time we start having music festivals again over at the beach. They didn't have a problem with that. The problem is, during the week, they want to know when it comes, you know, ten o'clock at night and they get ready for bed, they're not gonna hear the boom, boom, boom going...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I, I...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...you know...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...support that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...going through. And, I wouldn't want that either. And I don't think anyone here in this...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I support that...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...City would want that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...Madam Chair. We just need to...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So, we...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ... talk about...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...times and...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...decibel levels. And...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And, right. And I think...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But, my...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...at, you know, if you have it during the week at ten o'clock...

[Background discussions]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...you know, if you keep that in place and maybe on the weekends go to eleven o'clock. Because Two Drunken Goats and the other restaurants over there, you know, by ele'.., eleven or twelve o'clock, they're shut down.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mhmm.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right? They're not open 'til two o'clock. Very rarely...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mhmm. Okay, Madam...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...are they open 'til...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. I, I...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...two o'clock.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...don't support the music...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So, anyway, that's what it is.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...during the week.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** If you allow it for, you know, one, then you're gonna have the Marriott come in and they're going to support it and when you have.., you, you just can't do it.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Madam Chair, I think we're on the same page. I don't support it during the week. From what I understand, they had a band once a month on a Sunday... That's what they asked me for.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** We're not talking about during the week, we're not talking about every night and everybody...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** But this...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Wait, wait...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...issue wasn't even about that band.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Stammer].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It was about music they were having during the week.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. I'm not supporting anything during the week. That's, that's not what I am advocating here. What I am advocating is, on the weekend, in a resort area, people normally like to have entertainment. That's just the environment in which resorts have. We need to be respectful to the residents. It needs to be at a reasonable time. From what I understand, from what I'm told, I think they go up to nine, eight or nine or Sundays. That's what I'm asking for. And, and wait, let me finish.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. I'm sorry.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And, and, and I'm not sure about what the problem was with the permit because I, I didn't, I couldn't, I didn't see anything in the paperwork but whatever it is, um, could, could somebody.., Mr. Rozier, you worked on this? Could you enlighten me, was there a issue with the permit?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mr...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. Let me talk to the permit. Cause generally what Captain Rozier and his people dealt with were reports of the noise...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...loud music and the decibel measurements. Originally, we found out that the establishment was having events without permits.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** So then, it was like, 'You've got to get permits.'

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And, they began to get permits. Wanted to get, in one application, 'I'm gonna do this every third weekend of the month so I want you to permit me for more than one at a time.' And it's like, 'We cannot do that.' If you got an event, you need to come in every month to do that.' And we worked through that with the establishments. Then, it got to the point that.., and it's only when they have the live bands, mainly. Cause what we spoke with them about and what the residents at the Ritz Carlton accepted, is that they understand there's going to be entertainment out there. The decibel levels being exceeded generally only occurred when you had amplified music with a live band. So, if they had somebody out there playing a saxophone, it stayed within that decibel. And what was happening was, that as the police got the calls and when they went out and measured the decibel from the extreme northeast [stammer] quadrants, that's when we found that they were extee'..., exceeding the decibel level.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** So we went over. We told them, 'Look, you've got to turn it down to this.'

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And what happened was, if the management is there, the music is turned down and it stays down. If the management is not there, what happens once they've turned it down, then you're going back cause whoever's there, let's them turn it back up. And so, we've told them, 'You either need to stay within the recommended decibels...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Correct.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...or we cannot continue to give you a permit.'

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Let me say this.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And that's how...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Cause I don't...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...wanna talk all night about it. But the amplified music that you say exceeds the decibel level, that comes with live bands. So, my, my point is that we need to establish a reasonable level that is not inconsiderate to the residents but would not prevent them from having a live band. So, somewhere in the middle we need to compromise. Not late at night, not during the week but they need to be.., I, I think it's only fair to allow them to have a live band. And if our levels are so low that it doesn't prevent amplified music, that mean they can't have live bands. So, so and, and if it's during a reasonable time and, and it don't even have to be at seventy-four. Not, not at that level. It can be lower, sixty-five. It's sixty now, sixty-five. I think that might be, yeah, but it needs to be as little higher so live bands won't be.., not permitted. Because that's just part of living in a resort area.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well, okay. But, again, just be, you know, you need to be considerate to the residents also. Because, again, you have...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair, that's what I just said...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. I know.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...we're gonna do.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I know. But, and, and you know what, I had this discussion with Mary McKinney and when we approved the Blue, I had asked, you know, prior to it coming to Council, to put something in there so, um, a, a little sentence in there requiring the owner of the Blue, when he goes out trying to get people to buy it, they are aware that they are buying into a resort district.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mhmm.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay? Because I don't want it, as the District person, I don't wanna hear them, you know, calling me at, you know, five o'clock on a Saturday saying, 'I can sit on my balcony because I have music coming from the Ritz,' you know, 'From the Marriott and I have, you know, Mariachi band over at the Hilton Hotel.' Well, that's all part of being in...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** A resort area.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...a resort area. But, again, I think, you know, after ten o'clock, you'd...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I agree with you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** During the week, during the week, I think you really need to, especially, respect the people because...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm not even supporting...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...you know, contrary to...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...it during the week, Ms. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...what people think...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** You keep saying during the week.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...the majority of the people... I know, Mr. Guyton, but...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...you know, a lot of people think that the, you know, people on the, the majority of the people on Singer Island don't work which isn't...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Chuckle].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You know, it's a falsehood, as we all know. You know, those people are getting up early in the morning to go to work to pay those big tax bills. So, we need to be considerate of them during the week. If you wanna raise it a little on the weekends...

**UNK:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...on Friday and Saturday..., a little.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** A little.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I have no problem with it.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** But, again, there needs to be a cutoff time.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Absolutely. And, I'm willing.., what you want? Nine o'clock?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** On the weekends, I'm fine with ten.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay, ten.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** But...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And raise it a little bit to sixty-five.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. But, but, well right...

[Chuckles] [Inaudible background comment]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You're gonna have to change the ordinance. But, I would say during the week, I think we need to keep it like it is during the week.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh, during the week...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You need to...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...I'm, I'm okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...respect the people...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm, I'm not trying to...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...getting up in the morning.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...change during the week.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Alright. Yes?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Do you and Mr. Guyton wonder.., do ya'll mind if the rest of us get in on this discussion a little bit?

[Laughter]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. Absolutely. He brought it up and...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No. I'm just wondering, you know...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...as, you know...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Cause I just...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...as the District person, I wanted...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It's your District.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm trying...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...to listen but...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Again...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...I'm..., what I'm trying...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...to find out...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I just wanted to get it out. So, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I get it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes. Please give us your comments, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, what I'm trying to figure out is, what exactly are we trying to do with this?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** We're, we're trying to get the decibel level...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Slightly higher on the weekend.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...at a point where, on the weekends, they can have live bands.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Again, with...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Because right now...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** the permits.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...the amplifier makes it exceed the existing decibel level. So, right now, it's at sixty...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...and that's too...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, are they.., or whoever the they is on this...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** It's Two Drunken Goats.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So it's Two Drunken Goats.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh, what's the name of the band that normally comes? Mayor, you...?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Memory Lane.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Memory Lane. Cause the Mayor knows.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, Mem'...

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Motown.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Even Memory Lane was out of there by nine o'clock. I think this has, this is more about other bands.

[Chatter]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It wasn't about Memory Lane.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No. Not about.., but, whoever they have the third Sunday.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Memory Lane.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** They have Memory Lane but they shut down at nine o'clock. This isn't about Memory Lane.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And another thing that happens is that they do it three nights in a row. And I can see, and we can think about later hours...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Ma'.., Ma'.., Madam Manager...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...on Friday and Saturday but then we'll look at Sunday as well.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm not supporting that. I'm not supporting during the week. I'm not., so [inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Wait.

[Inaudible background comment]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No. I actually had the floor. You gave it to me and then they took it back.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Sir, let me roll out the red carpet.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I, I appreciate that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You know...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You know, drop petals if you need to. But, listen, my, my issue is, my, my issue is, okay. So, do we., I mean, I didn't even really hear the, the, the backdrop to the situation that we're having. I mean, this has obviously already been investigated from what I understand. Is the problem that they're just not getting the permits or is the problem that they're not maintaining their, their decibel level of performance?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And they're not maintaining [inaudible]...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Maintaining the decibel level...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...and because they were not maintaining it, they didn't get future permits.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, so we've, we've turned down some permits?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Th'., thi'., in this year. Yeah. Up until the first part of the year they were permitted to have one every month.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So, if they., I mean, is there some type of fine that's imposed when you violate our City ordinance?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It's progressive. First of all, we ask you to turn it down.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And so it depends on how many instances you've had that it occurred...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uhuh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And this had occurred exceeding the decibels for more than one event., one month permit. It was...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...for several.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, is there a fine that is imposed when you violate our City ordinance?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I don't know if there is a fine [stammer] cause processing a fine, you've gotta have the...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, let me...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...the system to do that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's what I'm trying to figure out.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Cause you could pay fifty dollars...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So it's an ordinance, let's throw it in...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...and it means nothing to a business to pay...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Might be a citation.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It might be a citation you get.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And then you go through...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That, that's the point that I'm getting at. Have we, have we tried to correct the issue through the process of issuing whatever citation and their remitting some type of a financial commitment to that citation? Have we done that? Have we gone through that process?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I know they've had the citations.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Have they paid the citations?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** But I don't know if there's really a cost.., I don't know what it is.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. If we...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Whatever it is...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...if we have a...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...it needs to be raised.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...citation that doesn't have a cost, then that, that, that defeats the process. Why are printing the paper to, to write a citation?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Cause fifty dollars to a business mean nuthin'. I'll pay your citation and keep my music up. So...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. But at some...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...we might need to increase that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** What I'm trying to figure out is, have they complied with our rules that are in place at this moment?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Not in keeping their mus'.., their noise at the decibel.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So, to me...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Wait, wait, wait. That's..., wait, wait, wait...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Wait, wait, hold on. Wait a'...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Wait, wait, wait. Let...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Never mind.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...Mr. Guyton..., no, no. Mr. Thomas, you finish.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you, Ms. Pardo.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You're welcome.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton. Geez.

[Chuckle]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Um...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I'm gonna have to issue...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** If they have not...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...you a citation.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...if they have not complied with our rules that we have in place at this point, then to me it is a mute point. Ironically, I used the word mute. But yes [chuckle], it's a mute point to me until they comply with the rules that we have in place, I'm not interested in doing anything when you're not complying with what we have in place. You just can't buck our system and then say, 'Okay. Fix whatever issue I'm having.' Comply with the rules that are in place and then we'll work on it if it's causing you some type of adverse action to your, to your business. Now, with all that being said, I thought Memory Band was like a standing thing there, on Sunday's, um, yeah, at you know. With that being said, I don't have an issue with Memory Lane being there on Sunday afternoons or whatever, with that. During the week, you can turn it down at seven or eight o'clock, as far as I'm concerned. People wanna get in the bed. You know, so, I mean, during the week, I, I don't mind it being very stringent. But, whatever we're doing and the amount of time that we're taking on this, I get calls all the time about our noise ordin'..., ordinance on, you know, in these areas over here where we're not able to control that as well. So, whatever we're going to enforce, you know, for this particular business, we need to be looking at the, the residents all over the City. And if, if that's what we're going to do, then I just would like to see it blanketly done. So, let me recap. During the week, it can be as stringent as you want it to cause individuals need to get...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...you know, to, to a good night's rest. You know, on the weekend, ten or eleven o'clock is fine with, you know, with me. I just wanna make sure that they're complying, Two Drunken Goats is complying with whatever the rules are prior to us just trying to run out and fix an issue with him. If they've complied and they've done everything that they're supposed to do, then by all means, let's go ahead and, and, and do what we need to do. And then, I would like to know how the decibels work. You know, if we raised 'em more or if we lowered 'em. So I would think that we would probably need to have more of a discussion then making a decision on this tonight. Now, that would just be my thought process but, of course, you know, it's a Board decision. That's all for me.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. Mr. Guyton, did you wanna say something?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I guess to wrap it up, um, Two Drunken Goats has not been issued permits to have any music because the band has amplifiers and those amplifiers exceed what the level is now. So, no matter what we do, if they keep it at the same level, you can't have a live band, or, and have amplifiers because that is gonna exceed the level that we have now.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, live bands have amplifiers.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That's my point exactly.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So, let me...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** But, again, to allow it., allow it during the., you know, on Friday and Saturday nights until, you know...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair, we've agreed.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** We're not talking about the weekdays.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. No...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** We're just talking...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...and I'm just saying...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...about the weekend.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...like, something like, Memory Lane. You know, if they wanna go on Sunday, they can go until nine o'clock...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Ye'..., yeah. But...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...and then it needs to be shut down.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...the amplifiers would make...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...exceed the existing levels.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** At any time, is what you're saying?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** At., yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well, and then, that's fine...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So is the amplifiers...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...as long as it's, like...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...in our ordinance or something?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...at nine o'clock then you shut it down.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We already have a problem with it.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So, I'm sayin' that the level...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So why are we still...

[Inaudible background comments]

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...it is now does not allow live bands. Am I correct...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Do we have an amplifier problem in our ordinance?  
Do we say that we can't have amplifiers in the ordinance?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No. The decibel level...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. It's the decibel level.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...is so low that it would not allow...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Can we change the decibel?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. That's what I'm suggesting now.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Cause we keep saying the same thing...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Cause currently...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I know.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...sixty...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Just a couple of...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...is the decibel level...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And amplifiers...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays and that it, it starts from, like, five 'til ten on Friday and Saturdays and from about four to nine on Sundays.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, what is the, what is the decibel for the amplifiers?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Inaudible].

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Oh, they can vary depending on how good you have.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Stammer] now, um, I'm not...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well, well...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** [Laughing].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Hold on a second.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm not suggesting...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** But I think...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...allowing them to turn it up to seventy-four or whatever they were.., I'm just saying the sixty level does not allow any band.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So, what is the decibel for the amplifiers at.., wha'.., what does it start at?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I think we need a test run quite frankly. Because I...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** To be legal is what you're saying?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. Sixty-five, I'm recommending.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Sixty-five. Right.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Sixty-five.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Do, do we know what it is, Major?

**MAJOR ROZIER:** Well, I came prepared to speak on it but...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Come on up.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Come on up. But, now, we're trying to get a level that would allow amplifiers. That, that's what we're trying to get.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Just so [inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** What level would allow amplifiers? Live bands.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** On the weekend.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** On the weekend.

**MAJOR ROZIER:** I can't tell you about the equipment and how much decibel level the equipment lets out. All I can tell ya about is the ordinance that we have on record.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh, yeah. We know about that. But...

**MAJOR ROZIER:** Right. Exactly.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...we're trying to decide on what level.

**MAJOR ROZIER:** So, I can, I can tell you, based on, since I've been involved in it and we had our meeting with the Condo Association and the representative from the Condo Association. What we have done, as a police department, has been to be very proactive in this area and go out and take measurements when we see groups that are currently playing. Since this issue started, Memory Lane hasn't been back. Don't know if it's because of a...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. It's because...

**MAJOR ROZIER:** ...special events permit or whatever issue that's going on with that but they have had, uh, single member..., I'm not gonna say a band, just an entertainer with an amplified system and we've had, we have taken several measurements with that person playing in front of Two Drunken Goats and they've always been in compliance. So, it kinda..., at this point, we've taken enough samples to know that they're good, as far as a one-person entertainer.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So I'm say'..., at the currently level...

**MAJOR ROZIER:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...with the amplified system.

[Inaudible background conversations]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So have we had an opportunity to do any samples with a live band?

**MAJOR ROZIER:** Yeah. When it first started, when this issue first started...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** What was that?

**MAJOR ROZIER:** [Stammer] that's when they had the measurements from Ritz Carlton. They were over and we took one that was, like, seventy-four decibels.

[Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, the live band is going to be...

**MAJOR ROZIER:** Yeah. It is. It, it will.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. The live band will be higher.

**MAJOR ROZIER:** But understand, the, the sound meter we have..., what we do, we first have to calibrate it. We have to put a device over the top of it to show that it's measuring properly, which we..., the officers have been instructed to do and then you put a filter on it to kind of filter out some of the wind and, and other issues that may cause the sound to fluctuate. And then, we take our measurement. Just on a general base level, ground level, uh, with no band playing, that general noise range is anywhere from, like, fifty three to sometimes sixty decibels with no...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Without a band.

**MAJOR ROZIER:** ...band playing. Okay? So, a band, live band, would probably take it over without any kind of problem.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Well, then...

**MAJOR ROZIER:** So, I don't even think sixty-five...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** What about seventy-five, can we do seventy-five?

**MAJOR ROZIER:** But that's when you get the complaints from the Ritz Carlton that it's...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** But if we're only doing it...

**MAJOR ROZIER:** ...too loud. But, it probably would be in the seventy range with the band.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. But if it's at a reasonable time.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yeah. It, no..., go ahead. That's, that's what I'm saying. If we're only doing it around that..., and cuttin' off at nine on Sundays and doing it on Friday and Saturday 'til ten or whatever time you set, wha'..., what's the problem with that? Are the residents gonna complain about that, Ms. Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I would believe that if it's three days a week, every weekend, they'll definitely...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** But, do they perform three days a week or just on Sunday?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Alright. But, again, we need to make sure or maybe, you know, not issue a permit for every weekend.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Because, yeah. The people are gonna get sick of that quick.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** But, is that what's currently happening?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right now it's one day a week. Uh, one day a month.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** One day a month, right?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** One day a month.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** One day a month.

**UNK:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So, we can tell them, one day a month we will...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. But, how, how do you limit somebody from getting a permit? I mean...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Just don't give it to 'em.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But wait a minute. Hold on. You can't just do...

[Inaudible chatter].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Wait a minute. But you just cannot do that. Unless you're gonna adopt some type of overlay area or something, you can't just tell somebody, 'Okay. Two Drunken Goats want a permit on Friday. Uh, Johnny

Longboats want one on, you know, on Saturday, I mean, you ju'..., we can't just sit here and just throw out these type of things when it's going to effect, whatever we do needs to be effected citywide unless we come up with some type of overlay area or whatever you want to do to say that this impacts this particular area at this time only. Other than that, I just can't see just saying we're just gonna deny you a permit. You know, just because we feel...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...like denying you a permit.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Alright. Then what I would suggest. If we are looking out for the entire City, I would keep our ordinance like it is.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But that, that prevents live bands, Ms. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And, and...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Then we just tell them they need to turn it down a little.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Well...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And make sure, at nine o'clock, that's the end of it.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. So...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Because if not...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I know but...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...then we're gonna have this problem.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But, if we keep it at the same level, what we're discussing is, it doesn't allow for live bands.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Illegal, yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That, that's the problem.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So can I suggest that we just do some more research on this versus [inaudible].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** How about...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** We [inaudible].

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Have Staff...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. It's no way in the world we gonna., and I am not voting to extend the meeting tonight.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It would, it, it., we're not gonna get this done tonight. So, you know, why don't we do a little bit more research and see where the decibel levels are, do some more testing.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** What kind of research? What, what are they gonna do?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Do some more testing. Other than that, I'm gonna be inclined to say keep it how it is. That would be me because I don't wanna...

[Inaudible background comments]

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Well, I mean, if that's the way you all wanna vote...

[Inaudible]

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Well, I mean, that's your position.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But we're just saying...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...we don't have live bands.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** How would they be., Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** How are they gonna test if we aren't allowing...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** If we're not allowing them...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** ...them to get a permit?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...to play? How they gonna test? A live band, if we don't allow live bands cause the existing...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Nobody said that we don't allow live bands. What they said is we have a decibel level.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That doesn't allow live bands.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No. That's what you're saying it doesn't allow live bands.

**UNK:** It does allow live bands.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** If I have a live band and we turn it all the way down...  
[Inaudible background comments]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...then that means that it's..., they can still come. Now if you want to have some test cases, then let's do that but...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Well, the Major just said, without any band, it exceeds fifty and almost sixty at the level... Did you just say that, Major?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I heard...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...what the Major said.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's not...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's not what I'm getting at.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** The point is, without music at the level it is now,  
[inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. You just...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Why don't we do this, issue him a permit for..., I'm sure he wants one, you know, this weekend, right? Big weekend.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Well, I don't know if...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Give it to him.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Issue a permit and then have the police go over.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** And test it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And monitor it. But, they need to know...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It's the third weekend in the month.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Whatever.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Well, let them have...  
[Inaudible comments]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And then have the police go over...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** The third weekend.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ... monitor it

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And then...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And then we will...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...do a test on it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. Let's test it and see.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And all I'm just wanna make sure is...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** But, again, they need to...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...that we're not...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** ...shut down at nine o'clock.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** If they have, if they're within their right to get permits that we're not just denying this particular business a permit. I do not wanna see that. You know? Just because, arbitrarily. If it's within the, the, the confines of the law, then fine but I just, that just sounds like that's, you know...

[Inaudible comments]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...some type of litigation waitin' to happen.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Alright. So you'll take care of that?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So, one, one thi'..., third Sunday this month, if they want it. I'm not sure they want...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** If they desire, and are having a band...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And we're gonna monitor...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...we'll be out there to monitor because one of the things we wanna make sure is that, if we don't establish the separate district, as Mr. Thomas referenced, this would mean any outside activity. So, when you start programming Bicentennial Park, when it's done, if you got an amphitheater and you're over at Calloway, so, whatever it is, it's gonna impact every venue where we have live bands. And so, that's why, when..., once we test it, we'll try to see if we can also do locations.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. And again, remember though, with the..., you know, Bicentennial Park is a totally different animal because they're not surrounded by residential.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We need to be flexible.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Whereas, right. Whereas, the Ocean Mall is.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, just quick...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Just a quick question. I fully support Two Drunken Goats and Memory Lane on, on Sunday, once a month. But what about these cars, Major, with these poo, poo, poo. Do we have a, a thing for that?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** There is.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Cause, you know, I'm getting older and I, you know, I...

[Inaudible chatter]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Me too.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Do we have something for that? Just for the public to know.

**MAJOR ROZIER:** Mr. Mayor, there used to be a law on the books that the music could not exceed fifty feet from the vehicle and, unfortunately, that law is no longer active. So, it's really no regulation on that right now.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Well, I'll like to see something about that one day. Regulation or something. Cause we have a lot of elderly people that complain about the cars, being the noise amplified in the cars.

**MAJOR ROZIER:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Later.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We can do it later. Thank you.

#### **COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS**

**12. T.E.A.M. ELAM FOUNDATION - \$500 - COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - TO SUPPORT THE 8TH ANNUAL T.E.A.M. ELAM CHARITY WEEKEND, JUNE 25 - 27, 2015.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. We're gonna move on now. Community Benefits. Item 12. T.E.A.M. Elam Foundation. \$500. Councilman Bruce Guyton.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So move.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a motion?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Chuckle].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You have to be in your [inaudible].

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**13. T.E.A.M. ELAM FOUNDATION - \$500 - COUNCILWOMAN KaSHAMBA L.MILLER - TO SUPPORT THE 8TH ANNUAL T.E.A.M. ELAM CHARITY WEEKEND, JUNE 25 - 27, 2015.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Item 13. T.E.A.M. Elam Foundation. \$500. Councilwoman KaShamba Miller.

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Second.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes. Alright. Thank you. Item 14. Southeast Florida Public Fair Association. \$1,500. Councilman Terence Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Anything by City Manager?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Very quickly, Madam Chair. I would like..., we have been contacted..., the sister cities, as you know, meet every quarter and, at the last meeting that they had, West Palm Beach agreed to host the next meeting. However, we got a call from them and they said they realized it was Riviera Beach's turn and not their turn.

[Chuckles]

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And asked us if we would host the next one. [Chuckles]. And that would either be somewhere by September or October of 2015.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And so, I just wanna know if it's agreeable with Council to host the next sister city meeting.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** No. I'm just playing.  
[Laughter]

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The next thing is, I also need to ask Council to consider a request. As you know, you gave us authorization to go out for the third party management at the marina. We have.., the solicitation has been out, the committee has made their recommendation. However, this is the first time we have ever let a contract of this nature. And, we feel as though it would be beneficial if, for the top two companies, if they came and made a presentation to Council.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** As it relates to that decision. Cause this is not something we've ever done before.

**UNK:** That's fine.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And so, that you all can have some input and ask them, how is it gonna work, I would like to suggest that we have a budget workshop scheduled for the 13th. I would like to have those interviews either from five to six or 5:30 to 6:00 and then that way we can go ahead and then we can proceed with that particular procurement.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I have no problem with that but what I would like, um, please have your committee, the committee that ranked them...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** They'll be present.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. Please have them present. Go ahead, Mr. Davis.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** How many teams were there total?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I wanna say that there was four or five...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...we interviewed and got down to the top two.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And so, those two would be the two that you would be hearing presentations from.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay. I just didn't wanna see..., nevermind.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No. You won't, you won't be having a lot and that's why we can do 'em in an hour. We said they would get twenty minutes, maximum and then you can ask their respective questions. I will let you know, because this was kind of unusual for us and because of questions we've had from the IG in the past, we have already contacted the IG. They have informed us this process is okay if you elect to do that. So, I want you to know, we checked it out first. So, it's okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Why are we just doing the two? Why are we not doing three?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** There was a big span between...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Or all of 'em?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Huge.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** There was a big span between the qualifications of those first two and then the rest of your...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Um, opposors.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It's not just, like, one or two points.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. It's not just one or two points. It's a big span in between the scores.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I just wanna make sure that we're not setting some type of precedent here by doing it for these and not doing it for the rest.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, this is going to be.., and, and I mean, we don't have to do it for everyone but if this is going to be part of the process or could be part of the process, then I just wanna make sure that we're adding that in to whatever RFP's we put out or whatever.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We've only done it twice that I can recall. So, it hasn't been for every solicitation. I'm just suggesting this because it's new and it's never...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I understand.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...come before you...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I understand.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ... before.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I just wanna make sure that we put in there that we have the right to.., in any of 'em, we put out there, we have the right to...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You have the right...

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...hear them before the...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...to do that, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** ...City Council. Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you so much for that. One last thing very quickly. I've got a commercial that we would like to present. We talk about, all the time, having vacancies in our departments but we need to encourage our residents to apply for some positions that we have. So, I'm, I'm going to ask our esteemed detective if he will come up, Detective Elmore and talk to the residents about the kinds of vacancies we have in the police department and opportunities there.

**DETECTIVE ELMORE:** Good evening, Council. My name's...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**DETECTIVE ELMORE:** ...Detective Elmore. I'm the background investigator and recruiter for the police department. I've currently been with the police department here for twenty-seven years. We are currently trying to reach out to our residents here, young adults, young men and women to participate in our hiring process for police officers due to the fact that we're not getting enough participation from the local residents here at this time. And what we're trying to do, as you all say, put the work back into the City and let the people of the City work. So, that's what we are trying to do at this current moment. I'm reaching out to the residents of Riviera Beach and to help us in reference to identifying individuals who may be..., have the love for the City, wanna be part of the City, want to be part of a elite police department who are leading the nation in technology and every other department there may be at this time. I am a proud member of the Riviera Beach Police Department. They gave me my first opportunity and I've been here since I was nineteen years old so I would love to have some of our young men and women come be part of this team that we have this, uh, progressing into the next millennium age. So basically, what we're looking for is non-certified and certified police officers. Basically, for the non-certified police officers, they have to take two tests which called Criminal Justice Ability Test, which would require a eighty percent score on and the physical agility in the allotted time. Those are two fee based type of testing that can be taken down at the Palm Beach State College. So basically, we're just trying to reach out and have the residents reach out and help us to identify those individuals that really wanna come be part of the solution not part of the problem, to enhance their City and enhance their community also. So basically, we're just reaching out. We want, we want that participation from the, our local residents and our local young people because we need it. We're not getting it and I, I see it every day and I, I'm begging for the assistance of the community, organizations that may be out there that can help and, uh, call me. My contact number is area code 561-882-3503. I'm there from 9:00 to 5:00. Sometimes I'm there from 9:00 to 8:00, according to how much work I have going on. So, I just want you all to know that we are trying to reach out and recruit our local residents to become part of the police department whose..., we're moving forward. And, if anyone has any questions, like I said, my contact number's 561-882-3503. Alright? Thank you for your time. I appreciate it.

#### **DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Okay. Ms. Ryan, do you have anything?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I do not.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Do we have any committee reports?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Great. Go ahead, Mr. Davis.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** As you know, I sit on the Growth Management Committee. I'm gonna be real brief because a lot of the issues that we discussed are gonna be very relevant to what's going on in the CRA existing. But the one that we need to talk about is the Enterprise Zone. It's back up for discussion on whether or not the league is gonna continue to support it through the committee. The committee has chose, at this time, not to make it as one of the top priorities but the league will be supporting it. But what the committee is as'.., looking to do is create a task force that will change the program, even change the name from Enterprise Zone to something else where it can change a lot of the criteria and one of the criteria that was discussed in the meeting was the fact that, as you get the tax credit from employees that live within the Enterprise Zone, to expand those boundaries ten miles outside of the Zone because a lot of the Enterprise Zones are in the industrial rural, the industrial areas. And you wanna be able to have a more of a attractive recruitment process so that those businesses can get that, those credit. But the other discussions I will save to the CRA meeting and the CP3's was one of the priorities that did make the list to public-private partnership and how we're gonna move forward with that. And, the other things I will wait and hold off until the CRA meeting. There's something very important they need to hear.

**STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Statements by Mayor and Council. I'm gonna start. Alright, I just have one thing. Well, two things. I'd like the report about, you know, security for the weekend, the holiday weekend. And, the other thing is, the Blue Heron Bridge, just a couple years ago it was repaved and there's potholes.

[Inaudible comment]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Up and down.., right. So, I would think someone should notify...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** FDOT.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** They need to, right. FDOT needs to be aware of it. And they need to come by and do something because now it's, you know, it's eating into our tires. Okay. Alright. That's all I have. Mr. Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** That's enough for me for...

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mr. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, nothing from me.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, it is.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Chuckle]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I almost forgot.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Hey, [inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** My mother just had a birthday.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Oh, happy birthday.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**UNK:** Happy birthday, [inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So, she told me not to tell her age so I won't do that this year but she's one year older than she was last year if you remember.

[Laughter]

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But, happy birthday, mom and her twin brother, James. So I'll tell his age. He's sixty-seven.

[Laughter]

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh, thank you. Happy birthday to Ms. Johnson.

[Inaudible]

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And may you have many more.

[Inaudible comments]

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Just wanna inform the public I'm having quarterly community engagement forum on the 16th of July at Lindsey Davis at 6:00 p.m. There are several issues that will be discussed, along with anything else you wish to discuss. The department heads will be there to discuss whatever you wish. But, there are road improvements being proposed for all of our districts and I will be discussing what will be proposed in District 1 as well as I've asked the City Manager to see if she can have a scaled back version of Cunningham Park to stay within the budget and hopefully we can have some discussion about that as well. The last thing is, some people take when I don't agree with someone or if I'm on an opposing position that I don't like them and we don't get along. That's not me at all. I disagree with most of my colleagues up here. I don't dislike Ms. Miller as some may try to suggest and I think people try to embellish and create a bigger problem than, than what it is. As elected officials, we're gonna have

different positions, we're gonna be passionate but that doesn't mean that I dislike or disrespect or nothing like that. But people try to instigate things like that to make it seem worse than what it is. So, I just want the public to know that I don't dislike my colleagues. We're gonna have different positions, we're gonna be passionate but in, in no way do I try to be or intend to be disrespectful. But I am very blunt, I'm open. Whatever my position is, you're gonna know it. And that's just me and that's probably not gonna change. So, that's all I have, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Mr., I'm sorry, Ms. Miller.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes. I, over the weekend I had an opportunity to visit the restoration expungement that Ms. Hubbard had. She had a lot of, a lot of our Riviera Beach residents but she also had a lot people from West Palm as well. I hope that we are able to do something very similar here in Riviera Beach. We're looking to doing that. Had a few lawyers there volunteering to have their rights restored. So, I think that's certainly something we should do here in Riviera Beach and hopefully we can get together with Ms. Hubbard and do that. Also, I had an opportunity to go to the grand opening of the Solid Waste Authority, their new building that they just built. It was very, very enlightening to go in there and see how they process the trash and just a whole process of it was very interesting. I know we throw our garbage out but don't really think about what happens to it once it's picked up off the street. But that was very.., it was a very nice event that I attended. I also had an opportunity to go to the Florida League of Cities in Orlando and participate on the Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations Policy Committee. We'll be meeting again in the mid-July so I look forward to participating in that as well. And that's pretty much it for me. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair. I'm gonna try to do this within three minutes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yep.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Two minutes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Two minutes and if.., you guys do this to me all the time. If I get an extra minute, please give it to me. Question, we used to have a food truck, Madam Attorney and Madam Manager, the one.., the food truck used to come around to the police department, City Hall and different places that we have, like, the Public Works. Did something happen that we can't have that anymore? Was there a liability issue? Do you remember? It was way before you came, Madam Manager.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** When we tried, since then, if you notice out here in the parking lot on Tuesdays and Thursdays...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We used to have vendors and you didn't get the participation to make it...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Uh, July the 25th, there will gospel fest out in the courtyard. Madam Manager, I wanna do a workshop or town hall meeting on race relations and also one on church security to.., just to make sure that our churches..., I can be briefed as to what they can do to better secure the sanctuary as well as the out perimeter. I had an opportunity to go to Charleston and I, you know, it really did some things to me to see how people came together and I really thought about our Council. And I'm praying and hoping that we all will see the good in every one of us and be able to work better. I look at Dawn Pardo. I see her as an executive and administrator. I see Terence as activ'.., an activist and advocate. I see myself thirty years ago when I see him. Cedrick Thomas, I see him as a negotiator and a mediator and a team captain. I see colleague Bruce Guyton as a warrior and a scientist. Data, document, evidence. And I see KaShamba as an educator and an analyst, with a thousand questions no matter what. And I see myself as an ambassador. And I think we need every one of those perspectives because they're all looking out for the people and we all are trying to do what we think is in the best interest of the people but it takes all of us in our own perspective, in our own way. May God bless Riviera Beach and the best is yet to come.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. And Happy 4th of July everyone.

**UNK:** A safe one.

### ADJOURNMENT

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Safe, safe. Okay. No more business? We are adjourned.

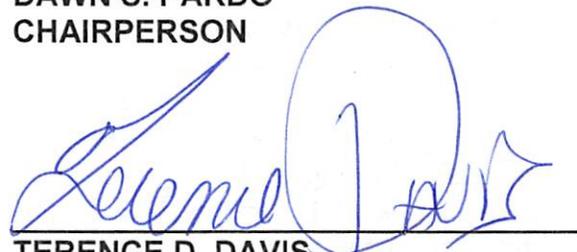
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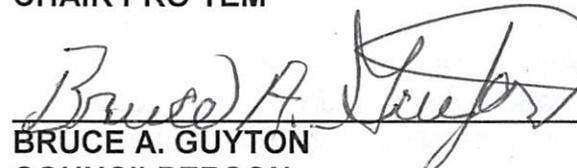
  
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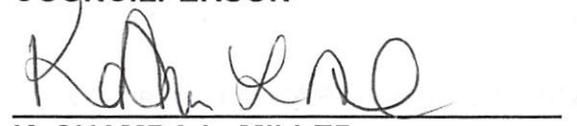
  
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