CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.

[Before meeting chatter].

CALL TO ORDER

[Gavel]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: At this time, we'd like to call this meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We will please, roll call please, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, as you and the others are aware, Chairperson Pardo is out of town on City business so she will not be present this evening. Chair Pro Tem Terence Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson KaShamba Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Present.

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

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I know you made me last but that's okay. [Laughing].

INVOCATION

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: At this time we will stand. The invocation be led by Mayor Masters and the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilwoman Anderson, Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: [Inaudible] of the night.

[Moment of Silence].

MAYOR MASTERS: Shall we pray. Our Father, we thank you for this opportunity tonight to be in this room of deliberations for our City government. We pray for divine guidance that you will lead and guide us, that the things we say and do will be to your glory in the betterment of our community as we seek to serve the entire City of Riviera Beach. That truly it will continue to have its motto, the best Waterfront City in which to live, work, and play. And together we can become one people under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I Pledge Allegiance…

ALL: To the Flag of the Unites 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, OR SUBSTITUTIONS

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: At this time, Madam City Manager, Ms. Jones, do we have any additions, deletions, or substitutions?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes we do, Mr. Chair. I would like to add for your consideration tonight under Awards and Presentations, Item 12A, which is a presentation by the Pathways to Prosperity Organization presented by Councilman Bruce Guyton. Also, under Community Benefits, would like to add an Item 17A, and that's the First Annual Movie Night on the Beach, $2000.00 from Chair Pro Tem Terence Davis to support this activity for elementary school children. Those are the two additions.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That'll be all?

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman, I have one more.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. This came in hours ago. It was a deadline cause these students are preparing to leave next week. It's the Faith Place Center for Arts Educations. They're going to FAMU Homecoming and they will be performing, representing our City and the adjacent areas for $500.00.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Is Faith Place somewhere, some organization that we've given to in the past legally?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I don't recall it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We...

CITY MANAGER JONES: He can hand us down all of their backup paperwork.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. We have all the legal documentation.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And, we'll, we'll look at that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah, we have everything.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: 501(C)3.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'll let...

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's not one that we've given it to before.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. I just wanna make sure that Attorney Ryan gets a chance to review it so we can move through this process as smooth.., I got one at the last minute as well but I wasn't too sure. I didn't wanna submit it at this time. I'm not too sure if we've given to that organization in the past yet. But, I wanna make sure that they have the proper documents approving it? Or can we save that to the end?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Can save it but I, it...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Let's...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Go ahead...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hold on.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Chair?

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...and add it if it's correct, we'll consider it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: If not, we'll wait and consider it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But go ahead and add it for consideration.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Does anyone else have any additions?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Chair, I just wanna make sure on that Item, that we're actually adding it, not whether we approve it or not.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No. Just adding it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Just different but...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We'll approve it when it get to that, get to that point.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. But we need to, we need to go ahead and, and assign it a number.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That's what we getting ready to do now. 17B.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Anyone else have any additions before we move any further? That'd be all?

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Any disclosures by the Council or the Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Can I have a motion to adopt this Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. Next we will have a Consent Agenda. Before we get started we do have one Consent Agenda card at this time and it's for Item Number 8. Ms. Bonnie Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. My request is for clarification. This is for a salary increase for several part-time employees and the part-time employees are listed here. And, but what concerned me was that says, "The above listed position received a 6% increase in April 2015 to correspond with a 6% given to the general employees." So now they're request is for 3%. So, why did we give 6% in April and now we're giving another 3%?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Ms. Jones, are you prepared to address that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, I can.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: This, this group of about eight part-time titles, we realized in the earlier part of the year that they had not received the previous two 3% increases that other employees got. And that's why they got the six in order to catch then up and then this three is equivalent to what has already been approved for the year '15-'16.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So three is from last year and three for '15-'16?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Three were from '14…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: '14…

CITY MANAGER JONES: …and '15.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: …'15. Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And then the three for '16.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So that's why they got the increases in the same year. And these are part-time positions and they are definitely worthy of this increase.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Jones.

MS. B. LARSON: That's not, that's not what…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Ms.., Ma'…

MS. B. LARSON: …it says.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Ms. Ma', Ms. Larson, please. Thank you. We'll now be going to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: 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.

Do we have any Items that need to be pulled before we make our approval of this Agen', the Consent?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Just for clarification, I'd like to pull 9. I just have a question.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Item No. 9 by Councilman Guyton. That's the only one?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. For me, yes, for me.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Anyone else? Okay. Do we have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with It', with Item No. 9 being pulled?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Item number 9, Councilman Guyton.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 9. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2016 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUDGET AND ACTIVITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

UNK: [Whispering].

[Beep]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Discussion. Guyton. Councilman Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I pulled this Item because for the past couple of years the Committee has done an outstanding job with bringing a nationally known speaker.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But every year the budget doesn't accommodate what is required to secure that. So the Budget Committee goes out and have to beg, borrow, and I don't think that they should do that. And, and the other thing is too, this is one of the few activities that we actually do. We don't celebrate the 4th of July. We don't do the Christmas and all of the other holidays. The one that we do do, I think that we should do it at a level where it can continue to be well respected. I was at an event the other night, a guy walked up to me, I didn't even know, he said, 'I went to your last two MLK Banquet's and he talked about the speakers which was Donna…

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Brazil.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Brazil.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Donna Brazil and the one before that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Dr. West.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Dr. West.

UNK: [Inaudible] Dr. West.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So, I think we should keep that caliber of speaker but I think that we should put enough in the budget in order to secure those. And as they go out and solicit funds, whatever they get can be contributed back to the City to defray the cost. But, I would like for the Board Members to consider either asking the City Manager under her signing authority to ensure that we can secure that caliber of speaker or, or put it in the budget. So, I don't know how Board Members would like…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Let, let…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: …to deal with that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Let me ask this question. Does anyone know, how much was Donna Brazil last year?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'm gonna ask Ms. Eureka Irvin to answer that question. She has graciously chaired our Martin Luther King activities.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Ms. Irvin, how ya doing?

MS. E. IRVIN: Good evening everyone. Eureka Irvin, Human Resources Department. Ms. Brazil was $8,000.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Don'...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Let, let me ask. And, that wasn't part of our.., or let me back up. We've had the same budget, what about nineteen grand for the parade and all of the activities for MLK?

MS. E. IRVIN: For several years now. I think a few years ago it was increased from twelve to nineteen.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So, and, and what do you have to do out of that budget?

MS. E. IRVIN: All of the activities.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Everything for the, that, that week that we have all of...

MS. E. IRVIN: Everything. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...the senior luncheons and all of that?

MS. E. IRVIN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. It, it, it's my hope that I would hope that we could, it's my hope that I would hope. It is my hope that we would consider increasing that budget to accommodate the cost of securing a national speaker again because that is the only holiday.., one of the few that we actually celebrate and I'd like to keep it at a level where we bring in quality speakers.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Anyone else from the Board like to...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...chime in? Go ahead, Councilman Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton, what would that entail? I don't wanna leave it open like that. Do we wanna increase it about ten grand or…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: A', a', and…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: What would that entail?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Well I would defer to Ms. Irvin since she's been working with…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Irvin, what does that entail? What, what do you think that would, would… I know what you would love to have but…

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: …what would, what would be what you think adequate to be able to secure a national speaker?

MS. E. IRVIN: Well, in order to.., it depends upon.., different speakers, as you know, have different fees.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

MS. E. IRVIN: And, um, most speakers or national speakers, their fees are running upwards to twenty thousand.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But not that much.

MS. E. IRVIN: So, but, so, I'm a little hesitant to throw out…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So…

MS. E. IRVIN: …that dollar amount.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I understand. Mr. Chair, why don't we.., well this would be my suggestion. Why don't we go ahead and just let the Manager know that we want a national speaker. Make sure it doesn't go over her signing authority.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And I'll come back.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And, and I'll be cool if they find somebody or they start to. Have we come up with a theme yet?

MS. E. IRVIN: Yes. We have been throwing out several themes. I think the one that we've settled on, um, and it's still up in the air, is the City of Riviera Beach Overcoming Through Hope and Faith.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are we gonna try to get a speaker around this theme or?

MS. E. IRVIN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MS. E. IRVIN: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Hope and faith.

MS. E. IRVIN: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Probably would mean that you want some type of person of the cloth or some…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No necessarily.

MS. E. IRVIN: No. We're, well…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh.

MS. E. IRVIN: Well, actually nope. We're not looking [inaudible]…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I have no problem with that. I go', you know, I have no…

MS. E. IRVIN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I love the Lord. I have no problem that. I'm just trying to see where we're going so I know what.., where we, where we need to be in terms of…

MS. E. IRVIN: Well, we ha', we.., there are two people that we are try', attempting to court right now.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MS. E. IRVIN: One, is a Riviera Beach native, uh, Mr. John Thompson. He's the Chairman of Microsoft.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MS. E. IRVIN: And, uh, Congressman John Lewis because he's one of the last of the original big six Civil Rights, um…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And he…

MS. E. IRVIN: …leaders.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And he's also a member of Phi Beta Sigma. I think that is a, a great, great individual.

[Laughing].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. That's good. I'm good with that. I'm okay with that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Councilwoman Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm, I mean, until she's able to come up with…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You know, it's kinda like we're jabbing in the dark right now. I'm thinking that we can maintain this amount here and if we come back later and need to change it, then maybe we can revisit it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Maintain the…

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: She has nineteen right? It nineteen currently?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. That's for everything.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I'm…

MS. E. IRVIN: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Cause she said it's eight thousand for.., what is the.., how much are the other things adding up to?

MS. E. IRVIN: Well, we've been able to, we were hoping, really hoping to be able to utilize the Mar', the Marina Event Center. Um, but we don't think it's gonna be ready

so now we're looking at utilizing the Doubletree, um, up in Palm Beach Gardens again. That's gonna run us under, um, they're giving us a great deal for, um, 250 plates about for, I think it's under $87,000, I mean, yeah $8,700.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh, okay. Whoo.

MS. E. IRVIN: Under $8,700.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's, that's...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Did you say it's a great deal?

MS. E. IRVIN: Yes. That's...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: For 250 people?

MS. E. IRVIN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: $8,700.

MS. E. IRVIN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I apologize, Mr. Chair, that just kinda jumped up out, at me.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Just, just.., any other locations in the City that we can be flexible with?

MS. E. IRVIN: Well we thought about looking back going to, um...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The Hilton?

MS. E. IRVIN: The Hilton again. And during, during this planning, we try to take in all of the criticism and be accommodating that we receive from the previous year. Um, one of the main complaints that we had, even though we liked the Hilton, we didn't like being outside. And, so we're just trying to, um, we tried that and so we're looking at other, um, alternatives.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You...

MS. E. IRVIN: So we, we're kinda limited right now within the City.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No. I, I just had a real brief idea. Let me ask one question before...

MS. E. IRVIN: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...I go there. How much, how was the, the last speakers paid for? Was it all community benefits?

MS. E. IRVIN: Um, yes. I, able to receive several donations to cover the, the fee for the last speaker.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Which was eight thousand.

MS. E. IRVIN: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And then the first time was five thousand which was Dr. West. I see Port Commissioner Richards over, in the aisle. Did you ever reach out to someone in the Port? Maybe be using the Port, potentially using the Port establishment? I see they got a big, I see they got a big Galey event coming up.

[Chuckle].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That would be a great idea. Not to talk about it now at this time.

MS. E. IRVIN: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But, it's in Riviera Beach. [Stammer], other events have been done in the past and I can't imagine us not considering, considering the Port as an indoor venue potentially.

MS. E. IRVIN: Okay, there was, uh, we did make a phone call.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MS. E. IRVIN: Um, to them, however, I was instructed that we are to go through Ms. Pardo, um, for any of that and I have not yet...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: What?

MS. E. IRVIN: ...reached out to go through that again.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. We gonna bypass that. But, we, you know, through Ms.., okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright. I'm gonna leave that one alone. But, that's some idea, something you maybe can reach out and bring something back to this entire Board.

MS. E. IRVIN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I think that would be a good option. And I, I truly support anything that you bring back to this Board that's feasible. You would.., I would have no problem committing some community benefits, if necessary. But, as long as this is within a nice subtle rate, you have my total support because it's all about the community and it's about unity and it's about that same them that you talk about with faith and hope. So, we wanna support that as we support our residents and give them something to be proud of in our City. But, thank you for the work that your department and your committee has done this far and we'll continue to support you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: I would like to maybe give some guidance to the City Manager. We had one for, one guest speaker for five thousand, another one for eight thousand, so maybe somewhere around ten thousand as a…

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's about the range.

MAYOR MASTERS: It's pretty much universal for the guest speakers that I know nationally. And you must also realize that we're paying roundtrip transportation, hotel, food, pickup, airport. So other expenses there as well.

But as it relates to the activity, I don't think we've ever.., I know there's been ideas mentioned that the parade should start at, on Dr. King Boulevard and I don't know how logistic that would work out but I do think there should be some type of ceremony on Dr. King Boulevard and Congress. Maybe announcing the parade or just something. It doesn't have to be elaborate, just something to say that we had a ceremony on his, on his Boulevard, Avenue. That's all I wanted to ask you [stammer]. All I wanted to say and ask you to look at some kind of activity that could be there. To announce something, a candlelight, I mean, whatever. Okay.

MS. E. IRVIN: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mayor. And thank you, Ms. Irvin. And so, City Manager, we'll just 'til you all work that out and come back to the particular Board.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I wanna make sure that was consensus of what…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: …we wanted to do. Cause I didn't hear…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: What, what, the Board what everyone says, we wait 'til it come back.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I didn't hear everybody say that. I wanna increase the budget.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Councilwoman Mil'...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That's what I said.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: She said it and Councilperson Guyton...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And I...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...said it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Well I agree with increasing it now and let the Manager come, come back with a budget within the amount that we have established, which was ten thousand. Mr. Thomas suggested it and the Mayor suggested it and I agree with that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible] speaker, he said?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. This is for the speaker.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So that we can secure...

CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. A national speaker. And, and Councilwoman.., I don't wanna speak for you but...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No. I'm fine with that part.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, and I would amend my motion to include that in the motion as we approve this Item to amend the budget by ten grand to increase it by ten thousand.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And does the second still remain?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: By ten thousand…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Or make it ten thousand?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It's for…

CITY MANAGER JONES: For…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Increase it cause it's nineteen now. For the speaker.

CITY MANAGER JONES: For a speaker.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That's including travel, everything, right?

CITY MANAGER JONES: For the speaker.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Does that second still remain?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I have a question.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: How much do we have right now for the speaker? We have what? What do we have down for the speaker now?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's a motion on the floor.

MS. E. IRVIN: That is, that, that's one of the things that I solicited donations for, to cover the speaking fee since the total cost of the banquet is not, um, will eat up the MLK budget. So that is something that I solicit donation for.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, we don't have anything outlined for…

MS. E. IRVIN: No.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the actual speaker?

MS. E. IRVIN: And it really depends upon the speaker that says yes to us and the fee that we can be able to negotiate with them.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MS. E. IRVIN: So, we do not try to go over the ten thousand.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Let's, let's address this motion that's still on the floor. Councilperson Guyton has a motion on the floor.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And I amended it to include the increasing budget, the MLK budget by ten thousand dollars to designate that toward the speaker.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well let's see if we have a second before we move forward. Any other discussion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'll second if she doesn't...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second by Councilman Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Any further discussion on this Item?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-uh.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: None.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS
Awards and Presentations, Item 12.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 12. PRESENTATIONS BY PRINCIPAL LINDA CARTLIDGE OF SUNCOAST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL, PRINCIPAL ELAINE HUBBARD-WILLIAMS OF RIVIERA BEACH PREPARATORY AND ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY AND PRINCIPAL COREY BROOKS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: There we go. I wanna thank all of you for, all the Councilmen and certainly all of the support from all of you for Suncoast Community…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excuse me.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: …High School.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excuse me.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Especially my Mayor for life. One of my Suncoast Chargers named him. Uh…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excuse me, Ms. Cartlidge.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: As, uh, Mr…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excuse me, excuse me.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Hmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Could you please state your name for the record, please.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: [Chuckles].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I know you're excited.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Oh, my name is Linda Cartlidge.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: How you doing?

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Principal of Suncoast High School.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: How you doing?

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: I'm good. I'm good. Um, and I do wanna thank your support, certainly the Mayor, as I was the principal of West Riviera Elementary before I was the principal for Suncoast for the last eight years. But we have something very excited for everyone to hear about this year. We are working on Lead a Legacy for all our students at Suncoast, Invent the Future. And the way we're doing that, is making sure that all our students and all the work they do are connecting to the Palm Beach County Six Pillars Strategic Plan, uh, which has been designed in 2011 to move for the community of Palm Beach County but also the State of Florida. And so, our students have worked very hard to compete globally. But one of the things we wanna continue to do to support is, they need to also make sure that the work they do every day is giving contribution to the place where they live...

MAYOR MASTERS: Mhmm.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: And to the future of Palm Beach County. So, we've centered our focus this year around the Six Pillars. And as you will note, the Six Pillars do represent, um, all of the different needs that need to take place in the local community as well as the State. And one of the things that we discovered is, all the work that the students do already are around these areas. The extended essay topics they write, the personal projects they do, the, uh, research that they do, the creativity actions service project they do, are really around serving within the context of these pillars.

Take for instance the Talent Supply and Education. Right now we work very closely with a continuum with Bethune Elementary School and John F. Kennedy. And right now we are working on developing our children in the community to rise up and get the skills they need to not just matriculate to Suncoast but be successful and graduate from there and move on to great careers. And so, the Talent Supply and Education, we are giving back in our work in the community through the work through those schools. We are looking at each one of these represents what our students are doing. They're projects show innovation. They show entrepreneurism. And as you look at each pillar, what we're focusing on this year is moving forward with a career showcase that we'll be doing on December 11th that highlights the work that's taking place in Palm Beach County and Riviera Beach around these pillars. I hope you're all thinking right now what pillar you're under cause in few minute I'm gonna talk to you about you serving as a panelist for our career showcase to talk, not just about a career but also to talk about, how the role you're playing right now and the work you're doing, how is that impacting Palm Beach County for the future to build a prosperous community. And so, each one of these, uh, particular pillars, our students are working on, their personal projects are around and all their papers are around it and their creativity action service projects. Of course, this becomes a very important one in terms of civic and governance. I wanna also extend a

special thank you for Cedrick Thomas so far and Terence Davis, volunteering to serve as a panelist. But don't worry we have room for everybody so whoever wants to serve, we're ready to help you with that.

Um, one of the other things that we think is the, I think the most critical one is, the quality of life and a quality places. And I see that's taking hold strongly in Riviera Beach. And what we're looking at is building those sustainable and vibrant communities. And certainly, the work that we're talking about with our continuum where we start with the children at Bethune Elementary School and our students are coming over and tutoring them [stammer] during the day. One on one during the day, we have over seventeen students going to the neighboring school instead of getting senior prilip', privilege or junior privilege where they get to sleep in and come to school later, they are volunteering to go to the two schools. And when the superintendent visited, he goes, 'What are these old kids doing in the classroom?' They were there helping the children. They are one on one with the students. They go to JFK and are helping in the math area and they go to Bethune Elementary School. But it doesn't stop there. There's and I Mentor Club that has over forty students in it that are volunteering on Saturday and on the weekend and they are helping Bethune Science Fair or they're helping with whatever open-house or whatever project. We have right now, a girls basketball team that everyone one of those students on the girls basketball team is mentoring an individual child and they're going over to tutor at Bethune. And for the first forty minutes they're tutored in reading and the next forty minutes they're getting how to play basketball. And they're having a one on one tutoring with the girls basketball team.

We are working it. We are trying to make sure that the contribution that the students do and the work that they do every day.., that's why it's Lead a Legacy. Every day you are making a footprint on what you're doing today to impact the future. It doesn't happen when you're old, it happens what you do today. And the students at Suncoast have been given much by attending that school, they need to give back much. And to much that people are given, the gotta give even more. And so, they're excited about their work. We are excited about having a big kick-off on our 8th Annual Career Showcase. You're invited to serve as a panelist too. I have a handout for each one of you that you can sent it to me. Uh, it's going to be from 8:00 to 9:00 is a breakfast and a networking. I've involved the North Palm Beach Chamber, the Central Chamber, the West Palm Beach Chamber, as well as Palm Beach Chamber, and the Wellington Chamber. They are all involved in reaching out to their constituents to make sure that we can find more individuals cause our students feed into all those school communities so that they can be a part of this effort. And the panelist basically does two things, talks about their career and talks about how the company, the business, the governance role they play is impacting to make the community more prosperous in impacting the future.

I've also got a special note, the superintendent's going, coming too. And I'm so excited. He's gonna come between 9:00 and 9:30. Uh, so he's going to come and see as we try reach out into our community to make them a vibrant part of the work that we do and that Suncoast truly takes on a strong role of giving back to those, uh, folks in the

community and to the children. And indeed they are the leaders of the next generation. So let's train 'em well with the Six Pillars Philosophy.

Any questions?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes, please. Could you please...

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: [Laughing]. I wanna introduce Mr. Oats. He is my star principal in the future.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That's right.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: I want everybody take note of that. And, uh, he is right now an assistant principal at Suncoast Community High School. He's wearing our Lead a Legacy Suncoast shirt. I want you to stand up Mr. Oates.

[Applause].

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Take a bow. And, uh, we are work, he's working with me on this project, uh, to reach out to the community.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Ms...

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Thank you. Anything else?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I would like to thank you for all you've done in this community.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: From elementary level up until now. And specifically, you don't see many leaders prepare the next generation. And you've done a great job of mentoring Mr. Oates.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: He's been very meaningful to the City of Riviera Beach.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Any time we ask of him, he's there. He's very proactive. And I wanna commend you for believing in Mr. Kevin Oates because he's truly a, a bright light in the City of Riviera Beach just as well as you are.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But it's great to see you all work together as a tandem.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Oh, absolutely. And, I wanted to make sure that he came here this evening. And I wanna thank all of you for your support. And we do have homecoming coming up so, that's another big even in the.., on the.., I guess not next week but the following week.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Who are you playing in the homecoming?

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Uh, we're, we've got our homecoming the 12th through the 16th and we're gonna have a parade. Just on the campus, I'm not coming down…

MAYOR MASTERS: Newman?

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: …Blue Heron.

MAYOR MASTERS: Cardinal Newman?

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: You know what I mean? Uh, I just want you to know, some of you go, 'What? She's not.., I didn't get the application.' Anyway, we are just doing off in Jake Street, that ya', ya know. We're gonna have a, a powder puff on the 16th and the parade. And, and a pep rally. Mayor has been there before for the exciting pep rally and then we have certainly our, uh, homecoming you know, football game and we're gonna have a little tailgate there, ya know. Not like you think tailgate, you know what I mean. They're having sodas, okay. And, uh, and then we're going to have the dance the next night. So we got homecoming coming up is a big event for the students as well.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Any, anything from the rest of the Board?

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Dr. Cartlin, it's always, Cartridge, it's always good to see you. I want to certainly congratulate and commend you, the work that you, you've done period at West Riviera Beach Elementary and now at Suncoast. And, everybody knows how I feel about you and the work that you, that you do at Suncoast, particularly, what the focus has always been, giving back to the community.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: But you can let the students know at Suncoast, I don't wanna hurt their feelings but you just tell them, I'm not Mayor for life, I'm Mayor when I'm here but…

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: I know but...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckles].

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: They see you and they go, I think that's the Mayor for life.

[Laughing].

MAYOR MASTERS: Tell 'em I'm a Bishop for life. Thank you.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: Alright.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Anyone else? That's it? Okay. Next we have Item.., Public Hearing 13.

UNK: No. You have a presentation.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: There's another presentation. Oh, the add-on. That will be Councilman Guyton.

CITY MANAGER JONES: No. You got Ms. Hubbard.

MAYOR MASTERS: Dr. Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That one too.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who else is coming?

MAYOR MASTERS: Dr. Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hold on.

UNK: Oh, [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. Two more schools.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh, okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: It was in the same thing. It shoulda been a separate Item.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis, this presentation continues with Principal Elaine Hubbard-Williams of Riviera Beach Preparatory and Achievement Academy and Principal Corey Brooks of JFK Middle School.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

DR. HUBBARD-WILLIAMS: Hi, good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Good evening.

DR. HUBBARD-WILLIAMS: I'm Elaine Hubbard-Williams, principal at Riviera Beach Prep.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MS. HUBBARD-WILLIAMS: I just wanna come to you tonight and share some things about our school. Some of you are familiar, some of you are not. We're located at 7071 Garden Road, the old North Tech building and we'd like to create a partnership and open our doors to the City to come and join us. We've been there five years. We transitioned from another building in West Palm Beach and we moved there. We are a District School, we have five alternative schools in Palm Beach County and we are the academic piece. Our students are staffed to our school from surrounding schools, um, Palm Beach Gardens, Dwyer, um, and Jupiter, and [turns to ask a person in audience] where else?

UNK: Palm Beach Lakes.

DR. HUBBARD-WILLIAMS: Palm Beach Lakes. Yeah. The majority of our students come from those schools. We don't take students at the counter. They're principals, assistant principals, they notice that they have a deficit and they've fallen behind academically. We're not a behavior site at all. So, um, we've designed our program where students can receive eight credits per year and, um, that allows them to recover their credits and improve their GPA and graduate with a standard diploma. Even if they've faltered the first year, 8x3 is 24. You need 24 credits to graduate. So, we're strategically designed our program to meet those needs of those particular students. We only take up to 200 students per year. And we've been successful with graduating students with a standard diploma.

Um, we, I have my team here. Mr. Mark Simmonds, our assistant principal, and Ms. Veneise Harrell and they'll share some things with you as well. Um, we also have some programs, culinary that's unique to our school so that, although it's a smaller environment, they still get some unique add-ons and that includes automotive, information technology, and creative photography. So students get to get electives that can lend them some employee ability skills as well. So, when they leave our school, they'll, in culinary, they'll have some certificates that would allow them, you know, to step up in the job market as well as automotive and information technology. So, that's how we designed the school so that these students who come with some, some barriers, we still try to set them up for some success. And a lot of students are just not successful in the 3,000 schools, the 2,000 schools but somehow they find, find their way at our school and do really well and graduate with a standard high school diploma.

And we've created some, two particular programs, two mentoring programs. One is, All Girls Rock for our female students and, um, Full Court Press for our male students. And, um, in the evening, I've seen Mr. Guyton over as well for our night program. We've revitalized the North Tech Program for vocational students that might be sixteen or older or not involved in the School District of Palm Beach County. They can gain certification and Mr. Simmonds will share with you about that.

So, at this time, I'll have Mrs. Harrell come up and share with you about our mentoring programs that we have ongoing.

MS. V. HARRELL: Good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Good evening.

MS. V. HARRELL: Veneise Harrell, Riviera Beach Prep. Um, I'm gonna give you a brief description on All Girls Rock. It's a young mentoring program for young ladies and we're gonna have quest speakers come out to give them topics of discussion on things that will help them transition from girls to women. Far as our Full Court Press, that is towards our young males and that is a program that is, um, will be held on Saturdays. We'll be having mentors coming out as well as our three academic focus which is academics, mentorship, and our hook basketball cause we know guys like to play basketball. Although our focus is academic remediation and mentoring, this will help to produce these young men into productive citizens. Now, I will have Mr. Simmonds come up and speak on our pre-apprenticeship program.

MAYOR MASTERS: You're gonna also tell us, Mr. Simmonds, that all boys rock too, right? [Laughing].

MR. M. SIMMONDS: All boys do rock. Um, but I won't be out there Saturday with them playing basketball.

[Laughing].

MR. M. SIMMONDS: I gave that stuff up. Um, Mark Simmonds for the record. Uh, we do have North Tech Program for those of you that's been in our community for years, we've brought North Tech back. North Tech is a pre-apprenticeship program that deals with construction trades. We have carpentry, plumbing, electrical, welding and HVAC. In this program, students can gain certain certifications. They can gain a NCC, NCCER Certification which is the National Center for Construction Education and Research. They can gain a OSHA Certification, which is the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. That's at ten hour course within the program itself and it's a, it's a fee most time to do that course if you do it on the outside but within the North Tech it's only a $90 cost to do that program for the year. Um, you also obtain a first aid CPR and AED Certification and you also obtain fork lift, scissor lift, boom lift training. Um, it's a excellent program.

What we asked for the community, we, we need to get this word out there a little bit more, let them know we're there. We've graduated about 300 students from that program and they've gone either into further education or in the job market. We also offer the GED at the same time so if you do not have a GED, you can do.., on Mondays and Wednesdays, you do your training and then on Tuesdays and Thursdays, you do your GED. The program's an evening program from 6:00 to 9:30 and it's for peop', young men and women. We have a couple of women that have graduated the program. Most of the women go for like, electrical and I've seen a couple in HVAC as well. So, it's not just for men. It's not just a man thing. Um, and it's a really good program. It's been going successful now the third year running and we'd like you guys to just come out. Andy, Mr. Guyton and Mr. Davis has been out there and you gu'..,we invite everyone else to come out there. And Mayor, I've been trying to get you to the graduation for a couple years now and this is, this gon' be the year, alright?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm coming. Gotta come this year.

MR. M. SIMMONDS: Alright. That's what...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair. If I may very quickly.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Let me just commend all, all of the employees there to include Ms. Hubbard, Mr. Simmonds, and Ms. Lady's Rock.

[Laughing].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We sometimes get caught up in the traditional schooling and our kids sometime get left out because they are not able to matriculate through traditional schooling. But these are alternatives to allow them to gain a skill set that would have them to compete in the job market. All of our kids need some skill set to compete. Anybody who think that our kids don't need an education, I think you need to revisit that position and understand that if they don't go to school, they're gonna end up in the streets.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: You don't have many options without an education. I had the honor to be invited to speak as the graduation speaker this year at the Pre-Apprentice Program but I heard a lot about Ms. Hubbard's program and all of the other activities and I'd like to encourage all of those who are listening, if you children are not in a traditional school, we have one right here in Riviera Beach. And there is nothing demeaning about going to an alternative school. And, I wasn't the brightest when I came thought but I stuck to it and here I am sitting on the podium.., uh, dais. So,

education is very important. I'd like to commend you all. Keep doin' whattcha doin'. And, I'm very proud that you have selected Riviera Beach as your base of operation.

Thank you very much.

MR. M. SIMMONDS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Is there anyone else that like to comment from the Board? If, Dr. Williams, if someone wanna reach ya'll school, what's the address and the number again?

DR. HUBBARD-WILLIAMS: 7071 Garden Road. I provided with a newsletter.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

DR. HUBBARD-WILLIAMS: And, um, it's on there. It's 7071 Garden Road, the old North Tech building. And for some people, they know it as the old Inlet Grove site, so. And there's some flyers in the back for the Pre-Apprenticeship Program as well.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you so much for what you all have done. As you know, the old North Tech was the foundation of this community and thank you for bringing those skills back and reaching out to the City of Riviera Beach and for all you do. And anything that we can do as a, as a City, please feel free to reach out to Staff or one of our office and we'll be glad to continue to serve and work with you.

DR. HUBBARD-WILLIAMS: Alright. Thanks.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

DR. HUBBARD-WILLIAMS: We hope you guys come over to visit.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Please. Yes. So next we have JFK Middle School. Mighty Mighty Vikings.

MR. P. WOJCIECHOWSKY: Good evening, good evening. Paul Wojciechowsky, John F. Kennedy Middle School.

MR. T. NANCE: Tim Nance, John F. Kennedy Middle School.

MR. P. WOJCIECHOWSKY: First I would like to thank the City Council for having us here tonight to shed some light on some of the great accomplishments and programs we have going on right now at JF Kennedy, JFK Middle School. Specifically, I'd like to thank Cedrick Thomas and Terence Davis for all of your support over the years. But first I, I just want everybody to know, um, and kind of understand all the tremendous gains we've been having over the last couple years so I'm gonna share some of our data that has been trickling in. I know with the FSA scores, they're still coming in but we

were able to get some of our other subject area scores in over the summer. For our civics subjects, specifically, we improved 43% from the previous year. It was the greatest gain in the entire district, um, to a proficiency of 64%. And a student is considered proficient if they reach a level 3 or above. And out of all the other Title 1 schools in the district, we were the highest for any civic scores so we were very proud of that. We have one of our civics teachers in attendance tonight. If you can stand. Ms. Williams.

[Applause].

MR. P. WOJCIECHOWSKY: She put a, a lot of hard work in last year. A lot of blood, sweat, and tears. And really, really, uh, did a tremendous job with our students last year. We have one our students, who is a level 5 in the civics last year, with us tonight. Felicity Rizzi. If you can stand Felicity.

[Applause].

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

MR. P. WOJCIECHOWSKY: Our science proficiency, uh, moved from 31% to 37% last year. Over a two period, we've had a 22% growth in that subject area. In over two years, it's the greatest growth in all of Palm Beach County School District. Our Algebra 1 students achieved 100% proficiency last year. So every student that was in a Algebra 1 class was proficient and we were the only Title 1 School last year to also accomplish that. So, we're, we're definitely moving in the right direction. Um, I'd to thank everyone who has supported us, from the teachers to the staff. As I had mentioned, the City Council, I, I really appreciate that. And, um, now we're gonna have Mr. Nance share some of the great programs that we have taking place at our school at this time.

MR. T. NANCE: Thank you all. Thank you all. I will first like to thank you all for inviting us in here today. And to share with you some of the programs that are also helping to, uh, helping us all to reach the success that my colleague, Mr. Wojo, spoke of just previously. Um, as, as you heard, uh, and some of the other schools, we also have an intervent mentor program. We call our, we have our program called 'Prep for Life'. Out program is where we have some of those, some of our children who just need that intervention or just need a little more than just seeing the principal or just automatic suspension, or automatic ISS. What we find with our students is, we have to build those relationships. They have to have someone that they can count on or they can believe in and it makes so much of a difference, uh, with, with our students. So, we have our Prep for Life program which we have kinda peered them up with someone who could kinda give them some guidance. We kinda have weekly and bi-weekly meetings to go ahead and guide those students. We kinda target what their issues are, kinda give them those incentives when they reach their benchmark as far as not, uh, displaying those issues. So, we've.., this is, I must say, this program is just getting off the ground but we're very excited about that program.

Also as usual, I would like to always mention some of our programs that we have for our parents and for our, for our.., I want our parents to know that we have these for our students when they come home. Uh, we have a reading plus program and sometimes we, I just wanna make sure the parents understand that this program can take you from where.., takes a student from where they are currently and build on their skills. So to, for your child to.., I wanna just make sure you understand, it's not something to make them think that they're behind or anything. That's not necessarily true. Wherever they are, they can build on their skills. We also have our I Ready Program that kinda fill in the cracks of, of their fundamentals, kinda help them get their.., that fundamental, that foundation where they can go ahead and soar like they're supposed to. Also we have our Reading Pl', we say Reading Plus, our Read 180 Program. That's basically done in school but I just wanna reiterate, when your child is telling you, over these holidays and over these breaks, when they're telling you they don't have anything to do, yes they can. You have internet access. They can go ahead and get on their I Ready Program, they can get on that Reading Plus Program. You know, give 'em.., make sure their getting that, they're getting that thirty minutes a day.

We also been blessed by the Council to have a GREAT Program. It's, Gang Resistance Education and Training. We have Officer Terrell who is also implementing this year. That's key. He's been working with our sixth grade students, kinda deterring some of those behaviors. All programs like this are also welcomed. And as you can see, as we implement these programs targeting, uh, the issues, you can see that our scores are coming up. Our scores are going in the right direction. Um, we also, um, Dr. Cartlidge talked about it a little earlier. We have the I Mentor and the I Mentor Program, where their students, where Suncoast students are coming over doing a great job mentoring our students and modeling how.., first of all, how students should behave and how they should act and how seriously they should take their studies. We also wanna emphasize the preferred access, those students who attend John J. Kennedy and, and, uh, continue with a 3.0 or above and, uh, pledge to be a part of the IB Program, have automatic access into Suncoast. We definitely wanna make sure that we don't leave without saying that.
That we don't leave without saying that.

Um, and I'm gonna go ahead and be brief but we want to encourage everyone to come on out and see some of the exciting things that are going on at John F. Kennedy. We have our.., we've had so much success. Parent.., parent participation is up and, as you can see, all of our, in all of our levels, we're looking for some great things in the future and with your support, we definitely will get there.

Thank you all.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

[Applause].

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Council.., first I heard Councilman Thomas then the Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Nan'…

MR. P. WOJCIECHOWSKY: Can, can I.., one… I forgot to mention, we do another student, student in the audience tonight that was successful on the civics test last year, Jacob Smith.
Jacob Smith, if you could stand. Oh, he left.

UNK: He just walked out the door.

MAYOR MASTERS: He was here.

MR. P. WOJCIECHOWSKY: Okay. Alright. Just missed him, sorry.

MAYOR MASTERS: He's gonna do his homework.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: [Laughing]. Yeah. Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Nance, that program that you were speaking of, you say it was Reading Plus?

MR. T. NANCE: Plus. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Is that something that is just a, a web based or internet based program? Is that something that, you know, a program that maybe we can put in our Cyber Mobile for when it goes out into the general public or is that just something that just, you just need to have internet access to be able to get?

MR. T. NANCE: Um, yeah, you have to have internet access to, uh, to reach the program but it definitely would be something that you will probably wanna look into for your Cyber Mobile and everything. It's a great program. It's a great program. Like we say, our kids, a lot of our students, you know, they're always on the internet and that's a very good tool in the way that they learn. We, we, we utilize that technology. So, it would definitely…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I'm speaking it…

MR. T. NANCE: …be good.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Is, is, is it like, do they, do they need to have like, a student number?

MR. T. NANCE: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Or anything? So…

MR. T. NANCE: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So how do we, how do we get that program to where it can, they can have access for it inside of our library or our Cyber Mobile?

MR. T. NANCE: Yes. See, they, um, well, I can speak…

MR. P. WOJCIECHOWSKY: They can get on through the web browser.

MR. T. NANCE: Yes.

MR. P. WOJCIECHOWSKY: Just any web browser and they can get on. It doesn't have to be an icon that they click on.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. P. WOJCIECHOWSKY: Yeah.

MR. T. NANCE: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. P. WOJCIECHOWSKY: And they know how to get on.

MR. T. NANCE: Yeah. They know how to get…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. T. NANCE: …on, believe me.

MR. P. WOJCIECHOWSKY: They get on through the, the Palm Beach School's District website.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. T. NANCE: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Alright. Thank you. That's all, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I.., the cameraman wasn't as, as quick as you are, were. The, the young lady from, that scored high with the civics and the teacher, if you would stand and Walter, you will get them on camera for the.., there we go. For everybody can see them out in TV land. Give them another hand, please.

[Applause].

MAYOR MASTERS: That's all.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. I would like to also say to the parents that came to assist with the young lade, thank you all for coming out. I did have the opportunity to meet the parents and the young lady at my First Annual Strive for Five initiative breakfast at the Hilton this past spring and I thank you all for coming out. And at this time, if you wanna come and say anything about how you, how Kennedy's been impacting your life. Would you like to come and talk? The student? Yeah, come on now.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I know you ain't.., you okay. You can just come say hello and say you're name if you'd like.

MAYOR MASTERS: She's courageous. She's coming.

MS. F. RIZZI: Hi. My name's Felicity Rizzi.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: How you doin', Felicity?

MS. F. RIZZI: Good.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And you love JFK?

MS. F. RIZZI: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And you love Riviera Beach?

MS. F. RIZZI: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright. Hi-five.

[Applause].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And thank you so much for everyone who came out. Do we have anyone else from JFK? We have a parent.

UNK: I'm her parent.

MAYOR MASTERS: And a little child shall lead the parent, right?

[Laughter].

MS. A. RIZZI: Hi. My name is Alyssa Norizzi. I'm also a teacher in high school and my daughter and my other son also attended, before he attended, um, JFK and now he's in high school and I just feel that.., we moved from Broward to here and, at first, I felt like, iffy about changing them from where they were to come to West Palm Beach and into Riviera but after they start going JFK and, um, they have aftercare, they have summer school, they have.., how to say, on Saturday's they had help also. And, my son who was doing really badly before, uh, he absolutely did so well that now he takes physics in high school.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

MS. A. RIZZI: Geometry, Algebra 2 already because he took, uh, Geometry and Algebra 1 at JFK and passed all the FCAT's at the time, all with 5's. And my daughter who is.., now she is an 8th grader but she's already taking, she takes class at Suncoast, Geometry and also Biology so she's way ahead of her, you know, of her classmates all because of JFK. So I'm very happy and very proud and Mr. Brooks is doing a great job.

[Applause].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. Thank you. Ms. Williams, did you wanna come and say anything? The, the teacher, Ms. Williams? Please, please. When you're doing great things in Riviera Beach, it's always wonderful...

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...to have a opportunity to show it off and let people know the, the assets and the skills.

MAYOR MASTERS: Ci', civics.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And the talent that we have in our community.

MS. M. WILLIAMS: Good evening. My name is Megan Williams.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. M. WILLIAMS: And I am just absolutely ecstatic at how the children performed last year. Um, they keep giving me the accolades but really they inspired me to go beyond the call of duty. They were just excellent children. They came in ready and willing to work. So, I just want to congratulate all of my children who passed the civics EOC and

even those who were just that close, within one question of passing. They put forth such a great effort. One of the things that I wanted to make sure that I mentioned, out of the 205 students who took the EOC, 132 of them passed.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

AUDIENCE: Wow.

MS. M. WILLIAMS: 132 of them. So when Mr. Nance and Mr. Wojciechowsky mentioned the importance of reading and using those web based programs, they are absolutely essential. What some of, um, parents, some of the parents don't realize is, not only are they taking a test that is on 7th grade level, but some of the passages that they are given, honestly, it's college level. One of the things that I have the parents to do when they come in for open house, is to go around and participate in a game I call "Consensagram". And they have to actually read those passages. They're kinda taken back how they're child can answer it but they can't figure out what's being said. So, it is so important that you encourage your child to use those web based programs so they can practice on their reading, strengthen their skills, and they can be ready for the test in the, uh, spring time. So again, I thank every one of my children. I thank the City of Riviera Beach. I thank Mr. Nance as well as Mr. Wojciechowsky and definitely Mr. Brooks and the district for providing the resources and the support that were necessary in order for us to make those great gains.

MAYOR MASTERS: Wonderful.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you so much.

[Applause].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead, Councilman Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I would like to personally congratulate Ms. Williams as well on a job well done as well as the John F. Kennedy School. Before, Dr. Cartlidge, before you leave, I've been made aware that you're going to be moving on to some different endeavors here in a few months, in retirement. Five months, but who's counting, right.

MS. L. CARTLIDGE: That's actually [inaudible] day.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: [Laughing]. So, we wanna congratulate you for, you know, a wonderful career. Definitely spending a lot of years here in the City educating our, our students. There is one special student that attends Suncoast that wanted me to give you a special hello. My daughter, Jasmine said, please don't forget my principal. I don't know what that means but…

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Remedy Ryan.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. [Laughing]. So she, she definitely says hello and also congratulations. So, thank you very much.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright. Now we have 12A. Is that correct?

UNK: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Presentation from the Office of Councilman Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair, actually it's not gonna be from me. It's gonna be from Pathways to Prosperity and if they'll come forward now. And as they are coming, let me just tell you how, how I was introduced to the program. Former Councilperson Billie Brooks, when I was elected, I actually appointed her as my ambassador in the community. But, she's been on the ground since she's left office and she invited me to come over to be introduced to this organization and program.

AUDIENCE Wow.

[Applause].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And I was absolutely impressed.

UNK: [Inaudible] national program.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: They are helping people with life skills and they are not just in Riviera Beach but I understand it's a national program. And from there, I'll let the, you're the president of this chapter?

MS. K. BUSH: I am the CEO of Pathways to Prosperity.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

MS. K. BUSH: My name is Kimberly Bush. Um, first of all, I wanna thank all of you for giving me the opportunity and our agency to present to you all, uh, with special recognition to Councilman Guyton and to you, Mr. Davis for your support as well. To all of you. Circles is one of the initiatives of Pathways to Prosperity. Our office is actually based in Boynton Beach and, um, it is a program of St. John Missionary Baptist Church. It is a program that was the vision of our former Pastor, Reverend Lance Chaney and when he passed we kept the vision moving forward. Circles actually has been implemented right now in Palm Beach County for a little under two years. It is a national program that operates in over twenty six states around the country and Canada. It is very successful at moving individuals who are highly motivated to change their situation that are living in poverty, to get them to self-sufficiency. I wanna show you the clip, the video and then I'll come behind it and just talk a little bit about it. So thank you.

[Video starts to play].

MS. K. BUSH: Thank you.

[Applause].

MS. K. BUSH: As I said to you, what, what makes Circles so unique, I mean, there's been programs for years that have offered these same services, budgeting and, and accountability, and all of that but what's different about Circles, is the phase that happens after the families graduate. Because once they graduate, they are paired then with middle to upper income individuals to help guide them out of poverty. These are individuals that make a commitment for a minimum of eighteen months, to come alongside one person. So each person that graduates the Circles program, end up with at least two allies, not mentors, but allies. They make an intentional effort to befriend these individuals that come through the program and then help them to achieve the goals, realistic goals, smart goals that they set when they're in the program.

It really is taking the li', having the community to come around these families and say, in order for us to really change the situation of poverty, it's gonna take all of us. And it is a program where everyone can get involved. It's not saying, just go and get a job, because many of our families have done that and they run into what is called the "cliff affect". I make fifty cents more an hour, I lose my benefits. So for a lot of families it's easier for them to stay in that situation rather than move forward. But what Circles do, is we prepare them that this is going to happen. It is going to happen the way the system is now but there's another part of Circles, it's called Big View and we'll be launching Big View in 2016. And that's where we get with individuals like yourself and legislatures and house reps and we begin to look at those systemic barriers that are keeping individuals in poverty. But we're not leading it. We have these individuals that are graduating that are leading this charge to say, we have to make some differences. Something has to change in order for us to change families that are living in poverty.

I get real excited about it cause after 25 years of doing this work, this is the first time I've seen program that show quick results because we have families that have graduated and I'm telling you, their lives are changing. I have the first graduating class, I think they've been, they've been in now for eighteen months. I can't.., they're in college. They have gotten better jobs. And it's a commun'.., we bring the whole family in. So it's a really, really great opportunity to change. And I'm so excited that we're doing it here in Riviera Beach. This is where I grew up. I'm excited about Riviera Beach Prep and what's going on at JFK. I went to JFK, I went to Suncoast. Riviera Beach Prep, North Tech, all of those things are exciting and I'm so glad that Riviera Beach is on the move and doing what you're doing and I'm glad that I can be a part of it by bringing Circles to Riviera Beach. I do believe we brought some handouts for all of you so that you can find out more about the program. We want you to get involved. I wanna thank Billie for giving up this opportunity. She was the, that spearheaded this. She is wonderful. She is the coach that operates the site here in Riviera Beach. Your Parks and Recreation Department came along side us, they've partnered with us. We're running our program

at the Lindsey Davis Center. We're really excited about the work that is happening here and we've partnered with the Bridges. The Bridges at Riviera Beach Program and we get those families that are in Bridges, they're already immersed, they're already involved. So we take those who really want to now change their situation and then put them into this Circles model and began to have them lead themselves to prosperity.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead, Councilman Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Very quickly. Ms. Bush, let me just thank you and thank you because we can't do it all on the dais. It takes organizations like yours that are on the ground working with the people who are actually in need. I like a hands on. I was very impressed when I attended one of your meetings. I see you have some of your co-workers, would you please introduce them so that the community'll know some of the people who are helping you?

MS. K. BUSH: Absolutely. And I couldn't do any of it without them. First of all, let me introduce Billie Brooks, you all probably already know Billie.

[Applause]

MS. K. BUSH: And Billie again, she runs the program in Riviera Beach. We have Tracy Powell.

[Applause]

MS. K. BUSH: Tracy is the coordinator for Circles in Palm Beach County. Right now we have programs operating in Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, and now in Riviera Beach. And we'll be going into West Palm next month. And then we have Tara Hills.

[Applause]

MS. K. BUSH: And Tara is the program director for Pathways to Prosperity. I was just getting there. So just before I go to my seat, I would like to say, just as October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month and it is Poverty Awareness Month. And, the week of October 12th through the 16th we will be sponsoring Poverty Awareness Week. Uh, we will start off on Monday with videos and I believe you all have handouts in your folders. Um, we'll probably get some over to Billie so that we can bring some more to the City of Riviera Beach. But then on Tuesday, we're challenging individuals to take the SNAP Challenge which is to eat off of $4.50 for the entire day which is what our families receive that are receiving food stamps. They get $4.50 per day per person that lives in the house. So, we're asking individuals to do that. Eat off of $4.50 and you cannot use any food that you already have in your house.

[Laughing]

MS. K. BUSH: And we laugh at it and that's what our families deal with all the time. That's okay. That's, that's exactly the response that we're used to. And, um, then beyond that, we're asking on that Wednesday or Thursday that individuals will take the, um, Transportation Challenge. We're challenging individuals to take Palm Tran.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MS. K. BUSH: Take the bus.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MS. K. BUSH: Get to work. See how it feels with our families that have to drop a couple of kids off to school and then get to work and get back home and if they have a night job then they usually don't have a ride home. And then lastly, on October 16th on that Friday, we will have our COPE Simulation, it's the Cost of Poverty Experience.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MS. K. BUSH: It's gonna be at Shiloh Family Worship Center. But I tell you, anyone that has ever gone through a COPE Simulation, it really changes your perspective about families that are living in poverty. Please come out, join us. It starts at 1 o'clock at Shiloh. You can visit our website, Pathways Boynton dot org so that you can register to take the challenge. If you can't do the $4.50, if you can't take Palm Tran, we're asking you to donate $25 to the cause. And on Tuesday at the Commission Chambers at 9:30, Commissioner Taylor will be signing a proclamation actually naming October 12th through the 16th...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MS. K. BUSH: As Poverty Awareness Week.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you so much.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you very much.

MS. K. BUSH: Mhmm.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Quick question. Hi, Ms. Bush, how are you?

MS. K. BUSH: I'm good. How you doing, Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Good to see you again.

MS. K. BUSH: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: And just for the record, when you was doing a similar program at Stoneybrook. I just have to tell you, it hasn't been the same since you've been gone. It was the, the best program that I've seen, was the program that you were involved with. On the Pathway Program that, that you are doing now, when did it start in Riviera Beach? The date?

MS. K. BUSH: We started here in Riviera Beach…

UNK: July the 7th.

MS. K. BUSH: July the 7th.

MAYOR MASTERS: A couple months ago. This year?

MS. K. BUSH: This year.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

MS. K. BUSH: 2015.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you very much.

MS. K. BUSH: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: A'.., and…

MS. K. BUSH: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead, go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, just one last statistic. In Riviera Beach, according to our last census, upwards of 20% of our residents live under the poverty line.

UNK: 26.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: 26 to be exact? I knew it was above 20. So, if there's any community that needs your help, it is Riviera Beach and I will be contributing to, for my community benefits to…

MS. K. BUSH: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...your program as well.

MAYOR MASTERS: And, real quick, Mr. Chairman. Would you like for, to have a proclamation from the office of the Mayor?

MS. K. BUSH: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS: For poverty?

MS. K. BUSH: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. No problem.

MS. K. BUSH: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS: We'll make sure it happens.

MS. K. BUSH: Thank you. We'll...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I would just like...

MS. K. BUSH: We'll, we'll do the language. Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I would just like to say, thank you for choosing Riviera Beach.

MS. K. BUSH: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you so much.

MS. K. BUSH: Thank you all for the opportunity.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. So now we're on Item 13?

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 13. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PLAT ENTITLED "TROPICAL SHIPPING CORPORATE CENTER", TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 13.37 ACRES, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD (SR 710); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do we have a second?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Discussion. So at this time, we gonna have a presentation.

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Right. Mary McKinney, Director of Community Development. And this is a plat provided by Tropical Shipping for their site on State Road 710 at Avenue P that they had approved by the City Council on April 15, 2015 and they're plat was ready at the time their site plan was approved so now it's ready. It's gone to the planning and zoning Board. Was recommend for approval by the Planning and Zoning Board on September 10, 2015 and City Staff recommends approval. Basically what it is, is establishing the legal boundary and any easements on the property that need to be recorded in the public records.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Any discussion, questions from the Board? Madam, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas, Chair Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Here, yes.

[Laughing].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

REGULAR

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Item Number 14

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 14. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING

THE RENEWAL OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER OF FLORIDA AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FROM VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $1,645,974 FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Have a second?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Is there a presentation here or just?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: What you have before you, members of Council for consideration is the liability insurance coverage for the City. I will.., am pleased to announce that this is a decrease from previous years. We continue to hold steady as it relates to the claims that are being filed. Our agents have done an excellent job in making sure that they look at all of the potential insurers out there and that they get us the best arrangement as we possibly can.

If you have any questions, there are representatives here from Arthur J. Gallagher and they will be glad to answer any questions in detail that you might have about this payment or this increase for the next year. Not a increase. This payment for the next year.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Any.., are there any questions or concerns from the Board? Madam Manager, you mentioned decrease, do you have an amount for the decreasing.

CITY MANAGER JONES: $300,000 is the decrease from last year.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excellent, excellent. That's always good, a cost savings. Alright, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton? Councilperson Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That Motion is approved with Councilperson Guyton out.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright. Item Number 16. Discussions and Deliberations.

UNK: What about 15.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: 15. Item 15, Governmental Week. So that'll be the presentation.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 15. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK, OCTOBER 18-24, 2015 AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We have a second?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Manager. Are we gonna talk about governmental week?

CITY MANAGER JONES: This Item is, is on the Agenda before you in order to be able to provide activities during that particular week which is government week. We have received notice from the League of Cities, as well as other organizations asking us if we would declare, what is the week celebration for government activities. They're programs that are being discussed. I don't know if there's any particular that the Clerk can now talk about. Generally, we have buttons talking about government. We do displays that talk about the different areas and the different aspects of government. I believe, I don't know if it's been firmed up, that Chair Pardo would like to have an activity during this week and we will confirm that as it relates to her literacy program in reading. But it is a week that we arrange and have programs set aside to recognize government. And I believe also, at the end of the week, not necessarily the City's activity but then there's always the Sunday government program that we've all received notice about that will be held at Mount Zion, I believe, Baptist Church for all elected officials within the Palm Beach County area.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: As the Reverend Adams?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Anything from the Board?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So we don't have any, a list of activities? We're gonna create them? Or is someone working on them you said?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: As previously stated, this is something that is put on by the Florida League of Cities. The Office of the City Clerk did submit materials to our local schools within the City of Riviera Beach for them to include some type of civic activity within their curriculum during the week of October 18th thru the 24th. That material was sent out the first week in September to give teachers the opportunity to include it in their curriculum during this week. The Office of the City Clerk also will have questions posted on their, on our Facebook and our Twitter accounts for individuals to answer. Whoever answers first will receive recognition, as well as a prize. And the recognition will be given at one of the City Council meetings in the month of November. So we encourage our citizens and our residents, and business owners to come to City Hall to see what's, uh, City government is all about. To also take a stroll of our library's Cyber Mobile and to support our afterschool activities, like the Riviera Beach Chargers football games, our cheerleaders and other activities that we have available for our youth within the City of Riviera Beach.

So, this is just the opportunity for, not only the City of Riviera Beach but municipalities throughout the State of Florida to just show, show off what they have for their residents.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you so much. Anything else from the Board? Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Now we Item 16. Discussion and Deliberations. City Manager.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

16. CITY MANAGER'S REQUEST THAT CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OF BRUCE DAVIS AS HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. What you have before is the action that you have taken in the past as it relates to the appointment of the Human Resource, my recommendation for, my appointment of the Human Resource Director, Mr. Bruce L. Davis. He is not a resident of the City of Riviera Beach. There was an ordinance put in place, I believe in 1997 that said that department heads should live in the City and, where possible, when they're coming from outside the area or outside the state, we require, we definitely require that but here we have someone that already has a residency in Broward County. They will not be driving a City car or anything like that but, in order to be able to hire this individual we need to have the waiver of the residency requirement and I request your approval to waive the residency.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead, Councilman Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Jones, we've done that several times. I believe that, I'm sure you've hired a quality candidate. But we have an ordinance and I don't think that we should continue to waive that ordinance that was put in there for a reason. We want to make sure that, you know, all our employees have a chance to have a stake inside of it. So, I mean, I'm just putting that on record, that I, I don't think that we should waive it. However, if the Board is so inclined to do that...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Is this employee coming in at the base rate of pay?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mid-range.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So, I'm, you know, I'm really not willing to do.., me, just personally, both.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If we say we're relax in the requirement, then okay. I mean, the individual may be already established, has home already purchased in Broward County, I understand. But, if we're gonna say, we're going to give you, you

know, an increase over the, the base rate, then I don't think that we should do both. So, if we're gonna say you're gonna relax it, which I don't think we should but if we're inclined to, then definitely not give the increase in pay. If we're gonna give the increase in pay, then I think that they should have to move to the City.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Before I go any further, let me make sure I take these two comment cards on this Item. First we have Ms. Bonnie Larson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. I read over this gentleman's, um, resume and I, I was pretty surprised. You know that this [inaudible], our previous personnel manager has been gone for one year and I'm sure, Ms. Jones, there's been a lot of pressure on you to get someone in that position. It's been one year we've been without somebody. I would've thought.., we knew Ms. Perry was gonna resign. We knew she was gonna retire, excuse me, we should've had somebody here a couple months before she retired to work in tandem with her so there was some kind of thing going on. Anyway, what happened now was there was apparently an ad put out except one of the documents in the back-up says, 'Was there an ad?' 'No.' And then later on in the, in the document it says, yes they did advertise it. So, let's get our documents in proper order.

The thing is, with a personnel manager... Alright, when you're hiring for a position, this is a very important position. It's the personnel department in Riviera Beach. It's a very, very important position and there's gonna be a learning curve for everybody. But the more we have, the more the person has qualifications, the less the learning curve. I read the, um, resume for this gentleman. I don't see any, any union, um, experience. Most of Riviera Beach is, is a union. You have to deal with union employees. You have to deal with union contracts. There's a lot. This person comes in with nothing, no experience whatsoever doing that. So that learning curve is gonna be like that. Now what I understand happen was, I guess, Ms. Jones you picked these people to, to do the interviewing for you. And there're two people from the police department previous, one from the fire department and one from finance. They narrowed down the field to one person. If I were the person going to hire this person, as you are, I wouldn't, I wouldn't take one person, a choice of one person. That's not the way to do it. We can't find somebody in Palm Beach County? We talk all the time, we have to hire somebody local. This is Broward County. Apparently, this person is not willing to live, work, and play in Riviera Beach. Alright? So, it's a nice salary. Nice sala'.., now, you didn't say the salary. You said it's "mid-range", why is it mid-range? The person has no union qualifications whatsoever. There is, um, no longevity at any of these jobs. Worked for Citizen's Insurance, worked for JM Family Enterprises, which is a car dealership. None of this, none of this has anything to do with working for a city, working with employees. Never been a personnel manager, full-time personnel manager. It looks like consulting work. Worked in Jacksonville also. Um, if you read what he describes as his jobs at these two, two or three places that he's listed here, it's mostly giving advice or

consulting, possible provide guidance, providing consultation. There's nothing here about being a personnel manager for anybody especially for a City. It's a very difficult job and it just.., the qualifications are not here. Like I said, if you get a choice of one person to hire, no. You tell those people to go out and find somebody else.

[Beep]

MS. B. LARSON: Choice of one? No. It's recommend by Mr. Wayne Richards so maybe he knows him, maybe he's a good guy, who knows. But, no qualifications that we need.

Thank ya'll.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank, thank you, Ms. Larson. Mr. Willis Williams.

MAYOR MASTERS: Do we have a copy of the resume? [Whispering].

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Good evening. Willis Williams. It's very few times that I agree or concur with someone on the dais and Mr. Thomas, I, I definitely concur and agree with you. Those things were put in place for a reason. We have now been going out, outside the county, outside Riviera and we're constantly hiring people that don't wanna move in this City. Now if he would co', if he'd gotten a job in Atlanta, he woulda had to move to Atlanta.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MR. W. WILLIAMS: So, I think he needs to understand, if this is your choice and this is who you wanna hire, fine but the stipulation should simply be, you have to live in Riviera Beach. I don't think it's fair to other department heads that have been here prior that had to move here. And now, saying to them, we gonna just write this off, you didn't have to do that. So, and my thing is, you definitely need someone with military background. Someone that has come out of somewhere that's done with, that has done with government background of employees throughout their career. I mean, working two rental car agency or something, that just don't cut it.

So, I think you really need to go back and do some more research on even this individual here. But definitely, he needs to move into this City if he wants to be hired.

Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That will be the last comment card so we can move this further discussion. Next was, was it Councilman Guyton or Councilman, woman Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I didn't say anything…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Who was it?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …but I…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No one?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …can.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. You can go.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Did you call?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No, no, no.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You wanna speak?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'll speak after.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We do have an ordinance in place and I don't.., almost reiterating what Mr. Thomas said, it's there for a reason. When the, the people apply, was the criteria stated that they had to live in Riviera Beach? Is that, I mean, is that something that's there? Or you tell them that afterwards?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I don't know whether it's in the full ad. It is in the full job description. But, I'm not sure whether they put it in the ad. I'd have to look and see what the HR ad looked like.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Because I'm just thinking, if that was presented up front, this person should've never gotten an interview and we should never have pulled his application. And I, I would think with something as big as that, you don't wanna waste people's time by applying for something that they already know off the bat they don't meet the requirements if…

CITY MANAGER JONES: What…

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …that's what we require.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well the residency is that you.., at the point of being hired you have to live in the City. You don't have to be living in the City to be a applicant for consideration.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And, so when they get hired, it's just expectation that they will move in, move into the City or? How do you keep track with that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: How do we keep track of that?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You go ahead and hire 'em, they say okay, I'll move in.

[Beep]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And if they don't move in…

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, no. There hiring…

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: …[inaudible] all the way from.

CITY MANAGER JONES: …isn't complete unless this happens.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Unless what happens?

CITY MANAGER JONES: If this action does not occur, if the waiver does not occur, then I go back to the candidate, I communicate the decision tonight.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And then they have to decide whether they want to accept the position. That's how it, that's, that's the process.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And if they say, 'Okay, yeah. I'll, I'll accept the position.' When.., how much time does he have to move into the City in order to keep the position that you've offered to him?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Twelve months.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I wanna say it either twelve, twelve months, I believe. Six to twelve months. But I think it's twelve.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It's in the, it's in your back-up.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's twelve months.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You have one year.

CITY MANAGER JONES: One year.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Okay. I, I just think that, with a job as im', as important as this is, we should continue to look for someone. I mean, the job has been vacant for some time so I don't think we're pressing, it's pressing to just grab someone and see may'... How long was it advertised for?

CITY MANAGER JONES: The position was advertised twice.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And the first time, there were forty applications that we received and...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-uh. It says...

CITY MANAGER JONES: That app'...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...sixty six

CITY MANAGER JONES: That actual application period closed October of last year.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And looking at the candidates and the quality cause we were just looking for a manager, then the decision was made to put it back to a director and have it reporting to the manager and we went back out on the street again and readvertised and then this time we got seventy applicants.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And we didn't have anyone in-house that may have qualified for this position? Or maybe they didn't apply.

CITY MANAGER JONES: You had internal candidates that did apply and were interviewed for the position.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes sir, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Just a couple of questions and one point. I, I guess my, my question first. I, I, I've heard it a number of times tonight that we have this resident requirement for a reason. Several people have made that point. What is that

reason? Could, could somebody tell me? I mean, I've heard it all night. We have it for a reason.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So, I, I would like to be informed about what that reason is.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Chair. Is, is that in our Charter?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. It's...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm, I'm asking...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It is in the Code and I just... We would have to pull the original ordinance to see the whereas clause as to why it was done. It is in your code of ordinances under Section 2-8 and it did not.., there was a requirement before that in 1997 that you're City Manager had to live within five miles of the City. That's the ordinance that was changed in, in '97' and this part was added for all of the department heads.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I was here it when it was done...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But my question.., Mr. Chair, do I still have...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And I...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...the floor?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But I would hate to...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No. Councilman Thomas...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...give you an opinion as to....

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. He interceded on my time.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh, he jumped in.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You recognized me cause he asked could somebody answer that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And that's what I was doing.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Let's go back.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Oh, are you gonna answer it for me?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'mma say because it's a part of our Charter and that's the rules that we do. So…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That, that's good enough for me.

MAYOR MASTERS: What is the basis of it?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So, I, I, I go back to my original question…

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't know.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Other than this part of our Charter and ordinance, what is the basis for this Charter and ordinance? I just wanna know. What, what is the reason? What's they rhyme to reason?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Coun', Councilman Guyton, I suggest that, the best thing you can, we can, you can do is probably pull up the minutes from that meeting when that was approved and see what was the discussion at that time.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Well, [stammer], okay, and that's a good point.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But if we're going to impose it…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We should have the reason why we're imposing it. That's, that's, that's where I'm going with this.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Good question. You're asking...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I mean, so it's a logical approach that we require you, because. It, it is in the Charter.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Code.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But, but this is what we're looking for, this is why we're requiring you to live in the City. And, and, and the reason I'm going there because we already have a precedent of a couple of department heads not living in the City which have been eluded to and whether I agree or not agree that's now where I'm going. Where I'm going is that, if we're gonna hire what we consider or the City Manager considers to be... And let me speak on that. The only way that I, as an elected official, can hold the City Manager accountable is to allow her put her team together. And if it doe'n't work out, you know who I'm looking at? I'm looking at the City Manager. If we as a Council intercede for whatever reason, they don't live in the City, they don't do this and that person who may be selected thereafter, who was not selected by the City Manager then, me as a Councilperson, I can't conceivably look down the dais and hold her accountable.., and this just me.., because I didn't agree to her selection. But look.., let me finish. This just me. I'm talking for one person here.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So, and, my opinion about who the City Manager hires, it's just me, mine is nothing. I don't have to work with them. That City Manager gonna be accountable. If they not qualified and they fall on they face, I'm holding the City Manager accountable. Without a doubt. I'm not asking any questions. That was your selection and if, if they come in here and this City and personnel department go to hell in a handbasket, the City Manager's gonna be accountable from my vote. I'm just sayin', that's just me. But, I just want to know the reason which has not been articulated to me.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: As of yet, for even having this residence... One thing it does, it limits our pool of candidates and the skill sets. Significantly. That's just my opinion. It goes back to 1997. To me, it's antiquated.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The second point is, we already have a precedent of people being hired who don't live in our City.

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So, so my, my position is, quite frankly, it shouldn't even be in the ordi', in the Codes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: It should be the best qualified and, and, and if...

AUDIENCE: [Inaudible shout].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: If they don't work out...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Please, please, please, please.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Shut up.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No noise in the audience.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Councilman Guyton, let's, let's not go back and forth with the audience.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. No. I'm goin'...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Just finish...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...back and forth.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Finish your comments cause I think Attorney Ryan has the answer to your question.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. [Inaudible] answered it because one thing that I've always done, I tried to base my decision, not on emotions, but data, documents, and evidence. Give me some documents or evidence of a reason how this is gonna be significant to the performance of an employee. That's what I'm looking at, performance. And I wanna have the best in here, according to the City Manager cause she's gonna be accountable, of who's gonna perform. That's all I'm looking for. So, give me some data, documents, evidence of how this resident requirement is gonna make... And I do think that, if we do have residents who are qualified, who have applied, they should get additional points for that. That I do think should happen. I don't think that that should be ignored. But Ms. Ryan, if you have a reason, I would like to hear it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay, Ms. Ryan.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Chair. I do not have a reason but I, we did pull the original ordinance from 1997 which amended an ordinance form 1957. And the ordinance in 1957 said that, all the department heads, assistant to the City Manager or the Deputy City Manager had to establish a residence within the City or within five miles of the City. And so, that part was stricken out, the five miles, and it was left to say that they had to move within the City. There is only one whereas clause which say that the City Council legislative, legislatively determines and finds that the residency requirements for executive staff members should be amended. And that's, that's all that we have as far as a legislative history on this.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Before we go any further, I just would like to ask a question. Would you please, Madam Manager, explain the process on how this was done. Was there a committee? How many applications were submitted? How many were reviewed and who reviewed 'em? How did that process go before we go any further?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. As I mentioned, sir, there were seventy applicants for the, the position and they were reviewed and the pool was narrowed to fifteen. They were sent an extensive survey instrument to respond back to, that had several items that they had to, questions that they had to answer. Then after they.., the questions were reviewed, the committee got it down to a number of six candidates that they interviewed and of the six candidates, they.., this individual that I'm recommending was the top candidate out of their.., you know, after, as a result of their interviews. That interview panel consisted of the Assistant to the City Manager, Troy Perry, the Assistant Finance Director, Karen Hoskins, Assistant Police of Chief, Mike Madden, and Deputy City Manager, Danny Jones. So that was the process.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That was the process. Was.., I don't wanna get to outta hand here but, I have a question I would like to ask is, do we have anyone closer that was just as competent or competitive?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I wanna say here, number three.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Three or four outta six.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. I'll let, Councilman Guyton, did you have any other questions that you wanna ask?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. I'm, I'm done but I really would like for somebody to convey the reason why this is even here.

AUDIENCE: [Inaudible shout].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I mean, because it just make sense to me to be able to articulate the reason. That's just logical to me. I mean, it's good to have 'em in the City but what is it? Is it gonna do anything about their performance? That's, that's the substantive issues. Can they perform? And who they're accountable to? The City Manager. And if they don't work out, the, the City Manager is who reports to me. So, whatever her team is, she has to be accountable for it. So, and whether I agree or disagree, I'm gonna allow her to put a team together and if her team doe'n't work out, she's gonna be held accountable. To me. That's just me.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Councilman Thomas, go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: In my opinion, it's not about Ms. Jones putting a team together in this action. If Ms. Jones decided to select this individual and that individual wants to move to the City of Riviera Beach, then he gets the job. I mean, that's, that, that's the way it go.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Other than that, my concern is that, we have a gang of ordinances that happened before any of us was sitting up here and there's not an explanation on every ordinance that we have that we have to go back to. It is, excuse me one second please, sir. It is an ordinance. We abide by all of the ordinances that are there and it's here in front of us because we have to do something about it. That, that is our job. Nobody was in, in the interview process with this. If it's an ordinance, obviously you can grant a waiver but I'm, I'm not agreeing to all of the getting involved with Ms. Jones decision all that. It's not about that. Our only decision is, whether we want to grant the, the waiver or not.

AUDIENCE: No.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's not whether we want to reject the candidate or not. That's, that's not what we here to decide. We either say, we're grantin' or we're not and Ms. Jones can handle it, you know, from there. That's all for me.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Point well taken. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me just say you're doing a wonderful job tonight.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'm, I'm holding my breath.

MAYOR MASTERS: You're doing a great job. I wanna say it now just in case I don't...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Keep it short so we can get through it.

MAYOR MASTERS: If I don't get my three or four minutes at the end, I wanna say it now on the record. I have a couple questions for the Manager. Madam Manager, is it customary that the assistants who are second in command, is it customary that the assistants interview someone for, for the first, for the number one position, they're second but they're interviewing someone. I mean, they're not a department head, they're all assistants. Is that customary that you use all assistants to determine someone that's gonna be a director or a department head?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I select individuals, not by the title that they hold but by the experience that they have with the position we're hiring for.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. So, I don't know whether that's customary or not but let me just ask you this. Was there anyone of.., I think I counted, I don't know how many but, was there any one of the ones that were on there, a department head or in a top leading administrative position equivalent to the department heard?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, you have one that is higher than a department head, the Deputy. And then you had two that were assistants in major departments.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Also, why was the, why was there a change? You were, you were looking, you had advertised as manager then you took it back and changed it. What was the purpose of the, of the change to something else you stated earlier?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well there had been a.., first of all, we had looked at the applicants that we had received.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And, the applicant pool was not of the quality that we were looking for. And then, if you'll recall, there was a discussion amongst this Body about where that position reported and directed that that position report back to me directly. And that's when we out to make it the director to try and get a better pool of candidates and thus, we went back out the second time.

MAYOR MASTERS: Also, how many times in, in the past, since you've been City Manager, have you've asked for a waiver for residential requirements?

CITY MANAGER JONES: One, two, three, four [whispering]. I can think of four right off, there may be more.

MAYOR MASTERS: You can think of four in, in the, your tenure?

CITY MANAGER JONES: In my tenure. It may be more.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Also, the.., I heard someone said that we've, we've made exceptions, that we have waived but we've also.., people have moved here as well because of that requirement. They wanted to job so they moved here so it's probably double the amount that did it then those that got the waiver. Four is a, you know, pretty low number. The middle, they're coming into the middle scale for pay?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Is that more or less than the previous HR?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Less.

MAYOR MASTERS: Less. Okay. My recommendation is that we do not grant the waiver. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: One last quick question. Isn't there a policy that only allows for like 5% over the starting pay?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Ten.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: 10%?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Is this within that 10%?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'm not sure. It may be just above that 10%. Cause my concern is, if it can't get the waiver, then I need to go back and so any other final consideration for a final salary, if it's above that area, it would have to come back in a resolution to you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: To do that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So if it's...

CITY MANAGER JONES: If they decide they...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...above...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...wanna come in.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...now, and the waiver was approved, was the salary gonna come back to us if it exceeded that 10%?

CITY MANAGER JONES: The one hundred and thirteen was coming back to you, yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Because they...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Because I know there's...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...if they're not...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...a policy that only allows for a certain percentage...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...above the base rate.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And that has to come back to you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead, Councilman Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I wanna make sure that we understand the policy correctly. The Manager has authority up to 10%, it can go over 10% long as it comes...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Back to you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...back to the Board?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Exactly.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That, that'd be it by the Council?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah, that's it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: The Board? Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Now I just wanna sure that we're only talking about the, this, I mean, we don't have an action here, but we're only talking about the residency requirement.

MAYOR MASTERS: Waiver.

CITY MANAGER JONES: At this point, cause if that breaks down then I have to go in a whole 'nother route anyway.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I mean, the salary…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I mean…

CITY MANAGER JONES: …is not a issue.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Do you need some action on this or?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I need to know whether we're going to have an agreement to the waiver. I don't believe there's a motion.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It was no motion that's why I'm asking…

CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: …what type of…

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. I, it really would need a motion in order to make that official for the record.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's, it's the Chair's…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do we have a motion on the floor for consideration?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I move that we approve the Manager's recommendation.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's not enough. You.., recommendation?

CITY MANAGER JONES: For the waiver.

MAYOR MASTERS: The residency.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: For the waiver. To waive the…

CITY MANAGER JONES: Residency.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That, that's the only…

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: …issue on the…

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: …table.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Laughing]. Mr. Guyton.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well it's, it's not in the…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do we have a second? [Pause]. No second?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If you wanna pass the gavel, I'll give it back.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Die for a second, without a second.

MAYOR MASTERS: Alright. So we move on.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Lack of a second.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: For, no second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, what do we…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Chair.

MAYOR MASTERS: Then it dies.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Councilman Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I just wanna sure that I reiterate, I don't have any issue with the employee, it's only about the waiver of the, the consideration only thing that I was dealing with. I don't want anybody to think that we're making a hiring decision. It was just about the waiver of residence. So, I wanna make sure that you understand that. That's all.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. Madam Clerk. So, there's no action needed right?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No action.

CITY MANAGER JONES: There's no action.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. So go to Item 17.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 17. THE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER - $100 - MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS - IN SUPPORT OF ITS AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND TUTORING FOR AT-RISK FAMILIES IN RIVIERA BEACH.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do we have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I didn't hear what she said.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: The Family Development Center for Mayor Masters.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. What's the motion…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: For $100.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: You, you…

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So move.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: You made this mot'…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second by Guyton. Move by Miller, Anderson. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We only have 17…

UNK: A.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: …A. First Annual Movie Night at the beach for $2000 by Chair Pro Tem Terrance Davis.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Just to let everyone know, now that we got a motion and a second on the floor, this will be like a family night event on the first Saturday in November. It's passed turtle season. I wanna make sure we get that clear.

[Chuckles].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: It's gonna be a big community family night. We're gonna focus on all the Pre-K schools, the elementary levels. And the movie's gonna be Frozen. We're gonna give a free movie night on the beach. Something that shows the people that we have somewhere to go and enjoy our amenities, our resources in our community. And, we're gonna have a good time. It's $2000 to…

MAYOR MASTERS: Good idea.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: To create a special account to pay for all those proceeds. There'll be some popcorn, drinks. Two Drunken Goats have created a special menu for the families. Chicken fingers and fries, hamburgers and fries, hot dogs and fries for $5. So, it's an event…

MAYOR MASTERS: Good idea.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...that you can take your family out and spend $10-$15 and don't break your pockets and still have a nice time right here in your own community. So we have a motion and we have a second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Any questions?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes, sir. Councilman Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The $2000, what is that gonna pay for?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, the $2000 in on a special account. One of the things we're gonna need is, we gonna need some special lighting. We're gonna need the big flat screen...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Got it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...TV's in about...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Got it, got it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ....two stores.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Got it. Got it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Alright.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So, it going to the City of Riviera Beach?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes. I'm creating a special account.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It's not going to a non'.., a not for profit?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Or anything?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'm creating special account to pay for everything that...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That we need.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: It's coming out of Community Benefits?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Community Benefits. Okay. Any other questions?

MAYOR MASTERS: Good idea.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We have a motion. Oh, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I said thank you too fast, right. Okay. Next, we have Item No. 18. Board Appointments.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. Seventeen.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Nope. Seventeen.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Seventeen.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 17B.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: 17B. And that was, was that 17B?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: There's only the 'A'.

MAYOR MASTERS: No. There was one for [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. It's 17B. He, he...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...brought it up...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I have it right here.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...with the...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh, oh...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A, a...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: The Mayor.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: It is a Community Benefit from the Office of the Mayor to Faith Place Center for Arts Education in the amount of $500.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do we have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move. Did, did...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We have a second for discussion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: This is...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the Faith Place?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Did we address those issues?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes. Both I and Mr. Sherman reviewed the document and Mr. Sherman checked their...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...501(3)(c) status and we're are satisfied that this would qualify.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Great job, Mayor for supporting the Rattlers.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: Rattlers.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright.

[Laughing].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. We have the motion on the floor and a second, correct?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Any other questions?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: After the motion I have a question.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: The motion's been played on.., okay. We already have a motion on the floor.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. We do.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: There's been second for discussion. Do you have a question?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Not on the approval. Just...

MAYOR MASTERS: Just need to vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright. Board appointments. Item 18.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair, before we leave the community benefits, the Mayor and I made a commitment to this organization. I didn't know it was coming up so soon.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: They brought it today.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The brought it...

MAYOR MASTERS: To, to me.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: To you?

MAYOR MASTERS: They [inaudible] for my $500.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Because I, I also had committed to this organization but I didn't...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Get a chance to fill it out?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. I don't have the paperwork.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I don't have any paperwork either.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, you wanna make a motion to make a commitment to them?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But I don't know what's the Board's pleasure if I, if I could and I'll get it tomorrow to Staff but if that causes a problem and out of the ordinary and I, I don't wanna do that. But, I did make the same commitment but I didn't get the paperwork.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Is it the same group?

UNK: It's…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: It's the same…

UNK: Group.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's the same group…

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But it's.., is this what it was for?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. It's the same.., yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm saying, for this trip is what they wanted to do?

UNK: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: It's…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We can do that under, under…

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible] for the trip, I don't…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Under your discussion.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. [Stammer] that's okay. We'll, I'll, I'll bring it up at the next meeting.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No. You can…

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Chair, [stammer] let me just comment on community benefits. Remember, the point of putting them on the Agenda is to give the public an opportunity…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I understand.

MAYOR MASTERS: Weigh in.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: …to make comments about the organizations.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Not a problem.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, but we approved the Mayor's and we just…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Gave notice.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You know, gave.., well, gave notice. We put it on the Agenda and we went ahead and Mr. Sherman vetted them while we've been here this entire time. It is not the preferred method but since we just approved it, I don't think there's a problem with approving another…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. I'll wait.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: …amount of…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'll wait.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You wanna wait? Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But, for the, but for the future, really…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It is best that we list them on the Agenda so that…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: …we can do what we said we were going to do and put these things…

MAYOR MASTERS: To get 'em vetted.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: …separately on the Agenda. I just wanna make sure that we try to stay on that.

[Chuckle]

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: As much as we can. I don't wanna go back in front of the ethics commission.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I, I, I understand. Let's keep you, let's keep you from down there.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Please. [Laughing].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: All of us.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: All of us. Yes. Item No. 18. Board Appointments.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 18. CITY COUNCIL TO APPOINT / RE-APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead, Councilman Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Was there any additional individuals that wanted to serve or, I mean, is the library Board active and, and moving now?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'm gonna ask Ms. Cobb, the librarian, if she would come up and answer that question for you, sir.

MS. C. COBB: Good evening. Cynthia Cobb, Library Director. The library's advisory board meets monthly, the second Wednesday of each month in the library's conference room. The current Chair is Mr. Monte Green. The two people that are seeking appointment to the Board have, um, either been asked to or they volunteered to and they submit their resume and an application and we submit that to Council for approval. And it is an active Board.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So, well I guess what I was trying to figure out, is, is there any controversy? Is it anybody who don't want to, you know, leave the Board or?

MS. C. COBB: Don't want to leave?

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. Are you havin' a, an issue with [inaudible] vacancies, is…

MS. C. COBB: Oh, yeah. Yeah, we do. Right now there's a vacancy that, um, represents the District 4 and we have yet to find someone from that district to serve on the Board. Um, there is, um, another alternate position that we've been looking for that we haven't been able to get someone to serve. But we've advertised it continuously on Channel 18. We have a sign in the building. The requirement is that the Board

Members are, they have to be residents of Riviera Beach. And anytime we get anyone who's not a resident, we have to kick 'em out.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Relieve 'em?

MS. C. COBB: Well, I mean, we, we don't consider them because they don't meet the requirements.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. There's only one spot? Because I see you're asking for an alternate as well. Are there two spots or it's just one spot that's available for regular?

MS. C. COBB: There is one, there's one spot that's available for regu', that, that is currently vacant that we are seeking.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Do you have any other peop', any other individuals that are from District 3 on? Cause I see the alternate person that's seeking is from District 3. Do you have anybody else from District 3 that's currently on the board?

MS. C. COBB: I'm not aware of one. I don't think so.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Do you have...

MS. C. COBB: And, and, and the person who has asked to serve from District 3, they specifically asked to serve as an alternate because of his schedule.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MS. C. COBB: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MS. C. COBB: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Then that's fine with me.

MS. C. COBB: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Fine with me how you, how it's listed. I'm okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Any other questions from the Board? Madam Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Do we have motion?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We do not have a motion on the floor.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'm, I'll move approval as read.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: As written.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: As written. Second by Councilman Guyton. Any questions? Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I also saw on that application that they were asking to be appointed to the recreation Board as well. Where are we with those? With that Board? What is that Board looking like?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, I guess we can, under discussions.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. We on the board appointments now.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But that, that Board is not on the application up here.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. But I'm asking about it cause we're under board appointments.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: City Manager.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That particular board is one that we have been in communications with the interim director of recreation about.., they had a couple of individuals that decided not to continue to serve and so recommendations will need to come forward to fill those positions.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So, is the board...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hold on.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Really quick. So, how many board members are current? And when was the last meeting?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I would have to ask the interim director to come up and...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...give you...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Councilman Thomas.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...information on the last meeting and...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Um...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...the composition, current composition of the Recreation Board.

MS. A. FRANKS: Good evening. Aladia Franks, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation. The Recreation Board hasn't met well over eighteen months and that's why I'm requesting a board to be reactivated. We have about three members that did not request to be Board appointments due to health problems. And, so we have the resumes forthcoming to reactivate the Board.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: How did we.., do I still have the floor, sir?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: How, how did we got about searching for these individuals in terms of, did we advertise it some type of way or?

MS. A. FRANKS: Uh, since we, we sent out certified letters to those that.., to confirm those that still wanted to be on the Board and then lately we've just been meeting with different volunteers and people that have been active with the Recreation Department first to reach out to them.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No problem. I think that we should go ahead and ramp up our, our search for Board Members for the Recreation Board. All of 'em but definitely Recreation Board. So.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes, Mr. Chair. As a matter of fact, I, I have note here to myself to ask the Board to allow the City Manager to bring the issue back to us to officially reactive the Board. After which, I guess that can be more a widespread advertisement as to the open positions. I, and I do know that there have been some to volunteer already and certainly they should get consideration. And I would even say, prime consideration since they, they are willing to volunteer. But as Mr. Thomas indicated, he just inquired about what method of advertisement had taken place but being that's it not really active now, I would suggest that we officially reactivate the Board. Put it on the Agenda and then direct the City Manager and, to consult with the interim Recreation Director to advertise to fill the positons.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, is this something that the.., well, Councilman Miller-Anderson, you wanna chime in before I ask any questions?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: No. I'm good.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, is this something you all would like to have on the next, next Board Meeting?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I, I...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uh, yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...would like to have it on the Agenda to reactivate the Recreation Board cause it's inactive right now.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And any other Board that's inactive.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So...

UNK: Marina. Waterfront.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Waterfront Advisory.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. So...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So, just...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, the Waterfront Advisory Board. So, let's have that one on as well.

UNK: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: What about the remaining Board's that are inactive? Do we know how many we have?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Let me go back and look and see where we are and work with the Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: To see, for all of our Boards and Commissions. Those that we know are a popular stay active. You know, Planning and Zoning and some others. But, let me go back and be able to get some correspondence to you about the status of all of the other Boards.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, well what I will say, I, I've been approached by someone, a constituent in regards to the Waterfront Advisory Board, that hasn't been active and that's something that I would like to get consensus from the Board supporting of having that on the next Agenda as well.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. Because that one, if you'll recall, when we went to the third party management agreement...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And then it was like, let's see how so that.., so when we reactivate it and define it's purpose....

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...that is in line with how the...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ... Marina's being run now versus now it used to be run. And so, that was the consideration as to why we were waiting on rewriting the responsibilities of the Waterfront Advisory Board and then requesting particular people to participate.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: How long could that take?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, we hope to bring you that third party agreement contract if not the next Agenda, no later than the first meeting in November. And so, we should be able right after then.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, well I think the next meeting would be just more of an advertisement to let people know what's going on and then once it goes out then they'll apply and it still come after the other meetings so I don't think, we don't necessarily need to wait to actually bring it on just as an advertisement.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Oh, as a advertisement?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah. So people know that, you know...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: If you out there...

CITY MANAGER JONES: The advertisement...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Please, yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...we can do not necessarily a resolution to reactivate...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Right. Exactly.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And all that other stuff...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...that we have to do with that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We can talk about it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Now, the Recreation one, I would [inaudible] Manager...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Now that you want action on.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Now...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hold on. Really quick. Please explain again, you said, you saying something about the third part agreement being.., and its duties and the responsibilities of the Waterfront Advisory Board. How would that be a problem?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'm not saying it's a problem. You wanna just make sure everything is very clear of the roles and responsibilities. So, and it's like, now where the Waterfront Advisory Board, all of their meetings and the scheduling and agenda was established by the Marina Staff which was our Staff.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Now you've got somebody else doing that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's not our Staff doing that. So, we wanted to get them on board.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Cause that's the one that's got the, that's got...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I understand.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...the Staff it out, help 'em out.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So what is their sole responsibility as a Waterfront Board?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well that's it, we needed to go back and look at what the former roles and responsibilities were.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh, we don't know what the former roles were?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I don't know right off know.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Just asking me right now. I could probably pull it up on the website real quickly.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do we have Staff her that could, could explain that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I know Mr. League is out ill today but it, it advises the Council on I know, activities and, and the kinds of programs and services and things that need to be done with the businesses...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...that are on the water. Not necessarily the Uplands, it's just dealing with the water. And, they look at things on how you advertise, how you promote your Marinas and those sorts of things.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I think that's something need to go on right away.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, we're at pretty good occupancy right about now. It a.., the last few months have...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You got me when you said "promotion".

CITY MANAGER JONES: Promotion of...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: What, what does the, what does the Charter reference as far as the role?

CITY MANAGER JONES: As far as the?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Charter. Mad', Madam Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It's a code. I think it's the code.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's the code.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It's not…

CITY MANAGER JONES: I don't think it's the Charter.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't think it's in the Charter.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: It's not in the Charter?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Not in the Charter.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's on the codes.

UNK: It's a code.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: The code talks about the Waterfront Advisory Board and what its duties are. One of the things that will happen almost contemporaneously with the third party management agreement is a complete revamping of our ordinances dealing with the Marina.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Because right now, it's very detailed because it was a City function. So, we need to really take a look at.., and we will be bringing back a recommendation. But along with that…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: …would be, not to get rid of the Waterfront Advisory Board, we've never…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That was never in our thought. But, to kinda streamline what they will do and how they will work…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Parallel.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: …in conjunction…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: …with…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: In conjunction with because they're gonna be making recommendations to the Council or directly to the third party manager.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And we wanna make sure that we give, we limit their role or we expand their role. And that's, of course, currently not in the ordinance. If I had it in front of me we could look at it but they, it is very specific in terms of what they do now. Or what they were supposed to be doing.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: One, one of the concerns I have, if we already got something in place that, that refer', that represents the City of Riviera Beach and it, it protects as a Board, I mean, why would wait on another party to tell us how to, how this other Board is gonna govern, parallel with them?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Not how.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But to make sure there's coordination amongst the two. They don't tell us how to do it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So who's gonna make that determination?

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: We will actually...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: This Board?

CITY MANAGER JONES: As the City say.., cause the Waterfront Advisory Board is a City Board.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So, the City would actually have the final say. But you would always want [stammer] other individuals to have some input. But the final say comes here to this Council.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm. Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I mean they could.., you.., I'm looking at it...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, and...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hold on.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It's not...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hold on.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'm waiting for...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. It's not that much. I mean, I shouldn't say it's not that much but...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle]

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It says that the "Waterfront Advisory Board shall be, shall advise the City Council on matters related to the development, maintenance, operation, financial management, and related issues pertaining to the City owned waterfront facilities.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: In accordance with present and future needs, demands", blah, blah, blah blah. "In addition, they shall advise the City Council on any other matter related to waterfront properties, public or private and the impact of any development of lack of development that may influence or affect the resources of the City." And, it gives a list of additional duties. "Communicate with persons interested in waterfront development. Hear complaints by persons or entities related to waterfront development or operation where governmental regulations, restrictions, harassment, inspections, lack of cooperation, discour', discourtesy, or general annoyances are brought before the Board." I don't think they do all that. And, "conduct any investigations as may be necessary to prepare reports."

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hold on. You saying you don't think they do that?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well they don't. They haven't been. We haven't...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, what happened to the Board?

CITY MANAGER JONES: The Board was having a very difficult getting a quorum.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Getting quorum.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Getting a quorum.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That was the problem. Getting a quorum.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I mean, just from listening to…

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It's a lot.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: …Attorney Ryan speaking, I mean, I.., that sounds what it was. Sound like there's a form of transparency there. I mean, I think that, you know, I feel like, you know, I'd like to hear from my colleagues that, that's another Board that we need to move forward. If we need to make any amendments or [inaudible] cause we can't wait on a third party to run our.., as we move forward, to run our City. I mean, let's say the third party contract comes before this Board and it doesn't, it doesn't get approved by this Board for another six, seven months, do we can continue to prolong this other Board until they make a decision?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, no. I can't.., I didn't…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, that's…

CITY MANAGER JONES: I didn't budget for your Marina to be run by us for that long of a period of time.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: In fact, we were hoping that they would takeover October 1.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Correct.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And we had, remember there was a delay in getting the negotiations getting started.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Exactly.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And that's why we're shooting either for the next meeting or the first meeting in November for them, for us to bring that back to them.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, just…

CITY MANAGER JONES: But no, but let me, like I said, with that one like all the other ones.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Let me look at it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Let us bring you back…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: …on all of 'em cause I'm sure Waterfront Advisory is not the only one.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's probably…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But I'd like to see that one along with the Recreation the next meeting. Just for time sensitive. I'll back off it this time but I just wanna make sure that that's.., if we gonna address Board's at the next meeting, that.., it needs to be on, on that Agenda for us to discuss and haves some form of action on what we wanna, what this Board wants to do. I think it's only, at this time, this time is very, very important. Right now very critical as we move forward to have some more assistance as we improve the quality of life in the City of Riviera Beach.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. And the reactivation of...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, and, yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And, I would like to hear any suggestions that the third party may have but it doesn't have to be tied to the contract. They can give suggestions separate and apart. But, we're venturing into unchartered waters by having a third party now and they do have expertise and we can either accept or reject any of their suggestions that they may have as it relates to the Board. But it's, I think it's very important since they're gonna be on the ground day to day, to have some input as it relates to the composition, and the functions of the Board. From what I heard, the current duties of the Board, personally, I think need to be scaled back [chuckle] cause some of that, what I heard, I don't think that…

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And that was just a small amount.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: There's still more.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. So, because it's just an advisory board.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: You know, and, and we need to keep that in mind. But, yes, I would like to hear from the third party but we can accept or reject anything that they may suggest

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Exactly. Anyone else? Awesome. Discussions by...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hmm? Is it 8:30 yet?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-uh.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, I can, I can...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Keep the [inaudible]...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, we can still go to it.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Rolling.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Finish.., we should...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I could still go through the Agenda then go to public comments, right?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Were there any discussions by the City Manager?

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a few items very quickly. On last Friday, October the 2nd, we held the annual address from the Manager to the employees and I get to tell them thank you and appreciations and that was held on last Friday. And it was a success and we will attempt to do it more frequently as suggested rather than waiting to the beginning of the fiscal year for the new year rah-rah.

Also, you all have received information as it relates to the special City Council Meeting that is scheduled for Monday, October the 12th at 5:30 for the public hearing on the Wellness Spa and Resort Project at 3100 North Ocean. So that will be on Monday, October the 12th at 5:30. You have all also received information about the scheduling of

the Utility Special District Meeting, moving that to the third Monday of the month which will fall on October the 19th and that will be at 5:30.

You approved the Resolution on the Consent Agenda as it relates to the Sister City Meeting. That meeting will be held October the 22nd at 4 p.m. The City of Riviera Beach will be hosting this Sister City Meeting. The cities that participate are Lake Park, Riviera Beach, Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, and I think they were thinking at one point about maybe Palm Beach Shores.

MAYOR MASTERS: Shores. [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: Cause we're caught all off in there together. And so those are the cities that will be participating. Some of the topics that have been suggested, and we will get a further Agenda out once we finish taking with the Mayor and with Council. Some.., recommendations come from the elected officials within those, within the cities. And suggestions have been, joint cities effort to fight gun violence, inquiries about regulations on the location of marijuana dispensaries. We've had the request here and I think evidentially some other cities have added that they want that to be on the Agenda. Someone suggested an Item as it relates to the FPL plant and the noise. And then another topic would be, any proposed legislation that might be coming from either one of the cities for the 2016 legislative session.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so, as mentioned, that will be on October the 22nd at 4:00 p.m in the public services building. I have been informed that three members of Council will not be available on November the 4th. That's the National League of Cities Meeting. And so, because of that, we will cancel the November 4th Meeting because we will not have a quorum. And that ends my comments.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. Do you wanna, Madam Manager, talk a little bit about what's going on with Silver Beach Road?

CITY MANAGER JONES: As you will recall, we reported to you recently, Ms., Councilwoman Miller-Anderson raised the issue about Silver Beach Road and the City expediting.., well, the cities encouraging the county to expedite the renovation of the remainder of the street from Avenue S up to Old Dixie Highway. Staff and I along with the Mayor and Staff from the City of Lake Park...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Met with Commissioner Priscilla Taylor. She also had individuals from the engineering department there in the meeting. We talked about our need and the desires of Council to move forward expeditiously and move the project up. They informed us that they did not believe that they could move the project up. It's currently slated for the first quarter of '17.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: They anticipate having the contract for construction before the county commission in November or December of '16. Currently, what they are attempting to do is, they have to have the discussions about land acquisition.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And that's the area that's slowing them down at the property that they need to acquire in order to be able to totally reconstruct Silver Beach Road from S Avenue to Old Dixie Highway. They will go across the railroad track just, that first street, which I think is 10th Street in Lake Park. But that is far as they will be going with that particular project. So, I guess to try to appease us, the decided to blacktop it at least a little bit.

[Laughing].

CITY MANAGER JONES: Since they couldn't do the construction on it. We received word from Commissioner Taylor's office on Monday that they would start the blacktopping and, if notice, they are beginning to blacktop the area from Old Dixie westward. It is a very rough road and it will also be a great benefit to both Lake Park and the City of Riviera Beach once the county works on that project.

You'll also recall, in the correspondence that I sent you, one of the other requests that they suggested was that they need to have an informational meeting with the residents of Riviera Beach that are on the north side. Because, as they go to talk about land acquisition, they need to make sure.., because they have already looked and they can determine some of that, a lot of that property is rental property.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That, of course, their discussions would be with the owner of the property and the residents wouldn't even have any idea as to what was going on. And so, the other suggestion that was in that correspondence to you was that they would like to come at some time and have an informational session. Particularly with the residents that are on the south side in the City of Riviera Beach that will be impacted by the construction.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So does Staff have a plan to, to put together a meeting?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: We can.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Well, I think that's something that we need to do I think as a entirety on behalf of the City of Riviera Beach, make sure we reach out to the

residents and make sure that there's an opportunity to hear actual the factual information. Make sure that our Staff is there to protect the interest of the City, of our engineers, our architects, whoever we have in our planning department. Make sure that the word is definitely heard. So.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. So we'll work with getting that together with the county Staff.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Anyone have any comments as it regards to that Item? Mayor, do you have anything?

MAYOR MASTERS: No. I'm good.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm just glad that Commissioner Anderson is, took the lead here making it ha', making something happen up there. Long overdue.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I, I tell ya, anything I can do to assist with conducting that meeting, you know, a meeting that large, you know, I'd love to do it. [Inaudible] you know you got Councilman Guyton, that's part of his District as well. So, feel free to reach out to us.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'll coordinate with both…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And coordinate, alright. That's all?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. And, and…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead, Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair, and let me also say, Terrance Bailey, who's the engineer, he's been working diligently behind the scenes with Staff as well. At the MPO meeting we had last month, George Webb was there and I brought it up at the Board meeting about Silver Beach Road and he readily informed me that our Staff had stopped him in the hall already and that was Terrence Bailey.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: About Silver Beach. So, there, there are a lot of people working to ensure that this project get off the ground to include Staff as well.

Thank you.

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright. Any discussions from…

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: …Ms. Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Nothing tonight. Thank you.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Any committee reports at this time? Alright.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Any statements from the Council or the Mayor? Let's start with…

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I got some but I'd rather [inaudible] if they want us to address anything.

MAYOR MASTERS: You ready for me, Mr. Chairman? Did you say start with me? I didn't hear you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Um…

MAYOR MASTERS: I didn't hear you, I'm sorry.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You got anything you wanna…

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I have my regular, my regular comments.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: You ready?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You know what, let's wait. Let's go to the public comments at this time.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's fine.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That was we can have, we can address any issues that's coming up. Alright.

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

Public Comment should be restricted to issues, matters, or topics pertinent to the City of Riviera Beach. Please be reminded that the City Council has adopted

"Rules of Decorum Governing Public Conduct during Official Meetings", which has been posted at the entrance of the Council Chambers. In an effort to preserve order, if any of the rules are not adhered to, the Council Chair may have any disruptive speaker or attendee removed from the podium, from the meeting and/or the building, if necessary. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Public Comments shall begin at 8:30 PM unless there is no further business of the City Council, which in that event, it shall begin sooner. In addition; if an item is being considered at 8:30 PM, then comments from the public shall begin immediately after the item has been concluded.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright. Everyone has three minutes. We're gonna start off with Mr. Lloyd Brown and following Mr. Brown will be Ms. Bonnie Larson.

MR. L. BROWN: How, how ya doing? My name is Lloyd Brown. Let me tell ya somethin', either Jim Crow laws are pre-curser to this loitering and this open container thing or the opposite. I mean, the laws might be a pre-curser to the Jim Crow laws, you know. I mean, is the man hiding around the corner or is he semi-active? I mean, you know, is, is there a difference in the treatment of blacks on the west side of Broadway to those living on the east side of Broadway? I mean, you torn down all the clubs, removed our Downtown, talkin' about community redevelopment tip. I mean, you built clubs over on the beach where they drink at bars from early in the morning, probably 27th, I mean 24/7, never even a sobriety check over there. Never. I never saw one. Instead, the police that are over there, they ignore those situations while violating a brother 4th Amendment Rights on this side of the track. I mean, the open container law, is there a separate set of rules for those over there or does the Council Member controlling that area over there, control the police department also? Stop arresting my people on this side. Stop selling beer, you know, at 2:00 a.m. Don't sell beer while school kids are going to school. This will help out, you know, a lot of the harassment of the police over these brothers. I mean, our police department, especially those black officers, women too, they impressed the white buddies, I guess. I don't know what it is but it's a shame the way we're being treated on the west side of Broadway.

Thank you. I gotta go to sleep.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Ms. Bonnie Larson then Ms. Tanya Davis Johnson.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. The first thing I'd like to say is that, when I came up with the question about the increase for Staff.., and I have no problem with Staff getting an increase but I'm reading right here, "Staff got 6% in April 2015," and tonight they're requesting another 3%. Now the answer to that or the response to that was, it's 3%, 3%. That's not what these documents say so when we get a response, it should match up what says in the back-up. This says they were given 6% April 2015. I'm reading right from here. And, tonight they're requesting another 3%. So let's have our, let's have our comments match our back-up. Please.

There's a light fixture on Broadway, Broadway's pretty dark cause now we only have light fixtures on one side of the street. It's on Broadway and 28th, there was an accident there four months ago. That light fixture has not been replaced yet. So, I did a little investigation and I found out that those light fixtures were ordered out of the country. We haven't had any back-up here in the City for at least four months. They don't know when they're gonna get it. It's the only manufacturer. We should not be using things that we're gonna be using throughout the City from one manufacturer. They've got us by the neck as far as price, delivery, everything. We should order something a little more generic. Now we're gonna have to get light fixtures and I don't know from where but we should never order from one vendor. That light fixture's been out for four months now. No, no date on when it's gonna be replaced.

Um, BB&T, they're not a very good, um.., they have a lot of our money but BB&T, right on the corner of Broadway and Blue Heron, what makes Riviera look bad? It looks bad when that property has nine inches worth of weeds, weeds, no grass. Weeds, nine inch. They came yesterday, yesterday, with the guy with the weed wacker out there. Hire some Riviera Beach person to do that property on regular basis. That's BB&T, they've got the money to do it. They need to do it just as much as we need to cut our grass, they need to cut their grass. Don't let it get nine inches high like that.

We ordered or we okayed an electronic message board for out on the front of our property here. We budgeted and we okayed it like two years ago, where is it? Where is it? There was a meeting not mentioned tonight and that's tomorrow's P&Z meeting at 6:30. It's regarding, someone wants to put up some apartments there. Fifty-five units behind Citi Trend. There aren't even that many parking spots. Now I went on the web today and this.., I'd really like to request this. When you go P&Z, you can't ever find out what the subject matter is. This is where you go and it says here, this instance occurs on 10/8. No, it's not an instance it's a meeting. Alright. Now it says, please check Planning and Zoning website for additional information. So you'd click on the Planning and Zoning and you get nowhere. It just tells you what Planning and Zoning is. Let's have on this, on this page, what the subject matter for Planning and Zoning is and let's mention this, tomorrow 6:30...

[Beep].

MS. B. LARSON: Regarding a three story apartment complex.

Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Larson. Tanya Davis-Johnson then Francio [sp] Gordon following her.

MS. T. JOHNSON: Good evening, Mr. Chair and Members of the City Council.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Good evening.

MS. T. JOHNSON: My name is Tanya Davis-Johnson. I'm a resident at 834 West 10th Street but I stand before you on behalf of the Palm Beach Partners Business Matchmaker Conference and Expo. Um, I served as Co-Chair of this event but I came to personally thank the City of Riviera Beach for your participation as a Palm Beach Partner Member. Um, for those of you that we able to attend, we thank you so much for being present but what I wanted to share with you is that, we want to make sure that the City of Riviera Beach is included in our 10th Anniversary Celebration. And so I wanted to bring it before... Uh, the City Manager is laughing because we had a discussion about funding and support. So, I wanted to bring it before the City Council that we are planning for the 10th Anniversary Celebration and Palm Beach Partners participating members, uh, contribute $3000 annually to the event but we wanna make sure that you're included because we are a coalition of State, County, City, and non-profit organizations. Now the purpose of the coalition is to provide economic opportunity to local small businesses who seek to do business with those entities that just named. So, we want to make sure that the City of Rivier', Riviera Beach is included. But more importantly, we wanna make sure that the residents of Riviera Beach is aware of this opportunity to meet with the key decision makers from these various agencies. So, I strongly encourage and request your continued support, uh, because you are listed as participating members of the Palm Beach Partners.

We had a wonderful, wonderful turnout. This year our keynote speaker was Sheila G. Main. She is the founder of Brownie Brittle. And she's a local business, um, she's out of Wellington, not local to Riviera Beach but one of the additional treats that we had was a local entrepreneur Ms. Tarra L. Pressey. She is a resident of Riviera Beach. She was our open plenary speaker and she spoke to our theme which was, Quality Connections, Ready Set Grow. And she talked about how she, how she prepared her business. How she set it and how it has now grown to a major, uh, a major industry in airport concessions. So, thank you so much for your continued support of the Palm Beach Partners Matchmaker Conference and Expo and we ask that you participate with us, uh, in the 10th Anniversary Celebration and we look forward to working together to benefit all citizens of Palm Beach County. Specifically, those of Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman, I have...

MS. T. JOHNSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...a couple questions for the...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...resident. Is there a phone number or any contact information that, that you have for people to...

MS. T. JOHNSON: Mhmm.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...contact.

MS. T. JOHNSON: Um, we are the, the Palm Beach County Office of Small Business Assistance will be serving as Chair of the event this year so they can reach us at (561) 616-6840 for information. We will.., this meeting is very timely in that we will hold our post conference meeting on tomorrow. And this was an opportunity to share with you our thanks for your support and to again, ask for your continued support.

MAYOR MASTERS: And also, are you still accepting non-profits to participate? You said that you have a coalition of some non-profits organizations.

MS. T. JOHNSON: There are opportunities for other non-profits to join in as, um, agency sponsors or non-profit sponsors but the coalition is established with those members that I initially, uh, mentioned.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Last but not least.

MS. T. JOHNSON: Sure.

MAYOR MASTERS: Do you all also sponsor like, workshops for small businesses in certain, in the cities, like, I, I've done one before a couple years ago.

MS. T. JOHNSON: Mhmm.

MAYOR MASTERS: But, I would like to maybe think about how we could, how one could be hap', how one can happen here with your coalition.

MS. T. JOHNSON: We can, we can definitely put on a smaller workshop. Um, we can do that through the Office of Small Business Assistance which is set up to help individuals who seek to start their businesses or to grow their businesses. So, we can definitely work with Staff to put together a smaller set of workshops, be it for business start-up, be it...

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

MS. T. JOHNSON: Be it, how to write a business plan. As a matter of fact, there was conversation with Ms. Kimberly Jackson and uh, Mr. Carter with regards to starting a, um, a series of seminars for the residents of Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I'd like to be involved for that.

MS. T. JOHNSON: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

MS. T. JOHNSON: Thank you so much.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Franco Gordon and next'll be Victor Carter.

MR. F. GORDON: Uh, how you doin' today? Uh, I actually have some pictures…

UNK: [Inaudible].

MR. F. GORDON: Well, okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: How you doing?

MR. F. GORDON: How you doin'? I'm here today because I have been ordered by the City not to park on or to, um, I must put palletized grass also in the swell area of my home and I'm not to park there. I am also required to make it weed free and bright green on a daily basis or I will be charged a $250 fine per day.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mm.

MR. F. GORDON: At the same time, this home has been like this for 25 or 30 years. There's, um, we have no sidewalks in this area. This area has never had a sidewalk. Anybody that's put so', that, that has a sidewalk, they have put it in theirself.

UNK: Is that right?

MR. F. GORDON: If you go around this whole neighborhood, even in the City's parking, in, in the, uh, this parking lot itself, there's weeds everywhere. They, they don't have bright green plush grass. Not here. Not in this Cit', not, not in City Hall itself. So, how would you require me as a, as taxpaying.., I pay my, my taxes. I, I, I keep up my home and everything. Why should I have to put bright green grass and keep it fertilized? I mean, I never un', I don't understand that. Plus, I can't park there. Now I have to park on the street, or me and my wife, my wife has to park on the street. I mean, what is up with that? I have to either.., when I park on the street, now I'm risking getting my car rammed or something like that. What, I have no win. And then when I go to the, I got to get, I go to the magistry, it's like, it's like a bullying. I mean, I really don't feel like I'm being seeing there or heard. It's like, 'Okay, what'd you say?' Okay. The City says do this and you do that. Ya know I'm sayin'? It's like, is this the court.., [stammer] like a court or, or what's goin' on there? If, if it a Magistry hearing, it should be, she should be hearing both sides and make a determine on that not versus sayin', whatever the City says goes. Ya know I'm sayin'? So versus I'm doin'.., I have complied with all, everything they're ask me to do. Far as grass and all of that. But I'm as', I'm sitting here today trying to figure out, when are we gonna get sidewalks? When are we gonna get the street lamps that are on 20, on 25th and also on, um, they're on another street also, when are we gonna get that? When are, um, what, what is going on with that? And, and if we also park in the street, we run into the same re', same problem we just run into in, in, in, um, Moral Heights here, where you bobbing and weaving around cars.

So, I mean, it's just like, it, it's killing me here. I have to put grass in this area or I'm charged $250 a day. That's crazy. And it's been like this for 30 years or more.

[Beep]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Ma', Ma', Madam Manager.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'll look at it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Please reach out to him. Mr.'.., I, I been, I actually been to that property. It's, it's a very unique situation because his yard is perfect up until you get to that little area and if you put your trash out, right out, out front, the garbage people come pick it up and they dig his grass up all over again.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So that's a situation. He's run into quite a few issues. They really need to be addressed and, and help because he's doing the right thing when you look at his property. He got the best grass on that entire street.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And I commend you for what he's doing and coming today and continue doin' what you doin'. But, City Manager will be reaching out to you. She has your contact information so we can make sure that we move forward in the right process.

MR. F. JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright. Mr. Willis Williams.

MAYOR MASTERS: Young man, are these our pictures to keep or you need 'em back?

MR. F. JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'll email 'em to you, Mayor, if you need 'em. No. You keep 'em.

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mr. Willis Williams.

MR. W. WILLIAMS: Willis Williams, 1690 West 26th Court. I don't wanna seem like I'm beatin' up a dead horse here but, uh, again, I'm speaking on the stipend that, uh, the

Manager recommended to this Board and the Board accept it without, other than the Mayor. Everywhere I go these people keep.., residents keep asking me about this and I say, well, I'll bring it up again and ask for someone on the prevailing side to rethink this and make a motion to recall it. I'm hoping that will be done. If we, if we remember in the last meeting we were in here, it was some people just stretch the truth. They don't tell the whole story. So, we had this meeting, we raised a wastewater rate, we doubled…

MAYOR MASTERS: Doubled.

MR. W. WILLIAMS:…the wastewater rates. We doubled it. Then we give a stipend. The people on Singer Island, Ms. Pardo, I wish she was here tonight. She say, they, they don't have a problem wit' it but everybody that I talked to over there say, uh, they, they didn't agree with that. And she lives in a unique situation. She say she stay on the Island so if, if the water backs up over there as well. The last time we was in this Chamber and I went home, it rained that Thursday, awful. I mean, it rained ridiculously. To the north and to the south of us, there was flooding. There were flooding that.., it was all on the news. I got up, I drove from Silver Beach Road to 1st Street, didn't have no problem. Our drainage system is probably one of the best drainage system in the state. Water retract and went away just like that with all the rain that we had. So, when we say that we're doing this, we're raising these rates to fix the infrastructure, we shouldn't treach, you know, stretch the truth. That's a lie. Our infrastructure's good. But I been hearing infrastructure situation for the last 30 years that I been. I been here 60 years and I know I been hearing it for the last 30 years. So, but to raise it and double it like that it, it was ridiculous and I think someone again, needs to go from the prevailing side and say we need to rethink this. So, it's just so much that's goin' on with this that all, everybody that I've talked to, they just keep complaining about this, this stipend and stuff so you guys need to really think about this cause I know it's election time. But, uh, you guys really need to put, put some effort in to try to get this taken care of.

Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mr., is it Victor Carter?

UNK: He's gone.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: One more time, Victor Carter. Ms. Corbin and following Ms. Corbin, we have Ms. Dawson.

MS. B. CORBIN: Good evening, Mayor Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. CORBIN: Chair Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Good evening.

MS. CORBIN: And members of the Council. My name is Bertha Corbin. I live on West 27th Street in Riviera Beach, Florida. My husband and I are homeowners. We've been there almost 30 years. And I'm not going to reiterate what Mr. Willis just said. I basically have the same comments. I've met with my Councilperson who's Mrs. Anderson. Very, very, um, good meeting. I know that she did not for the $12,000 stipend. I know that Mayor Masters had his comments against it. On that particular, on the night on September 16, there were four Items that involved increases. Substantial increases. I mean, you have senior citizens here who lived on a fixed income. You have the unemployed and you have the under-employed. And what I'm asking is for someone who voted for the $12,000 stipend to rescind it. And I'm respectfully asking that you do that. Um, we need some mercy and we need some grace. We need some compassion. And, those who lived on a fixed income, have not had the time to adjust their budgets. All of these increases became effective October 1. And on the Agenda tonight is another 3% increase. Again, we need some mercy. We need some compassion. And for the $12,000 stipend, I am respectfully requesting that it be rescinded.

And thank you very much for your time and have a blessed evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Ms. Dawson. Go ahead, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: While Ms. Dawson is coming. To Ms. Corbin, just for the record, I, I did make comments against it from day one and I did, I did sign the document not to take the $12,000, so. I didn't take it and I will not take it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Ms. Dawson.

MS. DAWSON: Mr. Davis, Mayor Masters, members of the Council.

MAYOR MASTERS: Ms. Dawson.

MS. DAWSON: Mr. Thomas, we sort of disappointed that no one cleaned up the pile of garbage right behind Ms. Milsap house. It's still there, nobody came to see anything about it. But we would.., we noticed that, um, the ambassadors did work on our street yesterday and they said they will be working on our street, I think once a month or something like that. But, nobody came and did anything about behind Ms. Milsap house. We wish that something would be done. We wanna thank you Mr. Thomas for allowing us to be in the cook-off. We met Mr. Willis and his family. We met Troy and [inaudible] Kay [sp]. And we met, was happy to see the Manager and was happy for you to introduce them to the Chief. We were really happy that we saw everybody there. But the smoke just got in our eyes.

[Laughing].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mada', Ms. Dawson. Did you give the address?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I have it. I'm gonna speak on it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Manager.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'mma, I'mma speak on it.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I believe that we, we got a call about that one if I'm not mistaken.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: It's been an ongoing issue for quite some time.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. And getting on the private property. Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'mma speak...

CITY MANAGER JONES: But just, just one thing very quickly. It's a whole 'nother issue. It's not your issue Ms. Dawson.

MS. DAWSON: Oh, okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I just wanted to correct something. The, the resident just said that there was another 3% on an Agenda for tonight. That is incorrect. The 3% that was on the Agenda tonight was for part-time employees like, crossing guards, library assistants, you all did not get and there's nothing on the Agenda for an additional 3%. And I just wanted to correct that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. That will be it. Councilman Thomas, you got something you wanna share?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. I do. We've, we've been dealing with that issue behind Mr. Milsap's property. Even as late as earlier this week. The property is owned by the DOT and people do dump things over there. We originally, it was originally said that it was one of our contractors that was doing it and we tracked it down and that contractor's moved it. We do understand that, that things are getting dumped there. It is a government property and Staff is working with the DOT to make sure that that gets rectified. So, I've spoken with Mr. Milsap who happens to be out here and lettin' him know we're, where we're doing with that, what we're doing with that. Just so the residents know what's going on in that area. But, we, we have not forgotten about it at

all, at all. So, we are working on it. Both CRA side and the, the City side. So, I just wanted to give that update and I'll finish my comments…

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright. At this time we're finished with public comments so we're gonna start with Council and Mayor's comments. So, let's start from the right and go all the way down. Councilman Thomas. Let's start from Councilman Thomas and go all the way down.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

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CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No problem. So, in align with that, what we just speaking about, about the, that property behind Mr. Milsap's property. We have a few others that I want to make sure that we're getting.., I've been getting several complaints about the alley ways. In all fairness, Mr. Johnson has, and his team has, we've gotten to the point where they've gone out and they've addressed those. There is a lot more area that we have to address that's in the City now with 710 being on, with Blue Heron being on, and, you know, Old Dixie and all those extra places where we did not have to cover. I'm concerned that, I mean, these, these crews are working around the clock and don't get an inch of rain and you know, it's, it's growing up a little faster. I'm concerned that we're just not able to keep up with the demand of, of cutting in house. So, I, I think we need to address maybe getting a crew or getting.., putting out some type of RFP for you know, the landscape or you know, scaping or land maintenance or lawn maintenance. Individuals that we have in the City to just say, okay, well listen, let them do our alleyways. Or let them do something. Something that's mediocre. I don't know what the, what that would be but I just want, you know, to think about it. I got a, a.., I don't think we did. But, I got a, a call, text earlier today around 4 o'clock that the resident on 13th Street, they called to say, you know, the, the AT&T line or whatever was covered with a brush and the AT&T, they sent someone out and they just cut…

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Around.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: …the area around the, the line so that their workers can get to it but it didn't provide any relief to the residents. So, you know, I understand. I've gone in the back of yards, it's.., in the back alley ways. It's a couple different issues. I know there's a lot of places where it's hard to gain entry to get back there. So, a couple things I think need to happen, especially if we are, if most of our meters are moved up front or out of that alleyway. Then we need to abandoned that and let the residents have that particular property so that they can maintain it the same way that

they do the, the regular parts. Not, not if we still need it but there's a lot, a lot of area, I think, like on 1st Street where it borders that canal there. I don't think that the meters are in that, that area anymore and they're on the front. So then we need to, you know, abandon that. Come up with the process to, you know, abandon that. If we don't need it we might as well give it to the, the residents. So, I'd like to see something brought back with that.

I happen to be on 12th Court yesterday getting ready for an event and talking to some of the residents on 12th Court. And it was approximately 7:30, 8:00 and I noticed that it was extremely dark on the Street. Extremely dark. So, it didn't catch up with me until I said, you know what, it's awfully dark on this street. And I looked up, there's only three street lights on the street. However, all three of them were out. Now I don't know if that due to some enhanced participation to make them go out but nevertheless, we need to have those, that street lit back up with those street lights. That's 12th Court, 15, 13,15,1600 block of 12th Court. So, I don't know. Who does that? Who's, who's responsible for that? Just so I know. Is that Public Works as well?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. What.., let me just make this statement.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Sure.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We would love to, when we encourage residents. Whenever there is a light out, someone needs to let us know.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And I appreciate you bringing them to our attention. So they can either go on our website.., and what we do once we receive the notice that the light is out, we look at and see whether it's one that we maintain or one that FPL maintains. If it's the one we maintain, we go ahead, get it changed out. If it's a FPL then we have to give them the work order for them to do it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But we'll check and see whether it's one of ours or one of theirs.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So, so, okay. I'm, I'm initiating that now for 12th Court. The, the other thing that I want to do while they're doing that, if it's unnecessary for them to have lines across, and I know Mr. Ringle has addressed this for me over on 27th Street. If it's unnecessary for them to have line across all of our streets just because they don't wanna take the time ta, you know, to, to, to make it a little bit more aesthetically pleasing then I don't think that they need to do that. They need to make sure that it's addressed. There are powerlines that are, are leaning again. I don't know if it's the wind but I'm sure Mr. Ringle will go back out to 27th Street

and, and check that out as well. The same way that you did once before in the backyards where the lines were, were that could be touched.

And then, just so I'm not forgetting. Congress Lakes, the park, is being maintained very well. I, I, I see that. However, it was brought to my attention that the lettering on the, on the wall needs to be redone. It's missing some letters. It's, it doesn't say Congress Park all the way now it just has maybe the 'C' and the 'O' and missing some of the 'G' and the 'R's' and 'E's and all of that so we need to address that. The.., on the little, the park. It's a wall that says Congress Lakes Park on it. The letters are missing off of it. Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And it's a park that we maintain?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. If I'm not mistaken. Do we not still maintain that park?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I would have to...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I believe we do. I believe that we, I believe. I don't, I don't know. I'll, Ms..., okay. She, she has it. Right. She did it. And then, the Congress, the Congress Lakes Corridor, Congress Avenue Corridor, you know, I know that we try to respect other governments and we want other governments to respect us but I'm extremely disappointed in the way that they post office is being kept...

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: In terms of the landscaping. Now, I understand that it's a private owner but that can be done better. It's, it's really not, it's really not landscaped well. It's really not, it's not landscaped well at all but at least if it's not gonna be landscaped well, they can at least cut the, the grass. I was actually speaking with someone on yesterday who brought it to my attention and I said I will not call her name but she basically said to me, you know, I've been asked to repaint my house and, you know, I thinks it's kinda unfair, you know, you're asking me to repaint my house but a big company or government like the post office is not asked to, to repaint their building. They're not asked to, you know, maintain the, you know, the, the décor that we're asking for everybody. And I tried to explain that that's not, that's not being omitted on purpose. I don't know if we've cited the post office or not.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Then that's when the go and do something.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. But, I, I.., what I don't want individuals to feel like is, that we're picking and choosing who we, you know, who we do this with. So, what I'm asking is for some immediate attention be brought to that so that that is, that that is resolved and we need to make sure that we, we act accordingly when it comes to that.

What I also would like to do is, there's a couple things that I want to, to bring up. We wanted to do in, you know, Inlet Grove is another high school that's, that's here and I know most of us try to go out and support. I know I see Mr. Davis out there quite a bit and, and I got out as well. We wanted to do something fun. I wanted to bring to the Board's attention, and I'm.., this is not me coming up with this idea. I just saw it happening in Belle Glade and they call it the Muck Bowl, where Glade Central plays against Pahokee. It's always a fun event. Well we have something similar to that and I'm, I'm not, you know, I'm not gonna talk about the caliber of players, that's not what I'm saying. I'm just saying, we have where Suncoast plays Inlet Grove.

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. And I, I think that, that I wanna come up with something, you know, with the Board, I want it to be a Board initiative that we do something like the Raw Bowl or the Riviera Beach Bowl and you know, make, you know, give the community something to, to go back and support these two schools for..., Suncoast is a great school. I have no problem with Suncoast. My daughter attends Suncoast. We just had a presentation out here tonight with them but I also wanna add a whole lot more visibility to Inlet Grove that's doing some amazing things over there as well. They have a new coach, a new coaching staff and not just for football but, you know, when these individuals are over there, these, these youth could be somewhere doing something else other than being, you know, positive. So, I would like to, I would like for us to consider, you know, doing something like that. Adopting something and, you know, making something official. Whether it's a trophy or something that we give to the, to the winner of that, that, that game. So, I, I wanna bring that up.

Also, lastly, I want to give some recognition. You know, sometimes politics get in the way of things and we don't necessarily all the time appreciate our own but we have someone in our City who has a program, Mr. Steve White. He has a program that he was nationally recognized for last year as the mentor of the, you know, of the year for the entire country.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Wow.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And, that's something that, for whatever reason, you know, we haven't had a chance to, formally, you know, congratulate him on that. So, I wanted to make sure that, you know, we announce that, you know, when someone gets a national, you know, recognition and they're right here in our backyard, we definitely need to, to give credit where credit is due. So, Mr. Steve White congratulations, you know, on your award for being nationally recognized for, for mentoring and I'm pledging to make sure that we continue to support that program Boys to Men Program that you have.

That's all for me, Mr. Chair.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh, okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Councilman Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a couple of things. On this past Saturday, Lockheed Martin had a, I'm trying to get the official name of it here, Day of Caring and, I'm told that about 200 volunteers came out and it included Waste Management, the.., uh, no, Solid Waste, the Paint Your Heart out Program, the Riviera Beach CDC, the Inner-City Youth Golf Program, the Riviera Beach CRA, and the City of Riviera Beach. And apparently they had four homes that they worked on and painted and pulled weeds and planted flowers so I would like to give a kudos to all of those who volunteered because that is what a community is about, helping those who may not be in a position to help themselves. And it is gonna require others outside of government to step up and help the neighbor. Sometimes we get the impression that most should come from government and we do have a responsibility but we as a community also have a responsibility to volunteer and help out neighbor. So I'd just like to congratulate them and commend them for that.

The other thing is, the Code Enforcement. There are those who have been making a issue out of Code Enforcement but, one is vital to the quality of life of any community. Once you study communities and those that are considered to be of that quality that does not demonstrate a level of lack of caring for property. But we have a unique situation in our community where we do have senior citizens. There are communities that their residents have the level of income that, you know, they keep the properties up and, and they look pristine and you know, and you ride through and you just wanna immolate that but our economic demographic is somewhat different but that doe'n't mean that we should not have code compliance. And, those senior citizens and I'm not sure if there are any and if there are, who may have been cited for a code violation, I'm, I'm starting an effort of people who have come to me voluntarily who have watched some of the Council Meetings and did not agree with just erasing everybody violation because they didn't think that that was the route to go but they're volunteering to help senior citizens and those who are on fixed incomes. If you are a senior citizen and you are on a fixed income and you've been cited, call my office. This is not an effort to erase the violation. I'mma go and contact contractors and other volunteers who may be able to do the work for you. We do understand your situation. We care about your situation and there is help out there. And so, if anyone knows of a senior citizen who has been cited, call my office and I'll see what I can do about getting some of the people who have reached out to my office to volunteer their services and help ensure that our community maintains a level of quality of life that all communities should have.

As it relates to the increase in the water rates and the stormwater rates. One of the things that I suggested and others agreed and others were also on board, that we increase our senior citizen assistance program to the same level that the rates are going up. If you are a senior citizen, we are also relaxing the requirements to make it easier to qualify to get assistance and that's what's never been said when everybody complain about the increase. And, and Ms. Jones, you were supposed to check on the

stormwater because the regular water was different and, and you were supposed to bring that back to us because that level of increase was supposed to be comparable to the increase in what the rates are goin' up at.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, you're gonna.., have, have you taken care of that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, see that would be a new program and so we would have to bring that to you as a separate item for the stormwater.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: On the utility side, you're gonna deal with the other ones.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So, those senior citizens who, who are on a fixed rate, we do have programs that will assist you in the increase that the Council voted on and, and that is something that is badly, badly needed. There was a comment that suggested that somehow we don't have an infrastructure problem, there's no flooding in Riviera Beach. Well, I got a text and they said, I don't know where he lives but I'm glad that things that are said, people can determine for themselves whether it's true or not. I was coming Australian after a big strong rain. The traffic was stopped because the water was so high. They were afraid to go forward because it would drain out. We have a serious problem and it affects the quality of everybody lives. These are difficult decisions, especially during an election time. People just wanna stay away from 'em. But we as residents, and you, deserve better. We deserve to have adequate drainage when it rains it drains at a reasonable time. We deserve to have roads with no potholes in 'em. We deserve that quality of life and it's gonna require us, as a community, to step up and sometime chip in a little more. People don't like [stammer] nope, don't talk about that because that it not anything that is comfortable to talk about. If we're gonna increase our quality of life, it's gonna be us the residents coming together, chippin' in and sayin' that we deserve better. And that is where we're going now and I am very proud of the way that this City is progressing. We are growing. Businesses are calling. We have road programs that, that are being instituted. Not just in certain parts of our City, every District was allocated some road improvement funds. Every District, the Island, Mr. Thomas' District, Councilwoman Anderson District, my District. We are on the move. What, what we have to do we're gonna do. Where we can get from somewhere else we will. The road improvements from Silver Beach Road all the way up to 28th Street, that was done as I understand, with CDBG money. And I right, Ms. McKinney? Most of those roads?

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: They.., partially CDBG money, partially City Gas Tax money.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Gas Tax money. So, wherever we can pull from, we're gonna do that. But there are times when we're gonna have to step up and these are one of those times where our community IS growing, we're on the move. The quality of our life is getting better. We're seeing development on the west side that hadn't happened, I know, in at least 20, 30 years and, and we're ju'.., my appointment book is full of businesses trying to come into Riviera Beach. We're on the move so.

But those senior citizens who are on fixed income, the increase in your water bill and the stormwater, we have a program to assist you. Give my office a call and, and I would have my legislative aide assist you in filling out the paperwork. So, you know, there are people that try to put fear in the senior citizens and, you know, all of this is going up and you can't afford it and we', we're gonna help you. Those who have a fixed income and, and our senior citizens.

The other thing is, in Monroe Heights, we had a, a unique situation with our roads. We're getting ready to do a road program as I just indicated. And Monroe Heights streets, the width of them apparently were not as wide as most of the City.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So, those who live in Monroe Heights they were mailed out information about what the situation was. Every homeowner in Monroe Heights got a letter, I mean a, a survey and an explanation of what the problem was and what the potential options were. I also had a special community engagement meeting so that anybody with any questions about what the issues were can come out and get 'em answered by Staff. In addition to that, we had a presentation here as well for those issues. I did get all of the surveys back of those who responded. Every household got a survey. Every household was mailed a notice that there was gonna be a community engagement meeting. So, everyone was informed and I do have a packet prepared for all of my colleagues with all of the results and all of the surveys that were returned and, and what option they chose and as I told the residents then that it would it be their decision, not, not Staff, you know Council always has the authority to make a decisions but I wanted the community to vote on what they wanted and they all got surveys and I got those surveys back. I think it's close to 200 I think if I'm not mistaking, making a decision of what they wanted and I'm gonna present it to my colleagues so that they will be informed as to what the people indicated they wanted.

And lastly, let me just thank the employees of our City. You all stuck by the City even before I came, during furloughs and taking pay cuts, and days off that you may not have wanted to take off and I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart because without good employees our City will suffer. Within any organization you have bad apples and those employees who are not pleasant and kind to residents and other employees, I have a real problem and I've told the City Manager that. Customer service

is paramount. If you don't like working in the public sector where you meet a lot of different people and you have an attitude every day, you should not be working here. Period. The people that you're gonna come in contact with sometimes are not gonna be pleasant and if that happens, you have supervisors and others to deal with it but if you walk around every day looking mean and mad and not speaking and, please, please, please, maybe the public sector is not for you. So, but those employees and those are only a few, most of our employees enjoy what they do, they're pleasant, they're kind and they smile and speak to you when they see you. Some don't. And I think that's rude personally, if you're working in the public. So, but those who do, I appreciate everything that you do. All of the residents who've been supportive of what we've been doing. And I get calls and I get stopped every day, well not every day but the last couple of days, I've had people stop me to thank me for what is, what, the way the City is going now. They say, sometimes you may not hear appreciation, only thing you hear are those people that come complain and said, Mr. Guyton, thank you very much for what you do up there because I know it's not easy. And when I hear those type of comments, I get reenergized then. Cause, sometimes you do feel like, what are we doing this for? You know, we trynna make our City better and all we hear are complaints, and we're on the move being recognized by other agencies about all of the things we're doing. And, and, but when it comes to some residents, nothing is never right. So, but those who appreciate what we doin', I appreciate you and it's for everybody that I do what I do and I just wanna thank everybody whose been in support of the way the City is going.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's all I have, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm awake now.

[Laughing].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Forgot, forgot…

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ya'll are longwinded here. I won't be as long. I do wanna announce that on Saturday, October 17th at 11 a.m., I'll have a Saturday chat with Councilwoman Miller-Anderson and I'll go back maybe I need to explain that other name. I know a lot of people have heard a different name but I'll mention that at the end. It'll be at 11 a.m. and we, we'll have some department heads here. It's very similar to our town hall but I want it be where we have an actual time to be able to interact with myself as well as the community members. Again, it's October 17th here in Chambers at 11 a.m. It's a Saturday.

I did have an opportunity the past few weeks to attend a few different events. Together We Stand actually did a roast for State Rep. Bobby Powell. And, I saw a lot of, a lot of

people from Riviera Beach that attended. It just kinda highlighted some of the great things that Representative Powell is doing for our City as well as our area. It was a very nice time and event. Also, I attended the Restoration of Rights that Councilman Davis had this past Saturday and I was very impressed with Dr. Osgood that came out and I'll let him explain a little more about that. But that was a very good event. Very great turnout of people that came out on that, on this past Saturday. And on last night, Mayor Masters had his first time homebuyer's seminar and it was very well attended and I, I thought that was a great thing for our citizens of Riviera Beach to attend.

The other thing I do want to mention and I kinda hesitated on whether I even wanted to address this issue because I felt that when I was the lone person that voted against the stipend, I thought that that would be enough to say that me voting it down, that meant that I was not going to take it but apparently that was not understood just because I was the sole person that voted it down. We did have a letter that was presented to us to either accept it or deny it and at one point I, you know, I was going to take it so that I could give it to our, the children in the City of Riviera Beach in some form of fashion. Actually that was presented to me by Councilwoman Pardo. It was a challenge I guess she suggested that I follow but when I realized that it was gonna be.., I would have to pay taxes, it put me in a whole different bracket, I just didn't think that was a very bright of me to put myself in that position. So, I did decline it on the letter that was given to each one of us to either accept it or decline it. So, I do want to put that on record that, although I voted against it, I guess I have to take it a step further and select that I decline it. So, just for the record, I did decline the stipend.

I also went on a tour with Major Rozier with the police department on last week, to just take a cruise around in my District to see where some of the hot spots were. I also spoke with.., well, I sent an email out to Ms. Jones to reference some of the shootings that have been taking place in my District. Typically, we don't have a whole lot of activity such as that but for some reason it's been a little elevated and I will be meeting with Assistant Chief Coppin to go over his detailed plan. He said that they met the other day in reference to some of the shootings that actually taking, taking place city wide. I was very concerned about it, as well all, I'm sure are very concerned about it and want to see that there's a plan in place to decrease this. So, I look forward to those actions that will be put into place. And while I was on the tour with Major Rozier, the trailer park that is on...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Broadway.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Broadway and 30th or 31st, 3100 block, I did notice that there were quite a few people that were loitering in the area and I did have a few citizen complaints about that as well. And that is being handled and addressed by the police department as well as the City Manager's office. So, I just want to kinda make sure that people are aware that we're aware of what's goin' on out there and they are looking into taking care of that problem.

The other thing I wanted to mention is that, I, I was called on yesterday about an individual who are looking for, to hire people to be representatives. They need to have, I think they're paying about $15 per hour for up to 40 hours to register people for Obamacare which begins on November 1st. So you can give my office a call and I can put you in contact with the person that is accepting the applications and it's 845-3684. You need to have your resume. They're looking for people who have skills, people skills, computer literate, and, like I said, it's up to $15 per hour about 40 hours a week. Again, my number at the office is 845-3684.

I'm being a little nosey so ya'll, I can't talk when you talkin' behind me cause I, I'm listening to you and I can't talk. Okay. So, and the other thing I wanted to mention is that, I didn't have an opportunity to announce in the Regular City Council Meeting when we met on September 16th, but I did get married on September 15th which was the night before that meeting and I came and everybody was surprised but I said I wanted to make sure I didn't miss a meeting so I came here and, the day after I got married and, I left that night so I, I went on but my name is Miller-Anderson.

[Applause]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Although, nobody wants to say the Miller part.

[Laughing]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I actually got my new name plate, I saw today. And they added an 'R' to my first name. Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: So they just...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So I had to take it out.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: KaShamber?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: KaShambra.

[Laughing]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. So they added the Anderson to the Miller and they also added an 'R' to my first name. So I took it out, that's why I don't have a name plate but it looks very nice. It's like twelve inches long now, yeah. So, I have a very long name now but it is KaShamba Latique Michelle Miller-Anderson.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, wow.

[Laughing]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And I have all of that on my social security card.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, wow.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, I just wanted to say that. I did mention it in the CRA meeting. But, I did get married so I am Councilwoman Miller-Anderson now. To Joseph Anderson.

Thank you very much.

MAYOR MASTERS: Like you didn't know.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Exactly. That's it. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Madam Attorney, I just have one quick question for you. Is it possible to enact some kind of local registrations as it relates to the Council as it relates to the use of guns or any type of gun legislation that would prohibit something, you know, that would require something that the City would want for people who are, you know, guns. Is it possible to have a, a ordinance as it relates to...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Guns?

MAYOR MASTERS: Common sense as the President says. You know, I know we, we enacted something about you couldn't live within a certain mile...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mayor, let me, let me just, let me disabuse you of any notion that you can do anything about guns.

MAYOR MASTERS: Cause of the State?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: There is a State statute and it may have been repealed but I don't know and I will check on it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That states if you attempt to do anything with guns, you will be held liable and you will be stripped of your position as Mayor and City Council. I'm not joking. It is the.., I have my personal feelings about guns but...

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, that's...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It is one of those issues, I will check on that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Please do.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But I'm almost 100% sure that there is nothing that you can do about guns.

MAYOR MASTERS: Which is shameful. I'm gonna say, use the same word President Barack Obama uses, politicize. Every time there's this type of mass shooting that we had in Oregon, I'm gonna politicize the fact how important it is to make sure that our buildings are secure and safe on this campus. The library does not have the same level of security, if any, and safety as the City Hall, as the Fire Station, as the Police Station, they have to be buzzed in except City Hall, you go through a metal detector. I did some independent research and if the Council Members wanna do it as well, I can share it with you but there is a move around the country to place metal detectors in libraries, in City libraries. So, this is, and I been talkin' about it, as you know, for months. I don't wanna wait until something happen and then deal with it after the fact. We must, we must secure our children, the elders, the seniors that come in the library and others. Now, I'm not just talkin' about doin' it, I'm gonna put some money towards that effort. I'm going to give $4$5,000 of the community benefit thing to the library to increase the, the security that the Manager has approved. I'm going to go to major businesses who, who are doing business with the City of Riviera Beach and ask them and others, to partner with me and share and make contributions towards the library. I'm really serious about this. I want to see the same level of security for our children and for everyone who use that library that we have in this building. So.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Anything else, Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: No, I'm not.., I'm just looking at my notes. I want to also join Councilman Cedric Thomas in his commendation of Steve White. I certainly need to apologize to Mr. White for overlooking him when we honored the African American minority businesses in our City. I just, we just wasn't thinking. But certainly, he shoulda been at the top so we're gonna backtrack and anyone that would like to join the Office of the Mayor in this proclamation. We're gonna proclaim Steve White Day in the City of Riviera Beach and give him his, his due.

The $12,000 stipend/salary, the Mayor has been clear from day one. I didn't take it. Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson stated on the record that she didn't take it as well. I want to agree with Ms. Bertha Corbin, and ask the Council to reconsider or reverse itself. I just can't find any support for this in, in the circles that I go to and move around through the City of Riviera Beach. I haven't had one person who has sanctioned this who said to me, it was the right thing to do, do it. Also, as it relates to the stormwater raise, I don't know any municipality other than Riviera Beach that will double anything overnight. That's outrageous, you know. And, whether you talk about the stormwater or no water, doubling anything without notice, without time, without increments, is outrageous. Now the fact is, whether we wanna admit it or not. The Governor allocated money for stormwater a few years ago. But we took the money and used it for something else. Ms. Attorney Ryan, do you.., did the Governor allocate

some money for the stormwater or something like that? Hold on, I'm just asking a question.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, I think you may be confusing issues. I know...

UNK: Yes.

UNK: He is.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Well, hold on, hold on.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. I think you're confusing issues. The.., we collect stormwater fees.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So that's our money, the stormwater fees. You may be talking about something that he gave us...

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...for a project. Was it for a proj'...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Appropriations.

MAYOR MASTERS: Appropriations.

CITY MANAGER JONES: For canal projects.

MAYOR MASTERS: So what? That didn't have to deal with infrastructure? The canal projects? My, my point is again, it is simply outrageous to double anything. I would like for the Board to reverse itself on that as well and you already know what I feel about the water raise. To raise the water, I think, the rate should not have happened. To double anything should not have happen. And the $12,000 stipend should not have happened. Period. So, I hope that the Council will follow that, what I'm asking to do. And, as you know, there were two votes against doubling the, the stormwater and also there was two votes against raising the water. Now we can say that we're going to give assistance to the seniors to match the raise but there's other people in this community that's hurting other than seniors. There's veterans, there's students, there's single parents, there's struggling married couples robbing Peter to pay Paul. There's people on food stamps. There are people who have challenges, physical challenges and metal challenges or whatever. So, the list can go on and on. I'm for doing it for the seniors but I'm for giving it everyone that it creates a financial hardship on. Point blank period. So, let's just be fair and be across the board and not just single out people because of their age, okay. Because as we said, you know, the, the medium

income is not just elders. But there are a lot of other people who make up that, that medium income in the City of Riviera Beach.

Last but not least, as you know, the hurricane was devastating, Jaquin was very devastating to southern islands in the Bahamas. I will be, along with Commissioner Wayne Richards and other elected officials will coordinate efforts, relief efforts for the southern islands in the Bahamas with a missionary flights. There's a need for items right now. We have it, have it here from missionary flights. They will transport this free and they're located in Fort Pierce so we'll make sure the items get there. Items that are needed are non-perishable food items such as spam, vienna sausage, cook, can cooked meat, fruit cups, juice boxes, individual packages of mustard, ketchup, mayo, chips and crackers, paper products such as paper plates, cups, toilet paper, and paper towels. Baby supplies such as diapers, wipes, and formula. Cleaning supplies but no bleach or aerosols. Mops and brooms, and miscellaneous items such as generators, chainsaws, flashlights, batteries, and solar lights. And monetary donations are need to fund these relief flights as well. I've talked to the Director of Finance to make sure that I could use my travel and promotion to promote the good will of the City of Riviera Beach and our residents and go over to the Bahamas and participate along with other elected officials and people of good will representing their city. Promoting the city and extended a hand of, of humanitarian effort. So, I want to invite the Council Members who are interested to.., if you wanna use your money as well to go over there and represent the City of Riviera Beach and get involved in a humanitarian effort.

Bishop Thomas Masters asked me to announce that on Sunday morning at the Hilltop Baptist Church at the 11:00 o'clock hour, he will be the guest speaker. 100 Men in Black, tell Bishop Masters that I made the announcement.

Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Bishop Masters, I heard the announcement. Mayor. Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: I look just like him, don't I?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You look just like him.

[Laughing].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Just like him. Really quick. I wanna thank Councilwoman Anderson and the Mayor for coming and supporting the Expunging and Restoration of Rights event this past Saturday. As well as the sorority Women of AKA, the Ferguson Law Firm, Craig Lawson Law Firm, and the Malcom Cunningham Bar Association as well Dr. Rosalind Osgood from Broward County School Board Representative. She was our guest keynote speaker. She was a two time felon who came and gave testimony, talk about restoring her rights and restoring her life as she became.., later getting her Ph.D and becoming an elected official as well as a female minister and a motivational

speaker across this country. We had a great response from the residents. We will continue to have many of these events because people are excited about having an opportunity just showing up for doing the right thing. You know, when you show up you have an opportunity to make change in your life and if not use others within your community. I would like to thank the Riviera Beach Police Department for providing the fingerprinting and the background checks as well. The Woman League of Voters was here supporting as well as the Legal Aide and I wanna thank them as well. Thank Danny Jones for, for your great due diligence. Ms. Jones and her Staff. Public Works and I wanna sa', I wanna make sure I don't leave no one else out. If I forgot anyone else, please, I apologize but I thank you too. To the residents that came out to participate, thank you. It was great to see you come out in numbers. We will have another event in the near future. I wanna thank those that could be there and those that could not, we will be having another event so I ask that you all do come out and support. I think everyone else said enough for today.

One last thing, the Community Flea Marker Fair which is next Saturday, October 17th, that's next Saturday not this coming Saturday, but next Saturday at the old Ivy Green site. South Congress once you go Blue Heron go south, it'll be on your right hand side. It's from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It's the old former Ivy Green Complex where the housing authority. The spaces are just $20 just to rent a space for you can bring something out and sell and trade at the wonderful flea market. The phone contact for Ties [sp] Media is (561) Imma read it slow, 628-5835. There'll be fun, food and music at this venue as well.

UNK: [[Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh, there's another march. I'mma let Councilman Thomas announce that really quick.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Pastor Martina Walker, as well as the, the City will be over at Wells on, tomorrow. Hope is not here to give me…

UNK: Saturday.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Saturday, I'm sorry, Saturday. This Saturday.

MAYOR MASTERS: The date.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: The 10th, it's the 10th. October 10th. I believe it's gonna start at 9.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: 10:00 o'clock.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: 10:00 o'clock. The march is gonna end up at Wells but please contact Pastor Walker or my office tomorrow morning at 845-3687.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Pastor Walker, the.., she said the men are gonna start off on 1st Street and Dixie and the women are gonna start of on Silver Beach Road.

MAYOR MASTERS: Silver Beach Road. Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: They're gonna meet over at Wells but the walk is actually start at 10:00 o'clock.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do I have anything else from the Board before we adjourn?

MAYOR MASTERS: Before you hit the gavel one more time, I wanna commend you. You did a great job tonight and I wanna give you a hand of appreciation.

[Applause].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Recognition.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. I appreciate it. With that being said, do I have a motion to adjourn this meeting?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

[Gavel]

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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