

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.**

[Inaudible discussions before meeting]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. We ready.

[Gavel]

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Welcome everyone to the City of Riviera Beach. Tonight we have our Council meeting.

ROLL CALL

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk, roll call please.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters? Chairperson Dawn Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Terence Davis? Councilperson Bruce Guyton? Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

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

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

UNK: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: [On phone]. Oh, I said here. Did, did you get me?

UNK: No, we didn't get you at the time but right now we have you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Thank you. I'm sorry, it was on mute.

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Let the record reflect that Councilman Davis is now on the dais.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. I'd like to invite everyone to stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge.

[Moment of silence]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I pledge allegiance...

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

AGENDA Approval: Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Ms. Jones, Do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions to the Agenda?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, Madam Chair. I would like to remove from consideration tonight on the regular Agenda Item No. 10. There are no other additions.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. We will remove Item 10. Hold on one second. Alright.

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Do we have any disclosures by Council or by Staff?

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Do we have a motion to accept the Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Do we have a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Consent Agenda.

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

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Do we motion to accept Consent?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'd like to pull Item 1 and 2. Items 1 and 2.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. So there's no motion then, needed for Consent. Consent has been pulled. Okay.

RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Resolutions. Item 1.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 1. RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA TO ACCEPT THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$401,700. FROM OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 FOR CONTINUED F/T CASE MANAGER STAFFING AND F/T COMMUNITY COORDINATOR STAFFING AND SUPPORT TO THE CIVIL DRUG COURT FOR SERVICES TO CLIENTS AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE TREATMENT PROVIDER CONTRACTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SET UP BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Alright. Ms. Miller.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I wanted to see if I could have a presentation. Do we have anyone to do a presentation on it?

UNK: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I will ask the Director of the Civil Drug Court to come and give you an overview of this program.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thanks.

MS. F. SCOTT: Thank you so much, Ms. Jones. Felicia Scott, Program Manager for the Civil Drug Court. Um, basically, the Civil Drug Court has been around since 1991. Um, retired Judge, Edward Rogers and some other judges and local attorneys here throughout Palm Beach County set this program up as a pilot program and it was basically just for Riviera Beach residents to assist those individuals who were incapable of identifying the need for substance abuse treatment. Since that time, the program has grown to, um, several changes in administrative order in which now we service the entire Palm Beach County. And with those changes, uh, in servicing Palm Beach County, we've been in a fortunate position to receive county funding to support the additional service that we provide outside of Staff, um, in addition to treatment dollars and, and other programs under the Civil Drug Court. We have a program called Family Restart and basically, that treats the entire family after they have come out of rehab or some form of treatment, so it's ongoing counselling, for at least a year or so.

In addition to those services that we provide, we do other community eve'..., events. Uh, we recognize our clients by doing annual client recognition for those who have maintained and sustained sobriety for a length of period of time, at least a minimum of five years or more. Uh, we assist with job placement, continued education and other services as well. We've been fortunate enough over the last ten to twelve years to receive this county funding and this is the first year, uh, that the county has moved this type of funding from the Criminal Justice Commission to the Public Safety Department. And in doing so, uh, we've been put in a position that we're no longer receiving one-year funding, we're actually doing three year contractual interlocal agreements, if you will.

Each year, of course, with this type of funding, the funding fluctuates. It goes up and it goes down but with it being on the Public Safety, we've been somewhat assured that, uh, over the years with the increase, it will continue to go up to support us in our treatment dollars more so. It has also provided for two additional Staff, the Case Manager and the Community Coordinator. So, I would like to really say that we're in a great position to get the support from the county to continue this program.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MS. F. SCOTT: Mhmm.

UNK: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright? Anyone else?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ms. Ryan, you know, at this point I think you need to explain to everyone why Mr. Guyton is on the phone and participating from...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh sure.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...from the telephone.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Guyton is on the phone instead of being here because he was involved in an accident and, under the law, you can participate in City Council meetings, CRA meetings, any types of board meetings, if you are unable to attend for medical reasons [stammer] so you cannot be here but you can participate and you can vote. If he were just on vacation or at a seminar, he, he would not be able to participate in this manner. But because he's at home, he's watching the meeting and we have hooked it up so that he has audio as well so that he can fully participate in the meeting. So that's why you hear him on the telephone.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Where, where is that stated, in what section of the Charter?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It's not in our Charter. I s'...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible] the Charter?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. I sent a memo to Council this afternoon.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. I didn't get it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I didn't see it. But anyway.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. I emailed a memo with.., it's Attorney General opinions. There is no case law on it but there are several Attorney General opinions that have held precisely what I just stated that, if there are medical reasons why a Board Member cannot attend, they can participate and vote a meeting.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But only for medical reasons...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is correct.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Only for medical reasons.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay? Alright. Item 2.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 2. RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO NOTICE AND PREPARE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016 AND RUN-OFF ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 29, 2016, IF NECESSARY; SAID ELECTION(S) SHALL BE HELD WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM TO VOTE ON THE FOUR CANDIDATES UP FOR ELECTION TO REPRESENT AS MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3, AND CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 RESPECTIVELY; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO DESIGNATE VOTING LOCATIONS; APPOINT AND SCHEDULE TRAINING FOR THE CITY'S ELECTION BOARD, IF NECESSARY; APPOINT THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH CANVASSING BOARD; ASSIGNING THE CITY CLERK ALL APPURTENANT DUTIES THERETO AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY'S CHARTER AND CODE OF ORDINANCES; FURTHER APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE TO PROVIDE FOR ALL ELECTION RELATED SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND

CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT; FURTHER DECLARING A DATE AND A TIME FOR THE CONVENING OF THE CITY'S CANVASSING BOARD; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Ms. Miller?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Just a very brief overview again. I have this...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...here but will that impact us anyway financially above what we've done before?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I'm not for sure what you're sayin'... [Echo] when you say impact us financially. This is an agreement that we have to do with the SOE every year.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: And if you looked at the Exhibits, it outlines what the charges...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Which I did.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY:will be.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And I did.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm just asking you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. Well...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And so there's no difference?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: There.., it's according to what the vendors charge as far as what the financial impact will be. As far as the March 15th, our cost of what we usually pay will reduce...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Because...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...because it is a presidential preference primary...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That was my question.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: So that one will reduce. However, if there is a runoff, we will incur...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...the full charge.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Lucinda? Okay. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Petitions and communications for filing? Do we have any?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: None.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Awards and presentations. Item 3.

3. PRESENTATION BY THE PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE ON SPECIFIC VALUE, EXEMPTIONS AND OTHER PROPERTY TAX RELATED MATTERS.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And today, we have with us Dorothy Jacks. She is the Chief Deputy Property Appraiser. Ms. Jacks, welcome.

MS. D. JACKS: Thank you very much and good evening Commissioners. It's lovely to be with you tonight. The property appraiser's office, led by Gary Nikolits, who many of you may remember his name from years ago as a City of Riviera Beach Councilperson, is doing some short presentations to municipalities about specific taxing information within your City and so I just have five or six slides to present tonight. And I'd love to, if you have any questions, answer, answer afterward, please feel free to ask. I did wanna just recognize that with me tonight is Carolyn Runner Bradon, a longtime Riviera Beach resident and also a wonderful employee of our office who's been with us over 20 years now. Uh, Carolyn is going to retire next year and I think the office may have to shut down when she does.

[Laughter]

MS. D. JACKS: She's been a wonderful part of our team for so many years and, um, again, a proud resident of the City.

So, let me get started and tell you just basically high level statistics. Market value of the City of Riviera Beach for 2015 rested at almost, just slightly under \$6,000,000,000 taxable of \$4.5. The parcel count, 18,000 parcels actually places the City as eighth largest in the county. That's of 38 cities. So, up in the top third of the cities in the county.

We've broken down for you, uh, in this next slide just how we get from that market value to the taxable value. And I think it's interesting. I do this for each city just to give you an idea of where the money goes. The market value of Palm Beach County is well over \$217,000,000,000 and then reduces down into the \$150,000,000,000 range. And it's all due to these reductions, first in assessment reductions which happen from mainly, the biggest one, always being the Save Our Homes differential. That's the homestead exemption, the difference between market and assess that people build up over time from having homestead in the 3% cap. Again, the 3% cap adopted in 1994, so we've have it 20 years now. We have..., of course, it rose up with the market and it plummeted

down with the market [chuckle] and is actually starting to rise again quite nicely as values rise. But it does cause a reduction.

The second is the 10% non-homestead cap, that's on commercial industrial rental property. Everything that's not homestead, it does get the 10% cap. That also is a reduction, again, created over time. The 10% cap came in in 2009 and we're now really, as the market starts to rise again, starting to see its impact. You can see it getting quite close up there to the homestead number. Some small agricultural classification, working waterfronts certainly. That applies to anybody who is operating a bona fide, uh, marina or fishing business, um, in, in, anywhere in Florida, receives a working waterfront designation. It's rather like an add classification. It's a reduction in the value of the property based on its use. So, that's 10% of the roll.

The next slide shows you, uh, exemptions that are re'..., further removing from the market value, uh, homestead exemption, the additional homestead which only applies to the third \$25,000 of a property's value. So, in other words, everyone gets the twenty'..., first \$25,000 homestead. The second \$25,000 doesn't come 'til your value hits \$50,000, if that makes sense. So, it occurs between \$50,000 and \$75,000 in value.

The senior exemption is not applied for here in Riviera but we'd love to talk to you about that if you'd like to sometime. The, um, and then government property and institu'..., oh, I'm sorry. Let me refer just to tangible personal property. The first \$25,000 of all business personal property accounts is also exempt from tax. And then government and institutional. Institutional being everything from churches to not-for-profit centers, that type of property. Government includes schools so even your public schools, uh, are in that \$471,000,000 number. It's always quite a high number. Uh, and most municipalities..., and then some smaller exemptions at the bottom getting you to 13% reduction and you then land at about 77% of market is taxable. And just to give you some comparison, that puts you, again, in a good, in a good range when you compare city over city, that is in the top third, meaning you don't have too much of a reduction. Some cities show an even higher reduction. That's usually because they have a lot of government property that can really reduce the tax roll. So, it's a good sign for the City.

The next slide just shows a quick breakdown of what makes up your value. And, uh, I'll just draw your attention to the large red area is condominiums, of course. The valuable condominiums on the beachfront. The tangible, this lighter blue is \$1.2 billion dollars. Of course, a very large part of that is the new FP&L power plant which came on the roll as tangible personal property because, of course, it's ma'..., mostly business equipment. It's actually quite a small, uh, piece of land. The other, residential certainly always a big number in most municipalities, industrial and commercial filling out the two smaller pies at the bottom. The pie on the left is market value. The pie on the right, sounds a little like Thanksgiving, doesn't it? The pie on the left...

[Chuckles]

MS. D. JACKS: ...the pie on the right. It's pumpkin and..., no. [Chuckles]. Anyway, that was, that was last week, right? So, the pie on the right, taxable value. Again, you can just see..., it's interesting the condominium number is so similar but that's also because you probably have a lot of non-homesteaded condominiums, people who are, this is a second home to them. And, um, so their taxable value may not have decreased very much because they're not receiving the benefit of Save Our Homes. They're actually..., it's a good thing. Uh, it means that they're paying, uh, they're paying an increase of up to 10% a year, year over year as opposed to being capped by the 3% cap. And, again, the residential number. And again, the tangible number. Only the first \$25,000 of any account is exempted so, even with the, uh, FPL plant of their, I believe, \$700,000,000 in value, they only received a \$25,000 exemption on that account.

Let., we'll go on. Um, and I'll just give you three trends. We like to give everybody three trends, thoughts we have about 2016. Certainly, we are seeing, uh, a lot of buying which is great. In Palm Beach County, we've seen an increase in the number of sales and we see, here in Riviera Beach, quite a bit of buying and, and fixing up and reselling, which is a good thing. Um, it's, uh, it ha'..., it's helpful for tax purposes because those people aren't necessarily getting a homestead exemption which locks in their value. Uh, but, uh, there's also, of course, been quite a bit of an increase in the value of the waterfront property on the mainland. And, uh, and then also we're seeing, uh, the Singer Island people, again, redoing older, older buildings, older units and bringing them up to, uh, sort of current time and age as far as renovation. So that's also helpful. That, that really is reflected, it's not something that's so tangible as much as you see it in the market change. So, we'll see that reflected as the market moves forward.

And so, just three thoughts for Riviera Beach. I'd like to say, certainly, our office, we..., as you can see, we have a lot of data. We're always very interested in sharing it with you and are happy, uh, any time to come back and talk to you further about the City or if you have questions for us, we, we're more than glad to help.

Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. I have a quick question. You showed that seniors would be eligible for, I guess certain seniors, would be eligible for an additional deduction?

MS. D. JACKS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Can you just briefly tell us about that because I noticed that no one was taking advantage of that.

MS. D. JACKS: Absolutely. So, a number of years ago what's called an income limited senior benefit was, um, allowed for under the statute. And what it said, is that each taxing authority had to opt into it themselves. So, some cities have. We have about six or seven cities which have opted in and the Palm Beach County has. What that means is that if yo'..., any, anyone in Palm Beach County, so certainly your residents

here, benefit from a \$25,000 additional reduction to their county millage. But you could, as a commission, determine that you wanted to also grant that same benefit...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mm.

MS. D. JACKS: ...at the City millage level and you could choose up to \$25,000 of reduction. So, uh, you..., some cities have only chosen \$5,000, some, ten. And we're happy to, if you wanted, we can give you some further information about that. Our office can provide that to you so you could look at it. But the income limited is that, as a household, somebody in the household must be 65 or older and their income household..., household income needs to be below, it's around \$30,000 a year. And that number fluctuates each year. So every January, uh, we send a notice to everybody who is qualified and we say, 'Is your income still below this amount?' The first year they file for it, they give us a bit of detail. The second year it's just a renewal and then that's all they have to do and they continue to receive it. And it is, if you choose it to be, it's an additional \$25,000 exemption. You can choose...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MS. D. JACKS: ...up to that amount.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So even if you, you know, say you have a house on Singer Island, okay? And you're already getting the \$50,000 exemption, if we pass that, then they would be eligible for an additional \$25,000? So they could walk away with a \$75,000 deduction? And then if they're a widow, get the extra whatever that is too?

MS. D. JACKS: Uh, yes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Five hundred?

MS. D. JACKS: They could on the Riviera Beach millage rate. Of course...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MS. D. JACKS: ...if, if the, again, the seniors...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: But it's just the Riviera Beach part of it?

MS. D. JACKS: And Palm Beach County's. Not...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MS. D. JACKS: ...the school.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: The school and...

MS. D. JACKS: They don't get the benefit. Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. Children services, nothing like that [inaudible].

MS. D. JACKS: Correct. No children services, [inaudible], South Florida Water Management, et cetera. They would continue to pay on that \$25,000...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MS. D. JACKS: ...for all those other taxing authorities.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MS. D. JACKS: So the savings to the taxpayer, depending on how much the City opted to allow for, could be anywhere from about \$125 to about \$300, somewhere between \$250 and \$300.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Alright. Yeah. I'll be calling about more, you know, getting more information. Anyone else? Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I would just love to get more information later on in the future and would love to have you back to get more detail information back to the public.

MS. D. JACKS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Right.

MS. D. JACKS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright? Okay. Thank you very much for the presentation.

MS. D. JACKS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We appreciate it. Okay. Item 4.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 4. PRESENTATION BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) ON THE ANTICIPATED COMMENCEMENT OF THE STATE ROAD 710 (MLK) PHASE C ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. And we have a couple of people with us. Terry Eng and then Pete McCray. Okay? Alright. Welcome.

MR. T. GLUNT: Hi. Yes. My name is Terry Glunt. And, um...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I'm sorry, sir.

MR. T. GLUNT: That's okay. I'm fine with that.

[Laughter]

MR. T. GLUNT: We're gonna try to be pretty brief here. We just wanted to...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Oh, E-N-G was for engineer.

[Laughter]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No, you wrote it. But someone wrote it.

MR. T. GLUNT: I have been called a lot of things before...

[Laughter]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No. I'm serious. See, someone wrote that E-N-G. So I thought...

MR. T. GLUNT: I know cause I left my cards in the car and I didn't wanna go back in the rain to go get 'em.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MR. T. GLUNT: So, my bad.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MR. T. GLUNT: Um, anyway, esteemed City Council, I wanna thank you all for inviting me here tonight to give a little bit of an overview. We have our entire team. We're certainly not gonna let everybody speak but if you do have questions at the end, feel free to ask.

Uh, what we'd like to do today is to give you a little bit of an overview of Phase C, the Martin Luther King State Road 710 project that's coming up. And, on behalf of the DOT, uh, we are Stantec Consulting, we are the CEI's that are gonna be overseeing the construction. Now, we also were the ones that did Phase B previously, so we bring a lot of continuity, having a lot of the same team members work here. And some of the lessons we've learned on the previous one, we'd like to bring forward again to help the City through the issues and make you guys a real partner and a stakeholder in this endeavor that we have.

Some of the actual facts about the project are shown there on the board. The project is a \$17,000,000 project. And it's basically gonna run from Australian to Dixie with a little bit of tie-in to the west of Australian. Uh, with us tonight on the Stantec side is, is my entire team. The contractor, J.W. Cheatham, that is a little bit different. Ranger Construction was the last ones that had done the project on Phase B and our start date, as you can see, will be around January 4th, with an anticipated completion date in the spring of 2019. Now, as I said before, I'll be the senior project engineer. That is a little bit on the part-time basis but Pete McCray, with me, is gonna run you through the technical part of this. He is gonna be the full-time administrator on this.

Now, uh, I'm just gonna call out my team real quick to, to, uh, introduce you to 'em. We have, uh, Juan Bolivar who is our, uh, project engineer and we have Juan Ruiz who's our construction support specialist. Our two senior project engineers, Brian Collough [sp] and Andrew Sangermaine [sp], all from the previous jobs so they have a, certainly a lot of, uh, of familiarity. And, we're all gonna be working under the DOT's project manager, Syd Mallen [sp]. So, he's really the client here for us and we have to make sure that we do everything with them. Uh, the contractor representative, Mo Massabe [sp], is here as well. And, uh, on the DOT design side, uh, Jim Hughes is here who was the, uh, design manager along with Burt Bardo who's, I think, with Kimley Horn, the designers, the same as Section B.

So, we just wanted to at least show you that we are talking about the same team again. And, with that said, I'm gonna go ahead and turn this over to Pete and he's gonna just walk you through briefly, the project.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Thank you, Council. I appreciate being here this evening and presenting this. We'll try to make it as brief as possible and we'll have questions at the end if you need 'em. So, the, the widening from State Road, uh, State Road 710 is gonna go from two lanes to four lanes. It's gonna go from a rural section to an urban section. That includes 12' travel lanes, 4' bike lanes, 20', uh, 26' median, a new frontage road or service road. And what that's for is basically to keep the residents that are on the north side of the property, they don't have to turn directly right off of 710, there'll be a frontage where they'll be, safely be able to get into their properties. Also, curb and gutter, sidewalk. A new drainage system as well with a retention pond or detention pond north of Avenue I. Uh, we're gonna reconstruct three of the intersections, Old Dixie Highway and State Road 710. There'll be a new signal going in at Avenue J and State Road 710 and then Australian Avenue and State Road 710.

Included in our project is the new perimeter wall. There'll be.., it says two locations, it's really, like, two areas. There's a neighborhood to the north of Stonybrook, uh, from Avenue U to east of Avenue S. The wall will actually go near the right-of-way, behind the peoples' property. Again, Avenue U to S and then S to the canal. That'll be one location. And then from Avenue P to Old Dixie, the south side of the property is where the, um, on the right-of-way line actually, is where the wall'll be constructed there. Uh, between the frontage road and State Road 710 is where that, that wall was going to be placed and we tried to give ya a little graphical presentation of what the wall will look like.

The colors are a little off and I apologize about that. So, uh, we'll continue with the presentation.

New lighting, signing and pavement markings. Uh, we're also doing two JPA's, or Joint Participation Agreements, uh, with the City of Riviera Beach Utility District which includes water and sewer, not just specifically on our corridor but on 7th Street and I think we actually go into 6th as well and a little bit further, uh, north as well. Vibration monitoring activities will be performed following a brand new DOT specification, which is important. And, uh, the landscaping activities will be performed under a different contract, not ours specifically. It'll be after.., or construction will happen after our project is final accepted.

So, real quickly I'll give you a real brief overview of what the MOT is gonna look like, the Maintenance of Traffic. I'm specifically gonna talk about State Road 710 or Martin Luther King Boulevard. Phase 1, uh, the south side of the road, we're gonna build the brand new roadway, the new eastbound lanes. That's gonna be Phase 1. The contractor is anticipated to be out there on January 4th for the first three or four weeks, he's gonna be doing minor things. There's not gonna be a lot of activity out there. He'll be installing some erosion control devices, some warning signs and mobilizing and getting ready. Probably, the fourth or fifth week he'll actually put a shovel in the ground and actually go to work. That's gonna be Phase 1. We're gonna maintain traffic on the existing roadway.

When we're done with that Phase, we're gonna move traffic from the old roadway to the new roadway, still maintaining one lane in each direction and we're gonna demol'.., demolition or demo the existing roadway. [Clears throat]. Excuse me. And build a brand new westbound lanes with that new frontage road. Again, both of those phases include all of the underground work, all of the utility work, sidewalks, lighting, everything. [Clears throat]. Excuse me. The only thing that won't be completed will be the final lift of asphalt.

And then Phase 3 will be, basically, tying in the median. So, bas'.., real quickly, Phase 1, the south side, Phase 2, the north side, Phase 3, the middle. And that's, uh, the, the best way of handling it. There will be work on Old Dixie, Australian and on Avenue I during those phases. It kinda changes. It's very similar to what we have so think about it in that fashion, if you don't mind.

Anticipated lane closures. The lane closure distribution list, uh, Meredith Cruz, who is the Department's PIO officer, does a blast list every week that gives you a two week look ahead of what lane closures you can expect in Palm Beach County. Excuse me. If you'd like, you can email her to be part of that. It's not just helpful for the City of Riviera Beach but if you're traveling anywhere in Palm Beach County, you'll know if there'll be a lane closure somewhere. So, that'll help you get to where you need to go. Detours. For.., prior to any schedule detours for the job, there'll be at least two weeks written notification to City, engineering, fire rescue and the police, as well as the residents to let them know the potential impacts they may have and how they can get around that.

Understand, as part of our job as the CEI, it's not just to make sure the contractor builds the job but we try to find ways to help make the job faster and minimize the impacts to the City as well as the residents. We're gonna look to try to minimize those detours as best we can. Uh, night work. I know that there's a requirement that the City Council has to provide a permit to the contractor to do that work and it's not a blanket request. We don't get..., he doesn't get to come up here and say, 'Alright. We get to the one request, I'm ready to go and we're ready. That's it.' No. It's..., we know it's a case by case basis and, uh, he's aware of that and we're gonna hold him to it. And again, I will reiterate that if we're gonna make sure that we can try to minimize those night work because obviously those residents have to work for a living and we don't wanna impact them and have them calling you guys, which you're gonna call us. So, we'll keep that up under control. Should night work be required, the plans do call out specifically what they're allowed to do. And I'll go through this very quickly. On the two lane section of Beeline Highway, one lane can be open from 11:00 p.m. until 4:30 a.m. A flagler will be, a flagger will be on site to direct traffic. The four lane section of Beeline Highway, one lane may be closed in each direction from 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Australian Avenue, one lane in each direction from 7:30 until 7:00 a.m. and then Old Dixie Highway, one lane in each direction from 9:00 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. Uh, we understand that's that there's, obviously, two schools. Uh, part of one of the reasons why we've won this project was of how well we worked with the crossing guards to make sure the children were safe going through the construction zone.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Excuse me, sir. Let the record reflect that Mayor Masters is now on the dais. I'm sorry. Go ahead, sir.

MR. P. MCCRAY: No worries.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

Um, we'll, uh, we will coordinate with Palm Beach County School Board on the construction schedule, the maintenance of traffic, the lane closures and the detours. And what I mean by that is we're gonna meet with the school principals, let them know what's going on so they can pass that information along to their teachers, to the students and to the parents so they're not inconvenienced or inconvenienced as little as possible. Special consideration will also be given to the schools and to the City for any events along the project limits to minimize any impacts to you or the schools. We'll ensure that the walking paths to and from school are safe for all the students and parents, if they're walking their students to school. Coordinate with the crossing guards to ensure the safe passage through the construction zone and coordinate with the contractor to avoid any activities that may impact the safe passage. Again, student safety measures will be handled in the same fashion as we did the last time. It is, safety is paramount for us to do that.

Coordination with the CRA. Terrance Bailey and I met with them to discuss the Linear Park at Avenue L. As I was driving through the job back in October, I noticed that they had did some clearing and grubbing, so I wanted to meet with the CRA to make sure that

they weren't going to construct something that was gonna be where we were gonna construct something. I didn't want the CRA to spend any additional.., or, spend some money and then us come back two months later and tear it out. So, we met with them and fortunately enough we were able to save a light pole and some sidewalk conflicts that was there. Also, we discussed, uh, potential entryway feature for.., or, in our right-of-way that'll be a Welcome to Riviera Beach sign which was, I thought a great idea. They were thinking about putting it on the northeast corner, they own a piece of property there. It didn't make sense so we suggested that they put it on the south side of that corner, uh, the southeast side and gave them the information for the DOT project manager so they coordinate that to make sure there was not gonna be any issues.

Tropical Shipping is a, a very large client for the Port of Palm Beach and as well as for you guys. Um, again, I met with them in November to discuss their improvements along Avenue P and how it relates to State Road 710. Uh, some of those points there, specifically, we discussed the drainage features that we installed in Phase B so there wouldn't be any impacts to what was there. The lane widths were increased to 12' to better provide safety for the employees, as well as the truckers going in and out of that area. We wanted to ensure that the curb cut ramps, that they're gonna be replacing, are all ADA compliant and that the signing and lighting at that corner is gonna be relocated in the fashion that is not gonna provide State Road 710 to have a dark spot or a spot that's too lit.

The last point, I provided information to that engineer and gave him our contact information for the contractor so that they could communicate and there won't be any conflict.., we won't have two contractors working in the same location.

And finally, the project open house. It'll be held here, January 12th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The idea behind that is just to get residents or Council people, anybody that's.., wants to come in and talk, uh, to have a one on one conversation to discuss any issues or concerns that they have, how the job's gonna effect their property or anything like that. That's what we're here to do. Note that there's not gonna be a actual formal presentation as we have here but we're lookin' forward to that. Um, and lastly, the project field office that we have is located at 4152 West Blue Heron, Suite 122 in Riviera, which is on the west side of I-95 there at the Center Point Park. So, we're gonna be, uh, we're gonna be neighbors for quite some time until we get the job done.

So, again, thank you for your consideration. Any questions?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I have a question for you.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yes, ma'am?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: How high is the wall?

MR. P. MCCRAY: Eight feet.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone?

MAYOR MASTERS: ...Chair?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Ma'...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Did you have any conversation or consultation, any communication whatsoever with Stonybrook housing complex?

MR. P. MCCRAY: With respect to the wall?

MAYOR MASTERS: With respect to anything.

MR. P. MCCRAY: No, sir. Not yet.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Are you planning to?

MR. P. MCCRAY: If you'd like for us to do that, we can. The, the contract actually..., the work, the actual physical work will be actually from Avenue P east to Old Dixie Highway. The only construction near Stonybrook, would be the wall that's on the north side of the right-of-way.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And I know you mentioned about children.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: And that's probably where most of the kids would come from.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Oh, absolutely. And we're aware of that. And I...

MAYOR MASTERS: And, and that's why I mentioned it.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Okay. And we..., and we'll, we're planning to meet because I knew, uh, I don't remember the crossing guard's name that just retired, she was a very good friend of ours.

UNK: Annie.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Annie. Ms. Annie was there.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MR. P. MCCRAY: And, it's actually unfortunate cause she knew every child's name...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MR. P. MCCRAY: ...that went through there which was awesome. We plan to meet with the new crossing guard, develop that same relationship so that we can continue that and, and follow that same process as we did in Phase B.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Thank you, sir.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Absolutely. Any other questions?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I have a concern [cough], excuse me. I have a concern. You didn't quite say what you will be doing on Australian, uh, but right now those trucks tear up that curbing right there at Dr. Martin Luther King and Australian Avenue. They.., still that one lane and no truck makes it.., they drive over that curb so it's all destroyed at this point anyway. What are you planning on doing there? I do know that some homes were being acquired or have been acquired there. What exactly is your plan for that?

MR. P. MCCRAY: Burt, correct me if I'm wrong but I believe the radiuses have increased so that the truck traffic in that location are less likely to damage those. Can you speak upon that or no? That is...

UNK: [Inaudible].

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yeah. We're, we're.., so right now, that radius is so tight it's not really built for.., nobody really designed it for a truck to go through that area.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mhmm.

MR. P. MCCRAY: So, instead of it being a very tight area, we're gonna bring that back so that truck, when he's making the turn, the back tires doesn't run over that.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

MR. P. MCCRAY: I, I can't guarantee that...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. I understand. I'm..., and that'll be fine because it'll be up to you all to replace it when it tears up so that's fine.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: However, I'm concerned..., or I would like to know, are you widening..., are you widening Australian Avenue on that side?

MR. P. MCCRAY: [Stammer]. Are you talking about the, I guess the...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It would be the northwest side...

MR. P. MCCRAY: The northwest corner?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

MR. P. MCCRAY: I don't believe that it's specifically widened in that area. Burt, do you happen to have that handy?

UNK: I can look for it [inaudible].

MR. P. MCCRAY: We'll, we'll, we'll get that information very quickly, if you'd like.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: You've got to..., we can't even hear.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I mean, cause I can hear you but the general public can't.

MR. P. MCCRAY: [Chuckle]. Sorry about that.

MR. J. HUGHES: My name is Jim Hughes with the DOT. And I, at one point we had a much larger scope on Australian.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mhmm.

MR. J. HUGHES: And actually one..., I don't have the full history. I, I became involved with the project after this happened but there was a larger scope and I know there was some, some conflicts with the cemetery so we actually reduce the how much..., there is some widening right at the intersection but it used to be much further...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. So that...

MR. J. HUGHES: ...north and south.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's what I'm trying to figure out. It's, it's for two reasons. I, I know that you acquired the home that's right there on the corner. Or somebody acquired it. Um, I believe it was you. And that's fine but there are other homes that are along the 710 corridor that I'm concerned about because, if you're going to correct that corner where they can turn and, or make it easier for.., to turn, then obviously those homes that are on that corner are gonna be affected by some way or another.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Oh, and you're talking about the homes just west of Australian, correct?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: On 710.

MR. P. MCCRAY: [Stammer]. Those homes are not gonna be effected. There is actually a frontage road, another frontage road that is going in that [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So you're gonna move the entire...

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...road...

MR. P. MCCRAY: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...south.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Is basically what you're saying?

MR. P. MCCRAY: So, basically, what we got...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. P. MCCRAY: ...is, where the homes are located, there's gonna be another 24' roadway. Is it 24, I believe?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. J. HUGHES: Yeah.

MR. P. MCCRAY: There's a 24', like a residential road...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay.

MR. P. MCCRAY: ...right there. Then there'll be curb and gutter, like a little median. That's gonna be where the wall will be...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. P. MCCRAY: ...and then 710, the westbound traffic will...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So you're actually moving it...

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...entire road?

MR. P. MCCRAY: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That, that will explain it.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

UNK: [Inaudible].

MR. P. MCCRAY: So there is, there is a much..., you..., I'm looking at the plan sheet, it is, it..., they're gonna be able to make that turn a lot easier where there's not gonna be any impacts to the sidewalk, potentially a residents or individuals waiting there to make the cross.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. Okay.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Okay?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone else?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead, Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You made a comment about reaching out to the residents as the projects change. The residents in the area, how can they get on your email list as you email blast 'em out? You have a strategy...

MR. P. MCCRAY: I know that, I know that last, the last project we had, we went out and actually physically handed out flyers in little plastic bags, hung 'em on there and tried to provide that information.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MR. P. MCCRAY: We'll be more than happy to knock on a door if we have to. You know? That's part of our responsibility. That's one of things we wanna make sure and continue.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MR. P. MCCRAY: If it's a matter of [knocking sound] knocking on a door, later in the day, maybe potentially going on the weekend to try to address that so they can get on that list, that's what we'll do.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

UNK: [Inaudible].

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yeah. That includes the flyers as well.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: The flyers? So the fliers will have the email contact?

MR. P. MCCRAY: Mhmm. Abs'..., absolutely.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Have ya'll contacted West Riviera and Lincoln Elementary?

MR. P. MCCRAY: I haven't spoke to them...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: To...

MR. P. MCCRAY: ...to them, not yet...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: To have that discussion?

MR. P. MCCRAY: I, I will be. We'll be contacting them and speaking with the principal and the assistant principal and let them know what is going on.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That way, that you all can coordinate a meeting together with the parents as they come, so you don't have to do as much door knocking cause the kids in that area...

MR. P. MCCRAY: Absolutely.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...come to school.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Our, our, our, like I said, the safety is paramount no matter how we cut it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: One last thing. I do recall a few residents contacting my office from the first phase that was being done about, and correct me if I'm wrong, there was some drilling done before and some of the houses were, had some cracking going on over in that area.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yes, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: How did that turn out? As far as that, that...

MR. P. MCCRAY: With re'...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...correspondence between you and the residents and how ya'll are gonna resolve that situation?

MR. P. MCCRAY: Part of the, what I mentioned about in the vibration monitoring specifications...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. P. MCCRAY: There was a brand new spec written due to the fact of what happened on this job.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MR. P. MCCRAY: That was one, one of.., this, this job was one of things that helped move that forward.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MR. P. MCCRAY: So, the, the specification, or that spec that requires the contractor to go out there and do extensive.., make sure that there's no impact to any existing

structures with regards to any cracking or anything like that. I mean, that's..., I haven't read the spec verbatim...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

MR. P. MCCRAY: And I don't have it memorized. [Chuckle]. I plan to have it pretty well committed throughout the project but not, right at this time, I don't.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, on that previous situation that happened, that caused this, this occurrence of the spec which is great, what, um, did that relation'..., is that situation's between the contractor and the residents or the state and the residents? How is that?

MR. P. MCCRAY: Between the contractor and the residents. I've, I've spoke to Mr. Galen [sp] and got him the information that he needed.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Uh, he contacted the Department. Jim, actually contacted Jim. I gave him that information, got him everything that he needed to get so he could move along with what he's doing.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, are they looking to, um, comp'..., potentially compensate the residents who homes...

MR. P. MCCRAY: I...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...were impacted from the last time?

MR. P. MCCRAY: I can't speak on that cause I don't know, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Insurance.

[Inaudible background comments]

MR. P. MCCRAY: I apologize.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, hold on, hold on.

[Chuckles]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Someone threw out something about insurance but whose insurance will pay that?

MR. P. MCCRAY: It would be the contractor's insurance.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: The contractor's insurance?

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yes, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Alright. Thank you. That'll be all.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. You talked to Mr. Galen? You said you...

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yes, sir. I have. I spoke to him.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And, have you met the Rosa Parks of the area, Ms. Bram?

MR. P. MCCRAY: I have not.

MAYOR MASTERS: Might wanna...

MR. P. MCCRAY: I'm sure that I will.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckles]. Okay.

MR. P. MCCRAY: [Chuckles].

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead, Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I didn't speak about this earlier. I actually slipped, it slipped my mind. In reference to the night work that's being provided...

MR. P. MCCRAY: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Do you have a time in which that night work would start?

MR. P. MCCRAY: Uh, when it's, when they're planning on starting?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mhmm.

MR. P. MCCRAY: No, sir. I don't.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I just, you know, wanna make it known that I don't, I don't want it to be where you all can interrupt sleep patterns whenever you feel like it, not knowing, you know...

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...all of those, you know, particular things. I don't know what the permit says but the permit doesn't normally come back to us but I still wanna make sure... It doesn't come to this Board. I have never seen a permit about...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It goes...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...nor has come to this Board.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It goes to the City.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So, it normally goes, I believe, CD or somebody else. I just wanna make sure that, you know, you all plan very accordingly so that we can make sure that the residents know when they're going to be, um, upset. Uh...

MR. P. MCCRAY: And, and like I said, I, I wanna make sure that the residents are aware that if we're doing something in that area and it's approved by the City, we're gonna let them know, 'Hey, this is what we're doing, this is the time you're gonna see it or hear it or whatever.' Ideally, you know, night work, unfortunately, is sometimes part of what we do. If we can get away without doing that by either having a lane closure during the day or something like that, then that's we're gonna...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well, I'm...

MR. P. MCCRAY: ...try and do.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...I would hope that you would try to exhaust...

MR. P. MCCRAY: We're gonna...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...all avenues before...

MR. P. MCCRAY: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...you do that.

MR. P. MCCRAY: We're gonna...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Um...

MR. P. MCCRAY: ...definitely do that. We'll work with the...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'd rather...

MR. P. MCCRAY: ...contractor.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'd rather it be a little more congested during the day than at night, uh, keeping that up. I happen to know a few people that live along that area as well and...

MR. P. MCCRAY: And they'll be in your ear, I'm sure.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. No. I'm one of the people that live along that area.

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So, um... Yeah.

MR. P. MCCRAY: My apologies.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. Right, right.

MR. P. MCCRAY: I don't wanna do that then. I don't wanna upset you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And absolutely. If any, if any testing is being going on during school, during that time, then absolutely no., I don't know when testing is. I think it's some testing around...

MR. P. MCCRAY: And...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...March or...

MR. P. MCCRAY: ...I'm...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...I'm not sure when it is but that's...

MR. P. MCCRAY: I believe...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...where, yeah... Right. So, I, I would like to see you coordinate with those schools to know when that testing is gonna be and, absolutely, I don't want any of the, the children in that area to have to be up listening to whatever.

So, coordinate with the testing and making sure that, during those testing cycles, that, you know, we, we coordinate well...

MR. P. MCCRAY: We understand.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...with that. That's all for me. Thanks.

MR. P. MCCRAY: No. I appreciate it. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay? We good? Alright. Well, thank you very much and, you know, we look forward to working with you.

MR. P. MCCRAY: Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright? But please take, you know, everyone's concerns to heart. Okay. We're gonna move on now.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Public hearings. Item 5.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 5. RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA; APPROVING AN APPLICATION FROM THE FERBER COMPANY FOR WAWA, INC. FOR SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPROVAL TO DEVELOP A SINGLE STORY 6,119 SQUARE FOOT WAWA CONVENIENCE STORE BUILDING WITH EIGHT ONSITE FUEL PUMPS WITH SIXTEEN FUELING STATIONS ON 2.50 ACRES OF COMMERCIAL LAND ON PCN: 56-43-42-30-11-002-000, WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST BLUE HERON BOULEVARD AND GARDEN ROAD INTERSECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Properly moved and second. Do we have a short presentation?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Yep. Mary McKinney, Director of Community Development. And, this applicant is proposing to build a single story, 6,119 sq. ft. Wawa convenient store with eight fuel pumps and 16 pumping stations. Convenient stores with gas stations are permitted by special exception in the

general Commercial Zoning District, which is this zoning district. And City Staff reviewed the Site Plan and Special Exception Application and reviewed all of the aspects of it. All the comments that Staff had were addressed by the applicant and City Staff had no objections to the Site Plan and Special Exception Applications.

The existing proposed project, and I'll put some., that was the, the location is at the corner of Garden Road and Blue Heron Boulevard. And there's a aerial of it and that is an elevation of it. The project will have about 30 to 40 employees. The project will operate seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The existing current tax value of the property is about \$2.1 million and the projected tax value, after construction, is about \$6.7 million. Adjacent to it is Public Storage, a storage company which is located to the north of property, across the street. I'll go back to the aerial, it might help a little. And, the Riviera Beach Prep and Achievement Academy, which is an education use, is located to the south of the parcel. The South Florida Water Management District drainage canal is across Garden Road, to the east. And the Enterprise Car Rental and Travel Lodge are located to the west of the property. And the City did receive letters of support from both Enterprise Car Rental and Travel Lodge Hotel, which we just received.

The existing structure on Garden Road was built in 1986. It's functioned as a two-story commercial office building for many years and currently has a Palm Beach County Department of Health as a tenant. Their lease expires in January of 2016. Wawa will replace the two-story commercial office building with the single story convenient store and gas station. On November 12, 2015, the City's Planning & Zoning Board approved the Site Plan and the Special Exception Applications. And the Community Development Department found the Site Plan and Special Exception Applications compatible and consistent with the City's Comp Plan and Land Development Regulations. Staff recommends approval of the Site Plan and the Special Exception, subject to the following conditions: A two-year landscaping bond, current 10% of the value of landscaping irrigation shall be submitted before the Certificate of Occupancy is issued. Construction must be initiated within 18 months of the Effective Date of the Resolution. All future advertising must state the development is located in the City of Riviera Beach. The development must receive final Certificate of Occupancy from the City for all buildings and units approved with five years of the application. Once approved, this Resolution shall supersede any previous site plan approval resolutions associated with this property and City Council authorizes City Staff to approve future amendments to Site Plan administratively as long as they do not exceed, deviate more than 5% from the originally approved Site Plan.

We have a couple of more photographs. Um, there's the elevation for the front of the store and there's the side elevation. And, here's a picture of the gas pump island. This is part of the wall. This is the Site Plan and, as you see, there's an entrance from Garden Road. And this is a photo of an existing Florida Wawa store that's already built. This is some of the interior photographs of their products and the layout and some of their items. And we did add a picture of a Wawa bird just because, um, people have asked us...

[Chuckles]

UNK: Just because.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: And...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I was hoping they wasn't selling those.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: We didn't know what it was either so it's a Canadian goose. But, anyway.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It's also a town in, I think a town in...

MAYOR MASTERS: Washington.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No. In Pennsylvania.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Let's see. I'll go back to give you the Site Plan. So, that's the end of our presentation and if you have any questions, let us...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: ...know.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. We'll go to public comment. We have one public comment card. Tonya Davis-Johnson.

MS. T. DAVIS-JOHNSON: Good evening, Mayor, Pro Tem, Council Members and Mayor. My name is Tonya Davis-Johnson.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MS. T. DAVIS-JOHNSON: I reside at 834...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. T. DAVIS-JOHNSON: ...West 10th Street in Riviera Beach, Florida. I., as well as me being a citizen, I'm also the Director of the office of Small Business Assistance and one of.., I did not notice in any of the documentation, any reference to the utilization of small local businesses and I want to encourage Wawa and its contractors, whomever they may be at the point of selection, to be mindful that we have a small business enterprise program in Palm Beach County but we have a small business community here

in Riviera Beach and I would like to make sure that small businesses, which is inclusive of minorities and women, be included in the construction of this, of this building.

Um, I have visited a Wawa and it seems to be, um, pretty popular in the northern part of the state. But again, my primary concern, in addition to construction and participation of our local small businesses, would be the local hiring and so, um, let's just make sure that we pay attention to that in that we receive the benefit. It's really great to see the taxable income that will be as a result of this particular venture but we want to make sure that the residents and local small businesses benefit as well.

Thank you for your time.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Thank you. Anything from Council? [Pause]. Okay. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. I, for one, am looking forward to Wawa coming in. Okay. We'll move along.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ordinances on first reading. Item 6.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 6. ORDINANCE NO. _____ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY,

FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "SIGNS", SECTION 28-1 "DEFINITIONS", SECTION 28-5 "PROHIBITED SIGNS", SECTION 28-125 "PROGRAMMABLE DIGITAL SIGNS", AND CHAPTER 31 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS", SECTION 31-551, IN ORDER TO CREATE STANDARDS FOR INSTALLATION AND USE OF DIGITAL FUEL PRICE SIGNAGE ON PROPERTY WITH SELF SERVICE FUEL PUMPS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Okay?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ms. McKinney.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MCKINNEY: Okay. The applicant, Wawa, desired to use digital signage for their fuel prices at their station and our current sign code does not provide for these digital fuel price signs because we have a sign code like ev'..., most everyone else, that was written before there were digital signs. So, they've asked to amend the code so that they could provide for a digital fuel prices at their facility. So, Staff has done that and the digital fuel price code regulations, that we present, including in the packet, are compatible with the City's Comp Plan and Code of Ordinances. The Planning & Zoning Board reviewed the regulations on November 12, 2015 and unanis'..., unanimously recommended approval and City Staff recommends approval. And this is..., I put up a picture of what the sign looks like. It's basically the same as all of our other monument signs except the area there would be digital signs, where the fuel prices are. And they would be..., they are white lights, required to be white lights.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Any questions? [Pause]. Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton? [Pause]. Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

REGULAR

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Regular Agenda. Item 7.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 7. RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA; APPROVING A TWO YEAR AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH RUTH C. JONES AS CITY MANAGER COMMENCING DECEMBER 3, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 2, 2017; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

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

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...a second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Properly moved and second. Okay. So, yeah. We have one public comment card. Bonnie Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. We had a contract with Ms. Jones from 6-22-13 for two years. Then for some reason, in May, it was extended for six months. We don't know why. Just wanna change the dates, I don't know. And then on October 21st, the

Chair was gonna negotiate a new contract for her. Section 1.B says that, effective.., okay, so it was gonna be from 12-3-15 to 12-2-17. Section 12. Retirement. Um, the pay deferred compensation.., they're gonna pay deferred compensation June 1-15. She's gonna have six years with the, with the City. The City's gonna pay for five years of that and Ms. Jones can pay for an additional year but then the Ci'.., if she wants to but then the City will reimburse her so why wouldn't she want to. And why is that being extended to one employee only, that they can have an additional year. I know you were buying it back years for other people but why the additional year.

In Section [inaudible], it says the terms of employment are gonna remain in force. Now this is billed as an amendment to that 2013 contract. My question, my main question is, why aren't you writing a whole new contract? Why do you keep referring to a previous contract? That contract said it ended in 2015. And then you got that period of six months in there which is kinda iffy. What kind of a contract was going on during that period and why, when a contract ends, don't you write a whole new contract? You keep referring back to the old one. That just is very cumbersome and it doesn't make sense. October 13, the base salary was \$168,525. In October of 2014, the salary went up to \$173,580. This paperwork in the backup doesn't state a salary. So, I don't know what that means.

It also says in there, Section 4, automobile allowance, \$500 a month, in the old contract. Now, I know you guys have raised that apparently \$750 or something, a month. That's not mentioned here. Vacation, 25 vacation days, 12 sick days. Um, so, my question, my main question, like I said, is why didn't you write a whole new contract and write the current employment con'.., conditions in that new contract? That one ended. It didn't say anything about you can have an extension to it or an amendment. This is not an amendment to it. That contract ended. So let's do what's the normal procedure is to write a whole new contract, spell out everything so everybody knows what's happened.

You guys got a \$12,000 raise. Now, I, I believe she got that too. That's not mentioned either. So, like I said, it's just not, it's not in there. Well, that was the request initially.

UNK: No, it wasn't.

MS. B. LARSON: I'm just saying. Okay. Anyway, there's no mention of the salary in this amendment and why is it an amendment? Let's do a whole new contract. Contract ends, you write a whole new one.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Before Ms. Ryan speaks, let me speak. So, the Council asked me to negotiate a new contract with Ms. Jones and what we agreed to is, we were going to keep the contract the same. She will get the same vacation days that she's been getting, she will get the same car allowance that she's been getting, she will get the same salary, the salary language isn't changing. What's in there, is in there. The only thing that we're changing is, you know, as everyone knows, we are now in FRS.

Well, everyone except the police department. So, Ms. Jones has requested that she too go into FRS and then we buy back some of her time like we did for others.

And that was it. Do you have anything else to add?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, just to, to, the public's comment. There are many ways to do contracts. And, yes we have, in the past, done new contracts but there's no law that says you have to. Because the changes were so minor, the Manager decided with the Chair, to just do a simple amendment to the previous contract and all aspects of the previous contract shall remain the same. The previous contract is attached. So, she still has the same vacation days, she still has the same sick days, the contract spoke to the salary increase. The Manager got the same salary increase that department heads got and that's why you don't see an amendment in this contract because she's not getting any more than what was given to them.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Whisper: car allowance].

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And her car allowance did not increase, it was the City Council's car allowance that, that increased. So, it's still...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No stipend.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It's still \$500. [Chuckle]. And, so what you see as the change, changes, are the only changes to the employment agreement that was entered into in 2013. And, uh, perhaps the speaker was not present when the City Council verbally extended the, the contract at previous Council meetings and that's one of the reasons we put it in the, um, in the amendment so that it was clear that what the proc'..., what the progression was. The contract would've terminated but it was extended and then the Council made a decision at an October meeting, October 2015 meeting, to extend it further and now it is being brought back. There is continuity in how this contract has proceeded and it's on the record so that no one is further confused.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Do we have any comments from Council?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam, um, I guess, Attorney or Madam Manager, the salary that the Manager is getting, does that..., how does that compare to some of the other cities that similar or is our Manager getting far less or far more, more or is it about, in the same ballpark? Can anyone answer that?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Cause I know they, they, the Palm Beach Post did this article about the elected officials, that we're probably higher than anybody [chuckle] in Florida which is outrageous, as far as I'm concerned. But, I just want to know about the, the Manager's salary as it compare'.., comparative to others. Has anyone done any research on, in that area?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I believe research was done several years ago when we negotiated the contracted, either the first contract or the second contract. And, we found at the time, that she was in, you know, in the same range as the majority of the, of the managers in Palm Beach County. And, I would say Palm Beach County cause down in Mia'.., in Miami and Broward, they are paid more.

MAYOR MASTERS: Several yea'...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: This time around, you know, I didn't do.., I didn't look at it because, you know, her salary's already set and she agreed on not.., and, you know, taking an increase in...

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...in salary. Or asking for an increase.

CITY MANAGER JONES: More than what...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...[inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And also to, Ms. Larson, you mentioned about the.., I just wanna be really clear on, on this because as I go to door-to-door among the residents of the City, all over this area, the talk of the town still seems to be the \$12,000 stipend. And, as I said months ago, I don't have to defend it cause I refused to accept it. So I'm not in that group. So, please, when you state it, leave me out of the \$12,000 stipend.

[Chuckles]

The other statement that, and I have to speak for myself because if I don't, who else is gonna speak for me and who better can speak...

UNK: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...for me but me. Thank you. The other comment I want to make, um, it's very close to March and we're.., the election. I'm just wondering, um, um,

is this something that this Council wanna do now rather than to wait until March and Manager may get more support or, we don't know what's gonna happen, maybe less support. But generally, when you're this close to an election and when you're lookin' at such an important position, like the City Administrator, it behooves the question, is it fair to do this now when we're only talking about probably less than ninety (90) days. The other thing that I wanted to say, and this is a good time to say it, you know, I really thought about the position of the City Manager and the position of, of the police chief and, you know, I really know that it's really, it's a tremendous responsibility in a job to try to satisfy three people. And, you know, you have three bosses, five but all you, all you need is three. Most people in America have one. And as long as we...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hey, hey. Ma'am. Please.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please, ma'am. Go ahead, Mayor.

UNK: You got a hard job ahead of ya.

MAYOR MASTERS: And as long as we have this system where the office.., it's very complicated to, for the Manag'.., I mean, it, for me to really, um, support the system because it's, I think it's unfair to the Manager when you have this system. And I don't care who the Manager is, it's gonna always be a problem. You also have Council people from time to time that try to micromanage the administrator.

So, you know, no one listens to me anyway, but the people generally. But, I really think, at some point, we oughta look at some of the other systems in this country as it relates to having a city administrator or city manager, whether that position should be elected, be more accountable to the people than rather three Council people. And even with the police chief, and I'm digressing. I mean, we elect the sheriff so why don't we elect the chief? I just think, at some time, we need to look at systems to see if our system is outdated and if it's the best system that can work. But trying to satisfy three people can really be a problem.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Great. Thank you, Mayor. Anyone else?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Just wanna talk very, very, very briefly. Why the last meeting, it was posed for a two-year contract, I didn't support the two years but I was willing to support one year. But one thing I do like about this contract, it is performance based.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Allowing, as long as this Board allow the City Manager to do the things that she's supposed to do to bring the proper recommendations to the entire body, um, that will allow us, as a Board, to evaluate her properly. I didn't support it the last meeting but, just to let the City Manager know, as long as she does what she needs to do from now on through here to the future and, and make sure things comes before this entire Board, she will have my entire support. I'm gonna be very clear on that.

But, I like the contract. It's performance based, performance based and I would like to see other contracts in the City just like this. I really like the way this contract was written. And, wish you well, of course, the next 2015-16 year.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: When we made the vote back in October, I did share my concerns at that time as well as a few of the times when we talked about the benchmarks that were to be covered. My feelings have not really changed much based on the things that I discussed at that time. However, obviously, you know, it passed without my vote then and it will probably do the same today. I do want to continue to have Ms. Jones please follow up with those items that I discussed regarding the OIG, regarding, um, just holding people accountable. And, I mean, as long as those things are being done, I do not have an issue but I do not want..., I will not support it with there being a repeat of what we've already es'..., um, gone through. Like I said before, some of the benchmarks that I addressed were not what the Board finally continued with and, and based the decision on. So I do have some reservations in that respect. But, however, if the Board agrees again today to move forward with it, I do want Ms. Jones to know that I, I do expect for the accountability to please to continue and to improve based on how it was done in the past with some of the department heads. And just, like I said, holding people accountable because that OIG is still fresh in my mind.

And that's it. Thank you.

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

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton? [Pause] Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Absolutely.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Miller-Anderson dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Item 8.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 8. RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO PROCEED TOWARD THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S STORMWATER UTILITY REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY; AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Moved and second. Who's doing the presentation?

[Pause]

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'm going to ask Randy Sherman, the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to talk about this Item. If you have any particular Items about the stormwater projects, Mr. Brent Johnson is available to speak to those.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. But nothing has changed? Right?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Nothing...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...has changed since...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We've been..., right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...our other....

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So we've been...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Same slides, same numbers, same everything. [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Alright. So, briefly do you wanna...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...just tell the audience?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Good evening. Randy Sherman, Director of Finance and Administrative Services.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. What this Resolution does is it authorizes us to begin the process of seeking debt financing for the stormwater portion of the street projects that you approved back in 2014. At your last Utility District Board meeting, you approved financing so that we could do the Utility portion, the below ground Utility portion and what this debt financing does is it authorizes us to go again to finance the stormwater portion.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Any questions?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: How, just to refresh my memory...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I know I've received a lot of calls regarding some of the water bills, having some sort of increase. Is this a major portion of, of the increases that people are seeing in their, their bills now?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It'll all depend on where the interest rates end but basically this, about half of the increase, will be used to pay the debt service. The other half'll be used to do pay as you go type capital projects.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anyone else? Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

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

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Item...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...9. Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah. Item 9.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 9. RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER AND DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE LEASE TERMS WITH GSH HOLLY, LLC FOR APPROXIMATELY 2,755 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM FROM DECEMBER 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 2017; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Who do we have?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Question.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Wait. Go ahead, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Why are we doing this for two years?

CITY MANAGER JONES: The first thing is that we are in hopes that by 2017 that the other facility will be finished and we'll be able to move people out.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. Well that's basically what I'm speaking of. Doing this for two years, in my opinion, it doesn't look like we're serious or aggressive with completing these projects. So, two years, putting out this money for 24 months, I don't think will be the best thing to do. I think maybe we oughta do it for a year. If we need to, then renew it or have it with a one-year renewal option. End it if you like but I will like to see an aggressive push to make sure that we stop renting the way that we are and be in our new buildings.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. So that's one year with a possible one year renewal if need be.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If need be. That will be my...

CITY MANAGER JONES: When we negotiate it, we'll...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, okay. Are you done, sir?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. I totally disagree. I disagree. You know, you gotta remember, this is government and government is slow. And there's a process for every step of the way. So I would rather lock in, you know, two years at, you know, with the

same rate instead of, you know, going back and negotiating a year from now. You know? For space and then they're gonna raise the, the rents. So, I am agreeing with Staff that, you know, we negotiate a, a two-year lease.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And as...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Excuse me. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hold on. Go ahead.

CITY MANAGER JONES: As always, we will put in an out clause. So, the sooner we can get out, give 'em 30 days notice in order for us to be able to come out of that lease.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Alright. Mr. Thomas, you had something?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes, I do. I., if I'm a landlord and I sign you up for a two-year lease, you can leave if you want to. I still want my two years of money. In my opinion, you negotiate and have a one year renewal option at the same rate, if you like but I don't see locking ourselves in for two years if we're trying to be aggressive. I'm not gonna say another word about it. That's just the way I think that it needs to be done.

That's all for me.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anyone else?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Ma'.., Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You gonna put a motion on the floor, Councilman Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mm.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: There's a motion already.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'll, I'll amend the motion to state that, do it for one year and have a one year renewal option, you know, in there at the same rate.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I second that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anyone else? Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, yes on the amended motion.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson Pardo dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Discussions and deliberations. Item 11.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 11. DISCUSSION OF MASTER BANKING RFP AND CONTRACT.

CITY MANAGER JONES: As you know, we brought earlier a RFP for banking services. Within banking services was the pee card or the capability to use pee cards and credit cards. We have been working to get a new RFP to you but our new purchasing manager suggested to us that we might want to look at something that other governments and businesses are doing and that is separating out your solicitation for pee card and for banking, rather than putting them all., so whatever bank you get, you're using the pee card there rather than trying to get the best deals on a pee card, there might be someplace else or even a a rebate, if we spend so much. And so, that was his suggestion so I would like for him to walk through with you, kinda the timetables, what he is suggesting and then we will go forward based on your directives.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Good evening, sir.

MR. D. MEALEY: Good evening, Council. Dean Mealey, Purchasing Director. I started out by giving you the, the short history that the original contract was in 2011 and

it was for a three-year term with two renewal options. The renewal was not exercised in this past year in 2014 so, therefore, the City currently does not have a formal contract with BB&T, we're doing a month-to-month program.

BB&T did not agree to the renewal terms in 2014. So currently, RFP was done in 2014, there was only one proposal and that was not accepted or was not thought to be in the best process for the City. So, a second RFP was issued in 2015 and Wells Fargo was ranked as number one. In September of this year, the Council decided not to award the contract but to actually go back and revise the, the language in the RFP to actually include community involvement. What, what is the banking services actually going to do for us. So, since September 16th, I had been meeting or discussing with other communities what they've been doing for their purchasing methods for banking services, master banking. And, some of the communities are using three separate entities for banking. They're using master banking, uh, mas'..., overall master banking contract with banking services with merchant services and with pee card services. Some other municipalities are actually using banking services, merchant services, pee card service and lockbox services.

The, the portion that would actually be appropriate to the additional language that the Council asked us to add into was banking services. Currently, the city just to the north of us, Palm Beach Gardens, has three different banks. For..., one for banking services which is BB&T. For merchant services, they have SunTrust and for the pee card they actually have J.P. Morgan. J.P. Morgan's offering them 1.5% rebate on all their pee card purchases. Right now, BB&T gives the City nothing back on the pee card purchases. So, by doing this..., by offering it out to different..., putting an RFP out to different qualified banks you might get people that have better niches as far as, some people might be stronger with banking versus pee cards. They might be stronger with merchant versus banking. And, what we'd like to do is see what value we can get best for the City at this point. Cause I believe that if we actually look at in, in, in developing a pee card system for the City..., right now we're operating in a two card system. We're operating with BB&T. We're also operating with Bank America. Bank America, the City is paying \$500 a year for the use of the card. We pay \$25 per card for the use of the card per year plus we pay a \$25 fee per month to actually get a report from Bank America. We shouldn't be paying anything. Actually, they should be paying us.

So, with that being said, before I actually issued out an RFP, I decided I'd like to just..., with the Manager's permission, come in and speak to the Council tonight and say that we'd like to look at putting out an RFP but do it with multiple levels of service. One for banking, one for merchant services, one for pee card. And the reason I'm talking about the pee card is, if you look at the bottom of the slide right here, J.P. Morgan's using Palm Beach Gardens and they pay 1.21%, under \$1,000,000. Over \$1,000,000, they're paying 1.6% rebate for all the purchases. SunTrust is now being used in Jupiter and North Palm Beach and they pay 1.35%, against the purchases. And Bank America is being used in Boca but Boca negotiated a contract at 1.5% rebate and they just received a check for \$127,000 from Bank America for purchases made using the Bank America credit card.

So there's money that the City could be generating, you're actually bringing back into the City by having an effective pee card program. We actually started using the pee cards in an effective manner, actually started generating revenue. And that's what the goal here was. To actually find the best services for the City and I know that there was some concern that BB&T had done certain things with, with the banking service portion of it. Well, if they're the best fit for the City, then they would actually be a good niche for them as far as, you know, making the [inaudible] if, if they were the best, ranked number one for the banking services portion of it based on the criteria the Council has requested.

I also believe that [stammer], the Council needs to look at expanding the pee card program, doing away with the Bank America program we're currently paying \$500 a year for and actually expanding the program to a banking system that would allow us to actually earn a rebate. And if we actually expand all of our payments to a pee card type program, we could actually gain \$125 to \$150,000 a year, in revenue.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I want you to go back one slide. No, go forward one slide, I believe it is.

MR. D. MEALEY: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It was, right there. At the top it says OIG issues with City pee card program.

MR. D. MEALEY: Yes, sir. The OIG had issues, the fact that we're running two different card programs currently, operating BB&T and Bank America. The control and reporting process, the reporting process from Bank America, was a little bit more difficult. And I said, just mentioned, we're paying \$25 a month for those reports. They're not customized where we can actually go in and generate the kind of report that we want to, to show what we're actually buying.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So, you're basically just saying they had a concern about it?

MR. D. MEALEY: Yes. Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. The other thing is, are you planning on taking everything back out for request for proposal?

MR. D. MEALEY: Right now, the City does not have a current contract for banking services.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MR. D. MEALEY: I did talk to Nancy Campbell, the Senior Vice President from BB&T this afternoon and she said that they cannot extend the previous contract with the terms and conditions that were previously there, as, as it's cur'.., currently written. So that means we do have to go out for an RFP because, since you can't renegotiate a, a contract you had. You can.., if, if the terms are in there saying you can have a cost of increase for certain services, then you can agree to that. We...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. I understand. I just wanna make sure that we're going back totally out. So, what was...

MR. D. MEALEY: We're gonna back out for...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...what...

MR. D. MEALEY: ...all of it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...was originally going on, that's now deceased and we're going...

MR. D. MEALEY: It would be my...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...totally out.

MR. D. MEALEY: ...my recommendation to the Council, that we actually submit one RFP with the multiple different units. One for banking, one for merchant, one for pee card. A banking bid on all three of those, they can bid on one part.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. D. MEALEY: And actually, it's a win/win because we, if we can get the best...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I like it, sir.

MR. D. MEALEY: ...service...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I like it. I like it. I think it clears up and cleans up everything. I like it. Personally, I like it.

MR. D. MEALEY: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Anyone else?

MR. D. MEALEY: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Alright. So.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So, we will...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...proceed...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Absolutely.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...with that manner. Thank you so much.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Thank'... Go.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: How soon will this happen?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: By the summer. When does the contract [inaudible].

CITY MANAGER JONES: We should be able to, at least by the first of the year, to be able to bring this RFP to you for your approval.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And then we'll put it on the street.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Thank you. We will move on. Item 12.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 12. DISCUSSION ON REQUEST FROM SANCILIO AND COMPANY TO PURCHASE THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Do you wanna...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, Madam Chair. This Item is before us. I met with, and I will disclose Alex Sancilio of Sancilio & Company, I don't know, it's Company or Companies, and she came and met with me about their continued desire to acquire the public services complex that we currently own. And that initial offer was brought before this Council by Chair Pardo about two or three months ago, maybe two months ago and we discussed it then. They are also in a position that they need to make a decision, meaning the company, Sancilio. And that they have.., had requested that they get the opportunity to come before Council and to make their request, once again, in order to acquire that property.

And so, we would like.., if, if Staff is okay, I mean, if Council is okay, we have a speaker from that particular group that would like to make that presentation.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Cahir?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I wanna know if we already decided as a Board, why is this back on our Agenda?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Because the attorney for Sancilio reached out to me and I believe they reached out to the City Manager also and said that they were not noticed that we would be discussing the issue whenever we discussed it, two mee'.., two or three meetings ago and they would have liked the opportunity to present the offer personally to us. So, out of...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That doesn't make sense.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, that's...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: If the building...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: exactly what happened.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...is not for sale, it was an unsolicited offer, we said no, we're moving forward, how does it come back to get back on the Agenda? The building is not for sale. We never listed it for sale. Unless we have, somebody needs to make that known to me that, that is what we've done and if that is what the City's done and this Board has said that was okay, then we'll move forward.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Has that happened?

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is it for sale?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We have not listed it for sale.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible] listed it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So, why are we doing this? We've already said that we're not selling the building, we're building it. Why is it back on this Agenda?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Why?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I told you why. I, I just told you why we put it back up. As a courtesy to them, we put it back up. And if you recall, Mr. Thomas, about six or seven months ago, we approved a grant for them to keep them in the City of Riviera Beach. Alright? They are a large business in the City, they asked if they could come in front of the Council, so I am allowing them to come in front of the Council and just listen to what they have to say. I know you made your decision. You made your, you know, decision several times already.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No. The Board...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Out...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...made the decision.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...of respect for this Riviera Beach company, I'm allowing them to come in front of us.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well [inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair Pardo, I support your, your, uh, your knowledge and your wisdom in giving this gentleman the courtesy. It's just no more than right.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay, so we...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...Chair, I still have the floor. I still have the floor.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: This is absolutely wrong. The building is not for sale. We do have one that will be for sale and if that's what they wanted, then they should have looked at that. I understand that people don't want to do this but we cannot continue to go back and forth with this. We made a decision and I believe it was a vote. This is not right. It seems as if something is trying to be done underhanded but the Board has voted. Two different Boards, you know, have voted. This is just wrong to be doing. Period. It, it is wrong. It should not be back on this Agenda. It should not be back on this Agenda. We decided on it. It failed to sell it and we should be moving on. All this does is continue to drag it out to make it another issue. If nobody else have an issue with it, fine but I'm just putting on the record, this is wrong.

That's all.

MR. N. NASON: Chair Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Yes?

MR. N. NASON: For the record...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hand on a second. You, do you wanna say something?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: One..., I just have one quick question.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: What is the process for this coming back on the Agenda? The process, how, how does that work?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I'll tell you. The process is, they..., I am the Chairperson. Okay? The City Manager and I put the Agenda together. And, like I said to Mr. Thomas, they reached out to us and asked us if they could go on the Agenda, on a discussion Item and we granted them that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. So, while I do understand that, um, but Robert's Rules, if you are on the non-prevailing end, do you have authority, even as the Chair, to do that? Madam Attorney?

MR. N. NASON: As...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam....

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: But...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...Attorney?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We're not asking for a vote. This is a discussion.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh this is just a presentation?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It's a discussion.

MR. N. NASON: Technically speaking, what came before this Board was an...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

MR. N. NASON: ...authorization to the...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Hold on.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hold on.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hold on a second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hold on, hold on, hold on.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hold on.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excuse me, hold on.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I asked the question to the City Attorney and I just wanna get a.., get clarification on this.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Under discussion.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm not sure what's happening here but...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I just wanna...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...the issue...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...know the process. How this work.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: The issue of, I believe, I believe that there was an issue on a previous Council meeting, I don't know which meeting it was...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...where the letter from this organization was presented to Council.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Correct.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And you discussed it and a...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Vote was taken.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: ...vote was taken to reject the offer and continue with the public safety building.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So, that vote stands.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And, from a technical standpoint, in order to discuss the, the offer that they made...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Number one, it would've..., it should've been at the meeting following the last discussion.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Under Robert's Rules of Order.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And, as you stated, it would have needed to of been raised by a member of the prevailing side of the, the last vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: What meeting was this held in? The actual date?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's what I don't know. I don't...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Wasn't it last meeting?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Oh no. It was...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I believe it was the meeting [inaudible].

MR. N. NASON: It was October 21st.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: October 21st?

MR. N. NASON: The vote that was taken was a vote to pay the architects in order to value engineer the building for your perspective uses. There was not a vote taken specifically to reject the offer that was made. By implication, perhaps, that, that occurred. That, that meeting, we did not get not noticed that our, our...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

MR. N. NASON: ...proposal was gonna...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Nason, hold on a second. So, is this proper?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. So this is just a presentation then? That's all it is?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: That's all it is.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. I have no problem with that.

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't have a problem either. Let's, let's role.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

MR. N. NASON: Alright.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Please state your name for the record.

MR. N. NASON: Very well. My name again is Nat Nason. And, uh, we are aware of the, uh, of the past history with regard to this property. We did submit an offer on this property and it was specifically that, it was an offer. Um, we're prepared to negotiate that offer. But I think that, uh, it's important that this, uh, Board have all of the facts and circumstances before it when it makes a, a determination as to what it wishes to do with that property and, in fact, with a very substantial business in Riviera Beach.

Sancilio & Company has grown up in this City. Started with a very few employees and now employs 175 plus or minus employees. There are high skilled jobs, they're available, not only to Ph.D.'s but also to people with high school training. They have been here for, for a long time but our lease expires in three years and we have plans to increase our, our work force by 200, at least. So, we're planning on hiring 200 more people. Our current space will not accommodate that. This is a high tech pharmaceutical manufacturing company, shipping all over the world. And, um, the City..., we, we can't stay where we are now. We're out of room and that, we will be gone in three years. The town of Jupiter wants us. We wanna stay here.

And, you know, that's, that's what this comes down to. Now, there are a number of, there are a number of things that haven't been talked about, haven't been considered. That's a 12 ½, 13-acre piece of property that you guys have out there. Do you need all that property? I don't think so. Uh, and I think that there could be a way to explore parceling off some of that property to figure out how, how the needs of both parties could be met. We'd like to buy it all. We think the City would be better if we bought it all but, uh, but even if you didn't, there's a way to, to examine this and to, uh, and to figure out how to keep this business. And I talk to you now, not only as Sancilio's attorney, but also as a citizen of, of this town. You can't..., the..., people are dying to get businesses like this, to come and, and establish roots here. And these jobs that are gonna be created, in fact, the ones that are there, there're, there're are people from Riviera Beach

in here now or at least there were, that work there and, um, you know, we wanna continue to, to have that ability to, you know, provide those jobs to, uh, to this, uh, to the City. But there are severe consequences to, you know, the, the potential decision that you guys gotta make and, uh, we've gotta, I think we owe it to the citizenry to, to see what options are available. I think that you should direct Staff to negotiate with us to see what we can come up with. But I think it's a tremendous mistake for you to rebuff in total the offer of Sancilio & Company to try to keep this business here in Riviera Beach. It is a very, very important piece of our, our fabric.

With that, I'd like to have Alex Sancilio come up and address you and also two other people with Sancilio, including Fred Sancilio. Alex.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Nason, let me ask you a question, how long has Sancilio been here?

UNK: 2005.

MR. N. NASON: Since 2005, Councilman Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Glad to have 'em, we're glad that they're here. We support all business. We're very pro fr'.., friendly with business. What I don't like is the undertone that, 'Hey, we're just gonna leave if you don't give us your property.' And that's the undertone that you just stated. Okay? That's the first thing.

The second thing is, ho'.., I mean, have you done any needs assessment for us to know that we don't need that particular property or that amount? The third thing is, we have a property that's for sale. We just said our Avenue L property, we're selling. Why is it that they can't find some type of way to utilize that property?

MR. N. NASON: That property on West 13th Street has unique advantages including rail spur, uh, closest to the port, uh, intermodal transport is, is, is integral to what we do.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: There's rail spur over by Avenue L as well. What, what would be this.., what would be the reasoning that you can't say, 'Hey listen Riviera Beach, you're upgrading, you have a property for sale. I think it's what, 3 or 4 acres or whatever it is...

MR. N. NASON: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...why, why could you not use that property?

MR. N. NASON: The'..., then that's why..., um, our, our assessment says we need 6 to 7 acres.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So, even if we looked at whatever your assessment was and sayin', 'Okay, well, we need to actually split this property.' So, you need 6 to 7 acres which leaves us with, however many, 5 ½ or whatever's left. Um, then how would our needs not be met? To me, that's not the best way to come and say, 'Hey, we want something.' First of all, it's not for sale. I mean, that would be, that would be almost the same as if you're saying, 'We want City Hall and if you don't give us City Hall right now, in three years we're gonna go to the town of Jupiter cause they really want us.'

MR. N. NASON: It would be unfair of me to come before you and not tell you all of the, all the pertinent facts. I mean, if, if in view of those facts you decide to go a different direction, so be it but at least you know that. We're not, we're not saying this as a threat. And, and Councilman Thomas, I didn't mean it to come out that way. But, it's important for you to know that this business is getting ready to expand with really good jobs and I don't wanna see those jobs go north.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Let me ask you a question. 1301 Old Dixie, it's where I do the turkey giveaway at for the past four years, that property's been vacant forever. That's over 12 acres. Why not buy that? Why not go and say, 'Hey listen. This is the perfect place. Let us build, let us do it here.' Why do you have to say, 'Riviera Beach, you have this already. We want that or we're leaving?' There's, there's other areas. Why not do that?

MR. N. NASON: My understanding is that that property is under Letter of Intent at this point in time. So, you know.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Okay. But our property's not even for sale. It's not for sale and you're saying, 'Hey, listen. We want this.' You can't do the same thing, you know, with them? All I'm saying to you is, it just does not look good to do it in this particular manner. If this Board decides that they wanna sell it, fine. But we've voted on this several times already that we need to go there. If the Board is going to change their mind or something is happening, that's fine but to continue to do it like this, I just don't think it's in very good taste. In my opinion.

MR. N. NASON: I unders'...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But I'm only one.

MR. N. NASON: I understand.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: There's four other members up here and, apparently, it keeps coming back so apparently maybe there's a move for it to be changed but, all I'm sayin' to you is, I just didn't take kindly to that.

That's all for me.

MR. N. NASON: I apologize for that. I do think it important for you to hear from the Sancilio's if we might?

UNK: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, you know what? We're gonna go to public comment. They did fill out a card so... Let's, you know, go through the process. Okay. Bonnie Larson and then, alright, so now you spoke and then Alex Sancilio.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. The first thing I wanna say is there was no backup. I know it's just a discussion but there was no backup for us to read about this. So I didn't know are you talking about our current public safety complex or are you talking about the proposed su'.., public safety. Should at least give the location on the Agenda so we know what property they're talking about.

That property's been.., we bought it, then it was for sale, then we're gonna use it again. It's a lot of back and forth and, Mr. Thomas, I think you asked how someone knew about it or whatever, Mr. Nason was the one who negotiated, who is mediating between the CRA and, um, Viking. So, that's...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But what does that have...

MS. B. LARSON: ...how he was involved...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...to do [inaudible]...

MS. B. LARSON: with... I'm just saying.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry. [Inaudible].

MS. B. LARSON: He didn't come out of the blue. You asked how he was involved with Riviera Beach. Well, he's the gentleman who, who offered to mediate that situation.

I, I've never been in favor of that industrial [chuckle] property out there. Why don't we use the Avenue L property? Why don't we use that for some of our offices and have 'em closer to this location? It's my thing.

The other thing is, there must be other industrial property out there. If you don't wanna sell this, there must be other industrial property in that area. They don't need to have ours, specifically. And it is an industrial, it is a pharmaceutical.., so it is an industrial, it would fit out there better than Avenue L. And, like I said, I would rather we keep Avenue L. But there, there must be other properties and I did hear it the same way that you did, that, you know, if, if you're not willing to sell then Jupiter wants us. I, I did hear that as a threat also. I know he said he didn't mean it but that's the way I heard it also. It came across that way.

So, like I said, a little more information on here and, um, it'd be nice if the Council people knew why it was coming up. You're questioning why is this on the Agenda so it'd be nice if we all had a little more information.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Thank you. Alex Sancilio and then Al Cavagnaro.

MS. A. SANCILIO: Thank you so much. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity.

MAYOR MASTERS: Welcome.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MS. A. SANCILIO: Um, I know that, uh...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please...

MS. A. SANCILIO: ...Councilman Thom'...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...state your name for the record.

MS. A. SANCILIO: Oh. My name is Alex Sancilio. Um, I know that I heard you, Councilman Thomas. Okay? The, the reason..., how we found out about the property, is we've been here for many years. Okay? We wanna stay in Riviera Beach. My husband and I have dro'..., driven around the neighborhood looking for empty buildings. Okay? That's the reason why we found the Congress building that we currently occupy at this time. So, I've seen that building empty for many years and I really thought the building was for sale. Even though there's not a for sale sign but I have not, you know, I didn't see any cars there for many years. That's how we thought that building would be a very good need for us. Okay? Currently, yes. We do have 180 employees. Okay? But, in the past three years, we added 100 of those 180 employees. And when I'm talking about our employees, we're not talking about only Ph.D. Okay? We're talking about people that are high school or people that are going to get their GED. Okay? For every scientist we employee, we're looking at 20 to 25 people in the backup. Okay. So, there..., it's not just a very... And these, you know, I see the community here and I really think there's a need for us to be here. Okay? And I do enjoy..., we have a home here in Riviera Beach. We also reside here in Riviera Beach. Okay?

So, currently we added 700,000 sq. ft. of additional expansion. Okay? And, we also did receive a state grant to go and train and hire 200 additional employees from what we currently have. Okay? And we really don't have the place to house them. You know, you're looking at the space we have. Yes, we currently have two facilities. One that we lease and one that we own. Okay? But that is not gonna house the kind of expansion we're looking at.

And, thank you so much for hearing us out. Uh, you know, we really do wanna work with the community. And I'll have, um, Al speak and Al will... Yes?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just wanna say something to her. Mrs. Sancilio, I just wanna thank you for all that you've done for our City, for all the people that you've hired from Riviera Beach. I'm very appreciative. I'm very thankful and if I had my way, which obviously I probably won't, I would love to see that happen over there, to put more residents to work and we get money for it...

MS. A. SANCILIO: And I wanna...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...from taxes.

MS. A. SANCILIO: And also, all our products that are going out, our labels does not say West Palm Beach, okay? It says Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MS. A. SANCILIO: And they're going out all over. They're now going out to Italy, they're going out to Korea and we're also expanding that. The City is going to be known throughout. It's not...

[Beep]

MS. A. SANCILIO: ...just a... Okay. My minute is up. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright, Alex. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Would you please allow her to have some more time?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Go ahead. Alex, go ahead.

MS. A. SANCILIO: Well, you know, and so, as a City, we have pride. Okay? These products are made right here. We manufacture. We start from scratch. Okay? We make the gelatin, we make everything. And we should be really proud of that. You know?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And we..., we, we are. We are.

MS. A. SANCILIO: But, where we gonna go?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Let me ask you a question.

MS. A. SANCILIO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Let me ask you a question. There's a pr'.., piece of property right in front of the Avenue L site. Can't you assemble that? The piece of property that's right adjacent to the Avenue L site is also for sale.

MS. A. SANCILIO: Is that the next to Baron's Signs? Is that...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uh, no. No, no, no, no. That's next to, um, Atlantis signs, I believe.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's right there on the corner. We, we're, we're gonna be moving from that location, that location will be free. The, the property in front of it, it was for sale. I don't know if it is but the property behind it is also for sale. Is it, it's not a way we can do something to help you get there versus just saying, 'Hey, look. We either need that property or we gotta go?'

MS. A. SANCILIO: We're also looking at with the engineers. I'm not an engineer. I'm not an architect. So I can't answer that question but, for us, we have been searching for the past 2 ½ years. Okay? And we've looked at a lot of different... We've had different brokers to show us everything out there. I looked at one parcel that has a Letter of Intent, that's next to Baron's Signs. I mean, I even have Sandy, I mean, I've got the local community saying, 'Please help us find a, a home to expand it.' So, until, you know, because I'm not an engineer, I can't really say anything in that sense.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: But you do understand this is not about we don't want you here and we don't wanna help you...

MS. A. SANCILIO: Oh, no, I...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...because we signed [inaudible].

MS. A. SANCILIO: Well, I'm a.., I know, but I'm asking is just to have the opportunity to maybe work with the City to work on something. Okay? And if that means, you know, using the existing property that you have, okay, and as a taxpayer, when I found out that it was gonna be, I think, \$17,000,000 to improve the facility that you were looking at, okay? You know, that's, that, to me, is a lot of money. Okay? And for me, I th'.., you know, so, I looked at that and I says, 'You know what? Why don't we ta'.., you know, figure out,' like you said, 'Let's figure out a solution.' You know, maybe partial, maybe not but, you know, we can work together. It might not be 100% everybody being happy but, at least, we can all get something out of it.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I understand. Did you come up...

MS. A. SANCILIO: They have jobs.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...with any other...

MS. A. SANCILIO: I mean, you've got jobs that we're gonna create.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I, and we appreciate those and we need 'em. Were you able to, among your team, come up with any other type of, um, offering that you can give to the City to, to satisfy the City's needs?

MS. A. SANCILIO: Well, first of all, we really don't 100% know what the City's needs are.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

MS. A. SANCILIO: So, I can't say, 'Well, you know, I'm, I'm, I'm guessing.' Okay? So, because I don't know your needs and you don't know our needs until we gather together and figure out each other's needs and work out a solution, you know, I can't s'.., you know, I can't say either or.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I just wanna make sure that you understand, in the beginning of your statement to us, you said you had passed by that building for a couple of years and...

MS. A. SANCILIO: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...there was no cars and there was no...

MS. A. SANCILIO: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...if we continue this, there's gonna be a couple more years where there's not gonna be any cars or anything passing by there. I get what you need. I understand it and I'm willing to work with you on it. All I'm saying is I need you to understand our needs as well. You're a big business, or a small business that's growing big. We're glad to have to you. We wanna keep you. All I'm saying is, let's brainstorm with some...

MS. A. SANCILIO: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...of the other available things that we would need. That's just, it's, that building, right now, is not available. Now, it's a political situation. You got some members want it, you got some members don't, you got some residents want it, some resident don't. I get it. It's a political thing.

MS. A. SANCILIO: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You know? But what I'm trying to do is, I'm trying to just say, 'Hey look. There's a lot of things that I don't like that pass and I don't, I don't agree with it.' But we have to move forward. We can't just keep doing this back and forth. If you're saying, we can work with something on that Avenue L property, I would put a motion on the floor tonight to say, 'Hey, work with them and see what we can do with that Avenue L property.' I would, I would do that in a minute. You know? But, at this point, and I'm just one person, you got five other members here, you know, who can do or make a motion to do whatever they would like as well, to do it. I'm just saying, it just, it's not just the way, in my opinion, to do it.

MS. A. SANCILIO: May I ask a question?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Absolutely.

MS. A. SANCILIO: Without offending anyone. But as a, a person living here and owning a home here, okay? Why hasn't nothing been done for the past three years?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Because of this same thing right here. What we're going through right now. For this very same issue. Some people wanna sell it, some people wanna keep it. Some people.., it, for the same issue. And if we stop this right here...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...let me tell ya, it's gonna be more years, we're not gonna have a police department, we're not gonna have a public works, uh, facility that's going to be ready. It's gonna keep getting delayed. That's why. You ask why.

MS. A. SANCILIO: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That is why. Because it has come, it has become political. Next they're gonna be saying, 'Well, why don't we just wait and make this decision in March?' And then, March is gonna come and somebody's gonna be upset with whoever the members may be, if they're different from up here, and it's gonna be the same thing. And Public Works are gonna still be in that condition, police are gonna still be in that condition and let me just tell you something else, Mrs. Sancilio, since you do have a great business in there. The building that you're standing in needs all kinda help. We need another City Hall as well. We need fire departments, we need a lot of these other issues. It's not that. If you come up and say, 'Let's, let's, let's come up with a big strategy and we can fix this and we can make it work,' I'm willing to hear but I'm will to hear it quick. Other than that, we need to move forward. That's my opinion.

MS. A. SANCILIO: Okay. Have the people, the taxpayers, have they voted? I mean, I don't know anything about politics. I really don't.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No.

MS. A. SANCILIO: But, in politics, um, I always thought that if something, a decision had to be made, doesn't it go out maybe to the public to...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. They, they, they elect us to...

MS. A. SANCILIO: The residents decide...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ... make those decisions.

MS. A. SANCILIO: ...what they would like to do?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. They, they...

MS. A. SANCILIO: No. Oh, okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...elect us to make those decisions. But I, I understand because that's been some of the talk, 'Put it on the ballot, let the people understand.' I get it. I, I understand that but in that case, when we came back and we agreed to sign on to be a part of that grant that we get..., we gave you, somebody could say, 'Why don't you put that on the ballot? Why don't you wait and put that on the ballot to, to do it?' You can't just pick and choose the ones that you wanna do and not. It's not a easy decision, we get it.

MS. A. SANCILIO: I agree. Because the decision has been lagging for three years. I understand.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It's been made. It's been made.

MS. A. SANCILIO: Oh, more than... Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. It's been..., and it's made now. That was my problem with discussing it again because all I think now is that this just prolongs it. I understand your need. I've, I've actually gotten an email. I think it was from you. You know. I think. I'm not sure, it was from somebody...

MS. A. SANCILIO: Well, first of all, I thought it would be great for the Council Members to come and see our facility. Okay?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Got it. And...

MS. A. SANCILIO: So how can you judge when you have never seen the place

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We're not judging anything. We're saying you're have a great business.

MS. A. SANCILIO: I, I under...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We're, we're not judging.

MS. A. SANCILIO: I'm not, I'm not gonna sit here and...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No.

MS. A. SANCILIO: ...I don't wanna argue.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Alright.

MS. A. SANCILIO: I respect you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alex. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We're, we're not judging. We're not judging...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. We're gonna move on.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...your business. We're just basically sayin', you just can't come and say, 'Either give us your what you have or we're leaving.'

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Alright.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm, I'm done with that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Al.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Cavagnaro. Yes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And just for the record, I have been to your facility and took a tour, so, just wanted to make sure that that was on the record.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Okay. Sir. Good evening.

MR. A. CAVAGNARO: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, City Council...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening, sir.

MR. A. CAVAGNARO: ...members. My name is Al Cavagnaro. I'm the Chief Legal Officer for Sancilio & Company. And I'm a relatively new hire here based, um, I was

emplo', employed in September. But Dr. Sancilio actually hired me back in 1993 in Wilmington, North Carolina when, uh..., at another company that he had, which was called AAIPharma. AAIPharma was actually started sometime around 1980. Basically, um, Dr. Sancilio came out of a big pharmaceutical company, Burroughs Wellcome, when the FDA was coming down with some very stringent new regulations and he saw a need for outsourcing certain, um, pharmaceutical services. In the CRO industry, the Contract Research Organization industry was created back in 1980 but I., Dr. Sancilio and a couple of other gentleman, um, that right now is a multi-billion dollar industry. Dr. Sancilio, when I., hired me in 1993, I was the 300th employee in a city of 100,000 people. Um, when I left the company there were over 600 employees in Wilmington, North Carolina alone. Dr. Sancilio had, um, uh, created the company and grew it from..., out of a back of a, uh, strip mall into a full scale manufacturing facility with formulation development technologies that were, um, engaged and contracted with every one of the top pharmaceutical com', uh, company, companies worldwide. We had worked on over 1,500 approved pharmaceutical products in Wilmington, North Carolina. Um, from that group, we created two companies spun off with technology that was created by scientist at the company. We also had collaborations with univers', local universities, community colleges, where we worked interactively to develop a workforce that was basically locally grown. Uh, when Dr. Sancilio left in 2005 to come to Florida, um, the company was over 1,500 employees worldwide with 600, like I said, based there in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Um, and I'm proud to join him again here in Florida with this new venture and I see a lot of growth potential and I just wanted to bring some history, some historical background as to how he has been able to take his entrepreneurial spirit and grow companies. And, I see it here in Riviera Beach and I think there's real good opportunities for the Council to consider this, um..., I don't know that much about this property that's in discussion but I can only tell you that, from history, during history lessons, there's a lot of growth to be had and there's a big, um, niche out there for the scientific, um, um, arena that Dr. Sancilio is now in.

[Beep]

MR. A. CAVAGNARO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Fred Sancilio.

MR. F. SANCILIO: Hi and good evening.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening, sir.

MR. F. SANCILIO: And thank you for having me again. You know, it's been interesting and I've been in'...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please state your name for the record.

MR. F. SANCILIO: Oh, my name is Fred Sancilio and I'm with Sancilio & Company, SCI. And I do appreciate ya taking the time to listen to me. The, uh..., it was an interesting conversation and I do appreciate the position that you're in and I do appreciate the situation that you find yourselves in and we find ourselves in too. We've got a couple of problems. Alright? Both of us do. And maybe they're the similar problems.

Alright. I've got a very fast growing, unfortunately faster than I wanted it to grow. I should be a retired guy sitting home with my grandkids. And I'm sitting over here trying..., and holding on to a tiger by the tail. Uh, in all likelihood, within the next three years, we will probably have our own first drug approved. Alright? And that first drug will likely be for something called Sickle Cell Disease which you might or might not be familiar with. Alright? We didn't realize how large that disease is. In the United States, it's only 100,000 people. In the world it's tens of millions. Alright? When we plan to do work there we were focused on the United States. I'll be frank with ya. What's happened is, most of our work is coming from overseas. Countries like Oman, Sudan, Africa, many countries in Africa are now looking at this as a plague basically. In order to satisfy that need, if we get approved, alright, we're gonna have to make this material. And we're gonna have to make it somewhere. And every single town, alright, that's been given this horrible disease, alright, will see the name Riviera Beach on it. Alright? Every single town will see it. That's what'll come from and that's what we're working towards. Now 200 people, that's an underestimate. I absolute'..., that's what we have told the state that we're likely to bring in here and that's what we got the training funds for. Alright? So, for 200 people. The more likely..., if you look at other pharmaceutical companies with these type of growth products, alright, you're lookin' at 1,000 people, 2,000 people, 3,000 people. In Wilmington, North Carolina, as Al said, the industry..., people who left my company and started their own companies and then started other companies from there, now are the largest employer in that town of 130, 135,000 people. They're close to 12,000 people, alright, in that town that were created from the back of a small strip mall.

Alright? Now what's the problem? The problem is, we're not necessarily sure we want that building and I, I, I think we've got sort of the wrong message being given to you folks.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mm.

MR. F. SANCILIO: Alright. We're looking for a building, alright? We're not looking for a lot. We're not looking for a piece of land, we're looking for a building with four walls with very high ceilings because we have to make it multi, you know, two levels. It can't be just one level. Alright? Where we're gonna be is unknown. I know I can't fit 200 more people at Fiscal Court. It just, it just can't happen. I can't even fit the people I have in there right now. We fill up the parking lots with 170.

[Beep]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

MR. F. SANCILIO: May I keep going?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, please.

MR. F. SANCILIO: So, we're not threatening. There's absolutely no issue here as far as threatening and I'll be frank with you and this, this may..., and I know what my other folks are gonna say, 'You should never say this.' I don't wanna live, live somewhere else. I don't wanna be somewhere else, I like it here. I've got, you know, a home north and a home south, everything seems to work out really well. I like Riviera Beach but I need a place to put these people. Alright? That seems to be a pretty nice place. Alright? It seems to be able to fit what we need. You know, we actually do research, we do science that turns into products, alright? We're not just a research institute, we're a product company. We have 14 products on the market, soon to be 18, 20, 40, whatever that may be.

But as you..., maybe there's a way that we can work together in some sort of a group, okay? Because I think I know what your needs are cause I've been in front of groups like this in Wilmington, alright, and they chose to work with us and they're doing really well. And maybe you guys can work with us and we access to capital. We have access to way of getting things done. And when you put yourselves with business on the same track, that's when you really have some sparks fly and that's when you build something. And I think you could build this City into being..., this City should be more than what it is. Come on. This is a wonderful place, great location. You have everything goin for ya. I mean, everything. You just got..., sooner or later it's all gonna come together and why not be now? Why not now?

Thank you very, very much.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you very much.

[Applause]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: What, what... Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Sir?

MR. F. SANCILIO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: What, what was your name?

MR. F. SANCILIO: Fred.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Fred...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Fred.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Fred.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Sancilio.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Sancil', okay.

MR. F. SANCILIO: Don't call me Frank.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: [Chuckles]

MR. F. SANCILIO: Every', everybody calls me Frank.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: No, no. I just wanted to make sure I knew what your name was. Well stated, well stated.

MR. F. SANCILIO: Okay. Thank you...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Well stated.

MR. F. SANCILIO: ...very much.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. I'll talk to you after the meeting if you're still here.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anyone else?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Wait...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...hold on, Mr...

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

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...Davis

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...Guyton go. We don't want him to fall asleep. It's, it's...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No. He's with us the whole time. Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You have the floor.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Let, let him go ahead and go. I'll wait. I, I'll yield. I have that...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Guyton, go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Are you ready for me?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Mr. Davis doesn't wanna speak so go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, I'm sorry. I, I'll defer until he gets done.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: [Laughing].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. So, he's gonna be awake then.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: He deferred to you. Go ahead, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Let me, let me first say for disclosure. I've been out the facility. They run a phenomenal operation. I had the good fortune to run into somebody who's from Riviera Beach. Which was also very, very good, um, to find out that they're hiring local people. As, as I toured the facility, something stood out to me. It was a single story structure with high ceilings. So the people..., I don't think Fred was there but the others, my question to them was, 'You're saying that you need five, six stori', I mean, five or six acres...' If, if I remember correctly. 'Why not consider going vertical and that would reduce the footprint that you need?' By putting a planning hat on? So those who were with me, I don't know about Fred, but those who were with me said that, they had not really considered that.

My suggestion is that that should be an option and maybe that L Street property would be more viable then as oppose to a complete single story structure considered going vertical two, maybe three stories. When, when, when there's a shortage of land you have to think creative. And you have to think out of the box and, and, and we, in our City like other cities, are becoming very short on land. So, now people need to start thinking, not just horizontal but vertical. What I did tell them was, that I would come back to Staff and see if we needed the entire 14 acres, which I did. And, and if we didn't then we can have a conversation. But I told them I would..., I was not willing to compromise what the City needs, um, because we are in a position now where our employees are working out of six buildings. And, and the other thing that concerned me was that we are now paying... Is Randy Sherman there? Cause I need Randy to the, to the mic. I need to verify some figures. We are paying approximately three, \$350,000 to lease property and

we own the building. That does not make sense to me. We have a facility, why are we paying over \$350,000 a year to rent somewhere? That, economically, is not good sense.

Let me say this and I'm done. So, I am willing to assist them, if they wanna take a look at our L Street property to see if we can work something out. And I would encourage them to think about going more vertical than horizontal, single story and reduce your footprint. But, I'm not willing to compromise what we need as a City for our employees and continue to pay somebody else lease when we have a facility that we can eradicate and eliminate all of those funds that we are paying to someone else. Is Randy Sherman to the mic yet? I need Randy Sherman.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-GUYTON: Randy, how much are we paying out in, in, in lease money annually?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Um...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-GUYTON: For, for our employees.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. We're paying about \$290,000 for the property over at the Port center and then we have about another \$40,000 or so that we pay for storage space.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-GUYTON: Okay. So, over \$300,000 a year. How long have we been doing that?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Oh, [deep breath], I think it goes back.., well the current...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-GUYTON: Okay. What, what...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: [Stammer]. At, at...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-GUYTON: But the point I'm making...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...at least...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-GUYTON: ...that...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: At least four or five years if not even longer than that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Oh, no, no...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No, no, no, no. We're talking at least 10...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Ten.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Ten.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Twelve...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Ten at...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...fifteen...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: ...the Port Center.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...years.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. About 15 years ago...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-GUYTON: But the, the point I'm making is that...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ... they had the opportunity to buy the Port Center...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-GUYTON: We, as a City...

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-GUYTON: ...needs to be more economically fiscal and use the facilities that we have to reduce the amount that we're paying to someone else. It does not make sense to me for us to keep paying that out. I sympathize, I empathize with the company and I would like to work with them in order to find something but we as a City, and a community. And some of the residents ask us why are we paying all that money out and we have a building? Good question, community.

So, I am of the position that if they're interested in that L Street property, going vertical as opposed to horizontal, single-story, I'm, I'm more than happy to work with them. But until I bring all of our employees from under somebody else's roof, that we're paying lease for, it doesn't make [stammer] financial sense to me in order to compromise that. So, that's my position. I'm willing to work with them on some other area and once we get all of our employees under one roof and we're not paying lease to somebody else, then I'll consider some other options for them.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. So, Mr. Davis, do you wanna say anything? Then...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes, I do, Madam...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...we're gonna move on. Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. From what I've been hearing in this meeting..., uh, first I wanna..., I did visit the site. It's a very stream, uh, very fluent operation. I'm very impressed with the quality and level of work they've done and the training they provide for those they choose to invest their time and money in and I thank you for choosing Riviera Beach.

The one or two things I hear over and over again is that fact that you say you don't wanna leave and you love Riviera Beach. My colleagues have talked about being flexible, being creative. I haven't heard anyone say that we have sat down and had this discussion yet. That's the discussion we need to start with before we get to another decision. And the fact is that you all are passionate. Mr. Nason, I appreciate that. Sometimes passion get confused with disrespect. You know? And, in that regard, that showing that you actually love..., either you love your job or love Riviera Beach or you love 'em both. But I really would like to see Co'..., um, Staff sit down with you and your team and, and just really hash out all the opportunities that may happen here. Because who knows what's getting ready to happen because we have our, our employees that we're trying to create a better opportunity for and you have your employees, which are ours as well because a lot of 'em are from Riviera Beach.

So I really feel like, somewhere here, something special's getting ready to happen and I would just like to wait and see, see you all sit down with our Staff. Um, Mr. Jones seems to be a very creative, out of the box, type of a guy in, in our planning department and just kinda sit down and put together a think tank and see what type of options that we could do before coming back before this Board.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That's all.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, I'll make my comments. Um, you know, someone mentioned that this whole deal was political. I don't look at it as political. From the very beginning, I've looked at this as a bad deal. When the City was moving forward...

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...with buying the facility, I was against it and told them it was a bad deal.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And I think they finally recognize that they got into a bad deal. They've had the opportunity to get out of it but they don't want to. Prior to the City purchasing this building, we had plans to move forward with the fi', the police department and I recall when I was first elected, ADG came in and they showed us the plans and everyone was so happy about it, can't wait to move forward, it's gonna be incredible, there's gonna be a community, uh, room inside the police department and the whole bit. And then Public Works, we all recognized that something needed to be done with Public Works...

MAYOR MASTERS: Shovel in the ground.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We put money aside. We had the plans, we were ready to move forward with Public Works. Some guy came by, I believe, uh...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...you know, sold the City whatever and the City went.., they moved forward with buying the building and telling the Council and the residents that they were going to save \$2,000,000 on the entire project. Well, this project is up to \$17,000,000 right now and Staff has made it clear to us numerous times that we don't have the \$17,000,000 to move forward with it. This project is going to be piecemealed. I think we have four, \$5,000,000 in this current budget. Next year's there's another \$2,000,000. We will never.., in the next two or three years, we will never be able to build that facility to what was supposed to be. It's going to take a long time to get there. So, I think that was really, um, why we have been delaying it because we don't have the money to move forward with it. So, um, you know, you can say it's political, I don't look at it as political. I look at as, you know, trying to be fiscally responsible.

The other thing I'd like to mention, I too have been over to Sancilio several times. Alright? I've been on the tours. I was over there with the Governor a couple of months ago when he gave Sancilio an award. Alright? And, and I am happy to say that we were able to agree to give Sancilio a, a grant as long as they hired these residents and the same with the state. The state is giving Sancilio an award. I had a discussion the other day with, I'm not gonna mention her name, but with a resident in this City who feels, who lost a child to Sickle Cell and we were talking about Sickle Cell and I told her about Sancilio. And what Sancilio is trying to do and what the studies abroad, you know, the studies show that they may be on to something and now they're gonna do, you know, start the testing here in the United States. And I said to this long-time resident, wouldn't it be wonderful to have a Riviera Beach company come up with a cure for Sickle Cell Anemia? And, my friend, the resident, said, 'Please introduce me to these people.'

MAYOR MASTERS: Mm.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And, um, you know, I just think as, you know, we all talk about Riviera Beach being a predominately black city, can you imagine to have a company here, in the City of Riviera Beach, that is, uh, very close to finding a cure for Sickle Cell Anemia.

So anyway, you know, I'm in favor of having Staff sit down with them and, you know, see what, see what we can do. See what we can come up with. You know, I think we owe it to the taxpayers of this City but we owe it to the businesses of this City also.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So, that's where I stand.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone else or we're gonna move forward? Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I just wanna, for point, for clarification, I heard you state that Staff has stated that this is a bad deal. And I would like to...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I said I stated.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No. You said Staff have told us and we can roll., you said Staff. I just wanna know when did this become a bad deal., and I wanna hear this from Staff cause I would like to get the same information that you're receiving.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, hold on a second. Staff never said that it was a bad deal. Of course Staff isn't gonna say it. Staff has told us in budget meetings how much this was going to cost.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh. So that was...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We got...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...your interpretation then?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No. It's been my interpretation as a financial analyst for 35 years, okay, that it was a bad deal. And when this came forward four or five years ago, I stated on the record it was a bad deal and outlined why it was a bad deal.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, well that's, that's fine to feel that way but don't say Staff next time because you stated that Staff...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, excuse me. I didn't, you know, I didn't mean Staff...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That's all. I just want point...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...if I even said it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...clarification cause I wanna make sure that you're not receiving some information that this entire Board is not receiving. That's all I wanna be very clear on that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: This Board sat here and felt., started off a very heated discussion and then the tone was settled on some positive direction this Board is going. So, to go in a negative direction, I don't think was fair to what we're trying to do together between the City and this corporation. I'm very, we are all very thankful for what they've been doing. And we're all trying to do the right thing but our tone and our attitudes on how we work together and how we truly speak about Staff in Riviera Beach, and not just our interpretation but how we truly feel. We all here, in this community, know someone that's been impacted by Sickle Cell and we do understand how important that is. So, let's treat this situation as such.

Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, from day one I've been very clear about the warehouse. I have been., the Chair and I have agreed from day 1 that it was a bad deal in the beginning, it was a bad deal in the middle, it's a bad deal now and it will continue to be a bad deal. And I'm convinced that it's gonna be sold one day. You know? I just believe that in my heart and in my spirit I believe, it might happen next year. But, you know, we'll see. But it's a bad deal. And just for Mrs. Sancilio, you were talking about the people. Well, I believe, that President Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, when he talked about government by the People, of the People, for the People. I still believe that's the best form of government, in our democracy. Cause the People should speak. I felt from day 1 that because this was bringing about quite a bit of drastic change to this complex, this City complex was known to have a police department, fire department, public library, public administration building on the same complex. And to start going in different directions, was creating problems in the community. I just want you to know that I personally went out, along with others, and did a petition that could have easily, and I regret that we didn't do it all the way through, we should have and we wouldn't be talking about it today, because I'm, I'm convinced that if this issue ever went to the people, it'd be voted down. But I can tell you, that just within a couple months, when we started the petition, 2,500 people, just about 2,500 people were opposed to what the Chair and I have called, from day 1, the warehouse. I can also tell you, the last time I ran for Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, I campaigned on getting rid of the warehouse. My two opponents campaigned for the warehouse. Well, needless to say, I won and they both lost. The last election, and if we wanna talk about politics, in the last election, the recent

election, the person who campaigned for the warehouse, lost. The won who campaigned or championed against the warehouse, won.

So, I'm convinced that if the people would be given an opportunity, they would speak loud and clear but for some reason, that has never happened but if it does happen, I would lead that movement. And maybe next year. The people, we can put a referendum on.

This needs to be sold. There's just no question about it. So, all of us don't think alike but I just wanted you to know how I have felt from day 1. Horrible, terrible, disgusting deal.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, I guess the consensus was to have Staff sit down and talk to the Sancilios and, you know, see what you can work out and, you know, probably not necessarily that piece of property but see what you can come up with. Alright? Was that the direction?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yep.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright?

MAYOR MASTERS: Seem to me.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Everyone's good? Okay. Alright. Well, thank you again and thank you for being a part of Riviera Beach.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. We're gonna move on now. Community Benefits. Item 13.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 13. VALLEY OF LOVE MINISTRIES - \$400.00 -
COUNCILPERSON BRUCE GUYTON - PROVIDE TOYS TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH IN THE RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON 2015

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We have one public...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Ch'...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...comment card. Fane Lozman.

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...a second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Is, is this point where if I wanna make a motion to, to add to this, some community benefits, on this item, could I do this or I have to wait to the end?

[Inaudible comments]

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: To this particular...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah. For the, the same...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, let's have...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We've done it before.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hold on a second. Let's do public comment first. Go ahead, sir.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Singer Island. I should be able to give an address when I speak here. I have five properties on Singer Island but yet, supposedly, some magical SOP, they're refusing to give an address when I pay ten times or more than that of taxes [chuckle] of whatever Guyton pays. So, I want an address, Ms. McKinney. There's no legal authority to stop me...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Mr. Lozman...

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...from getting...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...please.

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...an address. Or multiple addresses. I'm not gonna tolerate coming up...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Wait.

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...here without...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: This is about...

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...having an address.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. This is about...

MR. F. LOZMAN: When you come up here...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...Community Benefits.

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...you're supposed to give your name and address. I don't have an address to give.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MR. F. LOZMAN: As a taxpayer.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I don't ask for an address. I ask for your name for the record. I never ask for an address.

MR. F. LOZMAN: You always ask for a name and address.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I never ask for...

MR. F. LOZMAN: Now. Valley of Love...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...an address.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair...

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...Ministries...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair? Excuse me one second. But, we cannot allow him to just be waiving his hands right next to this employee here and facing her and talking to her like that. That's where she has to sit.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We cannot do that. No employee is gonna feel like that while I'm sitting here. We, that just cannot be allowed.

MR. F. LOZMAN: I can look at an employee.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'm not talking to the speaker, I'm talking to the Chair.

MR. F. LOZMAN: You gotta get the...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Because he's saying...

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...floor. I have the floor right now.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MR. F. LOZMAN: I have the floor.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Please do not allow, allow that to, to happen. That's an employee that he's speaking to like that right right there. Please allow that not to happen.

MR. F. LOZMAN: I have the floor and you've wasted my time.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Lozman...

MR. F. LOZMAN: You need to fix the clock.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please go ahead.

MR. F. LOZMAN: You've wasted my time. When you want the floor, you ask for the floor. You don't take the floor away from me when I'm talking.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Oh my God.

MR. F. LOZMAN: You got that? Now...

[Inaudible background comments]

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...Valley of Love Ministries...

[Inaudible background comments]

MR. F. LOZMAN: Okay? As a taxpayer, what about separation of church and state? Okay? Is it appropriate to give taxpayer's dollars to any religious organization? Whether it's Christian, Protestant, Muslim, Jewish. I don't., I think that's a major Constitutional problem of giving taxpayer's dollars to religious institution that should not be given in the first place. They should be given back to the taxpayers by giving the garbage contract the SWS. Why are you guys billing the taxpayers another \$2.19 million, okay? And this was all laid out in the OIG report to give money to religious institution. If you wanna give it, give it out of your own pocket. Solicit contribution but don't basically defraud the taxpayers of, of a cheaper garbage rate, \$2.19 million dollars cheaper to then give money to religious institu'... There's something seriously wrong about that and the Constitutionality of it is really, is really causing me to think that, you know, you guys have

violated the Constitutional separation of church of state by taking taxpayer's dollars, that first you're defrauding the, the RFP process by getting the lowest garbage bidder and then giving 'em to religious institution. And then, the last thing, you're not even giving in the name of the City.

Bruce Guyton goes around this community and says, 'Oh, here's money from me and I'm running for office in March and give me your vote.' That is a major problem. If you wanna give it something, you give it as the name of the Council. Here, it doesn't come from one Councilperson, it comes from the Council directly. I always had a problem with that. Every time I come here, I get more upset about what's going on and I'm just not gonna let it slide by anymore. This needs to be looked at, both on a, on a civil basis, it needs to be looked at on the ethics basis. And, you know, a lot of people are not happy with what's going on with all these increased costs with contracts that you guys have put on the taxpayers' back, whether it's the garbage or doubling the sewer rate or whatever and then you still go, well, we'll give you back \$20,000 each elected official and you should feel better. Well, people don't feel better and that's why we have the second highest millage rate in Palm Beach County for these various games.

You know, Bruce Guyton's running for election in March. This should not be coming from him. If you decide to go ahead and vote this, everybody's name should be crossed out and it should be a Community Benefit from Riviera Beach. But right now, people are using these benefits like it's their own little money and people are not that sophisticated out there. They think, 'Hey, Bruce Guyton, you're a great guy. Thanks for your check for \$400. We'll vote for you in March.' They don't realize it's not his money. And I've said that repeatedly and I'm gonna say it repeatedly. In the end of the day, this is gonna change and I'm gonna see that it changes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Mr. Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes. I, I...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So what did you want?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I wanna make a motion...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I want...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hold on a second.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I wanted to, um, match what Mr. Guyton is giving to this organization, with, with \$400. This organiz'...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Do you have the form?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh, I was gonna make a motion and provide the inf'.., I mean, I just realized that I actually had enough money to actually give and I looked at the amount.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I was gonna.., could I just make a motion and the bri'.., provide the form later?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, yeah. We'll add it on but we need the form.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. I, I truly appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Mr. Guyton, what do you have and we're moving on?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, yes. Very quickly. Let me just make it very clear, I have never asked anyone for a vote based on a contribution. That is absurd. And what, from whom it's coming, that's not surprising. And, Mr. Lozman has said, on more than one time, that this community is not sophisticated enough. Well, if he doesn't think we are sophisticated, he needs to go somewhere else and not come to our community. So, I'm tired of him insulting our people. We're not sophisticated, which is not true, our community's very sophisticated.

And the reason he does not have an address is he hasn't complied with our codes. Ask him why he hasn't went and filed a lawsuit because he knows that what we're doing is by the code and it's accurate. So, all this...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...mumbo jumbo he be going on with, the people...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...need to understand that's just what it is, mumbo jumbo.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible background comments].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So there was a motion and a second. \$400 from Mr. Guyton and \$400 from Mr. Davis. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton? [Pause]. Councilp'...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Absolutely.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Item 14.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 14. RIVIERA BEACH HEAD START - \$300.00 - COUNCILMAN BRUCE GUYTON - TO ASSIST 100 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN THE RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY WITH TOYS, GIFT CERTIFICATES AND HOLIDAY MEALS.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. One public comment card. Fane Lozman.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Singer Island. For the record, I don't have an address even though the property appraiser, the police chief and fi' [stammer], the property appraiser and the police chief said I'm entitled to an address. So, whatever code or whatever SOP Ms. McKinney has made up, is illegal and the property appraiser sent a letter to the Mayor explaining why. So you're breaking the law, not me. And you're also putting my safety at risk and those of...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hey. You know what...

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...my guests.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...Mr. Lozman? Please, don't direct...

MR. F. LOZMAN: Now...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...to Ms. McKinney.

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...\$300 for toys for a hundred families. Okay? When I was in the Marine Corp I actually had to coordinate the Toys for Tots program one Christmas and it's a great...

UNK: Nobody believes that.

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...program.

UNK: Mhmm.

MR. F. LOZMAN: But that comes out to \$3.00 for each family. How mu'..., how are ya gonna buy a toy and a holiday meal for a family and they have two, three or four kids? \$300 is, is not credible that he's gonna give \$300 and that's gonna give enough toys for 100 families. You know, how many children are in the 100 families? Maybe 300, 400, 100, 150?

[Chuckle]

MR. F. LOZMAN: You know? The, the Council as a whole should say, 'You know something, Bruce Guyton, we don't want you giving \$300. If we're gonna give away money, we're gonna give it away from the Council, we're gonna give \$3,000 and we're gonna give it to 300 families.' So this whole thing is a joke but, then again, look who it's coming from. Bruce Guyton is a joke.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. There was a motion and a second. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton? [Pause]. Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Board Appointments. Item 15.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 15. BOARD APPOINTMENT - MAYOR REQUEST TO RE-APPOINT MS. GLADYS DARVILLE TO SERVE ON THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES PENSION BOARD WITH CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So move.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Thomas, Miller-Anderson.

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Oo.

UNK: Oo.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Miller-Anderson, sorry, Mr. Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Call me all kind of things.

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. You're gonna have to...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's not a bad name.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...that one. Not me. [Laughter]. Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Thank you. Discussion by City Manager.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I would just like to thank the Members of Council for their support. We have things we're gonna do and we're gonna accomplish so that we can meet the needs of our residents. And I just wanted to say thank you.

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Discussion by City Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I just have one quick item. I wanted to introduce the new Assistant City Attorney. She is here tonight. Her name is Lina Busby. Lina, please stand up. It's taken me a while but...

[Applause]

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: She started working on Monday and, of course, we expect great things from her.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Welcome.

MS. L. BUSBY: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. City Council committee reports. Anyone? [Pause]. Alright. I have something to share with you all. The county came in front of the Palm Beach County League of Cities last week and discussed two things. They're thinking about either going out for a bond referendum to do infrastructure and park improvements around the county or going out and doing a sales tax increase.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: They are trying to decide between a half a cent and one cent sales tax. They will be meeting with the city managers shortly and they will be requesting from each city manager, a list of projects. If the City moves forward with the half cent or the one cent sales tax, each municipality in Palm Beach County will participate in the funds. So, 60% of the money generated from the sales tax will go to the county, 40% would go to the cities. It would be divided between the cities based on population. So, you know, everyone needs to be aware of that. The Leagues of Cities made it clear to the county that they do not want a bond referendum. If there's a bond referendum, then all the money will go to the county and, just like other referendums, it becomes a popularity contest on who receives the money. If they do move forward with going to, going, you know, to the voters for the sales tax, then the City would decide how they would use that money. And, you know, the county is saying that you would have to use it for infrastructure improvements. So, I just wanna put that on everyone's radar. You'll be hearing more about it in the next couple of months. The county is hoping to have it in front of the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners in March. And then, you know, they'll have it on the ballot November, 2016. So, everyone needs to be aware of that

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. With that, statements from the Mayor and Council. You know what, we'll go down this way tonight. We'll start with me, for a change. Okay.

I just wanna remind everyone, tomorrow is the Mingle and Jingle at Johnny Longboats. It will be held rain or shine. We have a lot of tents that will be going up. So, rain or shine at Johnny Longboats from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. We ask that you come by and drop off unwrapped books and toys for children, infants through 17. You know, this event is becoming larger and larger every year. We have a great participation. So, I would encourage you to come out and, you know, remember everything stays here in Riviera Beach and it goes...

MAYOR MASTERS: You started it...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...to the most needy.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...before you became...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I did.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...on the Council.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I started it 11 years ago, prior to...

MAYOR MASTERS: I remember that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...being on the Council. Yeah. So, and also, you know, a couple days left. If you are a Palm Beach County resident and a., I'm sorry, a Riviera Beach resident and you're in need of toys for your children, please come into my office at City Hall and you can fill out an application. Please bring proof of residency.

And, that's all I have. But, you know, I wanted to thank our Staff for, you know, helping me coordinate all of this and also Parks & Rec and the Public Works guys. They're gonna be busy with me tomorrow setting up. So, you know...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Hm.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Early kudos to them. I really appreciate everyone's help on this. And this even just gets larger and larger every year. And I have to, you know., my friend Randy Graham, God bless Randy Graham. Randy and I started this 11 years ago.

MAYOR MASTERS: I remember.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yep.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Alright. So anyway, I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow. We will move down. Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you. Real briefly. I wanna., just a few things. Last month we had our firstly monthly family movie night out on the beach and then last month we had the movie Frozen. But this month, which will be next Saturday, not this Saturday, December 12th, will be showing Polar Express. This movie will be shown right in front of the Ocean Mall. I would like to say thank you to Parks & Recreation, the police department, the fire department, the urban league, Riviera Beach Bridges. There's a conversation now with Palm Beach Shores because their residents actually came out. This is something that we wanna do every second Saturday. Something that's really nice and fun for families to come out and just have nice time, to fellowship with one another. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. Bring your little blankets. We have free popcorn and drinks for the kids and the families have a wonderful time. Bring your little lawn chairs but we don't have a lawn, we nice have beach sand.

[Chuckles]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: We, we, we got started right at 7:00. We was done at about 8:45 last month. This month, we're expecting to do the same thing. The TV is 33' tall, 22' wide. There will be some other surprise things going on. Real quick, Walter has a short video to kinda show what the people were doing and how we can build and, build a better community together.

[Video plays]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And, as you can see, the kids say they love this.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Great.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But, we're gonna continue this after, over the next few months before the turtle season come back and the weather actually change. So, just wanna find a way to really just stay positive with all the things that are going on in the world and, and throughout the state. Gotta find a way to remain positive with your people in your community. And I will like to remember, remember, um, next Saturday, December 12th at 7:00 o'clock.

Oh, I got some other things. Oh, I wanna thank Inlet Grove football team as well. They was there helping us out as volunteers. At this time, I want to talk with the Council to ask, to request a special meeting in the near future to discuss water liens and standby fees and code enforcement liens and I would like ta, kinda briefly have this discussion now with the entire Board to see, a future date that we can all agree on, where we can have a meeting to discuss these two items that are so important to the community. Um, and just a special meeting, these items alone and I would like to, um, put, throw some projected dates out there and just kinda see how does this entire Board.., can fit this into their schedule. But we need to find a way to actually get the information to the people and let them focus on something so significant to what's going on in our community. One of the dates I've actually looked at and we can start with this and we ca'.., and I'd like to hear how you all feel.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. [Stammer]...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Davis, why don't you either give the Manager the dates or, or have your aide just email all of us, in addition to Staff.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I can't, I can't sit here tonight and go through...

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

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I don't have...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...wanna throw some...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...both of my calendars.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I just wanna throw some things on the wall cause I got my phone and I was kinda just...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And you all can figure out do you wanna do something in the new year.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, I.., well, I can't give you an answer. I...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...don't have both of my calendars with me.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, I just wanna hear from the rest of the Board. And one of the dates I was looking at was December 15th, which is a Monday that we will have to be here because it's a Water Utility District meeting. And could we have a special meeting right after that. Plus we have to be here for the 15th, so...

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: 14th.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: The 14th. Yes. That's the other calendar, the leap year.

[Chuckles]

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But, December 14th was the date I looked at because it's a meeting that we have to be at.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: You can't just add this to that meeting? You can't just discuss this at that particular meeting?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, one of the Items we can, which is the standby, standby, uh, water, water liens for the standby charges. That Item we could. But the actual code enforcement liens, is a Item that will have to happen in a separate meeting because that's a separate issue. Or we can put them two together in a special meeting.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: When is the next City Council meeting? Could we just add that to the City Council...

CITY MANAGER JONES: The 16th.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 16th.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. But I just don't want a, a whole entire meeting with a whole bunch of mumbo jumbo and people are tried before we get to the issue that's very significant. Now, I will love to do it on the 16th. If we can just kinda carve that meeting as, as the meeting where we can focus on those two items, I'm truly, truly amenable to that.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, the..., in terms of time, the Utility District meetings the past few months have only been about an hour, on this additional day. So, if we're gonna do it on any day, I would think we would have more time on the 14th than on the 16th probably.

MAYOR MASTERS: Works for me.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Councilman Guyton?

MAYOR MASTERS: ...liens.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Councilman Guyton? [Pause]. He's not asleep.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes, Mr. [Inaudible].

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I don't, I, I don't have my calendar here but I'm in therapy now and I need to check those dates.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Wou'..., woul'..., would you, would you agree to looking at that, the normal scheduled Council meeting to focus that meeting on those two items?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The Utility District meeting?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. I don't have a problem with that and everybody knows my position...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...about these issues and I'll reiterate them then.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Because it's a quality of life issue with me and if we start relaxing all of these codes and taking back liens, the quality of the life is gonna decrease. Alright? So...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So, my position has not changed but I'll gladly attend the meeting. I'll reiterate my concern and then we can just go from there. But I don't think that's a wise idea to start tinkering with, with these liens. It's gonna impact the quality of people lives. And I get calls almost every day about people violating codes and why we're not enforcing them and making them comply.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I mean, this, this.., I know it's a political season, some people are using this as a political issue. Not necessarily you but it's a sensitive issue that a lot of people want us to continue to ensure that we are enforcing and people are complying with our codes. My position has not changed.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. So, we...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But I'll check my calendar. If I'm not in therapy, that, that would be fine with me.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, so we can do the, the water liens in the Utility District meeting. Which is the standby fees, right?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And then...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...Chair? I'm, I'm in, I'm in agreement with Ms...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...Miller-Anderson. [Chuckles]. Miller-Anderson. I'd rather just do it on that Monday with the...

MAYOR MASTERS: The 14th.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Where you'll have more time.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And, if we do it then, I definitely want every resident that's effected with these enormous liens that we're hearing about, please come to the meeting. Please come to the meeting. Put it on robocall, put it wherever we need to. I

wanna hear from these residents that are effected with these, these liens that's being talked about. So please, all residents, if you are effected by those enormous liens that are being talked about, please come to that meeting on the 14th and if that's not good enough time, let's pick a time where they can come to the meeting so we can hear directly from 'em.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anything else?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That'll be all, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. And I would encourage the residents who are effected the other way, who are living around these blighted homes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright? They need to come out also and they need to voice their opinion on how their property values are decreasing because of the derelict properties around them.

Alright. Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. I wanted to reiterate that. I meant for those individuals as well. I received a call about code enforcement prior to coming to the meeting tonight. So, everybody, please come. Ms. Pardo's right on that.

A couple things I wanna talk about really quick. Unfortunately, I, I have to address something that I really don't want to, you know, give further credence to but one of the donors to the annual turkey giveaway for the seventh year in a row., I got a hold to some emails that have been flying around. Let me state this and I'm gonna state it one time. And don't take emails that you get as what's going on. Please, come and check the City records but it was said that I received a \$7,000 check made to cash to me. That's what the email was and the people who donate to these, this event every year, I just need you to know that's not what happened. That's not whatever happens. And if anybody gave anybody written, wrote a check for anything to cash from the City, they would need to be terminated immediately. That's not, you know, what goes on. And listen, I, I, you know [chuckle], I get it. This stuff starts to get very emotional. When you get these same emails and people just sit back and fly things back and forth, for whatever particular reason, I will not be bullied. I will not be bullied. I enjoy being here. If the residents decide that they want somebody to sit in their seat in District 3, that's up to the residents but I will not be bullied. And a lot of that is gonna come, you know, back and forth. I don't want anybody to be bullied. We had an, an employee to get bullied here tonight. I don't like that. You know? And that cannot go on and I will not stand back just because somebody doesn't think that we should speak out about it. Just because we're elected officials or just because City employees, or City employees, does not mean that they get, they have to get emails sent around about them especially if they're not true. The person that's doing that should be ashamed of themselves. Anybody that has First

Amendment rights should be able to put whatever they want to.., as long as it's true. Or it's your belief and you have some system but to put stuff that's automatically, just totally false, is wrong. It's hurtful and it should not be done.

Now, I get these same emails. I will like for everybody to know that I am a husband first, I truly love my wife, Mrs. Thomas who happens to be a City employee here who does her job like she's supposed to, with no interference from me. I will not stand for anybody to mistreat my wife. Before I'm a Councilperson, I am a husband. I am a father. I will not stand for that. I'm not threatening anybody and I don't want anybody to threaten me. But all I'm saying to you is, just like you have First Amendment rights, so do I. It's not like that. I love my City, I love my job but let me tell you something, I love my wife and my family first. I wanna make sure that I get that out. Sorry that I had to address that, in this particular manner, because those donations that are made, they do it out of the kindness of their heart every year.

The amounts of money that was spent, they're in financing, they're in financing. You can easily request them if you so need to but, when you're talking about 1,200 turkeys, they cost a lot more than \$7,000 and no checks were written to me in seven'.., for \$7,000. Any check that was written out, it was written directly to the company. You're more than welcome to get that information. You're more than welcome to get that information. I'm, and I'm urging you, to get that information.

The other thing that I wanted to basically discuss... And I wanna thank all those people who, who came out there, all those volunteers who fed those individuals. Mr. and Mrs. Howard and their crew, Mr. Willis Williams, who cooked all of those burgers and hot dogs. All of the people, Waste Management, Ocean Beachside. All those people who, who donated to. I didn't have the, um, the, the list to, uh, tonight to talk about. I will at the very next meeting.

I do want to say briefly that, on next Tuesday, I believe, it's December 8th. If I have the date wrong.., I think it's, is it Tuesday, December 8th?

UNK: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: We're gonna meet over at the public services building to discuss the Riviera Beach Heights Community Center. That's a placeholder for the name. Just the Community Center. We're gonna discuss that. It's gonna start, I believe we said 6:30? 6:30. Wanna go there, everybody'll be there, we'll discuss it, we'll look through it and we'll talk about it. Everybody is invited. The people that are in that general area, you should receive a notice but we're gonna be over at the public services building which is 1481 13th Street. I believe 1481 13th Street. We'll be there at that particular time and at that particular place to discuss that, that community center. Please bring all of your questions and your concerns. We'll have pictures, photos, plans, we'll, we'll discuss all those things that, that need to be discussed for that particular area. So, if you did not get it, it's proposed to go between 4th and 5th and Avenue G over in the firehouse area. So, that's what we'll be discussing at that particular point.

That's all for me at this time, Madam Chair.

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

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. It is 8:31. We need to go to public comment.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 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.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. We have Bonnie Larson and then Richard Wester.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. If you think you've had a lot of complaints about the fines for water and, um, code enforcement, you're gonna get whole lot more cause we opened the bill this month and there it was. Sure enough, stormwater doubled. Uh, sewer service doubled. Trash service stayed the same and water service, almost doubled. So this is a 50% raise. We didn't get a 50% raises in our salaries this year but we got a 50% raise in our water bill. And it's gonna go up for the next couple years because an ordinance or Resolution was made by a Council, not necessarily these people, but for, like, 10 years our water bill would automatically go up. We use the same amount of water. So, if you want some points at election time, you be the one to lead and get two of your other colleagues to delete that, negate that Resolution that automatically increases our water bill. You think you have people that have problems now, what are they gonna do? We talk about eliminating the middle class. The middle class are the ones who pay the taxes and support the City. There are no more freebies that people aren't paying taxes if they can't pay taxes. So we're doing our part to eliminate the middle class and I hope you do something about this because why is automatically? We got another couple years of this automatic increase. I can't imagine what it's gonna be...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MS. B. LARSON: ...but we shouldn't be automatically increasing our water bill every year.

Uh, the median on 28th Street and Broadway, still no trees in there. Every other median has trees except that one, just some bushy little things in there which look awful. The bread on West 28th Street, there's bread sitting out there. I've mentioned this several times. They have it on a tables out there, ol' rickety table sitting there. It sits there all day. It says to people driving through the City, 'This is a poor City. They're even putting

the food out on the street.' That gets so hot out there and what happens in the afternoon, I've seen it three times now, what happens, at some point, like around 3:00 o'clock or so, they gather up those tables worth of bread and throw it in the dumpster. That should go to a food bank. Either that or put it inside your building so it's not subjected to the elements. Can you imagine the bacteria and stuff that's on all that food that's sitting out there? Looks like a poor city driving through and you see that.

Um, oh, somebody did listen to me last week when I said about the plants by the new entrance to Riviera Beach sign that, that the new plants were taller than the Riviera Beach wording cause the.., two days later those plants were cut, cut way down so now they're about this tall. Make your sign... If the, the monument sign, put the lettering up higher if you're gonna put plants in front of it cause that's gonna be have to be cut about every week now cause the plants are now only like this high. Someone did it right after I mentioned it. So, thank you for that.

The contracts.., our contracts are outdated and it benefits the vendors. I talked about the contracts last week. We're talking about reimbursing somebody for, for long distance phone calls. No. We have a contract manager now. Let's fix our contracts. [Chuckles]. Come on people. We hire person specifically to do this, let them do their job. Make them do their job. Shopping carts, I've noticed a couple that have been there for a couple months. We had a program once in a while to get rid of the shopping carts on Broadway, they're back. Um, no CRA meeting all of November. Underground utilities...

[Beep].

MS. B. LARSON: When was that gonna happen? And I'm not clear about Ms. Jones' salary. What is her salary? It's not clear to me. You said, it was supposed to be clear, it's not clear. It's not listed in there.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: I agree with you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Richard Wester and then...

MAYOR MASTERS: Water bills are...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: John...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...are outrageous.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...Gillaberdi.

MR. R. WESTER: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening, sir.

MR. R. WESTER: Richard Wester. I'm a seventy-year resident of this City, born and raised here. And just like, Sancilio got all that flack just now, I'm gonna talk about everybody here. I'm gonna talk about employees, if they're not doing right, if it's some wrongdoing, I'm gonna talk about it. And, uh, a friend of mine called me the other day and told me a City Councilperson was calling all around town wanting to know where I lived. And he told him, he said, 'Man, don't go to that man house. Please don't go to that man house.' And he started raisin' [inaudible] that he was goin'. I was home asleep and my dog started barking. I jumped up, I wa'n't lookin' for nobody to come. I grabbed my pistol and I cocked it and went to the front door. There it was a Councilman standing in my door raising holy hell at me. It was Councilman Thomas up there. Yeah. [Stammer]. Terence, not Terence Davis. Uh, big man up there. He, he came out there and I told him, 'You don't be talkin' bout..., you can talk about me but don't talk about my wife'. I said, 'I'm talkin' about City employees. If your wife happen to be there, I'm talkin' about City employees.' And he started rambling and raising his voice. I told him, I said, 'Get the hell off my property.' And he..., I had my pistol in my pocket cause I, I got a permit for it. And that's why I had it cause I went to the door, somebody beatin' on my door and that's who it was, Cedrick Thomas. And I told him..., that's why some of those emails you see goin' around, I'm sending some of 'em. I don't know which ones he's talkin' about but I got a whole lot of stuff to talk about tonight. But I wanted to make sure I got that out.

See, when you get Council people up there don't have jobs and ain't got no money and stuff, they do all kinds of crazy stuff. All kinds of crazy stuff. You got 'em out there goin' out get', gettin', uh, travel vouchers, that was Mr. Terence Davis there. Travel vouchers, puttin' money in his pocket. Employees can't close out the books cause they ain't got..., they call the people trynna get the books closed out, you can't cause Council people got the books and got the money in they pocket and won't, uh, uh, wantin' to do what they need to do. So that's what happened there. Employees tell me this. I don't work here. I be sittin' down there in the session with people and that's what they tell me. Say it's a shame.

And we talkin' about that little warehouse over there, we started out with \$8,000,000, we're gon' get a building then we need another 4 ½ million dollars, \$12,000,000. Now, the man said, 'Come here. We need another \$5,000,000, \$17,000,000. These people out here pickin' up cans trynna pay their taxes and aluminum and all that stuff trynna pay they taxes and we got people sittin' up here, uh, putting money in they pocket. That's taxpayer money. You know you sh', shouldn't be doin' that.

[Beep].

MR. R. WESTER: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mr. Wester, can you please come back please, sir.

MR. R. WESTER: Man, you don't tell me nothin'. You, you talk., ya'll done had my three minutes. You got the rest of the time.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Well, well since you're done with it, I'mma just be very clear. I just like to know what City employees give you information.

MR. R. WESTER: Yeah. You [stammer], that's the same thing Cedrick Thomas asked me.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Okay.

MR. R. WESTER: You woulda fire 'em.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Okay.

MR. R. WESTER: You gonna do it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, just for the record, I don't normally respond to people when they do stuff. I pay all my bills, if there's any bills necessary, I keep receipts in my pocket for every bill if I made any clerical errors or there's been some misinformation in our., here's my receipt for every dollar I every paid back the CRA if there was some things that was uncorrected but there was no malicious intent on nothing I ever done. I keep receipts. I keep records. So, just give me a phone call if you wanna discuss something positive in the community and I would love to talk about positive things in this community.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: John Gilberti and then Felicia Wilder.

MR. J. GILIBERTI: Hi. John Giliberti from Giliberti Incorporated.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I'm sorry, Giliberti.

MR. J. GILIBERTI: Okay. I, um...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MR. J. GILIBERTI: I wanted to talk about the warehouse that we've talked about tonight. Um, I too have been interested in that and driven around and what have you. And, I'm a little disappointed to hear how we're looking at how bad this is, that we

have it but yet there's two companies now that want that, that wanna put people back to work and it may drag out for another year, two, three, four, five, whatever it is.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

MR. J. GILIBERTI: My, my question is, how hard is it to make a decision? If you're gonna keep it or you're not gonna keep it. It's, it's, it really, it's in your hands. I have a company that builds utility vehicles that I need people that are welders, fabricators. Uh, we went over this and I got no response. I've called the City Councilor, uh, the City Manager, never got a return phone call but yet there's another company that proposes to buy it and tries to get in to buy it without putting an RFP that the building is for sale. So, if the building is for sale, put an RFP in, let's move forward with it. If there's other properties available, let's talk about it. But in meeting with the Council and hearing, you know, look, I don't care if one person goes to work there, I just want the money out of it cause the money's the most important thing. Well, if the money's the most important thing to this City, let's sell it. Let me put some people back to work. Let me get a guy that's just been..., had served five years in prison, he's an excellent auto body painter and let's put him back to work. If they got a guy that just spent six months in lock up and he's a good kid, he just did the wrong thing at the wrong time, let's put him back to work.

But, to have a building that's sitting vacant, to have one company have, you know, it..., from what I was told, it, it's not for sale. We're not going forward with it and then all of a sudden a meeting is set up with certain people that all of the sudden, now it's on the Board again, I understand where Mr. Thomas is like, [stammer], what's goin' on here? Is there preferential treatment? Is there an RFP? Is that building gonna be for sale? If it is, great. Two companies..., do you know how many cities and counties want manufacturing in their city? And, we're being told right now, it was a bad decision. It was the worst decision. We shoulda never done it. Okay. We did it. Let's move forward. Take 24 hours, 48 hours, 30 hours, 60, a month, decide on it and do something with it. But don't drag it on.

[Beep].

MR. J. GILIBERTI: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Felicia Wilder and then Fane Lozman.

MS. F. WILDER: Good afternoon.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good afternoon.

MS. F. WILDER: Everyone in their respected places. My name is Felicia Wilder. I reside in Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MS. F. WILDER: I'm here to discuss what was happening on November 18th. You had directed the City Manager to contact me in reference to a number that I need, which she stated in the meeting. It's in reference to Silver Beach Road, that she was instrumental with the process of that road being..., yes you did. Just look at the tape, ya, ya know. Hold on.

CITY MANAGER JONES: What facilitator? [Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, [sighs].

MS. F. WILDER: Okay. The road being done.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

MS. F. WILDER: Okay. Then when I asked, need help, I also live in Riviera Beach. Are we still residents of Riviera Beach? We live on Silver Beach Road. She had that road implemented. She had some input in it, which she stated. But there's no drainage. Puddles of water goin' in people' homes. We have no drainage down that street but we are still part of Riviera Beach. When we call the police department, we are part of Riviera Beach but she has nothing to do with it. It look like I should get some help from someone. So, she's sending me to somebody else. Always passing the buck. Okay. Now, but she's supposed to be for senior citizens.

Now, they got the road paves, the streets are dark, so what are, what are we gonna do? Are you helping us? Or you just want me to go out there and fight by myself? See, you should be careful what you say when you're sitting up there because it's being recorded. You say one thing and you do something else. You just gave me the letter from the last meeting from the 18th. I just received the letter tonight. The lady passed me the letter saying, 'Oh, yours is in the mail.' So this is the kinda response I get. So when I call the office to get an appointment, I told her I had clients so I had to look at my calendar to see when I was available. So, they say she was out on City, uh, business meeting for entire week. And she said, when I come in, I have thirty minutes. So, I didn't know that you'd be time, you'd be timed when you call and have a meeting with someone. And they give you thirty minutes. When is all that about?

So, I'm very upset but I, I have a meeting with her tomorrow and I will be seeing her tomorrow. And, I live in the City of Riviera Beach. I don't live in the media. I live in the City of Riviera Beach and we're residents of City of Riviera Beach so something needs to be done about Silver Beach Road. The speed limit need to be reduced. I had the City Mana', the Assistant City Manager come out, he had to park his truck on the side of the street. That's how bad it is. But see, you sit and make decisions for us but not come out and say anything to us about what's going on. We live there. And it's sad to say that. So, and then again, it says..., why aren't we notified when something is being done in our area? When I didn't know...

[Beep].

MS. F. WILDER: ...anything, the street was being paved.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Did you wanna say something?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, I do.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Thank you, ma'am.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Have her sit down.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ma'am, thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: If I recall, when I started that conversation I said, Ms. Miller-Anderson, I did not say me, so Ms. Wilder, as much as I respect my elders, I have got to say that you are wrong. I won't say what is really is but you are wrong. So, if you're gonna come at me come right because Ms. Miller got the credit for bringing that issue up, asking us what we..., I didn't take that credit from her. As well as Ms. Priscilla Taylor, that got the paving done. At no point did I ever personally take credit for getting' any work done on Silver Beach Road.

Second of all, Silver Beach Road is a county road. Silver Beach Road has probably been like that for how many years?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: A lot.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Ever.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I've been here six. I didn't cause it, tryin' to fix it but it is a county road. You had already been down to the county because the people that you named standing at the podium, is out of the engineering department. When I called them, they said, they had already spoken to you. So, she already had the information as to what the timetable was, what was gonna happen. She already had all of that before she came to the mic the last time. I just don't wanna take credit. I didn't say I was gon' fix Silver Beach Road. I had absolutely nothing to do but facilitate getting stuff done and meeting with county staff.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I do wanna address that. I did bring that up, we were having many community members that were complaining about the safety

of the bumpiness of the road. Councilman Davis mentioned that too at one of the meetings some time ago. I did take the lead on it. Many people had been very happy that the road is no longer bumpy. I will definitely get with Ms. Wilder and find out the concerns she's having now regarding water puddling. I'm not aware of that situation but I know for the most part, we've had a overwhelming amount of people that have been very happy that the road has been paved. I know Councilman Guyton did, at one point, say that he wanted to be involved in that as well because it covered some of his area.

So, from this point, you know, I've heard nothing but positive comments regarding the street paving. Again, Ms. Wilder, I will more than happily get with you tomorrow or tonight after the meeting so we can see what type of concerns that you're having. I did receive that same letter this evening when I came before the meeting. So, I did see the letter said, if you had any other further concerns, to contact the county because it is a county road. But, I, I certainly will not say Ms. Jones should take the credit on that because she did not take the credit at the time in which we moved forward to get it done. Her department assisted me as well as when..., like I said, Mr. Guyton said that he wanted to participate. I know I sat it with the City, the town of Lake Park as well as some of their workers on the phone. I had a conference with them. And then we moved forward with working with the county.

So again, like I said, I received numerous amounts of positive accolades for getting the road paved because it, for many years, it has always been a road that has been bumpy. And, you know, it was [stammer], it kept coming to us saying that it was a safety hazard for many people traveling that road. So, I'm sorry to hear that, you know, we paved the road and now we have additional concerns but I will certainly get with you Ms. Wilder.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Fane Lozman.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman, Singer Island. For the record, the public comment card says to have your address back here. We need to talk a little bit more about the address situation. In terms of raw acres, I'm the largest owner or raw acres in Singer Island today. Now granted, most of it's underwater but I'm still the largest owner of land on Singer Island with five different properties. Okay? Now, the police chief said my address should be in there to get in the computerated dispatch system. If somebody comes there and falls down and hurts themselves or there's a fire, they need an address to go to. It's a standard operating procedure. It's not a law that says you can't give me an address. Ms. McKinney doesn't wanna give me an address. Now, I've talked to..., I've tried to contact Ms. Jones for years, she won't call me back. Ms. McKinney, Jeff Gagnon, and Peter Ringle came during working hours, in a City vehicle to my property, around noon to try to convince two DEP inspectors that we were damaging mangos. That's not Ms. McKinney's job. Ms. McKinney is not a code enforcement officer yet these three came to harass me with DEP. I tried to discuss it with Ms. Jones for over a year, she won't call me back. Ms. Jones, if it's the last thing I do, I'm going

around I'm talking to residents around Singer Island, around the City, no one on Singer Island likes you. They are..., they think you're a leadership failure because of what the OIG report said with all that \$850,000 in misconduct.

Cedrick Thomas and Bruce Guyton, they're not gonna be on that dais March 15th. The people that replace them..., you're gonna be fired March 15th. I promise you that. Okay? So you have two votes to keep you but you're gonna be fired March 15th when Guyton..., at least Guyton, he's not gonna be around on March 15th. But the bottom line is, who do you think you are blowing off any taxpayer who pays your bills? Okay. You don't have the discretion to say, 'Oh, I'm gonna talk to this person, I'm not gonna talk to that person.' Okay? You're gonna have to talk to me sooner or later but apparently you're not so we're gonna get you fired when the new Council comes on board.

Now, Judge Rogers, and I gave a copy of it to the Mayor, and Ms. McKinney has a copy of it, but Judge Rogers signed a stipulated Final Judgement with the City twenty years ago. In that agreement it said the City would maintain the public access easement between Seawinds and Via Delfino. That's a public document. The City was a party to that legal action. Yet, Ms. Jones and Ms. McKinney are ignoring Judge Rogers stipulated Final Judgment by not maintaining the public easement. They don't..., they can't supplant what Judge Rogers and Palm Beach Courts did. But yet they're doing it. Say, 'Oh, we don't know what you're talking about. Oh, we don't know anything about it.' They have a copy of the stipulated Final Judgement. The City has to maintain the easement and they're not maintain it. Giant trees are growing in the easement and is impassable. So, when Ms. McKinney sent her letter to the Mayor, she lied and Ruth Jones...

[Beep]

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...lied to by giving it to, to the Mayor and signing off on it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Ms. Miller-Anderson, your comments.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Well, what I wanna..., this is probably gonna be a..., people make sure you all record this very well. Mr. Guyton, are you still there? Mr. Guyton is gone? Did he leave us?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm, I'm still here, Mr. Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Guyton you know I miss you sitting next to me here.

[Laughter]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I, I would hope that you say things that are sincere Ms. Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And very much. I won't lie, I won't lie to you. I do hope you feel better very, very soon. I was very.., I was a little bothered to hear that you had got in an accident and I didn't find out about until we were at the Marina, um...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the groundbreaking.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm, I'm sorry...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...that I, I...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You should've called me.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: News didn't get to you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No, it didn't. But, I hope you feel better. Much, much sooner than later, okay?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, dear.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You're welcome.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I really appreciate it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And I am sincere about that part for sure.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I, I know you are and, and...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Chuckles].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And everybody knows that...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I can't say I'm...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...we don't take anything personal.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...missing you that much but I, eh...

[Laughing].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I do hope you feel better, that's for sure. Just kidding, just kidding.

I did have an opportunity on last night to attend the Non-Profit Circles. I, I believe they did a presentation here maybe about a month ago. And they did their graduation ceremony with the individuals that have been participating for a while. It was very nice. I wasn't the only one that was there. Councilman Davis, as well as Mayor Masters and Ms. Silvia Blue, representing Mr. Guyton were there. That was a very nice program and I'm, I'm glad that I was in attendance.

Also, in maybe our next Council meeting, I, I would like to get on the Agenda to do a presentation as well as with Mayor Masters, in regards to the DC trip that we did take a couple weeks ago, several of us. I think it was about 11 of us that went on the trip. I do want to provide an update of what we did while were up there. E', especially as how it relates to crime in our area. I did speak with our, with our Chief and Assistant Chief prior to me going to DC so I will pre'.., have a presentation that I will do and I'll get with you regarding putting it on the Agenda for our next meeting.

And the other thing is, in January I will be having another community chat in January. We had one a couple months ago and I think that it was, it was, it was pretty successful. I think people want to see more of that so, come January, I'll give more details as we go along.

And, that's it for me tonight.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Guyton? Mr. Guyton? Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, yes, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckles]. I will tell you that Ms. KaShamba Miller-Anderson was sincere a', about you and she even mentioned to me, 'You know, I think I oughta go and.., I'd love to go visit Mr. Guyton in the hospital.' I said, 'Well, I don't know if that's a good idea or not.' So, I didn't know if that make you...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, no.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...better or worse?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I knew she was sincere. I was just joking with her.

[Laughing]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I did say that.

MAYOR MASTERS: She did say it. I just, just a witness.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I, I know. I, I appreciate it too. I appreciate the love.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. The turkeys. We were able to give out 100 turkeys on..., a couple days before Thanksgiving. I want to thank Dunkin Donuts, Steve, for getting the turkeys and bringing them into the formally, the Ivy Green location. It went, it went well. The other thing is, I want to give about 200 bicycles to the children of Riviera Beach for Christmas. And to me, I, I still say Christmas because Christmas is Christmas. It's a national holiday. It's celebrated by the United States of America on December the 25th, is the birth of Christ that we say. And along with Santa Claus and a lot of other stuff that goes on on Christmas Day. So, if any of the businesses, my very dear business partners out there that would like to partner with the Office of the Mayor, we, so far have 40 brand new bicycles that one of the businesses said they would donate. So, I'd like to get another 160 donated and be given to the children as they get a new toy from Chair Pardo, they'll probably get a new bike. Cause I still think children ought to be riding bicycles. These days, maybe the..., it might make things better in the community. You can call me if you're interested in helping to get these new bikes and last, two years ago I think, two years ago we went to Kmart. I went to all the Kmart's up and down the coast to get bicycles so if we have to do it again, we'll do it again. But if you would like to help us to get these new bicycles, please call the Office of the Mayor as soon as possible because the clock it tickin' and winding down.

As I travel around in Riviera Beach, I'm callin' it the 'neighborhood chats'. I'm getting the opportunity to meet people in various neighborhoods and get a chance to talk to them one on one. They get a chance to actually get to know me, not just from Channel 18 or from the news but just to know me not just as the Mayor but as a person and as a individual who love people. I have been treated very warm, very respectful, and very hospitable as I have gone from house to house on the Island. And, I have heard some of your concerns and some of your complaints, criticisms as well as compliments and I do want my friends on the Island to know that I will always stand with the people. We stood with you several years ago. As a matter of fact, that's how I became Mayor because we stood, Dawn Pardo and I and others, stood with the people of the Island who said, 'no' to the big development particularly on public land. And I will always stand, no matter what the issue is, with the people. Again, let the people speak. Government by the people of the people and for the people. As a matter of fact, I said that same statement several years ago right there at the Hilton on, on the Island and nothing has changed.

As I continue these neighborhood chats..., we're on the Island now and we'll be going all over Riviera Beach. I wanna knock on four or five thousand doors of people and just have a fireside, neighborhood chat. But I can tell you that's it's really pressing on the minds of 95% of the people that I have spoken to, people are still outraged about the \$12,000 stipend. I've been clear, I've opposed it then, I'm still opposed and I will carry that message cause I don't want anyone to think that I'm in accord with that. I'm not. I can also tell you, as I have moved around on the mainland, people are outraged at the

increase in the water bill and the storm things, stormwater, whatever they call that thing. People are upset. I haven't found anyone yet who think that was a good idea. I haven't found anyone yet that is really not talking about it. So I will assure you that... I would like to ask this Council to reconsider that water bill increase. People are just upset and they just talking about it everywhere I go. I'm with you. I'm with the people. We need to do something about it. It needs to go back down wherever it was and the, the storm thing as, as well.

The other thing that I wanna mention is that I don't know what's going on in the United States of America. People are shooting police officers because they're police officers. Police officers, some, are shooting and killing children, young adults. It's unbelievable that a 16 year old kid or 17, however he was, shot 16 times in Chicago. Outrageous. It's unbelievable that a five year old kid in Louisiana, sitting in the car, shot and killed and both of them are bad. It doesn't matter to me whether it's black and white, we are precious in God's sight. It's not just black lives matter but all lives matter. All police officers' lives matter. Citizen lives matter. So, we're gonna keep pressing for the body cams. We're gonna keep pressing for the dashboard cams. You hear more about it when..., cause Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson will give the presentation.

But I do wanna ask the Manager, and I conclude with this thought. I was looking at the, the thing in California and I do have relatives that are very close to San Bernadino, that live in that area and Pomona and, of course you know I'm from Pasadena. I know this may sound a little elementary but, I just believe that, you know, we're living in some turbulent times and people always say it can't happen here. I've been talking about security at the library and..., way before the Paris thing and, you know, we have to understand Riviera Beach is in a..., we're a unique City. We have a Homeland Security here. We have a port here. We have a Marina here. We have tourist that come here from all over the world and we just have to continue to try to make our City as safe as possible with the surveillance cameras. But what I wanted to ask the Manager, and I know this sounds somewhat elementary but, I think it's time to do, to do this. Could we possibly have, back in the old day in the school it was called, like, a fire drill for the employees that..., in this building, maybe the library, cause if something happens, we would know which exits to, to, to get outta here because we never know when this could happen. I know it's a elementary idea but...

UNK: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...I just wanna put it out there.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Mayor...

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: With all due respect, okay. We need to be outraged about the shootings here in the City. There's a shooting every night...

MAYOR MASTERS: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...in Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. But we don't about it. We talk about what's going on in other cities surrounding us. We talk about what's going on in other states but we're not talking about what's going on in our City.

MAYOR MASTERS: You're absolutely correct.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: There are, you know, I mentioned this a couple of weeks ago. This woman came up to me and said, 'Ms. Pardo, I had to sleep on the floor with my kids because bullets were ricocheting off of my house.' In Riviera Beach. In the United States, it's happening. Okay? So, you know, you can be outraged about what's going on around the country, be a little more outraged about what's going on in the City and demand that there's a plan. That someone...

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You know, the police need to come in front of us. The police need to tell us, as a community what they're doing. I have my meetings with the Chief, I know what they're doing. Okay? The community has no idea what they're doing. The community has no idea that it is a group, a small group of people who's causing the shootings. Okay? Someone needs to address this with the community.

MAYOR MASTERS: In all due...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right? And I truly believe..., let's be outraged about what's going on in our City....

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...before we start focusing on what's going on in neighboring cities and cities around the country. It's, you know...

MAYOR MASTERS: No. I understand.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We always talk about, you know...

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Let's start at home?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Let's truly...

MAYOR MASTERS: And it starts...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...start at home. And, you know, I'm gonna be talking to the Manager about this. The Chief needs to get in front of us and tell us what's going on. Tell the community. We owe that to everyone. There are so many people who are afraid to drive through this City at night. And that is completely outrageous.

Alright. Mr. Guyton, do you have anything to...

MAYOR MASTERS: But, I wasn't finished.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...add?

MAYOR MASTERS: I didn't finish. I was, I...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No. You, you said...

MAYOR MASTERS: No. You just kinda started talking.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Go ahead, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: But, just in, in all respect to you, Madam Chair, I don't think anyone up here or anyone in this room has done more or as much to work against violence in this City, way before I became a Mayor..., the marches, the, the prayer vigils, the talking to gang members. And, I only mentioned the national, global thing because it's just getting bad, worse everywhere. And, of course, Riviera Beach is just as bad as the rest but I had asked the Manager about, can we have a fire drill or some kind of emergency dill in the building for employees will know which..., where the exits are and how to get out, like quickly if something happens in the library or over here. That was my question. And you just started talking. [Laughing]

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I thought you heard her say, yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: I didn't hear it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

MAYOR MASTERS: I still can't hear her. There's the mic. I, I...

CITY MANAGER JONES: There's no protocol for fire drills. I would rather call it an evacuation drill.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Because, if somebody is shooting in the lobby, you wanna stay hunkered down where you are. You do not wanna be going out there. So there's a difference depending on what the event is and so it would be working out the strategy if there was a shooter in the building, what's the exit strategy? If...

MAYOR MASTERS: And that's what I'm talking about.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...there's something else.

MAYOR MASTERS: Can we do that? Can we have a drill...

CITY MANAGER JONES: We'd have to put it together and then once we get it together we'll share it with you and then we'll talk about any practices as it relates to it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Cause people need to know how to get out this building, upstairs if somebody's happenin'..., something's happening downstairs.

CITY MANAGER JONES: If something's happening downstairs and they shooting, you wanna lock your door and stay hunkered down. You don't wanna walk nowhere cause you don't know who's outside either.

MAYOR MASTERS: I think you need to do both.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. So...

MAYOR MASTERS: I mean...

CITY MANAGER JONES: See, that's...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...it may be both.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...why it's...

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I just want you to think about it, Madam, Madam Manager. Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We'll present the strategy to you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You done? Alright. Mr. Guyton, are you still there?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes, I am Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Oh, God. Okay. I thought we lost ya.

[Laughing]

MAYOR MASTERS: Hi, Mr. Guyton.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We're trying to get outta here. Okay, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hello. Hello. Hello.

[Laughing].

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. Can you hear me?

MAYOR MASTERS: Are you there?

[Laughing]

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hello.

MAYOR MASTERS: It seems like we love you better away then when you're here.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Ms. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Go ahead Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: You hear me?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, we can hear you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. [Laughing].

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It was a joke.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: First, first let me thank everyone who's reached out to me as a result of my accident. Ms. Miller-Anderson, I certainly appreciate your, your warm words. I was only joking about the sincerity. I sit by you and certainly we've gotten to know each other better. And let me say this too, some people think that if I

disagree on a political issue that maybe I don't like those people. I don't dislike anybody up there personally. We may have different politics but I think all of us have good intentions. We just have different ideas about how to get to that end result. So, I don't want people to think just because I get passionate and I don't like this and that is not true. Truth be told, I don't dislike any of those people who, who oppose me. Well, maybe one person, I'll admit that I really personally don't like and I'll say it. I'm not gonna call any names.

Now, having said that, um, the, the thing about me being on the phone, it was not a fender bender. Let me just tell the people who may not have been aware. I didn't tell many. But, I was t-boned, somebody read the red, ran the red light. As a, as a result of being t-boned, the vehicle that I was in was completely totaled and demolished. I ended up in the hospital for three days and those people were charged with the accident. There was no fault on my part. So, I'm doing better. By the grace of God, I'm still here and I'd like to thank all of you that reached out to me. I didn't tell many but..., and I don't like to start calling names but the Mayor, of course, Councilman Thomas, the Chair, Ms. Jones, Ms. Ryan, and all of the other Staff Members that did find out about it reached out. I really appreciate it. And I know if more would've known, more would've reached out. But thank you. I'm doing well. But, it was not a fender bender and that's why I'm not there. I am trying to get around slowly but I'm still in some pain from that accident.

The other thing that, that I have tonight, Madam Chair, is that..., I'm pulling my notes together here. The amnesty program has not been discussed much. As it relates to code enforcement, we still have an amnesty program. Which means, if the property is brought up to code, it does not matter how many fines or liens that's on that property, all you have to do is pay a small administrative fee and I would even consider eliminating that little small fee and, and then everything is okay. The impression is being given that we are trying to collect \$800, or \$500, 000. That is absolutely not true. The code enforcement, in my opinion, is very vital to the quality of life that we, we, we all seek. So, as we discuss this code enforcement issue, please make sure that we throw in there that there is a amnesty program and all of those fines go away when the property is brought up to code.

The, the other thing that, that, that I have tonight is, I would like to ask my... Wait, wait, before I got there. I'd like to thank Ms. Blue, who's my legislature aide and I'm a little partial so I think that she's best legislative aide this side of the Mississippi. But they're all good, all of the legislative aides but, of course, we're gonna be partial to our own. But she spoke for me at the Circle's graduation because I was unable to make it and I got very good reviews of how well she did. I was told she did a phenomenal job and I told those people I was not surprised because she's a phenomenal lady. So Ms. Blue, thank you for all that you do and I really appreciate the support that you've been giving me during my tenure.

The last thing that I have is, I need support from my colleagues. We received a Master Plan from Viking. Viking is coming up at the CRA meeting and I've reviewed that plan in

detail. We've had several dates that if we haven't reached an agreement then we maybe need to part ways. I, I think on the 9th, I think they're gonna have an opportunity to present the Master Plan. It's my position and it's my hope that my colleagues would support me in directing Staff, should this last try not work, that we have an exit plan to separate from Viking from the Marina Project. Viking, very good people personally. I have nothing personal against them but I don't think, it's my humble opinion, that they are a good fit with Riviera Beach. Everybody know I've been pro development, pro-business from day one. That is how we stimulate economies. At some point we need to realize that, if it's not working, if a relationship be it business or personal, no matter who point the finger at whom, if it's not working, we need to part ways and everybody go and do their thing and continue to live. So, if.., I'm, I'm, I'm requesting that my colleagues at least allow Staff, should this last effort not work, to prepare an exit strategy so if it doesn't work, we can stop going back and forth. Because, we need to finish this project. I don't think Viking is a good fit. That's my humble opinion.

And there are several things and I'll, I'll go into them next week at the CRA meeting. One of the things that jumped outta that plan on me, and, and what said to me that's been bugging me for a long time, the people at Viking once told me that, 'we should not be concerned about sales revenue from the restaurants.' I said, 'Really?' They said that, we should only be concerned about the jobs being created and the property taxes that would be generated. I'm saying in my mind, that would be absolutely correct if it were Viking property. That's all we should expect if it were Viking property. Jobs being created, property taxes. If it is the people's property, which it is, the sales that are generated, we should get a portion of that. So, that, that was one of my issues. I'm not gonna go into all of 'em. The other thing that made me come to this difficult decision was, we have a lease with Viking on the yachts that sit right in the middle of our project. Viking sent us a letter said, 'We're gonna cancel that lease on you.' And then they subsequently put it into this Master Plan under conditions that we did not agree to. And yet, they're gonna say that, 'Well, we can negotiate that and go back and forth.' I'm tired of going back and forth.

The other thing that they did that made me reach that decision, we had agreed to swap some land to do the public market. They sent a letter that said, 'You know what? We're not gonna do that swap with you either.' They put it in the Master Plan. And essentially, as I see it from my experience, they know that those two pieces are critical to this project. It's my opinion they're trying to force us into submission. Now I'm really not feeling them now.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The other thing...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So, so Mr. Guyton...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...that they're...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Are you looking to make a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I am. But, just, just let me, let me..., just this last thing cause I don't want people to think that this was an emotional decision.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You still talking.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. But...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: This has been something bugging me. I, I love my data, documents, and evidence.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And I just wanna...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: But...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...lay out very briefly. This the last point and I'll go into more detail. Yes. And I am gonna put a motion on the floor. The last point is, on Page 5 of their Master Plan, that on Yachts and Properties, they said that they're gonna hold it in escrow...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...and transfer it from Viking to the CRA upon the following conditions. And what they essentially said that, when the site plan is approved and all of the required approvals and when the get a CEO and, and I'm sayin' that, that is a, a way to try to usurp our review and approval process. I would never agree to that. Never. We can't sit and say that we're gonna approve this before it go through the approval process. So, I'm, I'm, I'm asking my colleagues, it's at that point and I'd like to put a motion on the floor that we direct Staff to develop an exit strategy should this last effort not make. And this effort should end on December 9th. If we don't agree to it then, it needs to be over. We need to part ways, cut our losses and we need to move forward and get that project done.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So, that is...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...there's a...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...a motion...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: There's a motion...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Only...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...on the floor.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...to ask Staff to prepare an exit strategy should this last effort not work.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I'll second that for discussion.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Properly moved in second. Mr. Thomas.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton, it's Councilman Thomas here. I was wondering if this motion would be just a bit mature, premature. It's a little premature for me because I have not finished the plan. Obviously, you've already read all the way through it. I have not read all the way through it yet. I don't know what this motion would, would actually do because if we come to that agreement, we're gonna have to have a, a different plan anyway. But before I, I make a., before I would vote on this, I was just wondering if you would allow me to at least finish the plan. I'm just uncomfortable voting on it and I have not finished reading the plan yet.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, yeah. And, and let me say this. The only thing that I am saying, that we should not wait until the negotiations fall apart again to try to develop an exit strategy. We, we, we need to have a plan in place. And I'm just saying, now is the time. We need to have the plan in place because it's my opinion, my humble opinion, that I don't think that Viking thinks that we would part ways with them. And I will. I don't know about the rest of you all. I love my City but I'm not finna compromise the return on prime property to any developers, no matter how nice they are, very nice. I'm not saying that they're bad people. They're business people but the profit margin that they're trying to reach, I'm not willing to do that at the expense of the return of our residents. That's not gon' happen with me. So, if, if we're seeing that we keep going back and forth and we're not reaching a agreement, at some point somebody need to say that, 'we need an exit strategy.' So, so we can part our ways and not wait until it all fall apart and then we try to decide, 'well, what are we gonna do now?' So, that's the only thing...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...I'm sayin'.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Let's get ahead...

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

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...of the curve.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...to even say anything...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And should we not need...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...else.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...it, fine.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Cause I don't wanna continue...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Alright. Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: If we need it we can move forward.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. Alright. We get it. So, Mr. Thomas, you have anything else?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Uh...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So, it's basically to have the CRA and the City Staff work on an exit strategy?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I don't think we need...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: That's the motion.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...a motion for that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mr...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I, I just.., I have not read the plan all the way through and I just don't wanna make motions when I haven't read it through. I mean, it's on the floor. I gave it...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: ...a second but I, I'm, I just can't support it. I haven't read it all the way through.

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

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. That's fine.

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

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Davis, go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Just real briefly. This is something, while I do respect how Mr. Guyton has his own particular opinion how he feels, I love the City as well. But Staff get paid a lot of money to prepare these types of things anyway. I don't think there's a motion even necessary that be placed on the floor. Staff should just take that into consideration, how important it is to have a plan in place. There's no motion necessarily needed for that. I think this is a, a, not a bit premature but I just think it's early. I mean, the public don't even know we have the documents that, that he's having this conversation in front of them now, now as we speak in this meeting because they didn't come prepared for something like this to happen. So, I didn't wanna put nobody else in a peculiar position. Staff know what they have to do.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: They know they have to make recommendations for both sides whether we keep Viking or whether we decide to part ways. That's something that, with all due respect to you Councilman Guyton, that I just truly feel is truly not even necessary to do. But, Staff, I think that's something that Staff just need to go ahead and do.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright, Ms. Miller, do you have anything?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That's their, that's their job.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I kinda concur with Councilman Davis and Thomas in this situation because of the fact that, one, this isn't the meeting and, and you know, the meeting hasn't come up yet. And also, for this to be such a big deal like Councilman Davis said, Staff should be preparing for this anyway. And, and if they're not, then we need to reevaluate some things because we should not operate in a manner of, 'okay, today they're gone. Okay, not what are we gonna do?' That's just something you should be thinking about anyway. And I don't want to agree to say that we need to do this tonight because it gives off the perception that, this is what we're planning to do. And that is not what I'm planning to do immediately until I hear everything. So, not saying that I'm against doing it. I mean, it's no harm in doing it but I don't feel we need to do a motion.., to make a motion to have that done. That's just common sense to have a plan, a backup plan in case we decide to go that way.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. And, I agree with that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Let me...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I've already...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...let me say this Madam...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Wait.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hold on a second. I'm speaking right now. I've already had the conversation with Staff including the CRA. And, you know, I know for a fact that they're working on, you know, Plan B. So, you know, I agree. We don't need a motion but the mot'..., there's a motion on the floor and a second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, Madam, Madam Chair, I, I rescind that motion if it makes my colleagues uncomfortable. I been in...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...this game a long time. That's, that's unnecessary.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. That's fine.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But, but, but the point I, I, I really wanna make...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...is that...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So, Staff is moving forward.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Is that, right now I don't feel that the City is gonna be able to move forward with Viking on this project. I'm, I don't wanna do this for a few more years. They apparently have a bottom line they're trying to reach that, you know, I'm not willing to sacrifice the residents for it. So, I, you know, at some point, we, we need to cut the umbilical cord.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And we need to move on.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, and...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And we will...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm at that point now. So...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. And we will...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, but whenever...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...have this...

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...you all wanna do it...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...discussion. Right. So, it's on the Agenda. Mr. Brown posted the Agenda a little while ago. So, it's on the Agenda for next Wednesday and we will have the discussion.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: At that time.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Well, everybody, everybody as they always do, they know my position, I lay out my reasons.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: That's fine.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I, I think we're spinning our wheels now. I know it in the.., it in election cycle and people are a little reluctant but, you know, the people come first with me. It's, it's not some out.., some people who may, may have some other interest. My interest is for the people and, and what I've read is not a good deal for our residents and I'm not willing to go back and forth now. 'Well, I'll offer this and we'll offer that.'

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: We, we told them that they can only develop...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We're good.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: ...one pad. They have all four pads in there.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: When are they gonna respect what we say?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: He on medication.

[Laughing].

UNK: Oh my gosh.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No. I'm just saying it respective. Ya'll know, I'm, I'm not, I'm tryin...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No. I'm just saying.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Guyton, go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I, I said respective.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm done.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You know.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm done. Everybody knows my position.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm done. I, I'm just telling you, it's time for us to move on.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's my opinion.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And we look forward to having the discussion...

CITY MANAGER JONES: On Wednesday.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...next Wednesday. Alright. So, we're...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...gettin' ready to adjourn.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Hol', I just wanna say something...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...to Councilman Guyton real...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...Thomas.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...quick.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I just wanted to say this very quickly. First, Ma', Madam Manager, I would like for you to go ahead and give the entire Board but I'm re', requesting the, the process., what happens for afterhours turn-offs and turn-ons and what needs to take place. This has happened a few times where., and on weekends as well, what happens. So can you provide that to us as well as put it out so that the, the general public can have that as well.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Talking bout...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: For turn-offs and turn-ons.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Waters...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: For water.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Turn-offs and turn-ons.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I, I'll... Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright.

CITY MANAGER JONES: How people report a turn off?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Or...

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So, if, if they, if their water is turnt off and it's after hours, they get home after 5:00 and everybody's gone, what needs to happen so that they're not just on a loop and they're not getting, you know, you know, that, that squared away. So, if you can do that.

The, the last thing I wanted to say is, there's been a, a few deaths that have taken place. First, I want to acknowledge my, my brother, my blood brother, Arthur Edwards, he lost his father, Arthur Edwards, Sr. So, I'm sending my brother, you know, my love and my condolences. As well, we lost a long time Public Works Coach, Clint Watson who was for a City, who was actually my little league coach as well.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Sorry.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So, we're wishing his family well and sending condolences. And, you have not seen my assistant here. It wasn't because she just been overworked from turkey giveaway. She actually lost her grandmother as well. And, as most of you know, he grandmother raised her so it's just like her

mother. So, she's dealing with that and please if you, if you know, you know her or can contact her, please send her some well wishes. I talked to her briefly today before coming in and it's, uh..., she's really taking it hard. She could definitely use some love from her family here at the City. So, we're sending that out. Hope, we're thinking about you with that.

That's all I wanted to make sure that...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: That's it.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I just wanna say something to Councilman Guyton.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Let's go.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Councilman Guyton, when I made a reference to you being medicated, I just want you to deal with the pain and try and get you some rest. I know you was a little long winded tonight, I know how you feel. But you need to get some rest, man. But we hope, we hope you do better and get better. So when I was referencing medication, I was referencing you need rest cause we know you on medication cause you been in a lot of pain. But I hope you get well. Take your time getting back. We'll be waiting on you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. There's no more business on the table. We are adjourned.

[Gavel]

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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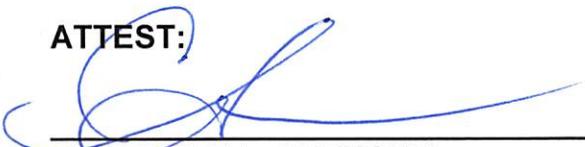


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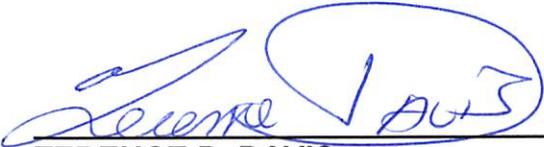


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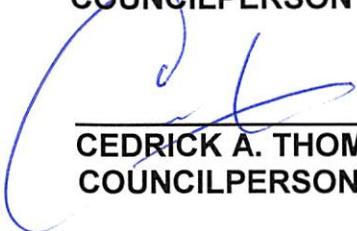
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