



**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

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CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR PARDO: Everyone please get seated. We're going to start our meeting.
[Chatter]

CHAIR PARDO: 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?

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PARDO: I said present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Oh, okay. Chair *Pro Tem* Terence Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Bruce Guyton? Councilperson KaShamba Miller?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Present.

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 Pamela Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. We have a quorum. I'd like to invite everyone to stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge led by Attorney Ryan.
[Moment of Silence]

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: 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

CHAIR PARDO: Okay, Ms. Jones, do we have any Additions, Deletions or Substitutions to the Agenda?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, Madam Chair. For consideration tonight, I would like to remove Item No. 5 from Consent.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And I would like to move Item 13 up to Awards and Presentations. It is the presentation from our delegation as it relates to the last session and it's misplaced under Discussions and Deliberations.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Fine. So that'll be Item 7A.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, Madam.

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Do we have any disclosures by Council or by Staff?
[Silence]

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Do we have a motion to adopt the Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: 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?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CHAIR PARDO: Do we have a motion to accept Consent?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes, ma'am?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: I wanna pull No. 7.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. No. 7 will be pulled. Anyone else? [Pause]. Okay. Do we have a motion to accept Consent with Item 7 pulled?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: 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?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. Please let the record reflect that Councilman Bruce Guyton is now on the dais. Okay. Item 7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VMWARE V CLOUD AIR DISASTER RECOVERY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE BY PIGGYBACKING OFF OF TCPN CONTRACT # R150402 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,336.48; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PARDO: Do we have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Ms. Miller, do you have questions? Do you...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Yeah.

CHAIR PARDO: ...would you like a presentation?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Presentation.

CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Do we have presentation on Item 7?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. I'd like to ask Pam Daley, the Interim Director of Purchasing to come up and to give you the background on this solicitation. This solicitation is for disaster recovery. As you know, you never know when there's going to be a storm and so it's a good business practice for continuity to have a place other than your local location where your data is stored and your information so you can continue to conduct business. Ms. Daley?

MS. DALEY: The City performed an RFP...

CHAIR PARDO: Wait. Please state...

MS. DALEY: I'm sorry.

CHAIR PARDO: ...your name for the record.

MS. DALEY: I'm sorry. Pamela Daley. Interim Purchasing Manager. City of Riviera Beach.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

MS. DALEY: Good evening. My apologies. We did not do an RFP. We piggybacked. We attempted to do a piggyback off the State of Florida's contract but the Items needed were not all listed. We confer with the vendor, VmWare, who we currently use and we wanted to stay with their subscription for another contract. The only other one we could find was TCPN. On our previous Resolution, Council approved us to be able to piggyback the cooperative and TCPN is one of the ones that solicited. So, we went ahead and entered into..., well, we're trying to enter into the agreement to use their subscription for the disaster recovery.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay? Ms. Miller.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank you. I just wanted to get the presentation from you all. I did request some information and I did receive that. I

wanted to just be able to put it all together and see how that came into play. And with it being from an out-of-state, it all complies with everything that we need as well?

MS. DALEY: Yes. Our ordinance, as well as the Office of the OG., IG allows us to piggyback any cooperative of government agency. In state or out.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay.

MS. DALEY: There's no limitations.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank you.

MS. DALEY: Okay.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Anything else from Council? 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: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: *Pro Tem* Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Thank you. That's the end of Consent. We will move onto Awards and Presentations. Item 7A. An update on post-legislative session by Senator, State Senator Jeff Clemens, District 27 and State Representative Bobby Powell, District 88. Gentlemen. But, you know what? You're our main man.

UNK: [Chuckle]

CHAIR PARDO: Would you.., do you wanna wait? We have other...

STATE REP. POWELL: If you, if you don't mind, I'll wait.

CHAIR PARDO: Alright. That's fine.

STATE REP. POWELL: Let me think about that real quick.

CHAIR PARDO: Alright. No problem. Thank you.
[Inaudible]

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. We will move on to Item 8.

8. THE RIVIERA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PROUD TO ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL TO HONOR THEIR COURAGE, DARING SKILL, SELF-SACRIFICE AND HEROISM AT INDIAN TRACE APARTMENTS ON JUNE 10, 2015.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening, Chief.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Good evening, Madam Chair. Clarence Williams, Police Chief. At this time, I'd like to present for the citation, Assistant Chief Robert Coppin, Assistant Chief of Operations for our City.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you.

ASST. CHIEF COPPIN: Chief Duren, please come up.

CHAIR PARDO: Chief Coppins, can you just state your name for the record?

ASST. CHIEF COPPIN: Yes. Robert Coppin. Assistant Chief of Police. Riviera Beach Police Department.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

ASST. CHIEF COPPIN: Well, first off, I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for giving me the opportunity to recognize these first responders. Often times, the work these individuals do that goes unnoticed. But tonight, we all know, we're all gonna know how hard they work and how hard they strive to provide outstanding service to the citizens of Riviera Beach. On Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 5:03 p.m., the Riviera Beach Police Department was dispatched to Indian Trace Apartments located on Military Trail. It was in regards to a possible child drowning in a lake located on the property. Police officers, Ozell Prieto, Kenneth Jones and Brian Jackson responded to that location. Upon their arrival, they were directed to the outer edge of the lake. Witnesses were telling them, telling the officers that a child went into the water but did not come back up. Without hesitation, the officers removed their duty gear, entered and

dived under the water, into the lake vigilantly searching for the child. After the third dive, Officer Prieto found the child still under water and pulled the child to the surface. Officer Prieto carried the child to the shore where he and the other officers immediately conducted CPR, which is a cardio pulmonary resuscitation. CPR was continued and then taken over by the Riviera Beach Police., Riviera Beach Fire Department medics where they continued to do CPR until they took the child to the hospital. Unfortunately, the child succumbed to the drowning at the hospital. Heroism is defined as conduct exhibiting courage, daring, skill and self-sacrifice. These first responders should be recognized for the heroism they displayed in this critical incident. Even though the outcome of this incident is not what we desired, these first responders are all heroes to the citizens of Riviera Beach. And right now I'd like to take this time to recognize each first responder individually. From the Police Department, Officer Ozell Prieto, Officer Kenneth Jones and Detective Brian Jackson.

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam, Madam Chair. Can we stand and give these officers a standing ovation, please?

[Standing ovation]

ASST. CHIEF COPPIN: Now, we still have one more group from the Fire Department. Chief Duren.

[Inaudible conversation].

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Alright. We wanna thank our entire first responder team and we asked Chief Duren to join us here because it was a team effort. Riviera Beach is blessed to have the best public safety service providers, I believe, in the nation. And what happened on that day is a testament of that partnership and we wanna take this opportunity to recognize, on behalf of the Police Department, our brothers in the service on the fire side who also responded and did all that they could do to provide quality, safe services to try to save the life of this child. So, Chief, will you join me?

CHIEF DUREN: Absolutely.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: You read the names.

CHIEF DUREN: Okay. Battalion Chief Dwight Hudson.

[Applause]

CHIEF DUREN: Firefighter Paramedic Chris Magnifico.

[Applause]

CHIEF DUREN: Fire Captain Frank Shiola.

[Applause]

CHIEF DUREN: Firefighter Paramedic Brendan Keets.

[Applause]

CHIEF DUREN: Driver Engineer Craig Tomkins.

[Applause]

CHIEF DUREN: Firefighter Paramedic Leich Cottrell.

[Applause]

CHIEF DUREN: Firefighter Paramedic Montes Dioca.

[Applause]

CHIEF DUREN: Fire Captain Harry Freeman.

[Applause]

ASST. CHIEF COPPIN: Gentlemen, on behalf of a grateful Fire Chief and a grateful Police Chief, we commend you for your service above and beyond the call. Thank you so very much for all you do for our community.

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible] stand.

CHAIR PARDO: I'd like to just thank our first responders. All of them. The responders that are present tonight and the ones out there on the roads for putting their life on the line every day for the citizens of Riviera Beach. So, again, thank you all. You are all heroes, each and every one of you. Where is..., alright, we're just gonna move on then. Item 9.

9. PROCLAMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTER PROCLAIMING THE NEXT 9 DAYS, CULMINATING ON JULY 24, 2015 AS DORA LEE KILPATRICK JOHNSON DAYS IN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.

CHAIR PARDO: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I shall call at this time, I say mother, matriarch, Dora Lee Kilpatrick Johnson to come and her family members may also come since this is a momentous, historical time in our City history. If you're gonna film this, film it from the front. I don't want my bald head to show on TV. [Laughter] Come over there. I don't look too good from behind. Better in the front. Thank you. Wow. Although this proclamation is from the Office of the Mayor, it certainly enjoins the entire City Council and their feelings in the spirit of the City Council in goodwill. Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida.

WHEREAS, Dora Lee Kilpatrick Johnson was born on November 29, 1927 to Elizabeth Franklin Kilpatrick in Beulah Court residencies in West Palm Beach, Florida. When Dora, mother Dora, was nine years old, her mother passed away leaving Dora and her two sisters to live with Riviera, with Riviera Beach family members, Abraham and Dorothy Demslar [sp] better known to the girls as Uncle Bubba and Mama Dot; and

WHEREAS, the home in which Dora and her sisters were raised with their aunt and uncle were situated on Old Dixie Highway. In the mid-1960s the two lane highway was the main street that black residents used when traveling through Kelcie Ci'.., Kelcie City in Lake Park in Mangonia Park, those two cities. The entry, which was the entry to West Palm Beach, Dora says they were forbidden cities for blacks; and

WHEREAS, Dora often speaks of the times she spent growing up in Riviera Beach, the City she still proudly calls home today, Dora remembers, Mother Dora remembers when Monroe Heights was formally an all-white neighborhood inside a wall built to separate the whites from the black race. Normally, she said, blacks had to walk, watch and pray when traveling down Old Dixie. Years later, black residents began taking chances and started their own businesses along the two lane highway but many were forced to relocate before their dreams of success could become a reality; and

WHEREAS, Mother Dora recalls one point in time when her oldest sister, Rosa, and two other women came home in tears saying on their way from work, walking along Old Dixie, a white man on a motorcycle ran them over, pushed them down and tore their clothes. According to the now eighty-seven year old, Mother Dora says nothing was done to the man and the woman, and the women never spoke about the incident again; and

WHEREAS, there's one more memory about Old Dixie Highway that lingers vividly in Dora Johnson's mind. She witnessed the City's first cross burning there. She witnessed, witnessed the City's first cross burning on Old Dixie Highway and says the image has traumatized her all these years. When asked to sign the Petition proposing a name change for, for, for her hometown highway from Old Dixie to Barack Obama Boulevard, Dora's face lit up like the flame she still associates with the street and said, "If that happens, that makes me happy."

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Thomas A. Masters, the Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida., the elected Mayor of this City, by the power vested in me by the residents of Riviera, Riviera Beach, I do hereby proclaim the next days culminating at the Gospel Fest on July 24, 2015 as Dora Lee Kilpatrick Johnson Days in the City of Riviera Beach.

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Hopefully, the healing process will now begin, in her mind, for all the hatred, injustice and racial discrimination she witnessed on a street in her own City still named Old Dixie. Let me just say this, Dixie is one thing but Old Dixie, for me and for many others, is the confederate flag in Riviera Beach. Old Dixie takes us to slavery. It takes us to the confederacy. It takes us to the Klanism and all the kinds of racial bigotry that Old Dixie represents. President Barack Obama, at the funder of Reverend Pinkney selected an old hymn of the church called *Amazing Grace*. And Mother Dora, I thought about that song today and I thought about this verse that says, "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed but, for you, through many dangers, toils and snares, you've already come. That grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home." As the Mayor of this City, I cannot right that which was wrong. I cannot un-write history. It is what it is. What I can do is two things. One, I am going to appoint you as the honorary chair of the committee to change Old Dixie Highway to Barack Obama Highway in the City of Riviera Beach. I didn't tell you that but you just got appointed.

[Laughter]

MAYOR MASTERS: Last but not least, I wanna thank some of our Council people. Haven't had a chance to speak to all of them but the majority have already signed the Petition and now we're looking for every commissioner will sign onto this. Mother Dora, I want to present to you two things. One is this proclamation that have proclaimed these next nine days, your days in the City of Riviera Beach. And because you endured, because you went through all of this and because you're still standing strong and when you told me when I met you for the first time at the elementary school in Riviera Beach, when I said to you, 'We're going to do all we can to change this street,' and when I invite the President of the United States to be here when it happens, I want you to be right there when President Obama comes. And I have faith to believe, now don't have a heart attack on me now...

[Laughter]

MAYOR MASTERS: I have faith to believe that the invitation will be given and the President or the First Lady will probably come to make it happen. They took the old confederate flag down in South Carolina. Now it is time for us to take the Old Dixie signs down between 1st Street and Silver Beach Road. Mother Dora Lee Johnson, this is the key to the City of...

MS. JOHNSON: Oh my...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...Riviera Beach. It'll open everything in this City but our banks. You cannot have our money.

[Laughter]

MAYOR MASTERS: At this time, you may come and you witnessed the first cross burning so I think you oughta have the key to the City. You may come and have remarks at this time. Please do.

[Applause]

MS. JOHNSON: I'm so nervous.

[Applause]

MS. JOHNSON: This is something.., hi everybody. Oh God. But this is something I never dreamed would happen.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

MS. JOHNSON: Things happen to us. We have to learn to live with them but you never forget 'em. I wanna thank you all. My family for coming and Pastor, I don't know what to say to you.

[Chuckles]

MS. JOHNSON: God bless, bless you. Oh my God.

MAYOR MASTERS: It's okay. Thank you so much.

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair, you have a standing ovation, for you as well. Shall we stand in honor of this lady for all that she has gone through? You come this far by faith. Thank you. Your good.., your good friend, Dan Calloway, told me to tell you hello. He signed the Petition and said it should've been done a long time ago. Thank you very much.

MS. JOHNSON: Tell Dan thank you. Tell him thank you and I'm glad he was mentioned this time cause the last time we met, it was so many people glad to see me and I couldn't get to say anything and he say, 'If it hadn't been for me and my brother, you wouldn't'a gone to plenty places, and that's the truth.

[Laughter]

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank City Council. Let's make it happen.

[Applause]

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Thank you, Mayor. We're gonna move on 7A. I see that Senator Clemens is here now so we're gonna have an update on post-legislative session by State Senator Jeff Clemens, District 27 and State Representative Bobby Powell, District 88. Good evening, sir. Or I should say gentlemen.

SENATOR CLEMENS: How are you?

CHAIR PARDO: Great to see you.

STATE REP. POWELL: Good evening.

[Inaudible conversations]

STATE REP. POWELL: Good evening. My name is Bobby Powell, Jr., State Representative for Florida House District 88.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

STATE REP. POWELL: And, and it's a.., I'm here with our State Senator, Jeff Clemens. As you know, we just finished a special session. I wanna just thank the City of Riviera Beach. Our lobbyist, Sean Pitman, who is always very, very diligent, he couldn't be with us here today working on a lot of the issues and all the people who came up to Tallahassee this year, uh, City Manager Ruth Jones, Councilman Guyton, I was on the phone with commissioner, Councilman Thomas quite often, which is good. And, Ms. Miller, Councilwoman Miller, it's always good to see you. I've been on the phone with you and Councilman Davis. So it's good to be here with you all as we represent the City of Riviera Beach. I wanna make sure that my Staff, Traddrick McCoy, my legislative aide in my office is here with me, as well as Delano Allen, my district aide, everyone's here. And, well, to just give you a brief overview of the legislative session. Sometimes we go through session and you don't get a chance to really dissect what happens. This year, session was scheduled to be from March 3rd thru May 1st. Unfortunately, right at the end of May, we were able.., we had to cut out just a tad bit early and we ended up going back. The total number of bills passed this year in session, I believe, was two hundred and thirty one bills. About one thousand seven hundred and fifty bills were passed betw'.., I'm sorry, were filed between the House and the Senate and we were able, by the end of session, the special session that is, to pass about two hundred and thirty. What we'll do is we'll talk about some of the Palm Beach County issues and Riviera Beach issues that were important to us here in the legig'.., in, in session, in the legislature. We'll hit on special session. We'll talk a little bit about the budget, the issues that we had in the budget and also what's upcoming because it seems like we'll probably be headed back to Tallahassee real soon. Seems like the first time that I've been a part of this process that we'll be in Tallahassee almost ten months out of the whole year. One of the bigger things that happened this year was the tax cut package. Many of you know that the Governor wanted to cut \$700,000,000 from taxes. This was something that I did support, the \$429,000,000 tax package. Some people did not support it. I was supportive of the

package. There were some things in it., you, you took your good along with the bad. In the communication services area, the tax cut was about, if you round it out, about twenty dollars a year that you'll save on your phone bill and your, your tax., your cable bill. What that ends up being is about \$1.66 a month you'll be able to save. This year, the back-to-school tax holiday goes ten days as opposed to the normal three.

CHAIR PARDO: Wow.

STATE REP. POWELL: The no sales tax on text books is for college students who are enrolled in those classes during that semester. There's a Brownfields tax credit that was implemented as well. And something that is useful for the City of Riviera Beach, for boat repairs, the first sixty thousand dollars is what the taxes are limited to on those boat repairs. I'll let Senator Clemens get in on the, the FHIX, which is the Florida Healthcare Insurance Affordability Exchange which was one of the things that slowed, slowed us up during session. The Senate came up with the FHIX plan and the House, we weren't able to accept that plan which made our budgets not quite match up. And, with the budgets not matching up at the end of session at the May., or, or the beginning of May, right, right at the beginning of May, toward the end of April, we ended up going home so we could come back and fix the budget. And that, with healthcare expansion and, and the abrupt end on that. As you know, in, in, in the legislature, a bill has to pass on both the House and Senate and House Bill 21, which was sponsored by our good representative here in Riviera Beach, Representative Bill Hager, was able to pass in the House but that bill was sponsored by Senator Clemens in the Senate and I'll let him tell you about that bill.

SENATOR CLEMENS: Thank you, Representative. Good evening.

ALL: Good evening.

SENATOR CLEMENS: Good to be here. Thank you so much for having me. This is my sixth time in Riviera Beach this week so I'm enjoying coming back over and over again.

[Chuckles]

SENATOR CLEMENS: I've got, this year it'll be three students at Suncoast High School. So, a couple, couple of them in robotics programs here in the City. They do great work and you all do great work as well. Sober homes, Senate Bill 326, as many of you know, the proliferation of sober homes in South Florida has been in the news and, and really caused a lot of problems in communities for several reasons. Obviously, when you live next door to, what was formally a residence and, and now has become a sober home, it can be a little disconcerting. But also, the., sometimes there people who were running these sober homes who were taking advantage of the, the residents, the recovering, people in recovery there. So, what Senate Bill 326 did is, is basically find a way for us to, at least, find out where these sober homes are, to be able to make sure that the people who are in them and who are running them have background checks

and that they're treating the people properly and give at least a little bit of assurance to neighbors in the neighborhood that they're going to be run without becoming a nuisance. A small step but something that had to be done and had to be done in a very careful way so as not to, to in anyway conflict with the Americans with Disabilities Act or the Fair Housing Act. So, those were some difficulties that we had to deal with in fashioning the legislation. It was a three and a half year process first to get that Bill passed so it's something I'm very proud of.

STATE REP. POWELL: One of the bills that I was able to sponsor this year was the Closing the Gap grant. What that Bill does is, it allow'.., it adds Sickle Cell disease to the list of priority areas that were available for the Closing the Gap grant. This grant was started in 2000 and about \$3,000,000 is appropriated through the budget for this grant. Now, it deals with priority areas like more morbidity and mortality rates of people with cardiovascular disease, infant mortality rates and a number of different things. This year, we added Sickle Cell to that list of priority areas because Sickle Cell is a, is a disease when you talk about racial and ethnic disparities, it disproportionately affects people in, in, in the African American community. As you know, about one out of every five hundred black people, or African Americans, are diagnosed with Sickle Cell and I think the number is like one out of thirty-six hundred Hispanics and it goes on. So, Sickle Cell was added to the list of priorities ar'.., priority areas and, if you look at it, it was very important for the State of Florida because Florida, we have the, when you rank the Florida fou'.., a ranking of forty-four states that was done, Florida was of the highest incidents. Another bill that passed was online voter registration. I voted in favor of that but that was another Senator Clemens bill.

[Chuckles]

SENATOR CLEMENS: I should hire Representative Powell as my PR representative.

[Chuckles]

SENATOR CLEMENS: He does a, a great job. This is another Bill that was my priority legislation this year. As you all probably well know if you follow any of the work I do in Tallahassee, voting rights are very important to me. I am the sponsor of the Bill that restores felons' rights in the State of Florida. We have, a, the, we're one of only three states that does not properly restore felons' rights in the United States after they've paid their debt to society. Unfortunately, that Bill has had a struggle moving forward. But this year we were able to move forward the online voting registration bill. I was able to work with my, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. Many of my Republican friends were able to, to come over, to see the value to making it easier for people to be able to register to vote. Here we are, in the United States of America in 2015, we should not be putting up barriers. We should make it as, as simple as possible. And all this bill really does is allow for us to enter the information in a different way. Instead of filling it out and handing it to some person and not knowing what happens to that card, you fi'.., you fill it out on a computer and it goes directly to the

place that it needs to go. They still do all the same background checks, still do all the same matching. So, I'm very excited about this and we'll become the twenty-fourth state in, in the United States to offer online voting registration as a result of, of the passage of the bill that, that I worked on for a couple years. So.

STATE REP. POWELL: Couple bills that I worked on this year that I've always worked on is the Discrimination Employment Practices. What that is, the Ban the Box Bill. And, a lot of times people come out of situations where they've been incarcerated and they apply for jobs but on the job application it states, 'Have you ever been arrested or have you been convicted of a crime?' And when they check that box, they automatically are, systematically check themselves out of the opportunity for a job. So, we pushed that legislation this year again and, unfortunately, it wasn't heard but, as you have heard me come before you again and again and again and we've talked about the criminal prosecution of juveniles, which is the direct file of children between the ages of fourteen and seventeen, this year that legislation got some traction. It started to move quite a bit in the House and, and, the problem was, it, it had an extremely huge physical, I'm sorry, fiscal [chuckle] attached to it and, therefore, it, it did not make it to the floor of the House but, as you know, we'll continue to push these issues that are very important to our community. Some of the legislation that we worked on this year that was very important to our community, that ended up failing, as you know, last year we talked about it. Senator Clemens and I worked together, very diligently, on Enterprise Zones. Enterprise Zones will, will sunset, or, I'm sorry, they are..., I think they sunsetted the end of this year.

SENATOR CLEMENS: Mhmm.

STATE REP. POWELL: And, because of that, we filed legislation to kind of move Enterprise Zones forward. Legislation was also filed to move them to a local level which would provide funding at the local level to continue Enterprise Zones but not at the same magnitude that they were done before. Unfortunately, with our abrupt end of session, that bill didn't make it to the floor. Gaming, decoupling..., the gaming compact was, was not extended for another year due to our, our quick end of session. De'..., decoupling of dogs also didn't happen. One of the most important things that we have to worry about in our community that we don't talk about a lot is the mental health issues, the Baker Act, the Marchman Act, there was a combination of those things being worked on that didn't see the light of day but that's definitely important to this community and I, I believe I'll be filing legislation next year dealing with mental illness. Constrained agricultural parcels which dealt with parcels, agricultural land that are next to residential, being able to kinda skip the local process and, and take it to the state level without seeing the local process. And the biggest problem with that, with me being a planner, is that at one point the state decided to give the local government home rule. And every once in a while, it seems like every, every year, we decide that we wanna take back parts of that. If we're gonna do it, we don't need to do it piecemeal. I'll let Senator Clemens get in on this and we'll keep it moving.

SENATOR CLEMENS: Thank you. And I just wanted to mention, Representative Powell and I both worked on the Enterprise Zone Bill this year and we both worked on the Ban the Box Bill and we have for several years and we're gonna keep, keep doing that because it's, it's important. You can't expect people to come out of a, an environment like they've been in in prison and not give them an opportunity and expect them to stay on the straight and narrow. You gotta give them opportunities. Otherwise, they're gonna go back to the same behavior that put 'em in that place in the first place. So, if we don't give people chances to, to get a job, chances to become functioning members of society, to vote, then we can't expect anything less than this continuation of this industrial prison mechanism that we seem to have created. So, the, the legislature is, is loath to act on some of these things because they're, they're very difficult issues but, the truth of the matter is, is that there's some things that we really do need to be doing in regards to mental health and, and, and it's a complicated issue and hopefully something that we can treat with some balance. I don't know how far we are along. You got a few more or?

STATE REP. POWELL: [Inaudible].

SENATOR CLEMENS: Okay.

STATE REP. POWELL: [Inaudible].

SENATOR CLEMENS: So, alright. So, we, we have a \$78,000,000,000 budget. It's a lot of money. Right? Because Florida is now the, the third largest state in the, in the union. The largest portion of this budget goes to education and to healthcare in the State of Florida. And special session is when we finally got around to doing the budget. There was just a large disagreement between the Senate and the majority in the House about how we should handle healthcare in the State of Florida and whether or not we should accept three or four billion dollars of our own tax dollars back in order to be able to expand healthcare. And there was just a disagreement about whether or not that should happen. So, we ended up in a special session which cost taxpayers money. I thought it was a bad idea. And, having said that, Representative Powell and myself and, and certainly his Staff and Delano and Traddrick were, were key to making sure that we got good things in the budget that we passed, the Senate and the House passed, uh, for Riviera Beach and for Palm Beach County as a whole. And those included a half million dollars in the, in the budget for, for a project here in Riviera Beach. We had a significant amount of money for a project in, in Lake Worth. We had a significant amount of money for, for projects along the, the lagoon and, and, uh, and out..., specifically, in, in some of our other more economically depressed areas of the glades. And, unfortunately, we were able to work in a bipartisan manner between Republicans and Democrats in the legislature to pass those, but unfortunately, they were vetoed when they got to the Governor's desk. And that serves as a, a big source of disappointment, I know, to all of us in, in the room. That's money that, that the City of Riviera Beach, that its citizens and that the County obviously could of used for good projects.

So, a source of frustration. Having said that, we're gonna go back next year and we're gonna go after it again. If you remember, in 2013 we were able to get some drainage dollars in the budget for Riviera Beach and it was vetoed. And we came back with..., the veto message at the time said it didn't meet the Governor's return on investment goals. We came back with the same project in 2014 and it didn't get vetoed. So, you know, we're gonna try again. We're, we're, we don't go up there for, for, for fun. We go up there to work for Palm Beach County and the City and we're gonna come back and go at it again and, and, and we believe that this project has value to, not only the community, but the state and we'll keep going back and fighting the battle every year until, until we win it. So, that's kinda of the, the quick hit of the, the budget and, and what was specific here to, to, I think, to Riviera Beach in terms of that project. Did you wanna comment on anything before we take any questions about that?

STATE REP. POWELL: No. I will just say this. As you know, Senator Clemens and I, we work dilig'..., diligently on the legislative part and we worked very, very hard this year. A lot of times with no sleep, working on the budget. But, some of the things that we, we also do is, it's important that we make sure our, our youth here are exposed to what happens in, in the legislature. Every year, we do a Page & Messenger Program and both Senator Clemens and myself select students from our local communities whether it be Riviera Beach, Lake Worth, Lake Park, Lantana, Boynton..., wherever, wherever they're at from this area to go to Tallahassee and spend a week up there working in the Page & Messenger Program to kind of get familiar with what the, the legislature does and it's also good about, good for civics. But, more importantly, every year, Senator Clemens, and, and with his pet project, his idea and I work with him on it, comes up with the..., there oughta be a law competition. And this year we had some students that we brought up from Palm Beach County, come up and present their bill to both the House, a House committee and a Senate committee and it was a bill that dealt with smoking and regulating smoking but a group of students from here, Palm Beach County, Palm beach Lakes, were able to go to Tallahassee and, I believe we were the only group too have students present a bill this year. So, as we continue to work on the legislative stuff, the community outreach is, is very important and I wanna make sure that people know..., we want your kids to be involved. The Page & Messenger Program is available. You can call my office. You can call Senator Clemens' office. He has Chauncey Graham who will answer the phone and, and work on that program. In my office, Traddrick McCoy will definitely assist you. He's been helpful in making sure that we get students involved in those programs every year. So, we're asking for your help and, and make sure that our, our citizens here, in Riviera Beach, get the best of us when it comes to the legislature in Tallahassee.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Representative Powell and Senator Clemens, thank you all for what you all do in Tallahassee for us. But I've got one question could you help us understand? Recently, the *Palm Beach Post* released an article concerning the

redistricting of the maps. Could you explain a little bit more what's getting ready to happen and how it's gonna impact Riviera Beach?

SENATOR CLEMENS: Sure. So every..., just by way of education, every ten years the legislature's charged with the task of redrawing the legislative and the congressional districts. And that's because population shifts and each one of those districts has to have a similar population. So, in 2010, Florida voters voted on what was called the Fair Districts Amendment, Amendment. Many of you may remember it. That required them to draw these districts without a political purpose. Because frankly, what we do, and I say we..., I, I voted against, but what, what, what they do is, they gerrymander these districts to benefit whatever political party is in power at the time. When the Democrats were in charge of the State of Florida, 60's, 70's, they, they drew districts that benefitted Democrats. And now the other party's in charge and they draw districts that benefits Republicans. Both, whether it's the Democrats or the Republicans, you know, it's not good for Floridians. The districts shouldn't be drawn where we, as elected officials, are picking our voters by drawing a district a certain way..., way, rather than the people picking their elected officials. So, there was a lawsuit and that lawsuit said that, that the legislature did not comport with the Fair Districts Constitutional Amendment and drew these to, uh, to a political advantage. And the court, last year in dealing with the federal case, the congressional districts, said that it was clear that, that that's exactly what had occurred. There is a hearing in September on the Senate Districts, the State Senate Districts. Now, as it relates to the Congressional districts the..., and how it might affect Riviera Beach, truthfully, I, I don't think it will very much. And the reason is that there are protections for minority access seats. The courts have held that is important that we have diversity in our, in our legislature and our congress and that these..., that the seats that are created make, make sure and ensure that we have minority access. Those need to be protected. So, the seat that is currently held by Representative Hastings in Washington, D.C. was not one of the ones that was named. That's not to say that there couldn't be some shenanigans and people trying to change that up but I will tell you, I personally fight to make sure that there're continued minority access seats. I think they're vital to the, to the, the foundation of our democracy. They did, however, say that the districts just to the south, the one that is currently held by Ted Deutsch and Lois Frankel that run north and south along the coast, that those need to be changed and possibly maybe to a more north and south district. So, instead of being divided vertically, maybe divide it horizontally. And, some districts to the north need to be changed as well. So that, those things could impact Representative Hastings' district which is, right now, the one that, that covers Riviera Beach on the congressional side...

CHAIR PARDO: Lois Frankel also covers a bit of us.

SENATOR CLEMENS: I'm sorry. I...

CHAIR PARDO: East, just...

SENATOR CLEMENS: ...apologize.

CHAIR PARDO: Yeah.

SENATOR CLEMENS: She gets...

CHAIR PARDO: East of Broadway.

SENATOR CLEMENS: That's absolutely correct. My, my, my fault.

CHAIR PARDO: Yeah.

SENATOR CLEMENS: I'm not in congress so I don't always remember where all the...

CHAIR PARDO: [Chuckle].

SENATOR CLEMENS: ...all the lines go but thank you for clar'...

CHAIR PARDO: Yeah.

SENATOR CLEMENS: ...clarifying.

CHAIR PARDO: Yeah. No problem.

SENATOR CLEMENS: That's absolutely true. So, so that being the case, if they were to divide those two districts, north and south, Representative Frankel would still.., I'm sure she would.., she's from West Palm so I'm sure she would run for that northern seat. So, I don't think it would impact, you know, now. Like, like, I said, there's always an opportunity for shenanigans but I just think that the court would look very dimly on them changing the seat that is currently by Representative Hastings and, as it relates to Representative Frankel's district, they, they were pretty prescriptive. They said it would make sense to just take those two districts, instead of dividing them vertically, divide them north and south which would, again, mean your representation continues with Representative Frankel. Now, and I don't wanna be sucking up all this time but, but the House districts aren't being challenged right now. The Senate districts are being challenged and I would expect the courts will have the exact same finding. I mean, you can't look at the same evidence and think one thing about the congressional districts and think something else about the senate districts. If you think that the consultants conspired to do something overtly political with one, they did it with the other. So, I would imagine that there will be a redrawing of the senate districts and how those'll affect, you know, us, I, I can't really say. That's a toss-up, my friend and, and, and, you know, I could, I could give you forty different ways that...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Chuckle].

SENATOR CLEMENS: ...they could be drawn. But, my guess is Palm Beach County will likely still have three to four senators and, you know, right now, the county's

represented in the very north tip by Senator Negron and then Senator Abruzzo, Senator Sachs and, and myself. And I wouldn't, I wouldn't think it would change the number of senators we have. I just, I think the boundaries will probably change. To what extent? Your guess is as good as mine.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

SENATOR CLEMENS: Yeah.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay? Alright. Well, with that, thank you very much. I know you guys work very, very hard. We truly appreciate it. And, yeah, go right ahead, Senator.

SENATOR CLEMENS: Thank you. And I, I apologize. I, I, I know Bobby's got the thank you message up here but for.., I think the, the Council is probably aware and I know most of the community is probably aware as well, but, uh, Edward Daniel Davis was, uh, was inducted in the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame this year and I couldn't make the ceremony but I wanted to bring this proclamation from the, the Florida senate because, you know, I know that's a, that's an important thing for, for, you know Riviera Beach and, and for, you know, Council Member Davis' family. So, I'm not gonna read the whole thing cause we know how long proclamations can be but I just think that's a fantastic thing that someone on the Council here has a, a family member that's been in'.., inducted into the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame and I just wanted to take a, a moment just to, to hand this to Council Member Davis.

[Applause]

CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Okay. Again, gentlemen, thank you and we'll be seeing you soon.

SENATOR CLEMENS: Yes. Soon as [inaudible]. We should...

CHAIR PARDO: So, the first delegation meeting is in September?

SENATOR CLEMENS: That's correct. You...

CHAIR PARDO: And it's going to be in the north end, right? Because of...

SENATOR CLEMENS: Absolutely.

CHAIR PARDO: Yeah.

SENATOR CLEMENS: We'll inform you about...

CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible].

SENATOR CLEMENS: ...all those things. The legislative session this year is January and February. Not March and April. So...

CHAIR PARDO: Correct.

SENATOR CLEMENS: ...we're gonna be working quickly with, with Ruth and everybody else to make sure that all the priorities are taken care of quickly.

CHAIR PARDO: Perfect. Okay. Thank you again. Thank you. Okay. We're going to move on to our Regular Agenda.

REGULAR

RESOLUTION NO. 10. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SETTING THE MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AT A RATE OF 8.9520 MILLS AND SETTING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M. FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PARDO: Do we have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Okay. So, you wanna do the presentation but, again, please emphasize, even though we're setting it at this rate, we are going.., well, most likely, going lower.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Go ahead.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, Madam Chair. And, what you have before you is a Resolutio'.., a Resolution that is required by Florida statutes for you to set the maximum millage rate, and we say the maximum and just like you said, we could always do less we just cannot exceed this number. And we have heard Council in their directives and we will be bringing a budget with a reduction in the millage as directed by Council on Monday in our budget workshop. Also, we have to set our first public hearing. The way the order falls is that there's sixty-five days after the issuance of your budget when you start having your public hearings as well as the municipality public hearings come after the county's first one and the school board's first one. And they have set theirs. So that means that our first public hearing cannot be on the Wednesday, which would be our typical night for a public hearing. The earliest that we can do that is September the 8th and then the second one would be on September 21st.

And so, I just wanted to make you aware that the public hearings for the budget, they're not on the regular days so we will be needing to move our meetings to those days so that we can act and you can vote appropriately as it relates to that. If you have any other questions, Mr. Sherman, as well as, I believe, Ms. Hoskins are here.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And they can answer any questions. Is there anything else you wanna add...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...Mr. Sherman?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I just, I, I think you just misspoke. You said the 8th. It's actually September 3rd. Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The 3rd.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Anything from Council? 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.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: *Pro Tem* Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. Item 11.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. TO PROVIDE BANKING AND DEPOSITORY SERVICES FOR THE CITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 2015 UNTIL JULY 31, 2018 WITH UP TO TWO ANNUAL RENEWALS AT THE CITY'S OPTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO EXECUTE ALL BANKING DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISION OF BANKING AND DEPOSITORY SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE ADDITIONAL SERVICES AS THE CITY MANAGER MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY AT REASONABLE COSTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PARDO: Is there a motion? [Pause]. Is there a motion? [Pause]. Item 11. Do we have a motion? [Pause]. No motion?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No? Okay.

CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Then...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PARDO: You're not gonna be getting paychecks.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We don't have a bank. [Inaudible].

CHAIR PARDO: There's no bank.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. But why don't we have a bank?

CHAIR PARDO: Um, can you give me a motion and a second? Then we can...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Nah. I don't wanna put it on the floor. I'm very bothered that this is coming to us in this manner.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIR PARDO: Ms. Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: If you will recall, in April.., well, last year when we were talking about the budget and we were talking about banking, we informed you that BB&T had informed us that they would not be exte'.., doing a renewal of the contract which meant, in order for us to have banking services, we had to go on the street with an RFP. They did give us service for this last year which meant they had four years within their contract. But that contract is due to expire and so, in order for us to continue

business and having a bank, went out on the street for an RFP and banks responded and we can give you an summary of the scores and how we came to the recommendation of the bank that we have in front of you. But it wasn't.., we didn't end the contract. They did.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, I just wanna make sure that this is.., it's not all the information and I'm.., that I've been receiving but, I mean, if you.., we can take a presentation without putting a motion on the floor but if you just want us to put a motion on the floor, I'll put it on there but I'mma tell you right now, you know, I'm really not happy with the way this is going down and the misinformation that we.., we're getting. So, I'm...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Sir, if you could tell me what information you've been getting and we can see if...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...we can [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I, I just wanna make sure that BB&T gave us that information because it's been represented to me that they didn't and I, I was told.., and this is just by hearsay, that they actually submitted to the, you know, the RFP. I don't even remember when this went out. Why we chose Wells Fargo, I don't know. I'm, I'm sorry.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And we can present the scores and how we ranked.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: How, how long was this held though?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Hold on. Do you wanna just do, like, a motion to discuss the Item and that way you're not making a motion to approve but you have some kind of motion on the floor to discuss? Because...

CHAIR PARDO: Then we can have a discussion on it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You really should have a, a motion of some sort.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, I'm...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Not even to discuss...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Somebody can do it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Because I really, I, I'm not sure why it's coming this way. I'm not sure of why it's coming this way.

CITY MANAGER JONES: This way being in an RFP?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I don't remember discussing this at all. I just heard through the street, like, we normally get most of our information.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That we were changing banks for some par'..., particular reason. I know you say we did it but it was a long time before...

CITY MANAGER JONES: It was...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...it came...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...last year. Yeah. It was last [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So, why did we wait that long?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, once you get the process., and we can, we can talk about how long it takes to, to get these done and how long you give people to respond. Our...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'll...

CITY MANAGER JONES: We were just...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...I'll put a motion...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...trying to come back...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...on the floor to di'..., to discuss it but it's a good chance that I'm gonna withdraw that motion but I'll, I'll move that we, we, we entertain it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I second, just for discussion.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Fine. Who wants to make the presentation?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Probably nobody.

CHAIR PARDO: Um...

CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PARDO: ...and we have a public comment card. Alright. We have a public comment card so let's take that first. From BB&T. Dwight McKee and Tari Finney.

MR. MCKEE: Hello. Hi. Thank you for having us.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

MR. MCKEE: My name's Dwight McKee. I'm with Branch Bank & Trust Company, better known as BB&T and I'm the treasury management officer and we are your financial institution at this time. We've been working with you all for the past four years as your banking institution and we've had a great relationship with you. We would like to continue our relationship with you. We participated in the RFP that came out a few months ago and, um, we, uh, we think we've had a great relationship with, with, with Randy and Karen and the financial team. And, uh, just wanted to let you know that we're, we're very happy and wanna continue with that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Let me ask you a question, sir and ma'am. Did you all tell us that you no longer wanted to, to service our account?

MR. MCKEE: Um, no, sir. We, uh, the, um, initial contract that we had came up last year, it was a three year contract and what we did was we elected to continue the banking services. We just switched the, switched it from the contract pricing to the standard pricing until we were gonna renegotiate possibly a new agreement.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Let me make sure I understand this correctly. You switched from contract prices to standard pricing.

MR. MCKEE: Standard pricing.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, my first question is gonna be, is standard pricing more than the contract price?

MR. MCKEE: Standard pricing, yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And you were going to do that without negotiating with us first?

MR. MCKEE: Well, we, we presented that..., the..., we presented the new pricing contract to, um, the finance, uh, the financial team.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So, you presented higher terms basically?

MR. MCKEE: We presented...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

MR. MCKEE: ...new pricing terms, yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. But you just said they were...

MR. MCKEE: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...they were higher. And, for some reason, the financial team didn't think that that was good so they decided to go off RFP?

MR. MCKEE: I, I, I guess.

MS. FINNEY: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. But you...

MR. MCKEE: In, in 2014 the, um, the, there was an RFP that was issued and, um, uh, from what I understand, there was not a strong response and...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Did you respond to that?

MR. MCKEE: We did respond to it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And, then it went out for another RFP?

MR. MCKEE: Yeah. Well, we...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: [Inaudible].

MR. MCKEE: ...we responded. Yeah.

MS. FINNEY: Wait. In 2014, what happened...

MR. MCKEE: Introduce yourself.

MS. FINNEY: ...we didn't do...

CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible].

MS. FINNEY: Oh, I'm sorry. My name is Tari Finney. Market leader for the Riviera Beach Branch for Branch Banking & Trust. What happened in 2014, we did an annual renewal of their contract so we didn't not do a Request for Proposal. And, it was for the best interest of the City and for the bank because didn't know what changes for

public funds for 2014 that was gonna come out. So, when they put it out.., Randy even reached out to us and say, 'Why no banks responded?' So, no banks cast they net. Wells Fargo, Bank United and et cetera. Nobody did. So, then they came back in 2014.., '15 and we did put a request out...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Let me ask you this que'... Mr. Sherman, first of all, is what Ms. Finney sayin', is that true? We put out an RFP and nobody responded?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: We put out an RFP in July of 2014 and we got one response from TD Bank.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: With only one response, we felt it was necessary to cancel that. I then contacted the banks, every bank in the area and I asked them, 'Why did you not respond?' And took all of their comments into consideration.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uhuh.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: We went back and made some corrections or, you know, adjustments to the, to the documents and then we had it resubmitted and that was, I guess, February.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: February of this year?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Of this year.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And BB&T responded?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: They did respond. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: As did five others. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I got it. But, so we, we, we were going out for the fees to be reduced or what was the reason why we just didn't...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, the issue is, if you're gonna give 'em a, a one year extension under the contract, it has to be under the same terms.

UNK: Right.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And they didn't...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...they didn't want the terms to be the same. And I...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I understand.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...I understand the business decision. So, where we couldn't come to you with a, an extension under the same terms, our only alternative was to issue an RFP. Now, again, they, they've been, you know...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: [Inaudible].

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...there wasn't anything wrong with the relationship that we had but the'.., it was, it came down to the...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I, I get it.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...terms of the agreement.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But, at what point does that come before the Board to say, 'Listen, we wanted to extend an R'.., I mean an extension. We wanted to give them an extension but we couldn't agree on, on the numbers' or whatever, 'And we now want permission to go out because of that reason,' versus leaving us in the dark and not understanding that and not getting the motion to, to go to what you're asking us to do.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, again, as, as soon as we were noticed that, you know, they wanted a fee change.., I wanna say it was May of 2014 that Ms. Jones notified the Council that we needed to go out and issue an RFP. And, and it's, and it's not that, you know, it's the requirement of the Procurement Code, that you have to go out and shop.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I understand that.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But that's May of 2014.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's July of...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...2015. That is a problem for me. You know?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, we had to issue it twice. I mean, that..., and I mean, that's why it's taken so long. We issued it. We made the corrections and then we reissued it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But when you issued it and it came back as one, then that should've come to this Board and say, 'Look, we put out an RFP. For some reason, we didn't get any response. Here we go. This is what we, what we're doing.' Did..., we put out RFP's before. And my issue is, when nobody wanted to loan us money or have...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...a banking relationship with us, BB&T did.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Wells Fargo and none o' these other banks stepped up. They did. They're financing all of our improvements and what I'm trying to figure out is, you have a relationship with a bank who took a chance on our City when nobody else did. Why is it not that we couldn't come and have some type of conversation? Now, I'm not saying if they're trying to gouge us out, I get it. I understand that. We can go through that process but, for me, all I'm saying is why are we changing banks from a bank..., unless we have a problem with them, unless...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...the fees are so astronomical, the communication should have been with this Board to say, 'This is what we kind of,' you know, 'Are lookin' at. Your professionals are saying this is what we need to do,' and then let us say, 'Okay, professionals. Fine.' Other than that, I'm offended that somebody's who's been there with us, who's, who's loaned us millions and millions of dollars

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COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I have a question for BB&T. Yes. Would you come to the mic, please? And I'm not sure why our existing bank didn't even make the, the short list either. But, I'm not sure what the problem wa'..., oh, you know, I have one more question for Mr. Sherman. [Inaudible]. Mr. Sherman, BB&T had some concerns about the rates that they had in the original contract.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Could you tell me if BB&T was losing money on our account?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, like I said, they would have to give you the definitive answer.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But I, but I think with the earnings credit that they were providing us, which was well above market, you know, it, it wasn't probably the fi'.., financial [chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Sherman?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Would you just give me your opinion.

MS. FINNEY: Let...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

MS. FINNEY: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We, we.., wait...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, that's what I mean. They, you know, they, they can give you the better.., my guess is they probably weren't necessarily losing money but I'm not sure they were making money based on the fact of the earnings credit that...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...they were giving us.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Sherman, and you know me by now. Most of the time I ask questions that I already know the...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...answer to.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: You and I had this discussion.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And it was shared with me...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That it probably wasn't profitable for them at the rate it was.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It, it probably wasn't profitable...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: They...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...for them.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...they weren't really...

CHAIR PARDO: The loan.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...in the [inaudible]?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. That's the point. Thank you, Mr. Sherman. Uh, BB&T. Um, I'm not sure exactly what rates Wells Fargo and others submitted to us but should you be considered, which I'm told by the Attorney we can do that if we so choose, would you be willing to make your rates competitive with what we have in front of us? Have you looked at the rates that's been submitted to us?

MS. FINNEY: Yes, we have. And...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

MS. FINNEY: ...we are in a position that we can negotiate on the pricing.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Are you in agreement...

MR. MCKEE: Yes...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...with [inaudible]?

MR. MCKEE: I'm, I'm in agreement with that. We wanna continue the banking relationship with the City.

MS. FINNEY: And let me just say for the record, we're in a different position now that it's 2015, which other banks are too. In 2014, it was the unknown what the regulatory changes that was coming down. So now they not as, as strict as it.., we proposed, projected for it to be in 2015. So, therefore, it put us in a different position now to, um, negotiate pricing. However, we didn't make the short list to even come to the table to present the different pricing which, from my twenty-seven years of banking experience, I've never seen where your current bank not make a short list.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

MS. FINNEY: So.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, and, and that, that too concerns.., but what concerns me is that those that came to the dance with us now, when the dance is getting real hot and the economy is getting better, we kind of separate from them now and I'm not too enthused about that. I don't wanna pay any exorbitant rates. I don't wanna go overboard with my loyalty to those who helped us when we were in need. So, but, it is my position that I would like to see us also negotiate with BB&T to see if we can reach some reasonable agreement and if we can't, we move on to someone else.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Um, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PARDO: Wait. Hold on one second. Yeah. Just one second. So, for Staff, my position is, I wanna make sure that we are getting the best rate regardless of...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

CHAIR PARDO: ...who it is. If you wanna bring BB&T back to the table, I don't care. Wells Fargo, TD Bank, I don't care. I just wanna make sure we get the best rate. Because, at the end of the day, if you favor someone who's coming in with higher rates, you know what's gonna happen. We're all gonna be dragged down to the IG...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Down to the IG's office.

CHAIR PARDO: And, you know, so, please just keep that in mind. But that's how I feel...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I, I...

CHAIR PARDO: ...about it. So...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...I got it. I just...

CHAIR PARDO: Mr... Hold on second. Mr. Thomas was next. Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. I just wanna make sure, do.., since they didn't make the short list, do we have to throw this RFP out and start over?

CHAIR PARDO: Ms. Ryan. I guess it's according to Council, right?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. You don't...

CHAIR PARDO: Our RFP's aren't...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...have to but...

CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But they, they didn't make the short list is what...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...I'm saying.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But I have some concern that that Council has not been given everything on this RFP process. I don't know if you have or not. I'm looking at Staff. Was the Council given all of the scores for...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIR PARDO: Yeah. Right here.

CITY MANAGER JONES: All of it's in the background.

CHAIR PARDO: All in the back.

CITY MANAGER JONES: All of it's there.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: [Inaudible].

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: They don't have, they don't have all six presentations.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But we had [inaudible].

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But they had the, they had the scoring.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: For the three.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, yeah. But BB&T is not on this, is why.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: BB&T did not make the top three.

CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible] to six.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We got scoring for all six.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I don't see BB&T on this list.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's an attachment but that's..., a letter?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, Mr. Sherman, let me ask you this. Can you tell me why our current bank did not make the short list?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, I'm only one of the committee members so I can only speak...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. But you're the...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...for myself.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...Director of Finance and I wanna know...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Um...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...what you think.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I, I think a lot of it had to come down to customer service. They had..., they, they had good, you know, fees. They're, they're fees were actually almost double what Wells fees come in at. But...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Even, even when responding to the RFP?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: In responding to the RFP. But again, I think where they're..., you know, I can only go, again, with what's on the sheet, it was, you know, customer service and, and response and, and errors that keep happening and, you know, and, and trying to, you know...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: What do you mean...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...follow up with...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...errors?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...those, it's...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: What do you mean errors?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. Well, we were getting checks deposited to our account that aren't ours and, you know, and those types of issues. And, and it's, it, it happens more frequently than it should. And...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I get it. But...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...again, that means...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...tho'.., those are...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...[inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...are significant things that we're not privy to.

MS. FINNEY: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If you, you know, if you let us know.., you can't operate inside of a box and then say here, now you all go and do this. When we're saying, 'What for?' If you're saying that the customer service is that bad, if you're saying that it's causing us significant.., and you can show us that that is happening, then okay. We have to entertain that. But just to come and say, 'We're done with a bank that I thought was doing a good job. You know, that I didn't hear any real complaints.., I think with the exception of charging somebody to cash a check that was written on their own bank, I did have a problem with that. I, and I do. I do. And I've told 'em.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I got a problem with that. But...

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...you know, other than.., and, and I hear it, that is part of it. That's part of it. But, it needs to be a totality.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You know? How do we know that Wells Fargo is not gonna charge them to cash a check on their, you know, on their bank? Or whoever, JP...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...Morgan Chase or whoever they are.., I mean...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's what I'm saying. I just don't think that this was the appropriate way to do it, over a year later and then want us to, you know... So, at, at this point, you know, I'm just not comfortable with this whole...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...RFP process. I mean, not if we still are going to do it like this. I'm, I'm not comfortable. But if you're saying that., well, I'm not gonna be forced to make a decision to pick anybody tonight. I'm not. You know, I'm not doing that. I dun' done that enough in my career up here. I'm not being forced to. So, if you're saying that if we don't approve this, we don't have a bank, then I don't...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...even wanna deal with BB&T if they would leave us right now. If they're saying we're not gonna., you know., I got a hard time believing they're gonna say, 'Take however many millions you have in that bank and take it somewhere else,' we gotta have some other...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...you know., it's not like [stammer] the money's gonna go over to Wells Fargo tomorrow...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...if we...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It, it's not.

UNK: [Inaudible].

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And again, when, when BB&T became aware that we needed to issue the RFP, they have been totally gracious and continue to serve us. They did, again, unilaterally, change our earnings credit rate, okay?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: What does that mean?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well again, because we're, we're no longer under contract, they're now giving us less earnings on our, our funds that are in the bank.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Problem.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And, if we have surplus funds, we're getting no earnings on 'em...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Problem.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: So, we keep trying to scrape those dollars out as best we can so we can, you know, get 'em some place where we can earn.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, let me ask this...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But, but again, I'm...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...is this...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: They're not going to...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...is this...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...walk away and give you no...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ... service.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I get it. I get it. At this time, until we can sort this out, is BB&T willing to resume under our contract numbers? The ones that we have, that we had a contract under?

MR. MCKEE: Yes.

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, I mean, if they're willing to do that, then until we can figure this out and maybe they need to come in and present to us later or something..., give everybody a chance to, to talk to us or whatever. Everybody a chance to deal with it cause Wells Fargo, just like everybody else that's watching this meeting gonna know what our concerns are, then give 'em all an opportunity to fight for our business. But, just saying we're just going to remove 'em without the Board knowing or understanding. I mean, you didn't get not one person to say, 'Let's look at this.' That means that everybody has some type of concern about the, the way in [stammer] which we went by in doing it.

CHAIR PARDO: I don't...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's all for me.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: I don't. Uh, [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Mr. Sherman, was there.., what's the reason for it not being an RFQ verse, versus it being an RFP? That was done.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, I mean there were qualifications as part of the selection process. You know, and the banking industry is so regulated. You know, if they're operating as a bank, they meet certain criteria already.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Mhmm.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But there was qualification.., cause again, you're looking at the staff, you're looking at the service that goes along with it. But, you know, ultimately again, it came.., comes down to, you know, the pricing. It came down to location...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Mhmm.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That was one of the, the big issues that really separated the, the top three at the end of the day. Where, where their, you know, location was. But, you know, again, typically wi'.., wi'.., with banking, you wouldn't, you wouldn't go and do a qualification and then turn around and, and do a bid. It, it was all combined in one.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay. And you also mentioned that, um, you did contact the banks when they did not...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: ...put in for it. What were some of the comments that they gave you as to why they didn't...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Um...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: ...put in for it

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: One of the banks commented.., they said, 'Well, we bid the last time and we felt when we walked into our presentation, the decision had already been made to give it to BB&T and why waste our time.'

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Mhmm.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh, I had one tell me that, 'Well, the City's kinda too small,' and, you know, I hadda kinda convince them that it's not what it was in 2011. I had another one that came back and said, 'Well, we've been the bank for the City before, they never paid their bills, so we really don't wanna go through that process.'

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: So, none, none of them said that there was an issue based on what Ms. Finney was saying about the regulations..., them being in a...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Nope. That didn't...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: ...holding pattern...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...that didn't...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: ...not knowing?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That didn't bother the other five banks at all. No.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Sherman... Madam Chair?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You said that the location was settin' banks apart?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: The location of the nearest branch. Cause again, our employee program is, is very important to us.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

UNK: BB&T right around the corner.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But BB&T didn't make the...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No. Well again, they weren't in the top three. So, when we got down to the top three, the location of the bank wa'..., was actually very important.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Is there a JP or SunTrust here?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No, they're not. But again, that, that comes out in the, in the second phase. They, you know, they were all, they were all given their points and BB&T got their points for being in, in location. But I think when it came down to part of the final discussion, you know, and, and one of the..., I remember asking one of the banks, what are our employees going to do during the day? Where do they have to go to cash their checks? Can I get an ATM over at Public Works or can..., you know... And, from my standpoint..., again, I can't speak for the rest of the committee, I didn't think the answer was satisfactory. The, 'Well, it's only three miles away,' wasn't the answer I was looking for.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I understand.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: You know? You know, we don't want our Public Works drivers, you know, going out of town at lunchtime to have to cash a check to, you know... So, it just wasn't the right answer. So, I, I think that played.., at least in my mind, that was par consideration.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, how do you suggest we move from here?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, again, the, the current contract.., okay? Which I realize [chuckle] has not been extended, expires next July anyway.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Next July, meaning...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: July...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...a year from now?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. A year from now. Yes. Yes. Cause we have just wrapped up our fourth year of service with them. Um...

UNK: [Inaudible].

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: So, if you wanna throw this out and we wanna start all over again, we will be back and being ready to, you know, go out for, you know, be ready for next July.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, the fact that.., either you were...

CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...incredibly early on this, which I'm not really used to that happening. I'm, I'm very pleased. I'm very pleased. But, if something was that bad that you felt that you needed to try to change what's in the middle of the stream, you may not necessarily say that right now...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But we need to know that.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If, if that's not the case...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No. The case was.., again, we moved... Ms. Hoskins and I were meeting with them to offer them the one year extension. We were

going to go.., cause this is a lot of work for [chuckle] everybody to, to, to go through this. We were offering them the one year extension and we probably would of offered them the second year extension. But, when you wanna change the fee structure and it's not the same contract, it's like we can't offer an extension under...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. I get it.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...different terms.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. I understand that. Ms. Ryan, let me ask you this question. Can we.., because I know it does cost a lot of money to respond to these things, can we salvage this process some type of way and maybe hear oral presentations or something to try to figure this out or are we, are we.., I don't, I don't wanna.., JP and SunTrust and whoever else is on here, Wells Fargo.., I don't wanna just say, 'Listen, you know, you spent a lot of money to, to respond to this,' but I also wanna make sure that I hear the totality of the circumstances surrounding this before I just, you know, support just throwing it all the way out, cause that may not need to be. Can we pull these banks and just hear oral presentations or what can we do in order to try to salvage this.

[Chatter]

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Did you guys do orals? You did orals?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes. We did do orals.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I can't find the page number. But, yes. You can make a decision that you want to hear oral presentations from all six and you can grant points [pause]. I don't, I, I can't see what the total scores are. But you can...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...do your own analysis. What Staff does is, it makes a recommendation to you but the decision is yours. But it has to be based on the criteria. It's not.., we certainly can take into account that BB&T has been with the City for a number of years but you can't.., that can't be your sole reason for choosing them. So, either you go with the process and actually, you know, live by the, the point system that's here or you throw it out and you kind of give Staff some, um, direction as to what you're looking for. That way, when they're responding, they know what to, to, to really focus on.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: On that note, I have.., Madam Chair [stammer], Councilman Thomas, I have a question.

CHAIR PARDO: Yes. Go ahead, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Sherman...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Were these respondents rated on their involvement in the City of Riviera Beach?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: They were rated on their location. Okay? That wa'..., that was one of the criteria and..., excuse me here [reading]. Experience of the personnel, [inaudible]. We did ask for the CRA documents that, that you were provided tonight.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But I requested those today.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No. I know. No. But, but...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...we, we did ask for them as part of the...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...proposal. So that, that was taken into consideration.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No, no, no, no, no. What I'm trying to figure out...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But no...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Was it...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Specifically, within the boundaries...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Within the boundaries...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...of the City? No.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...of Riviera Beach, how many loans you've given to people in Riviera Beach?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: How many mortgages you provided to people in Riviera Beach? Those type of questions.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No. That was not a specific criteria.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair, I'm, I'm concerned about how we resolve the matter now. How do we...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, if I may.

CHAIR PARDO: Yeah. Go ahead.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It sounds like, just listening to Mr. Guyton, there are some issues that you all would like to be a part of the RFP.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And that's fine. So, if that's the, the pleasure of the Council, I think you should make a motion to, basically, throw out this RFP and give direction to Staff to do a new RFP. And in, in drafting the RFP process, perhaps as a body or individually, Staff should meet with you and take your, you know, some of your suggestions. You know they have to be related to banking, into, into join the RFP and that way, the respondents know what they're, what they need to...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: What's the co'..., what's the cost..., does..., that a bank incur'..., incurs for responding to these RFPs? I mean, you're up so I guess you can...

MR. MCKEE: The, I don't have a specific dollar cost but it just takes, um, uh, a team's time...

CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible].

MR. MCKEE: ...to put the RFP together depending on how complex it is and, and then, uh, package it together and present it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So you don't have a...

MR. MCKEE: It's a da'..., it's, it's a daily part of our, our jobs. We do RFP's all the time so it's a daily...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. MCKEE: ...function.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Alright. Well, I'm good with throwing it out.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: I think we're saying that, if we're gonna throw it out, I want it to be more so just knowing that we kinda discovered some issues going along this process that we were not aware of so it doesn't appear like we're trying to just throw this out to get who we want. I think we all can agree that we are learning some things for the first time tonight. We're also receiving some things for the first time at, at the time of the meeting. So, I think that would be more of a reason to say that we wanna throw it out versus just, you know, saying we not really comfortable with it. I think just knowing that we have come across a lot of information that was withheld or, for whatever reason, not given to us prior to this, would, you know, make me a little more comfortable in knowing that we're not just tossing it out cause we didn't get who we wanted.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I mean, in all honesty, if you wanna go that route, then we need to be looking at what they did., the on'., the ones who responded did in terms of, if they met all of those goals or obligations that we put out, then there'd be no need for a new RFP, if any of these banks met that. I guess my concern is more of the length of the process, what was going on, what was happening and not keeping us abreast of, you know, what was going on with it., wou'., would be my issue. But, if., I don't know what you'll get differently unless you're saying that we're gonna put some specifics in the, the RFP. If we're not gonna put specifics in, then I'm not sure that throwing it out makes much sense.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. I just wanna say something. On May 5th of 2014, okay, so four of us on this dais received this email from Ms. Jones. "The banking services contract with BB&T expires in July, 2014. In February, I offered BB&T a two year extension as provided for in the contract. Though my initial discussions with the bank were encouraging, BB&T has now informed me that they are declining the offer to extend. It seems the bank can no longer offer the same earnings credit of seventy basis points. Therefore, I am recommending to issue an RFP as soon as possible for banking services. I hope to have it out on the street by mid-May." So, you know, I, I just wanna put that in the record. It's not like we were in the dark. You know, we did get an email about this. Now, did the actual RFP come to us? No. But not all RFP's come to us. The, the, you know, having the RFP come to us prior to it going on the street, occasionally it does, when we ask for it. It looks like in this instance, we didn't ask for it. So, you know, I just wanna put that...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It didn't come back to us that...

CHAIR PARDO: I just wanna put it on the record.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...they were going back out a second time.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That didn't come back.

CHAIR PARDO: I just wanna put it on the record.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: What? Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mr. Sherman, this particular account, what would be the value, the financial value of our account for any bank? Total value, estimated?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Their, their pricing, based on the services that we're currently receiving is just over \$8,000 a month.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh, so that's, you know, just shy of \$100,000. Wells Fargo is about \$4,200 a month so it's about half of that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So how much money will go from one bank to another? Total, of our money? What is the total amount cash...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That we deposit?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That we deposit?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Do you know how much we have in.., only about \$3,000,000?

UNK: [Inaudible].

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: How much?

UNK: [Inaudible].

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: There's about \$33,000,000 right now...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...[inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: See, here.., here's my concern. An Item of this great magnitude, significance of our, of our funding, which handles our everyday operation, when that email came through.., I don't remember it. But, this Item is too important to not be on the Agenda for discussion. You get what I'm saying? And I think moving forward, when we have items this important.., any item if you're getting ready to make a drastic change, to bring it on, on an Agenda so we can discuss it further because this could prevent this situation that we're having now. So, just next time, just try to make

sure, whoever's the Chair or get with the City Manager to make this Item.., make sure this Item is on the Agenda for discussion so we're all in the loop as these transactions change. Like you stated before, it went out, you pulled it back in, didn't get enough response. Now you got some more responders. Where we're gonna go from here? This is why we're doing it and we can have our sit-down.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: Go ahead, Mr. Thomas. We need to move on here.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm, I'm not moving fast on this. I'm gonna ask every question...

CHAIR PARDO: No. I'm...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...I wanna ask.

CHAIR PARDO: And that's fine.

[Clapping]

CHAIR PARDO: We're just gonna, you know, the consensus is to have it go back out, right?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's not my consensus...

CHAIR PARDO: Well...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...right now.

CHAIR PARDO: I thought...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I heard Mr...

CHAIR PARDO: ...that's what I heard. So, go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I heard Mr. Sherman...

CHAIR PARDO: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...say...

CHAIR PARDO: Say your piece.

[Technical difficulties from 01:33:15 to]

RESOLUTION NO. 12. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA (THE "CITY"); AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND NEGOTIATED SALE OF THE CITY'S TAXABLE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2015 (THE "SERIES 2015 BONDS"), IN THE INITIAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$60,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE SERIES 2015 PROJECT; DESCRIBING THE SERIES 2015 PROJECT; DETERMINING CERTAIN DETAILS OF THE SERIES 2015 BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE SERIES 2015 BONDS; APPROVING THE FORM OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO EFFECT THE NEGOTIATED SALE OF THE SERIES 2015 BONDS AND SETTING THE PARAMETERS BY WHICH THE MAYOR OR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING AND SALE OF THE SERIES 2015 BONDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT; APPOINTING A PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN DETAILS OF THE BONDS, WHETHER TO FUND A SERIES 2015 RESERVE SUBACCOUNT AND WHETHER TO OBTAIN A BOND INSURANCE POLICY AND/OR RESERVE ACCOUNT CREDIT FACILITY FOR THE SERIES 2015 BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO FOLLOW SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE SERIES 2015 BONDS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER A BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION; AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO DO ALL OTHER THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE SERIES 2015 BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MR. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

MR. LOZMAN: Renegade property at Singer Island. I still don't have an address so I can't read that into the record. I have.., when you look at the backup for the bond issue, it says for three pension plans. I only have problem with the one pension plan that deals with the twenty-two year retroactive pension for Mr. Guyton and the retroactive pension for Ms. Davis that this Board voted on prior to the election of Ms. Miller earlier this year. I've talked to.., well, first of all, the people I've talked to in Singer Island, they don't.., they didn't support the twenty-two year retroactive pension plan for

Mr. Guyton. They didn't think he should've voted on it and they think that there's an issue when you look at compensation in Dade County and other major counties, you have to go through a referendum when you have new forms of compensation. And a twenty-two year retroactive on the pension, that could, could be considered a new form of compensation. It has to be analyzed. But I, obviously these bonds have to be issued for all the legitimate employees who've worked here over the years and for any Councilperson going forward, perhaps, from the February date when that pension plan for the City Council people were, were done. But certainly going backwards twenty-two years, I have a problem with that. Residents of Singer Island have a problem with that and legally, I just haven't had the time to have my legal team look at that. But that's a form of compensation that, I don't think it's allowed. But again, I'm not a pension expert and I'm not, you know, I haven't done the research. I have experts that do that but to let him vote to go back twenty-two years on his pension, there's something wrong with that and, and I would say that any portion of these bonds that deal with paying retroactive pensions whether it's to Mr. Guyton or Ms. Davis, those need to be.., those funds should be held aside until the determination is made on that matter.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Anything form the Board? Yes, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Very quickly. Let me just say that I've been with the County over seventeen years, eighteen years. This pension doesn't impact me. Ms. Ryan, I need your attention. Because one, I didn't request this. I didn't care if I didn't get it. I was told that if anybody goes into it, I'm required to participate. Is that what I was told, Ms. Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes. And, we should probably have the presentation because...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Well, no...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...that issue...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...no. I just want the people...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...to know that this is not some desire that Bruce had to get into another pension. It was brought to me and said that if you're a part of this, you can't.., you don't even have the right to refuse it.

[Beep]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Is, is that what I was told?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So, that just let everybody know that I'm full-time employed, I have a pension. It wouldn't matter to me one way or the other. And let's also put on the record that Mr. Lozman now has an obligation to pay us about.., is it \$28,000 from a case that he lost against us?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Lozman, would you please pay us our money?

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Madam Chair?

MR. LOZMAN: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes, Madam.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Can we have a presentation?

CHAIR PARDO: Yep. Absolutely. I wanted Mr. Guyton to finish. Go ahead, Mr., uh, well, Ms. Jones who's doing the presentation.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. If you will recall, in December of '14, a Resolution was passed authorizing us to go out. I would like to now ask Randy Sherman, the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to talk to you in detail about this Item, what it is to accomplish and how we're requesting to proceed.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Thank you. Again, I, you know, we sent out an informational letter to go along with this Agenda Item. And really what this presentation does, it really just follows along with that letter. But I think it's good to give the presentation so, certainly for the Council's benefit but also for the general public. What we're looking to do is issue pension obligation bonds. And what pension obligation bonds do, is they fund the unfunded liability in your current pension plans. This is the general employees' pension plan, the police pension plan and the fire pension plan. So, that's what the pension obligations bonds will be doing. The plans have liabilities that do not have assets that match up with them and this will fill that gap. A question, you know, arises, you know, why, why do we have this gap? And I know there's a lot of words up there but, in essence, again, what happens is, is over time, depending on how the plan actually performs financially or how pay raises are given or

employees come or go, the assumptions very rarely ever equal actuality and the difference between the two is really what causes the gap.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

[Inaudible chatter]

CHAIR PARDO: Yeah. Go ahead.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yep.

[Inaudible chatter]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: When, when..., point of clarification. First of all, I would like to ask is it..., and I'm, I'm supporting what we're doing but is it uncommon for pension plans to have an unfunded balance?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No. It, it, it's...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...not. Um...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And also, the other point I'd like to make, because I don't want people to think that Riviera Beach is somehow not financially sound. The other thing is that the unfunded balance includes everybody in the plans to include those who may have only been in there one day, which is saying that everybody in the plan, if they're not compensated for, if they wanted to retire today, we..., that unfunded balance, if it's at 100% would be able to [pause] provide for everybody who's in the plan.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So, most plans you would not have everybody exiting at the same time.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That is correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So, we're not in any kind of financial difficulty but this would put us in a better position even though it may not happen that everybody would exit the plan at one time.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And, and I will. I'll clarify that, that...

CHAIR PARDO: Yeah. Also clarify that, you know, this doesn't take care of it. You know, you may have to come back at another time...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That you could be...

CHAIR PARDO: To fund it., right. To fund it again. So this isn't., you know, by going out and doing this, doesn't mean that we have., no longer have any...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

CHAIR PARDO: ...pension problems.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No. It, it takes care of today's liability.

CHAIR PARDO: Today.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Tomorrow, depending on what happens, there could be a new one. But to follow up on, on what Mr. Guyton was saying is, that the plans are not cash strapped. They have cash, they're making their., you know, their, their benefit payments. But there's a liability there and that liability is required by state statute to be paid by the City. So again, what we're trying to do is fund that liability and, and save money in the process. You know, these are, you know, as I said, the City, again, this, this is., you know, I don't wanna throw other communities or states under the bu'., but this is not New Jersey or Illinois. The City is making all of its required payments on an annual basis but, as you can see from 2000, that required payment against the unfunded liability is continuing to grow every year. And again, this is one of the issues to, to try to resolve that. And again, as Ms. Pardo says, this'll take care of that. But tomorrow, you know, you may have a new unfunded liability. What are the current unfunded liabilities of the three plans combined? All three plans? It's \$56,000,000. And you can see on the bottom, the general employees' plan which has the most employees in it, is \$31,000,000. And they also have the, the worst funding ratio. They're actually funded at only, just under sixty-six percent. Police and fire are funded just over eighty percent and both of their unfunded liabilities are in the twelve and a half million dollar range. So combined, it's that \$56,000,000 that we will be funding.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, and, Mr. Sherman. If I may, Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: Go right ahead, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The., and you said it but you kind of glossed over it. The general employees have more employees in their plan which...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...impacts the funding liability.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: So again, the question really is, is why would we, would we even consider this. It's really two reasons. One is pension reform. As you can see, our pension contributions for this current fiscal budget represents sixteen percent of the budget and really what we're trying to do is, is amend the pensions that, you know, future employees will be getting here so we can hopefully reduce that number going forward. The second reason that you would do it is the interest rate savings. When the plans amortize the unfunded liability and they build that into your annual contribution every year. They are amortizing that at seven and a half to seven and three quarter percent. What we're looking to do, is issue the pension obligation bonds and we're more.., numbers that we were looking at last week we were between 4.6% and 5.2% depending on the day and who was running the numbers. So that's really the, the primary reason why you're doing this. You're trying to go from seven and a half percent to closer to five percent on the interest rate. And just to gi'.., you know, simple.., it, it really doesn't necessarily work this simply but really what I wanted to show is, again, you got the seven and a half percent which is what the plan is charging. In this case, just for simplicity in math, I said the pension obligation bonds come in at five and a half percent. So, really what you do is you take that \$56,000,000 that we're funding, you're gonna save two percent interest a year on that. So, your savings will be one point.., you know \$1,000,000 or so. And again, the savings that you're gonna see on this, we're looking at \$26.8 million but that's over thirty years. Okay? Because again, that's how you amortize the, the unfunded. The projected savings by plan, the general employees plan will be saving about \$14.8 million over that thirty years. Police and fire.., again, if you'll recall, you know, their unfunded is right around twelve and a half. They're both in the same amount. So again, there're savings that are, are fairly close. It's just under \$6,000,000 each for the total of \$26.7 million. The question is, how do the bonds work? I think we've, you know, kind of already hit on this but we will issue debt. We will take the proceeds of that debt and we will put it into each of the three plans on a proportional basis. And then, going forward what you have is your pension costs are going to go down because that amortization will be coming out of your pension costs but, in turn, we will have a debt service payment on the, on the bonds. And the difference between the subtraction on one hand and addition on the other, should add roughly \$1,000,000 a year of savings to the budget. A few people have asked me, why are these bonds taxable and not tax exempt bonds? If they're tax exempt bonds, there is an earning restrictions that the IRS puts on the proceeds so we can only earn so much money. If you make the bonds taxable, that earnings restriction goes away and obviously we like to make as much on these bonds as possible. So, you issue them as taxable. Yes, the interest rate is a little bit higher but, again, it gives you more upside on the investments. Are there any concerns? Yeah. There's, there's a couple. One is interest rate risk. You know, there's always the, the risk that the investment returns on the proceeds that you get are less, you know, than the interest

rate that you're paying on the bonds. But again, we think we've mitigated that by the way we've structured the bonds and the fact that we're issuing 'em in, in the absolute lowest environment that, that we ever did see. There's also a financial risk and I, I kind of labeled it as that because really, what we're doing is we're, we're taking a, a soft liability that's almost variable from year to year and we're actually making it a hard liability. But again, talking to the rating agencies, they think it's ratings neutral. They didn't really think that, that, that was a big issue for us. This graph here, again to talk about the interest rate risk.., let's see if I can find the cursor on here. There it is. And, and this was actually put together by PFM for a conference presentation that they had done so the numbers really don't match up to ours. But what they're showing here is, if the plan is supposed to, in this case, earn eight and a half percent, this is your eight and a half percent investment on the, on the funds that are in the plan. And you're issuing pension obligations down here.., and again, in this scenario, five and a half percent, this is your risk area that you don't earn that five and a half percent but anything over the five, that's a positive area. Oop, I'm sorry. That's a positive area and obviously if you're earning more than the plan is expecting to earn, you know, um, you know, that's double positive for ya. So again, the real risk area is, is down here at the bottom. Again, we think that, you know, with the rates that, that we're gonna be getting, we've pretty much, you know, you can never eliminate it but we've done what we can to mitigate that. And just to, to kind of give you, you know, a feeling on how these plans have operated in the past, that's the twenty year average for each plan. You know, so again, if we were at five percent, you know, the general plan typically earns 6.8. The police has been earning an average of six seven and fire's been earning eight five. Again, that doesn't mean that's what they're gonna continue to earn but at least, you know, it lays out, you know, what they're track record is. And finally, we have had our rating agency presentations. Did one yesterday and another one today. These were not necessarily comments that came from them during the discussions but, you know, they do typically release whitepapers and, you know, position papers on, on items. Fitch ratings, um, typically believes the pension obligation bonds, if used in conjunction with a prudent investment strategy, can be a useful tool and asset liability management. Unfunded pension liabilities are a factor in the credit rating. So whether it's bonds or it's actually the unfunded liability, they take that into consideration. I won't necessarily read the rest of that but, again, there coming on the last sentence it says, 'The ability to mention pension costs is a factor in analyzing management.' So again, when they're looking at this, they're looking at management as well as, you know, the financial considerations. Standards & Poor's feels the pension obligation bonds are a strategy for savings. If structured conservatively, the assumptions are reasonable. Again, we had that call today and I didn't get any indication from them that, that was an issue with them. And again, they point out the fact, the positive factor is the ability to sell bonds in a low interest rate environment. So, so that's what we have. That's what we're asking for permission to go and, and sell these bonds. We expect to get the ratings within the week and then we would probably price the last week of July and then hopefully, actually close on the bonds in mid-August. And I'll take any questions.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay? Anything? Nothing? Alright. Great. Alright, thank you, sir. 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?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. Okay. [Inaudible] we're just moving along here.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS

**14 THE VALLEY OF LOVE MINISTRIES, INC. - \$162.50 -
COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - TO SUPPORT THE OUTREACH
MINISTRIES.**

CHAIR PARDO: We do have a public comment card on that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIR PARDO: Hold on a second. We have a public comment card. Fan Lozman.

MR. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Singer Island. I still don't have a property address. You know, it seems every time I come up here I make the same comments and they just don't sink in or I'm told I have the wrong facts, I don't know what I'm talking about. First of all, \$162.50. \$162.50 to the Valley of Love Ministries. I don't have a problem with the Valley of Love Ministries, although some people of the community do because there is supposed to be some type of separation between church and state and I could see people saying, 'Well, you give to one church, why don't we give to a hundred churches in town.' So that maybe a technical issue that appropriate for the taxpayers

individually fund a church without funding all the other churches or are they gonna say they have some kind of equal rule that they all should get \$162.50? I don't know. That's not my concern. My concern is that Bruce Guyton is running for reelection. And he is gonna be making a lot of points with the Valley of Love Ministries by making that donation. That donation should be made in the name of the City. Now, when I went over this last time, I was said, 'Oh I don't know what I'm talking about.' So, I brought the Office of Inspector General report, Case No. 2012-0018 and the OIG looked at the Community Benefits as part of the Waste Management contract. And it said quite clearly that, when they gave the, their investigation of the Community Benefits, they gave it to the State Attorney. The feedback on Page 3 says, 'In order to maintain impartiality and the integrity of a contract award process,' with award of the Waste Management contract, 'It's recommended that the City implement the recommendation of the Palm Beach County grand jury regarding discretionary funds by eliminating requests and/or acceptance of funding similar to community benefits as part of the awarding of the contract.' And then it said, 'The City Council's decision to award the contract to Waste Management will result in additional costs of \$2,199,504.' Okay. So, Waste Management said, it's Waste Management's own representative on Page 2 stated that, 'Waste Management did not like the Community Benefits process. Waste Management would rather make their contribution directly to the charitable organizations in the community but they were not going to allow requests for community benefits to jeopardize the award of the contract.' Okay. So when Ms. Ryan said, you know, it was all 100% legal, that's not true. There's a lot of issues involving this and all in a report that anybody can go on the internet and print out. So, what do we do now that the Community Benefits were brought in, the taxpayers were, you know, basically, defrauded of \$2.1 million. What we should do is, those benefits should be made in the name of the City and not in the name of an individual Councilperson. And every time they come up, I'm gonna make the same comments.

[Beep]

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: Hold on a second. So, Mr. Thomas made a motion. Do we have a second on that motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. Yes, Madam Chair. Just wanna put for the record that this process was here before I got here. I don't know, Mr., Mr. Lozman has this, um, infatuation with me. I don't have the same with him.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: [Chuckle]. That every time my name comes up he's got to try to challenge it. But, let me just say for the record that every Councilperson up here has given to various charities., of course, Mr. Lozman only comments on mine because of my always pointing out that he does not live in our City and he really shouldn't be making all these comments cause they go in one ear and come out the other for me. But, but, in addition to that \$28,000 that Mr. Lozman owes us for losing one of many cases against us., he hasn't been to that mic talking about he won anything in the last year or so. The Department of Environmental Protection v. Renegade Trust. That's what he said his trust is. The State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection finds that Renegade Trust altered mangos without the benefit of a permit in violation of §403.161(1)(b). Based on the violation described above, the Department is seeking \$2,000 in civil penalties. You need to start paying your bills too, Mr. Lozman. \$480 in lost permits and \$250 for costs and expenses the department has incurred investigating this matter, which amounts to a total of \$2,730. That is in addition to the \$28,000 that he also owes the City.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. 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?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. Board Appointments. Item 15.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

15. CITY COUNCIL TO APPOINT OR REAPPOINT A MEMBER TO THE FIRE PENSION BOARD.

CHAIR PARDO: I believe we have Kirk Henderson on there. He has been on there for several years and we all know he's been [inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move for reappointment

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Anyone else? 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?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. Discussion by City Manager.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CITY MANAGER JONES: Nothing this evening. Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you, ma'am. Discussion by City Attorney.

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't have anything except can I just comment on the IG issue?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes, ma'am.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't have it. I'll make sure, I, I need to review it but I think it predated our trip to the Ethics Commission where they found that there was absolutely nothing wrong with our Community Benefits program as long as we., they, they felt more comfortable with the City putting it on the Agenda and approving at a public meeting each time which is what we do. But I'll, I'll, I wanna look at it before I comment on it further but I do believe the IG's comments predated our trip to the Ethics Commission.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Thank you. City Council Committee Reports. [Pause].

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CHAIR PARDO: Statements by the Mayor and Council. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Cahir. Mr. Jones, Danny Jones. I'd like to ask Mr. Jones to come to the mic and give a brief review of the church safety and security public forum that the Manager permitted, permitted us to do [inaudible] put on the other night. And while he's doing that, Walter, if you hear me, please put up the do's and the don'ts for the people who are concerned about church security and safety in Palm Beach County, Riviera Beach. Mr. Jones.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Good evening. Danny Jones. Deputy City Manager.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Good evening. Last Friday, the Mayor hosted a church security forum. I thought the forum was outstanding and very informative. It was well attended by the pastors of Riviera Beach churches as well as pastors from our neighboring churches. The Police Department, Fire Department and members of the clergy were able to talk about security measures that they can., that they will be able to take immediately to better secure and provide a level of comfort for their parishioners. And I think the Mayor set up several different vendors to give examples of surveillance security and some other measures that they can take to, again, secure the parishioners. I think it was an outstanding effort. The Police Department is committed to follow up with those pastors and churches that would like additional information as well as a security., or an'., analysis or survey of their facility. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Also, to clergyman and others who are listening and viewing us now, if you're interested in securing a video surveillance, HD camera, video surveillance for their house of worship, whether it is a Jewish temple or a Muslim mosque or a Christian church, we certainly, we have been able to talk to a business and they're going to provide a small grant to assist the temples, the mosques or the church in the securing of video surveillance system and we're also working on appealing to other businesses in our City and surrounding area. If you would like to partner with the local churches, temples, Jewish temples or Muslim mosque to help them to secure a, this HD camera, surveillance system, we certainly welcome it. I'm going to see which, how much money I have left in my promotion account and I plan to spend every dime that I can in promoting public safety and security as it relates to the houses of, of worship. Doesn't matter whether it's a Jewish temple, a Muslim mosque or a Christian church, it's a public place and we must do all that we can to secure the houses of worship, as well as other..., like we do neighborhood groups, et cetera, et cetera.

I don't know whether you can see the do's and the don'ts but just quickly, these are the security and safety measures that sort of came out of the forum. The do's: install multi-camera video surveillance inside and outside the facility, register the internet provider IP address with local law enforcement for added coordination and patrol, when needed, request law enforcement officers to complete reports and other paperwork on the grounds of the facility to provide a stronger security presence, station members of the church security force outside and inside the facility for greater presence of strength including increasing barriers to church leaders in/around the pulpit area, increase use of walkie-talkie communications between security, uh, between security force members, lock main entry after a certain time, revise plan for collecting tides/offerings including electronic use and mobile apps are recommended as well. This is very important, document all first-time visitors and seat visitors in a designated area, preferably with visible and inconspicuous security members. Apply all security measures at all times, even for small, weekday gatherings. And remember, the incident in South Carolina did not happen on a Sunday morning with a packed house. It happened with maybe ten, fifteen, maybe ten people, whatever, on a Wednesday night in a Bible study and prayer meeting. So, these precautionaries and safety measures should also be applicable for the Wednesday night, or other nights of the week. Gospel Fest is coming to the City Hall, to the courtyard, amphitheater, right here in the middle. We've had tribute to B.B. King, we've had the Juneteenth, now it's the Gospel Fest on June..., on July the 24th. The Hill Top mass choir, the Jimmy Hicks Voices of Integrity, LaNorris McFadden and Proof and several. Event the sensational quartet, the Vocalaires, The Messengers of Truth and others. Eddie Green & Praise Dancers will be performing and it promises to be a great opportunity too for the family. We call it a Family Affair. So, it's a good time for the family to come together and enjoy music and just fellowship and connecting with one another. Also, on this Sunday..., what, what'd that be, July the 9th?

UNK: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: The, don't forget, that at the Two Drunken Goats, I think that starts at what four o'clock? Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I, I, don't remember.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thee o'clock.

MAYOR MASTERS: Three o'clock. Whatever time it starts, please come out and celebrate with the Motown band and hopefully and prayerfully they'll meet the sound requirements but, also, they're gonna be celebrating my birthday which is just a few days later. So, happy birthday to me. Thank you, Council.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: Last but not...

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle] Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just one quick statement. The Petition, I want to thank Senator Jeff Clemens and Representative Bobby Powell for also signing on to help us in this drive to change the street. And that's it. And remember, the best is yet to come. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you very much, Mayor. And, happy birthday.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: And I'm sure my mother will be calling you.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIR PARDO: Her favorite son.

MAYOR MASTERS: And Attorney Ryan's birthday is close too. In August, right? Coming up?

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Um...

MAYOR MASTERS: You're fifty years old?

UNK: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Councilwoman Miller.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: On last Friday and Saturday, I had an opportunity to attend the Racial Equity Institute that was held with the school district. And it was, it was great information that was passed along to..., we had several people in there that were from Riviera Beach and we were just talking about systems that are designed, that have created our issues that we see today. Hopefully, in the future, we're gonna be having follow-up conversations and we'll be thinking about how we can come together as a community and try to improve some of those systems that are in place that have prevented many of our residents to prosper or our educational system to be in the position that many of them are today. Also, on yesterday, I participated in a tour of our business district with Mr. Danny Jones and Troy Perry and Mr. Terrence Bailey. It was, it was a great experience. I had an opportunity to go and meet with a few of the businesses that are doing very well here in the City of Riviera Beach. We, we actually ran out of time and couldn't hit as many as we wanted to. I thought that was a great experience. I know they discussed a lot about how we make it a very palatable experience for our businesses that are coming into Riviera Beach and I think that is wonderful. And I also wanna make sure that we're doing the same thing for our residents whenever they have complaints or any issue, we wanna make that those smaller businesses that are coming into the City are having the same exact experience as well. So, that, that was great, on yesterday, attending that. And, Madam Manager, I just had a couple follow up questions from..., I know I men'..., mentioned this maybe a few meetings ago regarding the Parks & Recs with the parent vouchers, the summer camp vouchers. I was trying to see if maybe give me an update on that as to why the parents were not informed and also there was several emails that we received from a parent regarding the swim program. And I know you did reply back to me to say that the internal auditor was looking into that. I did have a little question as to why was the internal auditor brought into that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, that's just why he's hired. He's to look into any issues so they won't go outside.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Internally...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: You have [inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER JONES: He can investigate anything. It's, it's not always a financial audit. It could be any issue that he would be looking at.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay. So, do you have any updates on either one of those at this time?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We have looked at both of those issues. I will have to go back and get the document cause we did provide the update. [Inaudible] think about it,

let me look right here. [Pause]. For the inquiry as it relates to the Early Learning Coalition...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That response was received. We forwarded an email that kind of talked about what Ms. Franks' response was as it relates to that. There is an email form the Early Learning Coalition that documents that they did call us on that Friday...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...to let us know because they thought we were going to be good too until the State told them no.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So, it wasn't like nobody, even the local people thought it was still good, until the response came from the State.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: So, there weren't any trainings that were done prior to that.., maybe a year prior to that to inform those that there will be a deci'.., that a change was gonna come down the pike?

CITY MANAGER JONES: This, the local entity.., they might have been trained but they said they didn't even know that it.., that we were not gonna be qualified. They thought, from all the information they received, that we would be a part of it because we've been having the program for fifteen years.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Right. Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: What we're going to have to do, if we're wanting to participate in the summer program, we have got to offer a year round afterschool program. So, if we don't fund that, then we won't be able to use that particular voucher but we will be able to get vouchers from the other entities and the other agencies that are offering vouchers to parents for their children. I'm trying to see if I can get the last number and if Ms. Franks.., I did see her in here, if she could come and tell me what the current enrollment number is in the summer program. [Pause].

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: Good evening. Aladia Franks, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: We have about two hundred and fifteen kids right now.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay.

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: In the program.

CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible].

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: About four weeks left.

[Inaudible chatter]

CITY MANAGER JONES: On the other issue, Ms. Miller, we will get you that report. All the interv'.., individuals were interviewed that made a statement and it looks like there was, first of all, some misunderstanding. It did bring to mind and we have gone back and adjusted our social media.., our policies as it relates to internet technology.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: You cannot control someone that wants to establish a Facebook Page or anything, as long as they're not using our seal and...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...but so, we have to fi'.., we had to find a way to look at our policy so we could begin to address that. There was no major exchange of monies. We saw the receipts, we saw everything that was done. There was a gofundme account set up but there was only, I wanna say about \$146 that was there and then they show the water and the snacks that they bought with the \$146. And so, we did speak with.., Mr. Brown did speak with all four individuals, including Ms. Sheppard, I believe he also interviewed Ms. Sheppard cause she had some questions but I will get you that in writing, his final summary.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank you. That's it for me.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. Ms. Franks, would you come back just for a moment, please.

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: On that parent voucher issue, there was an assertion made that there was ninety plus families that were turned away from Riviera Beach because of this voucher issue. Did you speak to anybody, your local, whatch' you call them, who, who run that program? Lo'...

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: The program manager?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: I provided Ms...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. But could you tell us...

[Inaudible chatter]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...what, what the results were?

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: Okay. I don't have it in front of me but the assertion was that ninety-seven kids were turned away from the City of Riviera Beach based on the voucher program.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uhuh.

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: And, I spoke with, I think it's Ms. Cardello [sp], and she confirmed that there's no way to document ninety-seven. She was uncertain where that number came from and she documented that in an email to me and she didn't know who provided that information. It was misleading.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And also, as it relates to when the Riviera Beach recreation department was contacted, that was actually the Friday before and the local might have known but was the City aware of that?

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: The City was not aware until the Friday before camp started.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So, essentially, what transpired caught the City by surprise as well?

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: Definitely. It did.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Thank you.

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Cause there, there was some assertions about somehow we dropped the ball and we should've known and.., I, from the information I read, that is not the case. And we have documents to confirm that.

ASST. DIRECTOR FRANKS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Ms. Franks. The, the town hall meeting that I normally have every quarter, every three to four months I'm out in the community, I bring City Hall to the heart of my district and we discuss issues pertinent to the

community and also entertain issues. I've changed the name of, of my town hall meeting. I, I now.., because it's more of a community engagement process so now I refer to my meetings as community engagement forums. Because it's about the community. We do engage each other and they are allowed to ask any questions they would like. I have the department heads there. And my next one, and I've been doing this since I've been elected so this is something that is not new for me. It's, it's every three to four months for me. But my next community engagement forum would be tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. I will be having it at J.A.Y.'s Ministries. A couple of the issues that will be discussed.., Staff brought to us a proposed increase in the sewer rates, that will be discussed. They also brought a proposed increased in the stormwater rates, that will be discussed and there are street improvements proposed for the Monroe Heights area, that item will be discussed. So, I am encouraging all of those, all of the residents who would like to get further information regarding those issues, especially the proposed sewer rates and stormwater rates. You don't have to live in my District. Anyone can come. And it's gonna be at J.A.Y. Ministries which is located at 2831 Avenue S, starting at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR MASTERS: Give the date. Give the date. Cause you said tomorrow and they gonna play...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm sorry. Tomorrow's date is the 16th of July.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And that's all I have, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you, sir. Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Before the summer ends, we wanted to do.., my office wanted to do a.., I've been talking to several people about a fun, little community thing called the Riviera Beach Barbecue Cook Off.

CHAIR PARDO: Ohh. I'd like to do that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, yeah, yeah. You.., it just will [inaudible]. I heard somebody say they would like to do that. Yeah. What, what it's gonna insist of...

CHAIR PARDO: Barbecue...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...consist of...

CHAIR PARDO: Cook off between each Councilperson.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. I hadn't thought of that.

[Laughter]

MAYOR MASTERS: And the Mayor.

CHAIR PARDO: So maybe that'll be...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I probably would win.

CHAIR PARDO: ...my initiative.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I probably would win. But, uh, no. You, you get..., Ms. Miller...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...said she'd get me. Now, Mr. Guyton....

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Guyton's the chef.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...nobody's ever heard of that.

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But what it's gonna consist of is, we're gonna open it up from tomorrow until August 1st and you just call the office and say you wanna be a part of it. What, what it's going to do is we're going to, every week for four weeks, we're gonna go out and we're gonna sample different barbecues from the community. We're only gonna...

[Chuckles].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...have it to a select few. I think we said twenty.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: A few?

MAYOR MASTERS: And a sample.

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Listen, I don't talk to anybody about your initiatives. Let me...

MAYOR MASTERS: Only samples, samples...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Any of the Council people are definitely welcome to, to go. And then we're gonna pick our finalist.

UNK: Uh oh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You can come too, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: He can sample too, huh?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: For the group of individuals that [inaudible].., and then what you will win is, um, an industrial size grill, as well as a trophy and some sort of monetary prize that.., whatever the Council agrees that would be cool.., on it. So, it's, it's a, it's going to be the, the first twenty people we get. It's only gonna be barbecue. I know I've already heard individuals saying that they wanna do a, a pastry and pie cook off and all of that and maybe somebody else can pick, pick that one up. But I'm gonna do just the barbecue in terms of whatever meats or vegan meat or whatever you want to, to, to do with it. So, all of the rules and regs can apply, you can apply. So you can call my office at 845-3687 until August 1st but the first twenty that we get, those are gonna be the ones that are in that and each, each meeting we'll give you an update on it. So, that's gonna be the initiative. Just something fun to close out the, the summer months. That's gonna be all for me at this time.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, Councilman Thomas, what's the criteria? Just taste or presentation.., what's the...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh well...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...criteria?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, Mr. Davis, I'm glad you asked me that. I'm gonna be looking for everything from texture...

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...to bone-sucking sauce. Whatever else goes into the full gambit of a true barbecue. And, you know...

MAYOR MASTERS: The, the sauce.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...we, we, we're gonna have the criteria.., yeah the sauce. The sauce.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We need to know the rules right now.

[Laughter]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Why, you think you're gonna win, eh?

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. We, we, we will have, we have a list and we'll put it up on the, uh, on the website.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, I'm gonna let you know, I just got a text from my family and we're in.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Ya'll in. Okay.

[Laughter]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We want the taste category.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: [Chuckles] Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No problem. No problem.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'll, I'll save the rest of my time for the Mayor. He want to give an update on his actual time for the Gospel Fest.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just quickly. The time for the July Gospel Fest July 24th, it's a 6:00 p.m. Starts at 6:00 rather than 5:00 because it's so hot. Thank you, Brother Terence and Sister Dawn.

CHAIR PARDO: You're welcome, Brother Tommy. Okay. I received a letter from Palm Beach Isles Property Owner's Association and I'd like to read it, only because, you know, we have people come up here bashing employees all the time and this a great letter. "Dear Councilwoman Pardo, the Palm Beach Isles community and, specifically, the Board of Directors of Palm Beach Isles, would like to offer our sincerest gratitude to your crew in the Public Works Department under the supervision of Prince Alexander. This crew, consisting of Kimberly Scott, Rhonda Patterson, Elgin Mason, Clarence Davis and Paul Busey performed their job with diligence and obvious care. Having had the pleasure of speaking with and coordinating projects with Prince over the year, I can personally attest to his personable, prompt and knowledgeable approach to whatever job is at hand. He has a keen ability to swiftly grasp the situation, develop ideas, plan, manage time and schedules, as well as the vision to design pleasing landscapes. Between the regular maintenance, minor emergencies and beautification projects, Prince and his crew have been there for all of us this past year and we are pleased to

work together. The Island has come leaps and bounds since the major North Ocean Drive renovation but, as you know, the detail is what really brings a project to its shining glory and Prince and his crew has given those of us who live here a proud entrance to our community and homes, a paradise that we can be proud of and share with those who visit or just pass through. Sincerely, Charmaine Nicholson, Secretary of Palm Beach Isles Board of Directors.

[Applause]

And I already shared this with the City Manager and also with Brent Johnson and they are..., they're doing a great job. And, that's all I have. So, at this time, we are going to start public comment. Margaret Sheppard and then Fane Lozman.

MS. SHEPPARD: Margaret Sheppard. Riviera Beach.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening, ma'am.

MS. SHEPPARD: Good evening. Mr. Thomas, I wanna say to you, since I've been out in the public and they heard me make a statement to you about not leaving. I wanna reiterate again that everywhere I go and whatever I have going on, they want me to say it to you one more time, District 3 is your District and they wanna make sure you know, that they are a part of that District and this community and they would like to reiterate that they do not want you to leave this City. I just want to..., even over on the Island, they said to me the other day, they wanted me to reiterate that again. So with that, we thank you for serving. We thank this Board for serving us. Although you have your ups and downs, this Board will make a decision on how this City's gonna move forward. I think you're doing a good job. I really do. But there's something that came to my attention and I want you to know one thing, please don't throw a rock at me. I'm only the messenger. I had a conversation the other day with Reverend Griffin Davis, who'll be celeb'..., fifty years of service to this City.

CHAIR PARDO: Mm.

MS. SHEPPARD: His anniversary, fifty years. I wanna say to you that Reverend Davis is quite troubled. I'd never seen him like that before. I have been with him for approximately six years. I thank him for letting me be one of his confidantes. He wanted me to bring to your attention one more time about the fines of this City. I think he wanted to know exactly what are you going to do? I think with his appreciation coming up, he would like to have it on his..., on your Agenda, some type of Resolution, something to say exactly what are you gonna do with the fines? I wanna say to you he is terribly troubled and I hope that you all will address this matter ASAP because I would like to see him happy during this time. So, I hope that you will not hold it against me but that you will take the time to really think about it and let him know, Mr. Guyton...

UNK: [Inaudible].

MS. SHEPPARD: You [sigh], you're someone special to me and let me say that. People say you're my friend, my friend, my friend and I wanna go on record and say

Bruce is not my friend. He's not. He is my confidante. He is someone that I have taken up with for a very long time, even when he was there with Clara, my cousin and I have a great respect for him and his assistant. They have always been such a great set of people for me and Summer and for that, I will always be grateful. I do wanna say to Ms. Miller, you're in the ring with the top dogs. It's only politics. Continue to do what you're doing. People not only respect you, they understand you as being in your role as a commissioner. I want you to know that. It's only politics. And with that...

[Beep]

MS. SHEPPARD: ...I thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you, Ms. Sheppard. Fane Lozman and then Suzaine [sp] Allen.

MR. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Chairperson Pardo, the rules of decorum, you may wanna read Rule No. 2, impertinent remarks not allowed, stay on topic. Those also apply to the Councilperson.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you, sir.

MR. LOZMAN: My comments were up there to talk about the community benefits and Mr. Guyton, whose obsession with me knows no bounds, reading something about the mangos. If you go.., talk to DEP prior to the fine and there was no admittance or denial.., you know, I didn't admit to cutting mangos, I didn't cut any mangos down. But, if you go back and look at it, I told them about environmental terrorism that was going on on the property. And Ms. Pardo and Ms. McKinney and others kept calling DEP to say, 'Oh, we think mangos are being cut down.' They went five times, they were cut down. The sixth time, some were cut down. So I paid that twen'.., oh, Renegade Trust paid that twenty-seven fifty, by the way. Now, Ms. Ryan is gloating saying, 'Oh, the Court awarded \$98,000 in court costs.' The Court hasn't awarded anything. There's not final Order has been issued on the cost. Okay? There's no final judgment that's been issued. There's a Motion for Reconsideration. He has not issued an Order in Final Judgment say, 'Pay those costs.' Now that case is under appeal. If I win that appeal, those costs go away. In 2012, he issued an Order for \$35,000. We appealed it, I won the underlying appeal, that \$35,000 went away. But, more importantly, the City made a \$150,000 settlement offer to me that Ms. Ryan was a part of. Disobeying Mr. Guyton, he said, 'Never make a settlement offer to Mr. Lozman but last year they made a \$150,000 settlement offer to me and I turned it down. Okay? So, so get your facts straight. There's been no Final Judgment entered on the costs but where there has been a final judgment is against Mr. Guyton in 1996 for a few thousand dollars that's gathering interest and you have not collected that. And Mr. Guyton didn't put that on his financial disclosure form and Governor Scott issued an Executive Order finding that he lied on his form and fined him \$300. But you don't wanna do your job. You know, at the last meeting I talked about how I believe, and the evidence shows, that I've been stalked by Ms. Ryan.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: [Chuckles]

MR. LOZMAN: And you may think it's funny. But we have a transcript where Ms. Ryan signed off on the hiring a private investigator to follow me around the arena. That's, that's an official document of the City in executive session. We have Pierre Smith who was following me around. We have emails between Ms. Ryan and Staff where they were following me around. I mean, you know, go ahead get all the lawyers you want to come after me, if you think that's defamatory because you have been stalking me using City's funds and City's employees to do that.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So, I haven't been...

CHAIR PARDO: Pam...

MR. LOZMAN: Excuse me. You don't have the floor.

MR. LOZMAN: Okay? You have to get the floor before you talk. I have the floor. You repeatedly interrupt meetings without having the floor. So why don't you go look at some of the other meetings and learn the rules.

[Chuckles]

MR. LOZMAN: Also, Ms. Ryan, why don't you go pull the public records from the State Attorney and see that I didn't make a, a, um, charge against you for invol'...

[Beep]

MR. LOZMAN: ...for manslaughter when you helped uh, uh, take, when you helped...

CHAIR PARDO: Okay.

MR. LOZMAN: ...um...

CHAIR PARDO: Alright.

MR. LOZMAN: ...when a...

CHAIR PARDO: We're good.

MR. LOZMAN: ...when a man on his boat died...

CHAIR PARDO: Suzaine...

MR. LOZMAN: ...because you made the decision to turn his electric off. So, there's a lot more to the story if the...

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you.

MR. LOZMAN: ...Florida Bar would learn about it.

CHAIR PARDO: Suzaine Allen. I hope I'm pronouncing that properly. And then Elliott Williams.

MS. ALLEN: Good evening.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

MS. ALLEN: It's Suzanne.

CHAIR PARDO: Suzanne. Okay. I saw the "Z" and then I thought well, maybe...

MS. ALLEN: It's spelled different.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Pull the mic.

MS. ALLEN: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PARDO: It's spelled beautifully.

MS. ALLEN: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Pull the mic down, Ms. Allen, please.

MS. ALLEN: Ah.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening, ma'am.

MS. ALLEN: Good evening. Suzanne Allen. 12-50 West 3rd Street, Riviera Beach. I'd like to just say once more, like Ms. Sheppard said, I think you all are doing a very good job. And, all the animosity from the public, they need to just get it together and listen and all of us work together. Okay. What I'm here about is, we., we're trying to get a community center on the south side of Riviera Beach. We have spoken to a few of you and [stammer] of course that some of you already know, we have children now that we're having vacation bible school and we're doing it in Mrs. Dawson's rental building. We were out in the park but the...

CHAIR PARDO: The heat.

MS. ALLEN: ...the weather drives us inside. So, we desperately need a building together for we can take all the kids.

And we also have a ministry that also comes out to the park to administer to the children, the youth, adults and, and anybody who wanna come and listen but we need a place. Okay? And, uh, and we're very serious about this matter. We have decided to take it to the community, to the neighbors. So we made up a petition and we're gathering names of all the parents and the neighbors who would like to see this happen and we are.., we got quite a few names so we just want you to know that we are serious about this matter. Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you very much, ma'am. Elliott Williams and then Willis Williams.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes, ma'am, uh, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I just wanna tell the residents in that area that I did bring that up at the last budget meeting. It's on the temporary sheet for us to.., or it's on a permanent sheet but temporary items for us to decide upon. So I do thank you and I heard that everybody came out. And please continue to come out and let everybody know what the sentiment of the community is on that. Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Elliott Williams.

MR. E. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon. Elliott Williams. 10-0-2 Southwest 4th, uh, West 4th Street, Riviera Beach.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

MR. E. WILLIAMS: And I'm sorta.., I guess I'm here to piggyback on what she just said. I would like to give you three fruitful reasons for a community center would be fruitful on the west side community center.., where the community of the west side of Riviera Beach citizens can come together for 1) educational reasons, such as teaching our children simple, basic as what's right and wrong, good and evil and our senior citizens can socialize, strategize over the youth of our.., over the youth of the west side of Riviera Beach. It takes a village to raise a child. I had that place to go when my parents weren't home or just after school or when I just didn't wanna be home but I know, and my parents knew, that it was safe, wholesome and loving environment. It would give the teens.., the third reason, it would give the teens the next group of leaders a place of social, recreational activities and educational such as, the leaders of tomorrow, Big Brothers and Sisters, just to name a few. And I would just like to add, it would probably also create some jobs. Something every community needs. Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you very much, sir. Wil'...

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR PARDO: Willis..., hold on a second, Mayor. Willis Williams and then Dolores Dawson.

MAYOR MASTERS: While he's coming I just want to say for the record that I did sign that Petition tonight for the community center. I am in full support of it and encourage those who live in the area to sign likewise. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PARDO: You're welcome. Good evening, sir.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Good evening. Willis Williams. 16-90 West 26th Court. I'm gonna st'..., stop. I was in a meeting here on Monday night which was a, a workshop, budget workshop which was..., it was scary to me. So I'm just wondering, uh, you know, I hear Mr..., the CRA Director says this didn't happen on his watch, the \$10,000,000 over on Singer Island that we owe out. There was a big problem, diversity between the FP&L monies that was distributed from the City side to the CRA side. I don't know if anybody..., will we ever get that straightened out to find out exactly what, what we're doing there. We are still employing people and we're only about three and a half months away from a new budget. I don't understand that. Why're we hiring people? Just to the north of us up here, they, they, they've got a hiring freeze. They stopped hiring because they don't know what's gonna happen with their budget. So, I'm just wondering should we just slow down for a minute and find out exactly what we're gonna be doing. We just put on a, a Board, a, a management company to manage the marina. We got employees down there that's kinda shuffling. They don't know which way they're going. So, I'm just asking this Board to take a, a closer look at what's really happening a'..., around us and make it more, uh, feasible so we can all understand what's happening because I really..., that workshop scared me the other night when we just don't know which direction we're going. We also got benchmarks that Mrs. Jones supposed to have, there's nothing happened about that. We don't whether her job is or where her limbo is. So, it's a lot of stuff that's going on and I, I understand that. There gets a lot of frustration between the Board and, and residents as well but if we could just take a minute and stop and just think that this effects all of us, not just a few but all of us. And those who really pay the burden of those taxes in this community, which is the Island, their concerned and, and just like me, I'm concerned. So, let's just take a minute and slow down and let's figure out which direction we need to go within this next year because we got some critical things that are coming down the pike. And if we don't know which direction we're going, we're gonna just be sittin' there, spinning wheels and reaching into the sky pulling out numbers and no'..., Mr. Sherman telling us stuff that nobody has no clue. Mr. Thomas said it to him, he don't know where these numbers are coming from. You know, so we need to really get on top of this. This is scary, going into a new budget. So, please, uh, just take those things into consideration. Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. Ms. Dawson and then Daniel Barnett.

MS. DAWSON: Dolores Dawson. 6-6-9 West 6th Street. 6-64 West 5th Street and we're here...

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

MS. DAWSON: ...to support Mr. Thomas and ask for your support that, in, and now he's doing a good job. He did entertain us a couple weeks ago and we were grateful for that but we would your support in all of our community, not for us. I'm not speaking for Dolores only, I'm speaking for the others. It's not for me. I have my own facility but it would be good if we had something in our community for our community.., would be comfortable and do a lot of creative things. And, on next week, we'll bring ya so'.., next time you meet we'll bring ya some of our arts and crafts that they did. And Mr. Thomas, we made lily dillies.

[Laughter]

MAYOR MASTERS: Did he, did he sample 'em?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's a, it's, it's a inside joke with the, with the.., it's an inside joke. I'mma, I'mma let Ms. Matthews know you said that though. [Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: In'.., inside...

CHAIR PARDO: Daniel Barnett.

MR. BARNETT: Alright. Good evening. Daniel Barnett. Recently we relocated to 12-0-1 West 2nd Street. Um, kinda tryna get my thoughts. It started with Cedrick throwing me off, well, Councilman Cedrick. I'll address you properly. But I'm glad we had that talk, what, last Tuesday. But anyway, I know I been going public and talking to other people but I'm backing up the Council.., well, the campaign to retain the Council seat. But still involved in and that was much needed because tonight I'm just coming out before you all, you all know. Only to those who see on the TV and have said, 'Oh, I seen you at the meetings talking,' or whatever and it's an issue us having jobs. But, I won't call too many names but networking with the City of Rivie'.., Riviera Beach or some other organizations, I'm beginning to put, uh, together a campaign or some type of program where we can get more of our citizens and youth to go ahead and look into the law enforcement area. You know, for, for paying for schools to gettin' you a degree all the way, I believe, up to a masters or bachelors but, just as the youngest person right now, I'm reaching out to the younger generation, just like the other man elaborated and I'll continue to elaborate on that, it still takes a tribe to raise a village. And right now, this is the time where we no longer have to protest from the street outside the courthouse or outside our City Hall or outside the Police Department. Right now, the only way you get change in the proper protestin' is getting involved and getting in those seats or get in that career field. So, for those who are unhappy with Riv'.., Rivi'.., Riviera Beach Police Department, we do have.., and I'm saying we, and I'm not an officer but we because this is a city and it is unity behind anything and everyone who's, you know, right now, lookin' for progress. So, I do believe the age, you have to be nineteen and up but an upcom' few.., the next few coming weeks we have.., we're trying to do infomercials, we're trying to gain a spot at the upcoming Peace and the Feast. Every event we'll be

pushing this issue. We have fifteen spots open so, if you need a job for the youth without felonies, it's a good paying job instead of going off into the military, this is the same principal. They're paying for school. So, for those of you who, you know, that know me, you know it's a good thing to look into. And also, I'll be sitting with you all the..., upco'..., with everyone up there within the next few weeks. Well, in two weeks because it's the urgency to get it done. But I'm looking forward to publishing the newspaper through the youth of the City of Riviera Beach, as well as sitting down to talk to see if I can get on the dais for some short presentation, the first of the month for the first Council meeting due to a few of the youth at the same park who came up under the concerned mothers and Ms. Dawson where the park is raining us out and that center would be useful. But we want to begin to put poetry on audio. You know, I have a business. I won't get into it because I don't want it to be took as promotion but it's more of growth where getting the youth to become entrepreneurs, either inventors or either getting' their talents out. And I have four or five of the youth and we're just looking to put the, uh, poetry on audio. So, whatever help we can get, whether it's from the community or the City Council, you know, you oughta be hearing from me soon and we'll have more information but...

[Beep]

MR. BARNETT: ...definitely, thank you. And as well, happy birthday and I wanna be a taste-tester.

CHAIR PARDO: Great.

[Inaudible chatter and laughter]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Gottcha covered, gottcha covered.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. Norma Mahoney then Mike Mahoney.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair. As they're coming. I just wanna commend Daniel Barnett and compliment him particularly for advocating for our police department and recruiting. Never before have I seen a young man, his age come and stand and say, 'We got a good department. Let's add more officers.' And I wanna commend and compliment him for making that appeal to young people, particularly at a time when people have negative things to say about law enforcement. But when a young man comes up and says something positive and encourage others to join, that's my man. My kinda guy. Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. Good evening, ma'am.

MS. MAHONEY: Good evening. My name is Norma Mahoney. 21-20 Broadway. Dee's T-shirts. Well, we have a surprise. As you know, we, um, just find out, as a courtesy call, that my neighbor next door, the Boathouse is gonna demolish part of the building south of my, uh, of my building and he is going to build something new where it

looks like he's gonna repair boats, with the layouts I saw. I came to the Planning & Zoning, or the zoning permits to see what was going on. I received a call two weeks ago so I got very concerned and I said, 'That's kind of strange. Nobody notifies me what is gonna happen here.' So, I saw the layout of the drawing and I said if he's going to be able to, is he going to repair boats here? And, Jeff Gagnon, who's administrator for Palm Beach the, the Zoning building permits, says, 'No. It's gonna be a storage.' 'Are you sure?' And he say, 'Well, uh, no. It's gonna be storage.' But he start fixing boats or having boat repairs in that area, he's going to do it? I mean, you're telling me it's a storage.' 'No. He's not going to do that. He's going to be storage, period.' 'Okay.' Well, I wanted to get more information, he send me something in email. Like, three pages. And I said that's kind of strange. It's a huge building. And, I asked some of the neighbors behind my building, if they were notified for this project and they say, 'No.' I said that's kind of strange. Any other city, any other corporate area, they always notify what's gonna happen next door in your neighbor area., close to mine. Well, the Boathouse got busier, expanding their building with the properties around that he purchased. There's no consideration for parking. There is a big problem. Um, we have problems with customers because they even park in the street and they block the street. We have problems even me, myself, going inside the., his building and telling his customers to please move the boats from my parking area that I lease from the lock., the locksmith building. And, um, we're having problems all the time. Nobody sees a parking area. He's gonna be expanding his building and we're still gonna have problems. There's a lack of respect because I don't know really what is going on.

[Beep]

MS. MAHONEY: Hopefully you can find out.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. Mike Mahoney.

MS. MAHONEY: Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you.

MR. MAHONEY: Good evening, Council. Please...

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

MR. MAHONEY: ...forgive me. I'm not a 100%. I'm in a recovery mode. So bear with me, I'll try to get through this quick as I can. Uh, I'm gonna reit'., reiterate what my wife said but I wanted to... [Heads around the podium].

CHAIR PARDO: No, no, no, no. No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Don't...

MR. MAHONEY: [Chuckles]. It's been a while since I've been here.

[Chuckles]

CHAIR PARDO: Obviously. [Chuckles].

MR. MAHONEY: Anyways, I just wanna cut through what my wife said. We met with Peter Ringle and Jeff Gagnon cause we got notified, after the plan's already been approved and permitted. So that, that raised some questions. You know what I mean? We've been talking to the City since 2005, 2006 when we first heard that he was gonna build a new building to take care of some of our complaints, which you can see on the drawing, which faced 21st Street. And it's on that drawing and if you got any questions, I'll explain it but that was fine. You know, we wouldn't even have to be here tonight. We didn't know about a, a change of location 'til Peter Ringle called us. We've been sending correspondence to the City since 2005, 2006.

[Inaudible background discussion]

MR. MAHONEY: I, I, uh, gave KaShamba Miller all that information. I didn't know anything 'til then. So, you know, for me to be prepared to come here tonight and for you guys not to know anything, that's what's happening. But, we're concerned because the building he's building dead next to us is twenty feet high by probably sixty to eighty feet long. The plans were, you know, for us to look at., I mean, it would take weeks to go over 'em. The thing that concerns me is the Planning & Zoning Board didn't have to be involved, you guys didn't have to be involved and CRA didn't have to be involved. And I know, from all the meetings I've been coming to, that's a good thing to do because I've, I've listened to you guys complain about your Staff not notifying you, being transparent and this and that. So, I didn't have to worry about that. Now I do because this project's already been approved and permitted and is clearly gonna impact us negatively. You know, we're now gonna come out of my building and, where we used to have some breeze, cross-ventilation because, as you know, we've had a problem for noise and fumes forever and that's an ongoing issue. That's not gonna go away. So, one of the, one of the, uh, ways to combat that is to build his new building away from us. Now his building is gonna be next to us, blocking us in on the south side now, twenty foot high walls, all the way down. So now I'm boxed in from the right to left and he parks his boats, deliberately, out in front of us so we can't see any of the bad stuff going on out there. And, I don't believe anybody from the City, before they permitted it and approved it, came out to the site. So, I've had that issue before with somebody from the City, I won't mention who but they permitted something that we requested and then he pulled the permit later after it was approved because they realized it was the wrong thing to do. They didn't come out to the site. So, I, I wanna sit down with somebody and go over this plan because you guys need to be concerned. Because I do think there's some legal ramifications that could result from this in the future or now. So I would appreciate if you guys....

[Beep]

MR. MAHONEY: ...would look at the plan and table this matter for, at least for demolition, for a while until we can decide whether this is proper or not. Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Zar Useen [sp].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Madam City Manager. Is it possible for one of you, either you or Ms. McKinney or someone to get with Mr. Mahoney and I know we've had some emails going back and forth as recent as 3:50 today so I didn't get a chance to look at those but...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: So, we can kinda get some resolve. It seems like this has been going on for years, it appears.

MR. MAHONEY: Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, ma'am, it has been. But this is a new issue and so, the other one was in court, litigated...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The '05, '6...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay. So...

CITY MANAGER JONES: So, I would like...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: ...this for this issue here?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. I would like to only deal with this new issue and the new site plan and none of the historical stuff since it's been to court.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Let's..., whatever we...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: ...can do to make this kinda..., yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, we can..., we will meet..., we will have Staff meet with them, show them the plans. I don't know how Council can stop it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I, I don't know how they can do that.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But we'll talk with legal and see if there's a way.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But now that it's been approved, I don't think Council can stop it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Okay.

CHAIR PARDO: Zar Yassine.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Thank you.

MR. YASSINE: Good evening, Council.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening.

MR. YASSINE: Good evening. Madam City Manager, Madam Chair, Ms. Ryan. My name is Zar Yassine. I am a resident of this City. I am the owner of Boathouse Marine. I bought that property in 2003. I moved into it in 2004. I have gone to court with Mr. Mahoney who initiated lawsuits against me twice and I have prevailed. He sued me for operation, he sued me for what I do and a Palm Beach County Judge ruled in my favor. He also sued the City for zoning infractions, for permitting me to, to do what I do on a daily basis. And he lost that lawsuit. He has exhausted every effort in his power between you name the department and I've had to deal with it. Okay? From DEA., DEP to Health County, to code enforcement and this new building., and, by the way, I just wanna, this is my attire six days a week. I am a resident of this City, I am a worker. Boathouse Marine, as an entity, has live people behind it, real people behind it. It provides income to at least ten families, of which at least two live within the City boundaries. There are people, there are families attached to Boathouse Marine. That whole district is a marine related businesses. It is unfair for someone who owns, in my, in my., he said that deliberately I, I make their life hard. I don't. Deliberately, I try to please him and appease him on daily basis. It is unfair, in my judgment that for someone that has, that owns ten (10%) percent of a property to mandate and rule what the owner of the ninety (90%) percent of the rest of the property can do and cannot do. This man has me in a choke-hold. I cannot move around on daily basis without him complaining about one or another. I am dealing., or, I am working very closely with the City's department from community development to CRA, I am crossing my "T's", dotting my "I's", providing every legal document. The building that he's saying, or they're saying, that was sprung up on 'em, was a building that was mitigated, court-order mitigation between us on this first lawsuit or on the second lawsuit. We went to mitigation. They knew, they actually requested for me to build a building to the south side and move the service department to the south of the property to re'., alleviate some of the congestion that happens to them. This is in their benefit yet they stand

here tonight before you and they say that is unforeseen, this was sprung up on 'em, this is, ah...

[Beep]

MR. YASSINE: Thank you very much. Good night.

CHAIR PARDO: Thank you. We have one more public comment card. Our last one. Felicia Wilder

MS. WILDER: Good evening everyone.

CHAIR PARDO: Good evening, ma'am.

MS. WILDER: My name's Felicia Wilder. And I stay in Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. WILDER: And I'm here to still.., to address the problem about my roof. If that's the comment because I turned in two.

CHAIR PARDO: Yeah. But.., right, but both are public comments so speak about both of your issues.

MS. WILDER: Okay. In reference to my roof and a letter that I received from Peter Ringle in reference to what he observed at my house when I let him in and the roof. To me, if you read that letter that he had sent me, his intent was not to come and rectify what had been done. Reading that letter, his intent was to come and justify what was done before I got there. I don't know who the lady was, who the man was, who owned the property before we got there. But, you're trying to find fault somewhere else. When you go do a job, you go to do that job, not to find fault somewhere else where a permit was not pulled years ago. I have no idea where they are and I have no idea who did the work up there because I didn't go in the attic. Okay. Then again, I found out that since you're accusing me of having some work done in the roof without a permit, the person next door to me had a fence built. I called Peter. 'Oh, he didn't have a permit.' 'Oh, he...' Peter went and told the man I called him. The man met me on the street with my dog goin', 'Hey,' try to attack me because of what he said. But the only reason why I'm bringing it up, we need to stop puttin' our mouths out on people cause you don't know, people can hurt people. You know what I'm saying? He went and told the man what I said. The man said, 'And for your information, sweetie, old lady, I didn't, uh, have to pay no fine. I just had to pay \$80 for permit.' So I told him I'm glad to know that you can build and get the permit later. So, [inaudible] Peter. Charge me and I'll get the permit later. It doesn't matter. All I asked for recti'.., to rectify this situation. It was wrongdoing. God's been in this situation since day one. Somethings God tell me to do and involve Peter with somebody else. I said, 'Well, Lord...,' I do what God tell me to do. And now, a whole lot of stuff being uncovered. Now how many more people in this

area have been treated like that? The only reason why I got involved like that, look like God put me in that situation, I didn't have any insurance, trying to get some insurance. Peter didn't know, roofer didn't know. Roofer finished, City passed everything. I went to an outside entity cause I thought too many hands was involved in this situation. People show favoritism. I don't care who you are. Just do what's right. You don't have to show favoritism cause you like the way they look like, the way they dress or like the position they hold. You have to do what's right for people. We sit here and say we do what's right, half of you. You tell 'em to do somethin', they send somebody else. Okay? 'I ain't doin' that. I'll send somebody else. Hey.' But, I'm a senior citizen. I respect everybody. Old, young, children, I don't care who it is. But we must do right for our people.

[Beep]

MS. WILDER: How many more people been treated like this? Because they had insurance so nobody had to go up in the attic to check. And come to find out, they've been passing these inspections and just passing 'em. People don't know. But God fixed it where I needed some insurance. So explicit pictures my insurance company. Today, I gave 'em to Councilwoman Miller. The pictures Peter took, he took one picture, one picture that the insurance company took. But the other one, he sittin' there, [do-do-do], taking pictures to find fault. But you send him out to do another job. So I don't know who his boss is but somebody need to talk to him. Who? What?

CHAIR PARDO: Nothing.

MS. WILDER: Oh.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay, ma'am.

MS. WILDER: You know...

CHAIR PARDO: Alright.

MS. WILDER: I'm, I'm just, I'm getting frustrated.

CHAIR PARDO: Right.

MS. WILDER: Since 2013.

CHAIR PARDO: That's fine. Okay. Thank you. Ms., Ms. Jones. This lady has been up here before and I believe that we told you to either meet with her to do something. Have you had Staff meet with her? Besides Mr. Ringle?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh...

CHAIR PARDO: Or has anyone been able to do it?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I would like to ask Mr. Jones to tell you what he has found out in his inquiry...

CHAIR PARDO: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...into this.

CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Thank you, Madam.

MS. WILDER: Okay. I...

CHAIR PARDO: Alright.

MS. WILDER: ...needed to address something else in reference to street Silver Beach Road. I don't address that tonight?

CHAIR PARDO: No.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PARDO: You had three minutes.

[Chatter]

MS. WILDER: Well, praise God.

MR. JONES: Good evening. Danny Jones, Deputy City Manager. From the last time Ms. Wilder appeared before you, I, I met with Ms. Wilder the next day and Staff is currently investigating her matter. I spoke with Ms. Wilder earlier this afternoon and provided her an update and we're looking to bring this matter to closure within the next couple of weeks but tomorrow I can provide you with a written update as to where we are with our internal investigation.

CHAIR PARDO: Great. Thank you. Okay? Anything else? Ms. Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PARDO: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We have been sending you correspondence as it relates to the negotiations with PBA and their contract. You have probably received an email or a text from the labor attorney. In order for us.., we've been at the table for two days in a row, yesterday and today, all day. And we would like to request a closed executive session on labor to answer any questions that you might have and to get further direction from you as a result of what has transpired over the last couple of days.

Now, Mr. McLean, of course, he'll be here whenever we need him here but he is here this week and I didn't know, between Thursday and Friday morning or sometime, if we can have...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: You can't do Friday?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: We'll be in Orlando.

CHAIR PARDO: I'm leaving to go up to Orlando.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: What's in Orlando?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Policy committee.

CHAIR PARDO: We have Florida League of Cities.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Alright.

CHAIR PARDO: But, um, can we do something.., you know, see if everyone's available, tomorrow at 8:30 or 9:00?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: When?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: At night?

CHAIR PARDO: No. In the morning.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh no.

CHAIR PARDO: Mr. McLean is here.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PARDO: Nine o'clock.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Alright. Alright. No problem.

CHAIR PARDO: No.

[Chatter and laughter]

CHAIR PARDO: I'm just saying, you know, we're always concerned...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's fine. If everybody else is...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: That's okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Nine o'clock is good?

CHAIR PARDO: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton, nine o'clock's good for you?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Absolutely not.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: He said absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Not.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh, oh. You said absolutely not. Oh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. But you all can go ahead and...

CHAIR PARDO: Yeah. Ms. Miller, is that good for you? Nine o'clock?

CITY MANAGER JONES: He has to be back here next week. So, is it Tuesday or Wednesday work for you next week?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: We can't do it next week?

[Pause]

CHAIR PARDO: This is police union, right?

MR. MCLEAN: Monday or Wednesday of next week. But I can also be available tomorrow morning, also.

CHAIR PARDO: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Can...

CHAIR PARDO: And this is the police, correct?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: [Inaudible] the meeting on Wednesday?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Police.

CHAIR PARDO: This is police?

MR. MCLEAN: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. But, if we're gonna discuss this, if we can possibly have it on the Agenda whenever we need to, if we come up with a solution, I'd rather do it sooner than later. So.

CHAIR PARDO: I agree.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'll go ahead and sacrifice and do nine o'clock.

MR. MCLEAN: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm not requesting but if anybody bring any breakfast it'd be better.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: Bring some barbecue.

CITY MANAGER JONES: HR's back there, they'll have to deal with that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: [Chuckles]

MR. MCLEAN: I can do breakfast.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Breakfast on Mr. McLean. Alright. We'll send you over, you know...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Where, where...

CHAIR PARDO: ...a special menu.

MR. MCLEAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You gotta..., I mean, do we have enough to announce and everything?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah. Because this is not a litigation. This is for labor.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Labor

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Strategy. Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Labor strategy.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...this is different.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And, announcing it.., you don't .., I don't even think you have to announce it but, we are announcing it for tonight that we're gonna have a closed executive session on labor...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Where?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Where?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Here.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Here? Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Guyton, can you be available by phone, if you...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. I...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...to listen in, to...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I've got an MPO meeting tomorrow morning.

UNK: [Whisper] That's right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Um...

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. So you have a problem with us...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Go, go ahead and handle your business. I, I...

CHAIR PARDO: Maybe you can talk to...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...been in...

CHAIR PARDO: ...Mr. McLean and...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I've been in conversation with Mr. McLean.

CHAIR PARDO: So, you can...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CHAIR PARDO: So, they know where...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. They, they...

CHAIR PARDO: Where you are?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...he knows where I am on, on the issue.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. So, Ms. Miller, are you okay with nine o'clock tomorrow morning?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER: Yeah.

CHAIR PARDO: Mr. Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIR PARDO: Okay. Mayor, if you would like to attend, you are part of our group.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PARDO: Nine o'clock. Okay. So, I guess...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Here. At nine o'clock in the morning. Thank you so much.

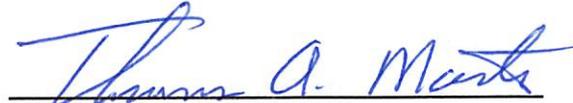
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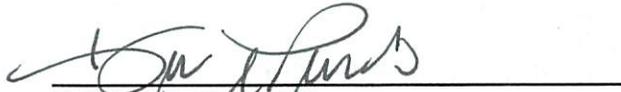
CHAIR PARDO: Alright. Since there's no more business, we are adjourned.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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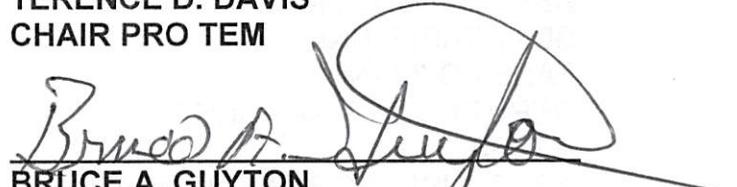

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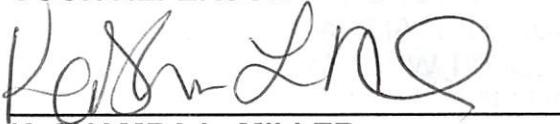

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