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MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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[Before meeting chatter]

[Gavel]

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening to everyone. Now it's time to call this Regular City Council meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Madam Clerk, roll call, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Mayor Thomas Masters? [Pause]. Chairperson Terence Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Pro Tem Kashamba Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Lynne Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Tonya Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Deputy City Clerk Jacqueline Burgess is present. Assistant City Attorney Lina Busby?

ASST. CITY ATTORNEY BUSBY: Present, for Mr. Degraffenreidt who's on his way.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We're gonna stand and have a moment of silence with the Pledge led by Vice Chair Miller-Anderson.

[Moment of silence]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I pledge allegiance...

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

AGENDA Approval:

Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Madam Manager, do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir, Mr. Chair. For your consideration tonight we would like to delete from the Consent Agenda Item No. 10.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Under Awards and Presentations, Item No. 16. The Housing Authority asked to come at a later date. However, I would like to ask to reorder the Agenda so that in lieu of having the Housing Authority update under Awards & Presentations, we move up the audit update.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, audit update Item 16?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. We would move it up under Awards & Presentations.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: For additions this evening, under Discussion and Deliberations, reconsideration of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 10, Article VI entitled "Telecommunication

Regulations of the Code of Ordinance.' And that Item is asked to be discussed by Councilperson Tonya Davis Johnson.

Under Community Benefits, two additions, 23A and B, to the City of Riviera Beach Parks Department, $1,000 from Councilperson Tonya Davis Johnson for the Back to School Bash. And then, an additional one from Councilwoman Davis Johnson, to the Empower Her of the Palm Beaches, $500.

Those are your deletions, reordering and addition requests.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Are there any other additions or deletions to be recommended?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes, sir. Two things, I want to add an old business to vote up or down the address. I understand we left it hanging after discussion and we never voted it up or down. So, if you don't mind, sir, if we could just take the vote. We don't have to have a discussion or deliberation.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, just for the record, if it was under discussion.., was it a discussion, deliberation or just a discussion?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Discussion and Deliberation, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright. Sure. Anybody oppose...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ... that?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: What number? 22?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: 22.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: 22. 22 B or...

CITY MANAGER JONES: 22 B.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: 22B. Um, Councilperson Johnson has a question?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I thought that during, during our closed executive session, there was to be no action on this matter due to pending litigation. Attorney Degraffenreidt, can you, um...

ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Is the question relating to the settlement agreement?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It is regarding the address. The issuance of an address that dealt with.., it dealt with us.., when we ta'.., when we talked in our closed executive session, what was the discussion?

ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Oh, I recall. I, I, I believe that you polled all four of your lawyers present and it was determined that we were going to proceed with the current defense. And that was what I thought the consensus was at that time. Because the way the court.., the complaint was infrastructured, Mr. Jarolem, who represent us, indicated that there was a strong likelihood to prevail as it was presented and I think, candidly, we all agreed with him at that time. Until something changes that, I think we should proceed with that course of action.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: How does what my colleague, Councilwoman Hubbard's, request affect that decision?

ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: It is entirely in opposite to that decision. It, it would be inconsistent with that decision.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. I just wanted to make sure. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Well, um, not being a lawyer in the room, my, my vote was, the night of discussion and deliberation, it wasn't closed out and to complete that action and stay in consistent with what the attorneys decide', they did, you know, it was a consensus to proceed with the legal end of it and let it go out to court. But, all.., what I'm saying is just to close it out, to vote it up or down for the, for the call of the address. We never did and that's all I.., that I wanted to do.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Attorney Degraffenreidt, what are our options to, to get to accomplish the goal that Councilperson Hubbard's suggesting? She's saying that it is old now.

ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: You know, with, with the deference and I appreciate, exactly, the position that Ms. Hubbard takes...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And I'm sure that she is forthright in her pursuit of that. The action of the consensus of the Board was that we would not take that action.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And [inaudible] can be unequivocal about that. I mean, it's contrary to what was decided at that time.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: It's contrary... Mr. Chair? That we decided not to take a vote on it or we decided to, to go forward with litigation?

ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: What, what I recall we decided, was to pursue the position we had taken in our Motion to Dismiss the Complaint for Writ of Mandamus and those reasons were discussed in great detail. The action that's being proposed would negate not only that legal defense, but the decision of.., the direction that we gave the lawyers at that time.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Whether or not something different is appropriate, is not my job. My job is to tell you what you decided at the time in support of the legal position we had.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, so what you're suggesting, um, to, to this matter that, if this was something, um, if we chose a different positon, then this tec'.., this addition will be appropriate but because the Board supported an agreement...

ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: It would be inconsistent with...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Inconsistent...

ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...what we did in closed executive session.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So we would be talking against what we did earlier?

ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Exactly.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. With that said, Mr. Chair, the second thing that I wanted to, to bring back discussion, some persons had contacted me that.., about, about the building that was gonna be constructed, um, on Broadway for the, for the dollar store, the bui'.., the, the contractor that received the cards but did not know that it was pulled from the Agenda, did not know that it was being pulled from the Agenda. So, for Discussion and Deliberation, could you put...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Add a discussion?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Can you add it for deliberation as well, sir? Discussion and deliberation?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: If this, if this Board agrees to it. I mean...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We can put it under Discussion & Deliberation if you choose to but it's up to the rest of the Board on how they wanna move forward.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Oh, absolutely. I'm just...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...asking you...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No problem.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...to add it, sir. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's fine.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, where are we putting that? At 22...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh, 22, twenty th'...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Question. So, the, the address is off? Is that off?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, we're gonna do 22B? For the one that Ms. Hubbard just mentioned?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, discussions right now.., yeah, 22B.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible]. Alright.

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have any disclosures by Council?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes. Since we are putting the dollar store on the Agenda...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We're on disclosures by Council now.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Well, I'm giving you my disclosure.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So, regarding that Item, I did receive an email, and I think everyone received the email from the gentleman about, um, why, you know, asking why the Item was pulled and I did respond back to him.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: And, that's the only disclosure I have.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I received it and I talked to the gentleman by telephone but I did not respond by email.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And I spoke with him as well and I don't recall if I...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...responded back by email but I did speak with him on phone, by phone. Just about...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I spoke to him the last meeting...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the issue being pulled off...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...not prior to this meeting.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Right. I received the correspondence.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright. That was disclosures.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have a motion to adopt the Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright. Now we're going down to the Consent Agenda. Do we have a motion to approve'.., well, before we ask for a motion to approve Consent, anyone would like to pull any Items?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I got some too.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: 14 and 15.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: 14 and 15, Vice Chair. [Pause]. Anyone else?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes. Just one second. 14 and 15 was one as well. [Pause].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is, is that it? [Pause]. Okay. Do we have a motion to approve Consent with Items 14 and 15 being removed?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item No. 14.

14. RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BEA ARCHITECTS TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DESIGN CRITERIA PACKAGE TO BUILD A NEW LIBRARY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $396,645 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Alright. Vice Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Someone.., Ms. Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. This Item is the result of the capital initiative in the use of the grant money that we received from the state. Right now, I would like to ask Randy Sherman to talk about the solicitation and the recommendation that's coming forward.

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes. We've talked a couple of times at the retreat. The City has received a $500,000 grant from the state to construct a new library. What we have done is, we issued an RFP to hire someone to help the City meet the first deadline under that grant award which is September 30th. At that time, we have to provide some preliminary plans for the library, a lot of information about the site that the City actually selects. We have to provide the library program, including IT and staffing and, and program for the library. After September, this, this firm will actually do some preliminary designs. Those preliminary designs will then be put out to bid for the construction of the library.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you. That's it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That'll be all?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Madam Clerk. Oh, I'm sorry. Any other questions from other Members of the Board? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item No. 15.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: 15. RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDING BID NO. 801-16 TO ALL- SITE CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA FOR THE RENOVATION OF EIGHT CITY HALL RESTROOMS, ONE LIBRARY RESTROOM, TWO WELLS GYM STAFF RESTROOMS AND TWO TATE GYM STAFF RESTROOMS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $175,661; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%); AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $55,227 FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION IMPACT FUND TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 310-1236-572-6-6351; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBERS 305-0202-519-0-6201, 001-0409-513-0-6404 AND 310-1236-572-6-6351; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Staff. Does this need a presentation?

CITY MANAGER JONES: At the...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. We will ask Brent Johnson, the Director of Public Works. As you know, in this building and in a lot of our buildings, we've been trying to work on different sections and we have gone out for this solicitation and he will give you the details of this procurement.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Good evening, Council. Brent Johnson, Direct of Public Works.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: As Ms. Jones mentioned, this is an extension of some of the work that we've previously done. The work started here in the Council Chambers approximately two years ago, uh, continued out into the City Hall common area.

[Inaudible background comment and chuckle].

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: We did the elevator, we did some other offices throughout City Hall, including the Clerk's office. We're in the process of doing finance and we're also, starting this Friday, going to be replacing all the tile in the common area in City Hall. So this is just an extension of the renovations that we're performing.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. I had a question for, I guess, Mr. Mealy, in regards to the, the bid itself. [Pause]. Hello. Do we have.., did we have any other Riviera Beach companies that looked to bid on this particular Item?

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: Good evening. Good evening. Dean Mealy, Purchasing. In reference to the bid, we only had three bidders that actually submitted bids that were respons'.., responsible bidders and there was only one firm that was a Riviera Beach firm.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: The one that we have here is the...

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: Correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...only one? So no other.., did we reach out to any others to try to ask him to.., ask them whether or not they wanted to participate or do we not typically do that?

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: In this particular case, we did reach out to local firms with'...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And...

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: ...within the municipality to see if they would be...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And they weren't...

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: ...interested in it.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...interested in...

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: No, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...doing that? Now, with the amount, um, how.., I know sometimes what happens is, the bids are won because they're low and then we have numerous change orders that come in and it, it winds up putting the winning bidder above the amount that they agreed upon and had it been known that that was what was, what was needed, then the other bidders may have possibly won the bid. How do we regulate how many change orders we get?

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: Fortunately, or unfortunately, with construction, there's no true measure to say you're not gonna have any change order. For thi'.., for this type of service though, we'll.., you go out and do the referrals, cause we do at least four references for each firm that bids. We had very good references for this particular firm as far as the amount., they didn't have change orders as part of their daily or, uh, work process as far as their awards that were actually awarded by other firms to.., for other jobs. So that's always a good standing for us, is the, is the references that we get back. And that is common practice for all bids that go out, we do do reference checks on everybody.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Uh, yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Can I ask Mr. Johnson to speak to how he tries to keep the change orders at a minimum.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: If that's okay [inaudible]...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. Mhmm.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Typically, you know, with any project we try and foresee any potential problems and we try and put as many notes in the plans and specifications as possible, we try and note those things on the details for the drawings, we try and be very specific in, in the bid document itself but, as Mr. Mealy mentioned, sometimes those things do happen and they're, typically for unforeseen conditions. It's not...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: ...for what we see on the surface, it's typically for when we start tearing out walls and noticing problems and things that we wouldn't've known about otherwise until we tore the wall out.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: So, change or'.., change orders, unfortunately, sometimes are inevitable but we, we do our very best to limit them.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And, and, I know you said about two years ago is when the initial replacement of, you know, the Chambers and the other areas... I, I visited some of the fire departments, um, on last week and I know a lot of their restrooms, and they live there, so, how did we determine that City Hall... Cause the restrooms that.., and these are restrooms that are not open to the public, correct? The ones that we're talking about now?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: For the most part cause...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: We, we've done the ones that are...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: You've already done...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: ...open to the public.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: .....the public...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...ones already. So, it's the, the ones that are not open to the public is the ones we're focusing on for here. How did we.., is the fire department not a part of needing... I mean, how did you... Cause they need it.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Well, um, as, as a part of the budget discussions on Monday...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: ...I think you'll recall that the Manager put a lot of the facilities' maintenance under Public Works...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: ...which increased our facilities' maintenance budget. We're actually gonna look at some of the fire stations and the police with that budget. So, we'll definitely...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And the reason I...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: ...look at...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I really pointed it out with the fire is because they, they stay there. You know? I mean...

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the conditions are horrible.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: We're actually starting some minor renovations right now in fire, flooring and some of the sleeping areas and so forth and so on but the major renovations, such as locker rooms and restrooms, we'll be looking at doing, um, after October 1.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I move that we table this Item.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You wanna table or postpone?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Table it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Do we have a second?

CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible] time span or, uh...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That why I say postpone.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Do you wanna postpone with a date or you wanna table indef'?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, if you postpone, you don't necessarily need a date. If you table it, you will. Right?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Or otherwise it'll just stay listed as...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Correct.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...a tabled Item.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Then we have to bring it back...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, postpone...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: It'll stay tabled until we bring it back?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Ma'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. That's fine with me.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Is that okay with the timeline that, um, we have, Ms. Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. It's, it's on our facilities, so.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any questions?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, I would really like to know why it needs to be tabled. Um, you know, if you look at it, it's, you know, we're, we're looking to renovate restrooms. You know, if you travel around the City, you can see. You go into

Wells, you know, just inside City Hall here, the restrooms are ind'.., over in the library, the restrooms are in dire need of repair. So, you know, I'd like to know what the thinking is, please.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Um...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Well, let me, let me enlighten you. It has nothing to do with the need, and I'm sure that everybody and all of us agree that there is a dire need throughout the City to rehab the restrooms. What I have questions about, and would like an opportunity to delve more into, is the procurement procedure and policies concerning this particular bid if, um...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Would you like to, to talk about that with Staff or you wanna discuss this now?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I want to, um, table this giving me an opportunity...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...to meet with Staff, talk with Staff about...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, I...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...our proc'.., procurement period.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I, I support that. If you wanna make sure you're comfortable on how we keep things tight around here.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I appreciate it. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any other questions?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Sure. Was there something, was there something questionable about the procurement or? I'm, I'm not clear. [Stammer].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And nor am I. That's why I'd like to table...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You know...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...it to get...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...I'm trying to understand...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...more information.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...based on what was submitted as it related to the bid process, it appeared that we did follow the process as it relates to bids so I'm just trying to, to see where the inconsistency lies.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Hopefully, when we bring it off of, um, back from, from being tabled, I will be able to give you that information with more investigation. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: That motion passed with Councilperson Davis Johnson and Councilperson Pardo dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Now, we'll go to presentations.

UNK: We're on No. 16.

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CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, No. 16. The audit. That's under presentations.., Awards and Presentations. Are you ready or you wanna go to the next one and come back to you? [Pause]. Cause, cause we got the other presenter here if you wanna wait. Okay.

[Pause]

MR. R. HARVEY: Good day, Mayor, Council, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. My name is Roderick Harvey, the engagement partner for the audit of the City of Riviera Beach and also the CRA. From my understanding today, we will be giving an update. I have also brought with me Mr. Allan Cohen, CPA who has dealt very closely in both of the audits and he will be reviewing five or six points regarding the status and some of the steps that we've gone through and then I will come back and do a closing and talk more specifically about some of the potential management [inaudible] comments and some other things and, hopefully, if there is time, Chair, maybe we.., you will allow for some, for some questions as they may come up.

So, at this time, I would like to have Mr. Cohen speak to, to you.

MR. A. COHEN: Good evening, everybody. My name is Allan Cohen.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

MR. A. COHEN: We're, uh, in the process of the audit of the City at this point. I just wanna inform everybody that, uh, we, as auditors, I don't know if you're familiar with what auditors do but our function is to express an opinion on the financial statements of the City and the CRA. Uh, we have no interest other than that. Really, our objective is to determine whether or not the City and the CRA are reporting correctly in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and, uh, governmental accounting standards. And that is our objective. As you, I believe you are all aware at this point, this.., the audit is past due. I don't know how much you know about it. I was, uh, I, I do wanna say that, um, right now, are all of you aware that there are four audit reports from the Palm Beach Inspector General's Office?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Which ones are they? Just, can you tell us so we are all on the same page?

MR. A. COHEN: Yeah. There's one regarding disbursements, one regarding surveying contracts, one....

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Can you give us the dates so that I can just make not of 'em, please?

MR. A. COHEN: Okay. Sure. One, the cash disbursements audit is OIG's Audit Report No. 2015-A-0002. I'll repeat that, it's OIG Report 2015-A-0002 and that one is titled "Audit of Cash Disbursements." There's a second audit [pause], Audit, um, Audit Re'.., it's, they.., it's a Report of Investigation, they call it. It's not an audit report. It's Case No. 2014-0011 and that is, um, an audit report, I believe, on the leasing of the vehicle. I believe you're all familiar with that one. It was improper leasing of a vehicle.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mm.

MR. A. COHEN: Then, the next one is, pardon me while I find the reference number. Two, 2014-N-0133. And that one is called "Contract Oversight Notification" and, um, it's titled "City of Riviera Beach Survey Projects." And then there was, I believe, the fourth and final one [pause], 2015-A-0002. And that one...

MR. R. HARVEY: That's a follow up.

MR. A. COHEN: Yeah. That's a "Follow Up of Management Action." And I believe that involved both the City and the CRA. In any case, you could, you could, um, if any of you wish, wish to reference that, you could see it at the, the Palm Beach Inspector General's website. They're all on there.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Chair?

MR. A. COHEN: You could reference them through the, uh, through their report numbers.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Excuse me. Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Is this the...

MR. A. COHEN: Or you could reference it through the City of Riviera Beach.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Is this the most recent one that we received on last week, I believe? Do you have that one?

MR. A. COHEN: No. I don't. I, I do know that when I searched the website they said the, the Inspector General's most recent status report said there were 19 correspondence that they had with the City.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. A. COHEN: And we couldn't f'.., we don't have all of those. We have above roughly about half a dozen of those correspondence.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Vice Chair...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...any more questions? Okay.

MR. A. COHEN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Take your time.

MR. A. COHEN: Okay. And then...

MR. R. HARVEY: [Inaudible].

MR. A. COHEN: Yeah. Then we, we also had.., we were also in correspondence with the City about communications regarding internal control...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Excuse me. Excuse me. [Inaudible].

MR. A. COHEN: Uh...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

MR. A. COHEN: Okay. Yeah. We had communications on possible internal control weaknesses. Just to, to say something about that, in our audit contract, I believe we had a, a clause in it that if there were any, um, any reports from the Palm Beach Inspector General's, we were, uh, we had a duty to report on that to the City. That was in our audit contract itself. And we have to assess the effects.

So, we did communicate that, um, to the Finance Department. We wrote them a couple of letters in, in or around April and one of the things that we had to do is assess the effects of, uh, the auditor's.., the Inspector General's reports on the, on the financial statements of the City and the CRA. We had some, we had several delays with the City. We had a first trial balance, which is a summation of the accounts and we were given a second version which caused us, which caused a delay in the progress of the audit. We also had additional journal entries which are.., which, uh, were presented to us throughout the course of the audit which also caused more delays. We have.., we felt, in our opinion, we felt that there were an excessive amount of journal entries to the books and records of the City. And what that does, um, that causes us to compromise our independence and we, we.., we're, we are independent of the City. We do not represent the City. We work as auditors in order to formulate an opinion on the City and the problem with excessive journal entries, is that we could lose that distinction.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Excuse me. Before you move any further. Could someone from the City side or CRA, whoever [stammer], whoever entity he's talking about...

CITY MANAGER JONES: The City [inaudible] so that...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...explain...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...so that would be Randy would have respond about what the [inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And, and Chair...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. Cause I wanna be very specific...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...about what he's talking about.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Could I please...

UNK: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. I'm, I'm, I mean, can you just say what it is because I.., it just appears like you're trynna make it sound good. Just...

MR. A. COHEN: No. I am...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...say what it is.

MR. A. COHEN: ...not. I'm trynna...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean because, um...

MR. A. COHEN: ...make it sound...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...[stammer]...

MR. A. COHEN: ...as is what it is...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I need you to say exactly what it is and say it.

MR. A. COHEN: Well, the.., part of the problem is that...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Cause I'm not...

MR. A. COHEN: ...these are the...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...following you. I'm...

MR. A. COHEN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I'm, maybe it's...

MR. A. COHEN: These are...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...just me.

MR. A. COHEN: Yeah. It's not an easy thing to follow for a person who is.., people who are not CPA's, we...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I don't want...

MR. A. COHEN: ...understand that.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Talk to me...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I disagree.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...as if I'm not a CPA, that's the problem.

MR. A. COHEN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: We're not CPA's...

MR. A. COHEN: Well, go...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...so we need...

MR. A. COHEN: These delays ...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...lay person...

MR. A. COHEN: ...from the City...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...language.

MR. A. COHEN: Sorry. These delays from the City caused the del'.., are still causing delays in delivery of the audit report.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. And what is that? Who is that? Randy? Who?

[Inaudible background comments]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: What does that mean? Who's delaying it?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Randy has to respond.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Let's let Randy...

MR. R. HARVEY: Well, there're...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Sherman.

MR. R. HARVEY: ...preparation...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Sherman?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Cause we're going around in circles here.

MR. R. HARVEY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead, Mr. Harvey.

MR. R. HARVEY: Let, let me, if you will, what I would like to do is let me bifurcate two things. And I wanna start with the smaller organization, which is the CRA. Okay? As we all know, there is sev'.., there are several agreements between the City and the CRA. Alright? The CRA is a major component unit to the City. So, what Mr. Cohen is, is sayin' in large part, is, as we audit the CRA, right? We found that there were some issues, discrepancies with reconciling what they have. One of my points that I was going to bring up later is the CRA operates on QuickBooks, which is inadequate. Okay? With that, they use three different tri-balances so it makes it harder to account for every number, every amount. That causes more time to be spent. Okay? So, as we move through this audit, we've found those issues. With specificity, or more specificity, we've had issues with the long-term debt agreement, or you can call it the Ocean Mall restructure, we've also had some challenges with how the CRA wants to display said items and how the City wants to display. So, what we've worked over this time, with both agencies, is to make sure that how the CRA presents it can be reconciled and matched to how the City presents it. We wanna make sure, as working for the Council and the residents that, whether it's from the CRA side or the City side, that both audit reports are accurate and materially correct. That's been our challenge.

So, let me fast forward. So, as of today, we have gotten, we received, what I feel is a decent good numerical summation of the CRA. Alright? Now that we have that document, we can move forward at a faster rate with cleaning up and finishing out the City's audit. So, we've gone through these steps. The reason that we talked about the OIG reports is because the OIG reports, although they have a smaller materiality threshold, the s'.., the n'.., the stuff that they look at, it speaks to the environment. Is the environment strong or is the environment weak? So we have to spend additional time to make sure that the environment, or how we assess the environment, is adequate whether we assess it as weak or we assess it as strong. So, that's why we open with that point. Having moved through those steps, having continued to move through the CRA's audit and adjustments and reconciliations, we are finally, I believe, as of today, and yes we are late, as of today, in a position where we should be able to hopefully close out the CRA audit which will then roll into the City's audit which will allow us to close that audit.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Could you explain the Ocean Mall, um, that issue that you was having with the CRA?

MR. A. COHEN: Well, you're better at that.

MR. R. HARVEY: So, one of the things with the Ocean Mall debt was the agreement and, and interpretation thereof. So, one agency, the CRA, wanted to record the transaction one way. We did not feel like it represented the true economic picture of how the audit should be displayed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Please be more specific about that.

MR. R. HARVEY: Okay. Be more specific. Um, that's $11,000,000, right?

MR. A. COHEN: Yeah. And they wanted...

MR. R. HARVEY: Okay.

MR. A. COHEN: ...to show 4 million income.

MR. R. HARVEY: Right. So, with the $11,000,000 deal, if you will, that's going to be given. It wasn't all given at one time, on.., there's a $2.8M, $3,000,000 if you wanna round it out, I believe I'm correct, forgiveness piece. On the CRA side, they wanted to show it as revenue or income and on the City side, it would be shown as just a, a, a change in the payback. So, we felt like showing it as a $2.8M revenue or income on the CRA side was not the best way to do for accounting purposes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Why's that?

MR. R. HARVEY: Because, we feel like, I feel like as engagement partner, it's not true revenue. It's not true money made. If you look at the definition of revenue, it's when you sell to an independent third party.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. R. HARVEY: That's when you have completed a true economic transaction. In that case, because you pay back less does not mean you've made money.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. R. HARVEY: Now, they may, they, there may be a benefit to your net assets but there is not more income that should be reported. And so, those, or that, is one of the things.., well, a big thing really that we encountered trying to make sure that whether the CRA reported and/or the City reported and/or the City reported that it reconciled and it was true, a true document.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And...

MR. A. COHEN: [Inaudible whisper] it's like a transfer of funds from the City...

MR. R. HARVEY: Right.

MR. A. COHEN: [Inaudible whisper].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Anything else in regards to that? I see him speaking to you.

MR. R. HARVEY: No. Just, he was just saying that it's more like a transfer of funds. It's...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. R. HARVEY: ...just a inner company transaction.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And that's how it should be classified...

MR. R. HARVEY: That's more...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...versus showing it as a...

MR. R. HARVEY: ...what the true economic [inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...source of income?

MR. R. HARVEY: Yes. A more economic, uh, picture of the transaction.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, so between the City and the CRA with the Ocean Mall deal, the CRA was saying the $2.8M is an income and the City was saying it's not?

MR. R. HARVEY: On their side, that's correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: On this side?

MR. R. HARVEY: They, they.., right. And, and we felt that it should not be reflected as revenue on the CRA side.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Are, are there any other discrepancies that we should be aware of? That held, that held us up this late?

MR. R. HARVEY: Well, uh, the other big one dealt with, if there's a, an administrative fee charged between the City and the CRA...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. R. HARVEY: Okay? So, the City says we perform certain things for you to the tune of $700,000. The CRA, at the time, said, 'We don't believe you have and we dispute it.' So that creates for us, as auditors, an issue because the way you validate an amount that's owed is the person says, 'Yes, I owe it.' If the person says, 'I don't owe that amount,' then you have to decide is it uncollectable on this side, they won't get

it, will not get it or has it.., has that asset been deteriorated? So, those things were probably the two biggest issues with trying to reconcile, finish the CRA. And I wanna drive that home because the CRA needs to be done first because once those numbers are crystalized...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. R. HARVEY: ...then they can be rolled up to the City, as a major fund, it should match, um, and then the City can finalize and close.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So you're saying the City says, to the CRA, 'This is what you owe us for administrative fees.'

MR. R. HARVEY: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And for.., and the CRA will say, 'No,' and it will go back and forth, back and forth trying to come to... Did ever, at some point, be able to come to an agreement?

MR. R. HARVEY: Well, one of the things that I think happened and, and maybe Mr. Sherman can, can address this is, there were meetings or a meeting where the City and the CRA met to discuss those type of things.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. R. HARVEY: And so, we, as auditors, need that to happen so that when we audit it or opine on it, we know both sides are in agreement.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Sherman, can you speak upon that a little bit? Thank you, Mr. Harvey. I just wanna kinda hear from the City.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Good evening. Randy Sherman, Direct of Finance and Administrative Services. Where would you like me to start. [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Just, just...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: On the CRA?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. The CRA and the discrepancies...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...between the CRA...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. We...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...and the City.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: We, we bill the CRA for administrative services. That's finance, HR, community development, City Hall, Walter's time, you know, every, all of those things. We issued the CRA, in 2015, about $280,000 of invoices. They have paid $49,000 and have disputed the balance of it. Most of what they have disputed has to do with community development.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay? I have to invoice what the departments ask me to invoice. I mean, I don't have the authority to write off 200 plus thousand dollars. So we're carrying that as a receivable. On the CRA side, I believe ultimately, they're carrying it as a payable but they're listing that they're disputing, you know, what the amount is. But for the entire fiscal 2015, CRA had made no payments for administrative services. So when it came around to again reporting, they felt that their payable should've only been $49,000. Of course, we're carrying $280,000.

So, we talked, I believe, I wanna say it was even December I talked to Mr. Harvey about it. I said, 'How do you resolve this at the end,' and his issue was, 'Well, you know,' [chuckle], 'If, if there's a, a payable, it needs to be recorded on the CRA's books and again, they can put that they're disputing that amount but,' you know, 'when you do the confirmation, that's what the amount is.' Now, the conversation I had a number of times with Mr. Brown was, you know, do you want me to take this back to the Council and ask the [chuckle] Council to write this off? Because again, for that amount of money, I don't think, you know, again, I have that, that kind of authority. So the issue was, let's get the audit done, let's see how other things progress and then, you know, we would decide how to go from there but... So, as of today, I'm carrying a receivable, they're carrying a payable and it'll be reported as disputed unless you tell us to bring back an Item to, to get it written off.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, that's.., are they.., so that's $240,000 that's disputable, roughly...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct. Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Give or take a few...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Roughly. Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...that the CRA owes the City?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct. Correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have any other discrepancies that we need to be aware of so we can start adding these bills up?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No. Again, on, on Monday, I and some of my Staff members met with Scott and some of his Staff members.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Um, they have provided us eno'.., uh, the trial balance. My Staff and I have gone through it, we've proposed some entries that need to be made that'll get everything else in, you know, matching. What we found were some things were reported twice, a lot of entries weren't in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for governments, such as, recording depreciation and accrued interest on debt. You just don't record those. So, we've made those entries. As Mr. Harvey said, we gave him a full CRA financial statement earlier today. Once they go through that, if they're all set, then we can drop those numbers into our statements and then, you know, finish out our document.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So the City Staff went over to the CRA Staff and helped them get their stuff squared away.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, we're good?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: We'.., we're good.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Any questions from other Members of the Board?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. I had a question about the...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...QuickBooks, for Mr. Harvey...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I guess. Or...

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Oh.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...or Randy, I'm not sure. You said before that QuickBooks is not, is inadequate for this type of institution. What type of, um, system should we be using?

MR. R. HARVEY: Good question. Thank you so much for that.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

MR. R. HARVEY: And, and I wanna answer it on a couple levels. QuickBooks is a very good software for small businesses. I normally tell people, maybe two to three million in revenue. What the CRA has been created, it.., what has been created in the CRA is a very complex organization. I would think that the CRA would wanna have a fund-based system that it uses that more coincides with governmental accounting. QuickBooks was not designed for that and so, if you're taking a very simplistic user friendly software, although good for the masses, is not good for this specific purpose. When you talk about accounting for governments, there's programs like Fund E-Z, there's Munis, uh, you have, Tyler Industries has a product which is, um, I'm trying to think of the city that uses it but there's various governmental systems, accounting systems, that you can use and you can add on the modules as you go that are much more capable to handle the multiple transactions and the multiple entities that's rolled into the CRA. The CRA, as it is now, is a very complex organization, with, with the moving parts and the various entities that are separate that perform certain functions that ultimately collapse and, and QuickBooks just won't get it.

I will also say, that I think the CRA also needs stronger or a, a better trained governmental staffers. I think the staffers they have now are good accountants, bookkeepers but, when it comes to the governmental reporting side, and maybe that's something new that the City will, will handle for them, they need someone who can help them. One of our management letter comments is going to be that the City was unab'.., the CRA, the CRA, the CRA was unable to prepare its own audit report. Well, that's a direct reflection that you don't have the people, on staff, who can prepare a governmental audit report, which is different from accounting and bookkeeping and those types of things. And, and I know I probably added more slices to the pizza than you asked for...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: No. That's fine.

MR. R. HARVEY: ...but, but hopefully I, I answered the question as put forth.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: You did. What type of system do we use on the City side?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Let the record reflect the Mayor's on the dais.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. Right now we're using American Data Group. But as we've mentioned the past couple of meetings, we're looking to change that system. One of the systems that is our leading candidate, at this time, that Mr. Harvey mentioned, is Tyler Munis. One of the things that we liked about Tyler Munis is you're actually able to run multiple entities within the same system. So the'.., the system treats them as if they are separate, you can have separate tax IDs, you can

have separate signoffs, you can have separate authorities but again, [stammer], somewhere down the line, you just say, 'Okay. Now just merge everything.' So we'd be able to then bring CRA in and get it, you know, incorporated with ours. So again, we could run the Utility District as separate, we could run.., cause, cause technically, it's a separate entity.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: We could run the CRA as a separate entity. So within that system, we'd actually have three entities, within those entities, we would have multiple funds but again, they can all, in essence, run separately.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Why is it that.., do you know why the CRA chose to use QuickBooks?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I believe they actually had something, maybe Mr. Evans can answer that better, I believe they had something before QuickBooks. We used to actually run their transactions through the City system.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: When did that change?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I wanna say...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: A few years ago.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Maybe the year before I got here, yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, how long ago was that?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: So, back in '12 maybe. So, [inaudible]... But again, our system is lacking in so [chuckle] much.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I think Mr. Brown felt he needed something to, you know, different that, that he could control, that he could run.., because ADG doesn't allow for multiple entities. Over here, we were running the CRA as just a, a fund.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: You know? As if, you know, again, it was stormwater or, you know Marina or something. So I think he went out to try to find something. You know, these systems aren't cheap. You know? And if you went out as, you know, with the CRA and just tried to buy something, you wouldn't be able to afford Tyler Munis. I mean, it's, it's more than they really need but, as a component of the City's system, it would be a, an excellent match.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Alright. Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any other questions from other Members of the Board? [Pause]. Okay, Mr. Harvey, did you wanna continue your presentation?

MR. R. HARVEY: Say again.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Did you have any more of the presentation to continue with or you, you're...

MR. R. HARVEY: No, sir. Just wanna thank you for the time to present and update to you all. We are very hopeful that we can finish up here in the days ahead. As I noted earlier, we got a very good looking draft today at noon and ACT Staff looks forward to getting through that in the next several days and hopefully wrapping up the CRA which will position us to conclude on the City.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

MR. R. HARVEY: So again, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Really quick. Mr. Evans, could you please come to the mic? Anybody have any other questions for our auditor?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. I, I know you probably can't really say exactly, but will it be another two months, another six months?

MR. R. HARVEY: Oh, no.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible] rough estimate?

MR. R. HARVEY: Sweet Jesus, no. What, what...

[Chuckles]

MR. R. HARVEY: What, what.., they're good.

[Laughter]

MR. R. HARVEY: Thank you for that question. My, my desire is, over the next three to five business days, to foot, redo, recalculate what was presented to us today, get that, hopefully issued and, let's say seven business days. From there, Sherman and I, Mr. Sherman and I, and hopefully you don't mind if, if I tell our secret, he's going to, based on what they present today, get a leap frog step and start to put into the City sides, what he believes is his strong financial presentation. So, by the time I finish, in five to seven business days, he should be in a good shape to present me a full coffer, MDNA, notes, RSI, statistical sections, we have to do compliance, draft of the City. We

will then jump into that full force and look to wrap up. So, I am hopeful, don't hold me to this, please don't throw any eggs at my car but, but maybe two weeks or, or 14,14 to 15 business days.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. R. HARVEY: Alright? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any other questions from the Board Members for our auditor? [Pause]. Okay. Thank you. Mr. Evens.

MR. R. HARVEY: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And Mr. Sherman, real briefly. Um, we had a discussion today... Go ahead, go ahead and tell people who you are.

INTERIM CRA DIRECTOR EVANS: Good evening. Scott Evans, Interim Director of the CRA.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: One of the things I want to bring to the Board's attention, and I wanted to hear from the auditor about the City and CRA moving forward and how we're gonna conduct business. And, under Mr. Evans leadership as a new acting executive director, I thought it would only be fair that we have a discussion about allowing him to have a clean break between the new leaderships and allow him, under his PIN threshold, to go back and bring back a.., conduct a forensic audit of the CRA so he can feel clean moving forward but he must do that within his PIN threshold and I just wanted to try to get the support of the entire Board so he can feel comfortable, you know, moving forward with his clean breakthrough.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: What would the forensic audit...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: CDE, the CDC and what else it was?

INTERIM CRA DIRECTOR EVANS: As well as our project funds and then we'd go through our general accounting too.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. That...

INTERIM CRA DIRECTOR EVANS: And also, I just wanna say that the CRA has been looking at, at changing our software.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

INTERIM CRA DIRECTOR EVANS: And, for some time now, we've been looking at a couple of different software programs and, uh, we will definitely consider the one that

the City finally selects cause we, we think that.., we agree we need to move to a new program. So, we will be beginning that process also.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, does anyone have any opposition of him seeking a forensic audit?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: No. I think that's a good idea to...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...get a clear...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Evans...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...picture.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...just keep under your PIN threshold and you have the support of this entire Board and organization. Thank you so much for your time.

INTERIM CRA DIRECTOR EVANS: Yes, sir.

17. PRESENTATION BY CRAIG SPATARA OF PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS ON "BAN THE BOX", A FAIR CHANCE FOR WORKERS WITH RECORDS.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Next we have "Ban the Box" presentation.

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: Good evening, Mayor Master and, and Council Members. Um, it's...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: It's our great pleasure to be here. My name is Commissioner Sylvia Moffett. I'm the Commissioner with the City of West Palm Beach. I'm also the Chairperson of Palm Beach County's Reentry Task Force. Standing beside me is Craig Spatara and also, Arlene Griffiths is here and Arlene Griffiths and Craig are with the criminal justice programs with the Palm Beach County Public Safety Department. So, we are the team that's gonna present this tonight and I can't tell you how delighted I am to present it to the City of Riviera Beach because Mayor Masters has done so much for job fairs, to help people get jobs and you all have done so much as a city because you created.., you demonstrated support of second chances, um, through your establishment of, and funding, of the Riviera Beach Justice Service Center.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: Um, Director... You're welcome. Thank you. And, the Director Orie Bullard is here. We wanna recognize him for a great job. He's right here. So, we're, we're on the way.

But, what "Ban the Box" does, and I think you all have this presentation in front of you. Um, let me just give you some background. As a lot of you might know, the United States accounts for 5% of the world's population but has 25% of the world's prisoners. There were 53,885 arrests in Palm Beach County in 2014. 1,200 inmates come back to Palm Beach County from prison and jail every year. Two-thirds of these people are arrested again within three years. This is what we're trying to fight. The cost to taxpayers is enormous. $18,000 a year to house one inmate in the Florida Department of Corrections but locally, in, in our jail, our county jail, it costs $48,910 a year to house one inmate. [Pause]. This, this next slide is really important because, it's called the "Palm Beach County Release Heat Map."

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mm.

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: The 1,200 prisoners who come back to Palm Beach County, come back to the cities that you see. The, a lot of the county, it doesn't have many, uh, much, much color on it at all. The green is bad, the yellow is bad, the red is worse and what we see is, West Palm Beach/Riviera Beach has a huge red spot on us. We have a lot of people returning to our cities. And reentry research has shown that a stable employment is critical, of course, to the, to a successful transition into the community. If we want our people returning to the community to succeed and we wanna have a healthy environment, we need to help them. We need to make sure that they don't, um, get locked up again. And, one way we can do this is to help make sure that the job that they apply for doesn't have barriers. Reentry research has demonstrated that overwhelming need for employment opportunities for people released from prison and the need to facilitate the creation of job opportunities. Once again, I said earlier, Mayor Masters has done a good job with job fairs. But one thing that you can do at the City of Riviera Beach is banning the box. You know what the box is? It's, it's on employment forms. It's a little box that people who are applying for a job need to check if they've ever had their.., if they've been arrested.

So, with this said, what happens is, a lot of people who have application.., job applicants in front of them, the easy way to cull them is say, 'Ah, we don't have to deal with these people who've been arrested before,' which really, um, doesn't help our community, doesn't help the people who are returning.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: So, "Ban the Box" doesn't eliminate background checks, it just makes it a little bit more fair for people applying for jobs. In other words, you'd get applications, you wouldn't have the box on it, um, so the applications would be looked at fairly, you'd be able to compare them. Of course, you'd be able to ask their background when you, when you have them in for an interview if they're.., if you select

that job application. Of course, certain types of crimes would, would not be allowed to have positions but you'd find that out when you interviewed people.

Seventy million adults in the United States have criminal records. That's a huge amount of people. And, and these, these criminal records really present a lot of obstacles in, in their getting jobs. If Palm Beach County mirrors the rest of the county.., rest of the country rather, 25% of the adult population, or approximately 165,000 in Palm Beach County, have a criminal record and face a barrier to employment. The cost of corrections at each level of government has increased 660.., 660% from 1982 to 2006 and, even more, what happens is, it consumes $68,000,000,000 a year and it.., and the reduced output of goods and services of people with felonies and prison records is estimated to be between 57-$65,000,000,000 in losses.

So, as we've said before, the removal of the box, um, which, you know, makes the people put on the application whether they've been arrested or convicted of a felony, all of these, all of those bulleted points are so crucial because it provides people coming back, reentering society, a way to do it [stammer] they're successful when they get a job. We wanna have productivity with them, we want them to reengage with their families, we wanna have increased public safety, we wanna have fewer victims. Of course, economic growth is what I mentioned before. That's very important. And, job barriers are a great contribution to the broken criminal justice system. Job barriers, uh, drain, drain the economy and undermine community wellbeing, as I've said before. Communities of color are especially hard-hit, as we know. This is.., this advocates for family and children's wellbeing. It's restorative justice and it protects civil rights to do this. [Pause].

There are 100 local jurisdictions in the United States who have come up with ba'.., come.., accepted "Banning the Box." In 2013, the City of West Palm Beach banned the box. I'm very proud of that. In 2014, the City of Boynton Beach banned the box, 2015, along came Palm Beach County and 2016, just yesterday, we did a presentation at South Bay and they had a Resolution that night on their Agenda and they banned the box that night, last night. From 2013 to 2014, the number of jurisdictions adopting fair chance policies have doubled. As you all know, President Obama is very much in favor of this initiative. Our wonderful Loretta Lynch, who's the Department of Justice leader or director...

MR. C. SPATARA: Attorney General [inaudible]...

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: Thank you. Attorney General, I always get that wrong.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: She [chuckle], but she's fabulous and she comes out wholeheartedly with all of this. Locally, we have a lot of good politicians in our, in our state who are also pushing for this. Patrick Murphy, co-signed a bill for Con'.., for Congress to enact federal legislation. And, there have been others. Lois Frankel's very much in the forefront for this too.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Who's done it at the state level?

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: Say it again?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Who's done it at the state level?

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: Who's done it at the state level? Um, I think Bobby Powell was working on it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. That's correct.

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: Yeah. Bobby Powell. So, he's a good champion of it too and a good hero.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright.

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: If we support.., we support limiting "Ban the Box" for a fair chance of hiring policies. As I mentioned before, it really does create something that's not humane, it's not fair, it's not, it's not just to, to right away, discount someone's application for that reason. We're, we're really encouraged about the feedback we've gotten and we want to, we want to encourage as many cities as we can in Palm Beach County to adopt this language, the adopt "Banning the Box." And what we're gonna do then is, we're gonna be able to, with strength, go back to all the private industry, all the private businesses and say, 'Alright. These cities have done it. Let's go forward and you do it too." And I will say, that there are private national businesses who have banned the box and we can be very proud of them. Target, Home Depot, Walmart, Coke Industries, all of those have nationally banned the box. And of course, our, our work won't stop here. The reentry task force is interested in going nationally as well. I think that we need to talk to, um, Lowes and say, "Look, Home Depot's doing it. How about you?" [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: So, we, we can use that kind of tactic, I think.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: So, this, this is in closing. It's, it's important to know that, that banning the box, the use of arrest and conviction records can help ensure public safety but, it should be clearly defined in how it has to balance the need for equal opportunity and personal privacy. Employers can and should consider an applicant's background and the nature of the offence which, as I said before, may indeed disqualify them for a certain job. However, such a determination to be made later, in the initial screening process.

And, if you have questions, I will be happy to try to answer them.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: First of all, I wanna say thank you, Commissioner Moffett, for being so persistent. We spoke about this, I wanna say months ago and I'm glad we were able to officially get this on the Agenda. And let's give West Palm Beach Commissioner Moffett a round of a hand.

[Applause]

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: Oh, thanks.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: She came to Riviera Beach. I met.., well, I've been knowing her for some time now but, she made it very clear to me how important it is to get this on our Agenda to ask for the support of this Board to do something that's game changing for our residents of our community. And, as you know, we are truly about putting our people back to work. And let's stop trying to el'.., let's stop eliminating people without people getting a chance to know them for who they are and what they are qualified to do and I commend you for that. I will save my comments as we go down to the Mayor and work our way down. Cause I... Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm, I'm sure this, this Council is.., I don't think you're gonna have any [chuckle] trouble from this Council saying, 'Do it. Let's do a Resolution tonight.' But, um, I want to say, and I hope Lowe's is listening, any major business in this area that refuses to "Ban the Box", I want Lowe's, Mr. Lowe, to know...

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...that I will personally lead a boycott against that department store and ask people, 'Do not trade at this store, anymore, until they ban the box.' We have to be very careful where we put our money and we invest our money in these businesses and they can't invest in our communities, then we no longer need to patronize that business. That's number one.

Number two, and I promise you, I've got a flight tomorrow to California, I won't do it tomorrow but Monday, Mr. Lowe's will hear from me.

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: Thank you. That's...

MAYOR MASTERS: Second...

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: ...fabulous.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you...

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: Truly it is.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...Ms.... Commissioner. The next thing I want to know...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...is, why does it cost so much money in the county jail to keep an inmate versus, uh, the prison system?

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: I'm gonna turn this over to Mr. Spatara.

MR. C. SPATARA: I gue'.., I guess it's just economy, a scale. There are many more inmates at the state level and they've been at it a little bit longer.

[Inaudible background comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: And that was per inmate though?

MR. C. SPATARA: Per inmate.

MAYOR MASTERS: Wow. Secondly, or thirdly, whatever. Um, I would like for you to go with me.., I wanna go back to San Francisco. I went a few years ago, Bishop Ray was as part of that team along with the mother, Ann Williams, the president of the Mothers Against Murderers Association, a couple more people went. We went to San Francisco because San Francisco has the lowest recidivism, it has taken me 10 years to learn how to pronounce that word...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Easy word.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...recidivism rate in the country, of any major city and they have some fantastic programs. They even have employers that come to the jail, they even have sponsors for each inmate, one year before the release, a sponsor from the church or some faith or whatever and they work with the inmate and they come weekly, once a week. And, um, I would like to know if you'd be interested and, and let's take

that mission and see how we can learn from them and come back to see how we can cut the recidivism rate down 40% down, what San Francisco did.

MR. C. SPATARA: I'd say absolutely. And we are really one of the leaders in the nation...

[Inaudible background comments]

MR. C. SPATARA: ...now in Palm Beach County. We've cut all our recidivism rates in half for those folks who are involved in our programming and we are researching Delancey Street, that's the program in San Francisco. They really do amazing work.

MAYOR MASTERS: There you go.

MR. C. SPATARA: So we would love to model something like that in the county.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I'll get with you and the Chair and, uh, would like to go and take that trip.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Vice Chair.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just volunteered...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I know. [Chuckle].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...you and the Vice Chair.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: Just wanna make sure we don't have any Sunshine violation. [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Say it here.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I certainly support this effort and, um, I would be in favor of putting a Resolution together so that we can do that here in the City of Riviera Beach. And I've known Ms. Moffett for a very long time and she's very, very passionate about items that are.., that will benefit our community and I appreciate everything that she does.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MOFFETT: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. You, you gon'..,

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER ANDERSON: I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You putting a motion on the floor?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I was gonna hold off. I didn't wanna...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I can do it.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I make a motion that we...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I second it.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...put a Resolution together for the "Ban the Box".

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Any questions?

MAYOR MASTERS: And I'll sign it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any questions? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

[Applause]

18. ORDINANCE NO.__4083__ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "ZONING", ARTICLE VI, "SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS", SECTION 31-546 "SWIMMING POOLS", IN ORDER TO CREATE STANDARDS FOR INSTALLATION AND USE OF SWIMMING POOLS IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Now we're gonna move on to Item No. 18. And while we wait on Staff, I'd like to acknowledge Vice Mayor Al Jacquet of the City of Delray, thank you for joining us tonight. Thank you so much.

[Applause]

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: 18. ORDINANCE NO.____4083____ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "ZONING", ARTICLE VI, "SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS", SECTION 31-546 "SWIMMING POOLS", IN ORDER TO CREATE STANDARDS FOR INSTALLATION AND USE OF SWIMMING POOLS IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We have one public comment card before we do a presentation. [Pause]. Fane Lozman.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Good evening. Fane Lozman. On the back of the public comment cards it says to give your address. Uh, I don't have an address to give even though I own 25 acres of property and I'm a taxpayer. I would caution all of you that do not support an address, you're committing a federal criminal offense obstructing the delivery of my mail and we'll talk more about that later. I don't think that's a road you wanna go down. That can cause you to lose your employment and it could cause a lot of negative things. You cannot obstruct the delivery of mail whether it's from the federal government or from the tax collector. So, you're going down a very dumb road.

I would like to put a swimming pool on my Upland property. I have a couple acres of Upland if you look at all of it. Some of the Upland's 100' wide, some of it's not 100' wide. But, the issue is here, without an address, I cannot get electrical service to drive an irrigation pump and this statue says you have to have a visual barrier, No. 7, 'Swimming pools, when visible from any public street or alley, shall be screened from public view by an opaque landscape hedge, wall or home.., or fence not less than 5' in height. A hedge shall be planted and maintained.' I am unable to maintain a hedge for my swimming pool because I don't have an address to get electrical service and get water service. Okay? So, you just can't say, 'Hey, we're gonna put a hedge.' I think you need to remove Paragraph 7, visual barriers cause it's not only me. There's 25 other property owners that have properties along North Ocean Drive that may wanna put in a swimming pool and they don't have electrical service or water service. So, I mean, you just can't discriminate against taxpayers in a residential community by putting in a restriction they can't meet.

Now, we can go put in a pool. Okay? But we cannot meet this hedge standard and that is a big deal. You know what I'm saying? Just because somebody's pushing down the, down the line not to have an address, you should not participate in this criminal behavior of some of the other Council Members. You should remove this out of here and you should also, as long as we're talking about a ad'.., you should take it to a vote. You have the right to take it to a vote, you can ignore what your legal counsel says. You don't have to follow him. The standard operating procedure that the address is going under was never ratified by this Council. So, you're going down a very dumb road. It wasn't ratified, it was Mary McKinney's process and now you're spending City's funds defending it, which is ludicrous.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. That's the end of public comment for Item No. 18. Mr. Gagnon, move forward with your presentation, sir.

ASST. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Good afternoon, Mayor and Council. Jeff Gagnon, Assistant Director of Community Development. Before you tonight, you have an Ordinance on second reading. It was unanimously approved at the July 20th City Council meeting. I can go through the brief presentation I provided last time but, again, this has not been revisited since 1982. There's obviously been many development advancements since that point in time and, what this Ordinance amendment will do, is allow for different unique designs. Specifically, Infinity pools will be allowed, also having landscape elements, sometimes waterfalls are included. However, the current Code structure doesn't accommodate those but this new amendment would accommodate that.

That's it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any questions? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Now, we're gonna move forward to Item No. 19.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: 19. RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITYCOUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL FIRE RELATED SERVICES FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, FOR A TOTAL FIRST YEAR PAYMENT TO RIVIERA BEACH OF$305,736 AND A 3% INCREASE ANNUALLY THEREAFTER; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Staff.

CITY MANAGER JONES: What you have before you is the.., our recommendation for a contract with Palm Beach Shores to provide emergency mana'.., medical services, as well as fire as it relates to their particular city. I would like for Chief Duren, the Fire Chief for the City of Riviera Beach to talk about what's in this contract. It is really not that much difference in then.., different than the other ones that they had. Their contract that they currently have with us expires in December 2016.

FIRE CHIEF DUREN: Good evening, Council. Reginald Duren, Fire Chief.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

FIRE CHIEF DUREN: This Agreement, just as the Manager said, is really a continuation of the existing Agreement. What it does, is take the existing cost, um, compensation that the City receives and increases it 3% annually through 2022 and enables us to consider continuing providing excellent services, the Town of Palm Beach Shores. There really is no difference. This Agreement is a very fair agreement and consistent with all the previous agreements we've done in the past.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Chief. Anyone have any questions or concerns for the Fire Chief?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Mr. Chair.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Councilperson Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, I don't have any questions, I just have a comment. So, I'd like to thank you and I'd like to thank the Manager and the, and the staff over in Palm Beach Shores for working on this diligently and getting, you know, the contract back to us prior to we, you know, prior to getting into our budget. So, at least, we know now, come January 1st, we will be, you know, we will continue providing services and we know what the amount is going to be. So, thank you all.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Also, I want thank the Mayor of Palm Beach Shores, the, the Office of the Mayor of Riviera Beach and the Office of the Mayor of Palm Beach Shores, we have a wonderful relationship and I'm happy that this is here, that we're gonna continue that relationship in a very congenial way to move forward.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Anyone else? [Pause]. Thanks, Fire Chief. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item No. 20. One public comment card. M'... After we read.., I'll wait.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: 20. RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITYCOUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CASH MANAGEMENT MASTER AGREEMENT WITH TD BANK, N.A. TO PROVIDE BANKING SERVICES FOR THE CITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2019 WITH UP TO TWO ANNUAL RENEWALS AT THE CITY'S OPTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO EXECUTE ALL BANKING DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE ADDITIONAL SERVICES AS THE CITY MANAGER MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY AT REASONABLE COSTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Properly moved and second.

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: Good evening, Council. Dean Mealy, Purchasing.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, excuse me. I'm sorry. [Inaudible] had one public comment card before...

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...you get started. Ms. Mary Bram.

MRS. M. BRABHAM: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

MRS. M. BRABHAM: Ms. Mary Bram.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MRS. M. BRABHAM: Riviera Beach. I just have a quick question. I know, as residents, we were concerned about reestablishing a dropbox pertaining to the water bill payment. Is this pertaining to that? Because we were saying that we wanted something locally so the TD Bank will be our dropbox for paying our utility water bills?

UNK: Yes, ma'am.

MRS. M. BRABHAM: Okay. Thank you all. Carry on.

UNK: It's in there.

[Chuckle]

MAYOR MASTERS: We're glad we got your permission.

[Laughter]

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: Good evening. Dean Mealy, Purchasing. To answer the question real quickly, merchant services, TD Bank does have a dropbox in West Palm Beach which would address that issue.

To give you a brief history, I did two PowerPoint slides, just to kinda like back over the history. This is the third attempt at this solicitation. The current contract is with BB&T, has been expired for over the last year. The previous solicitation, which was last fall, yielded six responders with a recommendation to award to Wells Fargo. And, when it came to the Council last October, no action was taken and the decision was just kinda like, figure out what the next step was. In December, I, I came back to the Council and I asked if I could split the banking into three parts, which would be banking services, merchant services and purchasing cards. In late May, the Council awarded the purchasing card to Bank of Montreal PFM and we're in the process of actually establishing the money laundering portion of that as well as the credit check and we'll actually be rolling that, these cards out within about the next two weeks.

In the current solicitation, which was issued, we only had three banks that actually responded. In this particular case, it was BB&T, TD Bank and Bank United. The RFP Selection Committee recommended going forward with TD Bank. When we did meet in December and also last fall, the Council had asked what was.., what, what were the banks actually doing for the local community? So, what I have attempted to show here

is what TD Bank has represented as part of their RFP's submittal, was that they service 4,352 households within the Riviera Beach area, we ha'.., they have 646 business accounts within Riviera Beach, they have issued 108 mortgage loans in Riviera Beach in the last three years and 122 small business loans in the last three years, which was one of the concerns that the Council did have as to what the banks could actually offer locally to help the community.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Can I ask you a question?

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: What was those numbers reflecting to BB&T?

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: [Sigh].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: As far as the small business loans and the mortgage loans issued in Rivera Beach?

[Inaudible comments]

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: They were pretty comparable, sir.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible comments].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: They were very close?

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: Yes. Where they, where BB&T, if my memory serves me correctly, where BB&T had more hands on within the community was with the CRA. It was not with...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: As far as the entire City?

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: As compared to the whole City.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's not my bank, by the way.

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckles].

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: So, it's the recommendation of Purchasing, based on the fact that we've gone out three times, we actually had done our homework,

the Inspector General has been part of this solicitation process, and actually sat in as part of the Selection Committee process for this actual solicitation and we feel that everything is in line.

If anybody has any additional questions, I'll be more than glad to answer.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. A couple things. I want to find out from TD Bank, do they practice putting in the debits before the credits? That's a big deal at the bank when you come with your checks and you, you're trynna'.., you make a deposit because you want it to cover the checks that are gonna show up but if they're depositing.., if they're depositing the checks, um, before they will credit you your, your deposit, then that, that's an issue.

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: Councilper'...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And it's a practice that has happened throughout many communities and, one time in the State of Florida, our CFO was looking heavily into that.

PURCHASING MANAGER MEALY: I actually have a representative from TD Bank here tonight to answer your questions so, please come up.

[Pause]

MR. R. WILKINS: Good evening. My name is Robert Wilkins. I am the TD Bank, Government Bank Director for the State of Florida. And, to answer your question regarding the posting order of items, we deposit, uh, we, we credit customer's deposits first and then the checks that are presented are posted after the deposits are, are credited to the account. So, deposits first and then disbursement items are paid afterwards.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you. Second question, sir.

MR. R. WILKINS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I want to ask a question about your, um, your [stammer] not C'.., your CRA policies not in, not in the term of our CRA office and, um, the community projects and things of, of that nature in, in the area where you, where you are. And the reason I'm asking you that, I wanna finish the reason because it's, um, I'm not in habit of asking companies for anything but I know that banks have to do a required amount of projects or CRA dollars in the community, that there's a, a law to that effect. Right next to TD Bank in our neighborhood, Blue Heron and Congress

Avenue, there's a big development and I.., and it's the only development that has a.., not a pleasing aesthetic view of the fencing but right next to it, everything is lush, lush, lush and I wanted to know, was that in your community reinvestment purview?

MR. R. WILKINS: Well, [stammer], I'm, ma'am, I'm not familiar with the specific project that you mentioned. I can say that our CRA.., our CRA rating from the federal government has been outstanding, as of our last examination. We've called on and, and attempted to work with the CRA here in Riviera Beach for a number years, looking at various projects and financing opportunities. And, as a, as a result of our winning, hopefully [chuckle], if you vote for us tonight, the, the bank operating business for the, for the, for the City, we move it to the City, we plan to work with you very closely on future CRA initiatives. We, we've met with the CRA on many occasions and, uh, have looked at different opportunities but, you know, to date, we've not done any, any financing within the City on the CRA items.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. And, just so I'm clear, I'm not specifically talking about our CRA project that, that we have, or our CRA agency but if you go nor'.., if you go north from your bank down Congress Avenue, you'll see it. It's kinda right next door to the building that's, it's adjacent to yours and we were trying to do things there. And the only reason I bring it up is because, just a little bit that I know of the banks in certain communities will try to make things aesthetically pleasing around their bank. And I didn't know what your policy was to that effect so I thought I'd ask since we had, had you as a regional director here.

MR. R. WILKINS: That, that's something that we'd be more than happy to look at. You know, we do a tree planting in the communities where we operate. Uh, and it's part of our project effort to get out and help, you know, beautify some of the areas in the cities where we, where we operate. But again, it's something that we'd be more than happy to talk to you about, you know, at a future date.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Any...

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...questions, com'... Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I must admit that my vocabulary is not as extensive as Ms. Hubbard's, what is that word lush mean? What, what, what'd you mean?

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't know, I've never heard it before. Just tell me, you know, that's all.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Full, developed...

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Beautiful.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Luscious.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Lot of.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll add it to my vocabulary. Thank you very much. It needs to be lush. Thank you.

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: I asked the...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Wait.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...Manager and she didn't know either.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair, I have a question...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Wilkins.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I have a question for Mr. Wilkins.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Wilkins, Councilperson Pardo has a question.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. Regarding the mortgage loans that have been issued in the last three years, 108? Do you guys have a program where you go out and try to solicit residents or potential residents? You know, how do you go about, um, soliciting mortgage clients? Just because I know there's, you know, there's a lot of turnover in real estate here in Riviera Beach and just, you know, looking at that number, 108 new mortgage loans just seems a little low to me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Extremely low.

MR. R. WILKINS: I'm gonna have my colleague...

[Inaudible background comment]

MR. R. WILKINS: ...Ronald Reguero come up and respond to that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yeah. But the question should be 108 in comparison to how [inaudible]...

MR. R. REGUERO: Hi. I'm Ron Reguero, store manager of the location here in Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Hi.

MR. R. REGUERO: Um, recently, we've put in more initiatives in doing first time homebuyer programs, um, and we're working with the, the housing partnership and a couple of other local agencies as well to promote that. Does that answer your question?

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So, what I would suggest to you is, you know, if you have literature, if you could give us some of the literature, we can put it out, we could...

MR. R. REGUERO: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...put it on Channel 18. If we're going to be a business partner, let's be a real partner. Let's be community partners.

MR. R. REGUERO: Definitely.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So we can put something up on Channel 18 and we can make it known that, if you're a first time homebuyer, go to our banking partner and, you know, hopefully they'll be able to work with you and you'll be able to work with them. I...

MR. R. REGUERO: Definitely.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...would really like this to be a, you know, a true partnership not just a, a partnership with government, a partnership with the residents too.

MR. R. REGUERO: Yeah. We, we, we do have a program that we can implement immediately wit' you.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, you'll get us the information?

MR. R. REGUERO: Definitely.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, before you.., the gentleman leaves. So, how many actual mortgage loans, loan applications were processed for the Riviera Beach area? Do you know what that number... I, I see 100 were issu'.., 108 were issued but how many applications were there? And then, what I would suggest is, for those who are denied, there should be a process in place by which you share with those applicants the reason for the denial which piggybacks on what Ms. Pardo is asking with regard to true partnership. But one of the things that I think is important for us to be able to do is to say, 'Hey, you need to shore up this particular area of your credit, you need to address these specific issues.' It's one thing to be denied but to know why you're denied so that you can then go back and correct it and reapply and be successful, is the greater success, I believe, for this partnership.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Agreed.

MR. R. REGUERO: Okay. Well, a couple things about the numbers that we presented. Um, so, the, the numbers you see on the, uh, on the overhead here, these were, were closed mortgage loans, closed small business loans. I don't have the statistics on the number of applications that we received to, to be able to close those loans but we, we are required by federal regulations to advise loan applicants of the reasons for a denial.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

MR. R. REGUERO: So, you know, that's a part of our regulations and we do, routinely, notify clients or applicants when we don't approve a loan. Regarding the other comment about, um, you know, you know, promoting our loan programs. You know, part of what TD Bank is able to do for the City and the, and the community, and we try to do it in all the communities in which we operate, we conduct financial literacy seminars. You know, we're willing to work with the City here on City, you know, property or on the City grounds to have informational sessions for residents here in the City to come in and talk to us about their, their finances both on the depository side and on, on borrowing. And we're looking forward to, you know, that type of activity here in the community once we are up and running.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is one of your initiatives to bring in financial literacy into our local schools, starting with the children at a very young age? Is that a part of your process?

MR. R. REGUERO: Sure. Again, we're able to go out into the community. You know, we can come to, again, City Hall, conduct financial literacy or education for employees here within the City and we're able to do it for the residents and we can partner with the schools and, you know, have our representatives go into the school environment and conduct, you know, financial education.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I think that's important. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Have'.., haven't you guys been, been conduc'.., doing that program already, as far as being in the schools locally?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Here, locally?

MR. R. REGUERO: Yes, yes we have.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Here?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I thought...

MR. R. REGUERO: Also, with...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...I saw you a few times.

MR. R. REGUERO: ...the Boys & Girls Club.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Before you leave, would you give your business card to Pastor Davis, right here in the front row. He pastors one of the largest African American churches in the City and they may be interested in partnering with you or coming to the church and doing it as well.

MR. R. REGUERO: Sure.

MAYOR MASTERS: No problem going to the church, is it? To the churches?

MR. R. REGUERO: No. We go...

MR. R. WILKINS: No.

MR. R. REGUERO: No. Not at all.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: Might, might, might help your business a little bit.

MR. R. REGUERO: Sure. And help us...

MAYOR MASTERS: Please see...

MR. R. REGUERO: ...spiritually also.

MAYOR MASTERS: Please see Pastor Davis. I thought so. [Chuckle]. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright. If there isn't any more questions, we can call the vote, Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

22. UPDATE ON LLOYD BROWN'S PROPERTY.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Now we're gonna move forward to Item No. 22. Which is an update on Lloyd Brown's property.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Did they give you [inaudible] on that? [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, Mr. Lozman, you have a comment card.

[Inaudible background comments]

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. Again, I don't have an address even though I'm a taxpayer. I'm gonna keep reminding the public about that cause they're funding the bills for this Council not giving me an address which I'm legally entitled to.

But, uh, first of all, there was no backup in the Agenda book, about this Item. I see they're making a presentation but the City Manager did not put anything in the Agenda book out here. So, you know, the public has a right to know what, what's going on with Mr. Brown's property. You know, we don't know. How long has this been going on with Mr. Brown? And, one of the main concerns is that, if this goes back prior to March of this year, okay, we need to determine if Mr. Brown's property was discussed in private emails that were sent by Dawn Pardo, Cedrick Thomas, Bruce Guyton because the Palm Beach Post just put up a story talking about that there was private emails going among these elected officials discussing City business. So we need to get some background as to was this process tainted, previously? You know, how is this gonna... I'll discuss more about this in public comment but, I mean, the Palm Beach Post just wrote a story talking about Sunshine violations and backroom deals being made and emails and face-to-face meetings and we need to determine what's going on with some of these Items that are coming up to make that determination. Everybody can go to the Palm Beach Post homepage and read the article that was just put up.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Good evening, Mayor and Council, Council Chair. Danny Jones, Deputy City Manager. As you can see, we were prepared to make a presentation on July 20th and we did not get to this Item concerning Mr. Lloyd Brown but, basically, uh, Mr. Brown in 2008, with the help of Palm Beach County during the Hurricane Housing Assistance Program, through Palm Beach County, was provided assistance for the demolition and reconstruction of his property located at 1464 West 35th Street. Palm Beach County ultimately provided some assistance and they currently hold a mortgage of $109,000 and that term ends in two tho'.., 2038. It was for a 30-year mortgage on Mr. Brown's property. Just giving you a few pictures of the property at that time.

Construction on the property started in late 2008 and, in December of 2008, the primary contractor died and the company was not able to completely perform the work. A new contractor was procured, all through Palm Beach County, and a new construction contract was executed in July of 2009. Construction on the home was completed end of May of 2010. Mr. Brown voiced some complaints about poor workmanship and the county had sought to address Mr. Brown's concerns but they were unable to satisfy him as of this date. This program, the program in which Mr. Brown was under is supervised by the Department of Economic Sustainability. What Staff is asking for tonight, and what we've been trying to do since July 20th, is to provide an independent structural review of Mr. Brown's property. I spoke with Dean Mealy, the Purchasing Manager to get an outside independent structural person to go by and inspect Mr. Brown's property for structural integrity. I personally tried to reach out to Ms. Brown.., Mr. Brown, uh, Purchasing, members of Purchasing Department attempted to reach out and make contact with Mr. Brown, in which they were able to do so but Mr. Brown was very uncooperative. And, we then had the company in which we were looking to procure

services through contact Mr. Brown and again, Mr. Brown has been uncooperative at this time. And if we're able to get into Mr. Brown's home and he provide the City with the necessary releases, if necessary, we will provide a report back to the Council within 30 days.

This is not, or has not, or was not a City project. It was a project that was conducted and run through Palm Beach County. The City of Riviera Beach did provide the inspection portion of, uh, of the construction and as a prat of that report after the instructual'.., independent structural review, we will provide the Council a complete update and report through that independent person.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, Mr. Jones, several years ago I had asked you about this and I believe you wrote a memo about it?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, at that time...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So...

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: I went out and I spoke with Mr. Brown and had our Community Development Director, at that time, review the process and at that time, it was again determined that this was an, a county project and Mr. Brown was working, or should be working, through the county to correct his issues. At this time, we're, we're just looking to provide an independent review and then provide the Council with a report and notify the county of that, uh, review.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Brown is now willing to cooperate with you. He came last time when he thought it was going to be but he has to work in the evenings and HE had to, and he had to leave and subsequently, it didn't make it to the dais anyway. I don't know if you reali'.., if he realized that it was coming back this very week but I have spoken with him and he is willing to cooperate. My concern is that the county was depending on the City to do the inspections. Mr. Brown contends that the inspections weren't done, had they been done, the damage would have been notifi'.., noticed at that time and then the county could've been notified and it wouldn't be in the state in which it, which it is. Speaking with, speaking with the, the county, they confirmed that they were, they were depending on the City to do the, to do the inspections.

And one, most i'.., one important thing to me is this, Mr. Brown was not able to get insurance on the house after the work was done because of the poor workmanship, they refused to give him insurance when they sent out a, a structural.., a person to do a structural analysis as well. So that alone tells me that there was something wrong and, to date, is still something severely wrong because of the level of mildew in the house in the separation between the roof and the, and the wall. So, um, I believe if you contact Mr. Brown again, at this time, he will be glad to let you in to, and your structural analys'.., analyst to, to do the job cause I feel bad for the way that his house is and I think that we need to move expeditiously to get it done.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Yes, ma'am. We will and, like I said, that staff was just looking for direction from the Council but we went on and tried to do it. Anyway, we didn't get the cooperation, we'll follow through and provide you with that written report and analysis of inspection [inaudible] structural integrity within 30 days.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you. He was just very frustrated...

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: I understand.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...through the whole process but he's a little better now.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Thank you.

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's good we got that resolved. Alright.

22A.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item No. 22A.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: 22A.

UNK: Davis Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's me?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It's an addition.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's me?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Don't you.., you have a public comment card?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: One public comment card. Ms. Bonnie Larson, Item 22A.

MS. B. LARSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, thank you, Mr. Chair. I bring this matter before the Board because we are now seeing a series of, of communication towers that are popping up all throughout our City. Now, there was, I believe, a Resolution that was put forth that there appeared to be no support for it to discuss the particular design. Although the City has no right to not allow these, these towers, there was some provision to determine or to speak about the look and the aesthetics of these towers. And I wanted to, based, based on what I've seen go up around the City, and they are popping up in the right-of-way, they are popping up right there on MLK, there's one across the street from the, um...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Ocean...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...the.., there's right on 1st Street.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Australian.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes. 1st and Australian there's a, there's a, a pole that's in the right-of-way. They have not [stammer], they haven't finished putting the tower together, however, there was some provision in the language as it was proposed for action by this Council where we could talk about stealth design which would be a manner of camouflaging the antennas and giving it an aesthetically pleasing look for this community. I think that it is most unfortunate that we are seeing these towers go up and they seem to be very shoddy, very flimsy and we deserve better, our residents deserve better, the City deserves better. So I would like to request a motion for a [stammer] we can dis'.., let's discuss it but what I wanted to discuss primarily is us taking this back, asking for some consideration as it relates to the design of these towers as they are putting.., being put up through our City.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And where.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Pardon?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And where the locations of [inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Ev'.., yeah. We, we need to know where every location is going to be. I don't know if Staff has that but it just seems as if they are popping up haphazardly. You know, I saw the one on MLK and then, you know, the.., now the one that's on Australian Avenue and those that are further throughout the City, uh, we need to be able to talk about the location but we do need to talk about the look and how these things are being placed within the community.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: One thing too, as I do support what you're suggesting because I called, I think it was a Sunday...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Saturday.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Saturday I called you about 8:00 o'clock in the morning, Ms. Jones, cause I was driving somewhere and I'll tell ya, I almost wrecked my car when I saw that pole on 1st Street. Um, when...

CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It's been going on.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...this came before the Board prior, I voted against it because legal wasn't clear.., wasn't very specific about what rights we have and what was gonna happen if we voted up or down. I thought if we voted it down, they was not allowed to come to the City, let alone the aesthetics but I later found out, once I.., Mr., um...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Gagnon?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No, it wasn't Gagnon. Who was it? Mr. Williams came to a meeting and opposed one that was near Federal Gardens community and then I saw this one and I was like, 'Whoa,' you know? And I called Ms. Jones immediately and I said, 'Well, do whatever you need to do to get it before the Board so we can have a discussion so we can rectify and, and make sure we stop the way things are, are moving forward now.' But, um, I support that.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So, we will bring back the Ordinance...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...that was under consideration which will set the perimeters and then we'll go to the companies and say, 'Now that this is the Ordinance,' we will request that they abide by that with the ones that are existing but it will be a requirement for any of those going forward. So we'll bring back that Ordinance on first read.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright. Ms. Larson, do you wanna still speak? Okay, Ms. Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: I was here when this first came up and I was very astonished to hear they wanna put these towers all along our streets. And first of all, they wanted it every 100 feet. That'd be, like, every four houses. This is absolutely crazy. We have a Utility easement. Most people have it in the back of their yards, some people do have it in the front but to have it... And then, finally what it came about was Ms. McKinney said, 'Oh, well, I negotiated with them so it'll be every 200' we'd have one of these towers.' Now, I've never seen any other city with these towers in their streets and what kind of poor tower is this that they need one every 200' or 100', which is what they wanted originally? Is it just Riviera Beach they're doing this to? No. We don't want these huge towers outside our houses. A hurricane comes, that thing comes crashing down on you? They talk about the radiation, they talk about this, they talk about that. I think we're the guinea pigs again. And we shouldn't do this. What about our lobbyists, can't they do something about this? And they said, 'Well, it's telecommunication, they can put it wherever they want.' I really don't think we should have to put up with this on our City streets.

And I also remember the City, Mrs. McKinney said, 'But we're not gonna have it on, um, Riviera Beach City Council property.' Well, I was a little offended by that. If we're gonna have one in front of my house, you can have one in front of your house too.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MS. B. LARSON: No. But what kind of poor towers are these that they need to have one every couple hundred feet. Makes no sense to me unless they were trying to get some type of exclusivity within the City. But you have one tower here and one tower the next city over, whatever. Well, every 100' or 200', that's absolutely insane. And put it in front of our swales and stuff, what happens when we need a police to come there, what happens when we need the fire to come there? If this were true, why doesn't Florida Power & Light put all their stuff in front of our houses? They put it in back. But this number of towers is abs'.., are we talking about tower' like they have in Lake Park? Like, I haven't seen it. Are we talking about the one, like, off...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. Uh...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: They're just...

MS. B. LARSON: How tall are they?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: They're just...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Maybe your...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: They're just a pole.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's a pole.

MS. B. LARSON: It's a pole? Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No decoration.

MS. B. LARSON: Well...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And maybe 24'. I think it's like 24' high, something like that...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Maybe taller.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Taller.

MS. B. LARSON: Yeah. Well, just 24' in front of your house. And then they said they're gonna disguise it. Well how do you disguise a pole?

[Chuckles]

MS. B. LARSON: You know? I mean, it did'...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: There are ways.

MS. B. LARSON: ...it didn't make any sense to me.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, they talk about, um, making 'em a part of our light...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: With FP&L.

MS. B. LARSON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: They talked about that...

MS. B. LARSON: Right. They mentioned that.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: But, remember...

MS. B. LARSON: But that would have to be only along Broadway or something. That's not on residential streets cause we don't have light poles and stuff on our streets. So, I think we need our lobbyists or someone to get this straightened out before we allow one more to go up in this City. It's absolutely crazy. We don't want this, we don't certainly want it in front of our houses and, like I said, think about fire and emergency vehicles coming. There's that big thing in front of your house. Your property values are gonna be lowered. Everything. It makes no sense. We're the guinea pigs and we don't wanna be the guinea pigs.

Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Councilperson Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Attorney Degraffenreidt.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes. Yes, ma'am.

[Beep]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Does this Council, based on the way that this was presented...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...in the past, have the wherewithal to go back and deny their request to put these in? Because I thought that there was no recourse for us to deny the towers coming but we certainly had say with the look of the towers. Is'.., can you research that for, for us, please?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Certainly shall. I understand the question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And, and...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And Mr. Gagnon, what meeting that was, September.., was it September that meeting was conducted?

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Cause that meeting, we.., we had so many meetings on this issue. I think what, three? Council Pardo?

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Three meetings?

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Jeff Gagnon. Assistant Director for Community Development. There were multiple meetings in which it was discussed. The Item first came before the Board in December of 2014. The most recent meeting, however, was May 20th of 2015.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: May I ask a question?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Gagnon. So how was this issue presented? It predates me so I'm unsure as ...

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...to how the telecommunication towers issue was, uh...

ASST. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: To provide a brief summary, the City received permit applications to install the poles. The City saw an issue with this being that our current Telecommunications Ordinance doesn't address some aesthetic values associated with the poles, potential distance separation between the poles. So what Staff did was work both with the telecommunications provider as well as an outside consulting attorney who had expertise in the field and we crafted the Ordinance which was brought before our Council at the time on multiple occasions, however, it just wasn't finalized.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So we had the option to say no? Am I understanding you to say that?

ASST. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Well, there are federal regulations that allow for utility providers to be treated equally.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: So, what we were trying to do is not necessarily say no but just provide guidelines where it was more of a win/win situation so that way people didn't have a pole directly in front of their front door, it was put, perhaps, over to the side where it would not have an impact or behind a house or share, as Chairperson Davis mentioned, share on an existing pole and have more of a stealth design.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Can I ask one question...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Sure, sure, sure.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...before you go?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So were we in a position to stop this during, during the process? Could, could the Council have taken that position saying, 'No. We don't want 'em in the City?'

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I don't think you could've said, 'No. You don't want them in the City.'

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, was there anything legally.., cause, when I tell you this, this came before us so many times and the legal position... I'm not gon'.., I'mma be very careful what I say.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: But, I was to the understanding that, when I voted no, is that they was sayin' they wanna come to our City. They were in Miramar, somewhere way down in Broward County so, and the question was, how did they skip all these other cities in Palm Beach County and land in Riviera Beach? So, if everyone else said no, why we shouldn't say no. So, were we in a position to stop this from happening?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And legally? And that was the question that I still...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...am confused upon.

CITY MANAGER JONES: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Were we?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Um, yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah. They made it clear to us, you know, and I would suggest that everyone go back and read the minutes from all of those meetings, they made it clear to us that they had every right to put those poles wherever they wanted to put them and at one point during, you know, the discussion, we said to them, 'Well, how about this, can you limit it? Can you take those, you know, boosters and put them on top of the FPL existing poles?' And they said, 'Well we can try but there's no guarantee because it's more work for us. We have to go out and we have to get agreements from FPL.' But they had made it clear to us all along that, you know, they could do whatever they wanted to do. And they're doing it right now.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Did...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Did we confirm that they could do whatever they...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That was the...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...wanted...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...to do? Or did they, um, or did we just allow them to, to go ahead? And, the second thing would be, if we're gonna craft some guidelines for those poles, I think we should put in some type of moratorium and contact them immediately and tell them they are not to come within the City limits putting those in until we, uh, send them a copy of our guidelines.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's what Councilperson...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: And we did...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...Johnson...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...have a moratorium, if you recall.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: There was a moratorium.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And we...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: And we also, just so everyone's aware, we also had an outside counsel do all the research on it and he was working with other cities around South Florida, trying to put guidelines together. I think it was Keith Davis.

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, it was.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: And, and, at the end of the day though, it, you know, it was, they have every right to do what they wanna do. But, yeah. Let's look at it again.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. Definitely. I'm gonna watch that, that meeting.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah. There were...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What were...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...a bunch of them.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...those dates please?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: May 20, 2015.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: That was the last one.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: The last one. There was four, it was four.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: What, what were the other dates, please, Mr. Gagnon?

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Perhaps it's better to send out all the dates under separate cover...

CITY MANAGER JONES: We'll just send...

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: ...because [inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...you an email and.., or either see if we can pull the minutes for you cause they're gonna be thick in volume for a PDF.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That's why...

CITY MANAGER JONES: So we'll...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...I'm asking. I wan'.., I wanted to make a request to have the minutes from each of those conversations.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: If it could just be narrowed down and tailored to that particular discussion.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Just that Item.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Just that discussion, please.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And we'll get it to each of you.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Along, along with the dates, correct?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: They're gonna pull the minutes for each of those dates that he listed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Alright. So...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...everybody's in support of that. Okay. So we don't need a vote for that, right?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Just direction for Staff.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Just directive for Staff. Alright. So now we're gonna move to Item No. 22B. That's the Dollar General?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes. The, um, just by way of introduction, this, this Item, we discussed it before and I met with Mrs. Jones and Jeff Gagnon, Scott Evans and Mr. Sprague. It's an Item that I was very much against because I didn't understand at what point that we were in the, in the City with it and, and as they explain to me, because of our Ordinance and because of our zoning code, the building had the right to be built there in the City. And it comes back to, once the building is completed, there's a ren'.., there'll be a rental agreement between the builder and the, um, the, the occupant. Now, the occupant himself will get certain leases from us, the developer and the buil'.., the developer's builder wants to, um, move forward with building the building. After I understood what was going on and what was happening, then I saw that we legally, based on our own codes, rules and regulations, had no grounds to stop it from

being done. So, we were, we were, um, briefed very extensively by the Staff. I have to say that they really brought me up to speed and educated me on what was going on. So, this.., this, this Item, we need to, are be'.., are being asked to take a vote on so that it can proceed with the construction of the building. We have Staff and Mr. Kinsey that could probably say a little bit more about it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I had, I had one conc'.., one concern and that was for legal as it regards. Cause this is the developer and we had a discu'.., and I had a discussion about dollar stores having liquor license across the country. So this Item will not.., that'll be a separate issue to address later cause what I was gonna do is put a moratorium on this Agenda, in the future, to talk how close do you want liquor stores across the City that have a liquor license, close to each other? How many feet? And that's a policy that's, that's extremely old. And, when you do research on Dollar General, you see liquor s'.., Dollar Generals applying for liquor license. And that shares as a major concern for me, uh, moving forward. So that was my concern with the...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Right. And...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...when we talked about...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...at first...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...it last time.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...it was my concern. One...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...I found out that it's not liquor that they are going to sell. They are going to do beer and wine in a small, a cooler which.., but it's, but that too is not the issue to'.., tonight, he, um...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, they [inaudible]?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: We're not advocating, you know...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...for... I'm not advocating, nor is he advocating for the, for the liquor of Dollar General, it's the completion, more so, to move forward with, um, with his, with his building.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, Mr. Kinsey, you have nothing to do with that portion? You just want to build the building? That was my only concern.

MR. D. KINSEY: Yes, Mr. Davis. I, I'm a real estate developer. I'm not in the business of selling anything really except, uh, real estate.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. D. KINSEY: And, uh, what Ms. Hubbard says is true, they don't sell liquor at all. It's really a convenience that they're trying to provide their customer. If someone comes in to buy Tide dish', uh, detergent or some other type of product from them and that's something they had on their grocery list, they would like them to be able to, to fill that item on their list with'.., without having to go next door to the, to the service station that already sells beer and wine and pick up the beer or wine there. But it's not liquor, it's just beer and wine. It's a very small cooler, very small amount of, um, shelf space. And I believe, if I remember what they told me correctly, it represents less than 1% of the sales out of their stores. It's, it's pretty insignificant. Just, it's a convenience. They're very big on convenience, they're very big on their value proposition, they wanna make sure that they're selling products for less than the competition. They wanna make sure that the customer can get to what they might be trying to get to without having to go any further than their, their store.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, does this approve their license? I mean, Attorney Andy Degraffenreidt?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I don't know what's in front of me right now.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. That's my concern.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: What has to be approved in order that they go forward? Is their Site Plan that needs to be approved, their, their.., if the license and.., what, what do we need to consider and approve?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: That's the question.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The... May I answer that, sir?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes. Ms. Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The Item that we held was the public hearing for the Site Plan and so that's the Item that we need to bring back before Council, for approval.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Okay. If it's a public hearing, the public would get to participate, we need to give them notice of it.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, we wanna call a...

CITY MANAGER JONES: And le'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...special, spec'...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Let, let me ask a question since I'm in this game at this point. Based upon your representation [inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr.., Attorney Degraffenreidt...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...Site Plan...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Attorney Degraffen'...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...there will be no liquor sold?

MR. D. KINSEY: I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Attorney Degraffenreidt, could you please speak into the mic so...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...so we can have it on record?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Please forgive me. I mean, you made the representation to my Council that there's no liquor that's going to be sold on those premises. And I believe you. And I was only asking as part of the Site Plan process, would you voluntarily make that restriction a part of the approval?

MR. D. KINSEY: Are you ask, asking me...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes.

MR. D. KINSEY: ...sir? Uh, I don't know that I'm able or authorized to restrict Dollar General's business practices. All I know is that they don't sell liquor. So, is the question liquor or beer and wine and liquor?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: No. The question only relates to liquor. The representation made is there will be no liquor sold on the premises and it's not a policy of your intended lessee. If that is true, then, as part of the process for approving the Site Plan.., cause what you contract with Dollar General is different. If the Site Plan has

a restriction consistent with what you represented, that no liquor will be sold on the premises, I'm asking, will you voluntarily make that concession?

MR. D. KINSEY: I will.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Is the, um, Mr. Gagnon, is the Site.., do we.., the Site Plan here or? You can speak to it?

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Uh, yes, Councilman Hubbard. I have information, I have digital copies. I also have a hard copy if...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: ...if you'd like to have that for the Board as well.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do you want...

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: What is he doing?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: He's...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Presentation.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...gonna fast...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You gonna do a...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I thought he...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...presentation?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...was gonna.., I thought he was gonna do a presentation but he was passing out a...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And if...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...a hard copy...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And if...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...that's all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And, if you wanna speak to this Item, please fill out a public comment card now so we can make your comments...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And the on'.., and that's the reason that I brought it back because, um, people thought that it was going to be on the Item.., on the Agenda tonight and...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The public...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...and it wasn't.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...has been noticed.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And it, and...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: We pulled it.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And it wasn't, so.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So it...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: They weren't...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...[inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...aware that we pulled it. So, they're here to speak...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No. He's saying it's...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hold on.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...been properly noticed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Attorney Degraffenreidt. So...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...is the public notice an issue now?

[Inaudible background comments]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: It is my understanding, and I have not reviewed the, the Ordinances because this has not been my project. It is my understanding that public notice of the Site Plan review was not required legally. But, we did it anyway.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Okay. Now that being the case, all of the people who received that public notice with the understanding it was going to be heard tonight, though not required, should be here.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And that's the only reason that I brought it because those were the concerns, people thought it was gonna be on the Agenda so, either one, they're watching or... So, that's why he's gonna do a presentation and we can move from there.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: There's Ms. Jones.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yeah. But...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hold, hold on, hold on. Ms. Jones.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh, Mr. Degraffenreidt...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...you can help me out. I would like to suggest that you make a motion...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...to add the public hearing for the particular project to the Agenda. We added, under Discussion and Deliberation, Dollar General but it wasn't like we are actually saying we're ready to do the public hearing on that particular Item. And that way, at least, it, it's clean, we can go a'.., he can make the presentation, the public can speak and you all can take action and we can get...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: So, so restate it is what you're asking?

CITY MANAGER JONES: To restate it to the motion to.., so that it's a public hearing on the project. To amend the Agenda to have the public hearing on the Dollar General store.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The motion to amend the Agenda to bring back the public hearing to be heard tonight.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I move that we bring back, to the Agenda, a public hearing so that we can hear the presentation for the Site Plan tonight.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We have a motion on the floor. Do we have a second? [Pause]. Do we have a second? [Pause].

UNK: You can second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Can't second [inaudible]. Do we have a second? Well, I second.., I can pass... Well, I can't pass the gavel cause the Vice Chair's not here. Who can...

UNK: It fails...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...I pass it to?

UNK: ...for the lack of a second.

[Inaudible background comments]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: You could...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, let's, let's pull your motion back and let's see how Council'.., Vice Chair feel before we do.., before we do this.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Well, we'll go for the presentation, sir. Here she comes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-uh. [Inaudible].

[Pause]

[Inaudible background comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Councilperson Hubbard, put your motion back on the floor.

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair, I move that we put the.., amend the Agenda to add the presentation for the Site Plan approval [pause] tonight.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You got a second, a second for question?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Second for question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: What happened... Okay. I stepped out for a brief moment and.., did we.., I know a question was put to Mr. Degraffenreidt.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Did we say whether or not it was...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: He just...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...okay to do?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...he, he made the suggestion for...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: That we restate...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...the motion that was placed on...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...the motion.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: He, he made the suggestion that to restate the motion, that we add the public hearing onto the Agenda so that it could officially be received, spoken on.., from the public, with your public comment card because we've already given public notice even though it wasn't required. So...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: We gave public notice when?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Even though...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Before?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...it's not.., even though it's not required, we gave one anyway.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: We gave it [inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: You gave public notice that that there will be a hearing on the Site Plan, though it's not required.

[Inaudible background comment]

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Mailers were actually sent out, um, for a 300' distance radius to both property owners and the actual residents.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: However, our Code requirement does not require a legal advertisement for this because it's a permitted use within this District.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, us...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The bottom line is, the people have been notified and should be here if they're interested and they didn't know it was gonna be pulled so those people who were interested that are here, can address it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. That's right.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, it is okay?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: If you put it back on the Agenda.

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Alright.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Madam Clerk.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: I have... Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, Councilperson Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Okay. This is my problem with it. This Agenda went out last week, last Wednesday, and this Item was not on the Agenda. So, anyone that had an interest in this, they did not know that we were going to discuss it last night. When this Item came in front of us the last time, we had several residents who spoke out against it. They did not want another Dollar General, or another dollar store, in our City. And unfortunately, those people are not here tonight because they didn't know

that it was gonna be on the Agenda. So, you know, if we're gonna be all about let the people speak, um, I would say [stammer], this needs to come back to us at the next meeting, when it's on the Agenda, when people know that they're gonna have an opportunity, either to say aye or nay.

So, um, I'm not favor of just putting this on the Agenda now and not having the people that really had an interest in this, not be able to speak to us.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Stammer]...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Chair...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...the public comment cards reflect the same folks that was here at the last meeting.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Let me...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I have a question too.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Just for the record.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Um...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Um, are we able.., can we control what businesses are built on that site or any area?

UNK: Yes. You do.

UNK: Absolutely.

UNK: Yes.

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And if so, I need to know what has to take place in order for that to be done.

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: The short answer is yes, through zoning regulations. However, in this instance, just retail uses are a permitted use.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: So, it's, it's very difficult to pick and choose specific businesses versus overall types of business.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So in this case, the Dollar General, can we say we don't want a Dollar General? And, and I'm saying that to say, does he meet the zoning requirements?

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Uh, the applicant meets the zoning requirements and standards in the Land Development Regulations.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: [Inaudible]...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, can we tell Dollar General we don't want them to build a Dollar General on..., or tell them they.., we don't want a Dollar General built there?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: I would say...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I mean, we can say it but...

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: ...could.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I, I need to...

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: If it's legally defensible? It might be slightly outside of my realm but, it would probably go...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: It is a permitted use from my understanding. Correct?

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yes, sir.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Okay. If it's a permitted use under our zoning Code, the answer's no, you can't prohibit it but while you were out, the gentleman who wants the Site Plan approval, made the voluntary concession that it will no'.., voluntary restriction on the Site Plan approval, that no liquor sales would occur on the property, as opposed to beer and wine.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Well, I think, during my last time when it came up, um, you know, and I shared this with Mr. Kinsey when I met him initially about a month or so ago, that I wasn't exactly pleased or wanting another Dollar General, or Family Dollar, anything of that nature, in my District, especially within blocks from each other. But, knowing that our zoning, all of the permitted uses, it falls in line with that, I just didn't understand how I could say no to it, if it was permitted. Now, is that saying we probably, as a Board, may want to change our Ordinances and, and put something into place so that we can control those types of things, I would say yes but if, tonight, if it is here, I mean, I don' see how we could say no.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hold on. They Mayor was.., and then I'll come back to you...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...cause he hasn't had a chance to deliberate.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Jeff or the Manager or anyone up here, what is the difference in this and when we denied 7-Eleven at, at the corner of Blue Heron and Broadway, we denied them the right to have a 7-Eleven, what is the difference in that denial and what we're doing.., if we denied tonight? What.., is it the same or it's not? Please explain. Help me...

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: You're...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...understand.

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: ...correct, Mr. Mayor. You're very correct. There are, are two major differences. The first difference is the 7-Eleven project requested a special exception approval which is, I guess, a higher tier of approval versus just a naturally permitted use within the zoning district. This application falls under a retail establishment which would be a naturally permitted use. The other difference between the two is they actually do have different zoning designations. The 7-Eleven location has a downtown core zoning designation and this one has a downtown general zoning designation. However, the first example, as far as the special exception was really the reason why the 7-Eleven project was denied due to the fueling station component and the gas station element.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Johnson, then Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Gagnon, the action that we took just.., the action that we took at the last meeting dealt with the permitted use. Correct? Or making it...

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: As, as the...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...consistent with the, with the zoning?

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: The CRA Board action?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: That was a, a 4 to 1 vote finding the project consistent with the CRA plan.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: But that was finding that the project, as a retail venue...

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...was sufficient, not necessarily that it had to be a Dollar General but that it was consistent with retail?

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, any other retail that would like to go in there and I just need to get a point of clarification, it does not necessarily have to be the Dollar General, it could be any type of retail that solicits or, or perhaps, that the gentleman can build. I understand that he has a rel'.., relationship with the Dollar General but is there no other, uh, company that has interest, be it retail or otherwise that can fit that space?

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: So, the, the project itself and, and Mr. Kinsey, as he often has been, very forthright with the City...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: ...and very transparent in the fact that his future tenant, um, who he's looking to lease to, currently is Dollar General. However, any retail use could utilize that space. Um, on the other.., on the other hand, as the developer, they could also just come in and say, 'We wanna build a retail shell,' and not necessarily divulge the facts of the end user, not to say that Staff would support that but...

UNK: Oh, wow.

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: ...you know, Mr. Kinsey's been very transparent and, and tried to work with everyone involved as far as what the end use will be.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So my question would be, for those.., I understand that correspondence went out but for those residents that live in the immediate area, what has been the feedback? Because they have to live with it.

ASST. EXECUITVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GAGNON: Absolutely. Um, at the Planning & Zoning Board meeting, there was no comments provided really. There wasn't much interest. Oftentimes, in my experience, you will receive more feedback of those opposed to a project versus in support of it. I think that's just natural because if you're in support of it, it's easier not to come to a Council meeting versus if you feel adamantly opposed to it, you're gonna voice your opinion. We actually received no comments whatsoever from the neighborhood or property owners. The one bit of feedback we did receive, is we had a Staff member physically go to Brownie's Dive Shop, which is just to the south, and after providing additional information, they're actually in support of the project being that this site has sit.., had sat derelict for seven, eight, nine years now. So, they're looking to see a new use and reenergizing that corridor.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible]. Go ahead with the question...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Ms. Hubbard.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...[inaudible] Agenda.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: The, um, what... Well, what I was about to say was that it wasn't that, um, as I said earlier, it wasn't that I was so gung ho to see another Dollar General come in the City, I was definitely against that but as, um, Councilwoman Miller-Anderson brought up, after sitting down with Staff, and as the Attorney affirmed, our Code is lacking. It's not strong enough to dictate what type of retail can come into the City. It just says retail uses and, therefore, it leaves us liable and that is, um, that's why I say the building of the structure is what he's talking about the Site Plan, not so much for the Dollar General people haven't even gotten here yet. They haven't even come yet. So, I, I agree with the comments that Commissioner Miller-Anderson was making and I too wanted to see or want to see other things happen within the City but it's gonna.., it's incumbent upon us now to sit down with Staff and tell Staff we would like to.., for them to tighten up our Ordinance and our zoning so that we can have a little bit more control of what actually comes. This was a good learning experience for us.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Let me ask a question. How long is this lease requested for? For Dollar General?

MR. D. KINSEY: It's fif'.., 15 years.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: 15 years?

MR. D. KINSEY: That, that's, that what, uh, their, their typical first, first lease is, is for 15 years. If they vacate, they're still obligated to pay and that's, that's good for the landlord, good for me. Uh, they, they vacate...

UNK: [Inaudible whisper].

MR. D. KINSEY: ...spaces all... You know, they leave de'.., what's called dead rent. They pay rent on spaces they don't use.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Let me ask you a question, Mr...

MR. D. KINSEY: Kinsey.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Kinsey, I apologize.

MR. D. KINSEY: It's alright.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I know you got some time 'straints on this and I'm gonna respect that. How close.., how much time do you need cause I'm willing to call a special meeting cause I wanna do a little bit more research on this and I wanna stay within the guidelines. I don't wanna get you in a bad situation.

MR. D. KINSEY: Well, I'm, I'm sort of already in a, in a bad situation. We, we've, as you know, uh, Mr. Davis, we've been.., we went to Planning & Zoning in March and, with all the election...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. D. KINSEY: ...issues...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. D. KINSEY: ...that came up, we, we had to wait for three months almost to get to the CRA back in uh, the 1st of July. We thought we'd be on the July 20th meeting for City Council.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. D. KINSEY: Then we learned that it was gonna be August 3rd...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. D. KINSEY: ...and then we learned that, that was gonna be, uh, postponed and then we learned that the, the next meeting was gonna be cancelled and it looks like now we're headed all the way into, to maybe September or later for, for consideration. We're just trying to, you know, do the right thing...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. D. KINSEY: ...and get this thing, get the building approved. That's what we're really here asking for is, does this building meet the, the planning requirements in terms of setbacks, in terms of aesthetic, uh, presentation, types of materials. And we believe that we, we've met all those requirements. We've tried to be very patient and.., but we really do need to try to move the project forward, uh, tonight if we can. And, you know, we...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well [stammer]. I hate to cut you off right and I apologize. Let me, um, as this question, we have a budget workshop next Monday. Correct?

[Inaudible background comment].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: How do, how do you all feel about... Him?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: At 5:30?

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: How do ya'll feel about having a special meeting at 5:00 to.., if you had any other issues we wanna hash out legally to support this Item and bringing it back for 5:00 o'clock for a special meeting? Just a suggestion to the Board. Otherwise, we're just gonna vote through it tonight.

UNK: We could make it a motion, [inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It's up to you all.

UNK: [Inaudible] motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm okay with either one. I mean...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I just wanna see how the Board feel.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: if it's something...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Or you just wanna go ahead and call the vote and vote through tonight and move forward? I'll give you some time to think about it. On how

you wanna move forward. I just wanna make sure everybody's comfortable how they're gonna vote.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: We can vote it through tonight and just get it off the table, if, if you want to. Didn't we say...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Let me, let me...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...[inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...call for the public comment card. Excuse me, Mr. Kinsey. So we'll hear from the public and then we'll come back to you. Mary Bram and then Bonnie Larson.

MS. B. BROWN: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You got a card?

MS. B. BROWN: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes. You want this Item?

MS. B. BROWN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Please submit a card.

MRS. M. BRABHAM: Mary Bram. Riviera Beach. Mr. Dollar, it is not that we do not value your business. So I want to make that clear. This is not the Council fault, this is the CRA director fault. It starts from the top.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MRS. M. BRABHAM: That corridor over there, is in the CRA District.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MRS. M. BRABHAM: TIFF? This is what we call TIFF? We said that we wanted our City to reflect us. You have a dollar store right down the block, over on, uh, off 'a Congress over there, right 'cross Walgreens. And then two, the 15 years, his lease is 15 years. What, what's gonna happen to the building there? Now we see customers with their trash all throw' d all around, oil spills all over the sidewalks and stuff. Lake Shore is over there. How can we expect to build up our City? This was something that just was thrown in to pacify the TIFF and it's not really what we want.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MRS. M. BRABHAM: And, and you can put some groundwork and some elements to say [stammer], to the Planning & Zoning Board, we do not, we value the business but we do not want this type of business in the City. We have enough of it. So, I do not blame the Board. It starts from the top and this is what was thrown in there. Ms. Sheppard spoke against it too. She's not here but I know she was, she was against it too. I was one of the residents, along with others, that, that was against this. So he's to blame, he is to blame. And now, the customer is being punished. So, we're in between a rock and a hard place here. So, if you let this come in here, do not allow anything else to come in here. We can readdress this issue here.

Attorney Degraffenreidt, thank you. Welcome aboard. So, I'm glad we're getting some clarity here. It's about time for us to do productive business and stop just throwing stuff in this City here, on every corner. We're better than that. I don't want another dollar store in here. And it's not against the customer. But please, let us [stammer], let us do something.

[Beep]

MRS. M. BRABHAM: In 15 years, think about that building that's gonna sit there and what it, and what would it become.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Mary Bram. Bonnie Larson then Ms. Bessie Brown.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. Again, my, my comments are not against Mr. Kinsey either but, when we had the Charrette, we said, 'No more of this type of business,' and someone, not the five of you, have not done that, have not prevented this type of business from coming in here. We have enough dollar stores, we have enough discount stores, we look like a Dollar City, is what we look like. We don't want this type of thing. Now the gentleman just.., and this is the property which I was ta'.., I didn't know it belonged to him but I kept complaining about a fence that was broken down. And that sat that way for years and years. What did we collect on that in, in Code violations? Anything? We had to look at that property in deplorable conditions for years.

Alright. So now he has a tenant. Um, he takes whoever he can get and Dollar General has expressed an, an interest but that's not what we want for our up and coming business. Dollar General stores have posters plastered all over their, their windows. You know what type of people it attracts. No liquor. Okay, no liquor but I can tell ya, in front of our house, Natural Ice must be a dollar beer because that's the cans I see all the time. That must sell for a dollar and people can get just as drunk on beer as they can on liquor. You're not gonna sell liquor for a dollar so no big deal there. The thing you just said about the, um, you asked him about the lease and he said the lease was for 15 years. What wasn't mentioned was, what are the options to that lease? So it's

not just that we're gonna be stuck with it for 15 years, there's probably a couple ten year extensions on that, that wasn't mentioned.

But, like I said, the people... Land development regulations, you need to have a special meeting to review that because the things that we told Treasure Coast, back at the Charrette, that we did not want, today, they're still in there. Somebody, CRA, put them back in.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

[Inaudible background comment]

MS. B. LARSON: We didn't want those things. And somehow the CRA stuck 'em back in there. So, Land Development Regulations, you really need to read that document very, very closely. I'll read it with you. Because there's a lot of things in there now that City, as far as it designates what type of businesses can go in there. That was probably.., that list was probably made in the 1950's. Why hasn't Staff updated that [pause] to negate some of the businesses which we no longer want on Broadway. You wanna put it somewhere else, fine but developers come down Broadway, this is the City, we're a Dollar, DD's Discounts. Every place, it's a discount city. Not what we want.

But, um, anyhow, if it does go through, you need to put some regulations on dollar store, not all those posters all over, making it look even cheaper building than it, you know, would be. And, um, we need to look at our documents because we've been thrown under the bus here by our own Staff. Not you but other Staff and I was very surprised when I read some of those documents. What's gotten put back in there was things that we absolutely didn't want.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Larson. Ms. Bessie Brown.

MS. B. BROWN: Good evening. Uh, Bessie Brown. I.., there has been a lot of discussion about this Item, tonight. But the thing about it is that, the developer here wants to build a building and it doesn't say that you have to have a, a Dollar General there. Now, if that's what he.., that's who's soliciting for that, you know, that's, that's on him. We need to put stores on Broadway. Broadway is dead, no matter what you say. Broadway's dead. So what we need to put something in there that's gonna bring some life to this community and we have a, a Dollar General on Broadway, we have a Dollar General on, um, Congress. And, and, and to my understanding, is that he said the special exception [chuckle], Mr. Gagnon said the special exception was the reason that it was voted down. You have the final s'.., vote to say yes or no. And, and that's what it was done. And that's what was done. And, and the people spoke and then you ha'.., you're here tonight, adding something on the Agenda, did not give the people [stammer] notice and now you're gonna take a vote and everything is changing. You know?

That's, that's not, that's a disservice to our community and to our citizens that came here about an Item, it's for discussion and now it's on the, on the Agenda for discussion because...

And, and another thing, you have to stop, um, making agre'.., uh, mak'.., doing things for people that come in here that don't do, do things correctly in the first place. You know? Because, if Mr. Brown came up with that, you know, with that, uh, you know, that kind of, uh, store that we want in here, for us, then he... Good thing he's gone. I, I mean it and I mean it. And, uh [chuckle] because it's time for him. We've asked this.., the citizens have asked for things, he has had meetings and other things for the whole bunch of people that don't even live in this community and this is what we get. Now, it's time for you.., you've been elected to make sure that we address the.., as many issues that the public would like to be a part of. And I, and, and you have the final word on whatever it is for 15 years and I'm not aga'.., I don't have anything against Mr. Kinsey building a building but I am totally against another dollar store coming in here because it's, it's not.., that won't liven up Broadway. And, and no matter what, you ha'.., you all have.., they wouldn't be here if they didn't need your vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Brown. Now that's the end of public comment. Now let's go back, um, to the original request from the Board. Like I said, we're gonna be here Monday for a special.., for a normal budget workshop and to call a special meeting at 5:00 o'clock Monday to allow some of us who have more questions that we might not wanna ask legally, in a public forum, to do our research and allow the residents who, in the area, who didn't have the opportunity to come out tonight. Make sure Staff reach out to those residents in some form or fashion to allow them to come out next Monday at 5:00 o'clock to su'.., to just hear this [inaudible] and give their input because, you know, just like this situation and 7-Eleven and, and, and I've never been not vocal about what this City deserves.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You know? And, and just being fair. So, cause we know Mr. Kinsey, you have, you stated your timeframe. I don't wanna get you.., put you in a bind. Thank you for being patient because, like I said, it's not your fault. Monday, you know, so...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: May I request that we do 5:30 for the special Item and 6:00 p.m. for the...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I can...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...respect.., I can, I can definitely support that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Anyone else?

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so, what we'll do is advertise the workshop immediately following, with the special City Council meeting starting at 5:30 on Monday.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, 5:30, Dollar General.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The public hearing for this particular Item, for Dollar General.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Kinsey. Okay. Thank you, sir. Um, so, you wanna rescind that motion? You still have a live motion on the floor.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I rescind the motion.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I wish to rescind my second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you so much. So we have Dollar General next Monday at 5:30 before the budget workshop. Okay? Alright. Thank you so much. That was 22A? Item twenty...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Three.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Three. A. Is it 23A?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: 23 first. Just 23.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, 23. We've got all these additions. [Pause]. Yes, please.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: National Federation...

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: **COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS REQUEST**

23. NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND PALM BEACH CHAPTER (NFB) - $300 - CHAIRMAN TERENCE D. DAVIS - IN SUPPORT OF THE NFB ADVOCATING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND EQUALITY FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have second?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ITEM NO. 23A. THE CITY OF RIVERA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION, $1,000 FROM COUNCILPERSON TONYA DAVIS JOHNSON FOR THE BACK TO SCHOOL BASH.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we have a motion?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright. Back to School Bash. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ITEM 23B. EMPOWER HER OF THE PALM BEACHES, $500 BY COUNCILPERSON TONYA DAVIS JOHNSON, WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you so much. So that's the end of Community Benefits. So now we can go to Item No. 24.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, you just skipped discussion by City Manager?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: 24. CITY ATTORNEY'S RESPONSE TO CITY COUNCIL'S REQUEST CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I believe that all the Council Members have had a chance to have and review a copy of my memorandum which specifically addresses the two questions you asked me at our last meeting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The first question was how to release the Code Enforcement liens. And it's a very simple thing, you give me a direction by Resolution, which properties are to be released, I draft a release form and record it in the public records. The second question you asked me was whether or not the technical defect in appointing the special master about in 2008, uh, could be used as a means to abolish all the liens that were done after her appointment. And the answer to that question is no. And I outlined for you, in that memorandum, both the federal and state cases that support the doctrine, the "de facto officer doctrine" as well as the fact that a prior City Council had, by Resolution, ratified those decisions. The legal doctrine that I call to your attention was one that was specifically designed to protect the general welfare and the public coffers and having to bear the expense of going back and defending or correcting the official action of officers when there is a technical deficiency in their, uh, appointment.

Now, in between those real simple answers is a whole bunch of stuff.

[Chuckles]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And the reason that whole bunch of stuff is in there, is because there needs to be some substantial thought given in terms of the direction you're going to give us as a policy statement of how we are to proceed in addressing the conflict between two public policy issues. One's that aesthetics through Code Enforcement and two, the impact on the property owners based upon the Code Enforcement liens. One of the things we heard last time was the liens preclude the owners from getting the finance to bring the property into compliance.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: That's only one of the tips of the iceberg. My suggestion was that we would have a workshop where we could have a full airing of all the issues in order that me, as the legal officer and you as the legislative body, has a complete appreciation of how the impact of Code Enforcement liens has impacted this particular community in order to exercise your legislative discretion and how to best address that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Okay. So, now we'll go ahead and move to the public comment. Norma, Ms. Norma Duncombe.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Okay. I always believe in simplifying things, making it as simple as possible. And the way to make this as simple and, um, easy as possible, is within the last few years, and I'm going back $2.whatever million was taken off of, uh, it was a lien that was on.., what was that place up there on Broadway.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: The Schooner's Inn.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Okay. And there was no discussion. It was just done. Now, and I don't have anything, you know, it's not something that touches me, I'm looking at the stabilizing of the City. If we can do something that will stabilize those communities that have gone down, we need to do it. And I'm saying, if we can help people to improve their property, then we need to do it. And I don't care whether it's homestead or whether it's a vacant lot, whatever we could do, why let it continue to add up and continue to.., it will continue to be a sore spot, in the City. And, you know, I do this because I say, when you stabilize one area, it brings the property value up for other areas. And I'm not, I'm, I'm not sure I understood exactly what the Attorney said but I'm saying there has to be a simple way we can go about this. When they sold the property for the, where the, um, trailer park is, they.., it may not have been all of the loa'.., uh, the liens on that property but they took a lot of.., it was, one or $2,000,000 worth of liens, they took it off. And I'm saying, these little people who.., they didn't have grass and they could not afford to buy grass, and they definitely couldn't keep it green because I'm, you know, I've gotten my $200 water bill so I know that if you're living off social security, you did not have the money to make your grass green.

So, maybe we need to do have a workshop and maybe we need to concentrate on the property being neat. If there's weeds out there and it's neat, we just have to deal with it. Whatever the situation is, let's have a workshop and let's work, this out. Let's clean up the City. Let's get a, a nice little motto and let's figure out how we can help those persons who need help. Whatever we have to do. Let's take that burden off these people who have been here all of their lives and have invested in the City and they're just trying to hold...

[Beep]

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: ...on to their little piece of property. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Reverend Evans. A.C. Evans.

REVEREND A.C. EVANS: Yeah. The name is A.C. Evans, 2520 Maniki Drive, Riviera Beach, Florida. And, Ms. Duncombe, you almost said exactly what I was gonna say, that's exactly what I was gonna say. The only thing I wasn't gonna say was I, I had forgotten about that property up the street she was talkin' about and I remember that myself as well when millions of dollars were taken off and there was no opposition. And this was really one business and, of course, we do know that many times, and I've, I, I'll sit in the meetings and I'll see hundreds of thousands and, and, and millions taken off big properties like developers' properties and so forth. And, when we look at the citizens who live right here in Riviera Beach, who own their properties and can't even get money to fix 'em up because of the liens and I think this would be really the only wise, sensible thing for the City Council to do because, number one, the, the citizens, the, the, the little people, the voters who voted you in positons ought to be the first ones we oughta be concerned about and we ought not.., there shouldn't be no hesitation, no, no, no questions about it. We oughta just [stammer], cause we discussed these liens, especially the homesteaded the last time and you wanted to bring that back and certainly we need to really let this be the first stop, let's get the liens off so the City can look a whole lot better. Because what happens, is when the liens get off, then they can get money, fix 'em up and the, they're gonna beautify the City. Just as been said, beautify the City. But now you ride by street after street after street and you got dilapidated, boarded up buildings where some of 'em not even boarded up and, and everything happenin' in 'em.

Uh, so we need to do something. So, let me just say to you again, uh, you should do this because it is the right thing to do. Amen. Right thing to do.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We have Reverend Davis and then following Mr. Davis, we have Ms. Bonnie Larson.

[Inaudible audience comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Davis then Ms. Larson.

REVEREND G. DAVIS: Reverend Davis, 1441 West 30th Street. Honorable Mayor and City Council, I thought I would write some' down so I wouldn't forget. Honorable Mayor and City Council, God has put you in these position' to help deliver these poor people from all this slavery.

[Inaudible background]

REVEREND G. DAVIS: They're trynna take their homes, they are puttin' liens and fines on them, thousands and millions of dollars so they can give them to the rich white developers in order to give them what they need. The sad part about it is that some of

the blacks help them to put these liens on these poor people property. Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492. He brought slaves with him. Recently, I saw two movies where they beat them, they hang them, the slave was, uh, starved to death and put in cotton fields to work all day long for nothin'. God has.., God sent President Abraham Lincoln 370 years later to free the slaves by signing the Emancipation Proclamation January the 31.., January the 1st, 1893. We are still not free yet. We're still last to hide and first to find, we're still bein' beatin' down and shot to death and mistreated. Let me say to you, don't worry about what no one said. The FBI, the CIA or anyone else, do what God has put in your heart to do. If they want to investigate some things, let them investigate the Governor and the former Governor. They gave the Governor two millions of dollars' worth of Medicare, he was taking from them. Governor Bush have taken million' dollar' from the banks. This is what you call white collar crime, nothin' is done about it.

And soon as you try to help these people, everybody wanna get involved, wanna investigate. You need to do what you have to do. I was told you take three hands, you can take these liens off. I've been workin' now for about 10 years trynna get these people straight and, and, and by now, it's about time. God put you up there, ya'll stop bein' afraid. Ya'll help these people. They need help and if you don't help 'em, who' gonna help 'em. And I say to you all, peak time is runnin' out. Ya'll help these people. Let 'em live. They've worked all their life. $250 a day, as Norma Duncombe said, $250 a day, if the grass turn brown, 8% interest that's, uh, $96,000 a year. Who in the world can afford $96,000 a year? Donald Trump can but these people don't have that kind of money. Ya'll have some heart in yourself. If you don't help these people, who gon' help 'em? You have been voted in by these people, God has put you here. Have a heart. Give these people a break. Do what you have to do. Let them three...

[Beep]

REVEREND G. DAVIS: ...hands go up and vote for these people to take these liens off these property'. I don't care what nobody said, ya'll take 'em off. It's time to take 'em off now.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Rev. Ms. Bonnie Larson, the last comment card.

MR. F. LOZMAN: I have a card.

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: This is not.., this is for this Item. Public comment's right after Ms. Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: There's several properties along Broadway which are horrendous. Again, Winn Dixie, the City or the CRA, I think it was the CRA, sent someone out there to cut that grass which I complained about last time. It was about that high. Winn Dixie, drive by there today, same exact thing. Now, somebody owns that property, they're

wealthy enough to own that property, certainly they're wealthy enough to have someone come and cut the grass. So those people I would not even consider reducing the fines. There's another, there's another trailer park there that is next to.., it's just north of Jay's Thrift Store. Alright. It's, it's vacated now. Somebody put a.., the owner musta put up a chain link fence, just nailed it up. The day after he nailed it up, that thing is ripped halfway off and every day there are car, or cars, sitting at the other entrance. You tell me there's no one living in there. What's wrong with that owner who has that property? He should be fined, he should be liened. Not the people whose grass is dying but those people along Broadway, who have investment property, they're hoping to make big bucks on it when they sell it and they leave it in such condition that people are living in there. This could be criminal people. It's dangerous for this.., for the surrounding people. If people have cars that are derelict or something, there are, just for information, there are companies which will pay you for those cars. They'll pay you cash to come pick it up, take it out of your property. It won't ever run again, why not sell it? Um, get your friends and neighbors to help you.

But, for people to have liens which are, like, five, ten times the value of their homes, they're never gonna get out from under that. But set a time limit on it, they have to keep it up, if you help them out, set a time limit on it that, from now on you have to keep it up. You get a one-time reprieve on it and after that it's your responsibility because we don't wanna have to live around those properties lookin' at it for years and years. 'Property on my street, I've complained about it, nothing has happened yet. So, let's help the people out who have these huge, huge liens however we can. Cause like I said, no one's gonna be able to pay that off.

And then, let's, let's get after those people who have some money, who are making our, our City look terrible and, and keeping us from developing. Winn Dixie, he owns that whole property. Trailer park, that's several acres in there. Let's get after those people. Let's get those people to pay up. But the poor people, like I said, who have huge liens, let's do something for them.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Larson. That's...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Ms. Larson, we'll check on that.., those items there.

MR. F. LOZMAN: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Please. Oh, I'm sorry. [Chuckle].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I just [inaudible] saying please. Alright. So, we're gonna go to public comment now. Alright.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO ISSUES, MATTERS, OR TOPICS PERTINENT TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH. PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED "RULES OF DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS", WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO, THE COUNCIL CHAIR MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER OR ATTENDEE REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING AND/OR THE BUILDING, IF NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Public comment. Ya'll have three minutes. The first person will be Mr. Fane Lozman.

MR. F. LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. For the audience who's watching on TV, if you go to the Palm Beach Post website right now, you'll see a story, Prosecutors, Riviera officials traded private emails on City business. You go to WPBF, Channel 25, you see documents reveal Sunshine Law violations among City Council Members. If you go to the Palm Beach Sun dot net, look under the Fane Lozman Reports you see the 86-page document that was produced by the State Attorney in part of the Guyton case and in it, it has an interview, an eight hour interview they did with Cedrick Thomas. And, in the interview with Cedrick Thomas, he talks about how he met with elected officials and they got the vote together on projects. I mean, they had prearranged their votes on City projects, they prearranged their votes on the budget and they prearranged their votes on Board appointments. Not only that, but there was the private email system involving Dawn Pardo's emails, Cedrick Thomas, Bruce Guyton and Judy Davis and those emails where those four.., sometimes four, sometimes three, where they discussed City business in their private emails. And, according to Thomas, the reason they did that is they did not want City Staff to look at what was going on among themselves. And Mike Edmonson was quoted in the article saying that, uh, he would not confirm whether his office is filing charges against Pardo.

Okay. I've been trying for years to get Pardo, Guyton and Thomas off the dais, and Davis. Well, three of the four are gone. Okay? There's one more up there who's, who needs to go. The Palm Beach Sun and myself are offering up to $100,000 for information involving any alleged political corruption that we can give to the state prosecutors to try to get her off of here. Now, this document.., read this document and you can read what.., the behavior Pardo engaged in with the other elected officials. Okay? Go read the newspaper stories. Pardo, it's time for you to go but I hope you don't resign. I hope you get criminally charged like your buddy, Bruce Guyton, was. Now, the only reason Thomas wasn't criminally charged, was that he was given immunity. But yet, the City Manager took a guy who admitted to violating the Sunshine on multiple times and signed off on him to be a police officer. How disgusting is that? That, that goes to another reason that she doesn't have the management skill, that she would sign off on that guy and put him on the police department. I mean, it's just incomprehensible.

We need to take our City back. Okay? We made some progress getting some new Members up there but we need to take our City back. Now, as far as my address, the people that are voting to go through the legal process, you're waiting.., you're wasting City money. Okay? There's 25 other properties that don't have an address out by me. Do you want 25 separate lawsuits? The people that are not giving me an address are committing a federal crime. Whether U.S. Postal Inspectors charge you with a federal crime, Commissioner Tonya Davis Johnson? I hope so.

[Beep]

MR. F. LOZMAN: Cause you're gonna end up losing your county job because you're...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Al'...

MR. F. LOZMAN: ...putting me and my guest at risk by not having an address.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Lozman.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Ms. Marie Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Chuckle]. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Marie Davis.

UNK: Woo. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hello, Ms. Davis.

MS. M. DAVIS: I'm Marie Davis, 3001 Lake Drive, Singer Island. I don't usually get in the mud but I'm pretty ticked off so I'm in the mud and I guess this is directed at City Council Members and specifically, Mr. Davis. Um, I think this reflects a pattern of behavior and it's rather troubling. But, in any event, a lot of us residents are.., a lot of us were very discouraged when the City Council decided to terminate Mr. Brown, the CRA Director. That doesn't mean that we didn't always agree with his decisions. Uh, Mr. Brown came to our City with a stellar personal and business reputation and nationally recognized for his ability to forge effective partnerships in community and economic development. And he was a fresh of.., a breath of fresh air. Mr. Brown was a proven entity and we were thrilled that our City had finally moved beyond the days of "pay to play" and that means the residents paid and developers came, left with millions of dollars and nothing happened. That's, of course, we had a different Mayor.

So, you can see why residents on the mainland and Singer Island were profoundly disappointed when Mr. Brown was fired at a CRA meeting on a 3 to 1 vote. How interesting was it that such an important decision, not placed on the Agenda, that because our Chairman didn't have the courage. Mr. Davis knew that hundreds of residents would once again come to Mr. Brown's defense. When Mr. Davis tried to engineer the termination last fall, hundreds of residents came from both sides of the bridge. And there's no way that a $30,000,000 Marina project would be jeopardized by firing its exec'.., executive director who was the basic creator of it without prior discussion behind closed doors.

My person knowledge, that our Chairman, has targeted Mr. Brown for termination. Mr. Davis invited me for lunch during the winter. Instead of talking about the election process, we talked about Mr. Brown and his distain and felt that he wasn't doing his job, without specific reasons. He also repeated some of the complaints from our former Mayor. In my opinion, Mr. Davis was basically fraught with jealousy. Mr. Brown was supported by residents more than residents.., more than residents who supported City Council from time to time. And I think that they saw Mr. Brown as a threat and it's that simple. But he's really fortunate. Mr. Brown gets to leave. We continue.., and he will continue to excel in his future.

We call Riviera Beach our home. It's supposed to be the best place to live, work and play. Riviera Beach will never reach its full potential with Council Members who place their own self-interest above the interests of its residents...

[Beep]

MS. M. DAVIS: ...citizens and taxpayers. Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you for your comment. Next, Ms. Sylvia Blue.

[Inaudible background comments]

MS. S. BLUE: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, I'm Sylvia Blue, 748 West 1st Street.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

MS. S. BLUE: I came before you another time and I asked you if you were leaders or if you were bosses. Unfortunately, I'm not here this evening to offer platitudes. I'm here this evening to express my total distain for your actions on Wednesday, May 27, 2016 at the conclusion of the CRA meeting. This is worse than a bad movie. Mr. Chairman, you moved to terminate the employment of Mr. Tony Brown, Executive Director of the CRA without cause. You proceeded to go into this rant about being respected or disrespected. Again, I ask you, are you leaders or are you bosses? Your personal animus was on total display that evening. You forgot to check your ego at the door. None of this is about either of you. Your responsibility is to the residents of the

Riviera Beach community. Having an educational degree is no substitute for experience or common sense. I've learned a lot from people who have doctorate degrees in common sense. Your actions were illogical, irresponsible, reckless, uninformed which, in turn, makes you temperamentally unfit for public office.

True leaders recognize their own limitations. The three of you that voted to terminate Mr. Brown did not act in the best interest of this community. Your actions were pretty self-serving. They were not justified and showed a lack of leadership skills. Again I ask you, are you leaders or are you bosses? You have the gavel, Mr. Davis and it's a gavel of destruction. You're not a leader by any means. You are woefully unprepared to lead this community in any direction other than backwards. The only support of your actions that you will find in this community will come from those seeking to line their pockets with taxpayer dollars. We've seen this.., seen some of this already. I'm sure you have no apologies or regrets for your actions and I pity each of you, it is shameful that you, Mr. Davis, and your surrogates are parading around the community bragging about your actions. Do you, and more importantly, do the community a favor by stepping down before you're removed by the people or the State Attorney's office. Clearly, a Sunshine violation has occurred. It's being forwarded to the proper authorities. That I promise you.

Thank you for your time.

[Beep]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Next, we will have the Honorable Judge Rogers.

JUDGE E. ROGERS: My name is Edward Rogers. I'm a former member of the Council and I'm here...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Speak into the mic, Judge, please.

JUDGE E. ROGERS: I'm sorry. I'm here out of my love for the City. I've been in this City over 50 years and I've seen this City raped for 50 years. I'm finally glad to see another Council coming on and if you do the same as the last Council, I'll be here again with all the efforts I have to get another Council. The sha'.., the way Riviera Beach has been treated for the last 75 years, is disgraceful. Mrs. Davis, I know you've suffered but you've been here when it's been.., the shoe's been on the other foot. The other people got in...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

JUDGE E. ROGERS: ...when we sold Singer Island, basically, to the, the real estate company for $30,000 rent for 50 years. And that's all they paid was $30,000 and no income taxes at all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

JUDGE E. ROGERS: Did they pay. No ad'.., ad valorem taxes. And they didn't even give kids here a Christmas present. And Ms. Blue, you and I served on the Council together and you know that we did not gain anything at all from the CRA. The CRA was designed to help reestablish the communities. It was not designed to have good buildings and for somebody else to make plenty of money. It was designed to provide jobs, good education, good streets and things of that nature all of which we received none. And you and I were a part of the committee that took place in that fiasco. And we gave away a lot of money, millions of dollars in building, uh, things over on Singer Island, nothing for the streets over here. Nothing was spent over here. Don't you think it's about time that we shared the money a little bit? And we gave a little bit to so'.., other people who needed it just as bad. That hasn't happened. And how can you say you did such a good job when two of the Council people here have been arrested. One has flipped by turning on the other and you did such a good job? I'm sure you didn't know that that was going on, whatever they were doing cause you wouldn't've tolerated it.

We've closed our eyes to so many things. That's why I'm working with 'em. I worked hard and spent my money to help get these people up here elected, the three that we have and I'm glad to see you here. You've done a good job. I think by getting rid of [inaudible].., you heard what's going on here. By getting rid...

[Beep]

JUDGE E. ROGERS: ...of those people and dwindling down some.., getting the money to go down to the people who deserve it. I hope you'll continue to keep that in mind. You're here, primarily not for the land, you're here to help the people.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Right.

JUDGE E. ROGERS: And you see that the money is diverted to the people so when we spend all this money for all these good buildings, we have people who are receiving income for jobs, that you're able to support their families [inaudible].

So, I wanna welcome you here and tell you I'm glad to see you here. Do a good job and remember you're here to serve the people not the property.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thanks, Judge.

[Clapping]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Ms. Mami Kisner.

MS. M. KISNSER: Good evening. Mami Kisner, West Palm Beach. Many times I've come before you Council. Mayor, good evening and Council. Um, because many seniors who do not have voice, as I've said to you before, have asked me to be their voice and that is why I'm here tonight. You, as you know, are elected by the people, for the people or you would not be sitting up there. And the people can unelect you, as we have seen. You have to vote your conscious and sometimes those are very hard decisions but you have to do what is best for the people. Not what other Council Members may think and not where your best friends, what they may think. What is going to impact this community? Water is the life of our community. And, as humans, we're 80% water and when someone sits and says to me or says to this community that yellow water is okay for our children to drink and bathe in, for our seniors to take their medicines in because they can't buy bottled water, that's a problem for me. That means that we've got leadership problems that we have to correct and you have to make some hard decisions. I applaud you for making the decisions that you have made to make some changes. You're not gonna please everybody. Jesus didn't please everybody and look what they did to Jesus. So, when people disagree with me, I say I walk well because I walk with the Lord.

So you have to vote for the people, not for your personal agendas, not for who you think is gonna vote for you but think about those citizens who cannot come here and have a voice, who are having to deal with the kind of leadership that they're having to deal with. This is a gold mine, in Riviera Beach. It should be treated like a gold mine. It shouldn't be Singer Island and Riviera Beach. When I came here 22 years ago, all I heard was Singer Island and Riviera Beach. And I came here and I made a statement to the Council and said, 'There is one City so get over it.'

UNK. AUDIENCE: Right.

MS. M. KISNSER: 'Singer Island, you belong to Riviera Beach and Riviera Beach, as a whole, deserves the best. Not half of it, not a little bit of it, the whole City deserves the best. We will come and come and come and fight for the civil rights and for the leaderships, we will vote to make sure that the right people are gonna do the right thing for our full community and not just a few. So I applaud you for taking some bold steps and making a decis'.., the decisions you have made. It's not personal and it should not be personal. This affects all residents, not just individuals.

[Beep]

MS. M. KISNSER: So we should stay away from the personal. God bless you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Ms. Judy Gibson. Good news, good news, good news.

[Chuckles]

MS. J. GIBSON: Good evening all. Good evening, Council and Mayor. Thank you...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. J. GIBSON: ...for having me here and ladies and gentlemen. I hope to lighten it up a little bit because I come with good news. My name is Judy Gibson. I am a resident of Riviera Beach and I am the Director of Philanthropy for the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy. And, I'm here to present a project that we're about to deploy at sea next Thursday, August 11th, weather pending. It might run into August 12th. But, what it will be called is Andrea's Reef. It is a beautiful work of art that the students of the Riviera Beach Marine Academy partnered with Susan G. Komen and a wonderful sculptor named Thomas McDonald from Roanoke, Virginia and he also is someone that comes down and vacations down here. And what they've done is they have built a 20' by 15' reef which will be deployed at 9:00 o'clock in the morning. But the beautiful part about it is that there's a life-size mermaid centered in this wonderful reef that we'll be launching and the face of that mermaid is the other part of what we're here to talk about. It's actually the mold of a three time cancer survivor. Her name is Andrea Torrente. And Thomas has come down, he has made an actual mold of her face so, as a breast cancer survivor, not only are we making a new reef for.., right off of Ocean Reef Park on Singer Island, 3/4 of a mile out, 75' down, the life size mermaid will be the centerpiece for this massive 60,000 pound reef which features Roman columns, a treasure chest, sea turtles and stingrays placed carefully to guard the mermaid. The 20x15 work of art, sculpted by Thomas McDonald and later designed and constructed by our very own students of the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy, under the guidance of their pre-engineering instructor Dave Sellepack. The reef will be officially named, "Andrea's Reef", attracting scuba diving, snorkeling and fishing to her new home on the floor of the ocean, 75' down off the shore of Ocean Reef Park in Riviera Beach, Florida.

So, I am excited to just not only make that announcement, we'll be doing our press release this week. Um, it won't only go locally, we actually are taking it regionally and nationally at this point because we're not only saying that we are Riviera Beach Marine Academy and we, together with Susan G. Komen and ERM, with the Environmental Resource Management council are putting this presentation together because we want to say that we do care about our community and we do care about our sisters with breast cancer. So, we are just very excited and hope that you'll support our project. You'll be all getting an invitation to join us and I hope that you all will support the project too as well.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MS. J. GIBSON: Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And that's at 9:00 a.m. I don't think you said the time but...

MS. J. GIBSON: Uh, it's at 9:00 a.m. is the deployment at sea. You do.., you could see it from the beach if it's a clear day and we will be sending out information as local boats sign up to take different people out. You all will be getting an invitation from us besides. So we, we just sank a boat just recently as we know, um, in honor of a, of some of our people that were lost as sea. It'll be the same type of deployment but a little bit closer in.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. Thank you so much.

MS. J. GIBSON: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Next, we have Ms. Hicks Brown.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, as she's coming. To the previous speaker, that.., as the Chair said, this is good news, very good news and we appreciate it.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And afterwards, we'll have Ms. Bonnie Larson.

MS. T. HICKS-BROWN: Tonya Hicks-Brown, a Principal at the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy and I certainly don't envy any of you sitting up here because there are many heavy issues, uh, that, that do face our City.

I come to you tonight, uh, first of all, greetings to Bishop Mayor Masters, Chair Davis in his absence and all of you Council Members and City Manager Jones. As we approach the time for public schools to return back to school, I just wanted to make the Mayor, the Council and all the residents of, of Riviera Beach aware that the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy is still accepting students for this coming school year, the 2016-'17 school year. So all of you have some school aged children that you're in touch with and so we encourage you to let everyone know that it's not too late. That's it's not, um, too late to, to join us. In fact, we're having an open house tomorrow afternoon, or evening rather at 5:30 p.m. and we welcome anyone from the community just to come in and see what we're doing. You heard about a project... How many schools in the United States are building 60,000.., designing and building 60,000 pound reefs and deploying them at sea? We have some unique programs going on.
There are two young men here I want to bring to our attention. Would you stand up in the back of the room? In fact, if you join me at the podium real quick. Real, real quick guys. Only got a minute and a half to speak.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Walt, let's get the camera on 'em.

MS. T. HICKS-BROWN: Okay? These guys have Riviera Beach roots. Davarious [sp] was raised in Riviera Beach. His cousin here, Marcus Cokley [sp], these are some of our star students at the Maritime Academy. Uh, Davarious was involved in the building of the reef. You too were.., weren't you too? Not, not Marcus, okay. But, I'll tell you what I am very proud of them for and it.., and, not only them, these two but three

other Riviera Beach Maritime students just gained scholarships to Louisiana State University for rugby.

[Applause]

MS. T. HICKS-BROWN: So they have an opportunity to have, um, near full scholarships for playing an, an emerging sport, rugby. Our Academy started a rugby team about three years ago and in three years, we've gone to No. 1 in the State of Florida, 15 in the nation.

[Applause]

MS. T. HICKS-BROWN: So, the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy is making waves, no pun intended, for, uh, for, you know, out here and making a name.., our students are making a name for, for this community. And we have programs in pre-engineering, pre-architecture, information technology, boat and yacht building and repair, marine mechanics, marine biology, environmental science and other STEM areas.

I, I certainly, tonight, again, wanna commend these two students who have Riviera Beach roots and we invite everyone to tell somebody about our open house tomorrow night starting at 5:30. We...

[Beep]

MS. T. HICKS-BROWN: ...welcome all of you in to just see what we're doing. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Congratulations. Bonnie Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson. While Ms. Gibson is still here I'd like to ask her to get some photographs of the mermaid and give them to Riviera Beach so we can have 'em on the website, we can do 'em in the newsletter if we ever still do that or have 'em on Channel 18 because we need to put out some... Okay. They will do that. That's wonderful because not all of us wanna take a 75' dive.

[Laughter]

MS. B. LARSON: But it'd be nice to see it. You know? And some people can't get to the event, if they wanted to go and see it in person so let's get some photographs out there and some, like I said, some good news about Riviera Beach.

We're doing a lot of renovation in the City Hall. Got new floors, new painting, it looks great. Looks good. But now, in one of the Items tonight, there was renovation, one of the dollar amounts was for the library restroom. So I'm wondering, if the library is being rebuilt, why are we redoing the restroom if it's being rebuilt? There's also talk.., I hadn't heard about this before, about a public/private partnership for the library. I heard about this at the Marina workshop which was very interesting. The proposal was that, I guess the library be on the first floor... I, I don't know how that went. It was the library on the first floor and stores above it or stores on the bottom and the library above that. Do we have a Plan B because that is not a concept which is working real well at the Marina? And, why don't we have enough money to build.., if we're gonna rebuild, why don't we have enough money to do it ourselves? Let's not.., if we're gonna put up a building, let's, let's leave it available for our offices. We have offices spread out through the City. Let's not, you know, do something like that. A public/private with a library just didn't, didn't make a whole lot of sense.

Um, you had talked to the, the CRA about that QuickBooks. You talked to them about that a long time ago that that's not a sufficient program. That's what everybody gets when they buy a, the lowest end computer, you get QuickBooks with it. You told the CRA a long time ago to, to have a better program. Now tonight we hear from the auditors that's really, um, what they are suggesting also.

For Mr. Mayor, we have a lot of events with kids and I'm.., had an idea where, at every event where we have kids, if we can have someone, a felon, a former felon, come and speak with those kids and tell them, you know, life is tough. If you wanna take the wrong road, you're gonna be saddled with this the rest of your life in one way or another. And let those young kids know from somebody else, who's just a few years older than them, what life really holds and the struggles they'll have if they take the wrong path. And maybe if we catch 'em early enough, maybe they'll rethink about their, um, way of life.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good, good suggestion.

MS. B. LARSON: The Water Department.., I know you don't wanna get anymore fines in the Water Department. I came to the Utility Department meeting and you have that gentleman here, Bevin Beaudet, and he said he's working on some of the fines that we got. Could we have him instead, assign those projects to some of our Staff and let him work out how we're gonna have good water in the City? Because I think what they're doing now is they're shocking it in order not to get fines, they're putting way too much chlorine. I mean, it's like taking a glass and pouring pure chlorine in it.

[Beep]

MS. B. LARSON: So while he's here, let's have him figure out the distribution and have the other Staff work on some of the projects that he's taken.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Larson. Next we have Ms. Mary Bram then Mr. Rick King.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, while Mrs. Brabham is coming, I wanna say to Ms. Larson, I've been in elevators all around the world and the one we have, the new one, is the prettiest one I've seen. I wanna say thank you to Brent Johnson and the Manager.

MRS. M. BRABHAM: Ms. Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach. First of all, congratulations to Attorney, J.D.B.C., Ms. Pamala Ryan. She will do well. Tony Brown will do well. You will do well. This is nothing new. This is nothing new. You are a Board. You are entitled to do as your conscious allows you to do. You set the perimeters. The Board, the previous Boards did it and it will continue to be done. Corporations does it, executive does it, business does it all the time. Regardless whether a flow came in, once when your hearts and minds are made up, we cannot change that. And change can be very frightening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

MRS. M. BRABHAM: But once, when you settle down, it's okay. This is a good Board. Chair, uh, Pa'.., Ms. Council Pardo, Ms. Hubbard, Ms. Johnson, TD, Ms. Miller, uh, Ms. Jones, Mayor Masters, you all will do [stammer] do fine. Do not get disencouraged because this is what happens, this is what happens. I attended every Charrette. Now, you know Mrs. Brabham have every documentation.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MRS. M. BRABHAM: I attended every Charrette. Some things that we asked for we did not get that. So who's fault is that? It's not the residents fault. It's the leader fault. He may have done a good job, and I do wish him well but this City will continue.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MRS. M. BRABHAM: It won't stop, one person will not stop it. Bill Wilson, I have his contract. Bill Wilson, Marina Director, Mr. uh, the, the other gentleman that was there, Hills, George Carter. What is different? What is different? Nothing is different. You are here to lead, each one of you all were voted by the residents and that's what matters. Peoples will say what they wanna say but press forward. Do good and good will follow all of you all. Everybody's okay. Some changes have to be made to benefit you too, Ms. Jones. You understand? Mayor Masters...
[Beep]

MRS. M. BRABHAM: ...it's okay. I'm gonna leave you with this, and I'm gonna say what Reverend Barber said, our hearts need a defibulator. We need a shockin' to revive the pulse that is within us so that we will continue. Press on. It doesn't matter what people say. Mrs. Brabham love 'em all in spite of. Continue. These documents prove, here.., we, as residents know. No, we did not get that but we thank Mr. Brown

for what he has done and what we will do because we will succeed. And all of us will continue to pull together and work together for the good of the cause because this City does not belong to you. It belongs to the whole entirety of the City. So let's continue. Do not be dismayed. Thank you.

UNK: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Mr. Rick King.

[Clapping]

MR. R. KING: Good evening. Rick King from the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. R. KING: Good evening, Councilpersons...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening.

MR. R. KING: ...Mayor.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

MR. R. KING: Ms. Jones, how are you? So, um, I was at the meeting last night or Monday night?

UNK: Monday.

MR. R. KING: Monday night and I was actually very encouraged by what was taking place on the Board. These are very trying times for police officers and I appreciated the conversation involv'.., involving the support that we had for the officers that night. We talked about body cameras. And, just to put it on the record, the, the PBA is in support of body cameras because I think it's good for the public, it's good for the officers and, what we've seen is, it creates a better atmosphere, a more transparent and open atmosphere and we're, we support it. So, you won't.., you'll get no fight from us. I was pleased with the conversation involving the direction, um, that.., and I'm, I'm looking forward to getting to the Board about the direction involving our benefits and, uh, and salary.

MAYOR MASTERS: Excuse me. Can you pull your mic up a little bit?

MR. R. KING: Sorry. That better?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MR. R. KING: Okay. The officers have sent me here tonight with, really, under no uncertain terms. They, they want you to know.., and it's, I'm not gonna sit here and, and beat a dead horse in front of the public cause we've discussed it before, they're woefully underpaid and they're.., they want you to know that they're looking to be competitive within the county for what they do. You have some of the best and brightest officers here. The work here very hard every day and every night and they just wanna be compensated fairly as they are, with the other officers around the county. And that begins with a Step Plan. They want you to take care of the Step Plan and fund it and, and truthfully, you know, I know there's been some talk about moving the police department to a warehouse and taking it off of Blue Heron. I'm gonna tell you, the officers.., if, if we're talking about a financial cost, they'd much rather have it on Blue Heron. They want you to keep your money and, and save your money so that we can better compensate the employees of the City.

That being said, I'm looking forward to getting back to the table and I think that we could make some strides, uh, and thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. King. Next, Willi' [pause], Willis.., oh, Milsap. I'm so used to saying Willis Williams.

[Laughter]

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I thought he changed his name. Thank you for coming.

MR. W. MILSAP: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. W. MILSAP: Willie W. Milsap, 562 West 6th Street, Riviera. I have a few questions that may be phrased that way, pertaining to the vendors that we have in the City. I'm curious to know if our vendors we have on the corners are licensed just for the City or the county? And are they just restricted to the black community to pilling their wares. Uh, ice cream vendor came down the street one day and I was going up the street and he stopped to sell his ware and almost hit a kid, running across the street. At the same time, I've been in Singer Island on several different times and I don't see no vendors on the corner selling watermelons. I don't see any of 'em going down the street ringing bells. So why is it that the vendors can only operate on the west side of the tracks? And that's a question that I definitely need to ask from any individual that can answer that for me. I've asked it personally, to one of your individuals and I still haven't got an answer.

And also, on the same note, there were, uh, photos taken, an overside shot of the City of Riviera and I've been in several offices, CRA office, that office out of here upstairs and an overview of it shows the City of Riviera, West Palm, North Palm, Singer Island but I don't see my little shack. It's sittin' on the other side of the track. Matter of fact, I don't even see the track. So why is that I cannot be displayed, my resident on one of these walls in my Council Chambers, my City buildings or some place? Let me know that I am a part of this City. My taxes paid up. So put me out there somewhere.

Also, I came a few weeks ago to talk to my Councilperson pertaining to some activities that we have for our youths. In every community, especially west of the tracks, you have basketball goals. I have a 14-year-old daughter, she don't play basketball. Ya'll didn't have anything for her to do this summer. So, can ya'll start something and implicate a program for these children to do? I would appreciate it in every respectful sense. And also, I heard a young lady just a while ago complaining about some of the things that this Council is doing or the decision that it's made but when they was on the Council, they put new lights on that street, Shepard's lights and I asked Florida Power & Light for a light, they told me I had to come to the City to get a light and they only could replace the, that candle I have up there to shine on my street.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Terrible.

MR. W. MILSAP: They got new sidewalk, they got a new lights and they're so beautiful with speed bumps. But my street, and I'm on the block, right on the corner, [inaudible] speed. So don't complain about what somebody else is doin' when you had that same job and you benefitted yourself when you was on the Council.

Thank ya'll.

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible comments].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Tommy Walker. Norma Duncombe.

MAYOR MASTERS: I wonder what street was that?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Let's go Norma Duncombe. He runs pretty fast Ms. Duncombe, if you can beat him to the mic. [Chuckles]. Let's see what happens. Mr. Walker, you gotta move fast.

MAYOR MASTERS: He gave up. He gave up.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Thank you. The first thing I, I would like to address.., and, and trust me, you know, I would never say anything that's negative about you but Mr. Chair, as the Chair, you have the right to make changes in the... And I'm asking you, if the meeting begins at 5:30, why do we have to have public comments so late? You can make the changes. You don't have to have a vote. You have the right to make the changes. Senior citizens like me like to be home by this time. [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We, we did make a change. It's gonna be in effect, um...

CITY MANAGER JONES: September.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: September.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It's going an hour, up an hour earlier, 7:30.

CITY MANAGER JONES: 7:30.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: See, that's what I love to hear. You're working with the citizens.

[Clapping]

MAYOR MASTERS: You like your Chair, we got a good Chair, right? That's what you're saying.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Listen, okay. Let me go to the next thing. Uh, you all were talking about how they came out and did things in terms of the City with the, what is that, the communication people. Maybe what you all need is someone to check these projects when they come in.., when they're doing things in the City. And let me tell you why I say so, because, you know, I know I sound like a broken record but things that bother me, I have to continue talking about it and I'm gonna talk about Silver Beach Road. That's a co'.., uh, that's a county road, right?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: Okay. Do I have county representation down there because Silver Beach Road does not look like 13th Street. When I go on 13th Street, I see the nice decorative lights and I see a nice wide road with sidewalks. I have to use Silver Beach Road or Broadway. Broadway is the same story. When you leave our City, they're now doing new lights up in North Palm Beach, they already had it all nice and pretty but they're doing new lights on both sides of the road, not one side. And I'm saying, you all can't do it all so you need somebody. You need a management or something that could take care of these projects and evaluate them, make sure the things are done the right way, keep you up to date on it or whatever because you can't do it all yourself. I know people, they, you know, I, I'm not gonna say anything against

you, you're doing what you can do but you need to do something abo'.., about that. So, I'm asking you to do that.

Did you bring the water bills back here so somebody can have a job or do I still have to pay my water bill in Orlando?

[Chuckles]

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: It bothers me. Okay. The next thing, let me just talk about this. This "Ban the Box", that's all well and good but what we need to do is do something about...

[Beep]

MS. N. DUNCOMBE: ...education. And guess what, your Governor and my Governor was the one who made it impossible for people to get their rights back. Your Governor and my Governor made it impossible for people to move from one spot to the next and still be able to vote. Your Governor and my Governor is the one that has made it almost impossible for young people. So, we don't need to just "Ban the Box", let's put in there everything that needs to be done for education. And I'm asking everybody to join me and vote against that one cent additional tax for the School Board unless they promise the percentage that they will bring to the schools in this City.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Duncombe. Now, Mr. Tommy Walker. He's moving good now.

[Inaudible background comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Ms. Duncombe fast.

MR. T. WALKER: Mr. Chair, you playing with them cards. Tommy Walker. 1582 West 9th Street. I, I'm trying to do this real, real quick. First thing I wanna tell everybody is that, on the first day of school, I am trying to get a project off the ground that started by Mr. Ron Leonard where we get black men, males, period to take their children to school. So ladies, ya'll gonna have to help talk this up. I'm trying to cover all four of our elementary schools. And you can reach me at T699tommywalker@gmail.com . Okay. That one's out the way.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a phone number?

MR. T. WALKER: 561-574-1431. Code Enforcement, real quick. That stuff ain't rocket sciences. It's not. We've been doing this and we've been going through this for the lo'.., for the longest. And I agree with that lady that said we need to take care of our people. Time limit, however it can be done I know that my Board can work that out.

We're not giving, giving, giving nobody anything except for the residents that we serve. Okay? So let's get that done, let's put that aside so we can move this City forward.

The last thing I wanna talk about.., boy, I'm doing good, I got a minute and 39 second.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: That's cause you talk fast.

MR. T. WALKER: The CRA. That was something dear at the, uh, to my heart cause when I ran, I said that Mr. Brown knew what he doing but he just didn't care about my City. And he proved that to be true. And I was wrong about, one, that he knew what he was doing. Now, he.., I'm not so sure that he knew what he was doing, listening to the auditors today. And, when he made a statement as to say that it's not his responsibility to create jobs, I got a problem with that. That's his only job as far as I'm concerned. He squandered away millions and ya'll could be..,, ya'll could say the Chair got this personal vendetta but ya'll don't understand, ya'll have to follow the situation. Ya'll have to fo'.., he has no accountability. He had no accountability. I know Ms. Jones tried to wind him in as far as she can get him but he acted as if he had no accountability. He was a rogue. I mean, he was running rogue and, uh, and we had to do something about it and the only way we could'a do that is just chop it off at the head. You gotta kill the head so that everything [chuckle] else can roll right on down the ground. We are.., we're gonna survive.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

MR. T. WALKER: We got intelligent people and, and we.., and ya'll gotta get like me. Ya'll gotta make sure ya'll do ya'll homework so that we can help our Council...

[Beep]

MR. T. WALKER: ...do things cause they can't do everything. God bless ya. You're doing a great job.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you...

MR. T. WALKER: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...Mr. Walker.

MR. T. WALKER: Alright.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Ms. Charlotte Darville.

MR. T. WALKER: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You gotta beat Ms. Darville to the mic and I don't think he can do it. [Laughter].

MS. C. DARVILLE: Hi. Charlotte Darville.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

MS. C. DARVILLE: On West 20th Street. And before I came over here tonight, I was getting my family's dinner, I had on the news and I saw the story that was very disturbing about the Council. It almost sounds like a, a Hillary Clinton here.

[Inaudible comments]

MS. C. DARVILLE: Um, [pause]. Another thing too is, I am glad to see that we have three new Members here. It seems like they're doing a very good job. Um, if there is any wrongdoing on this Council, they should be eliminated. And if there is any criminal activity from anyone on the Council, they should also be eliminated. As for Thomas, he should never been put in an.., as a police officer. That was totally, totally uncalled for by the police department. [Pause]. Okay. And the officer that attacked the veteran over at Walgreens should not be working here any longer. That was totally, totally out of character for a public servant to do what he did to a veteran. [Pause]. There's too much corruption in this City as are there in a lot of other cities and the Congress and the Senate, which is probably the worst of all. My uncle was in Congress for 30 years and I saw a lot.

Okay. I asked about three, I believe it was three meetings ago which has been about four months now, about our street being repaved. I've been there for 43 years, it has never been repaved. Also, about the lighting. I've seen a couple of trashy streets that have that beautiful lighting and, as far as a program here...

[Beep]

MS. C. DARVILLE: ...in Riviera Beach, you should have one like Lake Park does for its senior citizens, to help them out. The.., you know, when you're living on social security, you can't do all, everything. So Riviera Beach should adopt a program to help its seniors clean up their properties because they don't have the money to do that. A lot of people could pitch in and help do that.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you so much, Ms. Darville.

[Clapping]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Rodney Roberts and then Ms. Bessie Brown.

MR. R. ROBERTS: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

MR. R. ROBERTS: How ya'll doing?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

MR. R. ROBERTS: Rodney Roberts, 1581 West 14th Street, Riviera Beach. In light of, I guess what happened at the last City Council meeting, I.., for a long time, I guess, I've been saying that the CRA and the City Council need to be two separate Boards with two separate.., with, with different bodies or whatever and I understand you guys are working in fusion together and moving but, at the same time, who knows what can change [stammer]. On a matter of policy, if we could just practice separating that body and getting new bodies so that the oversight is there versus, you know, that just changing hats cause it, it didn't work out as, as we see. And as far as any audits or as far as, like, this Sunshine Law violation thing that's, you know, floatin' around, I guess we gotta find out, well, how far back does.., do those, you know, conversations go so that you guys understand what it is that you're dealing with. And, I really would appreciate it if you would just like slow down so that you could find out what, you know, how deep that well is so that, you know, you can take a'.., govern yourselves accordingly. Um, part of gentrification, all these in'.., inflation of how.., the, the, the cost of living around here, it helps to move residents out who possibly don't, you know, can't afford so I really would like for you guys to consider freezing the rents, you know, around here. Go ahead and freeze the rents until we figure out what's going on so we can level out and make it a level, a level playing field.

[Inaudible comment]

MR. R. ROBERTS: What happened? They, they fittin' to move you out the City.

MAYOR MASTERS: She's talking 'bout, "I wish they could freeze my rent.' [Chuckle].

MR. R. ROBERTS: Hey, you can.., hey, you can do it. [Chuckle]. Ya'll can do it. Uh, the, the brother once said to me, cause I, I stood up here and I guess I said something about him and he was, like, you know, 'Why you talk about me like that? You, you basically.., I gotta feed my family.' And that made me feel some kind of way cause I don't wanna take, you know 'I mean, no food out your, your, your kids' mouths cause he actually put his kids out there when he said it. Right? But, as I thought about it and I, uh, went home and still feelin' bad like, 'Dang, he, he hit me wit' one.'

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Who you talkin' about?

MR. R. ROBERTS: Oh, Brother Thomas.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, okay.

MR. R. ROBERTS: Brother Thomas.

UNK: First name?

MR. R. ROBERTS: For'.., former Councilperson.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. R. ROBERTS: Brother Thomas. And, uh, when I got home I'm like, 'But the decisions that you makin' against the citizens, what about all the rest of these other kids that's out here that you,' you know 'I'm sayin', 'that you messin' up? All you worry about are yours?' And so, you know, I bounced back on that. So...

[Chuckles]

MR. R. ROBERTS: Oh, we need volunteers for the community...

[Beep]

MR. R. ROBERTS: ...garden. And you can call Mrs. Jones at 502-6226. The community garden off of 10th Street, we need volunteers cause...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It's not Staff.

MR. R. ROBERTS: Say, huh?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: What's the number so people can...

MR. R. ROBERTS: Yeah, yeah, yeah. 561-502-6226.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's...

MR. R. ROBERTS: Ms. Jones.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Not Ruth Jones. That's another Jones.

MR. R. ROBERTS: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

MR. R. ROBERTS: You'll get the right one when you call.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

[Laughter]

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: 'You'll get the right one when you call.'

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Told ya she was fast.

MS. B. BROWN: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Like, lightening, huh?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Good evening.

MS. B. BROWN: I'd like say, um, I didn't have a card in on, uh, Code Enforcement. I really appreciate that you're gonna have a workshop but I just wanted to let you know that we have, I guess, a lot.., I'm not sure if it's under Code Enforc'.., well, it probably is under Code Enforcement Lot Clearing where we have people, um, that own their, their properties and it grows all up and the City has it cut for them and bill them. If they can do that, I'm sure they should consider doing the same thing for the seniors because their property isn't half as big as a, a, a, you know, a company, a business that we have here and, and empty lots that they cut and, you know, for, for, for people, you know, for... I guess that's lazy, um, people that don't wanna cut, cut their properties in Riviera Beach. I just wanted to say that, um, because I'm not sure if you.., all of you knew that. And, and, and at, you know, that could, that, that could take a lot of fines and cash, you know, these liens off of these people. If you're gonna do one, do the other. But the man with all the money, got the business, you know, why, why take care of him and you don't take care of your own? Now, that's, that's something I really wanted to, uh, and make, make you all aware of.

And, um, I just wanted to say also, and, um, [stammer], and commend you all for talking to each other and not talking at each other because that's the one thing that's gonna get us in a better place. And the lady that said that, uh, Tony Brown established a lot of, uh, public/private partnerships, we don't have any. We have none. And, and Viking wasn't even a good one. So, I just wanted to.., that's one thing I wanted to say. And she said $30,000,000 that's took taxpayer's, uh, um, indebted to.., with $35,000,000 and a lot of 'em that didn't take the time to come in this Chambers and talk every meeting and let the people know and tell you that, all the time, that Viking was here. He didn't spend $1,000,000 beca'.., and, and that's from the papers that I read out of their packages. So, now you have.., whatever you have to say about Tony Brown, um, chalk it up and we're startin' over.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Brown. That's the end of public comment. Anyone else that I may have missed? [Pause]. Okay. Alright. Let's go on ahead and back to the Dollar General. Was it?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: No. We...

UNK: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...were back to the Code Enforcement liens.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Code Enforcement. So, it was suggested by the City Attorney to workshop.., was it, what was it? Workshop it?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So, set up a future date. Councilperson Hubbard, sit down with the Attorney.

[Inaudible background comments]

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I wanted to get some clarity on what the Attorney was suggesting. Um, Mr. Degraffenreidt, as far as the Code Enforcement liens and.., which part were you talking about, um, workshopping? The policy that we're gonna put in place once they're vacated? Because you've already come back with the recommendation to vacate.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: No. You do the vacating.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: N'...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: My, my, my, my point was...

UNK: In the mic, please.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I'm sorry. My point was that we, as the Staff.., the lawyer's easy but somebody's got to make a decision that is based upon uniform criteria that addresses the specific needs of the properties and the problems in this community. You got two sets of properties. You got the homesteads, you got... Three actually, the residential, commercial and you got the commercial units. You, you need to know how it is and what criteria you're gonna utilize in terms of addressing releasing the liens for the benefit of the property and the, and the residents as opposed to the purpose you had Code Enforcement in the first place. You just can't wipe 'em all out, in my opinion. There has to be some strategy and whatever that strategy is, it must be designed in a uniform fashion so everybody's treated the same way otherwise you're

gonna get charged with favoritism and arbitrary [stammer] decision making. So, we need you to think about how you want us to move. But first, before you tell us how to move, you gotta define where the problems are, in each category. I think we're gonna have to be educated, uh, somewhat, by the Code Enforcement administrator, historically, on what was done and why, where we are now, where the liens are concentrated and have some idea of where we wanna go once we're educated.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mr. Degraffenreidt, um, that's.., I, I, I understand that. I, I agree we have to have a uniform policy but what we... One, we were agreeing, I.., that we wanted to remove homestead liens and I thought you were saying that what we need to go back and do is set up, you know, the [stammer], that you were gonna come back with a process. And we were gonna workshop the policies that we wanna put in place as to how we, you know, proc'.., proceed with that.

But, let me say this and then we can, um...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...close it out. My.., what I was sayin' was that, we vacated the liens on homesteaded properties.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: On homesteaded properties. And then we look at the other two categories of properties that we have here in the City. Yes, we can have a workshop and put the criteria in place for these, um, everybody has some, uh, input. I gave you a snapshot of what I though it should look like afterwards but to vacate, based on your letter, it stated that we make a motion to remove the liens, turns the fines into liens, at the courthouse we would satisfy it at the same time and that that would take care of what we have as far as homestead and fines and then that doesn't stop us from having our workshop and going forward with the non, um, the non-homesteaded properties. So that's what I was trying to, um, get to come back.., get you to come back with, something that would allow us to make this, this motion this evening.

And the motion, let me say this, the motion wasn't totally to vacate 'em. The motion that I have is in three parts. It was that we would direct you to prepare, prepare the recommended process that you are recommending and then we would process the vacating orders imposing the fines, as well as vacating the recorded liens on homesteaded properties. So, and this is what I took from the information that we were given, that that's what we needed to do, give you direction tonight so that you could start with just the homesteaded property and we could make a motion.., I mean, we could make a date to have our workshop.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: That was not the instruction you gave me. I was very specific in terms of the instruction you gave me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: If you're going to give me another instruction tonight, I will need you to do that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Now, now I do... Excuse me. With all due respect, Councilperson Hubbard. When we had this discussion prior, and you brought this up, in the discussion we talked about some of the things that you brought up with the, uh, homestead properties, initially, first. And then you talked about a process like you're talking about now. And the.., to my understanding, when this came up, that you was gonna sit down with the Attorney and talk about all these legal logistics and he came back with this memorandum so ya'll can bring something formal back so we can vote upon it.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Right. And...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Instead of sittin' here discussing it, discussing it before the meeting, you and Attorney Degraffenreidt...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: How do, uh... We did. And that's the do'.., and, and, and he came back with the document. So we did meet him, we did discuss it but I'm thinking that Mr. Degraffenreidt is misunderstanding me. I'm not saying anything different tha'.., I'm not saying I told you one thing and you did another. That is not what I'm saying. I, I was just merely stating that you.., in, in my understanding, you said that you would need a motion, that we gave you a motion to come up with a process. Right?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That was a directive.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Stammer].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: It was a directive.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It was a directive.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: But, but what I wanted you to appreciate, the legal process for releasing a lien, is nothing.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And, so did...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: But...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...you say we need to come back tonight to give you some more directives?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Well, well, what I, I tried to do in the memorandum was try to impress upon you the magnitude of the problem, the considerations that need to be addressed in order to formulate an effective policy to give me and the Staff directions on how to best do it. [Pause]. If the decision is.., if, if there's a motion, a second and three votes to say vacate all the homestead liens...

UNK: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...I will abide by that. But my recommendation to you is there are a lot of nuances that ap'.., that deal with that that need to be thought through. For example, the statue says that the liens attached to all of the properties owned by the violator, where the violation occurs and any other property owned by that person within Palm Beach County. You might want me to release the lien on Ms. Jones cause she couldn't keep her irrigation straight and that's her only property. But then you release the loan on Mr. Johnson who got a nice little house there but own eight commercial buildings somewhere. Am I to release all those too?

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: What I su'.., and this is just my suggestion so we can forward with this meeting, um, we all, I think, wanna respect.., cause, I mean, after reading the memo, I mean, he was very specific about what we need to do. If you're gonna bring back this in the workshop, it need' to be, you know, in a step process where you wanna start off with homestead or start off with commercial, how ya wanna do it. Let's just bring this Item back but before the meeting, we need to make sure each and every one sit down and have a scheduled meeting with you so when we do...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: That'd be fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...come to workshop...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: That'll be fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...I think it, it will save in time in a meeting and also allows us to really flow well together. Because there is a lot, a lot of questions with this matter and, like you're talkin' about now, we don't want anybody to get confused but I think [inaudible]...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And correct me on this if I'm wrong. It was my understanding that, on one hand, we wanna address the problem that exists today but we also don't wanna be here again.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Correct.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: And so, we gotta set up a process that's gonna be fair to our people and still meet our enforcement needs for the property values and the status of our community. Those aren't really competing. They just.., it has to be balanced in ways and come up with a methodology so we can have both.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So let's allow our Attorney to help us get to where we need to be and I think we're all in accordance to that. I don't see no one [pause] raising their hand against that but... Councilperson Hubbard, do you understand what we trying to do?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Cool. Alright. So, we're gonna come back after everyone sit down and have a talk with the City Attorney. I guess, you'll reach out to us all and schedule some time?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Okay. Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And we'll go from there.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Let's just be clear. It's not that I, that I had no understanding...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, no, no, no...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...of, of what...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...no, no, no...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...I said...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I'm talkin' about me...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...when I met with...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I ain't talkin' about you.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...when I met, when I met with him. And I still maintain that we, to.., that I was supposed to come back to... Once the, once he.., that he, they had requested to make.., to go, have Staff go back and create a process and make a recommendation. And tonight, we were going to come back and give them authority to draft, you know, to draft something up.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Stammer].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: But, with that said, that, it's, it's fine. We'll have the workshop, we'll have the individual meetings, maybe by the sixth time, we might miss and get to the motion to vacate the liens.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Correct. I hate to rush you but I was trying...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...to get through this meeting without extending this meeting...

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...like we normally do. And that's the goal...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: And I'm with you...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...and that's goal tonight.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, we're gonna start with the Mayor. I mean, no, City Manager. Thank you...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...Councilperson Hubbard.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...Mr., Mr. Chair. Very quickly. Just a couple reminders. On Monday, August the 8th at 5:30, we will hold a special City Council meeting to hear the.., have the public hearing. That will be followed by a budget workshop on capital. On Wednesday, August the 10th at 5:30, we have a closed executive session on labor.

I just wanted to report that Scott Evans and I have met a couple of times and we're planning to spend a great deal of time next week trying to be able to determine just what some of the questions are and the answers to the questions and what the situations are because we both need to prepare a budget for you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so, we really need to see, very quickly, how we can proceed through that process. That being said, I realize that we had been polling you for a vision goal workshop.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I really need this first workshop to be City/CRA going forward. Because we have got to do a budget and we've got to bring you back if we're taking things out, if I'm moving things a'.., things around. And so, we will start the first part of that talking about City/CRA going forward and then the second part we'll talk about the goals and the visions and we're currently looking at the last week of August and so we will be polling you for those particular dates.

That ends my report.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Mayor. Uh, Mayor, before we get started, please everyone be mindful of the calendar. We get out, we're not, let's try not to execute this meeting past 10:00 o'clock. And allow everybody to have.., I don't wanna restrict nobody but I know how it gets when we keep extending the meeting so let's keep that in mind and let's share time with everybody.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. We might have to though. You might have to.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: If we have to, I support that.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR MASTERS: Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I'm gonna try to do it in two, two minutes. A Petition Committee has been formed as it relates to the upcoming referendum that should be on the ballot in Riviera Beach with the national election in November. We're planning to get the 2,000 plus signatures within the next 45 days. I do wanna recognize the following people on the Petition Committee, Beverly Cummings, Tia Matthew, Annette Coleman, Bertha Donell [sp] and Elizabeth Meyer [sp], who's in the audience. The petition for the referendum election, thank you, Mr. Degraffenreidt. The Ordinance calling for a referendum election, it says, and it will be hitting the streets within the next couple days: "We the undersigned support an Ordinance calling a referendum election to decide if the City of Riviera Beach shall amend its Charter to provide that the permanent location of City Hall offices to include the administrative division, fire and police departments and the library shall be maintained at 600 West Blue Heron Boulevard or on.., are on City owned land within the existing Wells Recreation Complex. The permanent location of the Public Works Department shall be located at 2391 Avenue L and Fire Station No. 2 shall be permanently maintained at 1663 West Blue Heron Boulevard. All in Riviera Beach."

And I do wanna remind the residents that this referendum has absolutely nothing.., doesn't have anything to do with what we affectionately call the warehouse. Whatever the City decides to do with the warehouse, rent it, sell it, put it.., whatever they wanna do... This just ensures that the permanent location of the City Hall will stay, along with the library, on Blue Heron Boulevard and cannot be changed by any Council without the vote of the people.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Vice Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I have a couple, few things. Well, first of all, I want to make an announcement that we will ha'.., that my office will be having an education summit. I'm in the process of reaching out to many individuals. It will be held on August 25th, 5:30 to 8:30, um, at Inlet Grove. So, you will get more information. It originally was gonna take place in July but it's been moved to August 25th, that's a Thursday, at Inlet Grove, 5:30 to 8:30.

Um, I wanted to, I wanted to see about discussing the O'Donnell's contract. Maybe we can add it to the next Agenda or possibly to the special meeting that we're having because I'm just a l'.., maybe I'm not clear as to what their role is. I do know.., I remember seeing a news report that they did or a press release that they did for Ms. Pardo and I did not realize that we could do individual press release against the Council people. Or the decisions that were made. I thought it would be O'Donnell was designed to...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...promote positive things going on in the City of Riviera Beach or doing some sort of public relations to, you know, clean up something that may have [stammer], been a negative light on the City but, what I did not realize, was that each Council Member could use them individually for their own purpose of pushing whatever message it was that they wanted to push out against other Council people. So I want to see that we put the O'Donnell Agency contract on the Agenda. I'm fine if we can add it for the special meeting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No. We can't do it.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: The special meeting is just that one Item.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But we can do it at the budget workshop...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Would...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...meeting.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So, we can add it to that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We can add it to the budget workshop.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: And that's for discussion and deliberation where I can make a vote? Cause I don't wanna just talk.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Whenever we...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We can do it...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: If we can do it at the next...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We can do it...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...meeting...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...in the next CRA meeting.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: But we don't have a meeting, don't we?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We don't have another one before.., we don't have one on the 10th.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do you wanna ca'...

CITY MANAGER JONES: So, you won't have CRA meeting until the 24th.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Why can't it be on the special meeting date? I mean...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Cause it's...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...can't we have several things we talk about on the special meeting?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: It has to be that special Item. Attorney Degraffenreidt, can we have more than one Item on a special meeting to discuss and deliberate?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The question is whether or not you can more than one Item on a special meeting?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: You have to list all the [inaudible]...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: You would have to, yeah. I think you...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...have to let the public know...

UNK: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...what you're...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...talking about...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You're good. For Monday then.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So that's what I want to do with the O'Donnell Agency so I can get a little clarity on their contract and what they are supposed to be doing for all of us.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mm.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Not individuals. Um, I also heard today, maybe I'm late or didn't get the memo, and I miss emails sometimes, maybe I missed the email about we had a.., did we hire a Parks & Rec Director, Ms. Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: And thank you for reminding me about that cause it was under my comments right here, in my haste to rush through. We did have an individual that accepted the appointment for Parks & Recreation Director to start August the 15th and he'll be introduced when he's here for August the 15th.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: August the... So he hasn't started yet?

CITY MANAGER JONES: He hasn't started yet.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Um, also, the other thing and this'll be my last one. I, you know, I, I've heard a lot, many people have come up to the podium, I've gotten many calls regarding the hiring of Mr. Thomas on the police force after he's been a Councilperson. And so, Ms. Jones, I, I just would like to know, was this brought up or, I mean, was there any conflict involved. Um, because what, what it appears to me is that, in light of some of the things that's taking place today, it, it just does not look good that we allow a Councilperson to immediately go into a position. And the concern with the police department has been that, he is operating in a made up position, which we kinda discovered the other day, um, where he reports directly to the Chief and no one has clearly said what the role is. Now, I don't have a problem with, if that is something that we already had, is this a position that was created all of a sudden? What, what position is that, that we're talking about for him?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Unfortunately, I don't have the, the paper in front of me and the Chief isn't here. I don't know whether Assistant Chief can talk about it. The paperwork that I si'.., signed said police officer. But, of course, you're placed into positions once you're hired.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So I can't tell you the name of the position that you're referring to that was created for him. When.., it is my understanding when I questioned the Chief, that if an individual keeps their certification up and continue to be qualified with FDL'.., through FDLE, that they're eligible to come back to that position and that's why it's a police officer. That's FDLE rules. It's like, if I wanted to go back to what I did prior to coming here, there's nothing to say that I can't go back and do a job that I previously held. There was an application, several people applied, went through the regular process, um, as it relates to the appointment of that. One of the things I asked the HR Director to do and that's make sure the process was clean and that there was no deviation from the process. He assured me that it went through the regular process for the hiring of police officers. It is my understanding that there has been developed a register for higher level positions. And that Mr. Thomas has applied and he has tested. So I do know that much information but, as long as the certification is maintained, as long as with the state law enforcement agency, if you are qualified, then you can come back to that position but you come back as a police officer just like you left. It's not like you come back any higher.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So how do they eventually move up to a higher position...

CITY MANAGER JONES: You have to apply, be tested and that's the process for promotion in the police department.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And the tests are conducted by an outside entity for public safety...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...and for fire.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Well, you know, like I said before, um, it has been a topic that has been brought up numerous times by many individuals, um, police, community members, a number of people and, um, like I said, with the situation coming up regarding the Sunshine violation a couple months ago and today's rec'.., new information, I know that cannot positively impact the officers, uh, because they spoke out against a former Councilperson moving into a position with the police and then... Then, the talk is, and like we like to say, the rumor is, you know, um, that he is performing supervisory posit'.., duties. It may not be classified as that but that.., and he's reporting directly to the Chief. And, you know, that.., everybody recognizes what's taking place and the officers do see what is taking place. And with the situation occurring in the past few months and today, I don't think that is going to make things any better over in that area. So, I, you know, I, I really would like to have a full report as to how... And I'll get with you because I, I, I do...

UNK: [Inaudible]...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...feel... Yes. And, and how this is, you know, going to impact us going forward because, um, I don't, I don't think that, that makes the City look pretty good...

UNK: I agree.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...being that we now have a former Councilman involved in these situations but, at the same time, the manner in which he got there to that position was suspect to begin with and, um, you know, it just doesn't look right. Your contract came up and, you know, then the stipend came up and then he now gets a policeman position. So, it's just little things like that, that we really have to keep in mind that we don't need that type of negative attention.

And that's all. And I apologize for having to take so long but...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, no, no.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I'm fine with extending...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I understand.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So, I'm good. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We got five minutes left so you wanna do 10 minutes, 15 minutes so that other Council Members...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, they, they got to talk so I'll let them decide how many minutes they wanna...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Well, they...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...extend.

[Inaudible comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, okay. Well, we have to wait 'til 10:00 o'clock then we can extend it. Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, I have a 7:00 o'clock flight to LA in the morning. May I be excused?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: When did you start asking to be excused?

MAYOR MASTERS: It's just the right thing to do.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Johnson.

UNK: [Chuckle].

MAYOR MASTERS: It's protocol.

[Inaudible background comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: He did say yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I had asked for an update of Stonybrook. There are some troubling concerns that I'm receiving as it relates to the conditions that still remain out at Stonybrook. We have residents that are living without air conditioning and I see, based on a report, that, um, that was [stammer], that I received [pause]. The cases will be heard August 18th but I'm concerned about that because you have women and children suffering and there have been no provisions or I'm wondering what are the next steps and what can actually be done now to bring relief to the residents of Stonybrook? Ms. Moore?

[Inaudible comments]

CODE ENFORCEMENT MOORE: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

CODE ENFORCEMENT MOORE: Natalie Moore, Code Enforcement Administrator, City of Riviera Beach. As you stated, there is an active Notice of Violation for health and safety issues and generally, when we issue violations for health and safety, they can be expedited to the next available hearing which is what we have done. Magistrate, or the Code Enforcement process is, again, a process of hearing and then imposition of fines or lines. That's the extent of the Code Enforcement process. In addition to what we do, we make referrals to the necessary agencies who may be able to assist with more immediate remedies but we, unfortunately, are dealing with a property owner who has a track record of delay until we get them before hearing and are able to impose those fines. We have notified counsel for the property owners, of the violations...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible].

CODE ENFORCEMENT MOORE: ...to see if he can compel his clients to, um, move forward with the repairs but, again, that's just part of what we are dealing with, with Stonybrook so we will continue to issue those violations to make our findings available to the appropriate officials. Also to the, um, the state and our national representatives that are dealing with this property and the owners and we'll continue with our enforcement.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Chair. So, when the, um, when the sale of that property took place, I understand, and this predates me, of course, but I've ha'.., I have information that talks about the specific things that were required as a condition of us signing off on that sale. I need to know if Code Enforcement has gone back and taken a look, or if Staff has gone back and taken a look at each item that they, and their attorney represented, would be taken care of as, as a part of the pending sale. If, in fact, those conditions have not, then whatever legal remedy we have to bring them to compliance or default needs to take place.

So I need, uh, Madam Manager, the original documentation that's, that's.., gave us a, a clear definition of the individual things that were a part.., the condition of the sale. I would really like to see that and then I would really like to know whether or not we are in a position to, to claim default on those conditions because no one should have to live in the manner in which those residents are living and they are our residents. It is my District and I intend to make sure that that District and those residents receive some fair and equitable housing. It is, it is shameful.

[Inaudible background comment]

UNK: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It is absolutely shameful. There are women there that have ai'.., no air condition, children with asthma, health conditions, yet they collect their rents.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, whatever it is that we can do, we need to do it and we need to do it rather quickly because this has been going on for quite some time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT MOORE: Yes. And we were not part of any signoff through Code Enforcement, we're not required to do that.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The sale.

CODE ENFORCEMENT MOORE: Yeah. That wasn't...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Who'...

CODE ENFORCEMENT MOORE: ...that's not...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...whomever is required.

CODE ENFORCEMENT MOORE: Right. That was not...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That may not necessarily be you but whomever is required to go back and take a look at it, we need... I, I, I wanna see those, those, those special conditions.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, ma'am. I don't remember whether we put in special conditions for the sale cause all we, as a municipality, all we had to do was give the approval for them to come. It's when they got their first violations that we really started to cite them. We will also be looking to see, because I know that fire has been out...

CODE ENFORCEMENT MOORE: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Been through each one of the units, conducted their inspections. And, what typically happens is, we go out there...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Excuse me, Ms. Jones. I hate to interrupt you [inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER JONES: They fix it...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Excuse me, Ms. Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...and in 90 days it's messed up again.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I need to attain a motion, uh, to extend the meeting for 10.., for 15 minutes so we can finish this part without doing anymore cause we're at 10:00 o'clock now.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, is that enough time for them?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is that...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Because we have...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...enough time [inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...two other Commissioners.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I know, but is that enough time?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Five minutes. I'm ready to go.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: 15 is fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. So moved. I mean, who called.., who...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I asking for a motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Properly moved and second. Madam Clerk.

UNK: I need to...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: 15 minutes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: [Inaudible] on 15?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Hubbard?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Pro Tem Miller-Anderson?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes. Now Ms. Jones, you can finish your.,..

CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...closing statement. You're done?

CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Councilperson Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Well, I, I do, Madam A'.., okay. In, in the next 7 days but we need to.., whatever we can do to bring relief, especially in the issue of air'.., no air conditioning, we need to do that immediately. Thank you.

Secondly, I had asked for an update on the Southside Community Center. I don't see Mr. Johnson.

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: While you are fetching him, I wanted to make you aware that I received some correspondence and I believe that all of the Council may have received it with regards to getting a jump start on trade and career path at North Tech Vocational School. Classes will begin in September of 2016 and they are offering tuition free pre-apprenticeship programs where you can learn welding, electrical, HVAC, carpentry, plumbing and more. Um, you can certainly give our office a call at 561-845-3443 for additional information.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Say free again.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Free.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Please do, please.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Absolutely. North Tech, tuition free pre-apprenticeship program. I want to.., I'll be quick. I want to give a special kudos to the City of Riviera Beach Parks & Recreation Department in their celebration of Park & Recreation month. I attended that event this past Saturday. It was well-attended. Based upon the responses from the residents, they enjoyed themselves. There were food trucks there, there were all, all sorts of entertainment. It was wonderfully attended and it was a great, uh, event for our City. And then there w'.., coming up on Wednesday, August 6th.., I'm sorry, when is the [chuckle] August 6th, that's Saturday. Saturday, the free family event, the Back to school Bash that's being presented by the Parks & Recreation Department will happen. That event will take place at Dan Calloway at 1420 West 10th Street in Riviera Beach. The time is from 10:00 a.m. 'til 1:00 p.m. and the ages that will be served to receive backpacks are ages 5 to 13. Pre-registration is required and all, um, registering must provide a driver's license on the day of the event. So we invite you to come out. There will be food, fun and family.

And then, Mr. Johnson.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Good evening again, Council. Brent Johnson, Director of Public Works. Just a quick overview of the schedule for the Southside Community Center. We plan on submitting all of the construction documents and specifications to the Purchasing Department on August 24th. The plan is to have the RFP issued on September 8th. Next, we plan on bringing a contract for award back to Council on Dec'.., on or around December 7th and subsequently, beginning construction early January.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. And would you mind putting that just in writing for me so that I may share that with the south side coalition?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you kindly.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHNSON: You're welcome.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: And then finally, it is my pleasure to announce that the first inaugural Listening Tour for District 3 is scheduled for August 20th. We are inviting all residents to come out and to share with us your comments and/or concerns and then we wanna share with you just some information that we have with regards to the District. That's August the 20th, it will be held at the new Event Center from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Refreshments will be served. We have invited FP&L to come in and to talk about the level of service which is a prelude to either a rent.., a rate increase or decrease but we hope to have someone on hand there and we will also invite Staff to

come in and to share information with regards to water, of course, and other issues that are of vital importance.

Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Great. Great job. Councilperson Hubbard.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Not very much this, this evening other than, um, the subject that you're gonna cover und'.., under, under your comments and that, that'll be it for me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Councilperson Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: Thank you. For the residents over on Singer Island who have not seen it, um, we have constructed and placed a free library on the corner of A1A and Pine Point.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Hmm.

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: When we put it in, um, I put a bunch of books in and I was over there a couple of days ago and it's obvious a lot of my books were gone and other residents have been putting books in. So, you know, just another amenity for the residents over there.

The other thing is for Ms. Jones. Once again, you know, you need to have your Staff take a walk over around the Ocean Mall. The Ocean Mall is absolutely filthy. [Pause]. The sidewalks are filthy. I sent you a memo a day or two ago about the showers over at the beach park. You know, we made a big investment over there and we need to keep that beach park up but, at a minimum, Staff needs to go over, they need to walk through the Ocean Mall, make a list and send it to GSF and someone needs to get on it immediately. The place is filthy.

That's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. As I close out, Ms. Jones, we have this document here. [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Hmm?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible] just read this document? We didn't have a chance to add it to the Agenda so.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay. I want to.., I wanted, um, I mentioned it before and as Ms. Jones pointed out, we.., it wasn't made in the form of, of a motion. And, it is.., I realize that there are key departments that are currently operating without a permanent department head and I also realize that current Staff has stepped into the

open positions in order to keep the business of the City moving forward. But I strongly believe that it's in the best interest of the, of this local municipal government if we put a freeze on the hiring of department heads at thi'.., at, at this time until further notice, after, after our budget hearings or until further notice. I wanted to make sure that we understand, this would be implemented on vacant department head positions and that the current Staff will continue to perform the duties in the respective vacant department head positions until such time as a decision to hire has been confirmed.

Based on the things that we were going over in our budget trying to determine where the, where we were gonna get money from for this, um, and other positions... Excuse me. And, other issues. I think that it's only fair that we put a freeze at this time on department head in key positions until after the budget or 'til otherwise discussed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, you wanna put that in the form of a motion?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I move, I move, Mr. Chair that we put a freeze on the hiring for vacant department head positons until we make a decision, after the budget is completed, and this is further discussed. Some of the positions have been open a long time and we may or may not have to readvertise to have a pool of the applicants narrowed down but, at this time, I'd like to make that motion that Mrs. Jones and the CRA department, which we can't.., we would have to do it separately, I get that, that we put a freeze on the hiring of department heads at this time.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Um, could, could you amend that motion and, and probably bring that maybe down to, like, September and include promoting, promoting Staff as well?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Because...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...you're saying, you're saying stop from hiring but people can also get promoted as well. So that could be a shift in the budget.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, but I would...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I'll restate it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...I would feel more comfortable just to, to kinda bring that timeframe back cause we don't wanna hold things up too long but I do understand that we're making some very critical budget decisions. So I think, October 1 would be a little too far ahead to wait before we do something like that.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: October 1 is when the new budget will start.., start so, we won't.., we shouldn't do it any sooner than that for sure but I'll make the motion to this effect. That we put a freeze on hiring [pause] and promoting... Um, excuse me, Mr. Chair. The reason I didn't add promoting in before...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: ...as far as promoting... Let's say this, promoting to the, to the department head position if that would suit your need.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any promoting.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

UNK: Wait. Are you...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I can't [inaudible]...

UNK: [Inaudible]. I didn't hear...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Because, I...

UNK: ...I didn't hear you...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...we, we're talking about a budgetary impact.

UNK: Mhmm.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, right now, we need to know what's vacant.... Cause, as we make decisions, these positions are shifting so we may vote on one decision today but that, that position may be vacant last week but it might be filled now but maybe come before the Agenda, it's something else.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So that's why I say include that but I, I don't wanna hold it up too long, least until the next budget decision that we make cause we don't wanna hold it up too long. Budget meeting.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Not Monday...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: I'll make it and it, um, can live or.., live or die. This.., I move that we put a freeze on the hiring and promotion of department heads for the

vacant positions that we have to date, until after the budget hearings and no sooner than October 1.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Uh, can I... Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Are we able to, um, rescind the offer for the Parks & Rec and then include that in with what you're saying?

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: That would automatically affect that position too.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, [inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: She, she just offered...

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

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON PARDO: ...him the job...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...cause she already offered the position.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Ask...

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

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Find out.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Degraffenreidt.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: You better hope it ain't.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes. What's the question?

CITY MANAGER JONES: They're.., the motion on the floor... The motion on the floor is to freeze all hiring and promotions into department head positions, at least 'til October 1st.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Mhmm.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The question is, the offer that has been extended and accepted for someone to start next wee'.., well, the 15th, does that include that particular...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: No. I said can it include.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Can it include.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Rescind the offer...

CITY MANAGER JONES: We ca'...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...and then...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: No. If...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...include...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...I'm understanding correctly, and I'm relying on the facts I'm given.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: If there's been an offer and an acceptance of the offer, there's a deal made. Okay? And if he's relied on that deal made and come to perform and he, based upon the deal that was made, is to start at a time certain, and I forget the date you told me, but he's to act in that capacity because he's accepted the job, you're motion will not have impacted that cause that's a *fait accompli*.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mm.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Alright.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So, are we gonna second this motion...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I'll second...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...to exclude that?

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: No. Well, it's not included. That's not what she said.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Here's my, here's my concern. I don't, I'm not comfortable waiting until October 1. I would feel more comfortable with September 1 considering that, you know, um...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: Well, ya'll vote it down then.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah. September, September 1 cause October 1...

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: It's a new budget so why would you do it before then?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Because anything can happen between September 1 and October 1 that can be critical. Like, for instance, the Water Utility Department...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That was my question.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay? The Water Utility Department is something that's extremely critical.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: But Beaudet is gonna be there for [inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So, Beaudet is...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: We just renewed his contract.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: But he's on.., his responsibility doesn't do what's necessarily required that we need for the City and that's what scares me. Yeah. Now, if he's willing and someone have a conversation with him and then bring it back to the next meeting...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: They said...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Um...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...the other night when we asked or when I asked about it, they said that, um, what'd you say? The...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Cause he's...

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...[inaudible] engineer...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: ...working part-time.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: ...or someone in that positi'.., that.., that is stepping up with Mr. Rhoads being gone already. So someone has stepped up to that position and Mr. Beaudet...

DEPUTY CITY CLERK BURGESS: Chair, your time is up.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Alright. The time is up, can't extend it. I forfeit my time so I guess the meeting's adjourned, unless somebody wanna extend the meeting with a motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: I'll extend it for another three minutes.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: They wanna go.

CHAIR PRO TEM MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We'll talk about it next meeting.

[Inaudible background comments]

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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