

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL FACT-FINDING MEETING
HELD APRIL 25, 2016, 6:00PM
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
600 WEST BLUE HERON BOULEVARD
RIVIERA BEACH, FL 33404**

I. CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Welcome, everyone, to the City of Riviera Beach. Tonight we have a Special City Council Fact-Finding Meeting with regards to the water issue that's been going on since last Wednesday. Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

II. INVOCATION

III. ROLL CALL

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chairperson Dawn Pardo?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Pro Tem Terence Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Bruce Guyton? Councilperson KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Tonya Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANGER JONES: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Deputy City Clerk Jacqueline Burgess is present. City Attorney Pamala Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

(Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairperson Pardo).

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh, where's the little boy?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Love it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh, my God. Yeah, that kind of caught --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Like, right on the front row.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You know, I -- I have to say it's great hearing a young person recite the Pledge. I just -- I love it. So thank you, young man, for joining us. Okay. We will move on. Purpose of the Meeting. Mayor Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Would you like to tell us the purpose of the meeting, please?

PURPOSE OF MEETING - MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: And before I do that, the young man that did the Pledge, that said that, stand up, please. Come up here a second. Just for a minute. Now, he deserves a big hand. He -- he was right on point.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It was nice and loud.

MAYOR MASTERS: Now, I want -- I want you to do the Pledge again and we're all going to follow after you. Shall we stand? You're gonna lead us.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's the wrong hand.

MAYOR MASTERS: Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, he's starting off wrong.
(Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance being led by young man from audience).

MAYOR MASTERS: our children are young and gifted.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, as the executive, or some say, officer and perhaps the person as Mayor who is responsible for any emergency action as outlined by the -- the charter, as the one who many feel is the voice of the City, Section 5 of the charter -- and I'm calling this meeting based upon that authority, not because I enjoy calling special meetings. I think I've called two almost a few weeks apart in my whole nine years of tenure. Section 15, "A Mayor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the City in the

same manner as provided herein after -- above for City Council. The Mayor shall be recognized as the head of city government for all ceremonial purposes by the courts for the purpose of serving civil process and by the Governor of the State for military purposes. In time of public danger or emergency, he or she may, with the consent of the City Council, take command of the police and maintain order and enforce the laws.

During the absence or disability of the Mayor, his or her duties shall be performed by the Chairperson of the City Council. The Mayor shall report to the City Manager violation or neglect of duty on the part of employees of the city that may come to his or her knowledge. He or she may examine into the condition of the books, records and papers of any department in the manner of conducting and the manner of conducting official business. He or she shall report to the City Council all violations and neglect of duty of any official that may come to his or her knowledge. He or she may make such recommendations about the business and the general welfare of the City to the City Council as he or she deems advisable. He or she may communicate from time to time to the City Council such information and make recommendations of the measures touching the public service as he or she may deem proper."

And let me skip a couple sentences because it refers to vacancy. But this is important, the latter part: "The Mayor shall have power to suspend any officer or employee of the City except members of the City Council for misconduct in office --" and I repeat, "for misconduct in office or neglect of duty." And I repeat, "or neglect of duty but shall report his or her action in writing to the City Council with the reasons thereof at the next regular scheduled meeting of the City Council for its approval or disapproval. And the said officer or employee shall stand and remain suspended only upon the approval therefore by the majority vote of the City Council and upon disapproval thereby shall receive his or her compensation for the time during which he or she was suspended."

Madam Chair, I called this Special Meeting based upon that authority which has been ordained by the charter. I know that this is not the Utility Special District. I also know that the Council cannot make or execute any action as it relates to the Utility District. However, this Council does have the authority and the -- and/or the Mayor, to make recommendations to the Utility District just as we did with the naming of President Barak Obama Highway. We didn't have the authority to rename the highway but we had the authority to make the recommendation to the County and then the County took it from there. We -- in a very similar situation.

I started thinking about calling a Special Meeting Friday morning. I was very disturbed about what had been reported in the media. I was even more disturbed by the fact that I didn't know about it. It almost, for those of us who are old enough to remember -- it almost somewhat reminded me of Watergate. Who knew what and why didn't I know, based upon the charter, and why didn't anyone else know if that was the case, and why wasn't I told who, what, when and where with some of the questions, "Who knew what? What did you know? What did you not know? And why did you not report it to the Mayor or the Chair or any other elected official on this board?" That is very troubling to me. Certainly it does, in my opinion, rise to the level of misconduct without question.

So I felt that I needed to do something quickly and in a hurry to make sure that the public would know what is going on in this City that we should not have to get bits and pieces -- and no disrespect to the media, but bits and pieces through or from the media. We didn't

elect the media. We elected public officials and we hold our public officials accountable and responsible. We hired City Manager. We hired -- or they hired the Utility Director and those people and whoever else in the process.

So I called the City Attorney at a very early time in the morning which I'm known to wake up half the City when something is bothering me. And I think, Madam Attorney, probably around 7:30. And I said to her that I had two questions. One, "Does the Mayor have the authority to call a Special Meeting"? And she said, "You do not have that authority to call of the Utilities District, Special Utility District, because you're not a member of the Utility Board," which I'm probably glad I'm not now. I'm an ex-official -- whatever in the world that means -- member.

Then I spoke to her again in that same conversation, discussed the -- calling a Special Meeting of the Council in which I was told certainly I had the right to do because we did that not long ago. But she was very clear to me that it did not give me the right or this board the right to make any executive or legislative decisions. And I was fine with that. I learned later on the day before I could put this in motion that the Chair of the Utility District was -- she and I was on the same page. We actually was thinking that something needed to be done and needed to be done quickly. But I felt that we couldn't wait until Tuesday. We needed to know today.

And I also felt that this meeting today certainly would lay the groundwork or the foundation for the meeting tomorrow in which the Utility District will take final action. So this was built out of -- as a fact-finding mission or meeting and no disrespect to the -- to the Chair of the Utility District.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And no disrespect taken, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I understand.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. So here we are tonight to get the facts. Facts versus fiction. And I just want to get to the point. I need to know is the water in Riviera Beach contaminated or not? Is it safe to drink or not? And I need to hear that tonight from the authorities. I need to know whether this is a fluid situation -- and let me break a few rules of grammar. I have to say that 'cause my momma in heaven would be very disturbed if I didn't say that. So let me just say I know I'm breaking a few rules of grammar -- either it is or it ain't.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It is.

MAYOR MASTERS: And I need to know that tonight. I need to know what are we doing? If there's any corrective measures that need to be taken, I need to know that tonight. I need to know why were we fined. I need to know why were we warned twice consecutively month and the next month. Just a month ago, perhaps. So, Madam Chair, this is why I called the meeting and I want answers. And I want action tomorrow night. And I will go from here. I think the next item was the Health Department so do I kick it back to you, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And thank you for your leadership in this.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So Miss Jones, would you like to invite the Department of Health or who do we have? The Department of the Environmental Health up here? Would you like to say something before they come up?

CITY MANGER JONES: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you so much. And while he's coming, this will be Mr. Tim Mayer, the Director of the Department of Environmental Health for Palm Beach County. The Mayor contacted him and invited him to ensure that he would be here tonight because, yes, it is important that we get the answers. 'Cause if you don't know you can't do something about it. And it is important for all of us to know. And there are things that have taken place in the last four or five days and we will, tomorrow, talk more about and have recommendations to the Utility District Board as it relates to that. But right now, Mr. Ted [sic] Mayer, who is the Director of the Department of Environmental Health for Palm Beach County.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. And before you start, sir, please let the record reflect that Councilman Guyton is here. He's been on the dais a good 10 minutes or so. Okay. Good evening, sir. Please state your name for the record.

TIM MAYER: Good evening. My name's Tim Mayer. I'm the Division Director for the Environmental Public Health Division for the Florida Department of Health here in Palm Beach County.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

WHAT THE TEST RESULTS MEAN - TIM MAYER, DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

TIM MAYER: I'd just like to say thank you for inviting me and good evening to Mayor Masters and Council Members and others. I appreciate the opportunity to come present the position of the Department of Health in this matter.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Thank you for coming, sir.

TIM MAYER: You're very welcome. I'd just like to say -- start, the Department of Health in Palm Beach County is responsible for ensuring compliance with the state and federal regulations related to drinking water within the County. Information provided to us by the Utility for the January and February of 2016 reporting periods indicated some compliance

issues. In March and April the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County issued warning letters to the Utility for the purposes of collecting additional information and clarifying the information related to the compliance issues.

The compliance issues related to the minimum level of disinfectant required to be maintained in the system, the number of positive total coliform samples collected and the need to collect additional samples. The Florida Department of Health has met with the Utility and offered a consent order with several corrective actions for consideration. The Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County has met with the City administration and is moving forward with negotiations related to the consent order and corrective actions.

And just to assure everyone, the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County is here to ensure compliance with the drinking water regulations and will continue to ensure the -- that compliance and to continue to monitor this situation.

CITY MANGER JONES: Thank you so much. I don't know if there are any questions that anyone has as it relates to this issue. But one of the things that is important for everyone to know and that is about the quality of the water. Can you speak to the quality of the water in Riviera Beach.

TIM MAYER: Well, quality of water's measured in an -- any number of different parameters. When the -- the -- the water utility and the water system meets all the compliance requirements, the quality is fine and the water is safe at that point, yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What was that?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, sir -- so are you saying that the water is not safe to drink in the City of Riviera Beach?

TIM MAYER: No, I'm not saying that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So can you --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hold on. Let's --

TIM MAYER: It's difficult. It's difficult to say whether it's safe or unsafe. What happens is --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right, please. Go ahead, sir.

TIM MAYER: What happens is the utility is required to take samples periodically. They submit those samples to us. They do a total coliform sample, which is a very broad test to identify the potential or the existence of indicator organisms. Those indicators are not contamination in and of themselves. They are indicators that there's a potential for pathogenic organisms; organisms that could make you sick could be in the water system.

Okay? That's not to say that they are in the water system. It says they could be in the water system. It's a very broad spectrum so that it will catch the wide variety of --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. People, please.

TIM MAYER: -- organisms that could potentially be in drinking water. The other parameter that is tested for that is reported to us is the level of disinfectant. There's chlorine residuals required to be maintained throughout the water system at all times. The reports we received from the utility reported in several cases no chlorine residual, no disinfectant that exists. That disinfectant is there to protect the water. In case there is some contamination, the disinfectant will address the contamination and maintain the safety of the water.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So when was the last time you received a sample of our water?

TIM MAYER: Well, we received the reports. We just recently received the reports for March of this year.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. And that is the report where it showed or you came back and concluded that there was a lack of disinfectant in the Gramercy Park area, correct?

TIM MAYER: Well, I'm not exactly sure where the areas were. My staff handles the specifics of where the areas are.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: The -- right. The southwest area.

TIM MAYER: But the -- in -- in January and -- January, February, March.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Those are the areas of the two.

TIM MAYER: Okay. In January and in February, there was a repeat sample in January received, reports of zero combined chlorine. In February we also received reports of zero combined chlorine. When there's a zero chlorine, that doesn't mean to say that there's bacteria or contamination. It's just there's no disinfectant. And repeat samples are required. In both January and February repeat samples were taken and showed low levels of -- of chlorine in those upon repeat samples. But the violation did exist on the preliminary.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Correct. But those samples, I -- you know, I just need you to tell us, were those samples for the entire city where you found a lack of disinfectant or was it for that southwest area?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You have the addresses if you've got them on there.

TIM MAYER: I have the addresses for January, which is Caribbean Boulevard, S. Bermuda Circle, Parke Avenue, and Maniki Drive.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. And that was for the next month, also, correct?

TIM MAYER: In February we had Caribbean Boulevard, Parke Avenue again, Bermuda Circle. Just those three streets.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. And just so everyone is aware, the Parke Avenue that they're talking about is not the -- it's Parke Avenue with an E. It's the Parke Avenue out in Gramercy Park. People just need to be aware of that. We have two Park Avenues here in the city.

TIM MAYER: It's Parke Avenue with an E. That's correct.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. Parke Avenue with an E.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Are you done?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah, at this point I am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hi, Mr. Mayer. What is the required level of chlorine that should be present in the water at all times?

TIM MAYER: I believe it's 0.6 milligrams per liter.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And you said what was the results for ours?

TIM MAYER: In January it was reported to us to be 0. In February it was reported to us to be varying from 0.2 to 0.5.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And I don't know if you know the answer to this. Is clear I don't know very expensive to a point where it would really put us in the whole to purchase chlorine?

TIM MAYER: I -- I -- I'm -- that's --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. I'll find out from someone else 'cause I want to know is it something that we -- we didn't have enough money for as to why we didn't have chlorine.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. All right. Please. You know, we're trying to run a meeting here. We're trying to get you information that is important. So please be

respectful.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The other thing is with the samples that were done, I know the addresses that you reported were only in a few pockets.

TIM MAYER: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Going back, say, 2010, 2011, were there other areas where samples were taken, between 2010 up until the present?

TIM MAYER: The utility is required to take a representative sample every month throughout the entire system and they have, as far as I know.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And -- and over -- since 2010, going back, have we had any other samples outside of that area that may have had some issues?

TIM MAYER: We did have some enforcement with the utility at the end of the 2015. There was a -- a fine paid and a consent order in place at the end of December for those violations in 2015.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And what were those violations?

TIM MAYER: They were the same as what we had now.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So and you said a -- a consent order, if you could explain what a consent order is for me.

TIM MAYER: Consent order is an agreement between the parties legally binding that -- the consent order basically said these violations existed. You're required to pay a fine and you're required to maintain compliance from here on out. From the Health Department's perspective that would be our side of the consent agreement. From the utility's side would be, Yes, we admit that there was violations. Yes, we agreed to pay the fine and yes, we agreed to maintain compliance with the system throughout.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And between 2010 up until now, how many consent order agreements would you say we've had?

TIM MAYER: I -- I'm only aware of the one in 2015. I -- I have been director only for three years here at the Health Department so I don't know previously what happened before that.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: 2010.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Is there anyone in your department --

TIM MAYER: That -- that's a public record we could search.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: -- that could -- could answer that?

TIM MAYER: All -- all that information is public record on -- the Department of Environmental Protection has a website called OCULUS and can be researched there.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, I'm asking you because it's your department and --

TIM MAYER: Yes, ma'am. I understand. I just don't -- I don't have that information.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I -- but I do. I do. That's why I'm asking you.

TIM MAYER: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And I mean, actually all of us do. It does -- it -- we've had more than one or two.

TIM MAYER: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: We've had numerous amounts of consent orders. And so my question to you is once the consent order is put out there, they're asked to pay the fine and then from that point they're asked to maintain whatever agreement it was that they said they would do, correct?

TIM MAYER: They're asked to meet the compliance standards as required in the -- in the drinking water rule.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And then from that point on, just because I -- I have -- I'm not really clear on this process, is it standard for there to be continuous consent orders as you go along? Or do you typically see them decrease?

TIM MAYER: Generally when -- I would say an enforcement in any environmental health program, when there is a consent order and a fine involved and any type of enforcement action, and when we close that enforcement action, we've gained compliance and the facility, whether it be a water system or a contracting company or whoever it is that we're providing that enforcement to, generally maintains compliance and -- and stays within the rules after that. There -- there's always opportunities for breakdowns and mistakes can happen so -- but generally it's not repeated --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Okay.

TIM MAYER: -- events.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And then what about the -- the boil-water notifications? When they're not -- is that a violation? And I'm -- I kind of already know the answer but I want to get from you what -- what is the process to notify the public of a boil-water notice?

TIM MAYER: Well, these particular violations don't require a boil-water notice.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

TIM MAYER: They require only notification that there was a hit and that follow-up samples are taken with the total coliform.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

TIM MAYER: If they -- it's a certain percentage of the samples, if it's greater than 5 percent, follow-up samples have to be taken and those did -- they -- those were taken and came back clear.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So what -- am I talking to the wrong person? 'Cause I know at some point we violated not putting out boil-water notices out. So what department am I supposed to be asking that to?

TIM MAYER: What -- what failed to happen is the notification, there's a public notification of a -- of an exceedance in the count and a health department violation. They were required to notify us and the public when that happens and that -- the -- the compliance gap was that we didn't receive that notification and neither did the City -- the public.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So it was not put -- it was not -- there was a violation because the boil-water notice was not put out there, correct?

TIM MAYER: It's -- it's not a boil-water notice.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What is it?

TIM MAYER: It's a -- it's a notification of exceedance.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

TIM MAYER: A boil-water notice is a -- a much more severe situation. The notification of exceedance does not require action by the public to boil water or -- or do anything else as far as the water goes. Boil-water notices are issued and regularly throughout all water systems when there is construction or the water distribution system is disturbed, if there's an addition to a -- an extension to a water main, for example. They actually essentially break the seal of that water system and a boil-water notice is required and they take samples for two consecutive days, bacteriological samples. When they come back clear the boil-water -- the boil-water notice is lifted and the water is deemed drinkable without being boiled.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And one more question. Could you just answer, what is the Tier 2 Public Notice? What is -- what is that typically put out there for?

TIM MAYER: I believe that's for the -- an exceedance on the total coliform.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And that consists -- what -- what is the process for Tier 2 Public Notice?

TIM MAYER: There's any number of ways that that notice can be provided.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: For example.

TIM MAYER: It -- you could put door hangers or -- or reverse 911 call or something to that effect. Any way to get the message out to the widespread population.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And that was one of the violations that we encountered?

TIM MAYER: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. That's it for now.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Who did I hear? I'm sorry. Go ahead, Mr. Guyton. I heard you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm sorry. What was your name, sir?

TIM MAYER: My name's Tim Mayer.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Mr. Mayer, as you can imagine, the most important issue to any community is the health and welfare of that community.

TIM MAYER: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And the water is not an option. It's a necessity in life. So my question, because people are concerned, once you send a -- a -- a notice out saying that there was potential contaminants, people understandably are concerned. Am I drinking safe water? Am I cooking with safe water? Am I bathing in safe water? In Flint, Michigan, they had a definitive answer that it was not safe. There was no gray area, no maybe, potentially. And this is what this community wants to know.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Definitively.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Is the water safe to drink? Have you found anything that would suggest that definitively the water is not safe to drink?

TIM MAYER: No.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: You have not?

TIM MAYER: No.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Have you found anything definitively that the water is not safe to bathe in?

TIM MAYER: No.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Same question for cooking. Have you found anything definitively that it's not safe to use to cook?

TIM MAYER: No.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So now that we got that out, now people can rest assured that, you know, we have some issues that we need to deal with. But they are not to the level where the health and welfare, at least at this point, appears to be in jeopardy. Is that an accurate statement?

TIM MAYER: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So now that we all have an understanding that we can drink, bathe and eat in the water -- I mean, bathe in the water, we still need to deal with those issues that created the concern. But I did that to put it in perspective, because when everybody came in, there was that concern: Is the water safe? Can we drink it? Can we -- okay. You cleared that up. My question is, I -- and I also saw that -- and as I listened to you, I -- I gathered, too, the severity of this problem. You did not feel that this problem was severe enough to issue a boil-water notice; is that correct?

TIM MAYER: That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So -- but it was serious enough for us to notify you that the levels were not compliant to what the state required?

TIM MAYER: That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And -- and it's important that we do understand the issues because there's nothing more important to me as an elected official than the health and welfare of the residents. Not even me sitting in this seat. That -- that's more important to me that they are safe. And as I sit here, I will always represent them in that manner, to ensure that they are safe. Now, I -- I -- I want to -- the areas that -- I looked at the map. And there are some -- there was -- there was one area that seemed to be hit more than others. And it was the southwest area as some have alluded to, Gramercy Park. I think it was one street. Might have been in Lone Pine. And that's another thing that needs to be clear, that this is not citywide where there is a problem. The area where the problem is, as I understand it -- and I did a lot of reading here -- there's a dead end in the Gramercy Park area where the water is not being flushed out. And when the chlorine

sits there it dissipates. Are you familiar with that?

TIM MAYER: I understand that but I -- I would -- I would suggest that the water utility knows more about the specifics of their system and can better address that particular answer.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Good question.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Good point. Mr. Aurigemma, would you come -- or right there? In that area, is there a dead end where the water is not being flushed out as it is in other areas in our community?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Lou Aurigemma, Executive Director of the Utility District. It is not a dead end, per se, but it is a closed loop. And --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's the term I should have used.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: In other parts of the city we have large users at the end points. And I'll give you a for instance. Down in the southeast part of our city we have the FPL plant, big user of water. Over on the island, northeast, we have all those condos and residences. That's great. Over in the center part of the city, you know, many homes, residences, businesses, etc. Over on the northwest corner we have the VA hospital.

We have Kindred. We have other homes and residences and businesses up there. So these are all large users of water and they keep the water going. In the southwest corner, in Gramercy Park, which is unincorporated Palm Beach County --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. We need to make that point, too.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes. It's a -- and the utility district, for your information, encompasses more than the City of Riviera Beach. Our boundaries extend beyond that. So in this particular area this was a water system that was purchased back in the late '80s by the City of Riviera Beach. They bought consolidated utilities. And they had an old water treatment plant down there and a water tank and that was eventually demolished. The land is still there but that was there -- that was done. But in that particular area it's a closed loop but the water usage is not that much. So what happens is water sits in the pipes a little bit longer than it does in other parts of the city. And what happens is the water becomes old. And when it becomes old, as -- as you mentioned, chlorine does dissipate. It doesn't stay there forever. And because we inject both chlorine and ammonia into our system that forms chloramines, as the chlorine dissipates, the ammonia starts eating the little -- like a little Pac-Man, the little coatings within the pipes and can cause a hit on the total coliform. Doesn't mean that that's bad.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: But it -- it -- it could give you these type of readings. And of course, with the low chlorine residuals, that's also, you know, low because, again, as Mr. Mayer said, the minimum is .6 milligrams per liter. And where -- sometimes, because it

has dissipation, it goes a little bit below that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So our major problem as it relates to noncompliance appears to be in that area; is that correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Now, we purchased that area. Do you know how old those pipes are over there?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Those pipes are approximate -- they -- they were built in the 1960s so what we're talking about is 50 to 60 years old right now as they -- as -- as it sits. And those pipes are nearing the end of their useful life.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. That, too, is a problem. And when I was reading through all of the information, something else jumped out at me that I recognized. The public pipes carry the water to the homes. And then there are pipes at the home that it then goes through; is that correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So it is important that not just the public pipes but the pipes at the home, too, are serviced, repaired or even replaced because the public pipes can carry that good water to the homes, and if there's some bad pipes in the home, that can impact it when it reach the consumer; is that correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir. Another way of putting it is before the meter and after the meter.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Before the meter the utility district takes care of that. That's the main pipes and serves a --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's public pipes.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And after the meter is a private line that would go from the meter to your home.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Absolutely. And -- and the reason why I'm bringing all of this out, because a -- the picture is much larger than public pipes and making it to the homes and -- and at -- at that point the homeowner has some level of responsibility. And -- and it is my hope that we all --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Please. Please, people. Go ahead, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Let -- let -- let me -- let's -- let's -- let's stay focused. I -- I knew that they were going to be here doing this. But -- but the point that -- the -- the point that I'm making is that we need to understand the broad issues and the whole scenario need to be addressed. There's nothing more important than the health and welfare of this

community. And the community needs to have an understanding of how we can stay safe. And definitely we need to ensure that the public pipes, one -- and we've started a program -- are replaced. A lot of them are nearing their useful life and it could potentially affect the quality of our water. But in doing so, too, I as a homeowner, I need to be aware, too, that at my home I need to make sure that my pipes are okay. That's the only point that I'm making. So --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Again, everyone, please.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So we -- we have called a special meeting to get answers. Mr. Mayer has answered my question. He said there's nothing definitive that would suggest that the water is not safe. And that is my concern. And now that we know what the issues are, the last question to Mr. Aurigemma, how do we deal with flushing that southwest portion out to try to maintain the level of chlorine that is required by the State?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Point of order, Madam Chair? On the agenda it says that Mr. Mayer is discussing the test results and then we'll get to Mr. Aurigemma with a response to consent orders. Are we going to be going back and forth between him or are we going to try to stick to the agenda?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair, I can wait. It's -- it's not a big deal.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: That's fine. We'll wait.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: It was just a line of questioning that --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. I mean, 'cause I have questions for him, as well. But I was trying to follow the --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- Mr. Mayer suggested --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. That's fine. So we can wait.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: -- agenda.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Are you done, sir? Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. For now I'm done. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Mr. Mayer, I have another question for you.

TIM MAYER: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So I was going through the records and I found out that we had this issue in Gramercy Park in 2010. And you issued a consent order for that. Do these consent orders stay on forever? Do they eventually fall off? What happens with them?

TIM MAYER: I don't know. Is there a term at the end of them?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: When do they terminate?

TIM MAYER: They -- they --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Like after --

TIM MAYER: -- I -- I don't know.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. I would appreciate someone getting me that answer.

TIM MAYER: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Perhaps -- you know, we have another meeting tomorrow. I'm just -- I'm very curious about it because this --

TIM MAYER: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: -- you know, the issue didn't start a couple of months ago. As far as I know it started in 2010 and it could have been prior to that, also. And you know, if it's that area, something needs to be done. I recall -- I -- I was on the council in 2010 and that -- when we heard that we had the issue, that's when we moved forward. We told staff, "Go out. Hire someone and do a master plan." And at the time staff was talking about some hydraulic system, putting a hydraulic system in those pipes, if you will. So the chlorine would go through and -- and flush everything out and we wouldn't have the issue back there. You know, back in that area. So, yeah. If you could just --

TIM MAYER: I believe that was a proposed booster system that was proposed --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Correct.

TIM MAYER: -- for that part.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It was proposed for it.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We had to issue a permit (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. For that system and then it was also -- right. It was in our master plan.

TIM MAYER: Yeah. We actually issued a construction permit for that in 2012.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. Okay. And I believe -- well, we'll get to Mr. Aurigemma. I don't know if it was ever constructed. But anyway, I would like to know about those consent orders, if they eventually fall off.

TIM MAYER: I'll -- I'll find out the end date of those, if there's a --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Okay. That's important.

TIM MAYER: -- how long.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Sure.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Yes, Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Let me just personally thank you for coming at a short notice. And --

TIM MAYER: You're very welcome. Happy to. I just, you know -- I like to be -- excuse me, reiterate the position of the department is that we're here to ensure compliance of the water system through enforcement means if necessary to help protect as Councilman Guyton said, the health, safety and welfare of the people in the community.

MAYOR MASTERS: Absolutely. And I also want to thank the media for getting the word out and -- and exposing, for lack of a better word -- exposing this entire situation. 'Cause if it hadn't had been for the media, none of us would be here tonight 'cause we wouldn't know. Thank God for free press. Give the press a hand. Give them a hand. All right, Madam Chair. Sir, let me -- let me ask you this

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Excuse me.

MAYOR MASTERS: Sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mayor Masters? Mayor Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ma'am?

MAYOR MASTERS: No, I have a question for him.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: And then you're fine.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. Just stay there for a second. I wasn't trying to relieve you of any duties. I just wanted to thank you for coming.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: What -- I know you and I talked about this on the phone. On one of the networks or somewhere I read or heard that something was four times greater in our city. Did you hear that in the media?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The levels.

MAYOR MASTERS: The levels, four times greater?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

TIM MAYER: No. No, sir. I'm not familiar with that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hold on, please, audience. Let's let --

TIM MAYER: You might --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- do you know anything about that?

TIM MAYER: You and I didn't speak on the phone. You might have spoken with one of my staff. I know that they were over earlier today.

MAYOR MASTERS: Do you know anything about that, at all?

TIM MAYER: I'm -- I'm not -- I don't know what you're referring to. No, I'm sorry.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, it was reported, and maybe we'll get -- get to the bottom line - the bottom of it later. And also, other areas in Riviera Beach, the water has been tested citywide? I just need to say that again. Or was it --

TIM MAYER: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: So we're only talking about one small --

TIM MAYER: Sampling --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- one area which is one -- any area is one area too many, as far as I'm concerned.

TIM MAYER: No, sir. The sampling plan is throughout the -- it's designed for the entire water system throughout the city.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I don't understand that, sir.

TIM MAYER: The samples are taken throughout the system, not just in one area.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mayor, just FYI, there's a map in the back of your book.

MAYOR MASTERS: I saw it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And it shows all of the locations where they test.

MAYOR MASTERS: And also, you've been in this -- serving in this capacity for three years? Did you say you --

TIM MAYER: In -- here in Palm Beach County, yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: In Palm Beach? In those three years has there been any other city or jurisdiction that has had this kind of situation?

TIM MAYER: We have had consent orders with other municipalities, yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And also, in your testing there isn't any lead in our water, right?

TIM MAYER: No, sir. All the lead and copper samples that have come back -- or come back -- the -- those samples are fine. There's no -- there's no indication of high levels of lead and copper in the -- in the system at all.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. So before you leave tonight you and I will drink some water, make sure we're good, right?

TIM MAYER: Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, sir.

TIM MAYER: I'd be happy to.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Miss Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So Mr. Mayer, thank you for coming. I -- I would like to start at the very basics. Define a coliform.

TIM MAYER: A coliform is a -- is a category of bacteria. It's a very broad category. There may be thousands of different species of bacteria that -- that fall into the coliform category. And it's categorized by their body shape. The -- the coliform bacteria are long. They're -- bacillus is another one. There are -- there are a number of -- of -- of different categories. It happens to be a very broad one. And it's used -- historically has been used as an indicator of a possible contamination. It gives -- by testing for total coliform, we have the opportunity to catch the widest number of bacteria that -- that may be present. If you were to refine that coliform from total coliform, the next typical test would be a fecal coliform which is of fecal origin but may be perhaps not human fecal origin. Could be any number of other places. And then the most definitive would be the E. coli which is a single bacteria. There are no E. coli hits in this system. It's been tested for and -- and there are none.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So in defining that, would you consider that a

harmful bacteria?

TIM MAYER: I would consider coliform as an indicator. Total coliform, you walk around in the dirt, there's total coliform all over the place. It's in the dirt that we walk around on.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Uh-huh. And does the presence of that -- of that bacteria require any notice to the public or to the entity for which -- which provides or services the community?

TIM MAYER: The notification of exceedance is required when -- when more than 5 percent of the total samples taken show a hit. For example, if there's a hundred samples taken and five come back positive a notification is required. If only four come back positive a notification is not required.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So I'm going to need some help with this sample locations map where it says positive coliform samples from January 2014 to April 2016. 1,080 samples taken. Is that not considered to exceed -- are we looking at the number of samples? Because I see, for instance, like, there is a number one here. There's a -- there's one, two, three, four, six. There's several number ones in different areas on the map. Do we have that map to show to the public? So I just want to understand the map and the way that it is -- it's laid out. Here it tells me that there were positive samples during this period of time and it shows all over the city. It doesn't show a specific area. And so I don't want us to minimize where the -- where the deficiencies are. We've got to look at this from the entire city's perspective. And so I -- I need to -- to have some help with this map so that I can fully understand and we want to make sure that our residents understand, because the purpose for this meeting is, in fact, to get information and we need to get that information tonight.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Amen.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Would everyone please stop.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Come on. Because this is a business meeting. All right? And you're here just like we're here to get information. So please, just sit tight and listen. All right. Go ahead, sir.

TIM MAYER: I -- I -- I apologize. I didn't -- I wasn't ignoring you. I was trying to -- I'm not familiar with this map. I've not seen it before and I was just trying to figure out. These numbers in red are the number of hits in these locations, positive hits in that period of time. Like I said, it's -- it's a percentage and if -- if you look over on the island, for example, there's one, two, three, four, five hits in, what? Two years and two months.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Two years.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Two.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So what does this map show --

TIM MAYER: Depending on the number of total samples taken, that's not an indication of contamination. When you get a total coliform hit it's really a warning that, Hey, we have an issue here. We need to follow up. And follow-up samples are taken. It's like, We've got something that's not quite -- it's not perfect so we need to investigate further. That's what that's for. It's an indicator, you know, an indicator of a potential for something to be amiss in that location. It's -- it's very, very protective and that's why the percentage is very low and that's why follow-ups are required. If follow-up samples shows something more definitive, a further assessment investigation into the source of that is -- is what happens and potential for boil-water notices and other warnings and notifications. More severe actions may come as more information is found.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. My questions with regards to our policy and process will be directed to our -- our Executive Director.

TIM MAYER: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Are you done, ma'am?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: (No audible response).

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Are you done?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: For now.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Go ahead, Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, Mr. Mayer, how are you doing?

TIM MAYER: Fine.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I was listening to your line of questioning. Did you bring any other staff with you?

TIM MAYER: Pardon?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Did you bring any other staff that's been working with the City over the last few years with you?

TIM MAYER: I did --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Or it's just you?

TIM MAYER: -- I did not bring any of my engineering staff with me. That's correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Will they be here tomorrow?

TIM MAYER: We can arrange that if we need to.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I would like to -- excuse me. I think it's only proper that we have all your staff present here so we can ask the questions of those who have been working with our staff.

TIM MAYER: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Nothing against you.

TIM MAYER: No, I understand.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And congratulations, welcome to the last three years in this position. But there's some things that really bother me because I hear you discuss the samples. And all the samples that you made reference to talked about our city staff bringing you samples.

TIM MAYER: That's correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I never heard you once state that your agency came out, took independent samples themselves.

TIM MAYER: We --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Did that -- did that ever happen?

TIM MAYER: Yes. We've done that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And what were the findings of those samples that you've --

TIM MAYER: We didn't find any -- any coliform hits. We do that periodically when there seems to be a problem.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

TIM MAYER: If we have any reason to doubt the quality of the data that -- that -- that we receive.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

TIM MAYER: The water utilities -- all water utilities are required to do periodic sampling and submit that to us. That's -- that's how that works.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

TIM MAYER: We -- we do surveillance samples to -- to follow up, to ensure. In this case because the reports we got showed hits --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

TIM MAYER: I mean, the enforcement is based on the data that's provided to us.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

TIM MAYER: We didn't really have any reason to believe that they were false hits.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. So here's another question. When you're talking about bacteria, is there such a thing as good bacteria?

TIM MAYER: Absolutely.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes? Did you find good bacteria --

TIM MAYER: In -- in every --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: -- in our -- in our drinking water?

TIM MAYER: The -- the -- the tests that we do, that -- that are done on the -- not that we do but the tests that are done --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

TIM MAYER: -- are a broad spectrum for that class of -- of bacteria.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

TIM MAYER: It's not specific to a particular type of bacteria. We will get to a -- or -- or the -- the -- the sampling and the analysis under certain circumstances can get to an E. coli is -- is the one that's -- the specific one that's looked for. We don't look for -- it's not looked for other types of bacteria.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Here -- here's my question. So have -- how hands on have you been with this particular situation, Riviera Beach, over the last three years or have your staff been kind of been doing it and you've been relying on them reporting to you?

TIM MAYER: Well, they deal with the specifics. I -- whenever there's an issue or anything that comes up, I do talk to them and they -- you know, the -- the actions we take are -- are laid out in the rule.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

TIM MAYER: As to the enforcement steps and the levels of enforcement that take place. They've kept me apprised of those and, you know, this is what we got. And then we would do -- do this next and so on and so forth. You know, and in cooperation with my engineering staff and our legal staff at the Health Department.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Say that again?

TIM MAYER: I said in -- in conjunction with our legal staff and our engineering staff when there's violations and we do enforcement. It's a team approach that we have.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So which areas across the city did your staff -- or would you have this information with you today?

TIM MAYER: No. I don't -- I don't have that. I --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Or could -- well, tomorrow, would you please make sure that all of your staff that are here are here with us and make sure they bring a report or get it to us as soon as they can showing us what samples do they do across the board, across this entire city.

TIM MAYER: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: All right? 'Cause I -- I mean, I'm not going to ask a lot of questions with you, understanding that you're relying on your staff.

TIM MAYER: Sure.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But I'd like to ask them the questions on what they've been doing with our staff because quite frankly, I don't really trust nobody right now.

TIM MAYER: I understand.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Nothing against you, because you have to rely on -- hoping they never tell you the -- a lie. But for some reason this information has been held back for years. Certain people know that this has been going on since 2010, 2011, but at no point where there's any follow-up. And I'm really bothered by that, that this reached to this point. And this is not you. You just come in on behalf of your agency. But I think next time please make sure that you bring your entire staff so we can have all our questions answered properly, because tonight the only thing you could really say was that the water was not safe -- you wouldn't say that. You wouldn't say that it was safe but you wouldn't come out and do a sample enough to say that it's important enough to move forward with it. So I find that you're taking the -- the safe position to say, Until someone get here to understand this process that's been handling this, you're not going to take a position. But I would like to see your staff here at that point, because right now I don't think it's fair that we move -- keep asking you questions. You haven't really been addressing the issue.

TIM MAYER: Okay. Well, I'll have my staff --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But thank you, though, with all due respect for coming. But make sure your entire staff is here.

TIM MAYER: Sure.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Anyone else? Okay, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Wait, wait, wait.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I've got -- Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. There was a statement just made that you did not say that the water was safe. I understood you to say that it was safe.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No, he didn't.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Is that correct?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No, he did not.

TIM MAYER: You asked me if there was a --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No, he did not.

TIM MAYER: -- if we had any --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Was it safe enough to drink? Was it safe enough to bathe? And was it safe enough to cook with?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: He never said yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And what was your answer?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, it is.

TIM MAYER: You -- you asked me if there was any definitive proof that it was unsafe.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And he can answer that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Let's -- let's -- let's deal with it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Let him go.

TIM MAYER: We don't have any information to prove that the water is unsafe.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: There's nothing to prove that it's unsafe?

TIM MAYER: That's correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Or safe.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So we can drink it. We can bathe in it. And we can cook with it?

TIM MAYER: I would say so.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: It's not clear.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: It's safe, then. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: He never said (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Miss Miller?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I just wanted --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But you won't drink it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: -- to -- I know we were -- again, and I -- I don't want to keep rehashing the same situation about the samplings that were taken. There was also a sample that was taken in the Palm Lake co-op area, which is off of Broadway, I believe. And there were some samples that were selected there that showed -- I'm sorry, yeah. That showed chloroform [sic] in those areas. There was an area on Phil Foster Park, 4152 W. Blue Heron Boulevard, as well as Dyer Park. This was March 24th, 2015. So I just want to make sure that when we're saying that -- we're pointing out a lot over there in the Haverhill area, but that was just some instances. There were a number of other samples that were taken in different areas over different years and the information in our books goes back to 2011. I know the focus has been 2014 and '15 but this goes back further than 2014. And again, that was 2015 and those areas that I just named showed chloroform in that. So I don't want us to minimize what we're talking about here and -- and seeming like it's just one area, because that is not true. Am I -- are you on -- you -- you agree with me on that?

TIM MAYER: I -- I understand. Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And I asked about the addition of -- I know Mr. Guyton mentioned about the homeowners having a responsibility with the pipes. You know, they could possibly be a part of the problem, according to Mr. Guyton. But is it that when you put -- say you have pipes that are not brand new. They're 20 years old. Um, the purpose of putting the chlorine or the anticorrosive, some -- some -- something -- a chemical that's placed into the water to try to counteract that. Is -- am I right in saying that? There's some chemical that's placed in the water to protect us from the corrosion or whatever type of old piping that we may have?

TIM MAYER: Well, I -- I'm not sure exactly what the City does. And again, the utility director --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No, I -- I'm talking about what we do. I'm asking you what -- is that true that a chemical, anticorrosion --

TIM MAYER: There are -- there are methods of treatment when you have corrosive water, a high pH or a low pH, to stabilize that water.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

TIM MAYER: And --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So tell me a little bit about what that -- what's the purpose of that chemical? To do what?

TIM MAYER: It -- it stops the water from -- water is -- is -- well, it may be theoretically neutral as far as a pH go, it's generally slightly acidic.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

TIM MAYER: Or -- or basic, depending on the source of the water.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

TIM MAYER: The -- the additives are added to stabilize that, to make it less corrosive. We -- it won't eat the solder out of joints and things like this which would leach -- potentially leach lead in older --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

TIM MAYER: So I -- the -- but a lot of the additives are -- are added to the water system to coat the inside of the pipes, to keep the -- the corrosive water, if there's a fluctuation, and everything does fluctuate. And it protects the -- those joints from the corrosiveness of the water, from eating at galvanized pipe or copper pipe or whatever material that might be in there.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So it's important to make sure we have that added chemical in the water to protect us from pipes that may be fairly old as we've --

TIM MAYER: That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: -- reported many times that we do have pipes that are aging. But there's a way to still protect the water?

TIM MAYER: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And that's by adding those chemicals.

TIM MAYER: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So that would be the same thing for homes that may have piping that they just have not repaired yet. But if the chemical is added, that should provide some sort of protection?

TIM MAYER: It -- it should but it's -- it -- it's not -- we're not talking about a -- a seal. We're talking about a -- a -- a very thin coating.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I understand that.

TIM MAYER: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. I just wanted to make the point that although we may have some piping issues that we are working on, that is not -- there are some things that -- precautions that could be done, to take place to make sure that the old piping is not causing the --

TIM MAYER: That protective surface would extend wherever the water is.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

TIM MAYER: Whether it's in -- before the meter or after the meter.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Anyone else?

MAYOR MASTERS: One --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mayor? And then --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- one final question. This may -- hopefully this is a -- an analogy on -- on point. I'm a little confused about what was said by Councilman Davis, his understanding of something you had said earlier. And -- and Mr. Guyton's statement, as well. If I go to the doctor -- this is the analogy -- the doctor may tell me that I'm not -- there's no -- there isn't any evidence that I'm not sick. But on the other hand, I want to know is there any evidence that I'm healthy. And those are two different things. So my question is, is there any evidence that the water is healthy or the water is safe? I mean, you said there isn't any evidence that -- this way. What about evidence on the other side or -- or are there any other -- do you look for any -- are there any indicators that will state beyond a shadow of a doubt that we ain't sick but are we healthy water-wise?

TIM MAYER: Well, the -- the --

MAYOR MASTERS: If you understand my --

TIM MAYER: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- my -- and I'm not trying to be --

TIM MAYER: No. I -- I understand.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- I'm just trying to understand.

TIM MAYER: The -- the healthiness or the unhealthiness of water is currently defined in rule by the presence or absence of -- or there's certain levels of parameters, whatever it would be, the existence of the disinfectant residual or chlorine or the absence of bacteria or the -- or a very low incidence of indicator or the --

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

TIM MAYER: -- the very low or -- or nonexistence of lead, per se, in water or any other contaminant that -- that might be of danger. It's really a matter of the absence of those dangerous things.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Thank you, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. All right, Mr. Mayer, thank you very much for attending.

TIM MAYER: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And I guess we'll see you tomorrow with your staff?

TIM MAYER: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

TIM MAYER: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. At this point we will move on. Item VII, Response to Consent Orders, Mr. Aurigemma?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Miss --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: One second.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: One second.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Who was the other guy back there with the beige suit that's walking out? Because he was kind of shaking his head yes and no.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Mayer, who was your colleague?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I didn't know we were going to hear from him.

TIM MAYER: That's --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: He kind of was going against some of the answers so I'm trying to find out what -- who was he?

TIM MAYER: It's -- he -- that's Timothy O'Connor. He's our public information officer --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

TIM MAYER: Had some of the --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. The -- he was the one that was on the news?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

TIM MAYER: Right.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right. Right. But here --

MAYOR MASTERS: Could -- could we have quiet?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Wait. Hold on.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hold -- could we have it quiet, please, in the audience? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Here's the thing. Well, I -- I was kind of watching him as I was speaking and asking questions. And I noticed there were some things that he was either agreeing with me on or disagreeing with someone else on. So I would like to hear from him if it's appropriate because it -- and no disrespect for -- to you, sir.

TIM MAYER: I understand.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, I think you were playing it safe with your answers. But it didn't seem like the answers were telling us exactly what we needed to hear. And I think Mr. O'Connor was the one that was on the news that was quoted as there being an issue. And so it just seems like now everything's being downplayed.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Bring him back.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: He's saying they're 20 percent contaminated.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hi, Mr. O'Connor, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Evening.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: How are you? Tim O'Connor. I'm Public Information -- or Public Health Communications manager for the Florida Department of Health here in Palm Beach County.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And sir, are you also a scientist or an engineer?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I am not a scientist or an engineer. I am strictly the Public Information Officer for the Department of Health here in Palm Beach County.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Miss Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Could you -- you -- you were quoted on the news, correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Unfortunately, yes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Can you just speak a little bit about what you shared on the news with the reporter?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, what I shared is exactly what Tim Mayer has said.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: How it was reported is -- is possibly a different story.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: The only thing that we do is we monitor all of the water systems within Palm --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- you know, Palm Beach County, whether it's municipality or the county water utilities or even private water utilities.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: At water utility companies that are --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- out there. In this particular instance, you know, what was addressed to us were the issues that took place between 2014 and 2015. Mr. Mayer mentioned that the consent order was signed and the fines paid for in 2016, actually. You know, January of this year.

The issues that were asked is the addressing of the bacteria that they said what we're looking at here as was very eloquently presented, is total coliforms, which is indicated or -- indicator organisms. When we have exceedances of 5 percent or greater, that prompts notification to the community that they have maximum contaminant levels that, you know, are those exceedances and they need to be corrected. And further to that we will look at the distribution system which is the chlorine residual that Mr. Mayer had actually addressed with your particular group. So that is what was issued. The record request that we received from the media called for all of the documents from the 2014 through 2016 which included the consent order. And those were duly supplied through the OCULUS system, which is the State DEP and EPA system where all of the records that are public are posted online.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Now, in regards to the consent orders, I -- when I asked the question about if this was typical where you issue a consent order, the fine is paid or the agreement is made, do you continue to see very similar consent orders issued?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: You know, I can't comment specifically but generally that's what a consent order is. It's an -- an acknowledgment that there were these issues. There were these violations. You or the system is making these corrections and we hope to not ever see that again. So --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And in this case we -- we did see continuous consent orders about --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We -- well, we have issued the one, like I said, that was just recently signed in 2016, January of this year, and the fines paid. We are in negotiations at this point for these violation letters that we sent out in March and April with regard to the distribution system.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Of this year, correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Of this year, 2016.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So we are in negotiation again with that on those -- that consent order, as well, to find out what it is, how that's going to be corrected and going down to road hopefully will not happen again.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: How long have you been with the Health Department?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I've been here 16 years.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So you're very aware of those that have been presented going back. And -- and I'm -- I say 2011 because those are the dates that we were -- I requested. So you're very familiar with the number of consent orders that we've been given, at least between 2011 and --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, there --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: -- 2016?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- there has been a running history as was brought out before or that mentioned -- it's -- you eloquently did so at the beginning saying in 2010.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And then Madam Chair had already brought out 2010. So --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- there has been ongoing issues and we continue to do -- or monitor your water system as well as everybody's water system within the county under our delegation with Department of Environmental Protection.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And in relation to us, when you're monitoring all of the municipalities, is it common for there to be so many consent orders issued? When you look at the whole big picture, are we -- I mean, are we way out there or is that normal?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No, it's not normal.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: You know, I can -- I --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- it -- you know, we -- you probably had a few more than some of the others. But again, there have been consent orders issued for probably every water system within the county --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And I understand that no one's perfect.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Right. Right.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But my question is, is it normal for the amount? Looking at all of the municipalities that you deal with.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: The norm would be to take the consent order, agree to it and go down the road and make the recollections and assure that they don't happen again.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Exactly. Okay. I just want you to be aware that I was -- my attention was on you when I was speaking with Mr. Mayer.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I'm sorry. I nod my head a lot.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And you were shaking your head up and down and you were doing no. So you were kind of making me wonder if Mr. Mayer was really telling me the truth here because I --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: -- I did notice there were some conflicts at some times.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I can -- I can assure you, he was telling you the truth. But --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm sure you're going to say that, too.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- he -- he asked me --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: He's your boss.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: But he did -- he did ask -- ask me to stand behind him just to keep, you know, records straight and that's where I slipped in, you know, about the chlorine injecture or the plants and then proving that we did issue that permit in 2012. Mr. Mayer didn't realize that.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: 'Cause it was prior to his tenure here so I was able to pass that information on to him and again, that permit has not been executed, so as you know.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Say that again? What are we talking about?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: The permit for what we would call, lack of a better word, chlorine booster.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Like, be down in your distribution system.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So as the -- when the water flows, then it would get into the little chlorine booster so your residual would remain at .06 or .6 or greater.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So that would then act as the good disinfectant to eliminate your total coliforms.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So you said it has -- the permit has not been issued?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: The issue -- no, the permit was issued in 2012.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It has not been executed. It has not been done.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And why is --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I can't answer that. That would be up to your utility company.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, just a quick -- one quick question, sir.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Quickly and then we're going to move on.

MAYOR MASTERS: I know you're with -- you're the public relations officer for the Health Department, correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hold on. Please. All right. Go ahead, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. One of the things you said, that what Mr. Mayer -- I hope I can say Mayer correctly --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- has said earlier may not have been what the media reported. And unfortunately, you said. So can you tell me, do you have knowledge or to anything that you heard on the media that was not accurate as far as the -- the information that you had?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: The -- the only -- the information that was out there, just for

clarification --

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, sir.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- is there was an attribute -- attributed to me, excuse me, that said O'Connor, quote, said that the bacteria levels were four times greater than would be acceptable in the system.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's what I was talking about.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And if we have zero -- we hope to have zero bacteria in your system, period. If it's four times greater it's four times greater than zero. So it would prompt a boil-water notice. So what was talked about is the total coliforms and the exceedance of 5 percent of the total coliform hits, a positive for total coliforms. So --

MAYOR MASTERS: So that report was a misrepresent --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- so it's not necessary -- it is a form of bacteria has Mr. Mayer had explained, and I thought very well. But it's not what people would perceive as a, quote, bacteria that would indeed prompt a boil-water notice. It's an indicator organism.

MAYOR MASTERS: So you would -- you would -- you would say that what was reported was a misrepresentation of what you had said?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: In that one instance.

MAYOR MASTERS: In that one instance.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: In that one instance, like I said.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. That's why I wanted -- I -- that's why I'm here.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: The records -- the records request was submitted and the -- all of those records were pulled from the OCULUS system by the media and, just so you know, it was, like, 200 plus pages of documents.

MAYOR MASTERS: We have them. Yeah.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And that covered up to that consent order that was ended in January of 2016.

MAYOR MASTERS: I -- I just wanted to separate fact from fiction.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: But like I said, everything else was accurate other than that

one statement and I thank you for bringing that up because I did want to make that clear.

MAYOR MASTERS: Gave you a chance to clear it up, didn't I?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: You know, I don't like to shoot from the hip very often.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Anyone else? All right. Sir, thank you.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Are we okay?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Appreciate it. All right. At this point we're going to move on. Item VII, Response to Consent Orders, Louis Aurigemma, Director Utility Special District. Miss Jones, would you like to say something before we hear from Mr. -- can someone please shut the door? Okay. Thank you. All right. Miss Jones?

CITY MANGER JONES: Yes. I think it is important as we have just discussed, and with Mr. Mayer, and that is the dependence upon the staff to provide you with the correct and proper information within an acceptable framework and report what is taking place. Mr. Aurigemma now will talk about the consent order. Just for the record, I will state that I was made aware of the consent order by the lawyer, not by the Utility District Director.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. But by which lawyer?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What lawyer?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Our attorney, our City attorney?

CITY MANGER JONES: Our attorney. The City attorney in the discussions as to what was taking place.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: When was that you were noticed?

CITY MANGER JONES: January 11th of 2016 was when I was made aware of this most recent consent order. As you know in the past, you probably have seen the example in 2014 when something came in and the attorney would put a letter on it of transmittal to the utility district board saying this is what we have received. That obviously was not always followed as the method of delivery of the consent orders. And we'll talk more about that and we did meet with the Health Department's attorney today to try to get clarification on that, because it's important that the information be received by the individuals that know something needs to be done and be taken care of. And so we're proceeding with them to make sure that we're following the same system. We have addressed with them, the Health Department, those issues today.

We met for some two hours. They were very frank with us and, Councilman Davis, it will be good for you to hear from them. They said a lot of what Mr. Mayer said, but at least you'll be hearing it from the engineers -- the two engineers that were actually working and -- and gave us that data and information today. So that we can ensure that there is a system in place and a process so that these activities can continue to move forward.

There are other actions that need to be taking place. This is not the day to talk about

some of those; however, when Mr. Aurigemma is finished, I will talk about the actions that have been taken since last Thursday as it relates to ensuring that we have the right information as it relates to the water system throughout the city.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Mr. Aurigemma?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair.

RESPONSE TO CONSENT ORDERS - LOUIS AURIGEMMA, DIRECTOR UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Just a -- a couple of comments before I get into my discussion. Regarding Mr. Mayer, Utility District staff met with Health Department staff on Friday, April 15, 2016. Mr. Mayer was part of that meeting. I know Mr. Davis asked was he a part of anything. Well, very recently he was.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So I just wanted to let you know that he was involved in that meeting. The sampling plan. We measure 40 sites in the course of every month. Forty very -- and it's on that plan. It shows all the different -- so there's 40 -- we're required to measure 40 samples a month. So I just wanted to clarify that. And if we fail two samples, that's the trigger. If we own more than two that's the trigger.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I just want to ask him a question to what Mr. Aurigemma --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You made reference to the 40 samples. How is that process conducted? Which staff member collects the samples? How is that whole collection process done?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Typically it is our water plant operators, our licensed water plant operators that will go out to the various sites. It's the same site every month.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And they'll go out. There's not necessarily the same person all the time. It just depends on what day of the week it falls and -- and so on. But the -- usually it's during the weekdays and then we send out our water plant operators.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do we use anyone else?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: They'll collect the samples. They measure for chlorine residual. And then after that they send it to the laboratory which measures for total coliform.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Do we use anyone else other than the operators?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Typically no, because the -- the water distribution people are working on water lines and the wastewater collection personnel are working on the sanitary sewer system.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So when a person's collecting samples, it's just one individual? It's not two?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No, no. And it's not -- I -- we have right now 10 water plant operators. So it could be any one of them that would be. Just depends on who's running the plant, who's on vacation.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Who's not, etc.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So it just one individual or are there two that's to verify the results?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I -- I don't understand the question.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: If the -- if there's one person to collect the samples to turn them in, who's there to verify that they received those samples from that specific location?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, basically that goes to the water plant superintendent or the lead operator. And -- and at this point I don't know if the Utility District Board knows our water plant superintendent. But he's sitting right behind me. His name is David Danford.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: He's a resident of the City of Riviera Beach. He's been here for many years. He's with the City over 25 years.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: You know -- were you born here? Yeah. He was born and raised here so, you know, he is the guy -- he is the chief chef of the water system.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But what -- please.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But my question -- thank you. But my question is I just want to make -- figure out is there any way in our process -- not accusing this gentleman here for anything. Let's say he's not collecting the sample. Let's -- some -- someone else is making a collection. Who's to say that they did not take a -- a sample from one location and report it for something -- for another location? Do you have anything in -- in our

process that shows that that can't happen?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I guess anything is possible but we -- we do trust our -- our water plant operators.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: They are licensed, etc.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. All right.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Mr. Aurigemmma?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That'll do. Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Just I have a question regarding that. So is it common practice with other municipalities to have their staff go through the city, take the samples and then pass them along to the sampling company?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. Typically it -- it's one of two ways. If -- we're -- we're a rather small utility and we send our samples out to laboratories.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Testing laboratories and they come back with the results. There are larger cities that have their own in-house sampling -- or testing. So they'll do it in house and they'll produce it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. But the cities -- but the cities that send their sampling out, they don't rely on that lab to come out and do the sampling? Because it seems like it almost breaks the chain of command. So you have --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: They -- they --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: -- staff, right? So staff goes out. They collect the water. And then they bring it to the lab. I -- I just question the --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No process.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: -- the chain of command there.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, you can, and it'll cost more money if you sent the labs out to do the work.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It's just a matter of -- of how much it costs.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Did we ever do that, do you know?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Occasionally we'll have the labs come out and, you know, just as a quality control, just to verify that our guys are, you know -- it -- we may take the same sample or similar samples from the same site just to make sure that we're -- we're doing it correctly.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So it's a matter of quality control.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Go ahead, sir.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. And then the other item, you spoke of the consent order of 2010. And I remember that I had just come aboard in late 2010 so I was a part of that. And one of the conditions of that was a hydraulic model that we needed. And at the time I said, "We don't have a hydraulic model yet; however, we need a water/wastewater master plan." So as part of that we -- we included the -- basically from scratch, we built a hydraulic model. And what it does is -- and it's been completed. It's done. So we met that particular item of the consent order. And it measures the pressures within the system. It -- it -- you know, it's a fluid model. So we try to use it to our ability. We know where our dead ends are. We know where our low pressures are. And I don't believe it measures chlorine residual, per se, but, you know, it does allow for flows of water to make sure we have the proper pressures in the system. Because again, if -- if your water pressure system goes below 20 psi, it's an automatic boil-water order. And that typically happens in cases of emergencies such as hurricanes or severe weather operations.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So I thought I heard the Department of Health say that they did issue the permit for that hydraulic system but it was never executed.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No, no. That was for a disinfection system, an automated disinfection system.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And currently -- and that is for the --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. I understand what that is. But I thought I heard him say it was for that hydraulic system. That they issued the permit in 2012 and --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. That was for the disinfection, automated disinfection system.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. That's fine.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: At Avenue U.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. That's fine.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay? Okay. Now --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ma'am?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, are we --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. He's going to --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: -- well, can I ask about the disinfection -- the permit or --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, certainly.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: -- should we --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah, absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So what is the process to put that in place?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. What we have at Avenue U and MLK, we have a storage tank there with a booster station. We currently manually feed chlorine and ammonia into the storage tank. And it -- it kind of gives it a little boost of the chlorine. And then it pumps down, goes into the system. And it is to reach the -- the problem areas. Sometimes it does, sometimes it doesn't. The purpose of the -- the project is to automate that system so that it will measure the amount of chloramines, the chlorine and the ammonia, in the system so that it -- it regulates it and keeps it as level as possible as opposed to spikes up and down.

So what happened was back in 2012, yes, the Health Department did issue a permit. What typically happens in a construction project is during design, we submit the plans to the permitting agency so that they give us comments so that when we put it out to bid we have their comments and -- and we try to avoid any change orders. What happened with this project, it was first going out for a design build and we had some issues with that. Then it came back and we put it out for a -- a design bid build. And the bids came in too high. We didn't have the budget for it. We had to do some modifications. So basically fast-forward to this year. These plans are ready to go out to bid and I -- we had to do some modifications to the electrical for it. And we expect it to be hitting the -- the streets within the next 30 days.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So between 2012 and now, all of a sudden now we got -- we can get it done in 30 days? Here's the thing. There were several consent orders that were put out. I know you mentioned the one from a few years back. But there were several -- from, I'm thinking, maybe at least six or seven. I kind of stopped counting after a while. There were a number of consent orders that were put out there. Why was it that we continued to get consent orders and agreements done for almost the same issue? It was the same topic in each one of those consent orders over the years.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And it was in --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And not just the past two years.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- that -- that is correct. It was in the same area, too. So we -

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So why didn't we if I can it then if it was the same area, the same issue?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, there -- there's more issues than just injecting chlorine into -- or chlorine and ammonia into the system. It's -- it's the condition of the pipes, the age of the pipes. Also add to that that situation. And -- and again, we were trying to -- to get this bid out. And we -- we kept running into roadblocks. And --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Was it ever brought to the board to -- to let the board know how dire of a situation it was in order for us to -- and -- and the consent orders that were being given and brought to the board to let them know that this was a continuous problem and that's the reason why you can't get it fixed and you keep getting the same agreement over and over and over? Was it ever brought to the board's attention?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: The only consent order that I recall being brought to the board, I believe, is what Miss Jones mentioned back in, I believe it's 2014, in which it went through Miss Ryan. I -- and I believe that came to the board at that time.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Only that one?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: That's the only one that I'm aware of until this evening.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And the others went where?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, in 2011, again, I had just joined. I think within a month we signed off on the consent order for the -- that 2010 and that included that hydraulic model that I spoke of earlier. And -- and that has been completed and I believe we did all the other items of that particular consent order.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. I'll come back to you on the other stuff. Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Go ahead, Mr. Aurigemma.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. And -- and now I'm into -- to my presentation. And I want to state that the Utility District provides a safe and reliable drinking source to the City residents and business owners within the City, as well as the Town of Palm Beach Shores and the areas of unincorporated Palm Beach County. The water provided by the City of Riviera Beach's Utility Special District is and it always has been safe to drink. Now, with respect to boil-water orders, we do issue boil-water orders. Typically when there was a water break. And that can happen any time anywhere. Whenever that happens we immediately issue a boil-water order because we don't -- number one, we're not sure if

contaminates get into the pipes or if there are other issues that, you know -- water could be -- I mean, dirt could be sucked into the pipe. So as a precaution, rather being safe than sorry, we do issue that boil-water order.

The Health Department has never -- and with one exception with the hurricanes back in 2004 or 2005 where that was basically county wide, because you never know during those severe weather events whether pipes break or not. But the Health Department has never issued -- told the City of Riviera Beach Utility Special District, You must boil your water. And you know, I -- I wish Mr. O'Connor was here, but basically a statement was made and issued in the report by Channel 5 News that falsely reported this information. And Mr. O'Connor, who spoke here -- and this is what I -- I -- I wasn't at this meeting this morning but it's my understanding that he denied this statement into it -- in its entirety and has told the Utility District that he will be contacting the reporter about this statement. I don't know if -- I -- I -- I'm not sure where Mr. O'Connor is with that but, you know, that -- that's -- that's a concern of ours because of the way it was reported.

Mayor Masters, you mentioned how -- one of the statements that was made was that the bacteria was four times higher than reported. And that -- that is an incorrect statement because typically when a -- a bacteria or a total coliform is present, the way the report comes back to us, it's either that it's absent, meaning it's not there, or it's present and doesn't give a degree of -- of anything. So it just says either you have total coliform or you don't have total coliform.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well -- well, hold on just a minute, Miss Chair -- Chair -- that wasn't the statement that I made. I told you it was reported --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- that something was four times and he -- the guy said that that's not what he said. It was -- it was mistakenly reported.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: So I want you to know that didn't come from me.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. And I -- and I just wanted to state that the way we receive the reports on total coliform, it's either it is or it isn't.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And -- and that's, you know, typically the -- the way it is.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excuse me, Madam Chair?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- it's -- and -- oh.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Just before he go any further on this other subject?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Is that reporter here that recorded that story? I'd like to hear from him.

MAYOR MASTERS: There he is right there.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Wait a second. Whoa, whoa, whoa, wait. I don't --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, I want to verify the facts. I want to get the truth.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No, no, no, no.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I want -- the residents have the right to know. And -- and --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: -- we need to take a vote on that, we'll take a vote.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Come on. That's --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'd like to hear from the report -- from the reporter before we go any further on where he got his facts. Please. 'Cause people are saying a lot of things about you.

JARED WERKSMA: Sure.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'd like to know if you -- your story's true or not?

JARED WERKSMA: Come up here?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Please do.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Here we go. Circus time.

JARED WERKSMA: Mr. O'Connor --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excuse me. Excuse me. Excuse me.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No, you need to state your -- your name for the record, please.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excuse me -- me.

JARED WERKSMA: Oh, I apologize. Jared Werksma, and I work with News Channel 5. I did the report last Thursday and the follow-up on Friday. Tim O'Connor did contact me about the statement on the news. What he told me is that the statement is accurate in terms of the way I described the bacteria. He said that he did not remember saying that himself so we had a discussion about whether it was an informal statement that we had discussed off camera, but it all came from public records from the Department of Health. In March 2015 they took -- they did total coliform tests and anything -- any time more than 5 percent of those tests come back positive, that requires a notification. In March it was 20 percent hence -- hence -- hence the four times higher. And Tim O'Connor said that that was absolutely a correct way to explain that. He just didn't remember saying it himself. So -- but that --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But that's --

JARED WERKSMA: -- I hope that clears it up.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That's all right. I just want to hear your side so --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, he's not here to defend himself or to tell us exactly what he said. You know, with all due --

JARED WERKSMA: He doesn't need to defend himself.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: -- with all due respect. All right? Thank you.

JARED WERKSMA: He -- yeah, I mean -- absolutely. No, I totally understand.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

JARED WERKSMA: Anything else?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No, let's let Mr. Aurigemma -- I just wanted to hear from you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: 'Cause I -- I heard a lot going back and forth. But I wanted to hear from you, as well.

JARED WERKSMA: You good?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'm good.

JARED WERKSMA: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Aurigemma?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you for clarifying that, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go ahead, Mr. Aurigemma.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. And you know, since we're on the area of coliforms, and -- and I believe Mr. Davis asked the question is there good bacteria and bad bacteria? I think the bad bacteria was defined as the fecal coliform or E. coli. We know that's bad. And they don't really test for good bacteria.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: But -- but think about it. In each of our bodies there's good bacteria. That's what helps with our digestive system. So bacteria isn't necessarily a bad word. There is good bacteria out there. And so I just wanted to clarify that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I understand.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: That, you know, it -- it -- it -- and -- and there may be some bacteria in water but it's, you know -- unless it tests negative, meaning with the E. coli or fecal coliform, then it's okay. And -- and again, we never had a boil-water issue with respect to bacteria in fecal or E. coli. And again, no issues with public health or safety.

The -- one of the other items we had that -- that we got nicked on with respect to the consent order had to do we're -- that we were a little above the secondary standards for the maximum contaminant levels for aluminum. And what we do, our -- our water supply is actually a composition of chemicals. It's not just plain H₂O. You know, we'll add chlorine. We'll add ammonia. We add a little bit of aluminum in there. And that's to balance the -- the water, the product that you get. And --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excuse me.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Could you explain the -- the aluminum? How much aluminum do you -- do you apply?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, the -- the secondary standards -- and -- and this is minor. It's -- it's -- it -- it doesn't have -- affect health or safety. But it's .2 milligrams per liter. That's -- that's the maximum you could have in there.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Point --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And so we were just a little bit above that. So while it sounds like, You have aluminum in our water? it's just the mineral.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And if you drink mineral water, it's loaded with those type of minerals. But anyway, what happens is if you have a small exceedance of aluminum in

your water, it actually affects your color. And we also were nicked for the -- again, a secondary maximum contaminant level of -- of -- which is 15 color units, and we had 18 color units. So because of the extra aluminum, that brought -- brought in a little bit more color. And it's -- it's similar to adding some lemon to your water. If you add a little bit of lemon, you see a little discoloration but it's not bad enough to say, I can't drink it. So -- and -- and quite frankly, you would not notice it. If you -- if you took two glasses of water right next to it, you wouldn't notice the difference between those -- that -- that small amount because, again, it's a secondary standard and they monitor for it but it's not -- it doesn't affect public health and safety.

Then we move on to lead and copper. The water treatment plant did not collect lead and copper samples during the recording period of June through September of 2014. The Utility District, the water treatment plant, actually collected those samples in December of 2014 and the results were well below the maximum. And the EPA put out the lead and copper rule back in, I believe it was 19 --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excuse me. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: You said well below the maximum. What about what's acceptable and what's not?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I -- I don't have the results of that in front of me but just let me explain and then --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- I'll -- I'll get back to that. Back in -- in 1991 when the lead and copper rule was instituted by the EPA that was a nationwide rule. And typically you'll find lead and copper in the water, leaching into the water when it's a hot water pipe or a -- a warmer temperature. And they pick the -- the -- the months of June through September because, again, up North, if you're in December, January and February, you have some very cold water pipes and you probably wouldn't get any results out of that. So they pick June through September as a nationwide standard.

And unfortunately we -- we -- we blew it. We -- we did not take the sample that month. However, in Florida, our pipes -- the ground temperature stays pretty much the same all year long. So when we took it in December, it was -- it's -- it met the standards without any problem. Because again, the -- the -- the temperature of our ground does not change much.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: But hold on a second. But it was a problem.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Because we didn't test during the --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Absolutely.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- absolutely. I -- I agree. I agree.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And you know, that is -- to me, that's unconscionable. You -- that is a standard and you as a professional -- and you have staff who are professionals. And, you know, it -- it has been outlined that those samples need to be taken by September 30th. And then to take them at the end of the year and put them through, I -- I have a serious problem with it. You know, because, Mr. Aurigemma, you are a professional. And you have professional staff. And this isn't something that just happened overnight. You know, because you just admitted that this is, you know -- it's the standard. It's the industry standard.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes. And -- and when we first started doing lead and copper back in the '90s, we tested and we were always below the level. So what that -- what the EPA did is they reduced the monitoring levels. So it -- we were required to do it every three years. So basically we had done it in 2011. We were to do it in 2014 and the next one is 2017, excuse me. And so again, it was missed by staff who was -- who was working on it. We -- they did catch up and they took that sample. But, you know, this was that little warning -- shot warning that said, Hey, guys, don't forget because sometimes when something happens every three years, unless you program it, you -- you may forget. And -- and that's what happened in that particular case. So --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: But you were here three years ago and it was your responsibility to make sure that they had that.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am.

MAYOR MASTERS: Point of clarification.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So --

MAYOR MASTERS: Excuse me. What do you mean -- ask you this, that warn -- that "little shot." You -- you're calling a warning from the department -- the Health Department a "little shot"?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, no. This -- basically it told us that we did not take our samples in the correct time period.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Right.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And we missed it. I -- I -- you know, I can't deny that.

MAYOR MASTERS: And you're characterizing that's a "little shot"?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: This is just for that one particular item.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Time frame.

MAYOR MASTERS: But that's important and it's not a "little shot." That was an important piece that should have done -- you should have done. And there's -- I don't know whether you're trying to justify it or rationalize it but it's not a "little shot." Any time the Health Department gives us a warning -- that's all right. Don't worry about it. But it's not a "little shot." It's a big shot.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. Especially because it's lead. You're dealing with lead.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes. And -- and again --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- it was --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: (Inaudible).

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- it was taken in December and the Health Department said tonight that we have no issues with lead and copper in the water system of Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And we are in compliance, according to Palm Beach County Health Department.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Are you finished? Oh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No. I have -- I have two more items to talk about and specifically with respect to that the -- one was the chlorine residual at some locations in the distribution system were below standard to maintain minimum combined chlorine residual of .6 milligrams per liter in the distribution system during the compliance period of October 2014 and January, March and April of 2015. Typically the low residual is isolated to the outer areas of the distribution system. And I apologize if I'm repeating myself from -- repeating what was previously stated but I just want to get that on the record. The distance of the distribution water from the water treatment plant coincides with how long the water remains in its -- remains in the water main or, as we were talking about earlier, the age of the water. Water age at five to six day search and seizure still typically above the minimum. You'll still get more than the .6 milligrams per liter.

However, when water ages seven to 10 days, then it's possible for the chlorine to dissipate in that system and -- and then you get below your -- your concentrations. And as I explained earlier to Mr. Guyton when he asked about around the city, in the southwest area we have -- we don't -- it's a closed system and we don't have that high-end user at the end of our system that allows us to flush that water through.

And so what we do in that area is we do flush fire hydrants in that area to kind of push the water through to keep that chlorine residual up. And it's -- you -- you -- you try to get, you know -- you can't flush the same hydrant. You have to go around and flush all the hydrants just to get the water moving through the system.

So then moving on to the samples for the total coliforms were above the 5 percent standard of allowance or as we pointed out, that was -- in our case, because we have 40 total tests, we had more than two that had a positive sample. And this was during the compliance periods of September 2014, January and March of 2015. And again, we talked about the maximum contaminant level of coliform, tests only the measure of

presence or absence and it's -- it doesn't mean that it's high or low. There are further tests that determine if the presence of the bacteria is either good or bad. And we -- we had that -- that discussion. And the Riviera Beach Utility District has never had a positive sample for fecal coliform or E. coli in its water distribution system.

And, okay, next. And then the Utility District has been working with an action plan and will further expand the use of this action plan to address the low chlorine levels in the affected areas of the distribution system. The plan will remove low chlorine waters by flushing the distribution system. This will introduce new water or less aged water that's chlorinated, more -- that has more chlorination to the water mains. And in addition, you know, we -- we talked about earlier the secondary disinfection system which will be at the -- at -- is -- is -- it's an upgraded secondary disinfection system at the Avenue U and MLK booster station.

And we hope to -- and -- and that'll add the -- the -- the more controlled levels of -- of chlorine and ammonia into the system. It'll be automated. It will have chemical analyzers, flow metering and -- and programmed logic which basically says, Add a little more, add a little less, whatever. Just to keep it stable. And -- and it'll be basically -- as it goes into the storage tank and as -- also as it comes out of the storage tank.

And with respect to the -- the 40 locations in the system, we're looking for a couple of systems -- a couple of new areas in the southwest section to better monitor that chlorine residual.

Right now we have three residences that we take samples from. We would like to take it at another more public type facilities. We've used schools and -- and such to use these sample points so we want something that we are able to monitor, make sure no one is messing with it. We want to be able to put analyzers on it so that it actually measures it properly. And so we're looking at a couple of things and we've discussed this particular item with the Health Department and they are with us a hundred percent on that.

And then finally I wanted to -- to mention that -- and we -- we brought this before the board sometime ago where we're very close to putting out the -- the new disinfection system for the water treatment plant. That is changing from chlorine gas to sodium hypochlorite which is known as bleach. And of course, that changes the chemistry of the water and we'll have to do some testing, pilot -- some full-scale testing of the water supply when -- before that change is made because, again, the chemistry of the water changes a little bit. And so you might have to add a little bit here or subtract a little bit there. But basically we have to balance the water as Mr. Mayer was talking about with respect to the chemistry.

We're -- we've just finished getting the comments from the permitting agency which is the Health Department. And we're awaiting some comments from our Building Department. And as soon as those come in and those are addressed, that goes out to bid. So -- so we're -- so those are all the items of the -- of the consent order.

And again, just want to reiterate by saying that the water provided by the City of Riviera Beach Utility District is and always has been safe to drink. There are no threats to public safety or health.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Anything from council for Mr. Aurigemma?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mr. Aurigemma, you just talked about a bid. How many people responded to the initial bid?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: (No audible response).

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I'm not gonna -- I'm not gonna get into all the numbers 'cause I don't want to --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I -- I believe it was four or five. I -- I don't remember exactly. But I believe that was --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Did you have any conversation with any of the council members discussing this issue, needing to go back out?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: None?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: (No audible response).

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: "No, sir," right?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Let me ask you another question. I'm sitting here listening and I'm trying to find out, as I hear you talk about the process, and I look at -- how many staff members do you have at the water plant all together, operational on any given shift when you come in in the morning?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: On the -- at the water treatment plant?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We -- we have more during the day than we have at night. We have three shifts so during the day we have, oh --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, yeah. Let's talk about just during the day for now. Yeah.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. I -- I believe six or seven. About -- about six or seven.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So on a typical day do you meet with staff first every morning?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I don't meet with them every morning. But --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. Who -- who does?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- well, typically David Danford, who's the water plant superintendent.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: He meets with his people because what happens is you -- because it's a 24/7 operation, they have to keep talking to each other. Hey, what happened overnight? We had this. We had that. So they're constantly talking to each other.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So how often are you meeting with David and his staff?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Oh, I -- I talk to David as needed. I mean, I meet with my Utility District staff once a --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I understand.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- week, every Monday morning, to go over what's going on. But then the course of the week as -- as needed, you know, I mean, you know, we cross each other's paths but we're all doing our -- each -- we're each doing our own job.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: See, my -- my concern is I look at this team that we are in Riviera Beach. When I look at this team and you're the head coach of that plant.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And -- and what I hold you responsible for is understanding how significant to be working with David and your entire staff members on the day-to-day operations so you can know exactly what's going on. We here now, for the last -- it's been since 2010 this issue's been here? I would think you'd only be responsible for you, the head coach, to be working with your assistant coach and their staff to make sure that we're hitting the measures and our goals that we have set in place. I haven't heard not one time today that you set goals for this team to move forward. I'm holding you responsible for the failure of this entire time. I'm asking you to build this team to where it need to be. That's what I'm asking you to do. That's what's important, Mr. Aurigemma.

What do -- what have you put in place to make sure that we're going to talk with this team every day till we can get to where we need to be so that we don't have to be here again? Because the next question I do have is why no one from this board or no one from the public knew about what happened with this fine. And I think that's the main reason why everybody's here: Why? Other than the fact that we want to know if our water's healthy, but why? Why don't anyone know?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And -- no, and -- and -- and as I said before --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- the water in the City of Riviera Beach is safe to drink, bathe and cook.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I understand.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So that -- that -- and, you know, I -- and -- and I -- I -- I -- I've made this statement for -- I -- I do take full responsibility for having failed to timely communicate to the board --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- the Utilities District Board --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- and the city manager various actions of the Utility District and the permitting agencies. I -- I know that, you know, knowing now, you know --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- hindsight is 20/20. My actions have placed the City and the --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Excuse me. Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- Utility District in an uncomfortable and defensive position. And for this, I sincerely apologize. And how do we move forward?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes. That's the question.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. And -- and one of the things that, you know, I've directed my water plant superintendent --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- is that I need to know. And that's part of it. And what we are doing now -- we've actually started before the consent order has -- has been enacted.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Is we are doing daily monitoring of the 40 sites that we were talking about. And as part of the consent order we had our first meeting on -- on April 15th and our City Attorney's Office is working on a response to that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: What we saw -- what we saw, we said, "We can do that right now." So Mr. Danford is leading his team through that. As a matter of fact, today I approved a -- a purchase order to bring on another testing lab, because we had two.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We weren't happy with -- with, I think, one of them so we brought on another testing lab to assure that we're getting the best quality testing of our water.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So again, we're -- we're making these -- these little improvements and -- and we have some other plans in -- in the system that we're -- we're looking at. One of the things that the consent order talked about was a public water assessment.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And I had a discussion with our consulting engineers with respect to that. And they said that's approximately a \$50,000 study.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Now, that's just a very broad issue. When -- when we finalize that, of course we will bring that to -- to the board because, again, a contract of that -- of that size has to come to the board for approval of that contract. So we're -- we're doing those kind of things. The other things that we're -- we're also looking at -- and this is specifically for the Gramercy Park area, is -- is cleaning out the pipes better than just flushing them.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: What we're looking at -- and I've -- I've contacted our purchasing manager with respect to cleaning the pipes. And it's a process known as -- and please don't get insulted by this. It's called Pigging. And basically what they do is they put in, like, this giant rubber brush inside a pipe. And let's say your pipe is an eight-inch diameter. What they'll do is they'll start off with a little four-inch, then they'll make it six-inch and then they'll put it up to the full eight-inch. And basically it scours out the stuff that has accumulated over the last 50 or 60 years. We believe that will help the -- the overall water system down in that area. Can we do it in other parts of the city? Yes. If we -- we come to having some problems in other parts of the city, that could be a way of trying to improve the water system. So the other way we're -- we're talking about trying to improve the water system, specifically at the Avenue U and MLK storage tank, is to drop that tank a little bit lower. In other words, recycle -- cycle that tank a little bit more. Instead of dropping it down maybe a third, we're going to drop it down maybe a half or a little bit more. And then overnight we'll fill it back up. So it'll give the chance for the water not to become old.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It'll be a fresh water supply. So there's -- there's a number of strategies that we're going to utilize in order to do that. And these are the directives that I've given to our water plant superintendent that, you know, he -- he gets to his people.

And again, everybody's a part of the team. You have the people that are there during the day doing, you know, whatever they have to do to keep the plant running, and then we have the people at night. We have people working right now and, you know, in a few hours we'll have the -- the midnight shift coming in. So everybody's working to make sure that the water system in Riviera Beach is safe and reliable and with no issues with respect to public health and safety.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Two last things real briefly. As I go through the timeline, just read the documents, so you say in June 2014 is when we got the first initial one. Is that accurate?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No. It was in June of 2015.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: 2015?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. And then we got the fine for the testing because we was out of the timeline for the summer?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, there -- there was some -- some --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: For December of 2015.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- back -- yes. There -- there was some back-and-forth negotiation with the Health Department.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And then there was even some discussion that I was refusing to accept letters or whatever. And -- and really what happened was they were sending it to City of Riviera Beach, PO Box 9757. Well, quite frankly, we don't have anyone at PO Box 9757 accepting letters and certified mail and stuff like that. So -- and -- and I did contact the Health Department. I said, "Don't use a PO box. We -- I -- I don't know where this PO box is. Our address is 600 W. Blue Heron Boulevard. Send it to us. Bring -- either through certified mail or hand deliver it. You know where we live so please do that." And -- and subsequently they have changed that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. So --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And then may I -- may -- I'm --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Wait. Wait. He's still going.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: One last -- one last thing.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No, go ahead. I just want to ask a question about that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. One last thing. Our filtration system, the filter. Where we are with that? Is that being -- being okay and stable?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Excuse me? The --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Our air filters, those towers right there.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Oh, oh, oh. I'm -- I'm -- I'm sorry. Yes. We -- we actually had a preconstruction meeting last week. And they are starting May 9th, I believe. Yeah. It's the day after Mother's Day.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: They will actually mobilize. The reason it's been taking so long is they have to order parts for that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And there's a -- a time lead on getting those parts. But --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: How long has that been down?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Oh, it's still working.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Oh, okay. Has it been down?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: There -- there -- there's four towers. Not all four work at the same time. It's not four towers working all at the same time. So I believe -- how many go at once? One or two? Usually two towers --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Go at --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- are -- are running at any particular time. So -- and -- and basically what'll happen is when they come in, they'll do one tower.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And then they'll get that one running. They'll close down another one and do that. So they said that that'll take -- once they start in May, they should be out of here before the 4th of July. That -- that's what they told us at the preconstruction meeting.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So -- so how many towers are -- are up and running right now effectively?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We've got all four or three?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Three.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. Three are -- three are up and one is down.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So just one is down?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So -- okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: But again, it -- it's still -- the -- the redundancy is such that, you know, it's extra.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I understand. That'll be all.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay. Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Miss Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hi, Mr. Aurigemma. I just want to go back to that statement that you made in regards to them trying to deliver it to the PO box and that wasn't that you were trying to refuse delivery of it, correct? That's what you just stated, right?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: That is correct, Miss --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: On January 21st, Mr. McHale Addison [phonetic] from the Environmental Health Department, he wrote an e-mail and I'm sure we all have it here. And what it said -- I just want to read it so you can clarify this. It said, "Good afternoon. A second attempt to deliver the final order to Riviera Beach will take place tomorrow if approved. While at the Riviera Beach Complex this afternoon I introduced myself and handed the envelope with the corresponding sheet to the administrative support staff and requested that the document be delivered to and that the attached sheet be signed by Mr. Aurigemma. However, the administrative support staff assigned exclusively -- exclusively to Mr. Aurigemma took the document into a room with a sign posted at the door that reads 'In a meeting.' And then the referenced staff came out a few seconds later and stated that Mr. Aurigemma was not there and to come back tomorrow. I asked if she could sign receipt as she has done in the past and she replied that she is not allowed to sign anything.

I followed up by asking if there is anyone else at the site who could accept the document and she replied, 'No, there's nobody else here, and I am not allowed to sign,' and stated once again to come back tomorrow. I stated that a refusal to accept the document would be recorded by this date. She reluctantly stated that, 'We are not refusing.' I restated that

not accepting the document is indeed a refusal and will be noted as such. Then he left the building." So he came -- he didn't send it to a PO box. He came to the actual office. Correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, I'm aware of that situation.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And in other document that is we have, Miss Marianne's signature is on it. Those other documents that they had sent to your office before where they've tried to hand deliver it had her signature on it where she's received them in the past. Is that correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So I don't want to put that out there that he was trying to deliver to a wrong address and that's why you didn't get it. Because there were many times before where she did accept the documents, the exact same documents that he was trying to deliver. And she signed for it. But in this particular instance, which was January 21st, 2016, she was told she could not sign for the documents. Correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No. No, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That's not correct? What's not correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No. Mr. Addison wanted my signature and he was a little bit difficult. And --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Besides that was she -- why did you refuse to sign the document?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I wasn't there.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Why couldn't she sign it?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I didn't -- he didn't want her signature. He wanted my signature. So, you know --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: People.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- I --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: These documents -- am I correct in saying that all of these documents were pretty much the same? Any other time those documents were hand delivered, they were the same form of documents? Which --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I -- I -- I don't recall that specific document. I'm sure they

were similar but I don't know what happened that day. But he wasn't satisfied and that was the response.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Miss Jones, is it -- is it procedure for -- is it proper procedure for a staff member to be told they can't accept the document that's coming from an -- an agency such as the Health Department?

CITY MANGER JONES: I'm not aware whether there is a procedure 'cause the only ones I know about are the ones that come to City Hall.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Should she have been told she could not receive this -- this document?

CITY MANGER JONES: She should have been able to sign it if he would have accepted her -- whoever the deliverer was would have accepted her signature.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, in here he -- he's -- I think he was okay with the accepting it because he did say that he had received her signature before. All he wanted her to do was to accept the dock. . He didn't want her to give approval on anything, just to receive the document. And he -- she was allowed to do that in the past, and we all have the information right here in front of us where she has signed before. But for some reason this particular situation, she was told she could not.

CITY MANGER JONES: Yeah. I don't know where she got that directive. But if she had signed them in the past, then it should have been satisfactory for them to continue to sign for them.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. I -- I would agree with that. But -- and for some reason it seems that she was told. So I just want to make it clear that if we're receiving documents from an agency, the Health Department, I mean, whatever agency it is that is governing the -- whatever the issue is, that we're not telling our staff to not receive documents. Are we under -- we're -- we're -- everybody is on board with that, correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. Miss Miller-Anderson --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: -- I never gave that directive not to accept.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So Miss Marianne just made that up?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, stop.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I'm -- I'm not going -- going to get into that right now.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm asking you a question.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I -- I -- I can't -- I can't speak for Marianne. She's not here right now.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm not asking you to speak for Marianne. But Marianne, according to this document -- you just said you didn't receive a document. But you said it was because it was sent to the PO box and that is not true.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: That -- that's another document. I'm not talking about that document. What I have in front of me is -- is a /TKEUFRPBTD document that was sent to a PO box.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay, Mr. Aurigemma. I'm not going to go back and forth with you on that. The lady did not sign for the document and she had done so in the past. And in this particular situation, she was told to do the opposite of what she has always done. There's a number of signatures that she did on this page which is identical to the same thing she was being told she could not sign for this time. That's all I need to talk about for that part but I will come back for the others if we're still going on.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Mayor. Go ahead. I heard you first.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I don't need to be here all night.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: I've heard enough. You know, Mr. Aurigemma, I've been here nine years. I've only suspended one employee and that was you. I suspended you again because I felt that your behavior or attitude or your demeanor was disrespectful to Councilman Terence Davis. And you were told at that time three times, "Don't go there. Don't go there," by the manager. So I took action. It doesn't take a rocket science degree for me to figure this out. You do have the knowledge. I'm going to give that to you. But there's clearly a disconnect. I don't know whether you believe -- first of all, you don't live here, do you, sir? You don't live in Riviera Beach; is that correct?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I don't know whether or not you take getting violations, getting warnings, we being fined by the Health Department -- I don't know whether you think that's a big deal or not or whether you think that's a little shot. But to me it's not your department. It belongs to the people. It's our department. And it's our water. I have a 200-page memorandum from the City Manager to you -- from -- from you, rather, to the City Manager. Dated April the 22nd, 2016. I would like to direct your attention to the second page. And I need to walk you through some things before I make my recommendation that I'm prepared to make at this time.

The question was asked -- first of all, let me just say this. I mentioned earlier, this

reminds me to a great extent of the Watergate hearings and especially when I hear you say, "I don't recall." I heard that all the time during those hearings. It was an embarrassment to our nation and for me as mayor, what I have heard tonight and what we have gone through to the media has been an embarrassment to the City. Question was asked, "If the notice of violations -- violations were received in December 2015, why was the council not provided with a presentation of the findings and how the issue was being resolved?"

You answer that, sir, and you answer -- and I quote -- "I take full responsibility for having failed to timely communicate to the USD board, which my fellow colleagues that serve in that position -- digressing for a second but let me go back 'cause I want to be accurate on the quote -- quote -- "to the USD board and the City Manager various actions of the Utility Special District and permitting agencies." Since I kind of broke that up let me just read it as one sentence: "I take full responsibility for having failed to timely communicate to USD board and the City Manager various actions of the Utility Special District and permitting agencies. My actions has placed the City and the USD in an uncomfortable and defensive position. For this I sincerely apologize. I received a warning letter from the PBC, Public Health -- County Health Department, on June the 8th, 2015. Over the next few months the USD staff had several meetings with the Health Department staff. My final correspondence with the Health Department on November the 25th, 2015, resulted in a nonresponse. The next correspondence was the notice of violation in December 2015, followed by the final order -- final order on January 21."

We're in another year now, 2016. "I discussed the notice of violations with the City Attorney's Office in early January 2016, but it was too late." Your words. Let me continue, "I did not inform the City Manager until February 11, 2016," end of quote. Two months consecutively. We got a warning, I think, in March and another one on April the 1st. Where does it ever stop? Madam Manager, according to the charter, Section 15, this one sentence and I'm prepared to make the recommendation to you and hopefully this -- my colleagues on tomorrow night will look at it. But this comes from me. As the mayor of the city I'm speaking from the Office of the Mayor. "The Mayor shall report --" and I'm going to do that in a few seconds -- "to the City Manager violation or neglect of duty on the part of the employees of the City that may come to his or her knowledge." You had a fiduciary duty. And I'm not screaming at you. I'm just talking loud because I'm excited. You had a fiduciary duty to report this immediately. We should not have to get this from Channel 5, 25, 12 or The Palm Beach Post.

I'm very disappointed in that. "He or she --" back to the charter -- "shall report to the City Council," and that's where we are tonight, the City Council -- "all violations and neglect of duty of any official that may come to his or her knowledge." Finally, "He or she may make --" talking about the mayor, male or female -- "may make such recommendations about the business," and that's what it's about for me. The business -- "and the general welfare of the City to the City Council as he or she deems advisable. He or she may communicate from time to time."

I'm prepared to say to you, Madam Manager, based upon what I have heard tonight, based upon what I have read, based upon the fact that you had a fiduciary duty and you did not report this -- sometimes it's not what you do; it's how you do it. You didn't report it. We were left in the dark and the Manager said she didn't know. And you confirmed it and said you didn't tell her. My recommendation to the Manager is that you should be relieved

immediately of your duties. Thank you. (Applause).

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay, please.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Okay. Miss Jones?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm -- I'm sorry. I was --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Would you like to say something?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: -- waiting. Yes, please.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Oh, sure.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I just had a couple of questions for you, Mr. Aurigemma.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What is your standard operating procedure when it comes to reporting violations of any type?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, we don't have a written standard operating procedure

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm sorry?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We do not have a written standard operating procedure for reporting violations. And this is one of those learning experiences. And we will move forward with that. And -- and again, part -- part of the -- and -- and again, I've -- I'm not saying I didn't admit to it. But, you know, all of these violations that we talked about had absolutely no threat to public health and safety. There's no doubt about that. You know, granted, I erred in -- in reporting but no one in this Utility District, residents, businesses, etc., had any threat to public health and/or safety.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That brings concern to me. Simply because we are talking about public safety, health and welfare. And I understand your position of we were not in any imminent danger. But that just begs the question for me, if we were in imminent danger, we would not know. And that -- that is totally unacceptable to me as a resident and as a city council member. It is important that information be disseminated to the proper individuals no matter how insignificant the issue may be. We should never -- I should never be caught unaware. I should never be blindsided by any potential issue.

And as a director, you have that responsibility to make it known. And so moving forward it would seem to me that in the standard operating procedures for the Utility Services District, there needs to be a policy in place because that's how we are governed. We are governed by policies and procedures. And until we put those things in place, we can continue -- we will probably continue to have a situation such as this which is totally

unacceptable. So next step -- and I'm sure when we get to the meeting tomorrow that will be a recommendation, a total review of your policies and procedures need to be underway.

And then we need to take a look at -- with the positive reports -- and I'm digressing a little bit, but with positive reports of coliform being found in our waters, is it necessary for us to do a citywide review, a full citywide sampling so that we can understand what we have going on, where, and what are our next steps and how we will fix it. We can't. We cannot continue as a city to be reactionary. We've got to be strategic. We've got to look at these things and make the best decisions in the moment that will attribute or be -- that will lend itself to the concern and care of our residents. That's where I'm having the -- the issue and the concern. Because we -- we always tend to just react. Well, had the information been shared, we would be coming from a different place. And that's what staff has to do for this council.

It has to prepare us and have us in a position where we can intelligently convey what the issues are. Folks were calling. I'm not a scientist. I -- I can't answer. And so I -- I know that it is your responsibility and I depend upon you and Miss Jones and Miss Ryan to prepare us and to make sure that we have the factual information. So standard operating procedures need to be addressed. And I just keep hearing -- I -- I was recently at a conference and the question was, What did you know? When did you know it? And what did you do about it? And that's where we have to start looking at issues. We -- we can't continue to operate in this manner. Because our residents are left without an -- an understanding of what's actually going on and where there is an absence of fact, it then becomes fear.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And that is not a position that we want to be in.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Do you want to respond?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes. Points well taken, Mrs. -- Miss Davis Johnson. One of the things that we discussed with the Health Department, and -- and you brought that point up, was a public water assessment. Not of just a particular area, but of the entire system. And that's -- that's going forward. As part of the consent order but also it's needed for the system. And these are recommendations that we're going to take to heart. And I think I mentioned to you earlier that that cost would be in the \$50,000 area. And -- and again, you know, Mr. Davis mentioned head coach.

Yes. I -- I -- I agree with that statement. I have a team. I'm the head coach of that team. And in this particular instance I -- I've admitted it. I -- I -- I'm -- I'm not backtracking. I'm not saying I didn't do it or anything like that. I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm forward with you. I -- I did and -- and again, you know, we don't have a policy in place right now but that's something that we're going to be moving forward on.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: If I May, there -- I'm sure you -- you keep talking about the costs of what it would be. Just in think in terms of the cost if we don't repair it. Think of the costs for the health issues that could potentially arise versus this -- and this amount, \$50,000, it's -- it's an amount but I don't think that it's an exorbitant amount. I think that we can certainly look within the budget to identify those dollars in order to get the study done.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We have identified dollars for other things that we have wanted to do throughout this city. So when you're talking about public health and safety, I would think that that would supersede any issue that we would have and we would be able to identify funds necessary in order to do what it is that we need to do to ensure public safety.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Miss Jones?

CURRENT ACTIONS – RUTH C. JONES, CITY MANAGER

CITY MANGER JONES: Thank you, Madam Chair and members of Council. I, too, share your frustration and dismay. I got the same April 22nd e-mail informing me of some issues. And I have to trust and have confidence in the professionals that work for me. I don't question whether they're professionals, but I do question the leadership. And when I lose confidence in the leadership, I'm not questioning their professionalism or any of their other personal attributes but strictly the leadership. As it relates to that, once I received the e-mail on Friday under the emergency procurement within our Procurement Code, I was quite concerned. That added to my frustration, because these issues have gone on for over five, six years and had not been resolved.

What I have done and will continue to work on and tomorrow night seek approval from the District Board as it relates to a resolution, but under emergency procurement, if I -- we -- I question or the Mayor questions the health and the safety of the residents, we are allowed to procure services. On this weekend I procured the services of an independent laboratory to begin their testing and sampling throughout the city. They started on Sunday, continued through the day and will make their report to the Utility District Board tomorrow.

Also we have identified two companies in South Florida that have worked on consent decrees and other items of this nature and they are prepared to let us know when they will be able and their availability to assist us in a total overall assessment of the water and wastewater program. We have to be sure that all of our standards are up to par. We have to be sure that all of the protocols are being followed. And unfortunately I can't trust internal to tell me that's happening. And I need to secure someone else that can tell me -- can do that assessment and can look at that.

Also as a part of that, in that whole item as was mentioned earlier, Miss Ryan and I and members of our staff and a couple from Utility did meet with the Health Department this morning for over two hours. And Mr. Mayer joined us. He happened to be in the office so

it was like, "Come on in. Do you want to hear this?" And it was really kind of funny 'cause he was sitting around the wall, then he came up to the table 'cause he really wanted to understand. And I assured them today that the City of Riviera Beach takes every one of these items of noncompliance seriously and that all future correspondence as it relates to consent how -- consent orders, how it needs to be sent to the City and where it needs to be sent. They were pleased with that to the point that they -- Miss Ryan, a two-week extension in order to be able to reply?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (No audible response).

CITY MANGER JONES: Their response was, "This is what we have been looking for." And we gave them that assurance today that now that we know, we are on top of that and dealing with it. In addition in the interim, starting immediately I'm going to assign Troy Perry to be oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Utility Special District until we can get the assessments done, determine what we need to do and the direction that we need to take. Also, which was not mentioned tonight, but is also a very -- another very serious issue is the fact that there are also violations that were reported to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that even in the conversation tonight you didn't even hear about. I've lost confidence. I don't question professionalism. I have lost confidence in the leadership. And so I will be making recommendations and asking for approval for some items tomorrow with the Utility Special District.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Any questions for the Manager?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Miss Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I just had a question in regards to -- I know we didn't really get into it about the \$10,000 fine that was paid. What is the -- what is the process for getting that check cut? Because I would think several individuals had to be involved to know that a \$10 -- \$10,000 was going out for a fine.

CITY MANGER JONES: I was informed that we needed -- as he mentioned, on February the 11th, was when the conversation occurred. We had to make that payment by February the 12th. So we had to do an emergency check request that Finance generated; otherwise, we were going to suffer even more penalties as it related to that particular consent order. And so what I signed was an understanding that this would resolve the consent order and it was agreed upon by the Health Department that that dollar value was \$10,000. And just like with any other check request, that is attached to the check request as the supporting documentation as to why the check is being cut. And the check was cut and we delivered it the next day so that we would not have any penalties, any additional penalties for not responding to the consent order.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So at the time, the February 12th, which I believe is when you said you were notified -- February 11th is when you said you were brought into the fold of this. Prior to that you had no knowledge of any other violations, any other issues that were going on. But there were a number of fines paid, like, \$2,000 here, \$2,000 there, \$2,000 throughout over the years. And there -- that's in here.

CITY MANGER JONES: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right? Under --

CITY MANGER JONES: I -- I -- I don't -- I did -- I don't know an -- I didn't do them but I understand from the documentation --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That it was done.

CITY MANGER JONES: -- that there had been other fines.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

CITY MANGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So that -- with that happening, that doesn't come through Finance and, I mean -- it's not reported that we're making these payments? I know 10,000 is the only one that's being put out there. But if we add up all of the other 2,000s that have taken place over the past five -- four or five years, there's been a number of fines that have been paid. But again, it had never been brought to the board. I'm not saying you all bring every amount to us but that would alert, you know -- to inform the board that there's a problem going on if we're constantly paying these fines.

CITY MANGER JONES: Yes. What is typical, if a department head that has authority to do a check request fills out the appropriate paperwork and provides the appropriate invoices or documentation as to why they're paying it, then they can request a check for \$2,600.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And I'm -- I'm glad you --

CITY MANGER JONES: Now, I think what you're saying --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Let me stop you right there for one second. Don't mean to cut you off.

CITY MANGER JONES: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But I am glad you said that because in one of the check -- on one of the checks it said that it was -- the check was being paid to the Health Department or whatever agency for Professional Engineering Services.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: To that account.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Now --

CITY MANGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It hit that account.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: -- with that being said, the reason for the check, as you said, a check request was put in for Professional Service -- Engineering Services, but the check was going to the Health Department. So I just question what type of professional services -- engineering services the Health Department was performing for us not to understand or at least put alert that, Hey, we're paying a \$2,000 -- or whatever the amount was to the Health Department but yet it said Professional Services Engineering.

CITY MANGER JONES: Yeah. And will have to look at that particular -- specifically and probably what it was was because of the account. The monies came out of a Professional Services line, but it should not have said that we were doing -- paying the Health Department for professional services. It should have said to satisfy whatever fine, whatever it should have been. But it could have been drawn out of a Professional Services line item for payment.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And -- and you know what? I -- I've just put my finger on it. It was actually for the \$10,000 check. It said that -- because the question was, "What line item --" question number 11: "What line item in the budget was the \$10,000 taken from?" And it gave the -- the number and it said "Professional Services Engineering."

CITY MANGER JONES: Yes. In a budget you can pull the money from a particular line item.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANGER JONES: Now, what he -- what has probably taken place is that there's been a budget adjustment in order to make that balance out.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANGER JONES: 'Cause it had to be paid within -- 'cause Finance was in the meeting. I said, "Look, we gotta -- we have to have a check today."

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

CITY MANGER JONES: "So that we will not be in violation for that."

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANGER JONES: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And of course, we don't have a copy of that \$10,000 check. We do have a copy of one of the \$2,000 ones.

CITY MANGER JONES: Right.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But -- so I can't say what the details are on that 'cause we don't have a copy of it. But back in February when this notice came and

when we had to cut the check, why wasn't the board informed at that time that this was going on? Because to be very honest with you, on last Thursday I was -- I received a call from Mr. Werksma. He left a voice mail because I was at work. He left a voice mail saying that a \$10,000 fan -- fine was being paid by the City because of some water issues. I had no clue about what he was talking about. I called your office. They told me you were in a meeting. I asked for Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones came to the phone. And then he explained to me. I'm thinking -- I think he said that the reporter had called you all, as well, around 11 something Thursday morning and that all of you were in a meeting trying to prepare a statement because Mr. Werksma was about to release this -- this news.

I didn't go into much detail at that time because I -- I -- I -- I didn't even know what was going on. But I did prepare a number of -- a series of questions which is the paper that we keep referring to. Those are all of the 14 questions that I sent to you on Thursday night, which is why we have this notebook. Prior to that we had no information, no knowledge about any of this. And I just think that had we not received that call, we would have never known about any of this. And it goes back to February. We had a stipend that was taken so that we could have additional meetings for the Utility District.

And back several months ago when it was discussed that -- and justified -- trying to justify why the stipend was being presented was because we had a lot of business that we needed to tend to with the Utility District. But from the time that that was brought up about the stipend and up until now, those meetings have been canceled. We haven't even been meeting for the Utility District. Maybe two or three times in the past seven months or eight months, however long it is that the stipend was presented. And I just think with all of this taking place, we should have been meeting. It could have been brought to our attention. There were too many months that have been passed by that we still weren't told about this.

And I don't understand why it took for a reporter to bring this information to us, because when all along, many people knew. Finance knew 'cause he was cutting a check. You knew. Miss Ryan knew since January. I don't understand why we didn't know as a board. And I'm going to speak for myself 'cause I don't know what anybody else knows. Sometimes people know things and I don't know. So I'm not going to speak for anybody else. I didn't know. I was informed by the reporter. And as a board member, I think that is absolutely wrong.

CITY MANGER JONES: Unacceptable.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And I made that very clear to you and I -- I'm sure you understood my tone in that, that how embarrassing is it for a reporter to tell a board member what's going on in their city? When we meet all the time. But none of this was ever discussed. You know? So I don't want us to sit here and try to downplay this. I know the press' statement that Mr. Aurigemma or whoever came up with says that it's safe, it's safe. Okay. Technically it might be safe but there's an issue and there's a problem that was never brought to the board. And that is wrong. All of these checks have been cut and it's not just that \$10,000 check that was cut. We had \$2,000, as I said before, numerous \$2,000 checks that were put out there. And -- and none of that was brought to our attention. And I just -- I don't understand that. I don't understand that.

CITY MANGER JONES: Miss Miller-Anderson, I -- we did talk. You did communicate to

me very succinctly your feelings. And it is -- it was a fault of mine we did not have Utility meetings. What we have established now is the process that all of these consent orders are going to Legal 'cause just like with the one you got in September, when they receive them, you get notice, I get notice, everybody gets notice that we have that. And there was a total breakdown in the communication and I accept responsibility for that.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That's wrong, Miss Jones. Yeah. That's a problem for me. But I -- I appreciate your honesty. I really do.

CITY MANGER JONES: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But that -- that's a problem and that's one of the problems that we've been having, not having policies and procedures in place and not following those policies and procedures and it's just difficult. It puts us in a serious situation where we can't even explain half of the time. And it just -- it doesn't make us look very good at all. Not at all.

CITY MANGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone else?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: To -- just to add on to the process as it relates to all these checks being signed, electronically, would you -- for the Manager, would you please direct the Finance Director that would -- from now on when it comes to any checks that's coming from the City relating to anything for the Utility District, that I will not sign electronically. To -- to come, bring it to me personally 'cause once you do stuff electronically, you don't know what's going on. Your name is out there. So I don't want that to happen in the future if that's -- if that could be done. Just with the Utility District. Any check other than standard operating procedures relating to payroll.

CITY MANGER JONES: So noted and he's here. I'm sure he heard you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Thank you. All right, sir, just a question, Madam Chair, of -- for the public.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: Who has the authority to relieve the Executive Director of his duties, period? Is it the Utility Board or is it you?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Who's that question to? Me?

MAYOR MASTERS: To the -- to the -- to the Manager. I'm sorry, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. You said Madam Chair.

MAYOR MASTERS: I know y'all don't look alike.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I -- I'm more than happy to answer it. It's the City Manager.

MAYOR MASTERS: You want to fight? You want to do it?

CITY MANGER JONES: It is --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well, no.

MAYOR MASTERS: Manager.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: That's her.

CITY MANGER JONES: -- it is my employee. It is my responsibility. We have -- Mr. Aurigemma and I have talked about his fate and he has given me an answer. And tomorrow I will communicate to you the action that's being taken.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam --

CITY MANGER JONES: And Utility District Board.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- thank you, Madam Manager.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. All right. At this point we're going to go to Public Comment and then we'll come back to Council. Okay. We have a lot. Yeah. Okay. First comment card, Fane Lozman and then Bonnie Larson.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, if we have a lot would you -- can we go to two minutes since it's --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, no, no.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No, no, no. No, no.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- is it three minutes?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Three minutes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Three?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Three minutes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We have the right to three.

MAYOR MASTERS: Three? I'm just asking.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We have about an hour's worth of comments.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So --

MAYOR MASTERS: Three minutes.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: -- go ahead, Mr. Lozman.

MAYOR MASTERS: Fine.

PUBLIC COMMENT

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman, Singer Island. I don't have an address to give you because the City refuses to give me one. But they spent \$11,000 in legal fees fighting over this already. You know what? I've heard tonight basically reminds me of a cover-up. Because people did know about the water scandal. The gentleman here said he told the City Attorney in January. The City Manager learned in February and wrote the check. So two people did know in addition to the Water Department District. So maybe he delayed telling them but when these two employees knew, they had his -- responsibility to tell you directly because you, the five council members, can only hire or fire two people. They can hire and fire the city attorney and they can hire and fire the city manager.

The city manager can hire and fire anybody else in the city. So you are their direct bosses. So your two direct employees, the City Attorney knew in January; the City Manager knew in February. She did not -- neither one of those told the public nor told us. We're the taxpayers here. We pay everybody's salary in this city. Okay? I don't know. You know, it -- it sounded to me like the cover-up from that public health guy from the county. You know, like, Oh, it's not a big deal, but the reality is his number two guy there says 20 percent of the water -- of all water in Riviera Beach tested positive for bacteria. That's what his number two guy said. And he said they had a failure to notify their community. We needed to be notified.

The five of you needed to be notified in January. Threw the City a lunch and said, Man, we got a big problem. In February you're writing the \$10,000 check. We need to call a meeting. It shouldn't have been Channel 5 to break this story. It should have been when the two employees who worked for you learned about it. Okay? That's where the cover-up is. They were going to try to slide this by. No one would ever know the better. A year or two from now we'd have a whole bunch new water injection equipment or whatever, and it would just be a cover-up. No one would have found out about it. But now that we found out you have to say, Who knew? This gentleman knew but he -- he was late. He's late paying his bills. He's late doing whatever. But finally he told the City Attorney and he told the City Manager. They didn't tell you. So don't hang this gentleman out to dry 'cause there's two other employees that knew before the April 22nd story broke. (Applause).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Amen.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please. All right.

FANE LOZMAN: Now, I don't have the confidence in any of those three to unscrew this mess. I really don't. We need somebody outside this city to come in and -- that's why you have outside consultants. And we really need one this time to come out and analyze what is really going on there, because the Channel 5 in -- in their investigation, the number two guy is saying 20 percent's contaminated. But yet in the question to Miss Anderson he says, No, it's only in that Gramercy Park. But then you said, No, it was at Phil Foster and it was other areas around the city. So I think there's a cover-up also going on in the County side to limit liability.

This could bankrupt the City if it turned out a lot of people got sick or died prematurely. We need an outside independent look at this whole mess.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Bonnie Larson and then Norma Duncombe. (Applause). All right, please. We're not doing group participation tonight. Bonnie Larson?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good night. Good night. That's it. (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: Who's that? Who's that (inaudible)?

BONNIE LARSON: Good evening, Bonnie Larson. It is a shame we have to hear more from the media than we do from our own City. It's -- it's a shame and -- and like Mr. Lozman just said, Miss Ryan and Miss Jones knew about this several months ago. So why didn't you know? They work for you and you are to protect us. It's lucky. It's lucky, if it is true what the Health Department gentleman said, that we don't have that much bacteria. We're lucky if that is the case because without telling anyone -- it would have been disastrous health wise. You know, like I said, lawsuits all over the place. We're still saying tonight that we didn't know about it. And like I said, those two people knew and they should have known. They should have informed you.

Miss Jones, you took responsibility for -- for canceling the Utility Department meetings. I'd like to know why you canceled them. The council receives \$1,000 extra per month for attending those meetings. They're being canceled; you can't attend. You wouldn't know. These fines go back years and years. Who has the authority to sign a \$10,000 check? The Finance Department had to write the check. Didn't they? So they know, also. Just us. Us. The council and us, that we're the only ones who don't know and we're the ones most -- mostly affected.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Absolutely.

BONNIE LARSON: Our water bills have doubled.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. Yeah.

BONNIE LARSON: Water bills have doubled and they're scheduled to go up every year for the next several years. And look what we're faced with now. On the news, the press

release said that there's a multi-million dollar infrastructure being done in Riviera Beach. Where is that infrastructure being done? The only infrastructure I know about is at the marina and that's not helping us, the residents, for our infrastructure. So question about that press release, where is that infrastructure you said is being done -- being done.

When we have a problem we need to -- we need to address it immediately, not sweep it up under the regular so we end up where we are tonight. Honesty is the best policy.

If we -- we paid the Health Department \$10,000 but we're saying we don't have a problem.

Then why did we pay the \$10,000? We have deadlines to meet. Every department has deadlines. If you forget it, well, gosh. You're supposed to be doing your job. You're supposed to know about deadlines. You have a Utility Director. You have a lot of employees. It's a national standard. Why do we forget things like that? We can't just write it off and say, "I forgot."

We were supposed to test in June through December. We didn't do it. Okay. A lot of -- Miss KaShamba Miller, you mentioned a lot of things I was going to bring up. So I'm skipping through here. Oh, we said tonight we have no policy and procedure about certain things. And I remember several years ago we hired Mr. Bouchard to do policies and procedures for this City. So why is it we're -- when -- when we get into a jam, we have a tendency to say, Oh, we don't have any policy about that? We should have. We paid Mr. Bouchard a lot of money to do policies and procedures. So why -- I mean, this is -- this isn't the first time this has happened. Every time there's a violation in any department, you should know about it immediately. Not have to be told by the press.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

BONNIE LARSON: You should know about it first.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Norma Duncombe.

BONNIE LARSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And then Warrie Leonard.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Okay. Norma Duncombe.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: This situation is not complicated. It's a very simple thing to take care of. I'm here because I've been talking about problems with the water situation in terms of our paying our bills with a company in Orlando. Why are we paying somebody up there to process our water bills? I received a -- well, my bill is \$200 a month. And after seeing that 200, paying my bill, I look on TV and I'm getting this information that the water is not safe. Well, you know, it -- I'm not pleased with any of this. But it's not a complicated situation. And I hold the council members responsible for taking the responsibility of doing what has to be done when it has to be done. You were -- four of you have been elected and you raised your right hand to take care of the City. And we expect for you to step to the plate and do what needs to be done in terms of the leadership that we have that is not performing the way it should perform for this city.

I kind of hold the citizens responsible, too, because we need to stay on top of things. We need to get out and vote. We need to do what we need to do to bring our city up to par. I am so upset with some of the things that are going on. Mr. Mayor, I'm holding you responsible. The four council members who held your hand up and said you would take care of the City, I'm holding you responsible until a fifth person is elected and put in their seat. But we have to do a better job in terms of what we should do. If a person is not doing the job, get rid of them. Get rid of them. We don't need to waste money sitting up here saying, Well, maybe. No. This is not a playground.

This is City business and we have so many things that we need to jump on. We need to do things to stabilize the City. I get -- I am so angry every time I come out and hit the road. The State road, U.S. 1. We're the only city with decorative lights on one side and raggedy lights on the other side. The County road, Silver Beach Road, they paved part of it and they got one pole that's being held up with two poles -- boards between it. No sidewalks. So you know, we need to start doing business. And if we're not going to do business, people, you need to just give up your seat and let somebody else sit there who can do it. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Warrie Leonard and then Shirley Wright.

WARRIE LEONARD: Good afternoon. Warrie Leonard, 1901 W. 23rd Street.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

WARRIE LEONARD: I'm the President of National Village/Timber Pine Homeowner s' Association.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good afternoon.

WARRIE LEONARD: I do not like the idea of blaming the residents. They took samples from the City, not residents' homes. So because my house was built in 1970, now I'm going to be at fault? I don't think so. Don't throw that dog on me. I'm not going to take it. You also need to understand that when you are in office, you need to do what is best for the City, not your friends, not your colleagues. But the City. The total City. And now we have a problem. Singer Island, you are going to tell us -- show us a map. We never did see that map but we did hear Singer Island on there. That's tourism. You're going to blow our tourism out of this water 'cause it's gonna hit national news.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It already has.

WARRIE LEONARD: So you need to understand that it's going to be more than the mainland getting hurt. You need to understand it's going to be the total City. You can build that marina up as much as you want. They might not come. We'll just lose money. I stand here tonight to challenge the council. You say the water is clean and everybody say the water is clean. Get rid of those bottles of water. Put a water pitcher. A pitcher of water with ice up there tomorrow with some cups.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

WARRIE LEONARD: Let's get rid of these bottles of water I see. The residents have to drink the water out of the water faucet.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's right.

WARRIE LEONARD: Now you drink the water, too. And when you drink the water and I see it, then I'll feel safe. I'm not yelling. I'm just asking, make my City as safe as Palm Beach and anybody else. Palm Beach Shores, you're in this, too. 'Cause the water coming from us going to you, going to the island. That water ain't going to detour from one pipe to another one. So we all are in this. And I ask if you don't pray you need to. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Shirley Wright and then Henry Taylor.

SHIRLEY WRIGHT: Good evening. My name is Shirley Wright. I reside at --

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

SHIRLEY WRIGHT: -- 1630 W. 36th Street.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

SHIRLEY WRIGHT: And this whole thing boils down to honesty.

MAYOR MASTERS: Uh-huh.

SHIRLEY WRIGHT: Whether you are right or wrong, if you -- even if you are wrong and you're telling the truth, I'm with you all the way. But when you lie and try to cover up, I have a problem. Mr. Guyton had a meeting, community meeting with us at Lindsey Davis Community Center just before the election. And he told us that our water was safe without the information. I guess he didn't have the necessary information, the reason why he told us that. But I -- I -- I found him guilty for not finding out and telling us that it's safe -- safe for us to drink, bathe and -- and cook in. As -- as how I feel now, I'm buying -- well, we have been buying our water. But we should have a choice. We should have had a choice to know what was going on so we would know whether or not we want to drink the water, cook or take a bath in it. And I think it's a disservice to the officials not to know what's going on and not letting the community know. It's a disservice and --

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

SHIRLEY WRIGHT: -- it's a shame that we have to be put on blast by the media to know what's going on in our city. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you, ma'am. Henry Taylor and then Cornelius

Lawrence, Jr.

HENRY TAYLOR: Henry Taylor, 8355 Woodmill Drive.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

HENRY TAYLOR: I've been in this city all of my life, born here, reared here, served eight years plus on this city council. We never had the type of problems we're having here now.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Uh-uh.

HENRY TAYLOR: I'm ashamed of the way that this council has operated. I have sometimes wondered why the State's Attorney's Office has not been investigating this city. It's been really terrible. I do not blame the people that's just been elected. They weren't here. They didn't know what was going on. I'm right behind the Mayor. But I'd like to increase it. You need to fire all three people. I like Miss Jones. I love Miss Jones. I don't know that much about your City Attorney. But if they knew the problems, they should have come to you with it. We hired department heads when I was on this council that live within the city. If they did not live in the city, they had to move into the city.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

HENRY TAYLOR: That way they would be sure to take care of the City like they should. This is ridiculous as to what's going on now. This should never happen. Should have never happened. You raise our water rates.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's right.

HENRY TAYLOR: You're getting extra money from the Utility District for your salaries.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

HENRY TAYLOR: I used to say that I paid your salary with my taxes. But I can't say it anymore. When I served on this council we had -- got \$300 a month. And they took income tax out of that. You, with your -- everything that you get, you're making 60, 70, some of you might be making \$80,000 a year with every -- all of the amenities that you get.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

HENRY TAYLOR: You need to do your job. Don't sit there and let these people let the people of Riviera Beach down. You're getting our taxes. We pay more taxes in Riviera Beach --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Amen.

HENRY TAYLOR: Than a lot of the other municipalities in this county. Do your job. Look out for the residents of Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Cornelius Lawrence, Jr. and then John Miller.

CORNELIUS LAWRENCE, JR.: Hello, people. Hello, Reverend.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hello.

CORNELIUS LAWRENCE, JR.: Hello ladies and councilmen.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

CORNELIUS LAWRENCE, JR.: You started this meeting tonight with that young man over there saying the Pledge Allegiance to the flag.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CORNELIUS LAWRENCE, JR.: You did. And I'm thinking about that kid.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CORNELIUS LAWRENCE, JR.: All right? And not -- I mean, everybody that came up here and spoke their mind and said whatever, you know, and told the truth. And seems to me the left hand don't know what the right hand's doing. You know? And so y'all need to work that out. And the main thing is about our children in the City. You know, 'cause they -- I'm -- I -- I'm a -- I'm a half hundred now. I done lived my life. If I have to go see God right now, I don't have nothing to complain about. But my young people in this city, if something's wrong, we need to fix it --

MAYOR MASTERS: Uh-huh.

CORNELIUS LAWRENCE, JR.: -- for them, our children. That's the main thing. I -- our children. We have to think about our kids. Now, mostly I can't -- I can't say nothing else without nobody -- what everybody has said right now, I can't say nothing 'cause everybody came up here and -- and spoke their mind. But my mind's on our children.

MAYOR MASTERS: Uh-huh.

CORNELIUS LAWRENCE, JR.: We have to take care of our children and make sure they're safe. That's the main thing. I'm finished.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you for your comments, sir. John Miller and then Ron

Jewell.

MAYOR MASTERS: And while he's coming, Madam Chair, Mr. Lawrence, I'm sure Deacon Lawrence is very proud of you. Your -- your uncle. Thank you.

CORNELIUS LAWRENCE, JR.: Thank you.

JOHN MILLER: John Miller, 1290 Manor Drive.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

JOHN MILLER: Hello. Listen, I -- I -- I've listened and taken a lot of things in here and it - it -- some of the things don't -- don't make sense. I can look at -- I'm not going to -- I'm not going chop your name up. I'm going to call you Mr. A., right? You're on the gallows, there, Mr. A, 'cause you made some mistakes. But you admitted you made the mistakes. Like some of the people out here said that. What -- what amazes me, though, since I was in the construction industry, you're talking about shooting that chlorine in, that extra chlorine. Basically a booster pump, what I -- right? And you talk about what -- how much is that project, value on that? Can you give me an idea --

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: The --

JOHN MILLER: Approximate value to do that.

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: That's about a \$250,000 --

JOHN MILLER: \$250,000. All right? So we're saying it takes four years to do that. Me being in the construction industry, retired as a -- as a -- as a project construction manager, I did a \$75 million project. Bottom line is, if you knew you had a problem, if you knew you had a problem four years ago, which you didn't know -- that would have got -- that would have got resolved, 'cause like you said, safety is the main thing. Right? As far as this design build, design build means the engineers look at it and put it together. Yeah, if it comes in too high, then you go with another company. Design build bid, what the hell's that all about? That's ridiculous. It has to go to bid. Now, let's -- let's get to the other issue. The main issue is that -- what we're talking is that who knows. This man's on the gallows. I have nothing against Miss Jones. I don't know Miss Ryan. But why should Miss Ryan be notified first? Yes, as a litigator. But then do nothing else? It's not your job to tell either the Chair or any of the board members about it? Just the -- and then wait a month before Ruth Jones finds out?

I'm -- let me ask you this. It looks like the -- the -- like the cart and the horse is behind it. Who the -- who the -- wait a minute. In other words, who do you answer to, Ruth and Pam? Who do you answer to? The board. And then the citizens out here paying the money, right? Why would you think if this has been going on for not a year, not January, not February. How about four years or five years or six years, what -- whenever these fines started to be paying. Why would you wait and say -- so the press comes out and

then go, "I made a mistake." Who else? Did anybody else on this board, did you know? Did you know? Did you know? Did any of you know?

'Cause if you do, any of you did know and stood in a corner and just said, "Not my problem until the press comes," then your head should be out there, too. Do the right thing. Put the right people in and move forward. You can't do it unless you all work together. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Ron Jewell and then Edward Rodgers.

RON JEWELL: Good -- good evening.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening, sir.

RON JEWELL: I live at -- yes. I live at Thousand Oaks. I've been in the utility business for 28 years. Distribution. I've dug -- I've worked on ductile iron, PolyPipe, cast iron. Unless you really get a boil-water advisory, it's not -- it's not too bad. But once you get that boil-water advisory, then you're in trouble. But on the other side, what I'm saying -- what -- what I'm trying to say is that chlorinating booster pumps should have been installed. Should have been installed 2012. It shouldn't have -- it should have been to the board right away. There is a -- testing stations that should be put in that -- that you operate every day in those dead zones, let the water run through them every day and you sample them every day. And if you gotta tap the water main, put a bigger line in running into another drain to get more flow to it, that's what you have to do. But that should have been right away to keep the flow moving. You know? And then like I say, if you're doing your sample testing every day, you'll probably get the chlorine level up. But things seem to get out of hand and got push -- pushed behind. And it's too bad that the City got put in this position, you know? But there is a solution and -- and you guys will work it out. And we will be okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you very much, sir. Ed Rodgers and then Mami Kisner.

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: Edward Rodgers, 605 Universe Boulevard.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: And retired --

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: Thank you for recognizing me.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- and retired judge.

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: And retired judge. I forgot --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And retired councilman.

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: -- for a while there.

MAYOR MASTERS: And councilman.

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: And I don't live here but I have a lot of love for this city. Fifty years I lived here. And I'm here to tell you tonight that you still have more problems. Sir -- where's the director? Are you the director?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. (Inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: Oh. Is this a copy of your lift station?

DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Maybe.

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: I have what was given to me as a copy of the lift station. You got big problems there. And I'm going to give all the copies to you. You mentioned environmental problems. You have environmental problem -- problems. This place is about as -- a hundred percent accident prone. I'm going to pass these to you so you can look them over. How many of you have visited the lift stations? Okay. Lately?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Several of them. Not all of them lately.

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: Yeah. I'm going to give you copies of one and I know you want to know, well, where did I get them from. I'm not going to tell you. It's not that important. But they are accidents waiting to happen. And I think whenever you look at them you'll agree with me and this is something that can be avoided now. You know, if you go over whoever's in charge of it, I need you to go over and take a look at some of them. Some things -- it looked to me as though there were some wires lying on the floor and the people who are working there are complaining but just complaining to one another. And of course they aren't going to say anything because their job may be in jeopardy if they say something. It -- they did a tremendous injustice to you. I had a mental blank to your name there, Councilor.

MAYOR MASTERS: It's Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Tonya Davis Johnson.

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: Yeah. The one that you vouched for. You know, you said you put your weight -- your word behind the lift station -- I mean, the --

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Guyton. Guyton.

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: Yeah. The what?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Guyton.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It was Bruce Guyton.

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: Guyton. Mr. Guyton. I've known him for years. I just -- at my age I forget my name sometimes. But Bruce, you -- you gave your word to somebody that you trusted. And I don't know if you went by to check but with -- the lift stations there are in terrible trouble. Give one of them to each of them.

MAYOR MASTERS: Judge Rodgers, those are the pictures of our lift stations, correct?

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: Yes, sir. Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Thank you.

JUDGE EDWARD RODGERS: Some of them even look like they had electric wires running through the water that was running down there. I think you really need to go by in order to avoid a later lawsuit relative to the danger in which a lot of your workers are working in. Just go by and take a look at it if you haven't been by, and some of us never go by. You know, so somebody should decide to let somebody go by and take a look at it and see how your workers are doing there, because you don't need -- you're getting a lot of bad press now. You don't need any more bad press. So try to cut your losses as much as you can and these things that are public hazards, you know, call -- go by and take a look at them and make sure that you know what you're talking about whenever you ask about them. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you for letting me talk.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you very much, Judge. Mami Kisner and then Tina White.

MAMI KISNER: Good evening, Mami Kisner, 11128 47th Road.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MAMI KISNER: West Palm Beach. Good evening. Thank you for allowing me to come this evening. I've come before you before telling you there are many residents who are older who cannot be here and many of them have asked me to speak for them and so I will sit here till 12:00 if I have to because they can't be here but they have a voice. Our residents are tired. They are tired of our babies being jeopardized and they are tired of our workers talking about the problems they are having in Riviera Beach. I've been here almost 22 years and one of the first cities I wanted to come and help was Riviera Beach. And I can tell you that two years ago I stood before you and talked about issues in the Water Utility District.

MAYOR MASTERS: Uh-huh.

MAMI KISNER: I told you there were safety issues over there. I told you there was incompetence in the leadership. I told you that the leader was -- did not have a clue of what was going on with the workers because he was not in the meetings. Because those workers are telling people in the community. They're talking to your residents because they're fed up. Call for the number of grievances that have been placed in that

department. Miss Jones hired three consultants for an evaluation of the Utility District. In the last one they only interviewed a few people. They never gave the opportunity to all of the workers in the Water and the Sewer Utility District to respond, and then they were intimidated. You don't have to fill it out, if you want to, if it's a survey. That's not leadership.

And our people are suffering. And it takes news to bring this to your attention when you are hearing that from the public? They elect you and you have a hard job. I've told you that. I pray for you every day. But you have a responsibility to the safety and the health of the residents of this community. And hard decisions have to be done by leaders. Community people don't want to come in here and talk and tell you how to do your job. But if you are qualified to do your job, we wouldn't be standing here today. I met with Miss Jones. I've met with many of the council people telling you there are issues in that Utility District. So you hire three outside consultants and you still have a problem and you're going to have more.

There is a whole list right here that I'm going to give to the Mayor telling you of additional issues that you have and major safety issues. You have guys going down into 30-foot deep lift stations who do not have the proper safety equipment. They need masks and they're going down there in there and there is feces in there. You need to wake up and help the people of this community, especially our children.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Tina White and then Dorothy Bullard.

MAYOR MASTERS: Miss Kisners [sic], make -- make sure I get that document tonight if you have it, please.

TINA WHITE: Tina White, 808 W. First Street.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

TINA WHITE: I am an 11-year taxpayer and 11-year customer -- water customer of the City. I am asking our elected officials to fire Ruth Jones because there is no leadership from Miss Jones. Miss Jones has now gone out and said she's hired all these people. She's known of these problems since 2010. In March of 2011 we paid the Health Department a fine for \$2,200. So this is not the first time Miss Jones and Miss Ryan has been aware of this problem. The Utility Director came in our -- into our city hired by Miss Jones in December of 2010. So for six years the three of them have been aware of the continuous problems and the continuous violations through the Health Department that the board has not been informed of, nor have the citizens.

Now, there is not a, "If I want to inform you," or, "If I don't want to inform you." The State of Florida laws require you to inform all users whenever you have received violations. It is not optional. And if Miss Ryan as our legal compliant officer did not know that in February or January when the Utility Director came to her, then that's a problem. She should know that. That's her job to know if the people are complying legally with requirements. This was a legal requirement that you notice all users when you receive violations. It is stated in all of the documents that the Health Department has sent to the City.

For Miss Ryan who's been here 20 years, Miss Jones now seven, eight, nine years, and -- and the Utility Director came in December 2010, for the three of them to say, "We're going to fix it now," it's too late for their leadership to fix it. I have no confidence in any of them. None of the board should have any confidence in them. We cannot trust anything they tell us going forth and they all should be relieved of their duties without pay for a neglect of duties because they have been willfully neglectful of their duties and they have covered this up. And if the newspaper and TV stations had never reported it, they would never have reported it and continued to cover it up. And the Finance Director is a part of the shenanigans, too. The Assistant Utility Director knew about it. The Water Treatment supervisor knew about it.

He -- the supervisor of the Water Treatment Plant is not even taking lead and copper samples when they're supposed to be taking it. It seems no one knows what they're doing. Now you're going to put policies in place? I think it's too late for you three to do that. Go, go, go.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Dorothy Bullard and then Adrian Brown.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ma'am?

DOROTHY BULLARD: Dorothy Bullard, 1620 --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: If I could just say something?

DOROTHY BULLARD: Sure.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Because I have sat here all night and I've listened to everyone and I just cannot allow these public comments to continue. I'm not here to throw anybody under the bus. I'm here to tell facts. And if people are going to come to the mike and accuse me of lying, shenanigans, cover-up, I need to set the record straight before we hear any more public comment cards. I just -- I -- I just have to.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Point of order.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Point of order. Point of order.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So do you -- you want me to wait to hear --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: All -- all I'm saying --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: What's your --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: -- just wait, let them get through and then we'll allow you to go ahead and address all those comments so we can get through our portion.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I'm fine with that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Then you can have the mike. That way --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I'm fine with that.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: -- we can keep moving forward.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Miss Bullard.

DOROTHY BULLARD: Dorothy Bullard, 1620 W. 36th Street, Riviera Beach, Florida. I was at the meeting, that Lindsey Davis meeting that was called by Councilman Bruce Guyton to discuss things in our district. I asked Councilman Bruce Guyton if our water was safe, if we were another Flint, Michigan. He stated that our water was completely safe. At this meeting we had almost every department head in the city. Mrs. Jones was there. Mrs. Ryan was there. The superintendent of the Water Department was there. Every -- almost every department head was there. If we didn't -- if we were fined in December and I asked this in February, and we didn't take a water sample, how could you tell me that we didn't have a problem when you hadn't done the testing? Another question, the reason I was there, this is concerning the sewage and draining. That's the reason I came to the meeting in the first place. I'm not connected to Riviera Beach City sewage and drainage. I have been trying for three years to get an answer. I was told that we were on the books and the budget for 20 -- 20 -- at the end December '15. I went to the meeting and I -- Bruce Guyton, Councilman Guyton didn't even want to address my concern.

He didn't even want to talk to me. My husband and I had been trying to get an appointment with Mrs. Jones for over a year. Her staff stated that they did not -- that she did not meet with citizens.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, my God.

DOROTHY BULLARD: After the fact, I did -- we -- my husband and I, we did get a meeting. She did sit down with us, with the Assistant Manager, everyone who was involved. I still don't have any kind of questions as when we will get -- so as a citizen, they're not addressing any of our concerns as far as our infrastructure. So when Mr. Guyton stated to me that our water was safe, apparently that wasn't true.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

DOROTHY BULLARD: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Thank you, ma'am. Adrian Brown and then Lakisha Kelsey [phonetic].

ADRIAN BROWN: Adrian Brown, 3017 Laurel Ridge Circle.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

ADRIAN BROWN: Okay. We've been sitting in here since 6:00. Let's get to the truth. Okay? My background is I am a cyber security engineer. So I'm one of them people that can dig you up and get all types of information. Now, let's tell the truth here. There are 33,000 residents in the City of Riviera Beach. Our children under five is 8 percent. Our children under 18 is 20 percent. We have over 13 day care centers. We have over 14 local schools, private and public. We have over 20 local restaurants, two nursing homes and two hospitals. And yet we have this issue. Now, let's be clear here on this.

This problem first came about, you say, January 2016. That's what we've all heard. But in fact, the Public Health Department on their website that they keep telling us to go to sent Mr. A -- 'cause I don't want to mess his name up -- two letters. Okay? Going back from March 31st and April 1st. Letting him know of the contamination in the City of Riviera Beach. Okay? Nothing was done. No residents were informed. Now, let's go back to October 2014, January, March and April 2015, when he was warned again of copper and lead poisoning and nothing was done. So now we have a Riviera Beach water crisis. Who do we hold accountable? I hear Ruth Jones. Pamala Ryan. Of course him. He's the Director. But we just learned tonight that he don't even have to answer to you all. He don't have to give you any information. Why is that? Who is governing him? Anybody know that answer? You're pay him. You hired him. Who does he answer to? Okay. We silent. Now, before I leave this message is to Dawn Pardo. You better watch your tone when you speak to the residents of Riviera Beach. You are rude and disrespectful. We place you in office and we will boot you out.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you very much for your comments. Lakisha Kelsey and then Lynne Hubbard.

MAYOR MASTERS: Sir, I'm directing you to put this on the screen, please. The picture, thank you.

LAKISKA KELSEY: Lakiska [phonetic] Kelsey, Thousand Oaks community.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: (Inaudible).

LAKISKA KELSEY: I usually watch these meetings on television, and I must say that they are usually comical to me with the behavior that I see with this board. But with this water crisis I was very upset because I do have a child. Now, I'm not a fool. We only drink bottled water. I have known for quite some time that the water is cloudy. I've noticed how it affects my shower. I've noticed this for years. And I've been taking care of it as a private citizen. But I would like to say thank you to Channel 5 for bringing it to us 'cause we never would have known. I want to say thank you to the Mayor for giving this meeting 'cause we never would have known.

Now, I pay taxes. I pay a surcharge tax, as well, to this City. And you all are failing us. And the one thing I would like to say and end with this is we should come first. Your citizens should come first. Not your friends, not who you know, but the citizens that are paying you taxes. That is what we should be worried about, the citizens. Good night.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Lynne Hubbard and then Gunther Moore [phonetic] -- Murr [phonetic].

LYNNE HUBBARD: Good evening. Lynne Hubbard, 1405 W. 23rd Street.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

LYNNE HUBBARD: Most of the facts have been stated here tonight. But I want to go on record to say what is most -- most appalling about the situation, is merely not being informed. It states to me that the lives and the -- just the general well-being of the citizens of Riviera Beach is not important and it doesn't matter. It cost you nothing. It cost nothing to put on Channel 18 that we had a problem with our water. No one has to be a doctor. No one has to be a scientist. But the mere fact that you are supposed to be serving us, collecting a check and collecting pay should have said from one human being to another that you -- we have an issue with our water and we have been fined over and over again for that.

So what I find disturbing is that who's going to be held responsible for the Utility District behavior? Who's going to be held responsible individually? How do we go forward? I found two things quite disingenuous. One, when Mr. Aurigemma kept referring to the superintendent, Mr. Danford. Now, he is the superintendent. But when you say to, "I meet with him in passing and sometimes we get together, and we have three shifts," he is just that, the superintendent. When you're in charge of it all, you're responsible for it all. So I don't think that he should be made the scapegoat indirectly or directly. So he can only do as much as he is allowed to do. And secondly, for Mr. Guyton to say that as the homeowners, coming to our pipes, some of our pipes have a role to play in what we might be experiencing. We have a problem. There is a problem. Leave it at all that.

Don't try to shift it to the residents. I think that that was quite disingenuous. I want to thank KaShamba Miller for taking the call from Mr. Workman [sic], for bringing it to the people. We -- we have to be told. We deserve to be told. And no, I'm not saying this because I am running for office. However, I am running for office for the District 1 seat because we need people in the seat that do care about us. People that understand that the quality of life for the citizens of Riviera Beach does matter. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Gunther Murr and then Mary Brabham.

GUNTHER MURR: This meeting's so long. Gunther Murr, 1100 Singer Drive.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

GUNTHER MURR: You've heard from everybody so far. They -- but they're lambasting you about your so-called incompetence. And I've never seen anybody who will take responsibility. You say -- like Miss Jones says, "I am responsible." It sounds very good. It's like watching your -- hearing a preacher have a -- have a sermon. But what's the -- is

there any punishment? Is -- does somebody get -- said, "Well, you have to go -- you are grounded for three weeks." Doesn't happen. "I take responsibility." It's like a saint on a pedestal. Nobody -- nobody gets any retribution for all this. And I think it's -- I think it's despicable that nobody, especially if he knew that all these problems were happening and he kept it secret from you all, which is totally -- I think totally unforgivable. Totally unforgivable.

And you're pussy-footing around here like everybody is -- everybody's fine. Everybody's fine with this. Everybody's fine with this. So pay the fine. They, this -- it's funny Miss Jones mentioned the \$10,000 check has to go through certain guidelines. Yet I got -- I -- unless I misunderstood, a \$2,000 check doesn't have all these -- have all these guidelines on it. Which means you can write \$2,000 checks without any --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All day long.

GUNTHER MURR: -- kind of control. 10,000. That's something else. Okay? So when you hear -- when I hear that you have -- you -- you paid all this time. You paid 2,000 here, 2,000 there, 2,006 here, 2,000 here, that's -- that's unforgivable. You're going through this like it's your personal checkbook. It's taxpayers' money. And all these gentlemen that come here. First of all, when they -- when they -- when they came from the Water District, nobody, including you, don't understand what you're -- what you're being told. You don't know what the percentages are of the water, what goes it for the leg, for this, for that and the other. It's all rhetoric. All rhetoric. And the man who was here with the red tie from the Water District, he -- if he ever -- if he refers to you to the -- to the website because he can't give you a decent answer, what the hell is he doing there? Who's paying him? We're paying him. It's a government job.

Taxpayers' money is paying it, for Christ's sakes. And I think it's despicable. They come here. They're hemming and hawing. They're hemming and hawing. Mr. A hems and haws. They all hem and haw. It's disgusting. What are you -- what are you -- what are you put up there for? I mean, did we -- did we elect you to sit there and then -- and then scratch yourself? I think it's disgusting. And nobody -- and nobody takes responsibility. The ball has to stop somewhere. God knows I run a huge company. And the ball ended with me. I was the owner of the company. I couldn't say, Oh, it's his problem or it's that problem. Oh, no, I didn't know anything about it. It stopped with me. So if I don't know what goes on, there's something wrong in Lala Land.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Agreed. Agreed. Mary Brabham and then Paige Parker.

MARY BRABHAM: I want you to give each one of them up there one of those for me, please. Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MARY BRABHAM: Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach. There's enough blame to go around here tonight.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: My copy?

MARY BRABHAM: Some are throwing others underneath the bus. But I'm sure that this

will be -- be corrected. Because we are holding you responsible. In 2012 I stood up here and I passed out to each one of the representatives that were sitting up there then and informed them that they had to stay watch on our water supply. I gave Mr. Aurigemma the findings that Michael Brown when he was here, how he -- what he did, and our water supply would be contaminated. If you look at that -- that -- that letter there, when I called for a complaint, it's date 10/3/2014. Why? Because the coloration was in the water and it had little specks of little sparkles. Miss Brabham doesn't drink the water. I go broke. I never agreed that the water in Riviera Beach was safe. This is Miss Brabham. I would not drink this water. And I look back there tonight and I saw the babies. This comes from the babies on up to the entire residents in this city here. A lot is at stake here. We are already painted with a stain. How can we expect anybody to come in here and buy and help -- help us up build. This is another stain. So it's up to house how we're going to paint this with a -- with a livable paint because this is detrimental. Mr. Aurigemma came here 2010.

This was going on before Mr. Aurigemma ever came here. But who was on watch? Who was on watch? To the journalists and the reporters, thank you. Miss Brabham say she wants you all to continue. Continue in this city here. Because we have asked for transparency over and over and over and over. And this is what we have gotten. Yes, we want you to report. That's your job. And if you're not doing your job, you're not being worthy to your profession. And this does -- does not encompass our mainland. This is the entire city here. I don't believe that report. I don't believe it. You can write what you want to write. Miss Brabham did not put that in the -- in -- in the pencil writing. You're throwing David underneath the bus. He's just an escape goat [sic]. But everybody here is to blame for not being -- standing on watch for us. No, our water been at risk. And for anybody to say that it's safe, no. No. No, it's not safe. But we have a chance to correct this problem.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MARY BRABHAM: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you, Miss Brabham. Paige Parker and then Sybil Mitchell. Is Miss Parker still here? No? Okay. Sybil Mitchell and then Wright Thompson.

SYBIL MITCHELL: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening, ma'am.

SYBIL MITCHELL: I am Sybil Mitchell, a lifetime resident of Riviera Beach, 1691 Essex Lane. That's Congress Lakes. But I grew up in Monroe Heights, 1330 W. 27th Street. Years ago we had an issue with the water with Solitron. And we never knew about it so this is like bringing up memories. Since that time I have -- my health has been perfect. I must say. But in 2008 I developed Stage 4 Triple-Negative Breast Cancer. Not only did I develop cancer -- I graduated in 1977. From that neighborhood back, I can list six to seven of my classmates that have been diagnosed with cancer. And two of them are dead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's right. Uh-huh.

SYBIL MITCHELL: Something's going on. Now the water issue is back. I want to put a face to what we're talking about. Thank God that I'm okay. Thank God. This meeting, like I said, is very close to my heart. I don't come over here often. I don't come. But when I come we -- it's important to me. We need to look at what's going on. We need to make sure that what we're doing is right for the citizens. And I just wanted to say that. Look at my face 'cause I was this close to being dead. And I can't attribute it to anything but the water. I talked to my doctor about that. We've had several conversations. We can't prove it. When they started talking about the things out in Wellington -- I meant, um --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Acreage.

SYBIL MITCHELL: -- the Acreage, my doctor and I talked about it. And that was one of my goals. How do you go about getting a study? I don't know. But this is serious. It's not about somebody's job. It's not about what -- thank God for the reporter, but it's not about the reporter. It's about people and what this council -- if you -- whoever knew what, you need to do something 'cause I could be dead. And I really think it goes back to Solitron 'cause that's the only thing that's ever been wrong with me in my life. On a side note like I said, I don't come here often. But in order to get respect you have to give it. It has to be earned. Council members, if you want your citizens to come before you and express their concerns, and you want them to be respectful, you must respect them. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Wright Thompson.

WRIGHT THOMPSON: How are you guys doing? Wright Thompson, I'm vice president of Thousand Oaks HOA.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

WRIGHT THOMPSON: Many of you guys came to our board meeting a couple months ago, play us what you guys would do for us. Many of you guys came and sat. I will admit, Mr. Guyton did stand up and say we had a problem with our water and one of the reasons that we did need to correct our infrastructure. I don't know what he told the rest of you guys. I know that -- what he told -- told the Thousand Oaks citizens that -- and many -- the Mayor included, said we did not have water problems. Our water was fine. So that's what was said in Thousand Oaks. But one of my things is I'm a volunteer for Riviera Beach. I've been living in Riviera Beach for eight years. I love kids. I coach. You know, this will be the second director -- head of a department that you guys are trying to let go. What other heads or directors of departments that you need to let go? Where is the oversight? And an oversight don't start with the director.

It start with the people in this room. I'm a supervisor at my job. I'm responsible for my 26 employees. The oversight starts with me, not my boss. So where the is oversight of the -- those other directors? If things like this are going on in those two departments, what you're -- you guys just released another head of department. This will be the second head

of department. What other department you guys need to release? You know? Give her the authority to go in and clean house. Stop holding on to family ties. I'm not from Riviera Beach. I don't have family ties here. Give her the authority to go in and clean house. Stop making back-room deals. I'm a fair person. So don't hold her accountable when -- when -- when things come to light. Hold her accountable when you're behind closed doors making decisions and deals.

So give -- give Miss Jones the authority or make a blank slate, to -- to go through and clean house, because what happened in Parks & Recs, it ain't -- this ain't the only thing that's happening in the City of Riviera Beach. You should -- you guys should be ashamed of yourself and you should go through with a fine-tooth comb and go through every regulation. How -- how does a city doesn't have regulations?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

WRIGHT THOMPSON: That -- that -- that's despicable. A city doesn't have regulations? Doesn't have order? Come on. It's not the city manager. It start -- it start here. The people that we elected. They gotta demand the truth. We -- all we're looking for is scapegoat. It start with the people we elected 'cause they're coming in my community when I -- when they need my vote. Where they at two months from now? Are you coming to Thousand Oaks two months from now? No. Are you coming there a year from now? No. 'Cause I never seen any of you come in there until you need my vote. When I'm out there coaching the kids for the City of Riviera Beach, when we ain't got water on the field for our kids, where are you at then? Are any of you coming to the basketball courts, the football fields, the baseball games? No. But if you need our votes you'll be there. So what about the other departments? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Okay. That's the end of public comment. All right. Any comments from council? Is our Mayor still here? Work our way down?

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COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm -- I'll, you know -- we'll meet tomorrow and I'll -- I'll have more to say tomorrow.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Mr. Guyton, anything?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes, very quickly. I said at the beginning of the meeting and I'll say it now. There's nothing more important than the health and welfare of the residents of this community. And these issues are issues that we as a city need to definitely get in front of. We're -- we're in a position where we have an opportunity to correct problems before there is an impact on people's health and welfare. There were a lot of people made some comments about the water and their opinion about whether it's safe or not.

As most people know me -- and I've been identified by my acronym, data, documents and evidence, and I came here tonight to get that. I was one of those ones that did not find out

until the last part of last week. That's when I got the call. And it wasn't a call that obviously I was happy to get. I expressed my displeasure and I'll say it publicly to the City Manager. And in no uncertain terms she understood that I was not a happy camper. That is something that I don't do publicly. I don't need to showboat and let everybody know how I'm dealing with the City Managers and others. But I will tell you that it's being dealt with. When the Health Department guy was there, somebody said that they're not engineers, scientists and we didn't understand all those numbers and percentages. You're absolutely right. I didn't.

But what I did understand was the question that I asked them: Is it safe to drink the water? Is it safe to bathe in the water? Is it safe to cook with the water? That, I understand. I'm not trying to pretend like I understand all these numbers that they threw out at us and 5 percent that and 20 percent this and all. No, no, no, no. What I understand is you need to tell me if this water is safe to drink --

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to bathe in and to cook with. The answer was yes. You can do all of those things.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is it true?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And the only thing that I have to rely on is not just our department but when the Health Department come and I can ask them those questions. The answer was yes. The -- the -- the other thing -- and -- and one thing that -- that people who really know me, they know that I shoot from the hip. I -- I'm not going to try to placate and I'm -- I'm -- I'm not gonna try to camouflage a problem. If we have a problem, Bruce is going to deal with it. It has nothing to do with politics and anything else, especially when it comes to the health and welfare of our community. So it doesn't matter to me who was at fault. If there's a problem, Bruce is going to be supporting a solution to deal with it. Especially when it comes to the health and welfare of this community.

The Health Department said something else that I took note of. They said if it -- "If it were a real serious problem, we would have issued a boil order advisory." I don't know how many caught that but I did. And I asked them, "Did you issue one for this situation?" They said no. Because it -- we have some issues to correct but it didn't rise to that level where they felt a boil order advisory was necessary. I'm talking about data, documents and evidence now coming from the people who are not related to the City, who looked at this independently. That's what they said, who cited us. That it wasn't severe enough to issue a boil order advisory. I want to make sure that this community is safe.

Sometimes in these type of situations, people want to manufacture some problems that maybe haven't been supported by the data, documents and evidence. If we have a serious problem, I want to know about it and I want to see the evidence. I want to see the test results. I want you to show me how you did it and how you made this determination that either it's serious or it's not. The Health Department stood here and said that where we are now, we have some work to do but it didn't rise to the level where they felt a boil order advisory was necessary. So where I am, we need to make those corrections so that we comply with the state law. I don't care how much it costs or what it takes. We need to

correct the problem. What I don't want to happen is to put fear in people and embellish this problem as if we have some evidence that the water is not safe.

I haven't seen that evidence. I've seen evidence that said that we have some work to do to get it up to state compliance, but I haven't seen any evidence to show me that we cannot drink the water, bathe in the water, or cook with the water. And this fear factor that sometime people use for their own personal agenda, I don't buy into. There was some comments made, one by Miss Bullard, that said that I didn't want to speak to her. That was absolutely not true. I spoke to you and your husband. I told Miss Jones to meet with you all the next day, if you remember that. That was me. So if somebody come and represent something, all I ask is to tell the truth and the truth will prevail. I spoke to her. The other thing that -- that was said up there, somebody said that there was lead and copper in our water. Absolutely not true. The Health Department said that.

There was no lead or copper in our water. People said things for their own agenda to get people upset. All I'm saying that if you're going to say it, back it up with some evidence. Show me a report where the water had lead and copper, 'cause I want to know. I don't want to push anything under the carpet. The Health Department said that was not true. So when we speak, let us share the truth with the people. We have work to do, people. I don't take this to be a minor issue, even though we still can drink, bathe in it and cook in it. We have a problem that we're going to correct. And as long as I sit here I'm going to make sure that it's corrected. We need to understand that we as a community are in this together. I drink tap water every day. Every day. That's me. I don't know about others. And everybody have their own way of living their life.

But I drink it every day. And that's no exaggeration. I don't go out and buy a lot of bottled water at home. Not me. So -- and -- and I've been going to the doctor and so forth. I've been fortunate that -- that every year, I go get my tests and they do a whole lot of tests and I'm okay. But I do drink the tap water. Somebody made a comment about, Well, you drink the tap water and we'll see. I drink it every day. Been doing it for years. The -- the - - the other thing that I would like to just put out there is that there was a comment made about the comments that I made at Thousand Oaks. My comments were not that we had a problem with water. My comments were dealing with taking preventive measures with the aging water and sewer infrastructure and that it needed to be replaced before we start having problems. Not after.

My comments was about taking preventive measures, which we need to do throughout the city. Our infrastructure is aging. It can't impact the quality of our water if we don't get in front of it. Therein lies the reason for the infrastructure projects that we have in place for every part of the city, from the island to the north to the south to the west. We have projects in line now to start replacing our aging infrastructure. A lot of communities are not doing that. Because it takes courage to sit up here and say, We have a problem with our aging infrastructure. We're going to have to slightly increase our water bills to pay for these projects. People don't want to do that. It's not good politically. But the health and welfare of my people are more important than politics to me. I know we have a problem under there. We've seen the corroded pipes. We must do it now. Or we really would be in here talking about we can't drink our water or bathe in it or cook in it.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. Mr. Guyton, at this time it's --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: -- 10:00. We have a law on the books --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and I'm wrapping up and --

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: -- saying that at 10:00 we need a motion to extend. A motion and a second to extend the meeting.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Motion to extend, I don't know how long, 30 minutes, maybe if we don't take that --

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Ooh.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: There's a motion --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Or 15.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: -- for 30 minutes. Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm done with my comments. I was just doing that for the others to speak.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone else?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. No motion?

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: All right. At this point we are adjourned. We will see everyone tomorrow 5:30.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

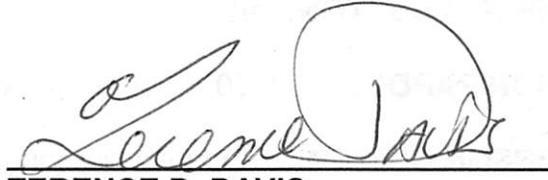
COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

(CONCLUSION OF MEETING)

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

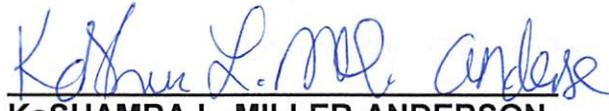
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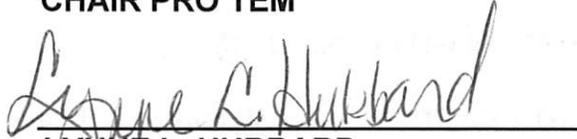

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