

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.**

(The following may contain inaudible or misunderstood words due to the recording quality.)

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** About to call the meeting to order, please, everyone, and good evening or good afternoon. Silence these cell phones. Uh, good afternoon to my colleagues. I want to say that we were scheduled to have a -- a Utility District Board meeting. However, the message, I think, didn't get to us in time, so we will, um, discuss how we will plan to have, uh, the meeting. And I'd like to know if, uh, it would be okay if we do this at our special meeting, which will be on 16<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to schedule a meeting at 5:00?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** I don't --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Is that a -- Mr. Thomas, would that be --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's fine with me.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Okay. So all right. Dr. Aurigemma, we'll -- we'll have that meeting then. Okay. All right. So we get the notice out. Okay. Now, our regular meeting for the City of Riviera Beach is now being called to order, and Madam Clerk, can we have the roll call, please?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Yes, ma'am. Mayor Thomas Masters?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Present and Happy New Year.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chairperson Billie Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Present.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Shelby Lowe? City Manager Ruth Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Present.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** City Clerk Carrie Ward is present. City Attorney Pamala Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Present.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** You have a quorum, Madam Chair, and you may proceed.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you. And we will now stand for one Moment of Silence for our invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by our City Manager, Miss Jones.

(Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by City Manager Ruth Jones).

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Jones, do we have, um, any additions, deletions, or substitutions?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, we do, Madam Chair. Under, um, Awards and Presentations, there are two items to add. Um, 5A is the introduction of the Honorable Representative Bill Hager from District 89. Uh, I would also like to add a presentation, um, 5B, by the Mayor on his Veterans Affairs program.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** There are also three Community Benefit requests. Um, two going to the Bobbie E. Brooks Memorial Scholarship Fund from Chair Brooks, and then one to the Elegant Elite Generation Program, uh, sponsored by the Life Center International Fellowship, um, which is a request of Mayor Masters.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Those are the five additions for this evening. There's just one revision in an item on the regular agenda, Item Number 8. Um, in the wording of the resolution, we need to strike "to place in the general fund" and put other word "appropriate fund." It is our understanding that, um, because of the way some of these transactions took place, um, Housing Trust Fund and some other places, it didn't all just go straight back to the General Fund. So by saying "appropriate fund" --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Appropriate. Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- you can put it back in the area for the replacement.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Um, Madam -- Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis? Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Um, Miss Jones, I had, uh, asked the Finance Department to provide me the list of funds that the appropriations were going to come from. I have not received that.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. I will check with them on the -- on the different funding sources.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'm sorry. That was on --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Another one?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That was on, um, Item 2, I believe.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Oh, okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Sorry.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** So that's the, um -- so that's just the one revision and the five additions.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Um, now, we do need to get a motion now to approve the agenda with all the additions so added.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Move agenda.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Need a second.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Roll call, please.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Moving on to Consent, we don't have anything on the Consent Agenda.

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

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, all of these are --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'm sorry. Do we? Hold on here.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All the resolutions.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, yeah, we do. Oh, got it now. All right. We're good. Okay. All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine and action will be taken by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a councilperson so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

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

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** I'd like to pull Item 2, please.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Um, I'd also like to pull Item 1.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Item 1 and 2 will be now moved down under the order of regular business. Okay. So that will be 1 and 2. So now we need a motion to, um, approve the remaining, uh, Consent Agenda items.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Roll call, please.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** No Petitions and Communications for filing?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** None.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Now we are at Awards and Presentations. So, you wanna -- Item Number 5.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Presentation by Councilperson Judy L. Davis to Claudius Nalls, President of the Park Manor Neighborhood Association.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Good evening, everyone.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Good evening.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** This evening I'd like to, um, tell you a little bit about the Park Manor Neighborhood Association and its president. Um, this association was started in 2007 by our Mayor Masters and others, uh, who lived within the Park Manor neighborhood, um, boundary area. And since that time Mr. Claudius Nalls has served as president and is nearing the end of his third term.

Uh, Park Manor has, um -- they've designed their own T-shirts, um, they've obtained signs that they put out every, um, meeting date to notify members of, uh, the meeting, and, uh, they do things like notify the residents of the, uh, boundaries of the Park Manor Neighborhood Association. Um, they meet with the Police Chief and Code Enforcement to address issues, uh, of concerns to residents and make, uh, charitable contributions to, uh, such organizations that do, you know, Christmas for -- Christmas for, um, children and other things in the city.

Mr. Nalls spends many hours on the phone calling members. You know how we are. Sometimes, uh, they need a little bit of pushing, and he -- he spends those hours on the phone to do that. He's invaluable in his role as president to the Park Manor Neighborhood Association. And for his efforts I'd like to present him with an award to show our appreciation -- to show our appreciation for all the work that he does. Mr. Nalls, would you please come up? I'm gonna read this. It says, "Claudius Nalls, for committed -- for committed service as president of the Park Manor Neighborhood Association, 2013. Councilwoman Judy Davis. Would you like to say a few words?"

**CLAUDIUS NALLS:** Okay. Uh, to our Honorable Mayor and --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CLAUDIUS NALLS:** -- uh, uh, for, uh, our beautiful councilpeople who work tirelessly, uh, to bring forth some credibility and, uh, with good work ethics, uh, to our city, we appreciate you. Thank you for your tireless work and dedication. I do appreciate, Miss Davis, for thinking of Park Manor Neighborhood Association. One thing that -- I won't take long -- one thing that Mayor Masters did say, he said, "Well, you president. You will work." So that was the truth, because when you take on that role, you take on the whole thing pretty much, but we appreciate those members here in Park Manor for their tireless efforts.

We need more people to come out and -- and help us. There's an old adage I think we can all attest to that the work is plenteous, but the labors are few. We need more workers to help the City to maintain good ethics and good credibility, and we've got to do that by working and not complaining about what the City Council do not do. We need to come out and help our councilpeople, like we help the country, to do things that we can have some notoriety here in our city.

It's -- the possibilities here are good. That's why I work so hard with them, because the possibilities are good. And I see that in my daily efforts in the city. So we need to come together with love and without so much hate and animosity. With love. And break -- come together and work with our city to help our officials to make this a better place to work and live.

I thank you all for this, and I appreciate it. Um, we will continue that until my last say, I guess, in August. Thank you very much.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Nalls, stay -- stay there for a second. Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Nalls, I just wanted to say this to you. Um, I remember when we helped organize the rebirth of that Park Manor group. And -- and when I, um, first ran for mayor I had to pass the torch on to you, and you make me very proud and humble to know that you carried the torch, and Park Manor is the largest, I believe, neighborhood group association we have in Riviera Beach. So thank you for accepting the torch and doing a splendid job. Tell everybody in Park Manor I said hello.

**CLAUDIUS NALLS:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** All right. Thank you. And we want it to be larger. I -- and I'd just like -- I forgot to say that the Park Manor Neighborhood Association boundary areas are -- they run from Silver Beach Road, um, to the north, um, and to the east is Broadway. Um, to the south is, um -- what is it, 16<sup>th</sup>?

**CLAUDIUS NALLS:** 13<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** 13<sup>th</sup> Street. And to the west is the FEC railroad tracks.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's why it's so large.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** It's got a lot of area.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** All right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, Mr. Nalls, I just want to say, uh, congratulations to you on your award. It's, uh, much deserved, and we appreciate your hard, uh, work and your continuous effort. So, um, I just would like to say congratulations on that.

**CLAUDIUS NALLS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I, too, Mr. Nalls, would like to say congratulations. And I know you have a heart for this city, and you give -- what you do is from the heart. You don't get paid. Your pay is to see the city progress, and we thank you for what you do.

**CLAUDIUS NALLS:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Congratulations, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Congratulations, yes. Um, next we have, um -- we're gonna introduce, um, the Honorable Representative Bill Hager.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Let the records reflect that Councilperson Lowe is present.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Very good.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Thank you.

**REPRESENTATIVE HAGER:** Good evening and, uh --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Good evening.

**REPRESENTATIVE HAGER:** -- thank you very much for this opportunity. My name is Bill Hager. I am State Representative for House District 89. House District 89 includes and begins on the north at Riviera Beach, in particular, Singer Island, picks up all of, uh, Palm Beach Islands, portions of, uh, West Palm Beach, and then hugs the coast, uh, all the way down to, uh, Boca Raton. So it is a privilege to be here. I represented that district

in the, uh -- the previous electoral period and, uh, Riviera Beach and Palm Beach Island were added to the district with, uh, redistricting. So it's an honor to be in front of you.

And, uh, as an individual who spent seven years as an elected member of the City Council of Boca Raton, I'm here, as well, Mayor and Town Councilpersons, to, uh, thank you for, uh -- for your service, because I know the work and the joy and all of the thankfulness you receive for, uh -- for sitting back there. And, uh, no humor in any of that.

And Mayor, I see you're running for re-election. I saw your line -- your -- your signs on the way in. And, uh, best of -- best of results.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I just need your vote, that's all.

**REPRESENTATIVE HAGER:** Happy to provide it such as I can. My priorities, uh, in connection with this community and the broader communities that I serve are very straightforward, very simple, and they are beach renourishment. I am committed to beach renourishment. Uh, again, as -- after seven years with the City Council of Boca Raton I voted, uh, consistently for beach renourishment. I respect and understand the value of our beaches from an environmental standpoint, the value of our beaches from a, uh, tourist standpoint, from an economic standpoint, and I, uh, respect and recognize the value of our beeches with respect to a, uh, part of nature and part of our lifestyle.

So you have my commitment. And, uh, apropos to that, uh, in a week or so I'll be meeting with, uh, Deputy Secretary Jeff Littlejohn specifically about, uh, beach renourishment here and, uh, in -- in our district. Another priority that I will walk and work with you, and that is the, uh, Port of Palm Beach, uh, and I appreciate its -- its position, if you will, from a geographic standpoint with respect to this, uh, community.

Um, again, as somebody that sat where you did when people like me got up and spoke, I always prayed that they would speak in a very short and brief fashion, so that is my commitment. I am finished. I'll be happy to field any questions. Like each of you, I'm on my iPhone 24 by 7, so imminently available and, uh, committed to the, uh, job to which I've been elected. So thank you for the, uh, privilege to be here. I'll be happy to respond to any questions.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, we thank you so much for coming, and you can rest assured that we're gonna bend your ear. We're gonna need your help, um, over here --

**REPRESENTATIVE HAGER:** Oh, (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- with all the projects that -- that we have. And, uh, so we're -- we're thankful that you took the time to come out and talk -- talk with us and, you know, share your mutual concerns for our city. And, um, we just thank you. And I'll need your phone number so that we'll know how to reach you.

**REPRESENTATIVE HAGER:** You'll get it. Uh, I'll communicate it to you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Very good.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. I want to, um, welcome you to -- to the new position and, um, I'm just thankful that I was, um, on the right side of the issue, and with you, and you won. Uh, secondly, as you know, um, Dawn Pardo and I have been very progressive and actively involved with -- with the beach, um, situation. And we met with Congressman Murphy.

**REPRESENTATIVE HAGER:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Um, you might want to give him a call. He's also going to be working on the federal level.

**REPRESENTATIVE HAGER:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** To make sure that we get a permanent solution to the problem that we have on -- on the island, which is in the best interests. So to know that you're on board, and the congressman's on the board, and we're all working together to make it happen as fast as we can.

**REPRESENTATIVE HAGER:** Full -- fully agree. And I -- my commitment is to remain on the same page as the, uh -- this community --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Absolutely.

**REPRESENTATIVE HAGER:** -- and the, uh -- the needs.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you so much, sir.

**REPRESENTATIVE HAGER:** Thank you, Mayor.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you for coming, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you so much, sir.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** And I'll just mention, um, I know Representative Hager and, um, I am really looking forward to working with him. He did a great job down south. Uh, he's very respected in the southern community and, um -- and like he said, he knows about beaches. And, um, he's walked our beaches, he's heard from the residents over on Singer Island, what their concerns are, so sir, I look forward to working with you. And, you know, maybe in the next two years we'll be able to get a permanent solution with your help.

**REPRESENTATIVE HAGER:** Let's -- let's get it done. Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Thank you, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Now we will have a presentation by Office of the Mayor on Veterans Affairs.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Madam -- Madam Chair. Um, well, since I'm up here let me just say this. First of all, we are -- as -- as you know, Madam Chair, the -- the Office of the Mayor is very, very busy in the community. Uh, we are doing all that we can to make sure that we don't leave anybody behind, that -- to put people first, people above politics. Whether it's veterans, whether it's senior citizens, uh, whether it's, uh, talking about protecting, uh, the safety of our children as much as possible in public schools, um, and whether it's the beach situation, we always want to make sure that what we're doing is, um, certainly the voice of the people.

And having said that, I became really convicted after hearing, um, the First Lady speak, Michelle Obama, um, and the President, and also other elected officials about how shameful it is getting that the -- the country, the number one country in the world, um, the country of the free and the home of the brave, that we have many women that are fighting for our country to be free, to stay free, as well as other nations, and yet our veterans come home, uh, shamefully; many times can't get a job, uh, housing situation is terrible, some of them are homeless. Um, never again should we ever allow this to happen to our veterans in America. And the President is going to continue to do all that he can do from a federal perspective to make sure as we talk about the No Child is Left Behind, that we respect the integrity of our senior citizens in the golden years, and others, that we certainly remember our veterans, because after all, if it had not been for them, uh, maybe we would not be as free as we are.

One of the things that I realize that as a city, that we didn't really have any kind of program or project to address -- to address this in the city. So I sought out people in the community that are connected with the veterans, and American Legion, and the other organizations that are already set up, and also went on the Internet and found out that several cities in America, including Washington, D.C., including, I think, Dallas, uh, have an Office, uh, of -- of Veteran Affairs within the Office of the Mayor. Uh, so I did my homework and went out and said, Well, let's make it happen in Riviera Beach that none of our veterans will come to this city and not be, uh, left behind, that they will have the respect and the dignity. And the Mayor has a fiduciary duty and obligation and responsibility to make sure that the veterans that return to Riviera Beach, that we do all that we can to get them on their feet and help them stay on their feet.

So I've, uh -- we've done it and I've literally given my desk, my computer, my phone, the office over to volunteers who man -- and of course, my Chief of Staff, Debbie LeBlanc-Isaacs is there to make sure it happens. Um, and they run me out and they tell me come back in four hours or whatever. I say, Okay. So I do the work out in the field. They do it inside. And Debbie is here, taking care of the other businesses of the Office of the Mayor.

So I've asked, uh, Kelly Morrison, uh, to come at this time and share with the residents of the City of Riviera Beach what we're doing through the Office of the Mayor, or attempting to do. Thank you, Miss Morrison. Let's give her a hand, please. She's here to help our veterans.

**KELLY MORRISON:** Thank you. Happy New Year, Mayor, Councilmen.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**KELLY MORRISON:** My name is Kelly Morrison. I am a veteran, and I have worked with Mayor Masters for years on what we were at that time doing a job fair through the American Legion called Leave No Soldier Behind-Hire A Hero. I left the state for four years and received a phone call about two and a half weeks ago. Didn't know the phone number, and apparently Mayor Masters had gone to my Legion saying he wanted Kelly Morrison. They gave my number out, and he asked me to take charge.

We have called it Mayor's Office of Veteran Affairs, with the due diligence that Mayor Masters was doing, and also with all our backgrounds that we have in volunteers. We came up with a mission statement, and I'd like to read it to you. "The Riviera Beach Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs," short we call it MOVA. "The mission of the Riviera Beach Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs is to effectively advocate on behalf of the Riviera Beach veterans and their immediate -- excuse me -- immediate family members to assist them in obtaining their earned veterans services and benefits. Additionally, MOVA will recognize the military service and sacrifice of our veterans in our local community in veteran commemorative events.

MOVA will continue its mission to achieve the following: Assist veterans and their families in obtaining federal and local veteran benefit entitlements and services; serve as a clearinghouse for providing information and assistance on veterans and benefits and services; maintain partnerships with county, state, national veterans service organizations, federal agencies in providing information and assistance to our heroes; solicit services from our other governmental agencies to assist the veterans, their dependents, survivors, military service members to obtain veteran benefit entitlements."

We do work volunteer. I have a total of seven volunteers, and we work from 9:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon. Now, we're not all here. Some of us are out in the field. I have some that go in areas, so I have people that are their body guards, seriously, that help them out tremendously. We have searched and we've got over 800 pages of food banks, people that will take the day care for the female veterans that are job searching, or the male veterans that have children at home.

We have found what days they serve, who they serve, how they can be served. We have gotten contacts and bridges with the V.A. Hospital, with all the counseling. We have pro bono lawyers, and this is all to -- to help our veterans. We also have in the works here locally in Riviera Beach, because there isn't one, is a veteran homeless place where they can go to stay to get back on their feet. Right now we're working between one and four soldiers or heroes. But as we increase, they'll increase. They'll have the time to get back on their feet, they'll have financial counseling, a roof over their head, with the certain guidelines they have to follow; maintain a job, remain off any, you know, alcohol or drugs that they do have. And right now that is in the works.

We have a website coming up. We have flyers going out and word of mouth, but what we are in need of is veterans. We need veterans to help us that understand, or if -- if they're not veterans, just people with the compassion to sit down and understand what our people are going through. We've been up for two and a half weeks. Right now we have a total of 180 volunteer hours. That is a lot of hours that we've put up. I'm willing to do it. They're my heroes. And I was one of them; they're one of me.

And anybody that can help in any time, the telephone number they can call is 845 -- excuse me -- 4031. Just call that number, leave a message. I will return the calls, because I'm work -- I work 24/7. It doesn't matter. But the heroes come first. I still stand by Leave No Soldier Behind. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you so much.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm sure this does, uh, the heart of Judy Davis and Shelby Lowe, who both served our country very honorably, to know that we have a Veterans Office now. One of the things that we are going to -- to do is to make sure that on the passing of any of our veterans, that our city is represented, that we're there at the, uh, funeral service, and that a tribute or proclamation, whichever the City Clerk would deem appropriate, is read on behalf of the veterans and the residents of our city.

And we have started that process already in memorializing, um, a young man who went on to be with the Lord, who was one of the veterans from World War II. And his widow is here tonight, and the family members. I shall ask them to come at this time as we shall read a tribute in memory of one of our own World War II veterans who went on to be with the Lord recently, a few weeks ago. So I'll ask the widow, Mrs. Sweeting, if you would come, and family members can gather.

**MRS. SWEETING:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** This is a picture of your husband, who served our country, World War II.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Wait a minute. I just realized (inaudible) -- that's combat.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Let's give her a hand for -- for that. As we give tribute to -- in his memory, and to you, Mrs. Sweeting, and to the entire family from the Office of the Mayor. And also, I'm sure, our City Counsel embraces, uh, our efforts, as well.

From the City Council, uh, Palm Beach County, Florida. "Whereas Joseph Sweeting, Junior --" Debbie, you need to come over here 'cause you know I don't know these big words, so come over here. I can't pronounce all these big words. You know, I'm not as literate as you are. So you stand close by.

"-- the third child of Joseph, Senior, and Charlotte Sweeting, began his life on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1926, in Stuart, Florida. He moved to Riviera Beach more than seven years ago and lived in our beautiful waterfront city until his death just days before this past Thanksgiving; and

"Whereas Joseph, Junior, also known as Skip, answered the call to serve and protect his country at an early age, entering the military at 19 years of age driving light trucks for the 598<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Laundry Company. Skip actively served with the Army Red Jacket Brigade --

**DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS:** Brigade, yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** "-- during World War II --" told you to stand close by -- earning -- she's gonna get me militarized here "-- earning the Victory Medal and Occupation Medal in Germany, a part of history that was never included in our textbooks, but we include it tonight. Receiving an honorable discharge on November the 4<sup>th</sup>, 1956, the Private E-2 left Fort Bragg, North Carolina, heading south for Florida and never looked back; and

"Whereas --

**DEBBIE LEBLANC-ISAACS:** "-- before signing up for the military, and the very day after returning home, Joseph worked for the Breakers West Golf Course. Taking great pride in his job and responsibilities, Skip learned every part of the golf course operation, from setting the cups and tee markers to knowing which clubs were best to avoid all the bunkers, right down to the handling of the insecticides, a versatility which served him well for 43 years, always having work to do and never being laid off. Apparently Joseph never forgot one other lesson from his military training. It was said that one could set their watch according to his word, because he was known for always being punctual, honest, and above all, loyal; and

"Whereas Joseph Sweeting, Jr., was truly a blessed man, having met and married his soulmate, Lucille Young, who started volunteering at the American Legion in 1972, the year before they wed. Having been the first black woman to integrate the Auxiliary Post 268 in Riviera Beach, next to Wells Recreation, Mrs. Sweeting also chose that site to start the first Back To School drive more than 20 years ago. She also is honored.

"At age 86 Joseph answered his final call to serve in God's heavenly army on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, leaving to forever cherish his memory his loving wife of 42 years, Lucille Young Sweeting, his children, their spouses, grandchildren, and other relatives and many sorrowing friends."

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. And this is the type of thing that we will continue as -- as from the Office of the Mayor; honoring our veterans and their service. So therefore, you being the first family, now, therefore, "I, Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, by the power vested in me by the citizens of our great city, do hereby pay special tribute to your family, to World War II Army veteran, Joseph Sweeting, Jr., in his memory, on this second day of January, 2013 A.D., in the honor of his service to this country and fellow countrymen in the military forces of these great United States of America." I want to thank our Honorable City Clerk Carrie Ward for making this possible, as well. "In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, to be affixed on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2013



**JENNIFER DEMPSEY-SWEETING:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you. Thank you, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You're welcome.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Now we're at Public Hearings.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Yes, we are.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Item number six.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Resolution 05-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving an amendment to the Mediterranean Residential Planning Unit development site plan, and providing an effective date.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Will there be a -- good. A presentation.

**BRAD STEIN:** Good evening. Brad Stein, Principal Planner with the City. Um, I'd also like to thank the Sweeting family for coming in. I am a veteran myself, and I, uh -- I was really touched by that. Thank you.

Um, tonight we're going to discuss the, uh, amendment to the Mediterranean RPUD. Uh, the applicant is the BTI Partners, and they're requesting the amendment to the Mediterranean RPUD. And, uh, the modification is to the, um, structure itself, the residential building, and the unit types from what was previously approved, the 968 fee simple townhomes, to, uh, low-rise luxury apartments that will incorporate one, two, and three-bedroom units in a variety of building types. The proposed development will have approximately, uh, 1,038 total units, uh, including the 98 townhome units that have been constructed in the northwest corner of the site. And, uh, an initial 30 lots available for additional townhomes and 910 apartments.

Um, the original RPUD was approved by Resolutions 162-502 on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005, and again, um, Phase 2 by Resolution 129-06 on September 6<sup>th</sup>, um, 2006, for the original 968 fee simple townhomes that were approved. The Planning & Zoning Board reviewed this on December 13<sup>th</sup> and recommended approval, and, um, staff would like to recommend approval for the proposed amendment to the Mediterranean, um, Residential Planned Unit Development with the following conditions.

Um, condition number 1, construction must be initiated within 18 months of the effective date of the resolution in accordance with Section 31-60A of the City's Code of

Ordinance. Uh, condition number 2, a two-year landscaping bond be provided, um, for 110 percent of the value of the landscaping and irrigation before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. Um, recommendation number 3, each phase of the plan must be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board and the City Council for approval prior to any building permit being issued for each phase. And, um, recommendation number 4, that the developer must provide a northbound turning lane for the project, um, going north on Military Trail. And condition number 5, final condition, the property owner shall fund the cost of a signal for the installation of the project at the main access on Military Trail.

Um, tonight we have, um, Brian Chegus with Cotleur & Hearing here and, uh, I'll let him introduce the rest of his crew. Um, and he has a presentation on the project. Let me see if I can get the presentation up here. I don't know if you just wanna run it right off of there, because it's not --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Oh, sure.

**BRAD STEIN:** You can pull it up and then (inaudible). Pull it up (inaudible).

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** There it is. That's good.

**BRAD STEIN:** (Inaudible).

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Thanks, Brad. Uh, good evening members of, uh, the Council. Um, for the record, Brian Chegus with Cotleur & Hearing. I'm here this evening, as Brad mentioned, uh, uh, requesting a, uh, amendment to the Mediterranean PUD. I won't go over any of the history of the project. Uh, this project was, uh, approved a few years back. It's been amended since then. And, uh, the amendments that we're asking for tonight, uh, are -- are relatively minor in nature, um, but we want to explain to you what they are, because we want to have, uh -- we're requesting one modification to one of the conditions of approval.

Uh, the folks that are bringing this forward are the new property owners, BTI Partners. Um, Mr. Beck Daniel is the Senior Asset Manager, and he's here this evening from -- from, uh, BTI Partners. Um, as well, Mr. Donaldson Hearing from Cotleur & Hearing, as well, is with us, uh, to speak to anything that, uh, you may have specific questions on regarding the site layout or with the planning of the project.

Very simply, we're asking to modify the types of units that were previously approved, uh, to a more efficient luxury apartment, um, concept layout. Um, and I'm going to show you some slides that we showed the Planning & Zoning Board to give them a comfort level with respect to the type of architecture that would be proposed and, uh, the -- what is gained by modifying the PUD to bring it to market with a product that's more, um, comparable with what -- what -- what -- what's in demand, uh, today. Uh, the second part of the request is, uh, just a slight increase in the residential density from a low 14 units to the acre, to a high 14.9, just under 15 units to the acre, which changes it from 968 approved units to 1,038.

Quick comparison, left to right, what exists today is the 968 dwelling units. We're asking for those additional units due to the efficiency of the design and the density increases. However, what we gain by the redesign is the existing 1.67 acres of recreational area is now increased with an additional 4.08 acres of preserve and natural land that gets incorporated into the design, and I -- and -- and I'm gonna walk you through that. As well, the lake area is increased from about eight and a half acres to just over ten and a half acres.

Who is BTI Partners? Um, the Planning & Zoning Board wanted more information about this new, uh, property owner. They're, um, a -- a large residential, uh, uh, real estate land owner/developer and asset management firm here in South Florida. They have, um, over 6,500 acres of land, uh, at -- within their portfolio, 13,000 residential units, and over 2,000,000 square feet of commercial and retail development either built or in process or approved. Uh, and it ranges from single family homes, multi-family homes, mixed-use projects, and commercial projects. They bring, uh, 25 years of, uh, track history in Florida to the City and to this specific project. Um, and, uh, by retooling this project and bringing it to market we're gonna, um, get this project developed, in the ground, and -- and then sort of moving forward.

Some of the products that they're working on, where their working, from Miami through Tamiami, in Orlando, uh, up through Sarasota and Tampa. They have large-scale projects with hundreds of acres. Again, these are some examples, just a few examples of their large-scale residential and mixed-use projects.

Here's our project, here in Riviera Beach. Um, we are, um, um, located, uh, between Military Trail and I-95 from our -- from west to east. Uh, to our west is Woodbine Commons and, uh, the Woodbine communities to the north, uh, a range of residential and commercial developments, Mystic Woods, Villa Palms, and the, uh, Palm Beach Golf Center. South of us is the, uh, Palm Beach County unincorporated Palm Lake Co-op trailer park and I-95 to our -- to our east.

Uh, I'm gonna walk you through -- it was approved, well, last approved plan, we colored it so you can understand sort of what all was previously approved by the, uh -- the Council. This is, um -- this is the, um, original plan, which shows townhouse units that -- that basically front onto a series of spider web of roads and driveways. I really don't have any discernible hierarchy. Uh, as you come into the community, you're right into, uh, uh, buildings and, um, then the network of roadways that were, uh -- that were designed, you know, units that go from end-to-end within the, uh, development. You can see, uh, there's no spare land. Uh, the 968 units fit within this program because they're townhouse style units. The north end of the project, there was a -- a large four-story, uh, um -- uh, fee simple type townhouse, uh, development, larger buildings along that northern property boundary.

What's being proposed is cleaning up the, um -- the, uh, site plan, maintaining the overall shape, but reorganizing it with a clear and well-defined, um, circulation hierarchy. Um, this is one main loop road -- it's a tree-lined boulevard -- that basically takes you to the entrance of individual communities or pods within the development.

Um, uh, each pod has been, uh, uh, programmed with a certain number of units, a certain amount of land area, a certain amount of, um, um, amenity space set aside for it, so it stands on its own and, uh, clearly maintains the existing approval. This just organizes it much more efficiently.

What do we gain? What you see highlighted in green is all that additional natural land that we set aside that we were gonna use for passive parks by paths, walking paths to get you from community to community, or to some of the larger public amenity spaces and, uh, recreation facilities within the community.

Um, with that we were asked to provide a site plan, and this site plan lays out how 1,038 units would look on the site. That's three-story type apartment buildings. Um, and -- and I'll -- I'll quickly walk you through that. Um, coming in from Military Trail, you -- the first decision point, you come in, um, to your left on the northwest corner of the existing townhouses that were developed within that front pod, um, in the ground today. Again, those -- those stand, um, as their own pod, uh, of development.

As you move from Pod A to B, these are defined as larger pods with a common recreation element. That -- that -- that orange block. And you know, that has 88 units and 72 units approved, uh, within them. The lake feature up to the road, um, uh, properties have their front on lakes or on green space, so, um, everyone has their own amenities within a pod or, um, the general, uh, communal facilities.

Large pods, again, coming to these two, uh, um, um, C and D. Again, larger numbers of units, potential, uh, roadway features where the entrances come in at the same point, so we have a four-way intersection type layout. Special features of bridges over waterways, uh, for these pods. As you come around, the same kinds of units, three-story walk-up type product, um, all -- throughout the whole development in, uh, just slightly variation in the -- in -- in the style of architecture, and again, another common area, um, amenity rec space at the north end of the project, and then out to Military Trail.

So very simple, this is a master plan amendment and, um, with that we provided architecture to show the Planning & Zoning Board so they understood what the typology of the buildings were, how they would be programmed. Uh, we showed them images of three-story product in the configuration that you would -- could potentially see them on any of the given pods when a builder -- or builders take over, uh, an individual pod to develop. This is one looking over, uh, potentially Pod I, over -- overlooking a, uh, lake.

This element shows the same kind of three-story product which overlooks a central courtyard. Again, the landscaping isn't defined, but this is what could be achieved with respect to a central courtyard being, um, a -- a green space amenity for a -- a -- a particular pod. Um, in this case it would be Pod F, with two buildings fronting onto the green space.

Some of the architectural amenities that would be reviewed by staff, um, you know, the articulation of the buildings, vertical and horizontal articulation, decorative railings,

shutters. All those elements come into play as -- at -- at the site plan review. And, um, this image is, uh, one of the green space that has been picked up or achieved by the more efficient design. If they're not overlooking a lake, they're overlooking this preserve area, again, with the paths of -- uh, pathways through it connecting the pods. The individual pods would have smaller recreational buildings, pool, uh, outdoor lanai, outdoor barbecue, bathrooms, uh, for their, uh, community's benefit.

Five conditions of approval were proposed as part of this. The applicant has no problems with conditions 1, 2, 4 and 5. Uh, we're asking simply for a slight modification to condition number 3. Uh, as each pod comes through, we're proposing the language, uh, instead of every phase or pod coming back to Planning & Zoning, coming back to City Council just for an architectural type review based on having a site plan layout and the architectural style defined and shown to everyone, uh, we're asking that it remain at staff level review. However, we have no problem if staff feels that something doesn't jive with what was approved, or there's a modification being requested, that it automatically get bumped up to Planning & Zoning and the City Council for reconsideration. But if it stays along the same intensity and density of development, and the same type of layout we are asking, where, um -- where those material changes don't exist, that it remain at a staff level, uh, for review for these individual pods.

Why is that? It will get this project to market faster. It will get jobs going. It will get tax revenues, uh, generated, uh, and it won't add a layer of oversight that we think your professional staff can handle, and, uh, has the code in place and the protections in place to be able to use as their guide. If anything does come along that they feel requires special attention, it automatically can get bumped up to, uh -- to the, uh -- the, uh, Planning & Zoning Board and the, um, uh, City Council.

So with that, we're asking for your approval this evening with this, uh, modification to the Mediterranean PUD, uh, and we are here to answer any questions that you might have.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. That -- go -- go -- could you go back to that number 3, um, um, item of concern?

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Oh, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Basically, this is saying that each phase of the plan must be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning. Are you saying that if there are any --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** That's the same condition already.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Would this affect the footprint of any buildings?

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Correct. If -- if -- if the buildings come in and there's a material change in the layout of the site plan or the intensity or --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. When you say -- when you say "layout of the -- of the site plan," you're -- are you talking about the actual footprint or are you talking about modifications to the inside of the property?

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** We're talking to the -- the inside of the property, to the -- to -- to the pod itself. Whatever pod is coming through -- they're calling it a phase; we're calling them pods. The pod comes through --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** -- and it materially has the buildings in the same location --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** -- and the parking in the same location, and the green space, we think that staff can handle a staff level -- a staff review -- a site plan review as they normally would. Uh, but if a -- if a building typology changes and it changes the shape of that pod that has been shown to everyone and staff has agreed to, and everyone has approved, then by all means, that's a pod that --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Right.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** -- would have to get bumped up --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Right.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** -- to -- for Planning & Zoning to look at --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So if it -- if it's --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** -- for you all to approve.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** If it changes the -- the -- the footprint of it --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- it has to come back.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** But if there are changes within the interior, like if I'm a buyer or something, and I want the living room bigger or a bed -- a bigger bedroom --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** No, no, no. It's just at the building level --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Then you're saying that --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** -- yeah, same programming.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- that needs to be at staff level. Is that what you're saying?

**BRIAN CHEGUI:** We're saying that if the plan stays materially where you see tonight, and in each of those pods, from that site plan, that --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**BRIAN CHEGUI:** -- that graphical site plan, and with the architecture that we're showing, that, um, staff could handle the review.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**BRIAN CHEGUI:** If anything changes beyond that --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**BRIAN CHEGUI:** -- we would be happy -- more than happy to bring it up to P & Z and the City Council.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Let me just make sure I understand this correctly, because I -- I don't think I've ever heard a request in such a manner. Are you basically saying that you want to be able to just continue to move your project along and if things change that aren't perceived by you or your company as material, then you are okay with staff looking at that?

**BRIAN CHEGUI:** What we're saying is exactly that. Staff has the ability to look at what comes through, and if it's materially the same, they have the ability and the code to review it, site plan approve it, and get it out to building permit and -- and out for construction. If anything changes, if we bring something forward and staff has a -- has a discomfort with what they're seeing, something's changed, something doesn't look the same, there's intensity added, then they have the ability to say to the -- to -- to -- to that pod developer, You have to take this back, because you've changed things that the Council hasn't seen, the Planning & Zoning hasn't seen.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I'm -- I'm trying to, I guess, find what's the need for this request? Is that not what we already do within our policy? What's the need for this particular request? I -- I must be missing something.

**BRAD STEIN:** Right. Good evening. Is this one working? Okay. Brad Stein, Principal Planner. That was the condition that was required or requested by the Planning & Zoning Board. It wasn't something that staff would normally ask for. So the

Planning & Zoning Board was worried that the intent wouldn't stay the same from pod to pod, but we have rules and guidelines per the land development regulations per the City Code that these meet and follow, and that they would have to continue to meet and follow.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, I'm just concerned that, um, something, uh, let's say we've -- we've had a building pop up here in the last few weeks that I don't ever remember approving or ever remember it being done -- and I'm sure it was done. I just don't remember it. Um, I don't want to make a decision now and three years later stuff starts popping up that someone got permission to do that whoever may be sitting here at the time didn't know or not comfortable with. I'm not real comfortable release -- relinquishing that type of, you know, authority to a company who's driven to make money and not really with the needs of what the City would --

**BRAD STEIN:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- would be. So I just want to make sure that that's not what we're doing with this action. There -- if anything needs to come back before Planning & Zoning or City Council, that we're not saying, Okay, if the company or someone on the staff level just thinks it's okay, then maybe it's okay. I just want to make sure that's not what we're doing with this action.

**BRAD STEIN:** No, no, not at all. Okay. I just want to clarify something. If a site plan was approved and a portion of it was initiated, then that site plan now lives in perpetuity. It can -- they -- they can stop for 12 years and all of a sudden start building again, because they did develop a portion of it. So as an example, this project, Mediterranean, which currently has a portion of it built --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**BRAD STEIN:** -- they -- they haven't worked on it in five years. They could just now start building the original site plan and continue with that. They just want to modify it and change it, and so this -- this -- what you were saying is, they still have to follow the City's land development regulations --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Let -- let me make --

**BRAD STEIN:** -- (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- sure I understand this correctly.

**BRAD STEIN:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** What -- the site plan that they got was not for what they want to build right now.

**BRAD STEIN:** Exactly, and that's why we're here --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So they're asking for --

**BRAD STEIN:** -- for a large amendment change.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- a modification of it. That -- that can't live in perpetuity to me. What they did was they said, Listen, we bought this property. The market fell. Now we need to try to do something to try to recoup our investment. City, would you allow us to change this? I can understand that, and I think that's a perfectly reasonable request.

What I don't want is for them to sit another two or three years, and now things may change a different way and come back and say, Well, this particular Board said that we can do this and we can just go back and forth between, um, staff. This is -- this is a total different thing from single family homes to now having, you know, uh, uh, multi-family uses. That's -- that's not the same thing, and I don't really -- I'm not comfortable with someone saying --

**BRAD STEIN:** And we agree --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- we gonna decide this for perpetuity. This -- this -- I'm very uncomfortable with that.

**BRAD STEIN:** No, no. And what I was trying to say was, what's existing there is in perpetuity. That's why they're here for an amendment to change the site plan. If they try to do any large scale change or any major change they have to definitely come before you. If they want to move a driveway, that's something that if it's a minor, minor change that we would typically do through an amendment or something like that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** How long has their property been --

**BRAD STEIN:** Staff would.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- sitting in the state that it was, 'cause when we originally looked at it, they weren't even cutting the grass out there. So how long has this property been sitting with no work done to it?

**BRAD STEIN:** Approximately five years.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Sir, are we expecting another five years with -- with this, or --

**BRAD STEIN:** May I say something? I can (inaudible) --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Not according to condition number 1. Condition number 1 requires us to get under construction within 18 months.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, I'm sure you had that condition when you got the first --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** We didn't get the first approval. We -- BTI Partners picked up this asset just this past year, so we're the new property owners. We're the new -- we're the new game in town.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, so you're not even the same person. Somebody sold it to you and now --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** We're the new game in town.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yeah, (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** So whatever has been sitting. Whatever has been waiting, we're now gonna retool the project to get it to market. That's our goal.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, okay. Okay. All right.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That sheds a little bit of light on it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, that -- that does shed a little bit of light. Um, and how do we know that this new company is going to be able to fulfill the project that they're asking for?

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Commissioner, we have conditions of approval that tell us we have to get under way within 18 months if we get what we're asking for this evening. They're intention is to get it to market as quickly as possible. The only way they can do that is if they can keep moving and get to permits.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I gotcha. Have we vetted this company? 'Cause the last company before they sold it to them had those same conditions.

**BRAD STEIN:** They did not follow (inaudible) them particularly --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It was set for five years.

**BRAD STEIN:** -- is that correct? Everything was --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm sorry?

**BRAD STEIN:** Did you actually purchase from Cornerstone or from -- because that was the original developer.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** It came out of -- how did you guys (inaudible) --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** That's (inaudible).

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Mr., um, um -- Mr. Daniel or Mr. Hearing can answer that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**DONALDSON HEARING:** Good evening. For the record, Donaldson Hearing. Thank you so much, and Happy New Year to the entire Council and Mr. Mayor and, uh, I, too, was moved by your -- your presentations, both yours and Miss Davis' this evening.

Um, BTI, uh, was the original bondholders for the -- for all the tax bonds that were on the property. So they basically financed the project, and then they ended up having to take it back when the developer didn't execute. Uh, but this is what they do. This is their normal course of business. They've got a great, uh, portfolio. Uh, they're well funded. Uh, and they're certainly committed. I think you -- each of you commissioners had the opportunity to meet with myself and Mr. Daniels, uh, uh, when we came through and kinda introduced the project to you.

Uh, so they do take being here in Riviera Beach very seriously. Uh, they're excited. They're proud to be here. They think that it's a -- you know, it's a tremendous location. Uh, it's a great asset here where it is, uh, right -- right there in Riviera Beach with a lot of great employment opportunities with the -- you know, the Kindred Hospital, V.A. Hospital, and -- and the various parks of commerce that are around here in Riviera Beach.

So, uh, we -- we feel that it's -- the type of product that's proposed right now is right for the marketplace, uh, and we've designed the plan we think in a superior fashion. Uh, and, um, you know, I'm sure Mr. Daniels, if -- if you'd like him to tell you a little bit more about his company, he can --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No, that --

**DONALDSON HEARING:** -- but they're well -- they're very well recognized in the industry.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That won't be necessary. Thank you, sir. Um, what I would like to know from C.D. is, is there some type of -- what is the best use for this property? So is there a way that we can revert it back to what would be the -- the best use if they don't do what they should do in, you know, 18 months, or what -- yeah, an 18 month, uh, start. Is there something that can go back? I just don't want to continue to change the -- you know, this particular -- the -- what they're asking, I don't want to continue to change it and -- and than they don't do something if -- if their sales aren't what they need to be, or -- you know, so is -- is there something that we can hold them to? Um, because this really should be a whole 'nother site plan, or could they buy what was already approved?

**BRAD STEIN:** Right. This is just -- this modification is just changing the product type from what was, uh, fee simple townhomes to luxury apartments. And I think what you're asking is, is there any way that we can hold them to that? I think the only thing that I can really speak to say on that is this is a, you know, a motivated company that is

coming in wanting to work with this property and try to develop a product that they think will work, and it would work, I believe, in this market. And that's really the only thing holding them, is wanting to make money, to tell you the truth. Is there a way for us --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** No.

**BRAD STEIN:** That's something we could research and --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** No.

**BRAD STEIN:** -- bring to you in the future. I mean, I -- I just -- it's private property, though. That's all I can really say about it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mr. Lowe.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Um, what type of affordable units will you guys be offering? Will it be mixed income or --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Um, there are no, um -- there are no, um, affordable housing units, uh, proposed for this project. It's a, uh, luxury apartment range. Um, just to give you a rough, um, valuation range, um, from one bedroom to three bedrooms, you're looking at approximately 900 to \$1,300 a month in -- in -- in rents. Uh, that's just sort of a -- a -- a -- a valuation that, uh -- that's been used elsewhere with similar type projects and product type. Um, but, uh, it will all be market rate, um, product. So there will be no affordable housing in this product.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** And how long till you complete build out you're anticipating?

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** We are looking and currently working with some of our -- the large apartment developers, uh, that are local and, um, it really comes down to how many pods are purchased, or how many pods are ready to go for development. So, um, the 18 months construction start date is -- is a good timeline to get that all worked out. Don't know if it will be two pods, five pods, or all ten pods. So I -- I -- I couldn't give you a timeline, uh, Councilman. Uh, it just -- I, uh -- obviously, they want to do it as quickly as possible, and with the success of the first pods that go off, obviously --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Five -- five to six years.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Okay. Well, they believe within five to six years it could be fully built out. Seems like a reasonable time length, especially with an 18 month start time.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Well, that's good. I -- I mean, that's a very good piece of property. I was sad to see it become a victim of the times.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** But I'm very happy to see someone take interest in it and hopefully you guys can put this project together without, you know, any interruption.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** We sure do need the quality housing and --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** -- you know -- you know, the sad element is that, you know, that's good housing stock and --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** It will continue to be so.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** -- we're trying to boost our affordable housing efforts, but we do need mixed income projects like this.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** So you know, I'm kinda glad to see it. The, uh -- the site is a real good site. I've been on it before when they had the -- the apartments there, and they were very -- in very good shape and a nice community. I don't know why it went the way it did, but we're glad to see somebody take interest in it and we wish you good luck. Thank you.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Thank you, Councilman.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Madam Chair?

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

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Just to be clear, are -- is the developer asking for a modification of the -- the recommendation that's in the agenda item?

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. Just so that Council is clear, the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board is --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** On top.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Is that Planning & Zoning Board or is that staff?

**BRAD STEIN:** To clarify, it's Planning & Zoning Board's recommendation.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. And, um, they're proposing the second part. I don't know -- did staff explain clearly the difference between the two? I know that Mr.

Thomas was asking a lot of questions about it. What is the difference, for the Council, between the staff's wording and, um, the wording of the developer?

**BRAD STEIN:** Well, the wording of the developer is to remove it completely.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** No.

**BRAD STEIN:** I believe. Or --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That's not what it says.

**BRAD STEIN:** Okay, okay. Well -- well, this is what -- this would happen, no matter what, so even though it's a condition of approval, if staff -- if they come in and they attempt to modify it in a way that doesn't meet or wasn't in the intent that it was, it would automatically trigger it to come back.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So you are not recommending the proposed change to what's in the --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's not what he said.

**BRAD STEIN:** We have no problem with that change. Staff has no problem.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** My only point is, there was a motion on the floor --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Right, I understand that.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That does not have that section in it.

**BRAD STEIN:** Okay. Yes. I understand.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So the Council -- I just want the Council to be aware.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** If everybody's finished? I would amend the motion to, um, um, submit this language instead of the language that's in the agenda packet.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So what does that language -- where are you amending to?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'm sorry?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I mean, we want to be clear on what you're --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** This language, number 3. At the bottom.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** It's being that, you know, our staff has said this is -- that's -  
- this is what would normally happen, anyway, so --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** It's just a part of our process --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- of -- of the procedures, anyway, per the policies of --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And they have no problems with it, so --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So you don't have any problem with it.

**BRAD STEIN:** No, we have no problem at all.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I guess --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- there is no second.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, okay.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** I'm sorry.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Question. You said that this is a normal part of our  
process, what they're asking for?

**BRAD STEIN:** That recommendation right there for the condition is a normal part of our  
city's process currently.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** For what the developer's asking, it's a part of our  
normal process.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**BRAD STEIN:** Yes, but so is also condition 1 and 2, as in our city's land development  
(inaudible).

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We're only talking about number 3.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. But the -- right. I'm -- I'm saying -- I'm saying  
number 3. If you're saying Planning & Zoning, Planning & Zoning's recommendation  
was 3.

**BRAD STEIN:** Yes, sir, that's correct.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** The -- the --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** In red.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** In red.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**BRAD STEIN:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And you're saying that the -- the -- the developers' proposed condition is in the yellow. Our Planning & Zoning staff is recommending something different than what the actual developer wants, and staff is taking the recommendation of the developer and not our Planning & Zoning?

**BRAD STEIN:** Um, here's what the issue is. They want to be able to review every pod on an individual basis when it comes in, but right now you're approving it for right now as a master plan with a site plan. But if it's come in and it's developed separately, they still want to review it separately, but that's not part of the normal process. This was just something that Planning & Zoning was requiring or requesting that you guys approve as a -- as a recommendation of the condition.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, let me -- let me ask this question, then. If it's a part of our process anyway, I mean, that overrides what the Planning & Zoning desire.

**BRAD STEIN:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Should it not be that -- I mean, what are we talking about here? Are we saying that what we have in place can be contested by Planning & Zoning?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** No.

**BRAD STEIN:** No, no.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, what are we saying here?

**BRAD STEIN:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Planning & Zoning is saying that they want to review --

**BRAD STEIN:** Correct.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- each -- each --

**BRAD STEIN:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- each phase --

**BRAD STEIN:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- of the plan must be reviewed.

**BRAD STEIN:** Okay. And I want to clarify it. It says "Planning & Zoning" but the condition should say Planning & Zoning Board and the City Council. So Planning & Zoning --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yeah.

**BRAD STEIN:** -- is absolutely going to review this through the permitting process and after it's been approved here. Every time they come in through the permitting process, we still review it, and we will compare it and analyze it, and make sure it's consistent with what was approved with the site plan. And we do that on a daily basis, and that's what we -- you know, that's our job. That's our intent. That's what we have to do with this type of project. Now, what that condition number 3 was, that was a recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Board, to review every pod separately, bringing them all back to the Planning & Zoning Board --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And the City Council.

**BRAD STEIN:** -- and the City Council, and over and over and over. So we're talking one project, but they're talking potentially reviewing it 11 or 13 times --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Right.

**BRAD STEIN:** -- for one project.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And -- and -- Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So number 3 in the yellow. Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Also, I mean, Planning & Zoning only meets once a month, so it's just very --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** If they can get a quorum.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- a time consuming, very convoluted process, you know.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And they have a problem with quorum and all of that.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And -- and they're just -- they're --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So number 3 --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- only an advisory board, and I think probably at, you know, all of these other developments that we've done, like Thousand Oaks, or -- or wherever, that hasn't been required.

**BRAD STEIN:** No, that's correct, because --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** You know, so I -- I just don't see the point in --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. So you're making the motion that we --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Include their (inaudible) --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, she -- she made the motion already and we second. We're still questioning.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, and the second, so we just need to --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm -- I'm -- I'm not finished quite yet. I'm just curious -- and I support the project. That's not an issue. Um, we didn't hear all the deliberation of what Planning & Zoning did or said, and we don't know -- I'm actually -- actually saying it to the staff. We don't really know what Planning & Zoning did. They're there for a reason. If they met, I just would have been curious to find out why they put that in there, what the minutes suggested -- none of that is listed here -- for me to say all this, and that board is an advisory board of the City to do. I just would have liked to have known why they put that there versus just saying, I'm gonna disregard what their request is. You know, I support the project but I still would like to know why they said that, um, because that could have made, you know, a difference to someone up here, you know, of that.

So we didn't get that. We don't have the -- you know, the benefit of -- of knowing what the deliberation was, um, about it, to -- to make them say why -- you know, why they put that in there. That's all.

**BRAD STEIN:** I believe we put the minutes in the packet, which are required now. I don't know if you've seen them.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** No, there's a summary.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, a summary.

**BRAD STEIN:** And then we can always get you --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** There's no minutes.

**BRAD STEIN:** -- the recording or whatever you'd like, but it's -- there's no problem. We will --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right. There's no transcript.

**BRAD STEIN:** -- get whatever explanation is required.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Excuse me. Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Do you know the reason why?

**BRAD STEIN:** They just had -- actually, is what Mr. Thomas said, they were worried about every pod coming in and being developed differently, but it wouldn't be possible because they'd have to follow what is already approved in the site plan with -- and so they were worried about major amendments to the site plan happening that would trigger it to come back anyways.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. The issue was -- is not stated what a major difference would be. It's -- it's not clearly stated in here. It's just whether the staff or the developer thinks that it's major or not. And we --

**BRAD STEIN:** No, it's staff for sure.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You know, we don't -- we don't really know what staff members would be there. We don't know -- you know, if they sell it again, we don't know how that's interpreted. So you know, I don't think it's -- I don't think it's a problem for us to deliberate on that again and try to find out why. You know, we want to all see that, you know, the particular project go forward, but you know, we -- we got to stop setting ourselves up to -- to have an issue, you know.

It feels good, and everybody's happy about it until something changes, something on the business line changes, this particular developer finds another project. They want to offload this or something like that. You know, that's all we're trying to do, you know. You know, everybody wants to support it, but we definitely need to -- you know, to make sure that it's something there, something with some teeth to say what triggers it to be a major, you know, difference, and -- and I don't see that right now.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Well, uh, I was gonna say, uh, uh, Councilman --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** -- Thomas, um, we proposed that language, uh, to say your code allows for staff to do this at a staff level if they see an issue. It has nothing to do with the developer having an issue, or the person developing the pod. It's your staff saying this is what was approved, and this is what it looks like and how it lays out. And you guys are proposing B, and it's different. Either make it look like A or this has to go up to -- to Planning & Zoning and Council, and there's no problem. If they come in with a -- a plan that changes, it automatically comes up to you guys. That's how that condition was supposed to read.

And I'll give you that -- a little bit of history with respect to, there was one board member who really wanted to have control over all the design of all the pods as they came through, and it was an extra layer of time, of -- of meetings that we think your staff could handle without them having to see it again. If a problem arises, if intensity changes, if the project changes shape, it gets kicked up to them automatically, anyway.

So two -- two things. That language isn't set in stone. If you need something a little more -- with more teeth, we have no problem with that. We want to try and keep it at the -- at -- at the code mandated level, where staff can look at this and say, This is what everyone saw. We all understand it. It's going through. Let's keep it moving forward.

And -- and -- and this is about timing, getting this to the market, and -- and getting this asset on line. It creates jobs. It will get tax base going. And right now it's not doing that. And, um, an extra layer of fat going through the process is just not gonna help us, and that's a P & Z initiated condition.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I understand. Miss Ryan, are you okay with this? Is this fine for us to just leave it like this?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You mean to change it to that?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. All -- all right. If -- I'm fine, then. No problem.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. So --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Every -- yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** One more question. Um, do you already know who your contractor is?

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** No, we don't. Um, but we have -- we are in discussions with, um -- who is the home builder?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** I'd rather not say.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Oh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** They are in discussions with some -- with some home builders now.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Well, you know --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- I'm -- I'm -- I've always been a person who pushes, uh, local participation. Um, so I really hope that you will take us up on that. Um, because it's -- it's just very important.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Councilman Davis, we will make sure that BTI Partners understands that local participation for whoever they are in negotiations with is expressed to those -- to those --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** -- potential builders.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** My question is this. What is going to be the postal ZIP code for this development?

**BRAD STEIN:** That's a great question, and it's current. I do believe it's, uh --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** 10, probably.

**BRAD STEIN:** -- 33410.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** What is it?

**BRAD STEIN:** I believe it's --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** 10.

**BRAD STEIN:** -- 33410.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** But I think -- I -- the Post Office --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Because I understand that there's some development in the City of Riviera Beach that has Palm Beach Gardens --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- ZIP code, and it was permitted, of course, before our time. So I just want to ensure that this community will have a Riviera Beach ZIP code.

**BRAD STEIN:** I don't want to open a can of worms, but there's five ZIP codes in Riviera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But one that will ensure that we do get certain dollars that we are entitled to get.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Right. Uh, its -- its PCN is in Riviera Beach.

**BRAD STEIN:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Uh, we'd be paying Riviera Beach taxes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

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

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh, the Mayor, and then Miss Pardo.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Back to what Councilman Davis said, as far as local participation. You'll put some safeguards in to make sure that that's done?

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** I will commit to you, Mayor Masters, that we will ensure that BTI Partners, um, has that -- understands what your system is, whatever program you have in place, whoever your recommended vendors are. You give us that list, we'll pass it along, we'll make sure that that gets brought up to their discussions with whomever they're, uh, dealing with.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And let them know that we will assist them as far as job fairs to make sure that our people, our residents, our people here in the City, uh, know about it.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Absolutely. Absolutely.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And they can apply. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yeah. And one other thing. I just wanna make sure that -- I believe we have something in our Code now where the developer will have to advertise -- all their advertisements will have to say "The City of Riviera Beach," correct?

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** That's correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Or they incur \$250 a day fine?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Is that how much it is?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** It's \$250 a day.

**BRAD STEIN:** There's a warning process first, of course.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** We need to stick to it.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Last thing. Um, I'd like confirmation now that, um, you -- here -- here it is that you've said that you are going to really, um, let BTI Partners know that, um, we look forward to local participation. What I would like for you to confirm right now is that you will, uh, do a quarterly report and let us know, um, what that participation is.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Um, Councilwoman Davis, is it possible to do something a little more spread out than quarterly, 'cause I don't know how much --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Sure.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** -- would change quarterly? But I understand what you're saying.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Well, six months is fine.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Some kind of periodic --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** But I --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Six months?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- what I'm saying, the bay -- the -- the -- the -- the -- the focus is --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Six months?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- that we -- we -- I want -- I want to know, and I'm sure the rest of the Council wants to know.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay?

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** And, um, uh, uh, we will -- we will get with you all with respect to how we get that information for local vendors, uh, whatever lists you have, whatever processes you have, to get your local vendors to an event with who -- whoever -- whatever -- whoever they ultimately --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** -- work with as the ultimate developer.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I know how to call you.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** And that's why I tell only the truth.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam -- Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So now we're really going to be voting on the amended motion here to, um, approve this with the proposed condition of approval number 3. Is that correct?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's correct.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, sir?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. To the, uh, counsel, legal counsel, um, as far as a quarterly report or any type of report, um, our vote is not predicated --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, yes, yes, yes, that's right.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- upon -- and that's just something that was like a courtesy. What's -- what's -- what's the legal ramifications are there, Madam Attorney?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I believe that Miss Davis was simply asking as a courtesy that --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** As a courtesy.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- he would provide that information. It is not being made a condition of this, um, approval.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Of our vote. Thank you.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Madam Clerk, we should read into the record item number 3 as it is proposed.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Oh, you want me to clarify?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** No, no, no. It just needs the clerk -- we need to read it --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- into the record to show what it is that we are voting with this amended motion.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay. You are, um --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Just read it.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Where? Number 3?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** "Where material --"

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Proposed Conditions of Approval, Number 3. "Where material changes are proposed within any phase of the plan, modified plan must be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board, City Council for approval prior to any building permit being issued."

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. We just want it for the record, what the --

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- what we're voting on.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That is the amended motion that the City Council is now voting on.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Correct. Uh-huh. Okay. Um, are we ready for the vote? Roll call?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**BRIAN CHEGUIS:** Thank you very much. Happy New Year, members of the Council.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you. Uh, we have an ordinance on second reading.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay. Ordinance Number 40-22. An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, modifying the City's five-year capital project plan to include the acquisition of the real property located at 1481 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street for a future public service complex, police department and fire department and public works facility, for fiscal year 2012, 2013, through 2016/2017, providing for severability, conflict, and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Need a second.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Were we having any -- okay. Well, we've reviewed this at the last -- well, we had our first reading on this, and I just want to remind that we now have been given so many extra days now for our, um, vetting of this project. I'm sorry. Okay. Sir?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No. I'm -- I'm just here to answer any questions. I'm Randy Sherman, Director of Finance and Administrative Services. Yes, you passed this on first reading on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Right.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** There are no changes. Again, this is amending the, uh -- the five-year CIP plan.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Right. Okay. Um, well, we do have -- are there any questions? Any discussion from the Board?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yeah. Madam Chair, I do have a question. Um, with -- you know, with regards to the attachments, they still say that we'll be saving two and a half million dollars. And, um, I'd like to know, first of all, if that's true, which I don't think so, based on the last meeting we had where you said that -- or the engineer said that we will have to spend between a million and a million and a half dollars to put a new roof and do other upgrades to the building.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Uh, my understanding is, is that the way the discussions are going -- I don't know if somebody else wants to chime in on this -- uh, is that the seller has actually offered, uh, if there are changes or requirements to bring the roof or the windows up to, uh, to code, that they would actually cover that cost. Now, again, that hasn't been put in an agreement yet, but that's what the discussions have been.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Would anyone like to --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yeah, enlighten us?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- uh, enlighten the Board and the citizens of Riviera Beach what's happening?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Danny -- Danny Jones, Interim Deputy City Manager. At our last meetings with the -- the seller, the discussion of the roof and the windows were the lead of that conversation. We received engineer studies stating that the roof and windows will meet the requirements and we've talked with a vendor, or an engineer, that the windows and roof will not meet the requirements. So right now we are seeking a third independent party to review that information.

At our last discussion with the owner, the owner was very confident that it would meet those requirements and did state at that meeting that they will be willing to guarantee that it would meet the requirements. That's not in a written document at this time. We are still vetting the due diligence process.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And just keep in mind, if it's not gonna work for us, we -- we're not gonna go forward with it. This is all a part of the due diligence. Uh, okay. Any other -- well, we'll get to the, uh, public now for comments. Bonnie Larson? And after that, Reverend Burrs? Reverend Burrs? Yeah, he's here. Okay. Norma Duncombe? Then Miss Brown, Bessie Brown.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Bonnie Larson. Very quickly, listened to one of the meetings where you discussed this, and I understand there were a lot of community meetings and a lot of this, and a lot of tours and whatever. How were those things advertised? Like, the general public didn't know about them. I didn't know about them, anyway. So I don't know how those things came to be.

A lot of people whose -- who went on these tours -- and Miss Jones doesn't even know who went on the tours -- said that they liked the building. It was a beautiful building. You can't tell. You and I have an untrained eye. That's why we have engineers. That's why we had two engineers. One said it would pass; one said it would not. Has the City of Riviera Beach -- we do have an engineer now. Has he looked at it? That's a free service. We need to have him look at it, too, in addition to paying all these other engineers to do it.

You know how I love contracts. You have got to read this contract. You have not read it. I know who wrote the contract. The seller wrote the contract. There are glaring,

glaring errors in that contract. Even if you have never read a contract in your life, you can spot those if you've read it. That's why I know it has not been read. I know that for a fact.

Um, he said he would put in writing -- he just mentioned he would put in writing he would guarantee the roof and the windows. Put it in writing. You should have had that in writing the next day, the next day. Any time you try to repair a window or a roof, it's -- you know, you can get a Rube Goldberg fix. You can get all kinds of fixes. It's never as good as having the original. You talked about it holding up during a 180 mile per hour winds. Does it or doesn't? We don't know. We don't really know that.

Um, the taxes on the building; has -- have the taxes on that property been paid for 2012 or are we gonna get stuck with that? We don't know. Do we know? We should know. We should know if this has been vetted, if this has been, um, considered in your -- in your process here.

Uh, the minute we purchase this property it will take it off the tax rolls, so there will be no more income to the county or to Riviera Beach for that property. You're not allowed, according to the contract to even go on, to even access that property after you buy it for the 14 to 16, 18, whatever it is, months that Zachry is on there. You can't go on there without them accompanying you. It says that right in the contract. Who buys a property and -- and gives up all right to go on it? I don't know who does that.

Um, oh, also it said that Zachry is on there for 14 to 16 months, whatever it is. The contract also says that if he wants to extend it, you can't withhold an extension. So it's not like the property is available as it was advertised. It's not available for at least 16 to 18 months, plus Zachry can extend it.

Read the contract. We didn't write this contract. The seller wrote it. You can tell just by looking. I just flipped through the pages and I found, like, a million things in that contract, so I know you have not read it. I know that, and we should not buy anything without reading it. We have an attorney. You know, she looked at it. How -- how can you not see any of these things in there? These are detrimental to Riviera Beach.

The property was appraised at 5 point something million. He put in a million in upgrades. Well, that's his problem. He's only owned it for one year. Now he wants out of it. Why does he want out of it in only one year?

He came here to the meeting, I saw, and he was sitting in the audience. He came up to the podium. He never spoke, never said a word. And we said to him, We don't want to put the seller on the spot. Yes, the seller needs to be on the spot because we have questions, and they need to be answered before we spend this kind of money. So, um, tonight I'm not saying buy it, don't buy it. I'm just telling you read that contract and change that contract before you ever consider doing it.

He didn't tell you about the roof leak, did he? He had to know about that roof leak. Didn't tell you about it. And like I said, you're not even allowed to go on that property

without their supervision. Something a little fishy about that, I would think. Um, that's all I'm gonna say about it tonight. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you, Miss Larson.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Just let me state for the record that, um, I don't know which contract Miss Larson is reading but, um, we have -- we have read the contract and, um, just to hit on a couple of her points, she said that Zachry has the, um, opportunity to -- to continue to lease the property at the end of the -- at the end of their 14 month lease. They do not. Um, Zachry will leave at the end of, um -- of, um, their current contract with GEU.

Also, um, the contract clearly states -- and maybe you're not reading the correct contract; there were several contracts involved -- that they will pay the taxes, um, um, until Zachry leaves. Any time, whether you're a governmental agency or not, if you lease or rent property, you have to pay the tax. Taxes have to be paid on the property, whether the City owns it or not. So, um, the taxes will be paid and, um, they will pay them while they're there.

And, um, she stated that we can't go on the property without supervision. That's because Zachry has a, um -- it's an industrial, um, building, and they're doing industrial work, and they do not want to have our contractors or engineers or consultants on the property without their knowledge. Um, they have no problem with the City coming on the property, but they -- they do want to have supervision, and I don't blame them. I would, as well. So I just wanted to hit a couple of those points.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you, Miss Ryan, for clarifying those points. I think it was important, since they were thrown out, that you give the, um -- the legal status of everything, as well as your opinion. Um, Mr. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Um, the -- the report that Miss Larson is speaking of, or the contract that she's speaking of, she stated that she got that off of the Web. Are we not updating these as we get them, or -- 'cause I -- I don't want that type of, um --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Misinformation, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- information to be out there circulating and --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** There were several contracts. There's the, um, contract between Zachry and GEU. There's the City's purchase agreement. And there's also --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Larson, they are just --

**BONNIE LARSON:** I didn't finish my three minutes. If someone says I'm telling an untruth, I would like to correct that. I read --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I didn't say you were telling --

**BONNIE LARSON:** -- the contract that was available to the public on the Web. I am not in charge --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Listen.

**BONNIE LARSON:** -- of updating it. If it's been updated, then uncorrect [sic] information is going out from the City to the residents. I read what was --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**BONNIE LARSON:** -- available on the Web, and it said very clearly --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Larson?

**BONNIE LARSON:** -- in there that Zachry can --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Larson?

**BONNIE LARSON:** -- extend if he wants to. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Larson, you had questions and she was responding to it. Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. Mr. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. I just wanna make sure that however that those contracts that are being -- I'm sure that Miss Larson can read very well, so whatever she's reading, I just wanna make sure that it's accurate if it's coming off of what we put on our Web for our citizens.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's all I'm trying to make sure of.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** All I can tell you is that there are several contracts. There's a purchase and sale agreement. There is the -- the proposed lease agreement between the City and GEU. And then there's the original agreement between GEU and Zachry. Those are the three contracts that I know that are on the -- the Web. I may be missing some, but, um, they've all been reviewed carefully.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And have they all been updated to the latest of whatever's being negotiated? And I'm not sure that we should we putting a -- a contract that's not finalized. If you're going back and forth on these things, or changing them like

that real time, I'm not sure that that's the most prudent thing to do, is just put things that we're not going to actually be, you know, deciding if -- if you're still --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** The only -- the only thing that, um, has been, uh, uh, amended since, um, the first meeting we had about this is the amendment that was approved at the last Council meeting where, um, Zachry -- I'm sorry -- where GEU agreed to extend the inspection period from, um, 45 days to the 90 days as requested by Council. And I don't -- I'm not sure if that has been uploaded to the -- to the, um -- the City's system.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Wait. 90 days? I thought it was 15 days to 45 days. I thought we had 45 days.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** They gave us another 45 days, which would give a total of 90 days, I think, is what she's saying.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But like this --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. It was--

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** It's a total of 90 days?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I think it's a total of 90 days. It was 45 days originally --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** The original was 45, plus another 45.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- and you all voted to add an additional 45 days.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So it's now a total of 90 days for the inspection period.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** A total of 90 days.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** But we were close to the expiration --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Correct.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- of the 45. All right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes, yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. So we're all clear now.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. It was a total --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We need --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- of 90 days, I believe.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So when is this expiring? At the end of the month --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Any other comment? Um, because I have asked Reverend Burrs --

**REVEREND BURRS:** Y'all ready?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**REVEREND BURRS:** I was waiting for y'all finish.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Reverend Burrs.

**REVEREND BURRS:** I was just waiting till --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Might answer some of your questions, right?

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- y'all finish. Yeah. Um, Madam Chair, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, Happy New Year's to each of you all.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Same to you, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you, Reverend Burrs.

**REVEREND BURRS:** I'm not here to try to change your mind, because I'm quite sure your mind has been made up on this project. But, uh, I don't think -- I -- I wasn't here the last Council meeting. I wasn't able to be here, but I got home early enough to look at some of the, uh, meetings. But what disturbs me is that, uh, when people -- I don't agree with the project. That don't mean I dislike you or anybody else who do agree.

And I don't think people should get upset with me because I don't agree and say I should leave town and, uh, all these type things and, uh, say that we are -- we don't have a right to question the Council. We put you there to make hard decisions. We did do that. But we do have a right to question you if we don't agree with your decisions. So I don't think people should get upset because we have our differences. And because we come in and say we ought to be able to disagree, become disagreeable, and then when we disagree with the person what's saying that, they get mad with everybody.

But, uh, y'all need to know some history about Riviera Beach, what been -- what happen. I been here working for this City for 30 years in Public Works. I'm quite sure that people what come in here talking about move, they don't know the history of Public

Works, where it at now. I guarantee they don't know what kinda -- who they bought the property from, or what kind of business were there when they bought that property.

Do any of y'all know what kind of business was there when they bought that property? Not trying to trick you or anything. It was a lumberyard. Public Works was a lumberyard. And they -- and the Public Works office was the main building to the lumberyard. And they built these structures over the Public Works. If you go down and look at it, you can see that that -- uh, the other buildings were built over Public Works.

I'm not saying that Public Works don't need to be rebuilt. We tried to get that done years ago. Tell that -- matter of fact, when they first started building that place there we talked with the contractor, and the contractor told me personally, and another -- and a friend of my own parish, we were -- we were supervisor, y'all need to get the Council to push this stuff down and build CBS, uh, uh, uh, uh, CBS buildings here. But that Council refused.

If you look at Public Works, you'll see that that building, Public Works, is an inside building, inside of the building that was built. Those -- and somebody come here saying that the bathrooms is deplorable, pig style. That's an indictment to the employees down there.

See, it's not the structure -- if you go down there when it's raining, Public Works and, uh, the, uh, Purchasing Department, they're not shifting their furniture around to keep from getting wet. It's the structure that need replacing. I assure you it does need replacing. The building do need to be -- and it could be built in phases. That was our plan when we was down there, but the Council refused to do that. And you could save money.

It's not the bathrooms. You could build around those bathrooms and save those bathrooms. Those guys in there, I -- if I was down there and somebody said those bathrooms pig style, I'd catch you somewhere, give you a piece of my mind. They're not pig style. That peoples keep those bathrooms clean. It's just the structure is metal and it's deteriorated and it do need to be replaced, but I think it can save money if you do with that. That's my belief.

Now, and, uh, so, uh, just because people don't agree with me, I ain't gonna -- I pay just as much tax as somebody come up here, we're talking about it. I pay plenty taxes, but I'm not gonna get mad with them because they agree with you. Don't get mad at me because I disagree.

So, uh, they need to -- and you all need to get some information about your City, as well. If you gonna go different from me, at least talk with the citizens who do know something about this city. Some of y'all don't -- I'm -- I'm quite sure, and I'm gonna, uh, maybe come back later. Most of y'all don't understand why we have assistant directors, assistant people to the assistants of the City. Ask them why. We have them to assist the department head. Yes, but that not why those position was created. But their -- I will tell y'all why, because y'all don't know. Y'all don't know the struggle that peoples went through to get where you are, and you done got off base for where we need to be.

So I don't think that those -- there no -- no business gonna go over there and establish business over there when City Hall go there. But if you go, we'll live with it. But I'm not mad with you if you go, but I just don't agree with it. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you, Reverend Burrs. Okay. Next we have Miss Duncombe, Norma Duncombe.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair? While she's --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** While she's coming, um, Madam Manager, we -- is it -- did we spend about \$300,000 already, um, and we were getting ready to build a new Public Works at the site (inaudible) --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Speak in the mic, please, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm -- I'm sorry.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Mayor.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes. Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** About 300 -- \$300,000 we've already spent.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** For planning and design, yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Too.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** For planning and design.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And you said some of that could be --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I'm glad you brought that out.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- incorporated into some of the new, I believe.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I don't see how --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- it can be incorporated. That's money gone. But anyway, go ahead.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Uh, Norma Duncombe, and Happy New Year to everybody.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Same to you.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** And I'm here to go on record, uh, that I disagree that you should purchase this property to move the Police Department, the Fire Department. It was a struggle to be on this main thoroughfare. It was a real struggle. And it's convenient. There are a lot of people in this city who do not drive. They can catch a bus to come here. And many, many people come to this complex to pay their water bill. They do all their services here. I -- I -- I just don't see you're making it inconvenient for citizens, especially those who have been here all their lives and struggled.

Now, the next thing I have a problem with, I'm one of those persons who -- I'm real funny when it comes to money. Number one, if you're gonna purchase a place that's already a problem with the roof, there's a problem with the windows, there's a problem with the doors, and you're gonna pay top price for it, that just -- that does not seem -- uh, it does not appear to be a wise decision to make. Now, you know, there is not unlimited money in the City. And most times -- well, my philosophy is, rather than put money -- you pay more than the place has been appraised, and the seller is very happy. He's a happy camper, and I wish I were the seller. But in the meantime, you have a situation where the place was appraised for much less than that. You just don't do that kind of business. I mean, not if you are gonna --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Not really.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- spent money wisely. And then you -- you -- uh, well, it's just really -- it's a heart breaker to do this, to make it inconvenient for people, and then to spend money in a way that it's not wisely done. Um, I -- I -- I'm not -- and I'm not angry with you. I'm just going on record that I disagree with you in terms of moving.

You can put a complex right on this site. You have plenty of room for it. You can go up five stories. Go up six stories, and have everything situated here, which is convenient for everybody, regardless of who you are. And that -- when the day come that I have to catch a bus to come to City Hall, I want to be able to get there. Is there a bus service down on 15<sup>th</sup> Street?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Is it?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But Miss Duncombe --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Okay. Well --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- we -- we -- the services -- the services that we're moving, I don't envision people visiting the Fire Department or the Police Department or --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Uh, people do go to --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- public service.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** People do go to the Police Department for --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But I'm saying, we're --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** The -- it says here, Police Department --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** (Inaudible).

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- Fire Department, and Public Works.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But we're talking about the Fire Department over on Blue Heron. Um --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Well --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But what I'm -- my -- my -- because I want you to be clear on --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Okay. I'm just --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- what we're proposing here.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- reading what you have here. And --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. We --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- I heard the City Manager say this City Hall, eventually.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But we're not talking about in this resolution the City Hall being moved.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It ain't in there, yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** It's not in this resolution. This is not what we're addressing here tonight.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Okay. But even the --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We're talking about --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- Police Department --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- the public services.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Well, the public -- uh, the Police Department, people have to go there. I mean, there are -- there are services that you have to go to the Police Department for.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, we can certainly ask how many people are coming in on a usual basis, if that would satisfy some of the concerns of our citizens, because we really --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Well, okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- want to try to address that.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Now -- and then the next thing -- and -- and I -- this was the last thing, is that even after you purchase this place, you don't take ownership, from what I understand, until whenever the lease is up. You are still responsible for anything that happens there. And -- and -- and to me, that's just not wise. And people love to serve - - uh, sue the City. So that just doesn't seem like a wise thing. I think citizens -- citizens are not against you. They just want good decisions.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you, Miss -- Miss Duncombe. And that will be a part of our due diligence vetting here. Uh, next we have Miss Brown, Miss Bessie Brown?

**BESSIE BROWN:** Bessie Brown. I'd like to say a Happy New Year to everyone on the dais.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Same to you, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you.

**BESSIE BROWN:** My question, uh, about the discussion is that we're on the second reading for, um, this resolution. The resolution was originally passed for the change of the, um -- to change the plan, right, not to, um -- for the purchase of the property, 'cause the purchase of the property was actually passed as a -- as a resolution, as a -- or the -- the -- this is Ordinance 40-22, right?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Correct.

**BESSIE BROWN:** 40-21 was passed in December. Am I right?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** For the Ordinance --

**BESSIE BROWN:** 40-21.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** It's 22.

**BESSIE BROWN:** No, this ordinance is. I'm just saying, 40-21 was passed in December.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** I'm not sure if it had a number on it, but it's the same -- it's the identical ordinance.

**BESSIE BROWN:** Okay. Okay. Uh, then, but my thing is, is that the resolution was actually passed, I think, in November for the purchase of this property. And then you all -- um, the City did receive information -- the attorney did receive information that the building, you know, was leaking, and they're having problems. My thing is, is that you still -- you have the exact same information that you originally, um, were going to pass to purchase the property. If you're going to make changes -- uh, no, if you're going to make changes to the -- to the, um, property, and you know, if they're 40 -- 90 days, if it's changed from 45 to 90 days, you know, all that stuff should be done. It should be a part of this package, so that the citizens have the correct information.

And, um -- and I just -- and -- and -- and nothing is in writing. You know, the attorney is discussing with the Council that it's going to be 45 to 90 days, and -- and then it's -- and it's not really -- really written in the current contract. And the information that the attorney, uh, received pertaining to the leaking, it's not even in the -- in the package. It -- it went to you. I read the letter. I have a copy of it, uh, Attorney Ryan. Um, you know, and my thing is that we should -- you should -- you talking to me so I'm talking back. All right?

So basically, I'm not happy with this purchase because there's enough space where Public Works is to do that. And if you really wanted to do something, you know, and it -- and it -- you all were talking about the EOC, um, building, that's the property right on the corner. That property right on the corner would have been sufficient. They had to pay \$6.6 million. It -- to -- to a place -- for a property that you won't have access to for 14 months, and then you got problems with it. You know, windows, doors as it -- what I'm saying, and, uh, roof problems. I just think that the -- the Council should, you know, start making better decisions for -- for -- for -- for the -- for the -- for the kind of improvements they plan to do, and while they are there.

And you know, and you should -- and also, you should really listen to your citizens sometimes. I mean, we have -- we have a right to disagree. And -- and -- and it's -- and it's good if you're gonna have a meeting not to have someone that's just coming here, stand up in here and like -- like Miss Duncombe -- Miss Duncombe said, disrespect us. But basically, you all should have been sitting on that dais the night that we had that workshop, not that gentleman that you brought in here. And -- and -- and Mr. Jones could -- could -- and Mrs. Jones could actually explain it to us. But I thought that was very disrespectful that our Council didn't have enough respect for their citizens to sit up there and listen to what we were saying. No matter who you hire, we keep paying money and paying money to everybody to always take -- you know, do your work. But -- but Miss Jones and Mr. Jones could have done that part. But we need to be more respectful to your citizens.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you, Miss Brown.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mr. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Um, I -- I am gonna address that, because that's not the first time that I've heard this. And, uh, what needs to -- to be stated is the Council didn't hire anybody to do anything. That was done by staff. The Council did not even know really what was going on with that. We were told -- and that is what we all agreed to -- that we were going to sit and have a community meeting all down there. Some Councilmembers chose to sit up here. Some didn't. But we were all expected to sit down there.

So no Councilmember was trying to be disrespectful to any citizen. We were just going by what was originally set up. Okay? I know everybody didn't take that gentleman very well, um, over that. You know, for that -- everybody apologizes for that. Nobody's here to try to disrespect anybody.

If this project does not work, it's not going to work. We're not going to do it. We are just doing the due diligence on it. We're saying, yes, we would like to proceed with it. We think it's a good idea, but if this doesn't work, it does not work. These things come up because of the due diligence that's going on. If it does not work, we're not going to go forth with it. That is what everybody needs to understand.

And I know information gets out before we get it, usually, um, but you know, we can't control that. The information that comes from our staff, we look at it. We digest it. You know, not everybody up here agrees with it. You know? I don't agree with the way everything is going with this, but I agree with the overall plan to do this. There's a lot of questions that I have.

I'm sitting here getting information from you all that I didn't know. I didn't know that the attorney got any letters about any leaks. I didn't know of -- I didn't know about that information. I didn't know about the -- the -- that actual, um, thing that Miss Larson, uh, talked about, but we're researching it. We're looking at the Web. I've read over that contract. It doesn't quite state what that is, but I can understand how that can be an issue.

We're going through the due diligence process just like you. No one is trying to disrespect, and we're -- we can work together on this to get this through. But understand, if this does not work, we're not going forward with it. We're not doing it. Or at least, my vote won't be to go forward with it if it's -- if it's not working. That's all we're waiting on right now, to finish the due diligence, and we'll move on with it. That's how it is.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'm so glad you clarified that, Mr. Thomas, because I was gonna do the same. Um, but I wanted to, um, just address a couple things, uh, concerning the appraisals. Uh, Mrs. Jones, if my under -- recollection is correct, did we

not go to the County and ask the County to give us the name of a -- an appraisal whom -- that was on the top of their list that they trusted?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** They gave us their list of the appraisals, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. And then we chose one of our own. Is that correct?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We chose from their list.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** From their list.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** From their list.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Our own, to do --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** To represent.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- the --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah, yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Both of them came from their list.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So there were two appraisals done, and each one -- one -- they were, what, about 100,000, \$200,000 difference. Is that right?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** One appraisal came in at seven million five. One appraisal came in at seven million six. Unfortunately, what residents are looking at are the appraised value by the tax appraiser, and that is not the appraisal value for selling property.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Well, see, this is -- this is information that --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah, they're looking at --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- I -- I definitely --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- two different things.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- had to --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- to bring up, because this is not some -- some deal where we're just paying above the appraised value, and -- and all of that. You know? So, you know, and -- and -- and these are top notch appraisals who -- who did these

appraisals. And, you know, to come within a hundred thousand dollars, um, of each other, would -- it -- you know, that just goes to show you that it's -- it's -- it was legit. So, all right?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We did put the appraisals on the -- on the Web, right?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** The actual appraisals for everyone to --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The actual documents.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- you know, to -- to -- to see.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. We're ready for the roll call now. That's the last public comment.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay. Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** No.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That vote passed with Councilperson Pardo dissenting.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And now we're at the time of public comments, I believe.

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

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We have no ordinances, so we -- and we have, uh, let's see, Reverend Burrs, and then Miss Duncombe.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I don't see Reverend. I don't see Reverend.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Reverend Burrs?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Oh, there he is.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Where are we on --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Public comments.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, we're still on comments.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Public comments now.

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

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, okay. Should have been at seven, but we finished up the, uh -- uh-huh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We may get out of here by eight.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Um, Madam -- Madam Chair and Council again, what I was, uh, hoping to, uh, get you all to understand -- and I'm quite sure it was -- the project is going forward regardless what anybody say, much what Jesus come and tell you, you going forward with it. It doesn't matter.

But there are, uh -- the -- the, uh, Public Works could be, uh, renovated and the -- and the project could be -- uh, could save money because it was a -- a lumberyard when the, uh -- when the City purchased it, and you're going to a lumberyard. And I heard somebody ask the questions concerning the coming up to the code, where they gonna make the building that you purchase gonna be to code, and you got to get, uh, some, uh -- some consultants to, uh -- to, uh, inspect the building to see if they would meet the code. Matter of fact, why we -- I don't know why they got to pay anybody to do that, but you're Building Department should know what the code calls for to decide whether they meet the code or not.

But anyway, uh, my concern, again, is on the -- by being in this City, working for the City for over 30-some odd years, and saw -- and seen where the City have come from, from when there was none of you all sitting up there like this now. Only person I remember -- I remember when Michael Cunningham was sitting there, the first black person to serve on this Council. And then he did a wonderful job and came along, uh, uh, uh, uh, Moultrie [phonetic] and Arthur Taylor and others who fought to get this city to a point where everybody would have equal access, and, uh -- to the jobs and et cetera.

And I remember distinctively -- and this what disturbs me so bad -- when Arthur Taylor and, uh, Moultrie would try to get, uh, uh, uh, a gentleman, Earl Mixson [phonetic] in the Finance Department as a Director of the Finance, and the peoples -- he was qualified, educated, and they said no. Why? Because he did not have the experience. They was

trying to get, uh, young peoples in Riviera Beach in the position. So that's when they create the these assistants to they positions to, uh -- so the peoples could have the experience. But we done left that base. That's how come young peoples don't come back to this city, because they don't have a chance.

Point in -- point in case, our City Clerk. The best in the country. Hope she be our next Supervisor of Elections of Palm Beach County. She have trained her person assume her -- for her position when she retire. I sure she's qualified. Stay in the City. I'm assure you, when this clerk retire you'll be advertising for that position. That's why the position was not created for that. When she step down, that person should be in that position. Any department head who have worked in a department for five years and have not trained nobody to take they position, I always said they have not done a good job. This what disturb me now.

Uh, I see Bruce Herring -- and they my good friends. Uh, Ahmad and Bruce Guyton, whether they -- well, I'm their friend. I'll put it that way. They got education. They went to school. Bruce, uh, Bethune-Cookman, and Ahmad from Florida Memorial College, and -- and Bruce Guyton, he's in Economic Development. These young mens went out -- we ought to be standing here, standing shoulder to shoulder, instead of fighting over this issue. We got a difference. We're fighting over that. They should be fighting for those jobs that coming into town for these -- these assistant positions. That's what they was created for.

And we done left the base. And that's why we have so much diversity [sic] in the city, because our young peoples will not come back because they know they cannot get a job here, because when they got -- nothing against the City Manager, nothing against the peoples that are here, but that's what those position was created for, to help our young peoples in town, and we done left that base. Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Thank you, Reverend. Karen Ho?

**KAREN HO:** Yes. About time (inaudible). Okay. Yes. You gonna put three minutes up there?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**KAREN HO:** Okay. All right. My name is Karen Ho. My address is 1230 Gulfstream Way, Singer Island, Florida, 33404. Um, um, I'm totally agree with the ladies how convenience this city place that I can come to, pay my water bill, visit the Police Department, go to the library. And it's the most convenience location for everybody. Because majority of the people don't have a car, and the car is expensive to have. It costs \$10,000. So for people to -- able to hop on a bus and arrive and pay all the water bill, visit the police, say hi, complain, everything works. Perfect location. Don't move.

Now, about the appraisal, that appraisal is -- I own lands in Okeechobee. People want to pay -- uh, State of Florida want to pay my land, and right next to my land was my neighbor, my friend. Appraise value, 2,000. State of Florida pay my land, 20,000. Go figure. Okay? So appraisal, I don't agree with it.

Now, about my water bill, 1281. I also own the house in 1281 Yacht Harbor Drive. Guess what? One year I got \$2,500 water bill. I say, For what? You got swimming pool? I say, No, it's been filled. I hardly ever use water. Okay? So I have my neighbor come in, take a look. I took a picture. Everything kept on. Came here. Shook everybody's hand. Say there's a mistake. Please check. They correct it.

So this year, October, I told my husband, I say, Hmm, I wonder what's my water bill gonna be? Okay? So 1230 Gulfstream Way, I got a water bill. \$633.45. I say, Wow, my usual bill is only between 45 to \$62. Why so much? I don't know. But I took a picture. I invite all my friends come over, take a look at it. It's nice beautiful new meter, but it's \$633.50. Something like that. Okay?

We turn on water. We see whether the meter is working. The meter is working. We shut all the water. The meter is not running. So that means there's no water leak. Okay? Across the street, my friend, Cathy, she also receive a water bill that was over 2,500 on year 2010.

So what I'm trying to say is I love City of Riviera Beach. I have two houses and I pay a lot of taxes. So spend my money wisely. Okay?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All right. Ma'am, I have a question for you. So have you gone to the Water Department to get this bill fixed?

**KAREN HO:** Yes, they always fix my bill, but this year I went downstairs, I say I would like to pay my regular water bill. And they say, Your regular water bill is \$633 and something. And with a late fee. How come you have not been paying your water bill? I say, What? I want -- I -- I came in last month and say, Please check on it, and you -- you say, Yes, you will check on it. And so I'm coming here to pay my water bill. Besides, I always pay my water bill two months ahead.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**KAREN HO:** Okay. So I always have a surplus, so that in case I don't receive the mail correctly, the water bill has been paid. But \$633.45 is way too much.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. So they haven't fixed that bill yet?

**KAREN HO:** Well, they haven't.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay.

**KAREN HO:** Uh, I took a picture.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay.

**KAREN HO:** My husband look at it. My friends look at it. It's not -- there's no leak on the house.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All right. I took down your information.

**KAREN HO:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** I will talk to the, um -- the Water Department tomorrow morning for you and we'll get back to you sometime tomorrow afternoon.

**KAREN HO:** Please.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And before you leave, one --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Make sure you have your bills with you.

**KAREN HO:** I have --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. What I have --

**KAREN HO:** Yeah, I -- I'm a saver.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Because I'll have your (inaudible).

**KAREN HO:** I'm a -- I save all my bills since the day --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay.

**KAREN HO:** -- I purchased the house. Another thing about your purchase, about roof leak. When I buy the house, I say, Oh, I love it, I love it. And then I see, Oops, water drip on my head. I say, Gee, where did it come from? The seller say, Humidity, humidity. Okay? Guess what? I need new roof a lot. Okay?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay.

**KAREN HO:** Humidity. Seller say it's humidity. That's why that water drop on my head. It's not because of rain. Got it? Thank you so much.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Got it. Okay.

**KAREN HO:** Happy New Year.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Happy New Year to you.

**KAREN HO:** We are all one year wiser. Bye.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Hopefully. All right. We'll get back to you tomorrow afternoon, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But just to let her know that we did, on November -- November the 7<sup>th</sup>, we did approve a resolution that the persons, when you receive a water bill that exceeds 100 percent above what you're usual bill is, that what we would

allow is for you to pay the previous month's bill for that month, for that bill -- the month you got the \$600 bill, you would pay the previous month bill, and for the next four months they would, uh, uh -- well, they would look at your history for 12 months, average out what it is, and then for the next four months that is what you would pay. And that is what we're trying to implement because this is something that became effective November the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**KAREN HO:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So Miss --

**KAREN HO:** For my water bill on December, I have a surplus of \$62.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**KAREN HO:** So I have it now for \$633.45. I will have a surplus of \$62. Because I pay ahead of time.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You pay ahead of time. I understand.

**KAREN HO:** Yeah. So I don't have a negative.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. But we do have --

**KAREN HO:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We should have the --

**KAREN HO:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- procedures in place so that persons like yourself, getting these astronomical bills, will not be required to pay the bill.

**KAREN HO:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And so we're working on getting the -- those policies -- the policy and all of the procedures implemented --

**KAREN HO:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- right away.

**KAREN HO:** Thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You're very welcome.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** The Council is certainly to be commended for, um, doing this and -- and making it possible that people could challenge it and in the meantime wait until there's an answer. So we want you to know that the Council made a wise decision with -- with -- in that regard.

Secondly, I -- I think you make a very good point. The fact is that everything is here in one central place. All of our central services basically are centrally located in one place. When people come from other parts of the country, and they see our main Police Department, our main Fire Department, our City Hall, our main library all here, it's -- it -- people love it because they -- you know, this is a complex. So I don't want to take your point lightly. I think it's a great point and I think a lot of people are, um, disenchanted or not satisfied with the move because they like the central -- central, uh, location, and it is convenient for all, for students and -- and others.

So that is -- has been a hallmark traditionally of having a -- a complex in one place for all the people to come -- can come. And it is centrally located and convenient. Thank you so much.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Norma Duncombe? Ma'am?

**KAREN HO:** I have another issue.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. We'll call you back in the next -- I guess. How many -- you -- you had one card?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** No, she had -- she had about four cards, I think.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** On the public comments?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah, she wrote about four.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** On the public comments. All on the public comments.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, this is a first. Okay, Norma, Miss Duncombe.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** I didn't mind if she -- you wanted to finish with her. Okay. Norma Duncombe, again. This time I'm here, I'd like to make sure that I, uh, give credit to good services that I receive from the City. Uh, I think it was the -- the Christmas Day or maybe the day after, we noticed, uh, water in the streets across from our house. And what we did was, we called the emergency number and, um, the -- the day after Christmas, and immediately, uh, the workers came out to check to see what was going on. And of course, I went across to find out what was going on, and they immediately said, Well, okay, we're here to investigate, because something is going on, and we will let you know as soon as we know what's going on.

And I'd just like to complement the workers that came and, uh, worked on, uh, the main -- it was the water main broken, or whatever the problem was. They came out and they jumped right in and started working. And, uh, before the day was over they had placed,

uh, the cards letting us know that we needed to boil the water because of the problem that was there. And I would just like -- I don't know them by name, but I'd like to let them know that we really appreciated the services that they gave us.

That is in contrast to the service where we lost -- this was a while back -- the top to our garbage container, and when we called Waste Management, they told us they could give us something in a week or two. Well, could you imagine garbage being uncovered for a week or two? And I'm bringing out the point was that when we placed garbage and trash pickup with a service, it makes a difference in the services that you receive. Now, Mr. Guyton was in charge of pushing those services away from the City. A lot of people lost jobs. They do not respond readily to problems that you have. And I was very upset, because number one, it was not something that we did in terms of the garbage cover. When they dumped the garbage, I guess the container top came off in the truck, and it wasn't deliberate, but it was a problem.

So, uh, I just appreciate the Utility Department, the response that they gave, the services that they gave, and everything was cleared up and we just appreciate you. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You're welcome. Mr. Davis, Terence Davis? Mr. Davis, I know your card had been submitted for Item 6, but we had already begun to discuss the matter.

**TERENCE DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And it does state that cards must be submitted before the item is discussed.

**TERENCE DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**TERENCE DAVIS:** So is it okay for me to speak about it?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, well, sure. Public comment. Anything you have --

**TERENCE DAVIS:** Okay. Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- to say, sir.

**TERENCE DAVIS:** Okay. Happy New Year to everyone, to the Mayor, City Manager.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thanks.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you.

**TERENCE DAVIS:** Present Council and attorney, um, BTI came in and spoke, did a very fast presentation about the issues that took about 30 minutes. Um, I agree with,

um, Councilwoman Davis when she talked about local participation and asking for them to do that for us. Uh, one thing I'd like to ask the Council and the staff to work with them on is to create a list of items, like talk about what type of jobs that will be available for our people, how many of those jobs, and what qualifications what our local residents will be, uh, needing to come there, so when our present mayor brings his job fairs, that we can know exactly on how we gonna measure how many people are gonna have some jobs, so that we know what's going on in our community. Um, I'd like to say moving forward with the new year, and hopefully everyone gets better and better as local leaders here in the city. I thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you, Mr. Davis. Okay. Miss Larson? And after Miss Larson, Miss Havener. And I guess we still are gonna have more. Oh, he's already been.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Bonnie Larson. I'll work backwards from some of the comments which have just been made. We're talking about the local participation in the Mediterranean complex. I don't believe that's a legal thing to do, to mandate that and then we say, well, it was just a courtesy. But what you don't want to do is give the impression that you are going to do something or -- or approve or not approve them. So I think it's -- I -- I don't know. If I were on the Council, I wouldn't do it, because it gives the impression, even though it's just a courtesy, that you might by making your decision based on that.

Um, we talked about the Planning & Zoning. That was that same complex. We're talking about the Planning & Zoning only meets once a month, and that's an awkward situation. Well, the Council now only meets once a month, so that is an awkward situation, too. Uh, you've already run into that, because you wanted to vote on the industrial property for the second time, and you couldn't because you only had one meeting in December.

So the Planning & Zoning, also it was said that they're just a volunteer board. We have to be careful when we say things like that, because these are people who volunteer their time, their effort, their knowledge, and -- and then it was said that we don't know what they said. We just got a summary. So we don't really know why the reason they were asking for, um, updates and to approve every one of the sections of that complex.

We don't know that because it's not on Channel 18. It needs to be on Channel 18 so that everybody can watch it and be aware of what's happening within the City. The residents need to be aware. The Council needs to be aware. All you're getting is a summary. It's not the same thing, because summaries are open to interpretation. It's not the same thing. There was a reason those people asked for that. I don't know what it is, but you need to watch that meeting. And the only way you can watch it is on Channel 18. You shouldn't have to request it specifically. It should be there, available - - it's only once a month -- for everybody to be aware of what happened at those -- at those meetings.

I looked on the website for something, and there was one department which was ten years out of date, so it's -- you know, it's a fairly new website. We need to have every department update their information. I was looking at some figures and it was -- and then it said it was like from 10 years ago. And I go, What the heck? This is a new -- this is a new website. We need to have everything current. We talked about the contract for the industrial property. The only place I get information is from Riviera Beach. When I read contracts -- and I'm pretty good at reading contracts -- if it's an outdated, then shame on Riviera Beach, but that's what it said was that Zachry could request an extension if they wanted to, and couldn't -- um, there's a term for that. I can't think of what it is -- we couldn't, uh, deny them that if it was a reasonable request.

It was also said tonight that the City Council's not -- the City Hall is not moving now. It's not -- this is not in the resolution for what we're doing now. That's the thing. It's not in the resolution now because we can't disrupt the entire city, but yes, you do want to have all your -- all your, um, services in one location, and that's what we have right here.

So yes, the Police Department does need to be rebuilt, and yes, Miss Brooks, we do have reason to go to the Police Department. And I'm never alone when I go there. There's always other people there. So we need the convenience of it, which is what we have right here.

Um, the Metro Rail, oh, a lot of comments on that, but Mr. Thomas, you asked some good questions. Do not put anything in writing, anything that they are allowed to store their cars here in Riviera Beach. They're not gonna have a stop in Riviera Beach, and I can tell you why. My time is up. Do not let them stop here without that in writing, and you're not gonna get it. You ask good questions, but you're not gonna get it, so don't let them come here and store their -- don't let us be a dumping ground, as people have said. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Um, Miss Havener?

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Good evening, Miss Havener.

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** I came here tonight to thank all of you up on the dais there, including these young people here, for all the good work that you have done for the citizens and for us for the last year. And I want to mention something to the Mayor, as well. My husband was a veteran. When I met him 56 years ago in England he was a staff sergeant in the Air Force in Korea.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes.

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** We met and married. Also, I want to commend you for your piece in the paper about the guns.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes.

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** I hope that we can get that -- something resolved and something done with the -- with the schools here, and that we can protect them. My husband's a crossing guard at Mary Bethune.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** So I can worry about him. And I want to wish all of you the best for the new year and a special thanks to Miss Davis -- I nearly forgot you, Miss Davis -- for all the help that you have been in our neighborhood. Any time that we have asked help from Miss Davis we've got it right away. And thank you all very much.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you, Miss Havener.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You're welcome, Miss Havener.

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** I appreciate everything you've done.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair? Miss Havener? Miss Havener?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Nice to have complements.

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Just -- just one second. Thank you so much for all that you do to -- to --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- make our city the best waterfront city to live, work, and play.

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** Thank you. I like to help.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And I want to -- I want to invite you on January 16<sup>th</sup>. I will be presenting the petition, along with other mayors, uh, and community leaders at the school board, asking to have the installation of metal detectors in all Palm Beach County schools. I would love for you to join us when we make that -- when we present the, uh, petition.

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** You'll have to let me know again, because --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'll come and get you.

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** -- I (inaudible) --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'll come and get you.

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** And Miss Davis, any time that you need help again, I'll be glad to help you --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Thank you so much --

**VIVIAN HAVENER:** -- any time. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- Miss Havener.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And the last comment card I have is from Bruce Guyton.

**BRUCE GUYTON:** Madam Chair, Council, uh, City Manager, Mayor, my name is Bruce Guyton, and I'm a lifelong resident of Riviera Beach. Um, I didn't come expecting to speak tonight, but I see that my name was repeated a few times and, um, maybe I need to say a few words here to clarify some things.

Um, there was an accusation made regarding my, um, participation with, um, privatizing our Rescue services. Let me just say that first of all, there are five people that sit on the City Council. In order to get anything passed, we need at least three votes. So to put everything on my shoulders, I don't know, maybe it's a compliment, but let me just clarify that we have been ahead of the curve for years. If you look at most municipalities, most of them have privatized their services. Do you know why? That has been proven through their own studies to be the most efficient way to do it. Whether we like it or not, whether we have family working for this department, my concern was about the people. When we did that, my water bill went down \$5. And that is significant to anybody's water bill.

So I stand up. I embrace my decision. They're giving me much too credit as if I did it on my own, and everybody followed Bruce. I didn't have that type of influence, but what I did have was a mind to think for myself. I didn't let anybody intimidate or influence me. I made my decision based on data, documents, and evidence. And if you look around this country now, most municipalities privatize their services.

The other thing is, this is clearly political rhetoric. We're going into an election season. Everybody know I'm running for District 1. On January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 you can meet me at the Peanut Island Bar & Grill. I'll be having a kickoff. And they are going to be attacking those of us who are candidates. So I look forward to it. I'm ready for a very lively election, and come March I plan to be sitting right there on that dais. Thank you very much.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Madam Chair, if you gonna break the rules for one, you need to break them for all.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'm sorry?

**REVEREND BURRS:** If you gonna break the rules for one, you need to break them for all. Now, I has nothing with Mr. Bruce Guyton coming and speaking, but the -- the procedures are that you have -- must have your card in before the procedures -- before the comments start. I'm a victim of that.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That's for just items on the agenda for discussion.

**REVEREND BURRS:** I -- on items -- no, ma'am. I have put a card in late for comments and they turned me down in the past. I -- I -- they did that to me.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Reverend Burrs, would you like to speak?

**REVEREND BURRS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Because I thought you --

**REVEREND BURRS:** But I just -- no, I just want to -- I don't care to speak.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I had excused myself.

**REVEREND BURRS:** But I just want y'all to understand. I want y'all to understand, if you gonna break the rules now, you gonna have to break them for all. So keep that. I got nothing with Mr. Bruce Guyton speaking or nobody else, but you must -- if you got some rules, you must follow them for everybody.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Under --

**REVEREND BURRS:** That's all I want to say.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Under Public Comment, and you all can --

**REVEREND BURRS:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- correct me if I'm wrong, you can bring a card in at any time on a Public Comment.

**REVEREND BURRS:** But -- but --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But when there's an agenda item --

**REVEREND BURRS:** I honest --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- and the resolution has been read --

**REVEREND BURRS:** I -- I --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- and the item discussed, you cannot present --

**REVEREND BURRS:** I understand --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- a card.

**REVEREND BURRS:** -- what you're saying, but I'm telling you now, that has happened to me right here. I brought a card in after the comments had started. They would not let me speak, right here in this Council.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** During -- during Public Comment time?

**REVEREND BURRS:** During Public Comments. When Public Comments. It did it to me. Now, I got no problem with Mr. Bruce or nobody else coming up and speaking, but --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Did I do it to you?

**REVEREND BURRS:** Yes, they did it to me right here.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Now, you say they.

**REVEREND BURRS:** The Council.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'm saying, the Chair. Did I do it to you?

**REVEREND BURRS:** The Chair. Miss -- Miss -- Miss Pardo was the Chair at that time.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Well, I just want to make it clear.

**REVEREND BURRS:** So y'all don't have your rules written out for everybody, not for one person.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, what -- what is the rule on that?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And we accept what you say.

**REVEREND BURRS:** That -- that -- that's the --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But as Chair, I try to be fair to everyone.

**REVEREND BURRS:** And I have no problem with nobody speaking whatever.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I do try to be fair.

**REVEREND BURRS:** But just -- but that -- that wasn't fair.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And if I'm not, I apologize.

**REVEREND BURRS:** But you got -- most peoples here could tell you the same thing what I'm telling you. That's had happened.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. But we're talking about the history. But I'm talking about currently I would not do that.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Okay. So the rules are now you can put your card in at any time during Public Comments, whether it's the beginning or the last?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes. We're saying on agenda items --

**REVEREND BURRS:** Okay. Well --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- that once it has been read. There's nothing read under Public Comments. We're saying, when an item on the agenda has been --

**REVEREND BURRS:** | -- | -- | --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- read.

**REVEREND BURRS:** I clearly understand that point.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**REVEREND BURRS:** But I'm only clear to say that y'all need to -- every councilperson up there ought to have that in writing, that if you put your card in even after Public Comments have started. Whoever -- whoever's Chair after you, they ought to -- they ought to know that, because next person have the Chair after you may not know that and -- and do to me what was done to me in the past.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That's true. That's true. And perhaps --

**REVEREND BURRS:** It ought to be in writing.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- our attorney can keep us on course with that. Thank you, sir. All right. We're now down to -- I want to make sure. Are there any other Public Comment cards? All right. We're down to regular business -- business. And I know that we do have, that was taken from the Consent Agenda, Item Number 1, and so we would read that. Who pulled out on Number 1? Was it, um, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Cedrick.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Cedrick. Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Councilperson Thomas.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All right. So we need to read that resolution.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Resolution 01-13, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving an interlocal agreement between the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, and the City of Riviera Beach accepting fundings in the amount of 132,634 for the continuation of re-entry services, authorizing the Director of Finance & Administrative Services to set up a budget for same, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Second?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes. I'd like to have a presentation on these funds.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Did we get a second?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you. Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, I thought I heard a second. I'm sorry.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I thought I heard a second.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Danny Jones, Interim Deputy City Manager, standing in for Jeanette Gordon, the Justice Service Center coordinator. As you know, in 2007 the Justice Service Center program was established, and since that time it's serviced about 1,200 Palm Beach County residents. The re-entry program is geared toward the northern Palm Beach County area. Ninety percent of those residents or participants are from Riviera Beach. Annually the program services approximately 100 participants, meaning that we service about 90 Riviera Beach, uh, citizens annually. The recidivism rate over the life of the program is about 25 percent. Twenty-five percent of the people fall short and have returned to some form of activity, where 75 percent of those persons receiving services have gone on to be productive citizens.

Some of the main services provided by the Justice Service Center include help bridging the gap to get needed services for employment, such as a valid I.D., uh, helping the participants get their birth certificates -- often they lose those type of items, uh, when they're incarcerated -- a valid Social Security card and a driver's license to become productive citizens again.

Some of the core components of the program include job training services, transportation services, supplemental housing services, and employment training, and some on-the-job training in the last, uh, couple of years in the construction field. This annual budget of 132,000 is provided by the County to provide those services and the City's contribution is roughly about \$15,000. And that is in the area of space. We typically over the last couple years has paid for the space in which the program is housed in.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** How much was that?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Approximately 15,000.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So is that -- is -- is that the amount -- that's the total amount that the City has --

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** That's -- that's the total amount the City's responsible for.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And where's this space located?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** At the Port Center,, along with the Human Resources Department and the Police Department Detective Bureau and Code Enforcement. Uh, actually, they're on the third floor, just opposite of the Human Resources Department.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And are -- are they the only ones that occupy that particular space?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** On the third floor we have the Human Resource Department. Opposite, uh, across the -- the hallway is the Justice Service Center. And in that they have their own unique suite.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So the only amount of money that the City is putting toward this is 15,000.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Approximately 15,000, sir. Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Not -- no other benefits or anything like that that comes with this?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, sir. Uh, right now it's in-kind. That's -- that's paid through the space that the Justice Service Center uses. There are some, uh, incidentals, um, from time to time that may come up, but no, uh, serious contribution by the City.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. And that -- those budgets were put into this backup as to what the responsibility of the City is going to be.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Sir, I didn't hear your question.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That -- those things that you're speaking of?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Those potential incidentals, those -- the extra 15,000, none of that was put into this backup to see what the total cost of what this -- accepting these funds are going to -- to be and -- and what this program is really costing us.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. Um, that may have been an oversight on staff -- uh, the coordinator's part, but we can provide you with a detailed breakdown, um, of those costs associated with the program.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I would definitely like to, uh -- to have that. And I would also like to know what's going on with Youth Empowerment. I keep seeing re-entry, uh, and that's the adult part of it. What -- what's going on with Youth Empowerment, and what are we doing with that program that's supposed to be, um, taking off?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Our Youth Empowerment program is still active and going. Uh, it's being supplemented through the City's budget process to the tune of approximately \$100,000, and we also receive funding from at least two different sources, uh, through FDLE and through the Criminal Justice Commission to continue to fund that program.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So that program is strong and being funded.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** It's being funded, yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. No problem. That's all.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes? Um, yes, Mr. Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Well, I'd like to start off by saying that it's, uh -- it's sad that we don't fund this, uh, program, properly. Um, 90 percent of the participants are from Riviera Beach. Matter of fact, my brother was one who was, uh, recently, uh, released from the County Jail and -- and needed services and needed an opportunity to get re-acclimated back into society and, uh, to gain some decent and respectable employment.

One of the difficulties with, uh, re-entry is that -- you know, we do our part in terms of screening and providing social, uh, services to these, uh, individuals. But the connection is dropped when we prepare them and then we send them out into the work environment like they're a regular citizen and can qualify for the jobs that exist today. And -- and sadly, once you reveal that you've been involved in some criminal activity, you know, that diminishes your chance of employment.

And, um, what -- what I try to alleviate, uh, through working with this program -- because we've done one major project on 36<sup>th</sup> Street where we've used, uh, ex-felons and put them to work, and I've seen the program work. I've seen the camaraderie between the individuals that participate. I've seen the, uh -- the enthusiasm, uh, in the individuals, especially when they are afforded an opportunity to gain a second chance.

One of the crippling elements of this program is the fact that we don't have the resources to provide a steady, um, work program for these individuals.

Now, the need in this community is great. You know, we have a lot of residents that still have blue roofs on their -- or blue tarps on their roof. Uh, we have a lot of residents that, uh, still have hurricane damage that live in dilapidated housing that could use some form of assistance. And, uh, you know, my, uh -- my idea was that if we committed hopefully -- I mean, in a -- in a real serious way to dedicating some dollars so that we could take care of these small problems that exist in the community, we'd have - - we'd have a job that can be overseen by either the City or the Justice Service Program that would put these folks to work.

The results are there. We've seen it work. Uh, I've been involved with this program for at least two years. I'm on the sub-committee for, um -- for, um, ex-felon re-entry with the County. And that's -- you know, I'm talking with folks throughout Palm Beach County, and that's the underlining fact is that we can't place these people. And they are ready and willing when they come to us to get their lives on track.

And I would like for this Board to, uh -- to really look into, uh, what we're doing at the Justice Service Center and, uh, find more resources to get this -- get this program off the ground, where we can provide a consistent stream of opportunity for those that have to be re-introduced back into our community. 'Cause we see it every time. Folks are just going -- it's a revolving door. They're going back and forth into jail. And, uh, you know, we just simply can't afford it.

And this is our program. You know, the County has been gracious enough to provide funding in the past couple of years, and we've scraped for funding. We've actually gotten grants through different sources, but most of the work that needs to be done is -- is right here. And it's a win-win situation. And I appreciate the money that we did receive, but I would encourage anybody that, uh, is serious about providing opportunities for folks that have -- that need second chances to really consider ways that we can enhance our program and become more committed, and that commitment comes with dollars. And, um, the opportunity is there, and the resource is there. It just takes a little bit more creativity.

So I -- I commend the, uh, staff at the Justice Service Center. They've done a wonderful job with the limited resources that they have but, um, there's room for us to do more. And we can at least match the -- the 133,000. I'm sure the money would be well spent, because there's plenty of -- of people in need right here in this community that we could help. Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam -- Madam Chair?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Mr. Mayor. Yes?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. Um, I certainly agree with, uh, distinguished -- my distinguished colleague, uh, Mr. Lowe. Um, Jeanette Gordon is -- um, has gone beyond the call of duty; um, a great administrator of -- of the, uh, program. I've seen her working almost around the clock to make sure that, uh, that population is served, number 1. Number 2, um, they have worked very closely with the Office of the Mayor. As you know, we have consistently and, um, very often as much as possible given job fairs to make sure that we are doing what Councilman Lowe is -- is talking about. It's having job fairs only for ex-offenders, and we're getting ready to have one in the next two or three months, where we have identified businesses in Riviera Beach and businesses in Palm Beach, um, in neighboring cities, that's gonna work with us to make sure that ex-felons are given an opportunity to work.

We've had a few, um, job fairs for ex-offenders in the past. There's two requirements. One, you must be an ex-offender. Two, if you're an employer, you must be committed to hiring an ex-offender. Now, this is in the best interests of our city and the county, because Chief, you know that almost two-thirds of offenders that are released, within the first year they re-commit crime. Uh, if we can get them gainful employment, particularly in that first year, I -- I think we can make a dent on the recidivism rate of crime, and them going back and committing even worse crime during that first year than they were in for the first time.

So we will continue, um -- and Councilman Lowe is correct. We must do and continue to be challenged to do more to make sure that that part of the population, as we are doing with the veterans, that we don't leave any veterans behind, we don't leave any seniors behind, and we don't -- certainly don't leave any ex-offenders behind, but give them a gainful -- give them an opportunity to get a job. So we're gonna continue to work with Jeanette Gordon. She's worked with us. Whenever she, uh, Mr. Mayor, we need a job fair; Mr. Mayor, I've got ex-offenders, we're gonna continue to be there for her. And she has my 100 percent support, as well. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Any other further comments, discussion?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Well, I -- I would just like to make a comment. And you know, I think someone has to stick up for the average Joe who, you know, spends his or her life trying to do the right thing, and they've been laid off, and they're also out there looking for a job. You know? So, you know, someone was talking about maybe pouring more money into this program and helping these people. And fine, but you know what? What about the hard-working people who are down on their luck right now who have been laid off? You know? Who's out there trying to help them? So --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I am.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Just -- well, someone needs to be. You know? We -- it --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm helping them, too. You're absolutely right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** It just seems like they're the -- they're the forgotten ones.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's right. We must not --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** The people who are trying --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- leave anybody behind.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- to do the right thing. So that's all I -- just a statement.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Well, that -- everybody's just make -- giving their opinions, and the bottom line is, I think everybody now is trying to do the right thing. Um, any other comments? If not, we can go ahead on (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah, I had a comment.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** When -- when dealing with the -- the average Joe, you know, that conversation came up in some of the subcommittee's conversations. And, um, you know, I feel for the average Joe. Matter of fact, I'm one of them. But I do know that this city, this -- this particular community has an extraordinary number of ex-felons, an extraordinary number of people that need a second chance. You know, I -- and that's where, you know, uh, uh, appealing for this commitment stems from. We're not like everywhere else. Either you're gonna spend it fighting crime, or you're gonna spend it deterring crime.

Now, the difference between me and some -- someone else with a felony record is that, you know, I have a chance. I can at least, uh, qualify to own a business and -- and get particular certifications. I have several avenues that I can go to for help. But we're trying to build a community, and in a community you -- you deal with the issues that you're facing. If this was a community where we didn't have such numbers that we have as it relates to the criminal element and criminal activity and unemployment and things of that nature, then, you know, we could focus our resources accordingly. But I know that the need is here in Riviera Beach, because I -- I -- I walk -- I drive past areas every day and see folks that are desperate, good people that just happen to go the wrong way and need a second chance.

And if we don't do it, who will? To do nothing is not the answer. You know? And that's -- that's where -- that's where I'm coming from, and that's what this program is designed for. This program isn't -- this program was set up and based through -- not through our efforts. Through people within the county and the state and the region. They felt it necessary that we address this problem. And being in Riviera Beach, where the problem is escalated, we need to respond accordingly.

And it's not neglecting the average person. We do what we can for the average person, but we try to take care of the needs so that we can deter other activities that are associated with people that are lost and not able to find their way and get -- gain rightful employment. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Any further discussion? If not, we're ready for the vote.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh, we have resolution number -- the second resolution that was also pulled. Would you read that?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Resolution 2-13, uh, pulled by Councilperson Pardo. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing and appropriating the use of funds received from developers and the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency for the State Road A-1-A Street Resurfacing & Beautification Project and providing an effective date.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Need a motion, please.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Need a motion. Need a second.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I second. I second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Pardo, you pulled this. Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. I pulled it because I have a couple of questions. Uh, the first question is, when will the project be turned over to the City?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Good evening. Brynt Johnson, Director of Public Works. Uh, the project is technically complete. Um, we had one issue with what they call a lot, um, which deals with the asphalt placement in a certain area. Um, it didn't meet DOT specifications, but it's outside of DOT's right-of-way. It was just a side road. Um, but I think we're, um -- I think they've come to a decision on that, so as soon as we find out that, the project will be basically complete.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. And then what about Palm Beach Isles? I know that they had an issue and they've been talking to you and to Miss McKinney. What's going on with that? Is -- has that been --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Um, maybe can you give me any details? I'm not sure.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Well, yeah. You sent me a lot of the e-mails. Um, it's with Mr. Murphy --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Oh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- as the, uh -- what is he, the vice president or something of the homeowner's association, and they said during construction some of their property was damaged.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right. So what's --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Well --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- going on with that? Has that been rectified?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** -- honestly, I haven't heard anything more about it. That was prior to, uh, uh, Engineering coming to Public Works. Um, I basically received an e-mail, um, from the previous -- the -- from the department that was previously handling the project saying that there was a claim, but there was no paperwork to substantiate the claim. There was no -- there were no reports made. Um, there -- actually, when we looked into it -- I take that back.

When we looked into it, um, there was something that was reported by Target Engineering, but they said that the work -- the things that happened took place within DOT's right-of-way and not outside of DOT's right-of-way. Um, so anything that was placed in DOT's right-of-way and was removed shouldn't have been there anyway, and probably wasn't permitted through DOT, and actually wasn't permitted through DOT. Um, so basically, that's what happened with that. It was basically considered a non-claim.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. So they were made aware of that, then? Someone notified --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** I just actually --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- Palm Beach Isles?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** I just actually found that information out the end of last week, and I haven't had the opportunity to convey any of that information.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. And then what about the railing on the north side of the little bridge?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** The little bridge is a separate project from this.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. So has that been --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** That was done --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- turned over to us?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Yeah, uh-huh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. So are we doing anything about the railing that's chipped, that looks absolutely --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** We --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- awful?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Yes. We are looking into a different coating that will -- that's more durable.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Hopefully, some type of rubberized coating that won't chip off.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** And who is going to pay for that?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Well, unfortunately, it's the City's.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Why?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** We've -- we've taken it over. The one-year warranty period is up on that, on the little bridge.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. So is -- did anyone notify DOT that the coating -- who chose that coating, first of all?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** That's a DOT -- DOT spec.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. So has anyone notified them and sent them pictures to show them what happens after -- it hasn't even been a year.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Well, I --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** You know?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** I don't know if their spec is actually -- I mean, a lot of the issue is from the fishing on the bridge, not necessarily --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right. But there's been fishing on that bridge for 40 years?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** You know what I mean? And when DOT started that project they knew it was a fishing bridge. Remember?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Absolutely. I agree with you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** You know, they had, you know, all of the -- the signs out there.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** And --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Well, we can -- we can check with DOT and see if they're willing to, um, pay for any of the costs related to re-coating it.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All right. I'll just tell you, I'm just really surprised that we haven't moved forward with this before now. And especially, if we took over that little bridge already, we never notified DOT? We just signed off on it? You know what I mean?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** When is -- it's gonna be how many years, how many decades before we get more money out of DOT for that bridge? And you know, I'm not willing to look at that -- look at those railings for the next, you know, 20 or 30 years. The railing isn't even a year old.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** No.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So, um, Miss Manager?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** I would ask you to please take photographs and send a letter to DOT and see if they'll do anything with the -- with the railing. You know, it's totally unacceptable.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We'll --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Totally unacceptable. All right. That's all I have. That you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes, ma'am. Uh, Mr. Johnson, I realize you -- you took this project over, um, after some -- quite a few things had happened. Um, and my comments really aren't, um, to -- to blame you or anything, but it's just questions I have, uh, concerning, you know, back in -- I think it was June 10<sup>th</sup> -- June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and I know this -- this has not been the practice of how we do business. Um, but this project, um, \$6 million, I guess, whatever the amount of the project was, we approved this project with a ten -- with a nine percent contingency. Now, I don't know where nine percent comes from, 'cause usually we deal with ten percent. So -- but it's in this document, so I'm -- I'm assuming it is nine percent.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** But you know, somebody dropped the ball. And whoever was handling this project prior to, um, dropped the ball, seriously, because there was not a, um, funding source identified for the nine percent contingency. And as such, uh, normally we have been pretty good with staying within, you know, what the project cost is, but on this one it has run over due to one thing after the other, um, and to the tune of \$927,000.

And now on the backup, uh, what you -- what Mr. Sherman gave me today, what I had asked for is to identify the funding sources for the nine percent, where that money was coming from. And -- and because in the backup it says it's coming from the City Beautification Fund. Am I correct? Now, and that City Beautification Fund I understood consisted of, uh, I think it was \$500,000 from the CRA, as well as some other stuff. But in this document, uh, it simply says that it's coming -- the funds are available -- you've got \$950,666 that are available to appropriate toward this. So identify those sources of funds that are available for appropriation.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes. Uh, Randy Sherman, Director of Finance & Administrative Services. Yeah, I -- I think there may have been some miscommunication --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** -- on what you were actually asking for.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Um, when I go -- went -- go back and -- and look at this -- this project, go back, at one point there was actually \$1.5 million, uh, of donations, developer dollars, CRA dollars, uh, and the like. Uh, right now there's currently 950,000 of those dollars left. Um --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Can you tell me what -- where -- where that money come -- came from?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** I cannot. Um, I can -- I can -- have to go back and -- and research. I mean, we certainly don't track it accounting-wise by each developer. I have to go back to the source documents, um, and as you saw -- yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Mr. Sherman, excuse me.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes. Um --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss, um -- Miss Pardo says--

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** I'll tell you where the money came from. The money came from Catalfumo Construction and from the Marriott.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** That's where the money came from.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** I -- that -- that may be. I -- I -- again, I -- I don't know exactly where it was from, but I'll --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** That's where it came from.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** I'll trust that that was it.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I would prefer you give me, um, something in writing --

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- that tells me where the dollars came from and the exact amounts.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Um, I know that Catalfumo had submitted some money to the committee through benefits, um, and I know that there was another hotel that had submitted money for, uh, A-1-A beautification, uh, but from what I understood, most of those dollars had been used.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay? So what I want is to know exactly where these dollars came from. Um, and I -- I would like to have it before this vote is taken tonight, because I had asked for it earlier this evening, and maybe, you know, somehow it didn't get, um, relayed to you, uh, uh, appropriately. And I -- and, you know, I just think it's necessary to have the information.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So, um, because I have some -- some current -- I know -- concerns. I know that, um, there were some issues with JJ&G, and -- and we're not gonna get the lighting under the bridge because of the depth of -- you know, not being proper. Um, and because that was done many, many, many years ago, so we had to put things deeper. Um, but there are some things on here that, um, um, there is a -- a revised landscaping, uh, in the amount of \$7,000. Can you tell me what that consisted of? Don't make faces.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Oh, no, no, I'm looking --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** It ain't no -- is it hard?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Um --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I mean, I'm --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** -- that was --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- and I'm -- I'm not --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** That was -- that was --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** It's just some -- there's a lot of --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** That was --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- change orders here --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- that -- you know, I just wanna know.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** No, that was actually, um -- that was requested by, uh, the department that was previously running the project, so I really can't speak to what that was, specifically.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Community Development?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Yes. Yes, ma'am.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. And, um, I understand about all the light pole stuff and all of that.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And now, uh, the guardrail at Yacht Harbor. Is that a -- is that part of the FDOT, um, responsibility, or is that a City responsibility?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Which number was that, if you know?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** This is number 54 in the amount of 17,994.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** No, that was -- that was -- that was City. That was added by the City afterwards.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Just as a -- it was a safety issue.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Safety.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. So the only reason I'm -- I'm bringing it up is because if -- I mean, I -- I -- I know that change orders happen all the time; some by the contractor, some by us, whatever. But if this was a City issue it would -- you know, would it have been better for us to address that not in this project, but you know, through some other fund -- funding source -- you -- you see what I'm saying -- which would have helped us and not -- you know. That was my -- my question on that. And also, um, the sink hole repair, why is that a City expense?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Because that was actually an emergency --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's number 55.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** -- repair. From what I understand, that was actually an emergency repair to our system, not something that the contractor installed.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** So it was on the existing --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** So it wasn't --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** -- system.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- in -- oh, our existing.

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Existing system.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. That was -- that was what I wanted to --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** That's why it was fully paid for by the City.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** And the relocation of the signs, wouldn't that have been a FDOT, um, expense?

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Which number --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Why is that a --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Which number again?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's, uh, number 57. Why are we having to pay for that? I mean, if they're gonna redo the road, you would think that they -- they tore up the sidewalks. Why didn't they go ahead and --

**FACILITIES MANAGER JOHNSON:** Well, it all -- it don't -- it all depends on what the plans called for. If the plan -- if the plans didn't specifically call for signs to be relocated, and they didn't bid on relocating those signs, then they're gonna charge you additional for relocating the signs. So --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Um, is there now -- well, I understand the issue with Jacobson, and we've resolved that, too. So, okay. All right. Thank you very much.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Just one --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** But I can -- can -- I'm sorry.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Oh, I'm sorry.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Can somebody get me that information, um --

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** I -- I certainly will provide that to you, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** No, I'm talking about before this vote?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Oh, I -- no, I -- I -- I just don't --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I mean, it's not right there readily available in your computer system?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No. Again, we don't -- we don't track it by where the money's coming from. We'd have to actually go back to the source documents.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. All right.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I just wanted --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to, um, give support to, um, distinguished Councilperson, um, Dawn Pardo's comments as far as the little bridge, and it is -- it is shameful that DOT would do a shabby job that can't even last a year and then expect for us to pay for it. And, uh, certainly the managers, in writing that letter, I'm sure will be, um, very pointed towards the -- the -- because they're

-- they're liable, and they're responsible, and they need to pay it. And if they don't pay it, then we need to have a meeting with them and ask why, and then sue them if they don't pay it. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you. Okay. We have any other further discussion?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Sue for justice.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Roll call, please.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas? Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thomas is a yes. Thomas is a yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah, yeah. Go.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Thank you, Councilperson Thomas. Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Now we're down to, um, 8, number 8 resolution.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Resolution 06-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, declaring certain City-owned real property as surplus, providing authorization for the public -- for public sale of said real property, providing for the release of City liens, fines, and administrative fees, authorizing the City Manager -- authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager to take the appropriate actions as may be necessary to proper effect the transfer of ownership of real property, provided that all closing documents shall be subject to the final approval of the City Attorney, providing for all revenue to be placed in the appropriate fund and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Will there be? Okay. You're doing the discussion on it. All right, sir.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** What you have here, um, Madam Chair and Members of the Board, or the Council, is a proposal by staff, um, as relates to the disposition of properties and parcels owned by the City throughout the area. Um, back in June you approved a policy for the sale, donation, and transfer of City parcels. I then directed staff to then go out and inventory all of the parcels that were owned by the City, as well as to get an appraisal of those particular properties. As long as the City owns these properties, they're not on the tax rolls, and we're not collecting taxes for them.

Um, we have been acquiring these properties -- one of the reasons I asked staff about that -- and some of these properties go back to -- they became into the City's possession back in -- 1984 was one of them, 1989, and so we've had these parcels for, uh, several years. We have, um, got them doing different ways. Some of them have been, um, through our lien process. Uh, some had been given to us by banks and foreclosures and properties that they did not want to, um, handle any further. Uh, County has given us some parcels. So we've gotten these parcels, um, over the years, spread throughout the city, um, that we wanted to get these parcels back on the tax rolls. And once we approve the policy, uh, what we're asking for now is permission to develop the plan and the strategy to implement the policy for the disposition of the properties, uh, that you have in front of you.

Now, what I'm handing you now is just a revised listing of these parcels. You have a revised listing because the, um, city block that we own on Broadway was on the list, and I wasn't quite ready to put that up for auction yet. So what you have in front of you now is a revised, um, partial listing, taking those parcels off, as well as a new map showing that those, uh, parcels have been, uh -- been removed.

But we want the opportunity to, uh, advertise the availability of purchase of these parcels, whether they are, uh, individuals or whether someone wants to buy them in bulk. But we would like to get them off of our rolls, and back on the tax rolls so that, uh, we could be getting some sort of, uh, income for these properties.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And hopefully that they would be developed.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yeah. Uh, let her finish.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I thought she was winding down, 'cause --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. All right. Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Um, I would, uh, suggest that we make sure that any of the properties that are in the CRA area, uh, that may be of benefit to whatever land banking that we need to do over there for that, that maybe we offer those to the CRA, uh, first, um, before we actually put them out, if they are in the CRA area. I just don't

want -- uh, if we have properties that are in this area, um -- um, from the map that I see up there, it look like maybe one or two of them are, um, in that area. So those -- those I just think that we should offer to the CRA first, uh, and not allow -- allow, uh, another owner to come in and maybe not be as consistent as we need with that area, um, over there, which would just be my suggestion. If the Board doesn't want to, uh, to do that, I'm perfectly fine with what -- however you want to dispose of them. Uh, but I just thought that maybe that might be something that could help us, um, with our land banking efforts.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh. Well, I --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The parcel -- the parcels, uh, Councilman Thomas, that the City owns that's east of Broadway, along 13<sup>th</sup> Street, uh, would fit right in with this, and that's why we -- I've been talking to the CRA, and the CRA's been talking to us about transferring some of those parcels to the CRA, so we will continue to work with the CRA on those.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. You do mean sell them to the CRA, right?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Sell them to the CRA.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, some of them have been transfers discussions, but of always sale is the prior -- is the preferred means of disposition.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. Just know where I stand. I'd prefer to sell them.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Sell them.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** To the CRA.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, those. I just think that they should be offered first to the --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** As a part of the land bank.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I could -- I could concur with that. I could agree with that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You -- Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Nothing. I'm fine.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All right. Any other comments?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No, I'm good.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All right.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Um, I -- I do.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Um, does this -- being that this is a public process, does this exclude Council from bidding?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** According to our attorney, it does not.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So if you want to buy them all, Judy?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** No, I don't want to buy them all.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You gonna buy them all?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I -- I -- might not -- in fact, can't buy one.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You'll have a closing and you can purchase them all.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay. I just wanted to --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** You might get a discount.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- make sure.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'm only kidding. Okay. All right. Uh, we do have -- sir, you were standing. Was there --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, he's just a staff person.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. All right. We do have two comment cards. Um, Miss Larson and Miss Duncombe. Is Miss Duncombe still here?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** She's gone.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss Duncombe?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** She's gone.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Well, we have Miss Larson first.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Couple questions. This property has -- according to Miss Jones, some of them have been owned for 29 years. Have we ever sold properties like this

before? And what is the typical form for doing it? How are they advertised? Who gets to bid on them? Um, are we talking about sale or transfer to the CRA? We really need to decide on that. There was a property on there at 2211 Broadway. Now, Miss Jones, did you just say that has been taken off the list?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I would have to check the list to see if that is --

**BONNIE LARSON:** Okay. I'd like to have a list of the properties, because the list that's on the Web, it's like about a 32<sup>nd</sup> of an inch. You really can't see it. And also, the full addresses are not there. Some just say West So-and-So Street. Well --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So you -- they're not very clear on the website. Is that what you're saying?

**BONNIE LARSON:** No. The website, the same as in the book here, I looked here and they're like a 32<sup>nd</sup> --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** It's just very small.

**BONNIE LARSON:** -- of an inch. You really can't tell. Then it says something on -- oh, I just received one. It just says something on Avenue E, but you can't really tell where it is. I mean, there's not a specific address. So those are my questions.

Um, are these all the parcels that we own that we're now considering excess? Have we ever done this before? How will they be sold? How will they be appraised? How will we make that determination if it's given or sold to the CRA? And what about that property on -- on Broadway that we just talked about? And why are we -- why are we selling these right now? Is there some reason? Do we need this property -- do we need this money to buy in the industrial area? What -- what -- what is the -- or what is the need for the money after 29 years, suddenly we need to sell off all these properties? So those are my questions, if someone could answer that.

And I would like, even though -- see, this says here -- I can read it a little bit. It says, "West 20<sup>th</sup> Street." Where on West 20<sup>th</sup> Street? Here's another one, West 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Where? West 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Where? These things have to have addresses, even if it's the vacant property. I mean, I know I can go to the property appraiser and look up the property number. This should be readily understood where these properties are located without someone having to do that. So those are my questions. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Does staff wish to address any of those questions? Okay. Miss Duncombe?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Would you like me to answer any of those questions?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** (Inaudible) you answer -- oh. Sir. Okay. Was that it?

**KAREN HO:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Are you -- we didn't -- do you have a card?

**KAREN HO:** Yeah, I have a card.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Come on up.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, the card --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Not on that.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- she has does not deal with the issue we're talking about.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** It has to deal with the issue.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It has to talk about this issue.

**KAREN HO:** What issue?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** This item.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The item that we're talking about on the agenda.

**KAREN HO:** Oh, the, uh -- about the --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Well, let me -- let me just read it to her.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. It doesn't say Item Number 8.

**KAREN HO:** Oh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Do you happen to have a copy of the agenda, a printed copy of the agenda?

**KAREN HO:** No, I just do a --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Well, all right. Let me just explain to you that when --

**KAREN HO:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- there are comments to --

**KAREN HO:** I -- I (inaudible) --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- the offer --

**KAREN HO:** -- make one comment about this. I think to sell those properties, a great idea, but it's not a good time to sell those properties.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you for your comment. Now, you didn't have a comment card, so I allowed you to make that one statement. Okay?

**KAREN HO:** Yeah, but --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Okay. Okay.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Mr. Jones?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** I need those cards back.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We need those back.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Oh, yeah. Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I need to talk to her about them. Do not give them to her.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** All right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. So that's it. Then we're ready for the vote. Roll call?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. We're down now to, um --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Number 9.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- number 9, please.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Resolution 07-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving the interlocal agreement as part of Palm Beach County's master service agreement with Motorola to provide comprehensive radio repair services to the City, including services for the City's radio consoles, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said agreement and providing an effective date.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Need a second, please.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Six.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay, sir.

**ACTING ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF MADDEN:** Good evening, Mayor, City Council.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Good evening.

**ACTING ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF MADDEN:** Acting Assistant Chief Mike Madden. Uh, this -- this is an agreement that we've had for many years with Motorola directly. Uh, we have entered or propose to enter this agreement with the County, who has a greater purchasing power because of the number of radios that are serviced by Motorola. So we are -- this interlocal with Palm Beach County --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**ACTING ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF MADDEN:** -- will still allow us to receive repair services from Motorola at a reduced cost, so the -- in the end, the savings to the City, where we normally paid about \$50,000 a year for this agreement, uh, we will save about 15,000, uh, going through Palm Beach County.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Any questions from the Council?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** None.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** None.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. No comment cards, so roll call, please.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Number 10.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Resolution 08-13, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving an interlocal agreement between the Community Redevelopment Agency and the City to create a task force to provide law enforcement, public safety services, Clean & Safe programs to the CRA, to accept advance payment in the amount of 250 for the purchase -- the purchase/deployment of surveillance cameras and accept 82,540 for reimbursement of police overtime, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the interlocal agreement, authorizing the Finance Director and Administrative Services to set up a budget for same, and providing an effective date.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**ACTING ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF MADDEN:** I believe the Council has seen this previously. Uh --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**ACTING ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF MADDEN:** You know, I'm willing to provide additional information if needed at the Council's direction.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** We're good.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. We're fine. Roll call.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Very good. Nothing in Discussion, Deliberation. Community Benefits requests, Item Number 11.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Inner City Youth Golfers, \$200. Councilperson Judy Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Need a second. Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Inner City Youth Golfers, Inc., \$500, Councilperson Shelby Lowe.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Roll call.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Number 13?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Valley of Love Ministry, Councilperson Judy Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, so moved.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Roll call?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** 13A?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** 13A --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** What's 13A?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** City of Riviera Beach --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** These are additions.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- Bobbie E. Brooks Memorial Scholarship, 2012/13.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And 13B is the same thing, money to go for the scholarship fund, for the Bobbie E. Brooks Memorial Scholarship.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** City of Riviera Beach, Bobbie E. Brooks Memorial Scholarship. Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Brooks. It's by Councilperson Brooks.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Oh, you were calling the roll?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** I was --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Roll call.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Yeah, I was calling the roll.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** All right. Okay.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And the -- yes. And there's 13C.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote. The Elegant Elite Generation Program, sponsored by Life Center International Fellowship, Mayor Thomas Masters, \$500.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yep.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Brooks?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I think that's it. Are there any others that we have omitted for Community Development -- Community Benefits requests?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** No, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Discussion by City Manager. Make it short.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, Madam Chair. Um, like everyone else, let me say Happy New Year to all of our residents and our staff. Um, we are looking forward to a very productive and prosperous year. Um, have a couple of meetings that I would like to talk about very briefly, uh, as a part of my comments.

Um, when we went to the new format, uh, of having one regular City Council meeting a month we were allocating the third Thursday for a workshop. The third Thursday in -- in January, is January the 16<sup>th</sup>. Um, on January the 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 we will have a workshop. The major topic for this workshop will be a presentation by the County on the 65 percent plans that they have developed for Silver Beach Road. Um, the City Engineer, um, as well as the City Manager, got a copy of the 65 percent plans, and once I saw them it was important to me that my residents know what the County is recommending for Silver Beach Road, between Congress and Old Dixie.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** One of the things that they're proposing is a roundabout --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- on Silver Beach Road and S Avenue. So you can imagine if you trying to make a left in a school bus, or in your car, on -- off of Silver Beach Road, trying to turn left, and you've got a roundabout that you have got to get around in order to make a left-hand turn. So it was -- in talking with the Public Works Department, we felt as though we have talked to them individually, staff to staff. It's kinda like we were not saying anything. I met with the City Manager for Lake Park. We both agreed. We both shared the same sentiments. Nothing happened.

So I have invited them to come before Council and explain on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January their recommendation for the renovation of Silver Beach Road. And I'm encouraging all of the residents that travel Silver Beach Road to either be tuning in by television, by the computer, or being present in the Council chambers, because you really need to know what the County is recommending for Silver Beach Road between Old Dixie and Congress. So that would be on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Um, also, just wanted you to know that on next week, January the 8<sup>th</sup>, the City will host the North County Economic Development Advisory Committee for the North Palm Beach Chamber. Um, that meeting will be held in the Special -- Utilities Special District conference room starting at 8:00, from 8 till 9:30.

Um, on January the 24<sup>th</sup> I am pleased to announce that we will be having the grand opening for the north docks at the marina. We are very pleased with what has transpired. Uh, the County was out today because we had to have things done by December 31<sup>st</sup>. And so we were pleased to be able to show them what was

accomplished, what was done, as we began to move toward the development of working on Phase 2, which will be the south docks. Um, but we will be getting out more information about the grand opening, which will be held on January the 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 in the afternoon.

Um, and so we're really pleased about the work that all the staff has done, um, that the, um, consultants working on this project with us have done. It's been a long haul, and you, as elected officials, also as the residents, have been very patient for something to be done at the marina, and we're glad to be able to say that, um, on June -- January the 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 we will be having the opening for the marina. One last, um --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** January the 30<sup>th</sup>?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** January -- oh, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Okay. Before my last item, um, on January 30<sup>th</sup>, if you'll recall, we were have -- going to have, um, a workshop where we were gonna talk about the marina construction and the working relationship between the City and the CRA and how we planned to move forward. That meeting was asked to be postponed. It will be rescheduled for January the 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 here in the Council chambers, is the rescheduling of that.

Um, last but not least now, um, would like to know and will be working with your legislative aides, um, the individuals that are desiring to attend Palm Beach County Days. Palm Beach County Days will be held in Tallahassee March the 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. Now, March the 6<sup>th</sup> is a regular day for Council to meet, so I just wanted to get a feel for what members of Council would be planning on attending Palm Beach County Days.

If you'll recall, when Mr. Pittman was here, one of the things that he, uh, commended you all for as -- and that is for coming to Tallahassee and spreading the word about Riviera Beach and what Riviera Beach's needs are. And so generally we go up for Palm Beach County Days. Our delegation is eager to meet with us, answer any questions, and we can just let them know what the issues are in Riviera Beach. So I will be working with your legislative aides to see those of you that will be attending Palm Beach County Days.

What we did do in this year's budget was allocate money for travel for events such as this. So you don't have to take it out of your individual travel budgets. So I just need to know what elected officials, uh, would like to attend Palm Beach County Days, so that we can, um, take care of that. And that ends my update.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And given the, uh, response that you get, if we don't have a quorum remaining for that regular meeting, are we suggesting that we change our meeting date, because we --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We could move the meeting date so that --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Because it would be on our regular meeting date.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- in order to accommodate, um --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** So we need to consider --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- those that would like to attend, yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- those who would like to attend.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Well --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** We should know by --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- do you -- I think, probably, if we could put a deadline on when she needs to know so she'll know whether to schedule the --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, at least by the first -- our next meeting, um, in February.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** By our meeting in February you should know.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I'm sorry. Yeah, February, yeah. Our first meeting in February.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah, because this is March, so --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** This is March, so --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- that would give us time even to give notice if we're gonna change our meeting day to another day that week.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** A Monday, I guess, or Friday.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** So a lot of meetings in, um, January.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Meetings in January.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** January 16<sup>th</sup>, uh, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, yes. And people say we don't meet, you know. Okay. Um --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Or the City Manager.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Miss -- Miss Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Miss Jones? Um, also important note that the City election is scheduled for March the 12<sup>th</sup>, and it's a possibility if we schedule that meeting for the second meeting in March, we'll -- we'll -- we'll throw it to March the 20<sup>th</sup>. It may -- not really (inaudible) --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Then we're looking at maybe one day that week. Um --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Not -- not the, uh --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Maybe not that Wednesday.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Not that week, not -- not the second week?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, it's the first week.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That's when the meeting is scheduled. But I'm saying, if you decide to shift the meeting --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** To the third?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- transfer it to the 20<sup>th</sup> -- the 3<sup>rd</sup>, yeah, it'd be the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** The third Wednesday.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** So --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That would be after the election.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Yes, and the -- it's a possibility like the swearing in, because what our codes and charter call for is the swearing in of the newly-elected councilpeople at the first meeting --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- regular scheduled meeting after the election closes.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** But that wouldn't be a -- that wouldn't be a regular -- would it be a regularly --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** What -- what if you --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- scheduled meeting or --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- have a run-off?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** -- a special meeting?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** It's -- it's not a problem. Miss Jones, then perhaps you and I can just talk about it later.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, right.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Because you're -- you're right. It will -- because we don't have the second meeting --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Right.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- which would be, um, the meeting where we would have the swearing in.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Correct.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Um, we can just say early enough in advance when we will hold that regular meeting --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** The regular meeting.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- for the month.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay. That will work.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** But we'll work on that so that we'll have enough information early enough, um --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** To make those changes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- to make the changes, yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** We may have to call it a special meeting. It all depends. We'll talk about it, Miss Jones, you and I. Okay?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay, good.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** We'll discuss it.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you for bringing that up.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** All right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Now we're down to Legal --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- Legal -- Legal Discussion. Um, Miss Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Thank you, Madam Chair. The only thing that I have listed is, um, notification to the City Council of my employment agreement's expiration. The agreement does not actually expire until, um, June 17<sup>th</sup>, um, 2013. However, um, two years ago -- and time does fly -- the City Council requested that, um, I give notice on at least three separate occasions, so I'm doing that now because we only have one meeting a month. I did not want to fall short of doing that.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So I wanted to go ahead and list that now. Um, I sent a memo to City Council, um, last month with a copy of the contract, in case you wanted to review it.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So this is my notification.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Thank you, ma'am. Now, City Council --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** -- any, uh, Committee Reports? Any Committee Reports?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I -- I have -- I have a question for the attorney.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Attorney Ryan, on your contract --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm -- I'm just a little hoarse from Sunday, for one thing, a little confused. Um, there will be another -- another time that you're gonna bring it back up again, and then we'll vote?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I'm gonna bring it up --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Three times. This is the first time.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- three times.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yeah.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** The next -- for the next three months.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And then that's when they vote to put you back, right?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, it's -- it's really --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Or not?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It automatically renews, so if you're not gonna renew it you have to let me know in these -- in one of these months before March. March, um, means that you don't wanna renew it. If you -- if you make a motion not to renew the contract, um, then it will expire. Otherwise, I will try to negotiate a new contract in June of 2013.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. I just wanted to get it clear on that. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. Moving on. Any Committee Reports? None?

**BONNIE LARSON:** I have a card.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Any Committee Reports?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** A card on what?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** She has a card.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (Inaudible). I think she handed it to --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** On number what?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Signed the --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes, she has a card. Come up.

**BONNIE LARSON:** I looked on the Web, um, for the backup for the information and there was an Attachment A which had Miss Ryan's contract on it. It was not on the Web. It said, "None available." It's not available in the book. So I would like to read it. I'd like to read the present contract, and I'm wondering where I can get that copy without having to drive all the way over to Port Road. I would like a copy of that. It should be on the Web. It's not. It's an agenda item here, so the contract expires June 17<sup>th</sup>, as she just said.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Do you have a fax?

**BONNIE LARSON:** Excuse me?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Do you have a fax?

**BONNIE LARSON:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Oh, okay.

**BONNIE LARSON:** I can pick it up here tomorrow. I have other things which I didn't get, and I'll have to pick that up tomorrow, too. I'd like to get what I -- when I put in public requests it would be -- it would be nice if I got those back in a timely fashion. I've got some that are six months old. Okay? So and then when I get it back they're half answered. All right. So this one, I would like to see it.

Now, you have to tell her by March, yes, no, or whatever. So there was not a discussion tonight about when you're going to review her. Each one of you only have two people to review, Miss Jones and Miss Ryan. It's like pulling teeth to get you to do that, but that is your responsibility. So when is that gonna take place? So you all need to have an agreement about when that's gonna happen and make it mandatory that each one of you put in your comments. It will be beneficial to her, too. You know, she deserves to know how you feel about how she's doing, what she needs to improve, what she's doing well on. She deserves that, she needs it, and it's your responsibility to do it. So let's decide when that's going to happen. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Now we're down to statements by Mayor and City Council. We'll allow the Mayor to go first, because he does have a --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Can I -- yeah. Can I just respond to, uh, one of the -- the statements that Miss Larson made? And it's -- it's a point of clarification of the difference between a public records request and public information. She has made

public information requests that there's no record to back it up. We don't respond to public information requests. It's public records requests. And so if in the future they can be documents or records that can be copied or generated, we'll be glad to do those, but just to answer questions like, When did a business open their doors, that's not the kind - that's not a public record.

**BONNIE LARSON:** I will -- I will renew it to be a public records request. My question about that was, do we or do we not know when businesses open in Riviera Beach? Why not? Why can't I get an answer to my question? You don't answer them here. You don't answer them anywhere.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Settle down. That's the kind of question (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That's not mine to answer.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Madam Chair, for allowing me to go first. I was supposed to have been at a meeting an hour ago. As you know, we have, uh, Captain Dennis here from Columbus, Ohio, who's organizing a Peacekeepers, uh, Force that will promote peace for this year, and do all that we can to bury the violence by keeping the peace. It's somewhat like a United Nations concept, that you have peacekeepers that try to broker, uh, peace deals and get gangs to bury the beef, and this, that, and the other, and it's been taking place as I speak at Saint James Baptist Church. Dr. Drayton has started at 8:00. But thank you, Captain Dennis for coming and organizing Palm Beach County first peacekeeping organization. They're in 19 cities in the United States. We are the 20<sup>th</sup> one.

Briefly, I want to thank the mayors who, uh, have joined -- who have joined us in -- in this request, and other mayors, as well, um, that are part of the, um, mayor's organization against illegal guns, but as you know, we will present before the school board on, um, January the 13<sup>th</sup>, a petition. And those of you who are interested in signing the petition can go online to change dot-org, change dot-org and navigate to you -- uh, or either Google the petition, Palm -- the petition for, uh, Palm Beach County -- the petition to install, uh, metal detectors in Palm Beach schools, Palm Beach County schools, just like we have them in most public buildings.

Um, I don't think that we can do enough to ensure the safety and security of our children. And it's interesting that when I go to present, uh, the petition along with the other mayors, uh, I have to walk through a metal detector to, um, protect the school board members, when those same type of, uh, safety devices should also be for the children. That's just as important, um, as a school board member, one. And two, again, if we have book detectors in our public schools, why can't we have metal detectors? Uh, it's just another measure, along with the school police, and along with the surveillance cameras. Do all you can to prevent.

Uh, I know people argue, well, they don't do any good. They can take guns over the fence, and come through windows and, you know, all of that's probably true. But you don't not put a lock on the door because someone will find another way to come in your house. You don't not put an alarm system in because someone can find a way to go around the alarm system. You still do it. And, uh, you do all that you can.

So this is not anything new. We made the request many years ago when Nate Brazill shot and killed a teacher, uh, right here in our back yard. Uh, so we will renew. I just want to thank the mayors, the mayors of Lake Park, mayor of Magnolia Park, mayor of Boynton, and Mayor Steve Wilson, who, uh, was not able to be there on yesterday, and other mayors as they come -- come aboard.

Uh, last but not least, I -- I think our councilpeople have the, uh -- the letter from Lynne Hubbard, but, uh, I am prepared to -- and it was time certain, so we had to, uh, need to make it in my comments, but as you know, the -- the mayor has the exclusive, um, uh, obligation to appoint, uh, people to the positions of the Housing Authority as they become vacant. We do have one vacancy. We need to fill it right away, and, um, there's no question in my mind that Lynne Hubbard is, uh, qualified. She has a certification, um, uh, to, uh, do a good job. In the past she has certification from the Housing, and this, that, and the other. You have her resume, so I will be, um, appointing Lynne Hubbard to the new position that has opened up because of a vacancy.

May God bless Riviera Beach, and, um, let us continue to move forward. I do want to say this. Bruce Guyton made a very, very good comment about the campaign as we move towards, uh, the seats that we all are running for, or most of us. It is important to keep, uh -- keep it clean. You know? We should run on our record, or run on our vision. But certainly it is not the time to try to be derogatory and -- and negative kinds of negativity, rather, uh, towards anyone. It should not be about personality. It should be about the record. Uh, so I want to commend him for making that statement. I've always known him to run that type of campaign, and certainly, uh, I, as the mayor, will continue to be mayoral, and just run a very honest campaign on the record. And I will not engage in any negativity as it relates to any of the opponents that I may have. Thank you. Happy New Year.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Statements from the Council, now. Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh, yes, ma'am. Mayor, that was great. I wish somebody would have stood up and said that during my campaign when all the negative mailers were being sent out. But anyway, um, I just want to, uh, take this opportunity to, um, thank the volunteers who participated, um, from the, um, Police and Fire Departments, and the residents who participated in the HARP, uh, uh, Refinance Workshop that I had on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Uh, Mrs. Havener, she's -- she's gone, but, um, who was a volunteer, I wanted to thank her. Also, I wanted to recognize, um, Miss Corinne [phonetic] and, I -- I think her name was Miss Marquita [phonetic] who did babysitting services for us at the HARP Workshop.

And just to give you a little bit of the stats, uh, we had a hundred -- um, about a hundred calls to our office, and over 400 who went online to see if they met the qualifications, because one of the qualifications, one of the main qualifications, was that the mortgages -- uh, current mortgages had to be, um, backed by Fannie Mae or else you couldn't qualify to, um -- for the refinancing. And we had 37 who attended and met with lenders, and some of them who were successful in getting refinancing. Um, also, um -- and I want to thank is Riviera Beach CRA and the CDC for their participation, also. They were invaluable.

Um, also, Miss Jones, I -- along the Broadway corridor, right across from, um, uh, what you -- there was a place called Betty Ann's. It's sort of like a little -- they are redoing that building there. Do --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I'm not --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Do we know who is the owner? Or could you find out and give me that information? 'Cause I like what they're doing. It's wonderful.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's all for me.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Wish they'd gotten a permit for it.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Councilman Lowe?

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Um, I'd just like to say Happy New Year to everyone and, um, encourage folks that haven't moseyed on down to, um, come out to the market. We still need vendors and we still need the community to -- to buy into what we're trying to do, uh, and that is to create opportunities for folks that normally wouldn't have an opportunity to, um -- you know, to, uh, sell their goods to Riviera Beach residents. So we encourage you to come out.

Um, every Saturday has been different, but we've had entertainment. We've had, um -- in my mind we've had success in that we've brought attention to that particular area where most of, uh -- most of our plans are focused in right now, and we just wanna make sure that everybody's involved. And this is a way to include everybody. So we're providing a chance for folks in -- in the community to get involved on the ground level, and this is the ground level.

You know, when we get the public market built and all of these buildings built, it's -- you know, that's too late to come and try to participate. Now is the time. And we're working out all of the kinks. We're collecting data to see, you know, what, uh -- what sells and what we can bring out there that, uh, what best interests our residents. And like I said, it's an ongoing project, but it's a necessary project, and we encourage everybody who's interested to come out and participate.

And that, again, is the Green Market. We're on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway. It's a beautiful site, especially when the weather's good, um, you know, to sit among the oak trees and just enjoy yourself. We got some vendors out there -- um, the seafood vendor is particularly popular. She has fried crabs and fish and all that good stuff. So you know, we're growing and we encourage anybody who wants to participate to either contact the City or the CRA. And if anybody says there's no opportunity in Riviera Beach, well, this is one that is, uh, open and readily available to you. So please come out. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Councilman Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, ma'am. Just a couple things here. First of all, uh, I, too, would like to say Happy New Year to everyone, and just very excited about what lies in store for the new year. Um, I've been getting several calls about the Night of Elegance, and yes, I will be working on that. Um, uh, this -- this very, very, very week I'm starting to work on it and -- and try to get moving on that. Um, we also will be taking donations from any of the businesses who would like to support that event.

Um, so the Night of Elegance, uh, will come. It's scheduled now for the 9<sup>th</sup> -- the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, which should be a Saturday. Um, let me just make sure. Yes, ma'am, the 9<sup>th</sup> of March is when it's scheduled. I'll get the final date from the, uh, Port of Palm Beach, um, here this upcoming week. Uh, so but right now it's tentatively scheduled for March, and I'll give you more information about it and, um, just wait for your invitations to come.

Um, the other thing I wanted to talk about is, I was, um -- I haven't been inclined to, um, support these, uh, Internet cafes. However, um, there was a gentleman who, uh, wanted to put in an application, um, and I was told that he was treated -- I was told by him, uh, that he was treated very badly. It was kinda funny, because on the way out he was, uh, saying that, "Man, I -- I can't believe the way I was treated. I just can't believe the way I was treated. Do you know anybody around here that, you know, can -- I could talk to about it?" I said, "Well, let me just see what I can, um, you know, hear from you." And he went on to explain it, um, what -- what happened.

This is my issue with this, and I said this once before. Okay? First of all, we need to give great service to who's ever coming to the City. That's the first thing. Secondly, if it's the pleasure of this City not to have these, then something needs to be on -- up here for us to vote on. Until then, individuals need to be allowed to apply or whatever they need to do. Let me restate this. I don't necessarily like these particular, uh, businesses, but I do not think that we should be turning people down without a proper process.

Um, I did let the Assistant Manager know. Um, I did take the gentleman's number, and I'll be talking back and forth with him, but the issue is he needs to be allowed to go through the process. If the -- if the City is not gonna do it, then that's fine. What I understand is that our moratorium has expired. And I don't wanna be sitting up here fighting a lawsuit just because we have not necessarily gone through the paperwork. If it's a legitimate business, if they have Supreme Court rulings on it, if they're allowed to

have it, whether we want it or not, there's a process that needs to go. If we're not going to approve them, then we need to put up here, or put something in.

The other issue is there is one operating, and for whatever reason they have a license, that -- that's not my concern right now, but they were issued a license. They have been issued a -- another license, and we're just not gonna treat people unfairly here. So that needs to be discussed.

I was told that he was given the next day, um, a letter of approval and denial. You cannot do it that way, you know. And if a -- if a -- if a lawsuit comes because we just have not done it properly, I'm gonna have a real problem with some -- some -- some individuals there. That's a problem to me, and that's some -- that's a report that I don't like hearing. He, however, did not know at the time that I was a City Councilperson. And I was very embarrassed to get that information, and get it the way that, uh, we did.

So I'm not of under no impression that our moratorium still stands. If our moratorium still stands, then that's something that we need to know, and we need to be out there. If it has not, then -- then whoever applies for that license needs to go through the process, and we cannot just not take their applications, you know, just because we just don't feel like it. It's just not right and we have to do it. Until then, I think that something needs to be, um, you know, done about that.

So I'm -- you know, of course, I've directed him back through the process to do that. I don't feel like he, you know, was treated fairly, um, in it, and something needs to be done about it. And I'm gonna state again, I do not necessarily support it, but I do support people having a fair process, um, you know, when going through these things, because if -- if it's not the video arcades, then it's gonna be something else that they don't feel like. We just need to be clear across the board. You know, when it goes through the process, if it's denied, that's one thing, but to put someone through what that individual had to go through I thought was, um -- was wrong.

I have not had a conversation with the Community Development Director, um, and -- and I will, but I did want to, uh -- to point that out, that I was very, very disturbed with the way that that particular person, business person, uh, felt, and -- and the way that they was treated, um, you know, from our -- our staff. So, um, A.C. has the information on what was done, and -- and I'll get with the Manager on it, but I did want to let the rest of the Board know that, um, that is an issue. And if it's -- if it's an issue, then we need to address it. But we don't need to just not allow people to put in an application when we're in limbo with it. Um, if something has changed, then I definitely need to know about it, but at -- at -- at this point I -- I don't think that we could or we should, uh, legally be doing that. And that -- that's all I wanted to bring up.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay. And I'll be very brief. I do want to remind residents that for those persons who have been suffering with leaky roofs, whatever, as a result of hurricanes from the past, um, Wilma, there is an agency that has money available, uh, if you qualify, to help with your repairs. And please call the office. It's 845-3086, 845-3086, and we will link you to that source. Very important for you to know.

Uh, for those persons who have been submitting, uh, the form to, um, appeal for their high water bills, I'm gonna ask for your patience. We're really trying to get the, um, policy or the procedures in -- the policy and the procedures in place so that we can accommodate those persons. Um, as the bill was approved -- well, the resolution was approved for November the 7<sup>th</sup>, and I defer now to my legal counselor as to whether or not that was effective as of November the 7<sup>th</sup>; that is the water bill resolution that I sponsored.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Gosh. Oh, I don't have it with me. Um what was -- I can't recall what the date was that we --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** It was November the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** The November meeting.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** November the 7<sup>th</sup>, that that was approved. Now, that was something that went in -- that particular, um, policy should have gone into effect as of November?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** November 8<sup>th</sup>, yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** The next day. It's my -- my understanding, according to the resolution, um, the Finance Department, um, through its utility billing section, would, um, put into effect all of the policy issues that were addressed in the policy, and that in 90 days they would bring back a comprehensive program for the City Council to approve, but in the meantime, the, um -- what you mentioned earlier, um, the requirement that if anybody has a bill that was a hundred percent more than, um, their previous bill, that they could come in and immediately get some relief. They would not have to, um, I think, pay more than their average bill over the last 12 months.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Correct.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And, um, that we would then investigate those bills, investigate the -- the larger bill, whatever it is, um, uh, during that time.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But that we would definitely put that into place immediately.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Immediately. Okay. Well, we'll just have to work with those who have come, and that has not been applied as of yet, and go retro back to each person who has been, and submitted, uh, their bill that shows that their bill has

been at least, you know, a hundred percent or above. So I -- because I know that it hasn't been happening, and people are getting a little bit confused from what we announce here, uh, and it's not been applied when they come in to show the bill. But I know we'll work it out. We'll -- we'll -- we'll have to work it out.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And I -- I think, Madam Chair, that the -- the purpose, the -- the reason that you really wanted the, um -- the policy passed was to give relief to any --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Immediately.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- of your residents immediately.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Immediately, yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Anybody who was having the problem at the time --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Correct.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- and going forward. So I think that if staff is having some issues, we can definitely -- we need to talk about it and try to work -- work that out.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes. So we'll have a meeting to see how we can work this out immediately. All right. Well, that's it for me.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** I just want to wish everybody a Happy New Year and just keep us in your prayers, so that we will be a prosperous city and that we will work in peace and harmony and -- and move -- continue to move forward. Yes, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** May I have one last thing? I -- I'm glad you said what you said, Mr. Thomas, um, because I was also contacted by a business in this city who had paid a \$5,000, um, fee.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** I'm sorry. What was it?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It was a fee.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah, a fee, um, just this past summer, and, um, wanted to amend something in the permitting, I think it was, um, and was told he had to pay another \$5,000. And I thought that was just plain out ridiculous. So --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, we -- we need to find -- we need to find something that we do that we're uniform.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And -- and when -- whenever this Board puts something -- because that's our job, to -- to enact policy.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Uh-huh, right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Once we enact it, it needs to be followed, you know. And I -- I mean, I'm -- I'm -- you know, these are business people and, you know --

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- it's -- it's a -- it's an issue. It's -- it's very -- it's very hurtful, you know, for people to say that about your city. Um, I guess he looked on the website and I've been letting my hair grow a little bit, um, and he didn't quite recognize who I was. But I -- I mean, that -- that -- when you get a -- a comment like that, it -- you know, you kinda -- it kinda goes to you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Because all we have to do is just treat people with respect, do what we're supposed to do, because we, including the staff, work for the citizens.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You know?

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** That's right. That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So we -- you know, everybody needs to understand that the citizens is why they have jobs for the staff and why we are elected. We have to provide the service for them. We're service oriented and driven, and we definitely need to do something about that. We -- you know, we got to give more than a little lip service about it. We have -- we have to actually, you know, act. And -- and something like that, you know, a \$5,000 thing, and you say they have to pay it again? Come on. Businesses can't, you know, handle that, so --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, you know, I mean, I'm -- I'm gonna get with the -- with the manager on that, and the -- and the assistant manager already knows, but I wanted to bring that before the Board to say, Hey, look, I don't know what the issue was. I know the Director wasn't here at that time. And I -- and I will get with her. She's very, very attentive, and she -- she gets what needs to be done I know when -- when I worked with her. But, you know, I'm -- I'm very disappointed by that, and I'm even more disappointed by another business. People will feel like we're not about business, and we're not --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- about moving the City, you know --

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That's right, that's right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- uh, forward, when we -- when we have those type of things. And they call us. They talk to us. They -- you know, we're the point of contact.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So we just wanna make sure, you know, we're respecting and we're treating you all like professionals and respecting you to be professionals in your -- in your craft. We just want, you know, things to be a little smoother. So I -- I -- I definitely concur with you on that, Miss -- Miss Davis, and -- and we will have another conversation about it.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And I just wanna add that what is so important when we tell people either they can or they can't, it's important that we have a written policy and a procedure that we can share with them, so that the information that's being imparted to them is not a subjective kind of thing.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** But it is coming from a policy.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** And this is what I have found missing, is that when I ask for a policy, so that I can explain to the residents, well, this is our policy, we don't have the policy. So -- and -- and it's -- it's just a matter that we just gotta really start revisiting certain things so that we -- we're armed with the truth. And that truth is the policy, the written policy, the written procedure on how business is to be done in this city.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON DAVIS:** Move to adjourn.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, move adjournment.

**CHAIRPERSON BROOKS:** Move to adjourn, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON LOWE:** All right.

(CONCLUSION OF MEETING)

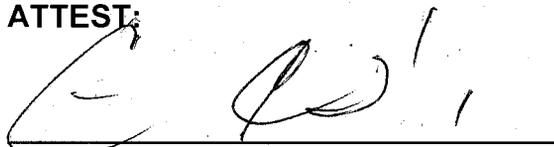
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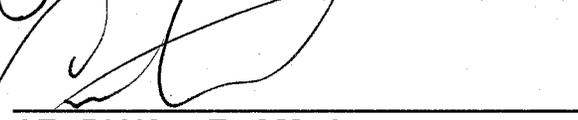
  
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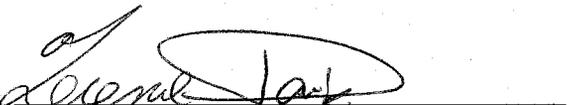
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