

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.**

[Audio starts at 06:16]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mic check.

**CHAIR PARDO:** There we go.

**CITY CLERK CALLS THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Thank you. Good evening, everyone.

[Inaudible discussions]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** We're here for our regular City Council meeting. The date is April 6, 2016. I ask that you silence your cellphones, out of respect for those that will be conducting business this evening.

**ROLL CALL**

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** We're gonna proceed with the roll call. Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Present.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Here.

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

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Present.

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

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Present.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Pamala Ryan. [Pause].

**INVOCATION**

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** We're gonna proceed with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilperson Miller-Anderson.

[Moment of silence]

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** I pledge allegiance...

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

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** At thi'...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Madam Chair?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Yes? Councilperson Miller-Anderson.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Before we get started, I just have a question in regards to, um, us proceeding. And, you know, I'm trying to make sure we're doing things the right way and we're not getting caught doing things that, you know, we're not supposed to be doing. I have a question in regards to Mr. Guyton being that he's in the runoff. Is he..., point me in the direction of where it states that he's to remain until the, um, until the runoff is completed? Because, at this point, with it..., went on the ballot, I was under the impression that would...

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...mean that this position is vacant.

**UNK:** What is the question?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Let the record reflect that City Attorney Ryan is sitting on the Board. Ms. Ryan, Councilperson Miller-Anderson wants to be shown in the City's Code of Ordinances where it states that Mr. Guyton is to continue to serve. [Pause]. If...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. I'm assuming that you are making the point that because there will be a...

[Inaudible whispering]

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...runoff..., after the runoff, that...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yeah. Because there's a runoff and, and then also, in regards to the three year terms...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...and that is stated.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. Under Section 7 of Article 2 of the City's Charter, it states that the terms of the present elected City officials shall continue until successors thereto have been elected and qualified at the regular and runoff election here and above provided and all shall take office at the next regular City Council meeting after general election.

That's the section that, in my opinion, applies to this situation.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay. So, but it states that it's a runoff. That would've covered the March 29<sup>th</sup> one. This one that is coming up is considered a special runoff election. Correct?

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

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay. So does that.., I don't see where that speaks to a special runoff election.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. Unfortunately, your, your Charter is.., like the Constitution, it is general. So, you have to look at every section of it to try to make sense of it and there is no specific section that talks about what happens if there's a tie vote in a runoff election. However, there are no other provisions of the Charter or the Code that seem to apply to this position. So you have to look at the thing that applies the closest and that would be this section of the Charter.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** And...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I, I don't know what else.., what section would you point to to say that he should be thrown off of the...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** What about the section in terms of how long a position is granted to an elected official? The three year term. How does that.., how do you measure that?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, his term... It is a three year term.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** However, it is a three year term. However, it also says in... The Code speaks to what occurs if you have, um, if you.., well, it speaks to.., if your

term ends, it speaks to it continuing until somebody is elected afterwards. The only other sections that could apply would be a vacancy but our Code and our Charter talk about vacancies in terms of being removed from office, in terms of a person dying or resigning. It does not say that a person who is, uh, running for their same office and actively participating in the, the process, that they should be removed and some other process should be instituted.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** But at the time when they apply and put their name on the ballot, aren't we considering it a vacant spot as to why we put it on the ballot and...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No. It's not a vacant spot. Just like, you know, Mr. Thomas served until his position was filled. He served until tonight, when his position, you know, we certified the results, Canvassing Board and, uh, the new Councilperson in his seat will be sitting tonight. So there's nothing.., you know, I've looked at this very closely.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And, there's nothing else that really can apply. There's another section of the Code that talks about.., and the Charter, as you all, that talks about the Mayor's role. It says that in the case of a vacancy, it goes to that word vacancy and.., but, vacancy is, is defined later. The Mayor has the right to vote on a vacancy in the case of a tie vote. But that's in a totally different section and it deals with a, a different scenario that we've had before. We had a Councilperson who resigned to run for a different office and, um, the Council filled the vacancy. But, and, you know, in my years here, we've never had a tie vote at a runoff election. So this is a pretty novel experience for this City. You know? It's, it's funny, when you start researching this, you find out that there, are, there are several cities in this sta'.., in this state that have had the issue and countless in the, the, country. And some Charters don't speak to it at all and that's when they start pulling straws. The State of Florida says you, you know, you, um, you pull straws to figure it out and, you know, that's one of the things that our Supervisor of, of Elections wanted to do but we don't do that in, in Riviera Beach. We talk about a runoff election, a second runoff election. And, although it may be costly, that's what the process provides for, at some point and I, I just think that we will be setting ourselves up for litigation if we, if we say that we have the right to remove him, essentially from the position un'.., while it's, it's still being, uh, voted upon.

I, I don't know. What you rather, what would...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** I just... Well, I'm looking to you for the answer cause I, I don't have the answer is why I'm asking you. And I just wanna make sure that we're within...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I have certainly, of course, I, you know...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Because I know it...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...I knew that issue...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...it appears...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...might come up.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...to be silent on here because, obviously, we, at this point, we don't know of it ever happening before but I know that it states that the continuance applies to there., when it says, when it talks about the regular municipal...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...election and then the regular runoff but it doesn't specify the special runoff...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...election. And, um, that's where I, I have concerns at.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** And the fact that we say that each position is for three yea'.., a three year term, I would think that he was elected or, or sworn in sometime in March three years ago which we're now in April so it's going beyond that time. I, I, you know, maybe this is another error that has been overlooked or maybe this is a, a situation where it wasn't thought about but I don't want to speculate or assume that because it's not there, we're.., this is what it is and then we have to pay, you know...

**UNK:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...out the pocket for it later. So, I'm gonna go with what you're sayin'. I, I don't know that I necessarily feel that I've gotten a clear answer or, um, been directed to some sort of document that supports what we are trying to do and proceed with.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. Let me just say, I researched this issue personally and I found nothing that prohibited, any person, take me out of the scenario, any person to be removed before someone else has been elected to replace them. Nowhere did I find that. We're trying to infer things in language and, and insinuate.

When we're dealing with these type of issues it needs to be specified about the action. If it's silent, it remains how it is. Unless there is language that prohibits it. It's not. And I, I looked it, looked for it myself, I couldn't find it and, um, personally, I think this is a mute issue but we're entitled to question whatever...

**UNK:** Absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...someone has a question about. So...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But that, that's my feeling.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Madam Chair. And I, you know, I think I somewhat agree with Mr. Guyton on that part of saying that we don't have documents to support or, or deny it and that's my concern. So, we're kinda somewhat saying the same thing but I don't think we have clearly identified why it's okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, I've tried to give you my legal opinion, um...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Right. I hear you.

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

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

#### **I. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED AND PRESENTATION OF ELECTION CERTIFICATE TO EACH NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL**

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** There will be no further discussion. We will move forward with the swearing in ceremony.

[Inaudible comments]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Good evening once again. It is indeed my pleasure and honor to stand before you as your City Clerk to perform the ceremon'..., swearing in ceremony for our newly elected officials. At this time, we're gonna have the Mayor to come forward. The Mayor has elected to have retired Judge Edward Rogers to swear him in. [Pause]. I see him, Mr. Davis. So we ask that [pause] you all come forward. [Pause].

[Inaudible discussions]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Where's Walter?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** You want them to come that way, Judge? Or you wanna stand on this side? If you...

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** [Inaudible]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** I usually stand here, Judge so if you wanna stand here, you're more than welcome to do so.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** [Inaudible].

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Everyone has a different...

[Background discussions]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Okay. If I can get everyone to back up for a minute.

[Chuckles]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Don't crowd me in. I am being told by retired Judge Rogers, that Councilperson Elect Tonya Davis-Johnson and Councilperson Elect Terence Davis will also be sworn in by him. Those individuals did not advise me of that. So, at this time, I need for you all to come and advise my Staff of what your preference is. But until they do that, you may proceed with our Mayor Elect.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Wait. Where are all your cameras?

[Laughter]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I don't know. Palm Beach Post didn't endorse me so they might not be here tonight.

**UNK:** Judge...

[Inaudible] background comments]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Hey, Mr. Miller, how ya doing tonight? Good. Okay.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Alright. Bishop, would you raise your right hand...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. Just one second.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Repeat after me or you gonna use the Bible? You have your swear in...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Inaudible] here?

**UNK:** Right here.

**MAYOR MASTER:** Okay.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Would you raise your right hand and repeat after me?  
I, just repeat your name.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I, Bishop Thomas A. Masters, Sr.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Hereby...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Hereby.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** A citizen of the... Well, I guess I better put on some  
glasses here.

[Laughter]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** A citizen of the United States of America.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Yeah. He knows it all.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Chuckle]. And a resident.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Do hereby swear that I am duly qualified.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I do hereby affirm that I am duly qualified.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** For the office that I'm about to undertake.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** For the office that I'm about to undertake.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** And, having been elected to represent as Mayor of  
the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Oh, I can't remember all that.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Okay.

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So let's, let's do a little bit shorter version, Judge.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** That I have been duly qualified to serve as the Mayor  
of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That I have been duly qualified to serve as Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** And I solemnly swear and/or affirm.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I solemnly affirm.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** That I will support the Constitution of the United States of America.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That I will support the Constitution of the United States of America.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** And I will faithfully undertake to serve as the Mayor of Riviera Beach.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. Stop right there.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And I will...

[Laughter]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...faithfully undertake to serve as Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** And I will uphold and enforce the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Riviera Beach.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I will enforce the Ordinances, the Charter and everything else you said as Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach.

[Chuckles]

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** And I will uphold the laws of the City of Riviera Beach.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Say that again. I will what?

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Uphold, faithfully uphold the laws of...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I will faithfully uphold the laws of the City of Riviera Beach.

[Inaudible comments]

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** And perform all the duties of the Office of Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And to...

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** In which I'm about to enter.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And to perform all the duties of the Office of Mayor which I'm about to enter.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** So help me God.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So help me God.

**UNK:** Amen.

**UNK:** Amen.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Then you're gonna sign. He's gonna sign.

[Inaudible background comments]

[Applause]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mr. Mayor, if you will please sign your oath.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's it for me right?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** No it is not, Mr. Mayor.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Congratulations.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** I need for you to stand right there, please.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. Thank you, Judge.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** My pleasure.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** For your support down through the years.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Yeah. We've been together a long time.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mayor Thomas A. Masters, I present to you, your Oath of Office and your Certificate of Election as the City Clerk and the Supervisor of Elections for the City of Riviera Beach, here you go.

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

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Here you are also being provided a copy of Robert's Rules of Order as well as a condensed, we no longer give the big book.

[Chuckles]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A condensed version of...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Debbie?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...information that has been provided by the state of what you should follow.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Congratulations.

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

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** You may be seated in your seat.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** On the dais.

[Applause and hollers]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** At this particular time because ladies are first...

[Chuckles]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...I would like to call up Ms. Tonya Davis Johnson. Newly elected representative for Council District 3.

[Applause]

[Inaudible discussions]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Do you have anyone coming with you?

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** [Inaudible].

[Inaudible discussions]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Bishop Ranger is Tonya's pastor. That's wonder. It just tuned out that way.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Is there anybody else that's coming?

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** [Inaudible].

[Inaudible discussions]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Ms. Tonya Davis Johnson, I will ask that you raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, repeat your name.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** I, Tonya Davis Johnson.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And of the United States of America.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** And of the United States of America.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And being elected.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** And being elected.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** To represent.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** To represent.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** City Council District 3.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** City Council District 3.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** In the City of Riviera Beach.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** In the City of Riviera Beach.

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**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Palm Beach County, Florida.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And a recipient.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** And a recipient.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Of public funds.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Of public funds.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** In this capacity.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** In this capacity.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Do hereby solemnly affirm.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Do hereby solemnly affirm.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Under oath.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Under oath.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That I will support the Constitution.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** That I will support the Constitution.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Of the United States.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Of the United States.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And of the State of Florida.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** And of the State of Florida.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And conform to the statutes.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** And conform to the statutes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And general laws.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** And general laws.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Of the State of Florida.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Of the State of Florida.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And do all in my power.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** And do all in my power.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** To uphold.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** To uphold.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Support.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Support.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And enforce.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** And enforce.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** The Charter.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** The Charter.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And Ordinances.

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**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Of the City of Rivera Beach, Florida.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And perform the duties.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** And perform the duties.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** For the Office of.

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**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Repeat your positon, please.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** City Council District 3.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Upon which I'm about to enter.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Upon which I'm about to enter.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** To the best of my ability.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** To the best of my ability.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** So help me God.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** So help me God.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Congratulations.

[Applause and hollers]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Ms. Davis Johnson, if I can get you to sign your Oath of Office, I will in turn do the same.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** It's a wonderful thing, isn't it? It's a wonderful thing [inaudible].

[Inaudible discussions]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Ms. Tonya Davis Johnson, I present to you your Oath of Office and your Certificate of Election as the representative for City Council District 3.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** As well as your copy of the Robert's Rules of Order given in the complimentary copy by the City Clerk's Office and a condensed version of the Florida Commission on Ethics, Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics and, for public officers and the Florida Municipal Officials Manual.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** These are your tools. Use them well.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you.

[Applause]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And Ms. Tonya Davis, [stammer] Davis Johnson, you may take your seat on the dais.

[Applause]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Ms. Davis Johnson, yes, you do have the big seat.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** I know.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That's because you have big shoes to fill.

**MS. T. DAVIS JOHNSON:** Big shoes to fill.

[Chuckles]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Yes. Last but not least, Councilperson Elect Terence Doran Davis.

[Applause and hollers]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** TD, Touchdown Davis.

[Chuckles]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** I called him by the name that his momma gave him.

[Chuckles]

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

[Laughter]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That will raise his right hand, trust you me.

[Pause]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mr. Davis. Okay. We got one more person. Okay. [Pause]. Mr. Davis, I need for you to raise your right hand and repeat after me. I... Raise your right hand...

[Chuckles]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...and repeat after me. Your momma's standing here.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Alright.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** I, repeat your name.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** I, Terence Davis.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And of the United States of America.

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**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** To represent.

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**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** City Council District 5.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** City Council District 5 at large.

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**PRO TEM DAVIS:** And perform the duties.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** For the Office of.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** For the Office of.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Repeat your position.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** City Council District 5 at large.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Upon which I'm about to enter.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Upon which I'm about to enter.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** To the best of my ability.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** To the best of my abilities.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** So help me God.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** So help me God.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Congratulations.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Thank you.

[Applause]

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. Now, that's a nice picture right there.

[Applause]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mr. Davis, if I can get you to sign your Oath of Office.

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

[Mr. Davis signs]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Thank you. Thank you. Right there. Mr. Davis, I now present you with your Oath of Office and your Certificate of Election. A copy, complimentary copy of the Robert's Rules of Order from the City Clerk's Office as well as a condensed version of some tools that you will need. In addition, I believe the Mayor has one. Ms. Tonya Davis Johnson, I have yours. We also have a lapel pin that reads, "I love Riviera Beach." We want you to wear it proudly.

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

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** No. If want your momma to do it, you can get her to do it.

[Laughter]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** You may have your seat on dais.

[Applause]

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Citizens and business owners of the City of Riviera Beach, this concludes our swearing in ceremony and we will move forward with our meeting. Thank you.

[Whispering and inaudible discussions]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Yes, Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'd like to, before the change of the guard, if I can use that term, I'd like to pursue the line of questioning that KaShamba Miller-Anderson had earlier. I do have some questions, concerns that have been brought to me by residents of the City that I have a fiduciary duty to raise at this time.

Madam Attorney, may I engage you in just a minute or two of a little conversation?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Absolutely.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. Um, I heard what you said and I understand that basically the Charter, the Codes or whatever you wanna call 'em may be somewhat silent. This is a unusual situation. Never before, in the history of this City, have we've had this kind of situation. So, that would certainly attest to the fact that we're not prepared as far as on point, on the point of this particular situation that we now face in a special election. So my question is, Madam Attorney, if the election, special election, would, would be..., let's just hypothetically, in the month of August, would that mean that someone who has not been elected, that can, by the people, does that mean that that person can serve four or five months?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Mr. Mayor, I'm only going by what the Charter says and, uh, I know that was one of the dates, August 30<sup>th</sup> has been put out there by the Supervisor of Elections. Of course, no one wants to see this last until August 30<sup>th</sup> but the date of the election does not, um, change the situation. It, it..., the person would serve until a successor is chosen.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mad'..., Madam Attorney, I understand what you are saying but I think we have a unique situation. We have someone sitting up here who has not be elected...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I have been elected.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...by the people.

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** Thank you.

**UNK:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We also have someone sitting here that we're gonna ask the residents to pay a salary, stipend and whatever else who does not, who has not yet been elected by the people.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That's not true.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We.., Mr. Guyton, I'm asking you to respect my mic at this time. I'll respect yours, sir. Thank you, sir. We also have someone sitting here that was elected for three years. The last time I calculated, three years is not three years and one month, it's not three years and two months, it's not three years and three months, so forth and so on. Three years, to me, means that my colleague or anyone else time is expired. Just like a contract, a contract, if a contract is for a year or two years, it's expired at the end. And the, whoever decides to extend the contract... Now, my question is, does this City Council have authority... One more final point. Also, it is unfair.., if it's a unfair.., and I know all laws in this country ought to be based on fairness and justice. It is an unfair advantage to have someone sitting here three or four months who has not been elected, he has not been and she has not been. So, my question is, does this City Council have the authority, in the spirit of fairness, to vacate that position?

**UNK:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, first of all, the election will be held on May 17, 2016 and not August 30<sup>th</sup> from what I understand. So, we're not talking about three or four months, just to be technical. But, it would be my legal opinion, that you do not have the authority to remove Mr. Guyton from his position and replace him with s'.., the, the City Council and replace it, him with someone else.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Alright.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Of course...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm sorry, Madam Attorney.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Of course, I understand what the word.., why am I lying? Why, what, what, what reason do I have to lie? Anyway...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Stay with...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Um...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...the issue. Thank you.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I'm gonna take my jacket off in a second.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Stay with the issue.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** If this Council can do whatever it wants to do...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Excuse me. We need order, please. We, we, we need order. Thank you.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** This Council can do whatever it wants to do but it is my legal opinion that you do not have the right to remove Mr. Guyton from this position until he is defeated in an election that has been set for May 17, 2016.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** It's been set but it hasn't been approved by the City Council yet, is that correct?

**UNK:** That...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Has to be ratified.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** The Council will discuss... I'm sorry, I had your mic?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** [Nods head].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Chuckle].

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** The Council will discuss that tonight but, as you know, we've gone back and forth with the Supervisor of Elections Office.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I do know that.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And yesterday evening, she consented to the, the date that the City proposed which was May 17, 2016, so that we would comply with our Charter and Code and give 30 days notice to our residents before holding the election.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Attorney, I understand that, um, you, you are giving us your legal opinion but at the end of the day, you.., the Council can decide what action, if any action, ought to be taken basically is what you just said. Is that correct?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes. I'm not the City Council, I don't make the decision. So...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...absolutely. I just, all I do is give you legal advice. I cannot force you to do anything.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, let me just make a suggestion and I don't know how the Council feels. But, um, I always look at issues based on principle and based upon fairness. We have, and I'm gonna go back to it again, we have a situation at hand where no one has been elected to District 1. No one. It was, uh, judged that it was a dead tie which means the tie has not been broken, the way I see it. I think it would give Mr. Guyton, if that's the subject and he is, an unfair advantage of an opponent, certainly one who equalized his legacy as a Councilman.

So, I would like to put this on the record. And this is directed to Mr. Guyton. I am asking you, Mr. Guyton, in fairness to the public, whether they voted for you or against you, it is still taxpayer dollars that are paying for someone who has not been elected. I'm asking if you would step aside for that period of time, whether it's a month or whether it's two months. Whatever it is and allow... That way it, I think, makes it fair to, to you and certainly shows you are a bigger man and, and, uh, it might even help you politically, which I don't want to do.

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But, um, I do want to ask you, that's all I can do. I don't..., I'm not trying to put this Council, particularly a new Council, in a situation to make a decision. Of course, if that's their choice. But, um, I think if it was, if it was me, do unto others is the golden rule. If I had not been elected by the people, I would set aside until the people elect me. And that's the problem, it's the same problem I have with Mr. Guyton's position that the Mayor, or any Mayor should not be elected by the people but appointed by the Council which is not on point. I would never serve in this position as Mayor unless the people put me here.

So I'm asking you, Mr. Guyton, would you step aside for this short period of time, in the spirit of fairness? Thank you, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Clerk? May, may I, may I respond?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mayor Masters, I am not sure what you've been smokin'.

**AUDIENCE:** [Hoots and whistles].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But in no way...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's who's running for office.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** In no way would I ever consider stepping side. Let me tell you why. The people voted me in. The people have not voted me out yet. They have not voted me out. You're trying to flip this script to say that I haven't been elected. What we need to be talking about, have I been defeated? The answer to that is no. And until I am defeated, the people vote me out, I have absolutely no plans of voluntarily stepping down. I serve this community diligently, I focus on the issues. You, with your political shenanigans, because I didn't support you, that's personal. I am not entertaining that. I have not been defeated or removed by the people. And until the people vote me out, I have no plans of going anywhere, Mayor. So, with your political shenanigans, let's stop and move on with the meeting. All of this is calculated. You all had your plans before you got here, it is not happening with me, Mayor.

I have retained an attorney so, should things happen that are not legal, I will be ready to respond. I have no plans of going anywhere, Mayor. And I know for a fact, if this were you, you would not even entertain removing yourself.

**UNK. AUDIENCE:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So, let's not play these little games up here like somehow you would entertain removing yourself before the people have voted you out. That's asinine.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I have no intentions of going anywhere until the people remove me at the ballot.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Clerk...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm, I will be finished...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** If that ever happens.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I, I'm certainly not going to dignify any of Mr. Guyton's, uh, statements because everybody knows, and he, he talks like that to everybody. He's disrespectful to, to the Mayor, he's...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mayor...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...disrespectful...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...don't disrespect me.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...disrespectful to women and the list goes on and on and on. So I'm not gonna go there and, uh, you know. I'm just not gonna go there.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** At this time...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But I would, I would say, Mr. Guyton, I'm gonna ask you to refrain from your personal attacks. Stick on, stay on the record.

Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Don't personally...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** At this...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...attack me.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** At this time, we will open the floor for nominations for the City Council Chair...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Madam Chair?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...to serve for 2016, 2017.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Madam Chair, I had a question...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Yes, Ms. Miller-Anderson.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...before we do that. Um, now, I know we're, we're considering looking for a Chair and, and a Pro Tem but with the election still approaching [pause], how fair would that be to leave whoever it is that is going to win out of having the opportunity to be the Chair or Vice Chair? Um, I, I, I think that we should hold off until after the election to do the nominations for those positions and, um, you know, just so they have a fair opportunity to participate as well.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Is that a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** I'm making a making a motion that we hold off on the nominations for the Chair and Pro Tem until after the swearing in of the District 1 Councilperson is...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...in positon.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** It has been motioned and second. Are there any comments?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. Point of clarification. Does that mean that Chair Dawn Pardo will continue to act as Chair until a Chair has been, um, [stammer], since we don't believe in electing folks, so selected by the City Council.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That is exactly what that means.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Are there any additional questions or concerns? [Pause]. I'll proceed with the vote. Councilperson Terence Davis?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Tonya Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PARDO:** You didn't...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Oh.

**CHAIR PARDO:** What about me?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** I'm sorry. Councilperson Pardo. I'm sorry.

**CHAIR PARDO:** I'm still here. I still have two more years.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That vote is unanimous. Madam Chair, you have the gavel.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. So, Pro Tem...

**CHAIR PARDO:** You would do the same thing. So is there a motion to, um... Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** I included both in my motion. Both of 'em...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Right. But it...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...were stated.

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...was a...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Uhuh.

**CHAIR PARDO:** separate item. Can we just move on?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Oh. Well, I can say it again.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Just to keep the record clear.

**UNK:** Okay. Sure.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay. I make a motion that we hold off on nominations of the Pro Tem until after the next election, special election for District 1.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** 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 Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Davis?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Okay. Hold on a second. So, I believe we have some comment cards for the newly elected Council people. Let me just go through these cards so, um, they have a chance to speak. Alright. We'll start with John Miller. And then Willis Williams.

**MR. J. MILLER:** Alright. I'm gonna try to brief but I will say, first thing I'm here to congratulate...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Sir, just for the record, can you...

**MR. J. MILLER:** John Miller.

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...please state your name?

**MR. J. MILLER:** 1290... John Miller, 1290 Manor Drive in the Singer Island part of Riviera Beach.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you.

**MR. J. MILLER:** Okay? Uh, I wanna be brief but, uh, the three candidates that were elected, I wanna congratulate all three of ya's. I know you worked very hard. And, uh, Mayor Masters...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes.

**MR. J. MILLER:** Won by 1,100 votes. That says a lot. Uh, TD Davis, I think that you mighta broke the record in the City for 4,600 votes and doubled your opponent. And then, Tonya, you know, you won by almost 10% in the runoff, 300 votes. So, I wanna congratulate you for that.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you.

**MR. J. MILLER:** I also wanna say, you know, it's hard, it's hard to support people. But it's, it's like, this our process and it's hard to do it on Singer Island when you're..., we are the minority, the people sitting here because there's groups over there that went against all three of ya. They did everything they could to get you defeated.

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

**MR. J. MILLER:** Now, I will say this. One thing very impressed me. Ms. Pardo worked very hard. She stood up and she voted, or, not only voted but she went to get people in that she thought were best for her and the City. God bless her. She did a good job. I respect her for that. Everybody has to do that. You can't stand back and look around and say somebody else was gonna do it. You have to stand up for yourself and support the people. Now, we got one election left. We have Mr. Guyton, who's the sitting Councilperson and we have Lynn Hubbard. Please get out and vote. But listen, make your own decision. It's not about one group of five people to tell everybody and it's not about harassment. I heard about harassment. Harassment to me is somebody gets in my face. It's not somebody disagrees with me. And that happened to me when I was working the polls. Why am I supporting and wearing a TD Davis shirt? Why was I? Because it's my right as an American to vote for who I want.

[Applause]

**MR. J. MILLER:** And, you know, this was, the person that did this was the President of one of the organizations. And he wanted to know who I was. And you know what I told him? I'm a nobody. But guess what? I'm standing up and I'm gonna make something happen on the other side of the bridge to bring both sides of the bridges together.

Thank you.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Willis Williams. And then there's something here from Andrew Degraffenreidt. Are you looking to speak, sir?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair. As, as Mr. Williams...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Mr. Williams.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** As he comes up...

**CHAIR PARDO:** [Inaudible].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Miller, I appreciate those comments. Thank you so much, for fairness. Thank you, Mr..., Madam Chair.

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

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** Good evening. Willis Williams, 1690 West 26<sup>th</sup> Court. I'm really confused this afternoon after listening to all of you. And congratulations, by the way, to everybody that's won their election. I'm kind of confused because there was an incident that occurred when Mrs., uh, the City Clerk was there and Pam Ryan gave her opinion

about what happened with the Canvassing Board and the Clerk and everybody basically went the other way. Now, we pay her and you're not gonna take her legal advice. That, that bothers me.

Number two is, how are we gonna pay for this election? This is just a, a spinoff of the major election that we had. This is not a runoff. You know? This just a, a runoff of the runoff. So it's not like, it's not gonna cost money. This cost money so taxpayer dollars are gonna be spent again because all this shenanigans that Mr. Guyton spoke about, that happened on Singer Island. It happened other places around the community [stammer], in the voting places. Thank God I got a chance to witness some of 'em myself.

So, you guys really need to understand, this is not, it's fairness. It's all about being fair. And if the script read to be fair, then everybody's gonna get their chance to do. But you can't have it both ways. You can't run over there, Ms. Pardo and decide who gonna run our side of the track.

**AUDIENCE:** [Inaudible comments].

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** You can't do that.

[Applause]

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** It's a clear indication that Mr. Guyton, on the west side don't, the people don't want him. It's a clear indication. If you woulda took the 300 or 400 votes that he got on that side of the track, he would never won. And it's a bunch of shenanigans that's going on over there. Bunch of it.

**AUDIENCE:** [Inaudible].

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** And we're not gonna have it, we're gonna have this, this next election. I guarantee ya that. We won't have it.

Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Fane Lozman and then Mary Brabham.

**MR. F. LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman. Singer Island. I'd like to congratulate the new Members of the Council, especially Ms. Tonya Davis Johnson. I'm looking forward to having you up there. It's fantastic.

You know, one of the things that the prior speaker spoke about that the Board may want to consider assigning Ms. Ryan the job to look at, and that is single member districts. It should not come down to Singer Island determining who gets elected in District 1 or District 2. I know there, there was a legal challenge in Dade County where they said that in a district, it's those members that elect the person. Say you have one district that has an overwhelming population, they can, in essence, control that city by picking each member and each district. So there was some kind of lawsuit and it was found to be unconstitutional and no one's challenged it in this City but there should be single member districts and that's something that should, should go forward, you know, in, in the next election or this next year or two years from now. And also, term limits. We can't have people keep sitting on this Board for ten years. There needs to be a change similar to the County Commission where you serve a couple terms and, and that its. Or like the presidential election, you serve a couple terms and that's, that's it in order to get new people in office.

You know, I saw the little, uh, back and forth between Mayor Masters and Bruce Guyton. Certainly if he's gonna be up there for another three Council Members, he has an advantage over Ms. Hubbard. He has an advantage by taking his community benefits and going around town and handing out money that, uh, is our money that comes from the Waste Management contract and saying, 'Vote for me. Here's thousands of dollars.' I think this Board as a whole should consider freezing any community benefits that would be given away until after the election in May. That's, that's...

[Applause]

**MR. F. LOZMAN:** ...one thing. I also think the Board as a whole should reconsider the vote they just had as to leaving the Chairperson in place and have an interim vote to replace the Chair because there is a printout on the Singer Island website, if you go to the Singer Island website and look under Chairperson's comments, there's.., and you click on that link, Ms. Pardo, there's a text of a robocall that Ms. Pardo did on behalf of Mr. Guyton. On the bottom, it says paid for by the Guyton and Sylvia Blue campaign. So, she is in a position where she isn't impartial and I'm concerned that over the con'.., over the next three meetings, that she may have the opportunity to, to perhaps influence an election where it came down with a tie. So, a few votes here or there could impact the election. So I think that's something that should be done.

And finally, there's nothing to prohibit this Board from passing an Ordinance that says that, once you have a tie election on a runoff, the person steps down. So it's not in the Ch'.., in the Code of Ordinances now. Do an add-on Ordinance tonight and pass an Ordinance and then...

[Beep]

**MR. F. LOZMAN:** ...go forward from there.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Mary Brabham. [Pause]. Is Ms. Brabham still here?

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** Yeah. Somewhere [inaudible].

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

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Good evening. Ms. Mary Brabham.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Good evening...

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Riviera Beach.

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...ma'am.

**UNK:** Hello.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Congratulations to all of the winners. As well as the losers because the losers have to fight hard too. And you have to put on a whole armor if you expect to expect to step out.

**UNK:** Mhmm.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** And, comments in reference to what the Mayor said, this is what we have constantly said in our community, that we're tired. And once when we are tired, this is the results from when we say that we are tired. We are tired of the bickering that goes on up there. We are tired of, when someone makes a comment, that's their freedom of speech. Bruce Guyton has done a good job. I'm not gonna take that away from him but we are threading in uncharted waters. For the first time, a tie. A tie vote in the City here. Now that should speak volumes to this Board up here.

About three years ago I said, 'Let's have single member districts. Or the district at larges. That'll make everybody rise to the occasion. And someone said, 'No, Ms. Bram. You don't want that because all of us, we work for the same thing.' No, no, no. This is why the changes occurs because what we are constantly sayin', 'Our communities need to be build up, our streets need to be build up, our schools need to be the best here in the City of Riviera Beach, all of our elementary schools here, in case they had an F.' You should be 'shame'. Cause Ms. Bram' disgusted about it. These are the things that make the City of Riviera Beach great. If we are to have greatness, it starts with doing the things that the City really, really needs to make it live up to that creed.

And stop this bickerin'. Stop this bickerin'. Stop puttin' each other down. That's what makes everybody looks at us. If we put ourself down, we'll never be built up. And this, this is the results. I witnessed a couple things too, out in these polls over at Lindsey Davis. Peoples acting like wild animals. All in your face at the cars and stuff. You don't have to speak. Residents, get up and vote and vote your consciuous. Like I said before, 'Vote for the, for the candidate that has the fortitude.' That's up to you. We're not gonna tell you, we do not want to be harassed. We are not animals in this City and we should stop acting like that. Ms. Jones, take charge of the City here. Take charge. Straighten up the things that need to be straightened up. And if you have to do what you have to do, do it.

And I'm gonna leave you with something. May the peace that passes all understanding...

[Beep]

**MS. M. BRABHAM:**...guide your hearts and minds that you be good servants, not to yourselves but to the residents of the City of Riviera Beach. Thank you.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Okay. Before we end the special part of the, of this Agenda, would the newly elected officials like to say something? We'll start with you, Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. I gave someone the Bible, would you bring it to me, please? Whoever has it.

**UNK:** [Inaudible]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** This is still one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. This is the Bible that I took an oath from. That's after this evening. I want to read into the record [pause] 37<sup>th</sup> number of Psalms.

**UNK:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But before I read this into the record, um, you got a little taste tonight of the kinds of behavior, kinds of [sigh], um, statements that people seem to make. I guess, when you don't have anything to stand on, you do what you do next, you start attacking a person's character, integrity, ethics, values, principals. Never before, Madam Chair, have I ever witnessed dirty politics as I have witnessed in this previous election. I've always said you never have to pull somebody down in order to get up.

**UNK. AUDIENCE:** Amen.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. I, um, was very displeased with some of the things that I've seen and heard in, in this past election and there's no other way to call it other than dirty politics. When people, and I'll use the word people, cause I don't want to point to any particular person, when people or persons, when people will go to the Palm Beach Post and sell their soul to the, the devil, and lie on others just to get an endorsement or to get some brownie points, I've never done that and I will never do that. I will always run on this record that I've tried to build upon. But, in a debate, I used the word shameful and I'll use it again. But what I've seen and heard that others have done and said, was shameful. People were brought in to this City from a whole 'nother area to personally attack me at Wells. They called me everything but a Child of God and all I did was held my peace. I'm a living witness and I don't wanna sound like a preacher but if I have to, I will.

**AUDIENCE:** [Shout].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But I'm a living witness if you keep your peace.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** The Lord will fight your battle.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Every time.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm a living witness but you don't have to wait until the battle was over...

**AUDIENCE:** [Shout].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But you can shout right now, before the victory.

**AUDIENCE:** [Amen].

[Pause]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Dr. King was killed many years ago on April the 4<sup>th</sup>. I'll never forget that day [pause] but I had a Dr. King's moment that I've shared with anyone, in family or friends or members of our church, except at Pleasant Heights. After I left the Palm Beach Post, I pulled over and the tears began to roll and I pulled over cause I couldn't drive, I was very shaken. And I asked the Lord, 'Is it worth this? Is it really, really worth this?' My life has been threatened so many times, especially after the changing of the guard of Old Dixie. It was so bad that we had to call the Secret Service. People were saying horrible things. I was very displeased phone and, and I said Lord I need to hear a word, I need something now because I'm, I'm frustrated, I just don't have to go through this. Is it really worth it? And then Christine Foster was there on the, on the, online and she said, 'Mr. Mayor, what's wrong?' I said, 'I'm okay.' She said, 'No, you're not.' And she began to encourage me and I said, 'Okay, Christine. It's, it's okay.'

But I had a Dr. King's moment. If you don't know what that moment was, that was at the height of the civil rights struggle where his home was being threatened to be bombed and someone called him that night and said, 'Dr. King, we're gonna blow you up and your home up,' the next day. And he went in the room and looked at Coretta and Yolanda and Bernice and Dexter and Martin, who, who we call Marty, four little children, asleep, he came back and sat by the window and he had that moment that he felt that, 'Lord, is it worth it for my life to be on danger?' I had that moment that I started to pick up the phone and call my opponent and say to her, 'You know what, you can have this. If, if it means this much to you, here, take it. I don't need to go through this anymore.'

**UNK. AUDIENCE:** [Inaudible].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But as that thought came, it seemed like I heard a voice that said to me, 'Brother Masters, it ain't over yet. I called you, I chose you, I ordained you and after every crucifixion, there's a resurrection. Hold on and hold out. I see you weepin', it might endure for a moment but joy will come.'

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** In the morning.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** In the morning.

**AUDIENCE:** Preach.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Can somebody say in the morning?

**AUDIENCE:** In the morning.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But it came on the day of election, Madam Chair, and I'm gonna finish. When I saw the elders of this community, they came in wheelchairs, they came with, walking on canes. When I saw Takesha Saffold coming, who's blind, when saw Pastor Eltadoor bring buses, van loads of Haitian Americans and others and Jackie standing out in the rain day after day, when I saw the young people walking to vote for me, it was a good moment.

**AUDIENCE:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And I'm thankful that God has blessed me to serve, to attempt to serve another term in unity and in dignity and I thank you for what has been termed 'a landslide victory.' Hold on and hold out, joy will come...

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** In the morning.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...in the morning. Thank you.

[Applause]

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

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you very much, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Ms. Miller, do you wanna say anything? To the newly elected? Would you like to say something?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Oh, I thought you were gonna go to the newly elected ones first.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Everyone'll have a chance.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Well, I am, would like to welcome some of you back. Glad to see you back and, uh, welcome. Ms. Tonya Davis Johnson, I think you'll be a great asset to the dais and I've told you that many, many times so, um, I think that Riviera Beach is certainly on the move and I think that we'll be able to get some things accomplished and we'll, we're gonna work as a team. As I stated, probably when I came here about a year ago, I said that we would work as a team, I'm still believing in that. It didn't quite happen much but I, I, I expect there to be some positive changes going forward. Welcome.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you, Madam Chair. First let me say that...

**CHAIR PARDO:** [Inaudible whisper].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...I made a comment that I didn't mean literally but figuratively. If you grew up in my...

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...area, [stammer], those comments are made in a figurative manner and not literal and if the Mayor took that as being literal, I, I'll, I'll apologize in public cause that's not how I meant it. It just means that I'm not sure what you're thinking.

But, having said that, to the newly elected officials, Ms. Johnson, not newly elected but, uh..., well, you're newly elected but Mr. Davis has been here and returning and the Mayor, congratulations. We are on the move in this City. No one can dispute that. We

have a lot of positive things that are going on, the projects are getting national attention. We're being recognized from state and national organizations and it is my hope that we continue on that road of prosperity. And, um, I see a lot of great things for the City of Riviera Beach and I just congratulate you and, and look forward to working with you the next three years.

Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Mrs. Davis Johnson.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening, everyone.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Good evening.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Let me first begin by thanking the voters of this great City who supported me and ushered in the campaign to elect Tonya Davis Johnson to victory. I wanna thank you for braving the inclement weather. Um, I want to thank you for participating in the runoff election. I wanna thank you for sharing your voice and bringing me this far along in this journey. To my opponents. Mr. Walker, I saw you out there. Thank you so much for your support. Ms. Sylvia Blue, that you for running a race that was most professional. To my amazing, amazing campaign manager, Ms. Cecilia, CeCe Holloman...

**UNK:** [Chuckle].

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...you took me outside of my box and my comfort zone and, for that, I say thank you because we now have an event that we can be bill and pen because we, our slogan was 'Together We Can.' And one of the things that we did was Hands Across the Bridge. And that was the very beginning of uniting Riviera Beach from the campaign to elect Tonya Davis Johnson. I want to thank John Miller, Mrs. Miller, Gunther, the entire team. I'm sorry, I don't know..., I can't say everybody's name but I wanna say thank you so much for braving those winds and walking up the side of the bridge to meet us in the Center. That's the beginning. We are one Riviera Beach and we can only do it together.

[Applause]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** To the wonderful woman, Ms., her name is Charlotte Lockhart. She branded us. I wanna thank her for making us look good. She branded this campaign and everyone understands and knows what we mean now when we say, 'Together We Can.' Every piece of literature, every pamphlet, every flyer, every poster, she did that. She made us look amazing and I have to say to The C.C. Hyman Company, thank you so much. Together we did.

Team Tonya, words can never express to you my sincere appreciation and gratitude for all that you did for me. Your time, your talents, your dollars, your experience, your wisdom and your prayers, as well as your love will always be remembered. I am forever grateful to you all. To my Bishop that is sitting in the audience, thank you for your covering. Thank you for praying. Thank you for your wisdom and guidance. I am most appreciative of that. To the many unions that endorsed me. The AFL-CIO, the Treasure Coast AFL-CIO, the IVEW, the Palm Beach Police Benevolent Association, the Iron Workers, the Asbestos Workers... It, there were so many. I was just so..., The Palm Beach Post, The Human Rights Council. There were so many that, that after hearing our vision and our position, they, they got on board and they understood and they wanted to get behind the campaign to elect Tonya Davis Johnson and so, for that, I say to them, to each of you, [inaudible] I see you, thank you so much. I appreciate the support that was given to me. To my Palm Beach County Board of County Commission family, thank you so much for your support, for your patience, for your understanding that I needed to take time off in order to knock on doors and to make it through this process. I thank you.

Again, as I said to you, and I will end with this. Together We Can. Together we can experience growth, transparency and a commitment to professionalism. Together we can work to ensure that our students are prepared and ready to compete with the best and the brightest. Together we can reduce the crime that's in our communities but it is going to take all of us. We are a vote but we are a family and so, therefore, as we reach out to community by community, district by district, block by block, we are going to need you to take a very visible role and participate and help us in this process. We deserve, our citizens deserve to live in a community that is free from crime. You ca'.., I know crime will be with us always but where we can make some changes, we need to make sure that we are providing an opportunity for our residents to be comfortable.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** I'll second that.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Together We Can. If we continue on with a unified Riviera Beach, we will experience it and we will work together. You, you won't hear, you shouldn't have a need to hear, them versus us. It is we, we are one. And so, together we can do that.

And in closing, I'm saying Together We Can, together we did and together we will. Thank you all so much.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Councilman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** I apologize.

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Last, but not least, how dare I. My family.

[Laughter]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Listen, I, I left you out. I'm so sorry. How could I forget that? But let me say, my family has been super amazing during this process. Felicia, words can never express my gratitude for the slack that you took, the feeding of Brooklyn, the dining of Brooklyn. To Brooklyn, thank you for getting your homework done and for encouraging me because she wrote on a board in our house, 'Vote TDJ'. She had it going and we stayed focused. To our daughters, Tarquisha and Marqisha, thank you so much for standing on the street corners waving signs, going door-to-door with us, just thank you so much. My mother is here from Miami. Mommy, I love you. Thank you so much. My bonus father is also here but my father is also in Miami and he is supporting us and he is so excited. He had a major, a massive stroke and he in a rehab facility. But the one thing that he did ask me was did we win?

[Laughter]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, I was ever so happy to call him and say, 'Daddy, absolutely. We did win.'

[Applause]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Councilman Davis.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** I think I better start off correct by telling my mother...

[Laughter]

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Thank you so much, Mom, for being the woman that you are. When you come back home you talk about being positive and trying to do the right thing. I wanna thank my dad for being the man that he is, for being so loyal to Riviera Beach, for 21 years of service as a, a garbage man. He never stopped working until the day that that contract was up and that whistle was blown. And as young boy I never forget, when he came home that he gave Riviera Beach his all. And I never stop'..., and I never forget that.

[Applause]

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** To my grandmother [sob]....

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You know crying is contagious up here.

[Laughter]

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** I was cool. [Chuckle].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But it's all good. It's joy.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** I know you wish you could be here [sob].

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It is contagious.

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** Take your time, take your time.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** But I know you would if you could.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Inaudible].

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Ms. Hester, thank you so much for showing me about being loyal and how to be a young man. And thanking you for showing me how to treat people the way you treat my grandfather. And to my grandfather, Mr. Hester, I wanna thank you for showing me what fight is about when you fought your stroke and you're still with this family. To Mr. Johnson, I wanna thank you for your 38 years of service [sic] Riviera Beach and showing me that, and you told me, and I'll forget it, don't mess up my name.

[Laughter]

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** And, and every decision I make, regardless of what people say I think about what you say, don't mess up my name. And to your lovely wife, Ms. Mary Johnson, thank you for being the bully of this family. I mean, you're 4'6" but you pack a punch that people can never see coming.

[Chuckles]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's Muhammad Ali punch.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** You know, no, we write, we write speeches and we get prepared to say things that you wanna make people move and jump but, my Coach Miller, when you came up to the mic just now, you know, I could think about the civil rights movement that my great grandfather and, and the movies and the things that people talk about, when you came on that bridge and, and I wrote, I had to write those names down because [pause] people talk about moving Riviera Beach. They say they got the best interest of the City but Gunther, Ms. Millie, Ms. Debby, Chris, Misty, Cheryl, Coach, Team Captain... Make sure I didn't miss anyone. Is there anyone I missed? I got 'em all? Dan. Yeah, Dan. Stand up, please. Please. Please stand up. Please. I know you don't want to but you have to.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Please.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Please, if I can cry in public, you can stand up.

[Applause and laughter]

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Let, let me explain something to you all. The first time Miller came to us, he came to this Board, we're talking about a budget session a year ago and, and he challenged this Board to make the right decision and he didn't have no person on this Board that he truly was, um, support of. He just supported the issues. He got with this group and, and they talk about just doing the right thing for Riviera Beach and when we came across..., supporting the Hands Across the Bridge, that press release went out to all the people in the City regardless of who you ran against, who you ran for, no matter what happened. That group showed up first. Yes, Team Tonya showed up, um, Team TD showed up. But you all showed and really demonstrated that, what's in your hearts. And I hope that your heart and your love for this community and the people in this community, spreads throughout this City. And that will be something I never forget. Thank you so much for what you all have been able to, to, to accomplish, to really start bringing this community together. And those, your neighbors at home, when they see you, they need to walk up to you and they need to get a taste of that love. And I thank you so much for sharing that with the rest of this community.

To my daughter, Dejanae, you know, being a teenager is not easy, um, being a teenager of an elected official because you have your share your time with someone and I'll tell you, thank you for being so patient. Thank you. You won't see this sensitive side again so you better enjoy it.

[Laughter]

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** My baby's going off to college in another year and she's been there at that fight for three years and she stood by my side and she fought just as well as she did.

Today we're here to celebrate two things, reelection of Terence TD, Team TD because we was a team. Two, the accomplishments of the first term. One of the things we did in the first term was talk about improving Silver Beach Road. We did that. In 2012, we talked about helping the mothers of Stonybrook. To Bridges', Terry, I see you in the audience. Terry was Rivera Beach Bridges, we was able to get together and get those mothers in that community organized to start their own Board, take on responsibility for themselves, create jobs, create training for themselves and, because of that, 70% of the crime reduction has happened in the course of one year. 70%, that's something to celebrate.

[Applause]

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** And to the Board that supported, as I was able to champion 20% of upper management jobs for the Health & Wellness Center and Hotel on Singer Island

that's gonna create over 140 jobs, career jobs, well-paying jobs for the residents of Riviera Beach. That's what we're celebrating.

And I wanna tell ya about the priority was next, which is 2016 to '19, running good, effective meetings, being professional. That's very important that we prioritize. Getting ready for Riviera Beach First Annual Fair which'll be sometime in the fall. Yes, I said it. We're gonna start doing some things for our own people, creating opportunities. Two, three, is keeping Staff accountable, putting money in the budget and make sure that Staff have the training they need to improve on the process instead of ridiculing them all the time. We have to create improvement in all of the departments.

I'm not gonna [sic] talking much longer. I would finish off by saying, thank you... Oh, as we say thank you, we wanna try to find a way to improve on how we pay our police officers, our general employees, get our local union workers some more jobs on sites here in the City of Riviera Beach and improving our neighborhoods. Yes, we have a Marina but it's time that we start spending money where the people lives. They need some support. Improve the Code Enforcement process. Yeah, we got some things in place to help it out but our Staff can use some help as well. How are we gonna allocate funding to improve them and get them assistance they need to really change and give relief to the residents and the taxpayers of this great City?

And I just wanna say thank you, thank you and thank you.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you and congratulations, Mr. Davis. Welcome back. Mrs. Davis Johnson and Mayor. [Pause]. That's all I'm gonna say.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** My Mayor. Okay. With that, we are going to move on now.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Excuse me, Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes, sir.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** I, I made a boo-boo.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Go ahead.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Ms. Williams, please stand up.

[Chuckles]

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** You've, um, taken a lot, from a lot of people, for a lot of things in this City that you, for doing the right thing which is supporting Councilman Davis and

you stood right in the front line and you didn't bend, you didn't flinch and I wanna thank you and I love you for that. You will never find a such loyal person to Team TD. So, um, don't forget that name. If, if other opportunities choose to arise and she choose to rise up to do other things, Ms. Williams is definitely loyal to the City of Riviera Beach. She doesn't live here but she fights for this City more than people who do live here. So I will ask you at home, to fight the same way Ms. Williams fight for Riviera Beach because this last election demonstrated not just progress, it demonstrated what's true and what's love and I wanna thank you for that.

[Applause]

**UNK:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair? Madam Chair, just, just real quickly. I made the same boo-boo. My Chief of Staff, please stand up.

[Laughter]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** She's just the most loyal, dedicated, everything he said about Regina, I say about Debby.

[Applause]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Second the motion. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you, Mayor.

**AGENDA Approval: Additions, Deletions, Substitutions**

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

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, Madam Chair. For consideration under Discussion and Deliberations, I would like for you to consider adding a discussion and approval of the Resolu', Resolution as it relates to the special election for District 1. We also have four add-on Community Benefits. Item No. 5 to Washington Elementary from Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson for \$966.66 to assist with the purchase of books for the summer program. Item No. 6, Inlet Grove Community High School also from Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson, \$500 to assist with a street talk documentary. Item No. 7 to the First Seventh Day Church of Riviera Beach, also from Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson for \$500 to assist with the free summer camp and to Nelson's Outreach Ministries, Inc. from Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson, \$500 to assist with the food pantry and afterschool tutoring. Those are the four Items, uh, five Items we would like to have you consider adding on to the Agenda tonight.

**DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL**

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Do we have any disclosures by Council or by the Staff? [Pause].

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Is there a motion to adopt the Agenda?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair, I move that we adopt the Agenda as amended.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Is there a second?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** 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 Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

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

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.**

**CHAIR PARDO:** Do we have a motion...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...to accept Consent? Yes, Ms. Miller-Anderson?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** I wanna pull No. 2 and 3.

**CHAIR PARDO:** We will pull No. 2 and 3. Anyone else? [Pause]. Okay. Do we have a motion to accept the Consent with 2 and 3 pulled?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** So move.

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

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

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

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. 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 MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND THE PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS AND SUPERVISOR ASSOCIATION (PMSA) REPRESENTING THE SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015 and PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Do we have a motion?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** So move.

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

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Ms. Jones.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** This Item is an approval of the Memorandum of Understanding. If you will recall, we held a closed executive session on labor. You gave us directions as to how to go back and meet with our professional managers and supervisor's labor union. They agreed to that adjustment and the official documents, since the contract is still in effect, is a Memorandum of Understanding. And what this does is satisfies the open Article as it relates to wages.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Ms. Miller-Anderson.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay. And you said those are the professional managers and supervisors. What departments? Is it all departments?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Across departments.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Across the board?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It's about 13, 14 people.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** 13, 14, okay. Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Anyone else? [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 Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

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

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Item 3.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** 3. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO APPROPRIATE \$10,000 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR A \$2,000 DONATION TO THE RIVIERA BEACH EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AND \$8,000 TO SPONSOR THE 31<sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PREVENTING CRIME IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

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

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. We have one public comment card. Fane Lozman.

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR PARDO:** I'm sorry, sir. I'm sorry. Okay. Ms. Jones. This Item, as you are aware, in order for funds to be used out of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, they must come to the City Council for approval. What they are asking for is that \$2,000 be donated to the Riviera Beach Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to the students in the City of Riviera Beach. The City has been doing this for at least 20 years or better

and we're one of the few cities that provide scholarships. Also, it is to support our YEP, Youth Empowerment Students to be able to attend the conference on violence in the community.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay. So, for this particular.., I know you just mentioned the Youth Empowerment. Is it only available to them or is it all Riviera Beach students? Who can go to the.., who can attend?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Anyone can go. We're just only paying for our students that are already in our program to prevent violence and keep 'em off the street.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay. And how, how do we typically notify? How is the information put out to the public about it?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** About the Youth Empowerment? Th'...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** No. About the, the program. Attending the program?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Those kids volunteer.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The program is one that is advertised nationally. We only send, and pay for, our Youth Empowerment...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...participants that already in the program.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** So, it's only for those and that's the only ones that we're paying for so those are the only ones that are open to go? Is from the Youth Empowerment?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** From these funds.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay. And, do we have any numbers to support that, them attending this as decreasing crime or, um, how is it improving crime prevention?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, I know this will be the second year...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...that we have sent students.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Mm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And it's important for us to keep our children, and we're talking about those that are teenagers off the streets and we can get you the success rates for our Youth Empowerment participants. They do stay in the program and they matriculate through high school and have internships in the City and some of 'em have been employed by the City...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...as a result of that.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** So we do track them to [inaudible]?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Oh, yes. We track the students that are in Youth Empowerment.

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

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes, ma'am.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Madam Manager, how many, how many students generally attend this conference from, from our YEP program? Do we have a number?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** About 10.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I wanna say it's probably about 8 to 10.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. And, and the other costs that are included in that \$8,000 number that we've been provided, can you share what that, what that is?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. That will pay for their registration.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It will pay for their hotel, it will pay for the foods that are not covered in the conference as well as the bus transportation to get them there.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you, ma'am.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Anyone else?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes, Madam Chair. I have a question.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Manger, the 8 to 10, 8 students or however many, how.., do you have.., can you tell me what criteria is used in selecting these students?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No. I'll have to get that from director as to what she uses...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...in order to determine out of all of her students, which ones are the ones that actually get to go.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's, that's fine. We'll get it later. You can...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...give it to me later.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I'll get it to you later, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

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

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem...

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...Davis?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

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

### **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**CHAIR PARDO:** We'll move on now. Discussions and deliberations. Item 3A. Discussion of the Special election for District 1.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** In summary, and Ms. Ryan started part of it in her comments earlier. We had been communicating with me, meaning we, meaning the City Clerk and the Manger, with the Supervisor of Elections trying to schedule the special runoff election as soon as possible. I've been sending the emails that we have received from her back and forth to Council and she has agreed to be a., to do the May 17<sup>th</sup> runoff election. And in order to do that, you must approve a resolution calling for the election as well as allocating the resources. We're figuring that this election is gonna cost us somewhere around about \$45,000, uh, is the cost per election that is paid in order to do that. Those funds would be allocated out of the contingency.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. I have a question. So, how much does a regular election cost us?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Chuckle].

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** About the same.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. So if there's., I thought it was much, much cheaper. So we had a general election in March. Right? And we accommodated the Supervisor of Elections date. So I, I thought that she paid for that?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** She paid for that. The last runoff, we budgeted \$52,000 and it's coming in at about forty, \$45,000, is what we have to pay for. We have to pay to rent., about \$15,000 of that goes to the Supervisor of Elections cause we're using her machines and all of that. And then you've got your police officers that you pay for out of that, as well as any publications, any printing and that's why that cost is about \$45,000.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. I wasn't, I wasn't aware that it was...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Madam Manager.

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...that much money.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Madam Chair?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Yes, ma'am.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** May I, I will like to kind of expand of that. The reason why you may have seen a lower price throughout the years is because it's usually a shared cost which means this, our election is usually held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March and that is a general, so to speak, election day for us as well as other municipalities. So therefore, you share the cost. It's not the total cost. However, for this election, we have to bear the total cost.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** So how much is it for the regular election? March...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** As far as the cost for the elections from March 15<sup>th</sup>, I have not received the invoices as of yet. And I have not received any invoices for the March 29<sup>th</sup> runoff because, as you know, we were not the only ones that had a, a runoff. So, as far as we., I pulled some figures. I have a bunch of papers up here., of what we have paid throughout the years. 2012 the total cost for the election, that was held in 2012 was \$37,166. Um, in 2013, the election, that election cycle cost the City \$44,873. In 2014, that election cycle cost \$42,952. In 2015, as you know, and we only had two seats, we paid \$40,934.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. And that's sharing the cost with the other municipalities?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That is sharing the cost with other municipalities.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. So then you're saying that this election where we're going it alone is on'., is gonna be \$47,000? I...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That is correct.

**CHAIR PARDO:** I don't... Yeah. So, it...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...just doesn't., the cost just doesn't make sense..

**UNK:** It doesn't make sense.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Well, as I...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Plus, I think we share, we share election date with 13 municipalities, maybe? So, if the difference between sharing and going alone is only \$3,000? It... Yeah.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Yeah. I, I., like I said, I pulled the budget from what we expended and that's what was shown that was expended for those years. A copy of the Resolution is available in the back for the public with the backup information, wherein it shows the breakdown of the cost that we received from the Supervisor of Elections office as well as other costs that we have to pay in association with it.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Do we get a full breakdown of the invoice? Or does she just send us a letter and say your share is \$44,000? Does she break it down?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** I have not received the ones, like I said, for this year.

**CHAIR PARDO:** But, in...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** I can...

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...previous years?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** have my Staff to check from previous years to see what the invoice actually states and provide a copy to the City Manager to distribute amongst you all.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Okay?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yeah. I'm just questioning it. You know? If it's, you know, if.., you're saying that we're sharing the cost in a regular election and now we're going alone and it's only \$3,000 more, I don't see where the, the cost savings is.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** And I think in...

**CHAIR PARDO:** But...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...one of.., I know of one of those years that I just listed out, we did have a runoff so, I kn'.., it seems kind of odd but...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yeah. It...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...those.., that's...

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...seems very odd.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That's what...

**CHAIR PARDO:** So...

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** the figures that were provided...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yeah.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** ...to me.

**CHAIR PARDO:** So, yeah. Well. I'd like to see the full breakdown. Okay. Before we go to Council, we have one public comment card.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Fane Lozman.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You haven't read...

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

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...the Resolution yet.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** You're not done yet.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...Resolution into the record.

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

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Go ahead.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Does everyone have a copy of the Resolution up here?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Go ahead.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL SELECTING THE DATE OF MAY 17, 2016 AS THE DATE FOR A SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II ENTITLED GOVERNMENT, SECTION 5, ENTITLED RUNOFF IN CASE OF TIE OF THE CITY'S CHARTER, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO NOTICE AND PREPARE FOR SAID ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING FOR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1, FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO DESIGNATE POLLING LOCATIONS, APPOINT AND SCHEDULE TRAINING FOR THE CITY'S ELECTION BOARD, APPOINT THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH CANVASSING BOARD AND SHE IS HEREBY ASSIGNED ALL \_\_\_ THERETO AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY'S CHARTER AND ORDINANCE NO. 3083, FURTHER

CONTINUE WITH THE APPROVED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SOE OFFICE TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE PRINTING OF THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AND OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO INCLUDE THE PROVISIONAL BALLOT FOR SAID ELECTION AND OTHER RELATED AGREED UPON SERVICES, FURTHER DECLARING A DATE AND A TIME FOR THE CONVENING OF THE CITY'S CANVASSING BOARD, AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$46,077 FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE CITY CLERK'S ELECTION ACCOUNTS TO COVER THE COST FOR SAID SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**CHAIR PARDO:** So, do we have a motion?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Properly moved and second. Mr. Lozman.

**MR. F. LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman. [Clears throat]. Excuse me. I reached out to the Supervisor of Elections between the two meetings tonight and, you know, I, I was disappointed that our City Attorney would refer to some decision in Wellington because that doesn't make much sense and I think Ms. Anderson said the same thing. Basically, if you look at our Charter, our Charter is silent on whether a Member of the Canvassing Board can be on the Board if they supported a candidate. And, the Supervisor of Election came back and said, 'If it is silent, state law applies.' And that just makes common sense because if, if an election comes down to one vote and your best friend is an elected official, they may look at that over-vote and say, 'You know something, that's for my guy.' You cannot be independent. The whole idea of a Canvassing Board is to be independent. Now, statistically, both your general election and the runoff election were extremely close. We run the possibility of everybody votes the way they did last time of having an election that may be a tie or may be, be, you know, 10 or 20 or 30 votes difference. We don't know that. But say this, say it comes in and somebody wins by 10 votes, hypothetically. What are we gonna do then with a Canvassing Board Member, if Ms. Pardo's on the Board and she supports Mr. Guyton? Or, another Councilperson supports Ms. Hubbard? We cannot be in the same position of having biased Council Members make the Canvassing Board decision.

So, in our Charter, it doesn't state that. And Ms. Bucher said because it doesn't state that, you have to go back to the state statute 102.41(c) that talks about who a canvassing board member can be and it cannot be somebody that played an active role in the member whose votes their analyzing. And that just makes common sense. So that should be fixed now, tonight or at the next meeting prior to running into this same mess again in May. You know? We, we don't want it to be tainted. We don't want

somebody to say up there, 'Well, Mr. Guyton got re-elected because Ms. Pardo was on the Board,' or, 'Ms. Hubbard got elected because her friend was on the Board.' We, we can't put ourself in that position. We., there needs to be independence. The Clerk is independent. What is wrong with this Board saying, 'You know something? We're gonna have an independent Clerk and her two assistants and Ms. Bucher.' We cannot do., just because Wellington did something., Wellington was wrong. You know?

So I mean, you know...

[Inaudible audience comments]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Please.

**MR. F. LOZMAN:** So, I, I have a big problem that we're gonna have another., statistically, we should probably have another close election and we haven't solved this problem. And this problem should be solved and I would think everybody up there would wanna solve it. We just don't wanna to have, half the, half the, uh, City be disenfranchised if we have a Canvassing Board that is made up by Members of a, of a candidate and that candidate ends up winning. That can split the City in half. We need to fix that prior to the May election.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you.

[Applause]

[Beep]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Please. Okay. Discussion by...

[Applause continues]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Please. We're trying to conduct a meeting here. Uh, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. I agree on the principal and I think it needs to be fixed. Certainly, I'm back to my same premise, fairness. It is certainly not fair, certainly un-American, um, to have anyone up here to be on the Canvassing Board who has supported one of the., and everybody know I've been on the radio almost every day so I would definitely be disqua'., I would disqualify myself and I think most of us would probably do the same thing. So, I would ask this, this Council to fix that for we would not have anyone on the Canvassing Board that supported a candidate in the same spirit of fairness that I raised earlier.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I agree with the principal.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Madam Chair. I just...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes, Ms. Ryan.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...wanna say this. This Res'.., just to be, to clarify because you certainly can discuss this issue but the Resolution that's in front of you, in case anybody's confused, is about setting the date for the special election and authorizing the transfer of \$46,000. The issue you're talking about is relevant but it's not on point with this Resolution. So, I just wanna make sure that you're not making a decision on the Canvassing Board by dealing with this Resolution.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Correct.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And, um, it might be better to deal with the Resolution and the issues that are around this Resolution and then deal with that issue as a separate issue.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** After this motion is...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Correct. But I just don't want people getting confused about what this particular Resolution is about.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Correct.

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

**CHAIR PARDO:** Right. Agreed. Alright. Anything else from Council? [Pause]. Anyone? Okay.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

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

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Hold on. Let's see. Let's move on now. Right.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

**CHAIR PARDO:** Madam Clerk, do we have any petitions or communications for filing?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** None.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**BOARD APPOINTEMENTS**

**CHAIR PARDO:** 4. CITY COUNCIL TO RE-APPOINT OR APPOINTEMENT A MEMBER TO THE FIRE PENSION BOARD.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Who's doing that?

**UNK:** Need a motion?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I will.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Ms. Jones.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Madam Chair, what you have before you is the reappointment of Mr. Bobby Brooks, Jr. to the Fire Pension Board. He has been on that., this will be for a term of four years. The valuation as it relates to the meetings that they've atten'., he's attended, to meet your requirements for pension board members is, is attached as well as his application for reappointment.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. So, do we have a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

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

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Any comments? Madam Clerk.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

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

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you.

### **COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

**CHAIR PARDO:** Community Benefits. Item 5.

**CHAIR PARDO:** 5. WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY. COUNCILPERSON KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON, \$966.66 TO ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Madam Clerk.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Chair Pro Tem Davis?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** And Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Item 6.

**CHAIR PARDO:** 6. INLET GROVE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL, COUNCILPERSON KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON, \$500.00 TO ASSIST WITH STREET TALK DOCUMENTARY.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Madam Clerk.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Pro Tem Davis?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Item 7.

**CHAIR PARDO:** 7. FIRST SEVENTH DAY CHURCH OF RIVIERA BEACH.  
**COUNCILPERSON KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON, \$500.00 TO ASSIST WITH  
THE FREE SUMMER CAMP.**

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

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** So move.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Madam Clerk.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Pro Tem Davis?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Item 8.

**CHAIR PARDO:** 8. NELSON'S OUTREACH MINISTRY, INC. COUNCILPERSON KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON, \$500.00 TO ASSIST WITH FOOD PANTRY AND AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Second.

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Madam Clerk.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Chair Pro Tem Davis?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

**CHAIR PARDO:** Discussion by City Manager.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Nothing in particular. I just wanted to take this opportunity to welcome back our Mayor and Councilman Davis and to welcome, once again, Councilwoman Davis Johnson. As always, I'm here for you, look forward to working with you and being a part of your team to move the City of Riviera Beach forward.

**UNK:** Good.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY**

**CHAIR PARDO:** Discussion by City Attorney.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Ditto what [chuckle] Ms., the City Manager said. Please. I've talked enough tonight.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Plus, you're hungry.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Do we have any City Council Committee reports? Anything? Alright. I have two things. The first is, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the City of Riviera Beach and the CRA will be hosting the monthly luncheon over at the event center on April 27<sup>th</sup> at noon so, you know, Mayor and Council, if you could all come, that would be wonderful.

And then the other thing is, you know, maybe four or five months ago I was appointed to the National League of Cities Public Safety Committee and, um, there's a meeting coming up in June and they're looking to tackle drug abuse throughout the United States. It's, you know, different kinds of drugs are really affecting, up in the northeast as we know because a lot of those kids are shipped down here to go to the rehabs down here. So they're going to be tackling that. And then they're also looking at the Ports around the country and, you know, providing additional funding for security. So, I will, you know, just wanted to let you all know about that and I'll keep you informed on it.

Alright. We'll move along.

**STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**CHAIR PARDO:** Statements by the Mayor and City Council. Would you like...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I, I...

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...to go first?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...waive. I waive.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Mr. Davis?

**PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes. A few questions. As it regards to the special election that's coming up, I notice..., I received quite a bit of phone calls about a issue that happened

with a poll worker on Singer Island, they had a badge, they was doing some form of potentially impersonation. What did we do to do address that, Staff, and how are we gonna prevent that from happening in the future?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes. Chair Pro Tem Davis, if you'll recall in the correspondence that you received from the Clerk that gave the summary of all of the things that were reported to us. As it relates to that particular situation and the badge, the individual was made aware that they have to apply for a badge every time and the badge was surrendered. So, what we will do is make sure, on the application that they fill out, that it's clear that for every election they have to apply for a new badge to be a poll watcher.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** It's to my [stammer], my understanding that they were warned one time before. Is that true? So they're not necessarily naïve to the situation if they...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well this one.., the badge that he had was issued in two thou'.., it was issued for the general election.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Of last year?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No. This year.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** But the needed to get another one...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** A new one...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...for the runoff election.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** For the runoff, okay. Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And failed to do that.

**CHAIR PARDO:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Alright. That was the only concern I had and I'll let my other colleagues ask their questions but I do wanna address the issue as far as the Canvassing Board and making sure that that process is definitely impartial as possible. You know, because we've done something one way, we can start moving forward, doing it a correct way. And I'd like to know, what does the county do with, um, with their Canvassing Board? Does anyone... Done any research on that?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, just... I haven't done any research on it. If I may, Madam Chair.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Go right ahead.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But the issue about what should occur in our City came up because of the state's...

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

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...law.

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

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That deals with the County Canvassing Boards and what the state law says about county elections is that you can be disqualified...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...if you have, basically, actively campaigned for, um...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Any individual?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** One, any of, any one of the candidates.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But it also says and, you know, this is the part that a lot of people are missing, it says who takes the place of that person if they're disqualified. So it doesn't just say disqualify 'em. It says if a Judge has, uh, is disqualified, then you choose, the Chief Judge has to choose a different judge. You know, so it goes down the line and it explains who...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So who do we choose?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, that's up to the Council. That's..., you're dec'..., the discussion I think that the Mayor just said he wanted to have is, 'Do we wanna keep it the way we have it,' which is, it's the, right now it says the City Clerk, the Deputy Clerk and one Councilperson shall serve and it doesn't say anything else about disqualification. And, as I said, the Division of Elections opinion says when you say ho'..., who's not, who's not available...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...then you're basically saying who's disqualified.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So the people who are serving are the, who are, um, who are running for election are disqualified automatically. So, you, you., if you, you were running so you couldn't be on the Canvassing Board. You're disqualified from being on it. But if you wanna add some things like the county has done, we can certainly do that. You just need to give, um...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Notice.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...Staff some direction. I know there was some conversation about just having the, the, um, City Clerk's Office...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...take over the entire process. I'll, I'll research that to make sure that it doesn't, it doesn't have to be anybody independent because, if you do that, you're putting one office in control.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You know, there, there's usually., if you look at all of these, uh some of these cases...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Supervisor.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...there's always some diversity. There's a judge, there's a, um, a county commissioner, on the county one. It's not just the county commission, it's a judge, a county commissioner and the Supervisor of Elections. For other cities, it varies. You know? So we can look at that and bring back some recommendations. I know you wanna do this fairly quickly, um, if you want it to apply to the next election and, if you do, we need to, we need to have that discussion.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I, I just wanna, um, stay very consistent with protecting the City of Riviera Beach process moving forward. Regardless of who's serving on any Board. At no point, um, after., this should be a, a learning lesson. It...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And just, for the record, this is not the first time...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Listen, I'm, I'm...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...not concerned about the past.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. I...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I'm concerned...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...like I stated before...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But I just wanna say...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...moving forward...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** This...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...we need to select someone that's very impartial, um, and no..., moving forward, no elected official should be sitting on the Can'..., we should be sitting out in the audience letting the Board make a decision then come back up. Just like, like the county does. You know? Um...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** We have one Member.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** We have one Member in the county?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** One Member [inaudible].

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. Right. I, I...

[Inaudible comments]

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...and one of things that I would have to research is, is there any city that does not have a...

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

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...an elected official on lit.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I, I do believe, even if they're doing it, it's still, it's still... Cause you don't know where they stand with anybody that's on, that's coming before that decision. Now, if we...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I understand.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...was to reach out to a judge or someone from the library, from library department, something like that...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Oh, you don't wanna do that.

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

**CHAIR PARDO:** What about the Inspector General?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** That's fine with me.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR PARDO:** Someone give Mr. Carey a call and ask him if he would be willing.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Or even Ms. Bucher's office. I'm fine with that as well.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** She's on the Canvassing Board.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Oh, she is?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes. She's part of...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Attorney, does it have to be a Resolution or an Ordinance?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** This would have to be an Ordinance.

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

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's what I thought.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Because you have an Ordinance already that controls.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's what I thought. Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I'm done. Re', release the floor to the rest of my colleagues.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Does that give us an opportunity to...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It's tight.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...put in an Ordin'...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It's tight. I mean [pause]. It's tight. It, you know...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Because this...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** With the calendar.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...this, this experience, for us, has brought about a lot of challenges and the one thing that I don't want to see us do is to get into a position where it appears that we are acting improperly...

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

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...because none of have sat, none of us that are sitting here, has been absent of supporting any candidate.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, moving forward, I think that it is going to be imperative., and we may have to shoot for this very tight date...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...in order to get this Ordinance passed because we need someone that will be able to sit and to fairly apply the process and the rules.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. It would have to be on the next Agenda to have second reading by May 4<sup>th</sup>, before the Council meet... I'm sorry. Before the election on May 17.

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

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** I support that.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yeah. Me too.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Chuckle].

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Then, the Board needs to tell us who you wanna have. That's not a Staff, it's cer'..., it's not a Staff decision. It needs to be a Council decision.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** I'm not opposed to the Inspector General. I'm not opposed to having a judge. If, if, if a judge would say yes they could serve. As long as we identify a pers'..., a person and collectively make the decision because we understand that we are under tight constraints and so we need to have a conversation right now...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...as to who we would like to see appointed and do it now. We cannot wait. Time is of the essence, so...

[Clapping]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...we need...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...to move forward.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Please.

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** [Inaudible].

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Are you saying that you wanna... Is that an interim move that you wanna make or is this a permanent...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Well, let me say this. It needs to be interim but then, under my comments, a Charter review...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Excellent.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...is in need...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Gottcha.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...of happening sooner than later.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Because this brought up other inconsistencies in the Charter. So therefore, we need to establish, whatever that process is, and I do, I did some research and I saw that we had residents and we had one person that was, I believe, outside council...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...that served. So, we need to convene.., in my opinion, I would like to have the support of this Board to convene Charter review. Because we cannot continue to be the laughingstock of any county.

[Applause]

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** We have to move forward. And so, I'm just simply saying we need to do that. We need to go ahead and get that process started because, trust me, it will come back again and when it does come back, we need to be prepared.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Ms. Davis Johnson, can I ask a question?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes, ma'am.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Cause we will come back with a recommendation. So are you talking about a complete Charter review or just on the election section?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** I am talking about a complete...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Complete.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...Charter review.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That's what's needed?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Without...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** When...

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...a doubt.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But not for right now?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** But not for right now.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You're sayin'...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** No. We need to handle the Ordinance...

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

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...issue for the, for the Canvassing Board but then we need to convene a Charter review of the full Charter.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Mhmm.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** That would be my suggestion.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. So, is everyone else good with reaching out to the Inspector General to see if he would be willing to serve on the...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm good.

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...Canvassing Board?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes, I'm fine with that.

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

**CHAIR PARDO:** Sir.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Or, um, a judge as well. Put, put that option out there just in case someone else says yes or no.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. That's fine.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And, and... If I may.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes, please.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** With, with the same condition that they cannot have been involved...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...in the election.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Correct.

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

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Absolutely.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** That's, that's...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Well, and I...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Judges can't even...

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...believe the Inspector General doesn't even vote.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** [Chuckle].

**CHAIR PARDO:** Just to stay impartial.

**UNK:** I think we...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Do you need a motion?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Do you need a motion on that, Ms. Ryan? Yes. Someone make a motion...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...for Staff to reach out to the Inspector General.

[Inaudible background conversation]

**CHAIR PARDO:** If he can't do it, we'll reach out to a judge? Alright?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Second.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Chair Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. And then also, you'll be bringing the Resolution back to us at the next..., the Ordinance. The new Ordinance.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Right? At the next meeting. Okay. Let's continue down the dais. Anyone else?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Or..., was he finished?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Were you finished?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Were you done, Mr. Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Oh, I'm done.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Ms. Davis Johnson?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, I understand that the, um, school district met today with the county with regards to the one cent sales tax and I understand that the county is actually looking to have our municipalities sign an inter-local agreement. So, I'd like to know where we are, as a City, as it relates to the inter-local agreement. I haven't heard very much discussion. So, I would like to know where we are standing in that process.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**CHAIR PARDO:** [Inaudible].

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Ms. Davis Johnson, it's kind of ironic cause I had brought in the, in the draft inter-local or a sample one, already in here. What has happened is that this Council has decided on the projects that we would spend our one..., our additional monies that we will receive from a countywide one cent sales surtax, that is split between the county municipalities, school board, as well as the arts council, I believe is the third entity. So, we have approved our list. We've sent our list in so that they would know what projects we would like to have going forward.

We received on yesterday, I believe, the draft inter-local agreement and so we were waiting to see what happened with the school board in the county meeting today.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And, I had spoken with the Chair about placing this on the April the 20<sup>th</sup> Agenda. And so, once we go back and review what occurred today, then we will bring the inter-local from the City's perspective on the April 20<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you, ma'am.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you, Madam Chair. First let me, um, say that I fully support Councilwoman Davis Johnson's suggestion about the Charter review. It's been something that I actually brought up a few years, or a couple years back when I first got on. It's a living document and as issues surface, we need to be able to address those issues that impact our Charter. So, I fully support that and I think that it should be a standing committee, um, that is available as needed.

The other thing that I would like to do is thank everyone who voted in the election, the runoff election. It is very important irrespective of who you vote for, to exercise that right. This is the democracy that is the hallmark of, not just this community but our country. That's how you have your voice heard and that's how you express your position, not just on a candidate but where you want your City to go. This..., these elections are not about the people that sit here. It's about the City in which we live and what direction we want the..., we want to continue to go in. So, I definitely appreciate everyone that exercised that right, irrespective of whether you voted for me or not.

Let me also thank... I've been inundated since this last election with the phone calls and texts and emails of support. Let me just thank everyone who's contacted me. Um, I appreciate all of you and I am very gratified at the fact that, you know, people are paying attention and they do wanna get involved. So, thank you very much and I appreciate all your well wishes.

The last thing is, there have been, still, questions about whether the City is taking homes for Code violations. We'..., we've been over this a hundred times. This is something that was a campaign issue. People are still either confused or misled. Ms., Ms., Ms. Ryan, we've been over this before but I, I would like for you to, again, share with the people if the City can legally take anyone's home for a Code violation? Are we allowed to do that?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No. Under Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, which outlines the process and procedure for Code Enforcement, for your Code Enforcement Board, for your Code Enforcement, um, employees and the types of citations they can give and the fines. It clearly states that, under no circumstances [chuckle], can a, a governmental entity, cities, states, counties, um, foreclose on a Code Enforcement lien against homestead property.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Homestead means that people are living in their homes.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...you own a home and you live in that home, the..., and you check off on a box, you're supposed to. If you, if it's your homestead and you're getting exemption for it, you cannot have that... That home can never be foreclosed on.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Even with the Code Enforcement liens.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. And, and it's, it's unfortunate that we have to keep reiterating that but I'm told that some people are even going into churches indicating that the City's taking your home for Code violation. It is not true. And if the thunder came, I'm telling you to take cover cause if they're lyin' in church, it's gonna be a problem.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Mm.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh, let me also show the people. Walt, would you put that up for me? There, there is... [Stammer]. Like, one, two, three, four sentences from the bottom. Leave it right there, Walt. Leave it right there. Four sentences from the bottom where it says no lien created pursuant to the provision of this part, right there, may be foreclosed on real property which is a homestead, under this Article, of the State Constitution. It cannot happen people. When people are saying that the City is taking homes, they are telling a flat out lie now because we've been over this a million times. At one point I was saying that they was..., they just didn't understand, they're misled. They know that they're not being truthful. But, in order to get you angry, to make you fearful of losing your home, they are saying things that they know are not true. So, when you hear that, please let them know that Statute 162.9(3)...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** 0-9.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Excuse me?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** 162.009.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** 162.09, I left out the zero?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** (3), does not allow it. It is illegal.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** If anybody says that we're taking a home. Okay, Walt, you can take that off. And lastly, let me just say that, um, the people that know me, know that I'm passionate for my community. Sometimes people misunderstand my passion. I don't...

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...personally, I've said this before, just like anybody up here, or those who oppose me, but when people come after me, normally Bruce is gonna respond. Now that's just...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...that's just Bruce. So, but I don't take it personal and I hope when I respond to people coming after me, you don't take it personal. But, I'm not gonna sit idly by and allow people...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...to attack me. That's just not in my character. But, one thing that a young lady said that, uh, Ms. Miriam said that, say what you may, it's her opinion that Bruce's been doing a good job.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And it's my opinion that when I'm up here, I read my material, I do my research, I make decisions based on data, documents and evidence and that's what I'll continue to do.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Ms. Anderson, Miller-Anderson.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Yes. I just have a couple of comments.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Regarding the election process that took place on last week, the recount and the, you know, the, the whole election. I did speak with Ms. Jones in regards to seeing that we provide some sort of training for our Clerk Staff to ensure that the problems that we had in the past elections do not occur, um, in the future elections. I'm sure we will not have enough time to provide them with a substantial amount of training prior to the next election, so I'd inquired about have an outside, independent person coming oversee the election now, which we're talking about May 17<sup>th</sup>. And I was informed that we could get a retired City Clerk to come in and oversee it. I did inquire being that Ms. Carrie Ward did, um, was our Clerk for many, many years. I have not reached out to her yet but I do intend on reaching out to her and asking her if she would so be willing to oversee it as Ms. Ryan stated that she would qualify as..., because she's one of the retired City Clerks. But I, I was very, very displeased with the way in which the election and, up to the Canvassing Board, up to the concerns that were raised on the day of election.

One of the things I wanted to know was in regards to hiring our poll workers. I, as I explained to you before, I had heard that some were working and were not provide, provided with training or they were..., it wasn't verified that they had a provide..., had attended a training. And I, you know, wanna make a suggestion that we possibly use the poll workers that were hired through Supervisor of Election. That way we would be sure that they were provided with the training, the necessary training and that may save us some sort of funds by, you know, piggybacking off of them.

But, in regards to the May 17<sup>th</sup> election [stammer], and we may not make this decision tonight but we certainly have to fix... And I know that [stammer] it's in some sort of, um, memo addressing some of the issues in regards to the poll watcher, who shouldn't've been there, the, um, I don't see about having relatives working as poll workers or some sort of relationship to the candidates so that they're not in a position to do something that they shouldn't do with the ballots. So, I wanna make sure that we discuss that as well...

[Inaudible background comments]

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...when we do this discussion about who we should hire.

Also, the.., we already mentioned about the Canvassing Board and I'm glad that Ms. Johnson, To'.., Ms. Davis Johnson, now we've got Miller-Anderson and Davis Johnson.

[Chuckles]

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...brought that up because that one.., was one of the issues that I, as you know, I've had some issues with. I, um, I was called on last, I think, Wednesday to come out. I was called at about 12:40 at work and, and needed to be here, or be at the, um, the Tabulation Building in 20 minutes to come and participate on the Canvassing Board. At that time, it had not come up about us being disqualified so I did come but I, I did not really appreciate being given 20 minutes to get off my paying, paying job [chuckle] and telling me that I needed to be somewhere at 1:00 o'clock. I was the only one that did show up because it was such short notice and, I believe, Ms. Pardo and Mr. Thomas were unable...

[Inaudible background conversations]

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...to make it. I told them, if I got fired from my job for leaving without getting in touch them, I would, I would come to some people. But, you know, I, I wanted to fulfill my duties, as a Councilperson but I felt that I was put in a very precarious situation by having to decide should I not go or should I go. That shouldn't've happened and, um, and I do understand that maybe some candidates were not notified that they were allowed to come, or should've been there.

So, it, it's just a few of those things that, that played out on Wednesday, or actually on Tuesday night, on Wednesday and Thursday that I, I just don't want to see happen again. So that will be something that we need to discuss as well.

You wanted to share something in regards to what I had spoken to you about or?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, since we spoke, I have had an opportunity to look into some of the matters. And, all of the training for any poll worker in the county is done by the Supervisor of Elections.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We don't do any training in order for there to be consistency across the municipalities.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay. So, when we run our own election, we select from those who.., we verify that they've been provided training through the Supervisor of Elections office before we hire them?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. Part of the cost for the Supervisor of Elections, of what she charges us for, is for training.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And so that they, they go through the Supervisors of Election's training and.., so that way, everybody in the county is trained the same and you don't have one in one municipality doing something different. All of them had been trained.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** When we looked at.., from the Supervisor of Elections. In fact, some of them were individuals that we, that were used in the general election. Because this came so quickly...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...we didn't have time to advertise for poll workers. So we went to the poll workers that the Supervisor of Elections already had from the March 15<sup>th</sup> date and just asked them if they would be willing to work for this special runoff and we will continue to look into that and other issues.

I believe the Council is headed in the right direction with the Charter review because Canvassing Board responsibilities isn't even the Charter. And so, I think there's a lot of things that now that we've come to this point, that we realize that we need to go and do and try to make sure that that document, a living, fluid document, accurately reflects how we need to be conducting business. And so, we will continue to work on all of those issues.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** Okay. And I, I appreciate that. Um, and I'm glad you brought that point up about the Canvassing Board not being in there and, you know, receiving a call 20 minutes before needin' to be there, I couldn't get an

answer as to what was it I was going to do either. So, you know, I just don't like flying blind. So, we need to really make sure we have that Charter review and that was one of the things that I had in my comments to make, is that we review our Charter review and mainly because I, I read up on the Charter and reviewed a little more when it came down to the situation about the Canvassing Board and the situation in regards to District 1 seat being vacated once it's put on the ballot and allowing the person to stay on the dais until the election takes place. And I know we had the issue going back and forth whether or not it was a special runoff election or was it just another runoff election.

So, many of those things were absent when it came to looking into the Charter. So certainly the Charter review is something that we have to do and we need to make a priority to make sure that, that takes place as soon as we can because I don't want... I don't ever wanna be in, put in a position where we're having to assume or speculate that it is something because somebody probably meant something. I don't think that stands up in court. When someone meant that, you need to have some sort of documentation to support whatever it is that you're trying to express.

And that's really it for me. Um, the election, for me, was huge because it, it, it did not make us look good at all. And, and being over at the Tabulation Center those three days, it was not a pretty sight at all with the confusion, those that were in the Clerk's office that could not answer certain questions and, um, I.., training, is, is a major priority for me for the Clerk's office.

That's it. Thanks.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you.

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

**CHAIR PARDO:** Hold on one second, please. You know, I brought this issue up also. On Election Day, the general election, I questioned why we did not have police at all of the polls and I was told, by your Staff, that the Clerk's office decided that police weren't needed at all of the polls. Looking at the Charter, the Charter is clear when it comes to the election process. And it says the Chief of Police shall designate one police officer for each polling place who shall be required to be present during the time the polls are open and until the election is completed. Blah, blah, blah. That.., going...

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

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yeah.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I'm with you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Going forward, there needs to be... We need to follow the Charter, we need police at every poll. You know? It's imperative. And I don't think that one office should decide whether or not police should be available at the poll. And I did see,

there was a memo, there was something about the runoff election and how, I guess, some police were on overtime...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. Yeah.

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...or, whatever. But, you know what, you need to figure it out. The Charter is clear on it. And it's not..., you know, it says shall so, ya'll shall...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** [Chuckle].

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...have police...

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** [Chuckle].

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...at the poll. And, seriously. I agree with Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson about, when we were over at the Supervisor of Elections Board. You know, come on. It took a good hour or so, probably more, to decide.., at one point, the Supervisor of Elections threw up her hands and she's like, 'I'm not gonna educate you. It's not my job.' So, I would suggest, I would highly suggest, that, um, you know, the Staff is trained a little better. Alright? We can't let this happen again.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PARDO:** We can't.

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

**CHAIR PARDO:** No. Uh...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Madam.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Oh, I'm sorry. Hold on one second. Did you wanna say something?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. I will say that the Charter talks about our elections, wheth'.., this is another point for the Charter, in that it.., that one covers our elections cause we asked the Supervisor of Elections if... Cause the general election was basically.., we didn't have to pay for it cause they were doing presidential primary.

**CHAIR PARDO:** That's not true. She just told us.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And so...

**CHAIR PARDO:** That we're...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...it was...

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...paying, like, forty..., we paid, like, \$44,000.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We paid \$44,000 but, if you look at..., it wasn't for..., if you look at the line items as to what she's billed us for.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. And I...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And so, all I'm saying...

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...asked for that...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ... is that we...

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...and I haven't seen it.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...when we look at the Charter...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Mhmm.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...that is one of the areas that needs to be specifically laid out so that there is a true understanding that we're meaning that this is for every election because we pay for the, the police as it relates to that. And so that's where we need to make that clearer in the Charter, that it's every election held in the City of Riviera Beach, whether it's, um, early voting, presidential primary or one of our elections.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Well, what you just said really didn't make sense because when I...

[Chuckles]

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...asked about the inv'... No. I'm not trying to be, you know, curt or anything but when I asked about the invoices, it was like, 'Well, you know, um, we're not sure if there's a line item breakdown.'

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We didn't have the invoices with us. And you're right, we don't have them in here to look tonight to see what the line items are.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. I'm not gonna...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** They have...

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...sit here...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** ...been provided.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Right. I'm not gonna sit and be petty about it but police..., you know, if we have it in the Charter, the Charter clearly states that there shall be police at those polls, we need police at those polls. And if we're paying her \$42,000 to run an election where every other municipality in Palm County's also running an election, and then \$3,000 more just to run our election...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mm.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Um, there can..., you know, there should be policing. It just, it just doesn't make sense.

[Inaudible background discussion]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Ms. Johnson.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** So, just speaking in the same vein of what you're talking about as it relates to police, the one thing that the Charter is very specific is that it says one police officer for each polling location. That was not the case. It was a very menacing presence at the polls over here. And I, I., it's important to me because it was uncomfortable for voters. They felt uncomfortable approaching the polls. And the one thing that we won't, we don't want to do is have our voters feeling...

**CHAIR PARDO:** [Inaudible].

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...as if they are intimidated and then they turn around and they don't cast their vote and we're still in the same position that we are..., that we're in. So we need to make sure, again, that we are equally applying and consistently applying what the Charter says. So I would caution us to make sure that when we got to this election on March 17<sup>th</sup>, that there is one officer and that that offi'..., officer's there to maintain order. But we don't want it to be intimidating or menacing. So, we need...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Agreed.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** ...to make sure that that happens as well.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay.

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

**CHAIR PARDO:** Yeah. Mr. Davis.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Just to piggyback off that, I just wanna make sure that we have something in place to police how people are conducting themselves cause I seen

quite a bit of times when officers were there and, um, people was allowed to cross that line. And I just wanna make sure that we.., if they cross it and they're warned, then what happens next after they're warned? That's what I need to know.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Arrested.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Right.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** They get taken away.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** They get taken away? Is that arrest? Or they're just taken away, asked to leave? How does that work? If...

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I will check and see whether they're actually arrested or whether they're just removed from...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Removed?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** ...the premises and not allowed to return.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I just wanna make sure something's in place for that.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay, Mayor. Do you wanna do your...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No. I'm good. I'm, I'm...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...just trying to move this...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** What's the election...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** ...date again?

**CHAIR PARDO:** That's great.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** ...to an end.

**CHAIR PARDO:** May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON:** [Chuckle].

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** May 17<sup>th</sup>?

[Inaudible background discussions]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. At this time, we're going to public comment.

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

Public Comment should be restricted to issues, matters, or topics pertinent to the City of Riviera Beach. Please be reminded that the City Council has adopted "Rules of Decorum Governing Public Conduct during Official Meetings", which has been posted at the entrance of the Council Chambers. In an effort to preserve order, if any of the rules are not adhered to, the Council Chair may have any disruptive speaker or attendee removed from the podium, from the meeting and/or the building, if necessary. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

**CHAIR PARDO:** First comment. We have Fane Lozman and then Charlotte Darvill.

**MR. F. LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman. I just wanna tell you, when I went to Wells Recreation they had a police officer with a dog and occasionally he would open the window and the dog would start barking like crazy, like it was gonna rip your head off. There should be no K-9 officers with their dogs at polling places because they scared, not only me, they scared everybody around [chuckle] when this dog started barking like crazy. I mean, you don't wanna intimidate people from going to the polls. We can have two or three police officers at each poll but don't have a dog where it's, it's a game to see if they'll bark at somebody who comes by. That, that's just...

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Mhmm.

**MR. F. LOZMAN:** ...childish. Um, you know, Mayor, you were very right when you just said Mr. Guyton has it all hooked up to show where the law is, that he's not taking away anybody's houses and, you know, that was a campaign function that you just engaged in. Okay? A lot of people's homes are not homesteaded. They don't know what homestead is. Okay? So, they have homes that aren't homesteaded to protect them from that. What about the people who own businesses, where the City wants to take away their business, or take away a home that's not homesteaded? So that's, so that's disingenuous cause it doesn't show the whole picture. My home was homesteaded at the Riviera Beach City Marina. I had homestead on that. Yet, the City still came, took my home and spent \$6,900 to destroy it and we fought all the way to the Supreme Court and I won at the Supreme Court cause my home shouldn't have been taken. Yet, you can look to your City Attorney who signed off on getting a law firm from Tampa to fly into Fort Lauderdale and bill the City for that, you know, as, as part of her little game to try to get me out of the municipal Marina.

But, in the meantime, I've become the largest landowner in Singer Island and now, I do a survey that cost me \$15,000 and part of the City sidewalk is on my property, a half dozen light poles are on my property, two electrical boxes are on my property. This just happened with Dan Taylor, the City had to remove the light pole and put it in the middle of the sidewalk. So the building official and Gagnon and McKinney, when you have a contract to put a new sidewalk and new light poles in Singer Island, you should go out there and make sure they're put on City property or state property but not on private property.

Um, you know, I, I, I just, I'm just..., this is what we were afraid of is another couple meetings, Guyton's gonna continue to say why he's such a great guy and it, it shouldn't be on there. If you can have an Ordinance at the next meeting to talk about the Canvassing Board, you can have an Ordinance to say any elected official who is engaged in a tie runoff, steps down until the, until the special runoff election. It's improper to have him up there campaigning. It's not fair to Ms. Hubbard, it's not fair to the process. You know, he may try to steal this election by getting up there and saying, 'Well, I've done this and I've done that.' I don't care what you've done. Okay? The, the, the head of the Human Rights Council, Mr. Rand Hoch, told you to step down, that you should resign in a couple years cause he thought your behavior was disgusting. You have a history of disgusting behavior whether it's abusing women, whether it's financial affairs, you are a disgrace to this City and I'm gonna do everything I can to educate the people that you should step...

[Beep]

**MR. F. LOZMAN:** ...down. You shouldn't have a fourth term up there.

[Clapping]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Please. Charlotte Darvill and then Lloyd Brown.

**MS. C. DARVILL:** Hi. Charlotte Darvill.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Good evening.

**MS. C. DARVILL:** Good evening. On, um, 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Um, just one thing about the runoff election. Okay. This pretty lady sitting here in the black and white hat, she had mentioned something about..., I know it was over at Wells. And, in my forty some years of voting, I have never seen such a spectacle that went on outside. And that was out by the street. I, I'm lucky I didn't run over these people. They were practically on top of my car. I've never, ever seen anything like it. So, when I left there, I made sure I went out the other way and I didn't have to go passed them.

Okay. Um, I wanted to thank the head of the Public Works Department. I believe his name, is it Brett?

**CHAIR PARDO:** Brent Johnson.

**MS. C. DARVILL:** Um, I just wanted to thank him and, uh, from the bottom of my heart for, uh, if it hadn't been for him, we wouldn't've got our potholes fixed on our street and our sidewalks. He was a tremendous help. And [pause]. Then, I've been in that house for, I think, since 1973. The street has never, ever been repaved. Okay? And, I had mentioned a few years ago about street lights and, as far as the repaving go, or the street lights, we've never seen anything.

Now, one.., the other thing I wanted to mention, uh, I wanted to mention that to Masters about, do you know if anything is being done about all these sex offenders that have moved into the City, to protect the children? And is anything being done about the prostitutes out there?

[Pause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. You can continue and then we'll follow up. Ma'am, can you just tell us where, where on 20<sup>th</sup> Street do you reside?

**MS. C. DARVILL:** 361 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** I'll follow up with...

**MS. C. DARVILL:** Right down from the...

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...Mr. Johnson and...

**MS. C. DARVILL:** ...the Catholic church there.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** ...the, um, Ms. Jones. Yeah.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Ms. Miller will follow up.

**MS. C. DARVILL:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay, ma'am. Thank you. Lloyd Brown and then Paul Kripas and Mary Darva. Doreva?

**MR. L. BROWN:** I'm gonna try to make this sound, you know, as easy as I possibly can. Uh, well, my name is Lloyd Brown. I've been living in Rivera Beach, 1464. I'm here to let you, Council Members know that because of your lack of concern and the building department failure to make sure that City Codes were followed in the construction of my house, I've notified the tax collector office that I'm not gonna pay taxes until someone, other than you or the County Commissioners, investigate this situation. I mean, until this is done, I feel just like my forefathers. You know, the

revolution, taxation without representation? See, I don't deal in that and that's wrong and it's very wrong.

And then another thing I have to say. I hear these people talk about we need voters. You, you know back in the time... I'mma take you back because they were giving, uh, drug addicts felonies for attempting to purchase drugs when, uh, like, a drug addiction and a rehab was like a disease. So, all these black guys you see, this lady say in front of these places, they're holdin' the signs, those mostly are felons. So, like, these people can't vote because they attempted to buy drugs because they had a, a drug addiction problem which you let, without even saying a wimp or anything. You didn't say anything. You let, uh, people put these rules, whatever, Ordinance, you know, still it sucks, whatever they did because these guys out there now, they can't vote and they can't vote. And it's something about, well, they should go downtown and reapply because I don't think a drug addict should be, uh, penalized because he's an addict. Because, like I say, in the rehab, addiction is a disease.

And then another thing I wanna say, you know, that makes, uh, make me kinda mad is just that, uh [pause]. Okay. You, you got this thing about, uh, open container, right? Alright, well, I can pay taxes on the beer I drink and help build the highways and help, helps the City but I can't change the law so that me being a felon, I could vote because you, you have made me a felon for some little misdemeanor crime, you know, like, drinking or purchasing drugs. And it's ridiculous. I mean, it, it really is ridiculous that I can buy beer and pay taxes but I can't, I can't vote but I can pay taxes and help you wit'ch your streets. And these black politicians that we have, they didn't say nothin' to try to change this because, in our neighborhood, we don't have enough voting strength. You say you see..., this lady said she saw them people around the votin' place, most of them hold signs and most of them are felons. She didn't see no voters. You, you got more felons in Riviera Beach than you got anywhere else and, and then our, our people here, that we got the...

[Beep]

**MR. L. BROWN:** ...Council Members, you don't see nothing. I mean, you don't see the forest for the trees.

[Clapping]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you, sir. Paul Kripas and then Claire Francois Duvignaud [sp].

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR PARDO:** What was that?

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**CHAIR PARDO:** Oh, okay. Great. Sir.

[Inaudible background discussion]

**MR. P. KRIPAS:** My name's Paul Kripas. I live at...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Good evening.

**MR. P. KRIPAS:** ...101 25<sup>th</sup> Street, East, Riviera Beach and I have pictures here to show the Council Members on, my neighbor on the west side, she has been Code to death. And as the Council Member said, you cannot take away somebody's house. I drive from Ontario to here, I have purchased a house here. In 1,400 miles, I have never seen a house that looks like this anywhere. We don't have houses that look like this in Ontario and I haven't seen one in the States until I bought my house here. What's going on here? Why is this allowed to happen? Why hasn't anybody come in and cleaned this place up? I have tried to rent my house and when they see it on the MLS, they love it but when they actually drive by with the real estate agent, there's another story. They change their mind about coming here.

And the other thing that happens, and I look at your sign, uh, the best waterfront City in which to live, work and play. And you look at this house next door to me, you don't wanna be here. How come these Ambassadors aren't doing something to clean it up? And, and, and it's not fair that I am paying taxes, that I am paying taxes and, for what? And I can't refuse to pay my taxes as the other guy that was here, twice behind me, what's, you know, what's going on? If I don't pay my taxes because of the property next door, you guys are gonna sell it because I didn't pay my taxes. Can I dispute this? I don't know.

I hope you look at these pictures and see for yourself what I have to deal with and there's nothing being done. That vehicle that is parked on their property has 2015 plates on it and it was just moved there a month ago or a month and a half ago. I don't know how it drove on this street without being caught.

Thank you very much.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** That was Mr. Kripas?

**MR. P. KRIPAS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** I'll get in touch with you. Um, you're in my District so I'll, I'll have someone reach out to you, my aide, Ms. Tina, on tomorrow. Okay?

**MR. P. KRIPAS:** Get in touch with me tomorrow?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** It'll be tomorrow, yes.

**MR. P. KRIPAS:** Thank you very much.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON:** You're welcome.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Claire and then Vincent Brown. Good evening, ma'am.

**MS. C. F. DUVIGNAUD:** My name is Claire Francois Duvignaud. Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Good evening.

**MS. C. F. DUVIGNAUD:** I would like to [chuckle], I would like to start off by giving thanks to Thomas Mayor, Thomas Master for his invitation. On the behalf of myself, as the President of the [inaudible] of Haiti, I congratulate you on your election. It is very apparent that you are doing a great job within the community because of your fifth time that you have been reelected. It is with great hope that the [inaudible] of Haiti may, one day, have a working relationship with community of Riviera Beach. We hope that the woman organization of Riviera Beach collaborates with the [inaudible] of Haiti through your position within the community because you are always a great support of the Haitian community here, in Riviera Beach, and in Haiti. Mayor Master, we hope you have great success of the Tribune., great success and [inaudible] of Haiti is ready to assist and support you in any way possible. The [inaudible] of Haiti, wishes you good luck with its, with your journey.

Excuse for my accent.

[Clapping]

**CHAIR PARDO:** We love the accent.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Vincent Brown and then MARY BRABHAM.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, while Mr. Brown coming, there are five people that flew over today from Haiti to be here for the swearing in of the Mayor. Would you stand? Those five, from Haiti? Give them a hand. All the way from Port-au-Prince.

[Applause]

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you for coming. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Welcome, ladies. Good evening, Mr. Brown.

**MR. V. BROWN:** Good evening. Good evening, Council. My name...

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening.

**MR. V. BROWN:** ...is Vincent Brown. I live at 1031 Center Stone Lane of Riviera Beach. I will like to first commend all of you guys. I think you guys are doing a wonderful job. Ms. Tonya Davis, I believe that you will do a wonderful job coming forward.

I come to you tonight, I have son who's 13 years old. He swims for North Palm Beach Swim Team. We started out here in Barracuda Bay in Riviera Beach. Um, I really love the program. When I did my history and my research on Riviera Beach Swim Team and I looked at the past when they used to be at the Dan Calloway Center, I noticed how large the swim team was and how many kids you guys had involved. When we started our son with your swim program, we probably had maybe 10 kids, max. And it was only a part-time recreational. Um, my son was a fantastic football player but he actually had a knack in swimming. We wanted him to further his education in swimming but the resources at Barracuda Bay was very limited. So therefore, we pulled our son out of Riviera Beach, which is bad for the City, and we sent him to North Palm Beach which is a USA Swim Club.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Right there. Right.

**MR. V. BROWN:** Um, since he's been there, he's been there for a year and a half, he's made the Junior Olympics in six events, he's, um, the second fastest in, on his age group when he was there with the blue team under Coach Cavanaugh. He moved up now cause he's 13 years old. My son is 5'7", 135 lbs. He's 13, he's in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and he has one more year left and then we're applying for him to go to Suncoast. My plea is, why isn't there enough resources in other sports, besides football and basketball in Riviera Beach? I live here, I pay taxes here. To me, I think that our children should be exposed to more than just football and basketball. Uh, my son has an ambition...

[Applause]

**MR. V. BROWN:** ...to, one day, make the 2020 Olympics which will be in Japan. He would like to be the first black swimmer to win a gold medal in the butterfly, the freestyle, the breaststroke and also the 200 IM. But, the credit won't go to the City because he's attached to North Palm Beach. So, what I would like to see... I don't know what the budget is and I know when I did speak, uh, when Ms. Taya [sp] used to be over there, the budget was very limited. There were, there were no touch path or clocks. Um, the swimming was only like two, three months was the swim season and then it stops. In North Palm Beach we swim year 'round. The registration fee isn't expensive, it's only \$85 a month. You know? It comes out directly and then you just pay for your swim meets but the exposure that he gets is phenomenal. Uh, he's attached with Florida, Georgia and Alabama, he's ranked in the top 50 in the State of Florida, he's ranked 126<sup>th</sup> in three states. He's ranked No. 2 in North Palm Beach. So, but the point that I'm making is...

[Beep]

**MR. V. BROWN:** ...and I'm sorry for going over my time, I will like for him to have his credit attached to his home and not somebody else.

Thank you and God Bless.

[Applause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** I have a question for you. How long ago was he affiliated with our program?

**MR. V. BROWN:** Uh, this would be 2014.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay.

**MR. V. BROWN:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Thank you. Ms. Brabham and then Bridges of...

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Good evening, Mary Brabham.

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...Riviera Beach.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Riviera Beach.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Um, congratulations to Ms. Jacqueline Burgess for being the Assistant, uh, City Clerk. You read very well. You are very effective with your words. So I say congratulations. You'll do good.

Uh, on the election, we've heard more than enough about the election. Now it's up to us to do better. We've heard about the impartialities that existed, we've heard more than we can actually comprehend. So I'm challengin' the City to do better. Not just with this upcoming election but hereafter cause we can do better. The City Clerk, Ms. Anthony, she put out robocalls in this last election, that was a good tool to engage the City residents to get up and vote. Because this election here will be critical. Now, if we do not do the cor'..., the correct things, we, we will be back with a \$45,000 election.

**UNK:** That's right.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** So we don't want that. But if we have to, we will come back every time to vote. Uh, Bruce Guyton, if Bruce Guyton wins, I'll say congratulations to him. If Ms. Hubbard wins, I'll say congratulations to her because I will challenge anyone to do better that sits up to to..., on this dais. This gentleman here, he put it plainly. I've always talked about the City programs. As elected representatives, you have to do better. You have to engage and put out your own City programs. You made mention tonight about the Youth Empowering Program. I was at a town hall, uh, meeting and it was made mention..., one lady, some things that she was wanting to engage her son in and when it

was made mention about, about the Youth Empowerment Program, that's a hidden treasure. Not only that program but other programs. You, you all need to be more engaged with your City here.

Um, uh, Terence Davis spoke about the police department. I'm gonna say the police department too because I love 'em cause we cannot be a lawless City. I want my police officers to come into my neighborhood and clean up my streets. I want the community cleaned up. Officers, if you have to do that job to do it, Ms. Bram say do it because I'm tired of this. We got chaos all over our City. Now, it's time for us to get, get in the back of those that we know. It's, it's good and bad in everything but all of our officers are not bad. So officers, come into our community. Do not be afraid of the gangbangers.

**UNK:** Hmm.

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Help clean up our City and our community.

[Beep]

**MS. M. BRABHAM:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you, Ms. Bram.

[Clapping]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Terry Ferguson and then Lynn Hubbard.

**MS. T. FERGUSON:** Good evening and congratulations to...

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

**MS. T. FERGUSON:** ...our new and, uh, returning Council Members. I'm Terry Ferguson from Bridges at Riviera Beach and, um, I have to.., a question to ask to the City and the Council. Did you know that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month?

**UNK:** Yes.

**MS. T. FERGUSON:** Okay. April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by Presidential Proclamation in 1983. Since then, April has been a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse. The Foundation for Youth in 2014 identified 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and estimated that 6,000, 4,600, 261, children were victims of child abuse or neglect. And, 1,580 children died as a result of child abuse and neglect. The majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that can be preventable when community programs and systems are engaged and supportive. A community that cares about early childhood development, parental support and

maternal mental health, for instance, is more likely to foster nurturing families and healthy children.

A body of research has identified factors known to prevent and reduce child abuse and neglect. They include parental resilience, nurturing and attachment, social connections, knowledge and parenting and child development, social and emotional competence of children and concrete supports for parents. Bridges engages with parents around these factors every day. The pinwheels that you received, the blue and white pinwheels, is the official symbol for National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Please join the Bridges and the Bridges members as we wear blue on Thursday of every, uh, every Thursday during the month of April and also, by setting your alarms for a daily moment of silence at 12:00 noon.

Thank you for your time as we continue to bring awareness to issues that affect our families and children, not only here in Riviera Beach but nationally.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you very much for all you do. Lynne Hubbard and then Andrew Degraffenreidt.

**MS. L. HUBBARD:** Good evening. Lynne Hubbard, 1405 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Riviera Beach.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Good evening.

**MS. L. HUBBARD:** I have a couple of things. One, Mr. Guyton's comments were nothing more than a campaign speak and I publically and formally request the same amount of time.

Secondly, it was noted that the Charter was followed as far as the Canvassing Board was seated this evening but when we got to the part about whether or not you had participated actively in a campaign, we didn't follow that part of the Charter where it is explicit that, if a Canvassing Board Member had participated actively in a campaign, they should not participate. So, whether or not the Board read it to say that they were allowed to sit, your very own Charter also stated, as a Canvassing Board Member, if you actively participated in an election, you could not sit. So, either way, the Board, the Canvassing Board should not have been the one to seal the election this evening. I just wanted to point that out when we want to buy into the, the, the Charter when it best suits us and then we don't want to use it when it doesn't suit us. So there was a part that, that you negated, that was negated rather, that still would've made it null and void for, for you to participate.

Also, with the, um, with, I want to go on record also as saying that I hope that we have an outside person to handle this upcoming election because there was so many things that was so very wrong and so blatantly wrong, with the way that this election was handled and, being a person that will be directly affected by this particular election, I too would feel very comfortable if we had an outside firm taking care of this election and

that no City employees are as, are allowed to take off work whether they are certified by the county or not and be poll workers [pause] and be poll workers. I think that's a direct conflict especially when one of the candidates is quas'.., is quasi boss of those employees. And note I said quasi.

Thank you.

[Clapping]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you. Is Mr. Degraffenreidt still around? Okay. Willis Williams and then Adrian Brown.

[Pause]

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** Again, Willis Williams. 1690 West 26<sup>th</sup> Court.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Good evening.

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** Uh, it's, it's disturbing that, uh, that we have to go through Mr. Guyton making public speeches again when he, uh, still sits on the Board and he's not been elected by the people. And see, this will be the same thing that will continue for these next meetings that's gonna happen. He's gonna try to do as much as he can through those TVs and [stammer], trying to get elected. What I need to know and clarify from Mrs. Ryan is, you said homestead exemptions. Well, I can't homestead for one property. So what happens when I got five? Can they take that one?

[Pause]

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. You can continue with your comments and she'll follow up.

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** Oh, okay.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you.

**MR. W. WILLIAMS:** So, I need to know that simply because everyone here in Riviera Beach, most people in Riviera Beach own two or three different properties. So, you can take people homes. You may not be.., they.., and you can put so much liens on the homestead property that they can't even get a mortgage or they, uh, uh, do a modification or whatever to save that particular house. So it can be done. [Stammer]. You know, and again with Ms. Hubbard, what you all do is when it suits ya, you use one term and when it don't suit you, you figure out another way to handle it. And this is not.., and that's what we talked about, being fair. Tell the whole story because those houses that you probably talking about being taken, probably not even homesteaded homes.

So, we need to make sure that we're on a level playing field, so everybody has an opportunity to understand what you're talking about. Because you only talk about the issue of what you wanted the audience, uh, the viewing public to see. You're not talking about those people that have more than, multiple homes and they can't homestead..., by law, they can't homestead for more than one property. So please, uh, adhere to that and let me know what the answer is.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you, sir. Ms. Ryan, do you wanna address that?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, first of all, Mr. Williams, as an owner of many properties knows that you can only homestead one property and if you own other properties, you are considered a landlord and you are responsible for taking care of your property. If you do not take care of your property, whether it's residential or commercial, the City, the county, the state, any governmental entity has a right to put liens on your property if you refuse to take care of them. And yes, the City has a lot of landlords who do not take care of their property. You can look around the City. That gentleman came up and talked about it this evening, what he saw. I won't call it a disgrace but I've never seen anything like this except on the show "Hoarders". But, um, and there's a property next to my mother's home that's rental property and it's got so many Code Enforcement liens on it and I wish the City would foreclose on that property because it looks disgusting. So yes, the City can foreclose on, um, on property that's not homestead. If you have effectively turned into a slumlord and I think that residents of the City demand that we, we do what, what's proper under the law and try to take care of our homes. You know, who wants to live next to this kind of a, the house that the gentleman just showed us? I know I'm going outside of my lane on this but this is disgusting and the City should look into foreclosing on some properties that are not homestead, if they look like this. This is, this is ridiculous.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Adrian...

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But I hope I answered your question.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Adrian Brown and then Edward Rogers.

**MS. A. BROWN:** Good evening. Adrian Brown.

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

**MS. A. BROWN:** 3017 Laurel Ridge Circle. I'm gonna give the floor to, um, retired Judge Edward Rogers. He's gonna convey what I wanna say to this, uh, Council.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you.

**MS. A. BROWN:** Judge Rogers.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Alright. Judge Rogers, you're up. And then Reverend Burrs.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Thank you, Adrian. And, um...

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

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Ms. Ryan, Ms. Jones, Ms., uh...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Pardo.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Pardo, I'm ashamed of you. You let Mr. Guyton come up here and literally assassinate Mrs. Ha'...

**UNK:** Lynne.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Lynne. You knew that he had no business at all making a campaign speech up here, very unethical of you. And I'm ashamed of you because I know all three of you and I don't, I, I never would've thought you would sit up there and watch him just come up and he intended to do that. That was obvious. He brought his all..., his equipment and stuff up here, his campaign equipment and put on a little show for you and you just watched the bloodletting with the power to say, you know, you're beyond what you came up here to say and what you're saying is working to the disadvantage of his opponent and that is why there's no trust. That is why we don't trust you...

**UNK:** Mm, mm, mm.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** Because we feel as though you could have stopped that, you could have said, 'Mr. Guyton, what you're doing is a speech here and this isn't the place for it and we're not gonna let you get an unfair advantage of her by doing this.' I've been up there where you were. I spent six or seven years on the bench here. I never would've done that and Pam knows that I wouldn't've allowed that. And that's what we expect of you, some sense of fair play and that is why we don't want you to have anything at all to do with judging us because we don't trust you. We...

**UNK:** [Inaudible].

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** ...we think that you'll just let anything you want to happen and I wanted to tell you that because I always felt as though, you know, you're on the other side and you got a right to do and say what you want to but we don't expect you to help the..., somebody else who's, uh, hurting somebody here and say nothing at all about it.

And that's all I'm gonna say.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**HONORABLE E. ROGERS:** I hope that won't happen again.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair?

[Clapping]

**CHAIR PARDO:** No. Hold on a second. Let's just finish public comment. Reverend Burrs and then Jillian Smart.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Madam Chair...

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

**REVEREND BURRS:** ...Council, City Manager, City Attorney. Congratulation to the, uh, elected officers of this great City. I wasn't intend to comment or say anything at this particular time but the gentleman from Singer Island touched my heart when he came here when he made the comments concerning the unity that should be taking place in the City, not just on Singer Island but on the mainland as well. And, er, uh, and I've., very heard., very few peoples that approached this podium to give their address and say Riviera Beach and I know for a fact that I went over to some business over on Singer Island and the people gave their address, Singer I'., Singer Island, Florida, never mentioned Riviera Beach. So, my hat goes off to that gentleman and the people that supported him for coming up saying that we all oughta take note to that.

And my next comments is that, uh, I was rememberin' when President Obama first ran for election and won and a person from the, from the floor called him a lie. That was, that was totally embarrass. Now, we may not agree with one another but I don't think we should call nobody a lie when they make their comments. You know, if you wanna call him., get him [inaudible] and tell him you lied but let's respect the people sitting there and I think, uh, and I hope that whoever sit there and, Mr., uh, Guyton, that respect Ms., Ms. Anderson. Uh, don't come down on her like you've been doing. That's where a lot of people really have some problems how you has been respecting a educated, wonderful, black woman. Every time she said something it seemed like it was attacked on her but you didn't do other peoples that, that way. So, so take note of that. Some time it take a bigger man to be a humble man than to be bold man. Some time you gotta hold your piece and don't retaliate at every comments that had been made at you, even if you don't like it. You're in a position where you got ta learn to be humble. And, uh, you know, I understand your point that you don't want nobody to insult ya or say anythings to you to hurt you feeliin'., you gonna retaliate. Sometime it take a bigger man to humble themselves and swallow some things and move on.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you, sir. Gillian Smart.

[Inaudible background comment]

**MS. G. SMART:** Good evening.

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

**MS. G. SMART:** Council Members, my Mayor's not here. And, or, so, residents of the beautiful City of Riviera Beach. Yes, it is beautiful. I am not a resident here. I am an employee of the School District of Palm Beach County and I've been an educator for the past 17 years. And, I love the history of this town. With that said, I'm here to promote an event that's taking place on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Riviera Beach Preparatory Academy. It is an International Youth Festival. It is celebrating black filmmakers here, in South Florida. We have three, four filmmakers who will be screening their movies and also having a conversation with attendees. In addition, we will be hosting, uh, workshops for small businesses who might be interested in getting commercials shot or students who are interested in the filmmaking process. It is free. Let me say it again, it is a free event. And the purpose of this event is really to bring a new dynamic, a new narrative to this rich city of Riviera Beach.

Uh, we want to., I heard someone, a resident, saying that, you know, you, you., he spoke about the, the, the mantra of the City. And yes, there may be dark places but we have to start with a very small narrative by bringing such events. It is an International Youth Film Festival. Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. That is a week and a half from today. And, I hope that you will encourage, uh, high school students to participate. They get volunteer hours for participating and they get volunteer hours for also helping out with the event. It is at Riviera Beach Prep Academy. For information, you can contact me, uh, Gillian Smart. My number is 561-351-8651 or you could go on my website and, uh, register or look for it on Eventbrite. The website is Cane, C-A-N-E TV.net and register. Please support., for those of you who don't wanna learn about filmmaking, and you just wanna see one or two filmmakers that look like us, that are doing things in our community, here in South Florida, come out. Some of these filmmakers will be featured in the June event down in, um, in Miami.

So come out. Ronnie Kush, um, Daniel Ross and a few other filmmakers will be among them. Come out, watch a movie, it's free. Again, International Film Festival at Riviera Beach Preparatory Academy on Saturday. And you, Representatives, come out. Let the community see you're doing something out there wonderful.

Thank you so much.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Can you tell us the time, please?

[Beep]

**MS. G. SMART:** It is from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration starts at 9:30.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Excellent.

**MS. G. SMART:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PARDO:** Thank you very much. Okay. So that is the end of the...

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PARDO:** ...public comment. We have no more business on the floor. Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Just one quick comment...

**CHAIR PARDO:** Please.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** ...Madam Chair. I'm offended that people in our community do not want our residents to be educated. The only thing that I have done was to inform them about what the law is and they are saying that I shouldn't be able to inform the public. That's asinine. And it's reprehensible and as long I sit here, if something is being said that is not accurate and I know what the truth is, I'm gonna inform the public because I don't have an option, I have an obligation.

Thank you.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**CHAIR PARDO:** Okay. No more business on the floor. We are adjourned. Thank you very much everyone for staying with us tonight.

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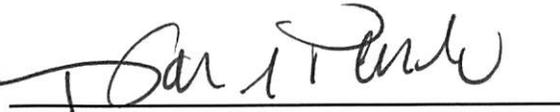
**There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:12 p.m.**

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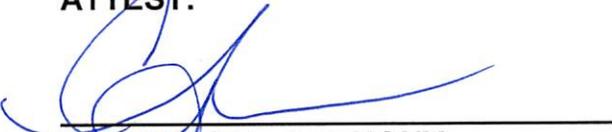
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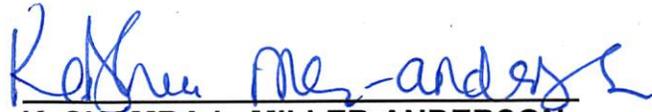
  
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