

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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CITY CLERK WARD: City Council meeting for March the 20th, 2013. The roll call? Mayor Elect Thomas Masters? Council Elect Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Here.

CITY CLERK WARD: Council Elect T.D. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Present.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK WARD: Council Elect Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK WARD: 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: We will proceed with the swearing in. Mayor Elect Thomas Masters, please? Let's stand for the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, please, started by Mrs. Jones, the Pledge.

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

CITY CLERK WARD: Well, I guess the -- our Mayor will make his grand entrance. We're gonna start with, um, Council District 1. Mr. Bruce Guyton? Mr. Guyton, would you raise your right hand and place your left on the Bible, please, as I give you your oath? I, your name, please?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I, Bruce Guyton --

CITY CLERK WARD: Being a citizen of the State of Florida and of the United States of America --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- being a citizen of the State of Florida and of the United States of America --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and being elected to represent --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and being elected to represent --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- your state --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- District 1 --

CITY CLERK WARD: And the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and the City of Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County, Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and the recipient of public funds in this capacity --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and the recipient of public funds in the capacity --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- do hereby affirm --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- do hereby affirm --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- under oath

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- under oath --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and conform to the statutes and general laws --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and conform to the statutes and general laws --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- of the State of Florida --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- of the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and do all in my power --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and do all in my power --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- to uphold --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to uphold --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- support --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- support --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and enforce --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and enforce --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- the Charter --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- the Charter --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and the ordinances of the City of Riviera Beach --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and the ordinances of the City of Riviera Beach --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and perform the duties of --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and perform the duties of --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- your office --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- uh, District 1 --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- upon which I am about to enter --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- upon which I am about to enter --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- to the best of my ability --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to the best of my ability --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- so help me God.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- so help me God.

CITY CLERK WARD: Congratulations.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: Mr. Guyton, will you step over here, please, and sign your oath? All right. Okay. No. No, sir. That's not it. Okay. Um, your Certificate of Election. It reads, "The State of Florida, County of Palm Beach, City of Riviera Beach. I, Carrie E.

Ward, Supervisor of Elections of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, do hereby certify that Bruce Guyton was duly elected to the office of Councilperson, District 1, of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, on March 12th, 2013, and certified by the City Canvassing Board on March 20th, 2013. Witness my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed in the year of our Lord, the 20th day of March, 2013. Carrie E. Ward, Supervisor of Elections, the City of Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: Here's your certificate. And, Mr. Guyton, we also have for you Robert Rules of Orders and here's your guide to -- a Florida Commission on Ethics, Guide to Sunshine Amendment, and the Code of Ethics for Public Administrators.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: And this is a token of love from Councilperson Davis, Judy Davis.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. Thank you. Is that it? Thank you, dear. Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: Council District 3? Mr. Cedrick Thomas. Okay. Council District 5? Mr. Terence T.D. Davis. Mr. Davis, on the Bible and raise your right hand, please?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK WARD: State of Florida, County of Palm Beach, City of Riviera Beach. I -- repeat your name.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: I, Terence Davis --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- being a citizen of the State of Florida --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- being a citizen of the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and of the United States of America --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- and of the United States of America --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and being elected to represent --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- and being elected to represent --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- your district --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- District 5 at large --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- and the City of Riviera Beach, in Palm Beach County, Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and the recipient of public funds --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- and recipient of public funds --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- in this capacity --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- in this capacity --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- do hereby affirm --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- do hereby affirm --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- under oath --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- under oath --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Florida --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and conform to the statutes --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- and conform to the statutes --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and the general laws --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- and the general laws --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- of the State of Florida --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- of the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and do all in my power --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- and do all in my power

CITY CLERK WARD: -- to uphold --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- to uphold --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- support --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- support --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and enforce --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- and enforce --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- the Charter --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- the Charter --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and the ordinances of the City of Riviera Beach --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- and the ordinances of the City of Riviera Beach --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and perform the duties of --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- and perform the duties of District 5 at large --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- upon which I am about to enter --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- upon I'm about to enter --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- to the best of my abilities --

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- to the best of my abilities --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- so help me God.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- so help me God.

CITY CLERK WARD: Congratulations.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: Sign this for me, please? How you gonna be (inaudible). You want us to call you Terence or T.D.? Call you -- okay. Okay. Also, here's your election certificate. It reads, "The State of Florida, County of Palm Beach, City of Riviera Beach. I, Carrie E. Ward, Supervisor of Elections of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, hereby certify that Terence D. Davis was duly elected to the office of City Council, Group 5, of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, on March 12th, 2013, and certified by the City Canvassing Board on March 20, 2013. Witness my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, to be affixed in this year of our Lord, the 20th day of March, 2013, Carrie E. Ward, Supervisor of Elections for the City of Riviera Beach. And Mr. Davis, also we have for you your tools so you can function in your position.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: Okay. The Florida Commission on Ethics. You have the Robert Rules of Orders, also.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY CLERK WARD: Okay. And this.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: And Mr. Davis, this is a token of love, also, from Mrs. Judy Davis. Cedrick?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, here's the Mayor, Carrie.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah, there's the Mayor.

CITY CLERK WARD: Now we will swear in Mayor Thomas Masters as the Mayor. Mr. Masters, uh, would you put -- raise your right hand, place your hand on the Bible, please? I --

MAYOR MASTERS: I --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- your name, please --

MAYOR MASTERS: Thomas A. Masters.

CITY CLERK WARD: -- being a citizen of the State of Florida --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- being a citizen of the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and of the United States of America --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- and of the United States of America --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and being elected to represent --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- and being elected to represent --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- as --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- as Mayor --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- in the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- in the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and a recipient of public funds in this capacity --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- and a recipient of public funds in this capacity --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- do hereby affirm --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- to hereby confirm --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- affirm --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- affirm --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- under oath --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- under oath --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- that I will support the Constitution of the United States --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- that I will support the Constitution of the United States --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and of the State of Florida --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- and of the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and conform to the statutes and general laws of the State of Florida --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- and conform to the statutes and general laws of the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and do --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- and do --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- all in my power --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- all in my power --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- to uphold --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- to uphold --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- support --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- support --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and enforce --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- enforce --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- the Charter and ordinances of the City of Riviera Beach --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- the Charter and ordinances of the City of Riviera Beach --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and perform the duties for the office of --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- and perform the duties of the Office of Mayor --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- upon which I am about to enter --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- upon which I am about to enter --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- to the best of my abilities --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- to the best of my abilities --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- so help me God.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- so help me God.

CITY CLERK WARD: Congratulations. I need you to sign your oath, sir. Right here. Thank you. And here's your election certificate, and it reads thus, "State of Florida, County of Palm Beach, City of Riviera Beach. I, Carrie E. Ward, Supervisor of Elections of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, do hereby certify that Thomas A. Masters was duly elected to the Office of Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, on March 12th, 2013, and certified by the City Canvassing Board on March 20th, 2013. Witness my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, to be affixed in the year of our Lord, done this 20th day of March, 2013. Carrie E. Ward, Supervisor of Elections, the City of Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: Also what we have for you are your tools so you can function in your capacity as Mayor. You have the Robert Rules of Orders, and here's the Florida Commission on Ethics Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Administrators.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: Mayor, as a token of love comes from Councilperson Judy Davis to you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Do I go up there now? Or do I wait?

CITY CLERK WARD: Yeah, you can -- you can wait till everyone else is ready to go up, and then y'all get to do it at the same time.

MAYOR MASTERS: Shoot.

CITY CLERK WARD: It's okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm ready for three more years.

CITY CLERK WARD: Here, Mayor. Your oath. Council District 5 -- I'm sorry, Council District 3, Cedrick Thomas. Mr. Thomas, would you place your right hand on the Bible -

- raise your right hand and place your left on the Bible for me, please? State of Florida, County of Palm Beach, City of Riviera Beach. I, your name, please --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I, Cedrick A. Thomas --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- being a citizen of the State of Florida --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- being a citizen of the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and of the United States of America --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and of the United States of America --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and being elected to represent --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and being elected to represent District 3 --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- in the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- in the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and a recipient of public funds in this capacity --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and the recipient of public funds in this capacity --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- do hereby affirm --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- do hereby affirm --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- under oath --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- under oath --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Florida --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- that I will support the constitution of the United States and the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and conform --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and conform --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- to the statutes and general laws --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- to the statutes and general laws --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- of the State of Florida --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- of the State of Florida --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and do all in my power --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and do all in my power --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- to uphold --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- to uphold --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- Support --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- support --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and enforce --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and enforce --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- the Charter --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- the Charter --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and the ordinances of the City of Riviera Beach --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and the ordinance of the City of Riviera Beach --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- and perform the duties of --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and perform the duties of City Council --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- upon which I am about to enter --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- upon which I'm about to enter --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- to the best of my ability --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- to the best of my ability --

CITY CLERK WARD: -- so help me God.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- so help me God.

CITY CLERK WARD: Congratulations. Councilman Thomas, I need you to sign your oath. Thank you. And I present this to you, State of Florida, County of Palm Beach, City of Riviera Beach, I, Carrie E. Ward, Supervisor of Elections of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, do hereby certify that Cedrick A. Thomas was duly elected to the office of City Council, District 3, of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida on March the 12th, 2013, and certified by the City Canvassing Board on March 20th, 2013. Witness my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Riviera

Beach to be affixed in the year of our Lord, done this 20th day of March, 2013. Carrie E. Ward, Supervisor of Elections of the City of Riviera Beach. This is yours, Councilman Thomas, and also we present to you your tools, so you may continue to perform in your seat. You have the Robert Rules of Orders, you have the Florida Commission on Ethics Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. This is yours, Mr. Thomas.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much.

CITY CLERK WARD: And you are very welcome. And as a token of love, this comes from Councilperson Judy Davis to you. Congratulations. This concludes the swearing in. Take your seats and let's get to work. Come on up. Now we will have the, um -- the newly elected councilpeople to come on up and join the dais. Let's give them (inaudible). Now we will commence with the, um, selecting. May I have a motion for the Council Chair, someone to serve for the next three years?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: I'll make a motion -- go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, I -- I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, I would like to nominate Councilman Thomas for the Chair.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: I second.

CITY CLERK WARD: No more nominees?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, uh, Miss Clerk, Chair?

CITY CLERK WARD: Yes?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: If there are no more nominations, I move that the floor be closed for nominations.

CITY CLERK WARD: Thank you. So that declares Councilman Cedric Thomas is Council Chair for the next three years.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No, for the next year.

CITY CLERK WARD: Next -- elections come three years.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No, but we change the chair every year.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem. We'll -- we'll fix it. It's one year. We -- we --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Congratulations.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We got it. We got it. Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: I relinquish the gavel to you.

Are you gonna stay out here?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK WARD: You're very welcome.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK WARD: You're welcome, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We will continue with the remaining part of the agenda. The floor will now be open for nominations for the Vice Chair or Chair Pro Tem.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir, Councilman Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I move that, um, Councilwoman Judy Davis, uh, name be put on the floor for Vice Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So noted. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Um, uh, I move --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir, Councilman Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: I -- I move that Councilwoman Dawn Pardo is Vice Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We have two nominations. Are there any other nominations for Chair Pro Tem?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: If there are none, I move that the floor be closed for nominations, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Floor is closed with Councilwoman Pardo and Councilwoman, uh, Davis, uh, being nominated for Vice Chair. Uh, if this is no other comments, concerns, questions about the nominations, we, uh, will take a vote.

MAYOR MASTERS: I -- I do have a question, a concern.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, yes, sir, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: I -- I do not have -- have a vote, as -- as you know, Mr. Chair, but I am certainly in favor of, um, Dawn Pardo becoming the co-chair. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are there any other questions or concerns? Okay. First we will vote on Councilperson Pardo. All in favor of Councilperson Pardo either signify by saying "aye" or raising your hand? It's gonna be two. All in favor of persons for Councilwoman Davis signify by raising your hand or saying "aye"?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I guess that this means that I'm going to be the tie break.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, Mr. Chair, does the motion carry 3-2 for Miss or Councilwoman Davis?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm -- I'm pondering upon that now. We have a 2-2 tie. I did not vote in there.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'm gonna cast my vote for Councilwoman Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're going to move down to the Mayor and City Council comments. We'll start with the -- the Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Mr. Chair, I am certainly grateful to God to have the opportunity and the privilege to serve not two years, but three years. First time for me to serve for three consecutive years. As you know, you and I and Mr. Guyton, Councilman Guyton and others fought very hard to get three years, and I'm just thankful that I'm one of the recipients of that battle to serve in that capacity.

Let me congratulate you, Mr. Thomas, Chairman Thomas, for, um, the chairmanship. There's no question -- there isn't any question in my mind that you are qualified, justified, and sanctified to serve in that capacity, and that you will do an impeccable job. You will be fair, as you've always demonstrated, fair and just, and you will, as you always demonstrated, uh, a spirit of compassion, but yet being firm.

I want to digress for a moment and recognize my mother had six children, and we all are alive. Only one lives here with me, and that's my brother, who just walked in, Walter Ray Masters. Many of you don't know him, but he's in the back, and of course, wearing the Masters T-shirt.

Um, I have a lot to say, but I'm going to be brief as possible. First and foremost, I am a Christian. I respect religious beliefs of all religions. But one of the tenets of Christianity is the ability to forget and forgive. Reconciliation, restoration, and move on. And a part of that is being able to speak and to say what's on your mind and in your heart and your spirit, and once you let it go, you let it go and then you let God take it from there.

Easter Sunday, the Sunday that we celebrate the resurrection of the risen savior, Jesus Christ, is in this month. And in many aspects, I feel, I've felt and I feel that I also experienced a resurrection in this city, a mandate, a clear mandate from the people of Riviera Beach.

Before the resurrection was a crucifixion, and I feel, and I felt, and I feel now that many times I was experiencing some forms of crucifixions here in these chambers. I felt that several times I was disrespected up here. A couple of my colleagues walked out on me when I would speak. One or two, um, particularly didn't want me to speak, or if they did, they made it very difficult. I almost thought I had to go to the Supreme Court in order to speak.

I am the Mayor of this city, and I should never have to fight or argue with anybody to speak. I should be able to speak as long as I'm in order. I felt very disrespected. The mere fact in the history of this city that two of my fellow colleagues would run for -- to give up their seats, which were very comfortable, and challenge a city mayor is perhaps unheard of. I was very surprised, but I asked the Lord to give me grace to run this race.

I felt a sense of betrayal at one point. I felt hurt. It brought tears to my eyes that one of them particularly had decided to run against me, and I felt in many ways that that person was here because I helped to get that individual here. When I was told about it, I was coming off the Exit 95 on 45th Street, and I pulled over and literally tears came down. And I said, "Lord, I don't know why, but I'm gonna keep my hand in your hand. Weeping might endure for a moment or for a night but joy will come in the morning."

AUDIENCE: Amen.

MAYOR MASTERS: I felt as I conclude, disappointed that the former Chair of this Council would publicly make a statement on YouTube saying that she didn't want to sit up here with me again for three more years.

AUDIENCE: Oh.

MAYOR MASTERS: It's on YouTube. Be careful what you ask for, because what you ask for may be what you might get. But one of the things that the Chair taught us, that the will of God will prevail.

AUDIENCE: Amen.

MAYOR MASTERS: Now, if the will of God will prevail -- now, let's stop justifying or making excuses why somebody won and somebody lost. Don't blame and shame and put it on Shelby. If Shelby had not been in the race, the loss would have been greater. If God is with us in the beginning, then God is with us in the end. So I conclude by saying, I have a forgiving spirit. I've forgiven the Chair for those comments. I have forgiven her and Mr. Lowe for anything they may have said that hurt me or -- or really, I just felt that, you know, I am not gonna try to say anything against anybody to get up to a position. If the work that I've done does not speak for me now.

AUDIENCE: Amen.

AUDIENCE: Hallelujah.

MAYOR MASTERS: Sister Margie, we not in church so, you know, be -- I don't want -- I don't want the police officers to throw you out. But -- but you -- I understand you're happy. That's -- that's one of our shouting Sister John members. So I -- I conclude, Mr. Chair, by saying to the citizens, if you don't know me by now, you will never know me. You know that I have been with you through thick and thin, and I appreciate that you spoke loud and clear, with a mandate that you have given me on the platform that I have run on. I am prepared to carry on every campaign promise that I made to you.

It was a victory for the veterans. It was a victory for metal detectors in public schools. It was a victory for the fire, the police, the workers, the students. It was a victory for the people. And it was also a victory that this Mayor will lead a charge for a referendum to be placed on the ballot that the people will have voice and will have vote to decide whether or not they want a used, leaky warehouse, or whether they want a new police station, a new Public Works, and a new everything in this city.

We love the services where they are. You said you want a voice. I promise you in November it will be on the ballot and the people will vote, and I will lead that vote. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mayor. What I'm going to ask at this time, if everyone will silence their audio devices, uh, so that they don't interfere with the meeting. So if everyone will cut off their cell phones, um, so that they won't interfere with the meeting. Um, the, um, next councilperson will be District 1, Councilman Bruce Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, thank you, Mr. Chair. And congratulations. Congratulations to the Vice Chair, um, Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: First of all, I would like to, um, give honor -- and I'm not a Bible carrying, scripture quoting individual, but I know from whence my blessings come, and I'd like to give honor to, um, the man above for allowing me to endure what I have done through all my years of living. It was by no single effort of mine, but obviously someone has been looking out over me, and I do recognize it, and I do appreciate it, and I'm just grateful for the blessings that have been bestowed upon me.

Having said that, there are, um, a few people that I would like to thank, and I always get in trouble because you always leave someone out, and if I leave someone out, please forgive me, um, because there are a lot of people that -- that helped me, but there are some who worked very closely with me.

First of all, I would like to give thanks to my, um, campaign manager, who is a former councilperson. I don't know if she's here tonight, Miss Cynthia Beckton. She worked

very closely with me and, um, has been a very strong inspiration through this process. The other person that worked very closely with me is Sylvia Blue. She's also a former councilperson. And, um, she has also been an inspiration to me.

Speaking of Miss Blue, I've, um, asked Miss Blue to be my legislative aide, and she's agreed, so as I go through my journey, uh, Miss Blue, who have been on the front line for many years, um, will be assisting me in -- in my, um, responsibilities as a councilperson.

I'd like to thank, um, a mentor of mine. She's the reason why I'm probably sitting here. I got a phone call when I was in grad school, working on my Masters, Urban and Regional Planning, and, um, there was a request for me to serve on the Police Pension Board. And my first reply was, Absolutely not. I have been there, done that, served on the City Council. I just cannot help you with that one.

So to make a long story short, um, I -- I recommended the name. She called those people, talked to a few other people and, um, she was not satisfied, so she called me back, and this person I just cannot say no to. And, um, she is someone that I hold in high regard, and I have a lot of respect for her. She has been very, um, encouraging to me and I will always be grateful to her, and that is former councilperson Billie Brooks. I don't know if she's in there. Give Miss Brooks a hand. Thank you.

Uh, Miss Brooks is someone that I consider a mentor. Um, she's bright. She's intelligent. She's a hard worker, a long-time taxpayer, and she's always, always had encouraging words to say. Even when everyone else is caught up in a controversy, um, she's always been positive and encouraging, and I really appreciate your support, Miss Brooks. Thank you very much.

Um, the other person I would like to thank, um, is Mr. Dan Calloway. Mr. Calloway has been with me since I've been a child, through my ups and downs, crazy turn-arounds, Mr. Calloway has never, ever forsaken me. When others would pass judgment, Mr. Calloway never would. He would reach out to me when I needed a hand, and he's been there for me for many, many years, and -- and I really appreciate it, and I'm grateful to have had him in my life.

And as I wind up, um, I've been involved in politics a long time. Um, partly why my hair is gray so early in life. But it's something that I love, and I love it because it's an avenue that impacts the quality of not only my life, but the lives that the elected officials oversee. The people who are elected determines the level of service that you get, the taxes that you pay, the quality of the parks where you go. I mean, they impact your life in many different ways.

I realize that if I'm gonna live in this community, I've got to give back. And I decided that this is the way that I'm gonna give back. I'm gonna make the ultimate sacrifice, because this is brutal, it's demanding, it's challenging, and it's very stressful. This is no walk in the park. Some think that, you know, this is pretty flattery. It's not. It's a lot of hard work. And those who take it seriously understand that. And that I went to school

to learn how to plan communities, I felt that this is my way to give back to my community, and this is how I chose to give back.

I -- I became friends with, um, most people on this dais, as a matter of fact, um, and -- and to different degrees of friendship, but to some degree I've been friends with most people up here. Um, there are two that I've been especially close to in the past few years, one of whom sit immediately to my right is, um, Miss Judy Davis. I'd like to thank her. Um, she's always been an inspiration and an encouragement. And we don't always agree, but we agree to disagree, and we don't get angry when we take different positions, and that is what I never understood about a lot of people. If you don't agree with them, you become their arch enemy. That's ridiculous.

I -- I mean, you know, we all have a right to take different positions, but that doesn't mean that we dislike or hate you or -- you know, our life experiences have made us how we are, and we each, um, has had our own life experiences, and make our decisions based on our life experiences. So I can't judge anyone because they disagree with me. I don't know what they've been through in life that has determined and -- and created their thought process. But, um, for some, if you don't agree with them you become their arch enemy. They'll attack you personally. They go for the jugular. You know, it is what it is, and I'm prepared for it. But Judy and I have always been friends, even when we disagreed. We'll say we agree to disagree, and I really appreciate her being there.

Lastly, um, my good friend that everyone knows. Me and this guy has -- have been up and down and, um, we've had our differences, but one thing that we've always been was respectful of each other's position. That's Mr. Cedrick Thomas. Cedrick was the only councilperson when I ran two years ago that came out publicly. I had some that support me quietly behind the scenes, but Cedrick came out publicly and supported me.

Um, if you would listen to us at some family gatherings, you wouldn't imagine that we're so close, because we really go at it when we are, um, debating the issues, and you'll probably see a little bit of that up here, as well. Um, but I like to thank my good friend for being there, I mean, unwavering, um, through the thick and thin. And I'm just grateful that now we can serve together on this council and work together to move our city forward.

The people who I want to thank the most, though, are those who came out to the polls and voted. Whether you voted for me or voted against me, it really doesn't matter. It's a motivation; either way you voted. Um, you have that right to vote against me, and those who supported me, I definitely appreciate it. And those who voted against me, I'm prepared to work with you, as well. Um, I'm not one who would be, um, looking to placate and kiss up and pacify. I'm not a phony, um, but those who would like to have a civil discussion with me, even though we may have agreed on the issues, I'm here. Don't think because we disagreed or you didn't support me that you can't approach me. You can. I just ask that you be respectful, and I'll be respectful to you.

Um, you know, I don't respond well to those who try to be political bullies and try to intimidate you, try to shame you into a position. I go dig up some dirt on you, so it's -- I

mean, really, get a life. Um, I'm just here to be a public servant, and if we all can respect each other and agree to disagree, we can move our city forward in a positive manner.

And I would like to just indicate the issues that I'm most concerned about now, one is the marina project. We have a \$240 million project now that is in question and, um, it's - it's an area that I feel is gonna be a catalyst to developing our economy, so you will find that I would be very, very adamant about moving that issue forward and getting it to a point where we can create jobs, we can, um, create an environment where people will want to come to our town and spend money, and we can be proud of being residents of Riviera Beach.

And the -- the thing that I've had the most complaints about, and I've talked to the City Manager, is that, um, we have a lot of employees who are very, very good, very pleasant, very kind, very responsive. But within every organization you have those employees who are not so pleasant, who are not so kind, and they don't represent our city well.

I've told the City Manager that customer service is priority. Our employees that work in the public sector work for you, the public, and when you come into this building, they need to be kind, pleasant, and respectful. That doesn't always happen and that's a pet peeve of mine, and I've told the City Manager that that is something that I will be monitoring, and in defense of the City Manager, she had already developed a plan, and she's dealing with that issue now. So, um, those are the things that are on my mind. I'd like to thank everybody and, um, I'm ready to go to work. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Uh, next we'll have District 2, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, first, congratulations to you as Chair and --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- to Miss Pardo as Vice Chair. Um, there's one thing that I'd like to say about Judy Davis first and foremost. Um, Mr. Guyton hit on it a little bit but, um, for people who don't know me, um, I am a person of my word. If I tell you I'm gonna do something, I'm gonna do it. You can count on that. And if I can't do it, I'm gonna call you up and tell you why I can't.

Um, I don't get into the political games that people play. Um, I'm just here to work. So with that being said, I want to welcome back the Old Guard and, um, the newly elected, uh, members, Mr. Davis and, um, Mr. Guyton. Um, I'd also like to say that, uh, I totally enjoyed serving with, um, uh, Councilwoman Brooks and Councilman Lowe. Uh, we served together for a number of years and it was -- um, we got a lot done. So thank you very much for your service. Um, I'm simply hoping that everybody here is ready to move the city forward. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Miss Davis. Uh, next we'll have Councilwoman Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, um, Mr. Chair, and congratulations to you, and Mayor Masters, congratulations.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Welcome back to the dais. Mr. Guyton, congratulations to you --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- and Mr. Davis, congratulations to you.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, I look forward to serving with you guys for the next two years and, um, Judy touched on it briefly. Um, I served with Councilman Lowe for five years, and with Miss Brooks for four years. In that time I believe we really moved the city forward. If you take a look at this city, and what the city was like six years ago, prior to the new council and mayor getting elected, and take a look at the city now, you know, you can look around and see. We got a lot accomplished: the Ocean Mall on Singer Island, the marina.

Um, as a matter of fact, tonight we are supposed to accept an award. Um, we are getting Project of The Year from the marine industries of Palm Beach County for the work that we did at the marina. So, um, I hope with the new council that the momentum continues. We do have a lot of work in front of us, and with that, I'm ready to get to work and, you know, hopefully we can start this agenda very soon. Again, congratulations everyone, and let's get to work.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you Councilwoman Pardo. Next we'll have Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Thank you --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Trying to figure out a way --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I know. I'm gonna have --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- seeing there's two.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's gonna probably be Mr. and Ms.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Or maybe we'll just call him Mr. T.D.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: That will work. I respect that. First I wanna say congratulations to yourself, um, Chair Thomas --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: -- and Co-Chair Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Mr. Guyton and the Mayor, congratulations on your election. To the residents of Riviera Beach, um, I give honor and praises to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, because without him as a part of this community I wouldn't have made it this far so far. Um, it's a great story in this election. Um, the residents of Riviera Beach, um, had a choice on the decisions they were gonna make when they had choice to go to the bat on who they wanted to select, and I thank you all for voting.

To the young children who wasn't of age that supported me that couldn't vote, thank you for your support. Thank you. There's a lot of young children out there saying, "Mr. Davis, I want to vote for you. I want to vote for you. I am gonna vote for you." I said, "But you got to wait till you're 18, but thank you for that support."

I want to thank the members of St. James Missionary Baptist Church, uh, my pastor, Tony Drayton for being supportive and keeping me in their prayers; Mount Olive Church, um, Reverend, um, Pastor Evans; (inaudible) Avenue, um, Church; Hurst Chapel; Shiloh, Pastor Williams, and any other churches that I missed, Reverend Parish, Mayor Masters.

AUDIENCE: Hill Top.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Hill Top, Reverend Davis. Can't forget the Davis. All right? Uh, I wanna make sure I get those churches in there. I want to thank Riviera Beach Parks & Recreation, because I'm a part -- product of that great facility. Um, it shows to show you that we have young people in our community who actually go through it and use the opportunities and the resources we have that we can get on this dais and actually have opportunity to show a reflection of our great community.

I want to thank my mother for all the years that she put into me, all the whuppings, all the spankings, all the prayers and chastisement, and all the love she given me and standing by me through this great opportunity. I want to thank my father for his 22 -- 21 years of service as an employee of the City of Riviera Beach. I want to thank my grandfather, M.C. Johnson for his 38 years in Parks Department here in Riviera Beach, showing me what it takes when he come home from work hurting and tired, on what it feels like to be a city employee and being grateful and being able to live long enough to give something back.

Um, I'd also like to say thank you to the South Side, Reverend Davis, Miss Davis, Dawson, Dawkins, Miss Meekins. If I missed anyone else on the South Side, I apologize, but to the whole South Side community, thank you all for supporting me. I

would say thank you to the residents of Marlboro Heights. I'd like to say thank you to the residents of Park Manor. I'd like to say thank you to -- to all the residents of Stonybrooks for believing in me and allowing me to work with them through the hard times they been going through as you see their living conditions getting much better. And we still have a long way to go, but things are getting much better. But we of the community have to keep those people in our prayers, keep them in our prayers because it takes a village to raise a child, and as a village, we've got to work together.

I want to send another thank you out to my grandmother, uh, Willie Mae Hester, um, for her great work and the great food she put into my soul when she feed me when I come home from school, and making sure I study and do the homework. I want to thank my aunts, my uncles, my cousins. I want to thank Dejenae [phonetic] Williams for being the one of the youth, my team captain of the youth, uh, Sherah [phonetic] Williams, uh, Amonte [phonetic] McNutt. I want to thank, um -- who else we have here? I want to thank Chief Wester for motivating me.

AUDIENCE: Go ahead, Chief.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Uh, no. You gotta get Wester. He -- he -- he has a way of getting you -- keeping you motivated. Making you stay on your toes. And Mr. Wester, I want to thank you for keeping me on my toes, because you are the first black police -- um, fire chief in our community, and I hold you to that standard, and thank you for holding me to a standard because when we step out of line we need to have someone that's gonna push us in line. I respect you and I thank you for what you done so far.

Um, I don't want to miss anybody. I'm not gonna hold you long. But, um, I'm so used to sitting on the other side. I'm trying to -- is there anyone else? Uh, I want to thank you to all the other supporters who gave me great financial support, uh, 'cause you understand, it takes a little few dollars to raise the money for this election. Um, I want to thank, um -- I'll give a special thanks to a, um -- a young lady, Miss Williams. She has been by my side for the last two years when getting ready to run for office and she pushes and she pushes and she pushes. Uh, Miss Williams, please stand up for a minute, please. Please stand up.

I'm gonna tell you something. This young lady, she had -- she had a great strategy. She has great fight. She has the heart of a lion. Yes, she's a beautiful, nice, sweet looking young lady, but she don't play, and she -- she kept me in check. She will be assisting me as I choose my next legislative aide. Um, she will be helping me out with that.

I want to thank Miss Brooks. Only thing I can say about you, Miss Brooks, elections, a lot of time, like they say, it brings out the good in some people and bring out the bad in some people. But one thing I can say about you, every time I saw you, you told me no matter what the results are, what happened, just take the good with it. And you had a smile on your face when you did it, and I want to say thank you.

I want to thank Reverend Burrs, Citizen Task Force, for giving me the opportunity at least come to the table and show me that, you know, you have an opportunity to come to a table, and there's a vision, giving me that vision to represent you.

I -- I want to thank Shelby Lowe, um, for giving me the opportunity to walk, and sit in this chair. I mean, I don't know what happens between him and Mayor Masters, you know, with the challenge, but it's fair game, but I wanna thank him because it's not every day as a young man you get the opportunity to come back in the community and someone reaches back and say, You know what? I believe you. I'm gonna give you a shot. And I wanna thank him for being positive.

I want to thank all the residents that came here tonight for being positive. Those at home that are watching, we as a community have to always maintain a positive attitude because attitude reflects leadership. And I want to thank you, and y'all have a good night.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, uh, Councilman Davis. Uh, before I make my comments, I do want to recognize, uh, a couple of individuals. I did see the mayor, the former mayor of Boynton Beach. Is he still here?

AUDIENCE: Yeah, John Hay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is -- is Mayor Hay still here? He -- he left. I wanted to recognize him. I also see, uh, the West Palm Beach commissioner, Mr., um, Ike Robinson. Please wave your hand, uh, Commissioner Robinson. Oh, here -- here -- here's the Mayor, as well, of, um -- the former mayor who serves, uh, so greatly, uh, in Boynton Beach. Thank you for being a part of this, and if you're still around, I'll give you a few minutes after we get done to, uh -- to speak.

I also see, uh, our County Commissioner, uh, Commissioner Priscilla Taylor. Is she still here? I saw her when I came in. She -- she stepped on the outside? Okay. If you -- if you're here and you wanna stick your head in, uh, Commissioner Taylor, we, uh, appreciate you being here, as well. I know that some of the, um, comments from the Board got a little lengthy, uh, so I just wanted to make sure that, um, you got a chance to be recognized before leaving. Are there any other elected officials here that I missed?

MAYOR MASTERS: Ann Lipton's here from Councilman Hasting's office.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mrs. Lipton, thank you for being here. Just please wave your hand. Uh, from, uh, Congressman Alcee Hasting's Office who, um, has an office here. Actually, he's here, I think, is it one day a week?

AUDIENCE: That's correct.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, one day a week, Tuesday. So, uh, we'll be talking more about that. Uh, my comments are -- are gonna be, um, brief, because we do actually have a meeting to get to. Um, I, um -- I want to -- to first of all, um, thank, uh,

several women who are in my life. Um, as you saw me swear in, you saw, um, four of the most powerful women on the face of the earth stand behind me. And I may get all of the, um, accolades, uh, but it's because of their strong support and their unwavering prayers that I'm able to do this.

So, um, first, and most people say this is not in any specific order, but this first one is in order because she is, uh, first in my life. That's my wife, Tamika. Now, Councilman Davis had a special person for him stand up. I'm gonna ask my wife to stand up. We gotta get you on camera, baby. Stand on up. Yes, stand on up, honey. Yes. That's -- that's my wife. It's my wife. Um, that's -- that's my wife. All right. Um--

AUDIENCE: All right, Cedrick.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I hear you. And you can -- you can go to church on that one, if you want to. That's my wife there. That's my wife there. Um, next is my daughter who does not mind hiding from the camera -- I mean, being in front of the camera, so Jasmine, please stand. You saw that didn't take long at all. That's my daughter, uh, uh, Jasmine.

Um, and I have my mom, um, who I'm sure will put in a pink comment card soon. Uh, Ma, you don't have to stand, but just everybody knows my mom, who's extremely proud of me, and I -- I have my mother-in-law, um, Miss Sandra Moore. Please stand if you want and just be seen. That's -- those -- those -- those four ladies, um, those are the four ladies that are in my life that -- that keep this moving.

I have my father-in-law here, um, as well. And most times, you -- you know, when you marry somebody, usually the -- the in-laws aren't as quite as close as we are, but my father-in-law is probably one of the closest men in my life who always provides me guidance. Mr. Moore, please stand. He just don't -- I can't make him stand. I can't make him stand, but I appreciate him being here.

There's a few other people, and I -- I -- I don't like to start calling names, because of course you're gonna miss someone, but there's a few, uh, people that I definitely just want to say thank you to, that has been there every day, um, through -- through the struggles that we've -- we've had. And, um, that's my -- my dear mother, um, and I have several mothers, um, Miss Jones. I know she's in the audience. Right. I -- my -- I got my main mother, who had me, yes, the first, right, the -- the tree. But some of the other, uh, surrogates: Miss Jones, please wave your hand. Where -- where are you, Miss Jones? Miss Evelina Jones. She's in the back. Uh, Miss -- Miss Meekins. Miss Meekins, please -- now, Miss Meekins, you know you got on that hat. Go on ahead and let them see that hat. Miss -- Miss Meekins got that hat.

AUDIENCE: All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I would like to -- I'd like to also thank, uh, who's probably not here, uh, Miss Lillian Perrante who, you know, I -- I -- I don't know the age of Miss Perrante, but she has the most energy of anybody that I've ever seen, who pushed me

and pushed me and called, no matter what time it was, and I really mean no matter what time it was, uh, just to make sure that I was staying on pace, and I want to thank you, um, Lillian. I know that you're probably watching if you're not here.

I'd like to thank Mr., uh, Calloway, um, for also supporting me, and Mr. McCray for, uh, giving me some of the tough love. Um, I'd like to thank, um, uh, the -- uh, the citizens who have all, uh, come out to vote, uh, for me. I appreciate the overwhelming percentage of you who voted for me. That was very, um, heartfelt and I really appreciated it. It's -- it's not something that I, um, take lightly. I will do my best, very best to make you proud.

I would like to thank someone who's no longer here. Her name is, uh, Jennie Laboski [phonetic] who served with me for the last, um, year, little over a year. Um, I'd like to, uh, thank her, um, because she was, um -- she was very influential in helping this office continue to do a lot of the things that we were able to do, so I definitely would like to, um, um -- to thank her.

I'd like to thank all of the legislative, um, aides that worked in the office, um, from Deborah Hall to Debbie Isaacs to, uh, Jessica Pinsky, to Marian Dozier, um, Laura, um, Hanson. Um, uh, it was -- it was a gang of them. All of them participated in helping this office move forward, each and every one of them.

Next I'd like to thank, uh, Mr. Shelby Lowe and Miss, uh, Billie Brooks, Mrs. Billie Brooks-Salter, for, uh, being here and helping move the city forward. I'm happy to be serving with who the citizenry of Riviera Beach decided that they wanted to sit here, but I must say that group that was here, we worked hard, we got a lot done, and I'm very happy to say that I've served with each and every one of them.

Uh, to the Mayor, we definitely want you to continue to lead with, uh, integrity, um, and continue to do all the things that you do in the community. To Mr., uh, Guyton, who is a very dear friend of mine, and no, we don't agree all of the time. Um, but you know, if you wanted one person to -- or if you wanted everyone to think alike, you would only need, uh, to elect one person. So I'm glad to have him here. And believe me, believe me, I figure to get some good work out of everybody here.

Uh, Miss Davis, I've always appreciated your -- your outlook on things and I'm glad to continue to be serving with you. Uh, Mr., uh, Davis, Mr. T.D. Davis, um, I have not quite had the opportunity to work with you on very many, uh, issues, but I did see a lot of the work that you've done in the community, and I look forward to, uh, working with you on the Board. Miss Pardo, I'm glad that you're here, as well. I enjoy working with you and I'm glad that we'll be, um, continuing to -- to move the city forward.

One of the last things I definitely want to say is that this community, we need to heal and continue to move forward. The elections are over. I'm sure the campaigning is never going to stop. But what I'm asking is that we work together. We continue to move the city forward. We keep you in mind. We all serve you, and that is what I want all of my colleagues, as well as all of the groups around to concentrate on: moving the

city forward, making it happen.

Let's try -- let's try very hard to throw the nasty politics out the window and just try doing our very best to serve our community would make me one of the happiest individuals that there is here. Okay. Now, we have to go ahead and continue with the agenda. We have two comment cards for this part of it. The first one would be Mike Sloser [phonetic]. I don't know who has the clock, but you'll have three minutes. Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Just -- just --

MIKE SLOSER: Mike Sloser, 4100 North Ocean Drive, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. Um, I just wanted to come here tonight to congratulate all of you. Sincerely, Mayor. He asked me before, and I said "Sincerely." I congratulate you all. I have had a chance to know you all, and I congratulate you, and I welcome the opportunity to work with you.

As you know, I wear a few hats, and the hat I'll wear tonight is that Commission on Social Justice. We have a lot of work to do in the community, and that work started a long time ago. We'll be back to you. We'll be reporting to you. We'll be here on a regular basis. Pastor Drayton and I look forward to working with you, and when the time comes I know you'll be able to appreciate the work we're doing. So thank you very much, congratulations, and I'm glad you're there, not me. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments, Mr. Sloser. Um, Mr. Ward, um, it's several cards and several items. Is this the item that you wanted to speak on?

GERALD WARD: This is the -- the item of this part of the program.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

GERALD WARD: The induction, the new four swearing-ins.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, you got three minutes.

GERALD WARD: Yes, sir. Gerald Ward, 2135 Broadway. Obviously, this ceremony has gotten better over the last 40 years. Uh, Miss Ward, or your City Clerk, has produced a process and procedure which is extremely productive and detailed if you follow it. The swearing in she has comprehensively listed out and then given you a set of homework, and although some of you are re-treads, uh, you have to take all of the homework and do it today, this week, this month. So, uh, I just think that it -- it is a -- an item that was developed over the last 20 years or so that is very comprehensive and you need to follow it.

Education. You've heard me at budget time. You're just now starting, uh, through staff, the budget which you will adopt in September. I've tremendously been repetitive about five percent of the budget needs to be in training, not only for staff, but five percent for

you. And under your current system you sit as the CRA. The CRA has a better training system for understanding, uh, this. Come the 10th of April I hope to see all of you in Pompano learning about the recent changes in -- of community redevelopment agencies. Um, 80 bucks is the -- the attendance fee, registration, and certainly each of you needs to go to look at that, because that's one of the big items of re-establishing Riviera Beach government. How you administer a dependent district within an agency, within the city. And that could be a substantial benefit to change the way we do business and make money.

Lastly, uh, you, uh, have had an election process. Uh, the mayor has started the City onto a way we change how you elect folks. Somewhere around one-third of his, um, votes were by absentee. He only collected maybe a fraction of those, but the mail-ins were the remainder. The process of elections, you were directed in 2008 to re-district. That's an ordinance that needs to be done as soon as possible, but the absentee process is the way of the future in getting people out to vote. Only 10 to 20 percent of the precincts, you have 13 effective precincts, 20 total. They all can be realigned to make this a more effective process and have the public participate.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Um, and our final comment card for this particular section will be, uh, Janie Johnson.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, while Miss -- Mother Johnson is coming --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's under public comment, and we're gonna get the public comment in just a minute, Miss (inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: While your mother's coming, I just wanted to recognize our friends on Singer Island. We're gonna continue to vote support for that police station and a permanent solution to the waters problem. Thank you.

JANIE JOHNSON: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good evening.

JANIE JOHNSON: Janie Johnson, Riviera Beach, Florida. Proud mother of Cedrick Thomas. I have a poem that I wrote for you and I'd like to share it with you and this great audience. It says, "Fourth time elected, to God be the glory. Congratulations on yet another victory brought to you by God. Now you must seize the opportunity to continually do your part. You are favored and blessed beyond measure and nothing can compare to the hold God has on your life and the vision you soon will share. Once again you have this tremendous task that is set before you. Serve it with pride, dignity, and transparency in everything you do. Don't worry about your haters, because they're a blessing in disguise. They will keep you on your knees, and that makes you stronger and wise. Just remember you can't please all the people all of the time. So listen to them, make an informed decision, and everything will be fine. Although some accomplishments have been made, there's still more work to do. It's evident you're on the right track. That's why they re-elected you. The road ahead may seem rocky and

sometimes hard to bear, but keep your hand in Jesus' hand --"

AUDIENCE: Oh, yeah.

JANIE JOHNSON: "-- because you know he's always there."

AUDIENCE: Um.

JANIE JOHNSON: "Challenges has a way of reminding us of the true powers we possess. Trials make us aware of resources we have to truly pass the test. Some events serves at catalysts for major changes and a tool to find remedies. A man of character comes to grip with difficult situations and realize his potentialities. Shun the criticism of evil-doers and pray your way through and leave a legacy for other young people who wants to serve this city, too. Now, when the ceremony is over and all well wishes have been given to you, fulfill the promises by doing what you said that you would do."

AUDIENCE: Um.

JANIE JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Uh, thank you, Ma. I'll come buy the house to pick that up after. Appreciate it.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's the time to say, Let the church say amen.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Appreciate that. Um, Miss, uh, Beaumont, Nancy Beaumont? If I'm -- mispronounced your name, I'm very sorry. You have three minutes. Your card came in a little late, but tonight we're gonna be excusing that.

NANCY BEAUMONT: Thank you. I want to, uh, congratulate Mayor Masters, and tell you how blessed I am to have known you, to work with you, to know the person you are, the heart and the soul of the man that you -- you represent. And, um, it's -- it's just been such a privilege. And to know that you serve all people, not only women, not only men, but children, the people who don't have a voice, and you're so committed and so passionate, and I am congratulating you. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Okay. We're gonna move down to the, uh, agenda approval. Um, are there any additions, deletions, or substitutions?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, Mr. Chair. Um, tonight, to the consent agenda, item number 12A, I would like to add, um, the application to -- uh, the bill -- or the authorization to apply for a grant from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission and Boating Improvement. This is a grant to help us continue, uh, working on our docks. Um, unfortunately, the application date is prior to our next meeting, and so I'm asking to

add that grant application.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We'll make that 12, 13. We'll make that 13.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: 12A, right?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Wait a minute.

CITY MANAGER JONES: 12A.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: 12A.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We'll make that 12A.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. 12A, grant application.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Under Community Benefits, I would like to add two items. Um, Councilman Terence Davis would like to make an award to West -- West Riviera Elementary School in the amount of \$500, as well as Councilman Terence Davis would like to make an allocation of \$375 to the Valley of Love Ministries.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's also my understanding that the Mayor is now passing down additional, um, Community Benefit requests, um, but I'll let him speak to those.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So we're gonna add under Community Benefits, 14A, um, Councilman Davis, to Community Benefits. Okay. So you have two under that. Um, and I think that we've, uh -- we have the paperwork on those already?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, it's attached.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, they're in here. Add delete packet?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am. And, um, Mayor, you also had a Community Benefits?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I just passed it down. Everyone should have it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. You wanna tell us about it?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, Envision America, Incorporated, is an after-school, um, program that's, um, inside of the old -- back in the day we called it Wedgewood, but now it's called Reserve, and Envision America seeks to empower young people to reach their potential by providing a number of comprehensive youth

and family development services. They operate the clubhouse on the property of The Reserve in Lakeside in the city to increase academic achievements, raise self esteem and afford more opportunities to the children. It is the first after-school after-care program, um, there. Uh, and it's not just for the -- the children.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mayor? Mayor? I -- I don't really want to cut you off. I just wanted to know the name and then you can give that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Envision America, \$2,000.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Envision America.

MAYOR MASTERS: The Family Development Center, Summer Camp Scholarship Program, Kenny Bowers, \$1,000; um, New Life, New Faith Ministries, all about --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're gonna give you three. You have three?

MAYOR MASTERS: \$800.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You have three?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. You can pass them on down to the attorney.

MAYOR MASTERS: I -- I -- I did.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. They're coming. They're coming. Any other additions, deletions, or substitutions?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Um, under Board appointments, um, item number 15, um, an additional recommendation. We have, um, two on for Planning & Zoning. An additional recommendation of Kimberly Jackson to the Planning & Zoning Board. And then the addition of the recommendation of Billie E. Brooks to the Police Pension Board.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We'll make those 15A.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And in light of time, and I understand the -- some of you have things that you need to get to, I would like to ask the Council to consider holding item number 13?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: To the next meeting?

CITY MANAGER JONES: To the next meeting.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We'll move 13 to the next meeting unless anyone of my colleagues has an issue with that. We'll delete 13. Okay. Mayor, your two items will be, um, 14B, 14B.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, if there's no other deletions, substitutions, or addition -- additions, uh, I'll entertain a motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Motion to accept consent.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I -- I just had one question, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I thought 14A was Westriv [phonetic], um, so --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, 14 --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So 14A is going to be Valley of Love and Westriv?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. My motion still stands.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We have a motion and second. Okay. It's been properly moved and second. Are there any unreadiness concerns? Okay.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T.D. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're going to move down to the, um, consent agenda. Before we take the consent, I want to make sure that I -- I promised the elected officials that I would give them a -- a minute to speak. Would the -- would the two of you just come in at the same time. You can take -- you can take a quick minute. I'm definitely sorry about that.

WOODROW HAY: Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mayor.

WOODROW HAY: I am former Mayor, as of last night, of the great City of Boynton Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Still my mayor.

WOODROW HAY: Uh, I just wanted to come tonight to congratulate all of you and to let you know that, uh, if Boynton Beach could come through what we have come through, so can you. Uh, as many of you know and have read the paper, uh, we had our mayor, uh, arrested and God put me at the helm for such a time as this. I want to say to each of you that God has placed you in the position that you're in for such a time as this, and that is to move this great City of Riviera Beach to the next level.

I want you to know that, uh, I came up tonight. I gave up watching my favorite team, the Heat, which is playing right now, to, uh -- to be here to let you know that I support you. I support where you're going to go. Also to let you know that I continue to support, um, Mayor Masters in our Mayors Against Illegal Weapons in the Schools.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

WOODROW HAY: We are fighting that.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

WOODROW HAY: We will continue to fight that effort. Because something needs to do -- needs to be done, and it can be done, and it will be done.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

WOODROW HAY: If enough of us stay focused on the task and don't be sidetracked, we will overcome this, also. So congratulations to you. I commend you. I'm gonna keep my eyes on you because I like to look at you guys as a mentor for me, believe it or

not. I've been mayor for over a year and, uh, I will probably at our next meeting be, uh, vice mayor, and I will continue to serve. If you look at yourself as the, uh, team of one, become a master servant, because that's all we are. We are servants of the most high. Dust we are and dust we shall return. So don't get too big --

MARGIE JOSEPH: Yes, yes.

WOODROW HAY: -- for your britches.

MARGIE JOSEPH: (Inaudible) man.

WOODROW HAY: Because we are all just servants of the almighty God.

MARGIE JOSEPH: Oh, yes.

WOODROW HAY: I thank you for this opportunity.

MARGIE JOSEPH: Hallelujah.

WOODROW HAY: I open myself to any --

MARGIE JOSEPH: Wow.

WOODROW HAY: -- uh, phone calls. My number is 732-9484. If you wanna call me, we'll dialogue. Righteous conflict is good. God bless you and God keep you is my prayer.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, let the record reflect that Margie Joseph is shouting on the front row in the chambers.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Uh, Commissioner Robinson.

COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Protocol having been established with the newly organized Council, and I'm very proud to say that all of you up there are my friends. I'm gonna do right quickly switch hats. As Past President of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, I'm gonna let you know, if you're not at the table, you are on our menu, and your City issues will be cut up. Note that for me, please.

Now, on behalf of my Mayor, my President, and my other three colleagues on the dais, we are your sister city. We have been with you. We will be with you. We will fight with you in any alley, as long as we're right and we know that we're doing something to improve the quality of life of our residents.

As soon as we do our installation on April the 4th, as I have promised, we will resume our sister city's discussion, and the first one, we will meet with Riviera Beach at our chamber and we will dialogue on issues that are critical to us. Keep telling my dais,

only thing separating us is the Louise E. Buie Bridge, two CRAs together. There's power if we can handle it. So best of everything to you. But most important, if you're not at the table now, you are going to be on the menu. Thank you.

MARGIE JOSEPH: All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Commissioner Robinson. And, uh, thank you, Mayor. We appreciate it. And just so you know, Commissioner Robinson, we will be at the table. Yeah, we'll be there. Definitely won't be on the menu. Okay. We gonna move now to the, um -- the, uh, consent agenda. Um, all matters listed on this item are considered to be routine. There will be no separate motion -- action. Um, 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. Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T.D. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: She left somewhere out there.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY CLERK WARD: That vote passed with Councilperson Pardo out.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem. We do have a 7:00, uh, time certain comments from the public. It is shortly after that. We will move to that at this point.

The first person that I have for comments would be Mr. Fane Lozman.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. I have a copy here of the January 16th written minutes. In the minutes it said that Fane Lozman was going to -- Pam Ryan said Fane Lozman is gonna sue the City for his attorney's fees. On February 19th the U.S. Supreme Court issued its judgment and with the judgment was a letter back to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. The process happens automatically. The Supreme Court judgment goes back to the appellate court, and then it goes back to the District Judge in Fort Lauderdale. He will hear, as is the law, what I am entitled to, relative to my costs and fees. He made the City put up a \$25,000 bond for my living expenses while my home was arrested. I'm going to present to him my bill that I have: my attorney's fees, my costs, the value of my home and my living expenses for the last four years.

I have had maritime attorneys all over the country contact me. Law schools contact me. I've asked them the same thing. Pam Ryan says I'm not entitled to get paid my attorney's fees and the value of my home. And they laughed. The case law is quite clear that in this situation, as the prevailing party, and given the whole totality of the circumstances, I need to be made whole. I didn't ask the City to sue me.

The City did something very interesting that I think the Mayor knows, that maybe no one else does. The City accepted my rent check on April 1st of 2009 and returned it to me April 17th of 2009, and then April 20th said, Oh, you didn't pay your rent. We're gonna take your home, arrest it and destroy it. They created a phony maritime lien to go to Federal Court. This judge has a big problem with what went on here. Okay? Somebody's gonna have to write me a check for \$300,000 worth of attorney's fees, \$170,000 to replace my floating home, another \$100,000 for living expenses the court already said I'd be entitled to if I prevailed. It's already in the District Court record.

You're talking \$570,000 because Pam Ryan said, you know, we got to get him out of the marina, because he won the state eviction case. Who is gonna hold Miss Ryan accountable? Her term is coming up here in June. Who's -- what's gonna happen? Already the District -- the Supreme Court issued an order saying you have to pay me \$10,073.50. Now, I'm giving this to the City Clerk to attach to my comments tonight from the Supreme Court. It's already \$10,000 I have to be reimbursed for right away. What about my other \$570,000? When is this gonna end that you're gonna get an attorney who's gonna tell you what the truth is?

Let me put it -- one more thing. There was 56,000 appeals in 2012. 56,000 people lost. Out of those 56,000, 10,000 appealed to the Supreme Court. They took 76 of the 10,000. 50 ultimately got reversed. I'm one of 50 out of 56,000. That just goes to show what kind of garbage went on here at the City. There needs to be some accountability. She needs to be held accountable.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

FANE LOZMAN: I'm now --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much --

FANE LOZMAN: -- giving this judgment to the --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- for your comments.

FANE LOZMAN: -- clerk.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, next -- yeah, you can leave that right there at the desk. Um, the next speaker will be, uh, Mr. Richard Wester.

RICHARD WESTER: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

RICHARD WESTER: Good evening. Richard Wester. I'm a retired fire chief from the City of Riviera Beach. First black fire chief in the State of Florida. I grew up here in this city with dirt roads and shell rock roads, 67 years ago. We got a City Public Works Director now. He's come to this city. You ride through here now, you'd think you're in Palm Beach Gardens somewhere. We got a City Council sit up here, and you know, we got a -- one of the few cities around here, uh -- we got an exit from the Turnpike, exit from 95 coming right through the heart of our city.

We got a City Council trying to strip the beauty that's trying to happen here. When people come through here you want to show your city off. We got -- wanna put the police department, fire department, over into the warehouse district. I heard the Mayor say he wants to hang up a referendum. Well, Mayor, that's the best thing I heard here tonight by bringing up that referendum. You got things that goes on through the city here. I mean, it's terrible. People don't know where they came from.

I was here, dirt roads, and it -- from coming to the Blue Heron Boulevard now you got something to show off, and the people don't know nothing what they doing, tearing it apart. And, uh, I ride through this city -- a lot of you ride through here, you see Dan Calloway got his name on a park. Uh, Reverend Henley got his name on a street. Herman McCray got his name on a bridge. Miss Buie got a -- I mean, no -- nothing -- nothing wrong with that. But we got the first black mayor came through here, Bobby Brooks. They got a plaque for Bobby. I bet you half of the people in this -- in -- in this building and never laid their eyes on it, 'cause they don't know where it is. You ride through this city you'll see Danny's name and everybody's name that I'm talking about. And you got a -- a dais right out -- I mean, you got a sign right out there said "City of Riviera Beach." Lit up at night. All it takes is a can of paint to paint Bobby's name up there.

The Mayor said that, uh, he -- he got for Reverend Henley to get up last time, the City Manager and Miss Brooks told me, Oh, we gonna do it for Martin Luther King's parade. Then they turn around, Oh, we gonna -- we gonna do it for, uh, Black History Month. You look out the window. I'm -- I'm watching it, too, (inaudible). And you watch it when -- when you go out to see if his name up there yet. It ain't up there, and it ain't gonna be

there. There it is, right there.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Chief. Thank you very much for your comments. Um, next we'll have, uh, Laura Hansen. Is Laura Hansen here? Yeah, you're up next.

LAURA HANSEN: Laura Hansen, 11020 Legacy Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. To the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, and other city staff, I come tonight to say thank you. Um, however, it is with a spirit of sadness and a spirit of happiness that I address you today. Sadness, because today marks the last day of my tenure as a temporary City of Riviera Beach employee. Happiness because of how pleasant my experience working for the City of Riviera Beach has been.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have worked for the City of Riviera Beach in the capacity of Legislative Assistant to former Council Chairwoman Billie Brooks. Thank you, Miss Brooks. You have helped me in more ways than you will ever know and I must also thank the City's former Chief of Staff, Miss Roseanne Brown, for my initial and ongoing training. I came to the City through a partnership between Riviera Beach and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. My goal was to gain experience that would lead to a new career for me. I am pleased to report that my goal was fully achieved.

Yes, I gained a wealth of new useful experience, but the most important thing was the way I was warmly received by the City of Riviera Beach family. Thank you all for that. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to volunteer for City events, meet constituents, make new friends, and yes, definitely be paid my salary, too. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I know firsthand why Riviera Beach truly is the best waterfront city in which to live, work, and play. Thank you all.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments, Miss Hansen. Uh, next will be, uh, Mr. Ward. Mr. Ward, we'll have to get a system so these cards aren't so confusing on what item you want to speak on. But go ahead. You have three minutes.

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 2135 Broadway, and -- and that's why we put up at the top a little checklist for you. Uh, I think everybody needs to know that Friday was Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's, uh, monthly meeting for which they heard the Palm Beach County comprehensive plan 13-2 -- 13-1, um, updates. Both the County and the Port of Palm Beach have items in there which would eliminate the State Road 710 connector. That's the road, the only piece of State Road 710 that was fully built in 1995, when the Port wanted to build the Sky Pass and cut it off, and promises were made, uh, transcripts are -- are available, and inter-local agreements are available to reconnect State Road 710 to Broadway.

Uh, the Treasure Coast voted Friday that that -- those provisions should remain in the

County's comprehensive plan and the, uh, Port's master plan. Now, obviously Treasure Coast is like many planning groups. They're advisory and, uh, uh, we will see what happens as it proceeds through the State process. The, um, next item is that, uh, the back-up was not available for Item 12A or the two additional -- or the two additional, uh, Community Benefits items. The Charter requires that such back-up be available to the public. Uh, I'm not sure you even knew what was going on for those two items.

Lastly, there is the issue of the referendum of 2010 November, which Judge Kelly issued his six-page opinion. I suggest each one of you get a copy of it and read it, because before we go off deciding that -- that some group has authority over it, it is a vote of the citizens, a referendum, and if you read Judge Kelly's decision, he opines as to his interpretation, and there are certainly lots of jailhouse or sea lawyers that will opine differently. But each of you needs to read the decision at the bottom of page one and the top of page 2, as to how he interpreted the provisions of the referendum, uh, so that you don't jump off the cliff before you have read at least what a legal opinion is at a circuit judge level within Palm Beach County.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comment. Um, next we'll have Mary Brabham, Miss Mary Brabham.

MARY BRABHAM: Good afternoon. It's unfortunate that the Mayor's not sitting up on the dais as I speak. Formality says congratulation, and this is from the heart, congratulation to us all, to -- to you all. In God's eyes there are no winners, nor no losers. Not in this -- not in this realm. It is only the right and wrong where God will judge us upon.

I sat and I listened to the newly elected mayor as he gave his comments. He's still bashing. It -- it has been a lot said in this election here. When I look at the results from this election here, we can definitely say that it's not. It's still division. Not just amongst our communities, but all of the communities. I don't care where you go or what you do, whatever goes around comes back around.

He sat and he bashed Miss Brooks. I ask his legislative aides, whoever they may be, teach him moral character, principle, but most of all, integrity. What he did in this election, he -- he could be held accountable, but -- but I say, but what goes around does come -- come back full circle. He bashed Miss Brooks, not only Miss Brooks, anybody else that gets in his way.

For the residents, your mayor makes 40,000 -- almost \$40,000 a year. When they posted that list (inaudible) -- on our candidates, they failed to put in there how much they make. And for all of you all that say that your mayor is doing a great job, you encourage him to do better. You encourage him to clean up his act. And I'm challenging the police department, whenever you see him, because he has been in the wrong, but he has not been arrested. See, your residents do not know these things, but we, as citizens, we know. And for him to sit up there and bash any candidate when his record is not clean is very, very disgraceful.

I say to you, Councilman Davis, don't be torn with every wind that blows. Govern from your heart and not from your -- from your head. Do the right thing. Move this city forward. If everybody could have been dazzling Victor, who was 102 years old, who did not sacrifice an absentee ballot to be mingled or disenfranchised, we would have had an -- and election. But this is man's election here. So I say, congratulation and do good. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much, Miss Brabham. Uh, next we'll have, uh, Miss Norma Duncombe. That -- that might be a hard act to follow; yeah.

AUDIENCE: Arrest him.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Norma Duncombe, um, citizen of Riviera Beach. Um, I'm -- I would just like to address, uh, or add to what Mr. Ward said about the referendum, and I am so glad that Mr. Thomas said that it was important for everybody -- well, first of all, congratulations everybody. You look good. Uh, you said that you want to do the right thing for everybody in this city. I was glad to hear you say that. And the first thing we have to do is respect all people. We had a referendum prior to 2010, and there were some of us who did not agree with that referendum that said buildings could only be five stories high. But once it became a law, it was codified, put on the books, and that was it.

2010, bless her little heart, she's resting in peace, but Miss Emma Bates gave her life fighting for the public to have the accommodations of our marina, the same as they do in all cities. Now, there were some who disagreed, but the law was passed, and two weeks ago, three weeks ago, we went back to court, and it was reinforced by the judge, that this referendum should be put on the book and carried out. He threw out the referendum that came after that.

Now, all the referendum said was that the City should own and operate the marina. Now, there are some people who said, "That's impossible. We can't do what we need to do if the City owns it. We have to give it away to the developers." Well, let me give you an example. Up and down the East Coast every city owns and operates a marina. So I don't see why we can't do it.

The next thing is, the County Commissioners own the airport. They had developers to come in there, build the airport, vendors coming there, open up businesses, but the County is getting 20 -- at least I -- I don't know the exact amount, but about 20 percent off every business that is in the airport, off their gross amount. And they have a contract where the airport will be maintained to a certain level. So now, rather than saying you cannot operate and own the airport as a city, find somebody who could help you do what the people have voted for you to do. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much, Miss Duncombe, for your comments. And our last --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, um, Mr. Chair, be -- before you, um --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, I just have a quick question to the attorney, because it's my understanding that there are deed restrictions that don't allow us to ever sell our marina, um, or some type of legal restriction. Are you --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You can't sell the marina.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, okay. Because there are accusations that somehow we're gonna give it to a developer, or sell it, but that can never happen because of the legal restrictions that are contained in the documents. Am I correct?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So I just want the public to know that there is no risk of ever selling, giving -- giving away, um, the marina to a developer. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Our final card will be, uh, Reverend Burrs. Good to see you Reverend Burrs.

REVEREND BURRS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You have three minutes.

REVEREND BURRS: I won't -- well, that isn't enough time, but I'm gonna try to do it. Congratulation to each of you all what has, uh, the Lord saw fit that you to sit there and to serve the citizens of Riviera Beach. And as I said on every time I approach this podium, I may not agree with you, but I don't dislike any of you just because I disagree with you. And, uh, and I would like to reiterate, based on what -- uh, what Chairman Thomas said that, uh, if Jesus sit there, everybody not gonna vote for him. So you can't get mad before because they didn't vote for you and et cetera, et cetera, uh, and all these things.

But here I am, Reverend William H. Burrs, 2542 Canterbury Drive, Riviera Beach, president of the Riviera Beach Citizen Task Force. As Miss Duncombe stated that the judge did rule in our favor, uh, as far as the referendum, and if we wants to move, uh, we never said that we didn't want the marina developed. We want the citizens to understand that. And prior to what Councilman Guyton said, yes, the City does have a - a -- a mechanism in place to not sell it, but to lease it for 50 years.

The point is, no other municipality does that, either. They don't lease their marina for 50 years. They have a developer to come in, develop it and they run it. Just like you said about the airport. The airport was not released to the developers for 50 years. So this is all we're saying, that, uh, we -- that we -- I think we could develop our own marina, get somebody to develop it, finance it, and pay them, and run it ourselves.

But again, if we wants to -- uh, the judge did rule in our favor. If we want to move forward, number one, as she stated, we -- you -- you need to recognize -- this Council,

now that the election's behind us, recognize the fact that the judge did rule in our favor, codify the referendum, put it on the budget, put it on the books, and then we can move forward. Recognize the fact that we won. Don't be -- get upset and try to prolong the situation. Recognize the fact. Then we can sit down and talk and (inaudible) the referendum, move forward. As long as y'all prolong that, then the longer it gonna take. So let's try to move forward.

If I -- and I hope I'm making sense to each of y'all. So let us do that and the election -- election behind. Put all the animosity behind and -- uh, because before you all ran, somebody was there before you all. So accept that. Amen. So that's what we're trying to do. We want to see the marina, uh, operates and run by the City because (inaudible)-- and I said to peoples that I talk with concerning the citizens of Riviera Beach, if the City would have taken control of the Ocean Mall, and if the City would have control of their refuse department, and keep control of their marina, we'll be floating in money.

We should not allow developers to come in and take over our business and tell us what they're gonna give us for it. It's your -- it's our business. Tell them what we will give them to develop it for us and we run it ourselves. See, the -- the developer said that the marina was a gold mine. Y'all heard them say that. Citizens heard them say that. If it's a gold mine, why would we give them the gold and we take the dust off the gold? Don't make sense. They want the pie. We gonna give them the pie and tell them how much of the pie we want back. No. We keep the pie and tell them how much we will give them. This is our marina.

Don't let nobody tell you what they -- what you would accept for your property. You tell them what you accept for it. So we're -- we're going to sit down with whoever, hopefully in the -- in the process of time, and try to get the marina developed and move forward and that we can work with the Citizen Task Force and get this city moving forward so we get some revenue coming into the city that we could, uh, maintain our budget. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Thank you very much, Reverend Burrs. Okay. Um, that's the end of public comment. We're gonna go ahead and move to 14, which is, um, Community Benefits. Um, and this one is, um --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's mine, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Uh, City of Riviera Beach, uh, Memorial Day Tribute, Councilwoman Judy Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, Mr. -- uh, Mr. Chair --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: -- this would be the second annual Memorial Day tribute that would involve, um, the planting of the flags and a, um, ceremonial tribute to, uh, fallen veterans and, um, members of First Responders who have given their life in the

line of duty.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion? Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns, or unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T.D. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That motion approved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're gonna move to 14A, uh, Councilman T. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes, that item is on for West Riviera Elementary and those funds to help out with the FCAT, and those dollars are for that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And the other one?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: And the second one is for the Valley Love Ministries -

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Wait. We're gonna do 'em -- we're gonna do 'em one at a time.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Time, okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So the first one is going to be West Riviera (inaudible) today.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: For -- okay -- the FCAT test.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Are there any questions, concerns, or unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T.D. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're gonna go to 14A, subsection 1.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: All right. That's for the Valley of Love Ministries. That's for the Easter, um, banquet for the hungry and the homeless.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns, or unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T.D. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're gonna move to 14B. Mayor, if you're out there, can you return to the dais for your item, please? The Mayor's not here, um, but we can still entertain it if you like.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's been properly moved and second. Um --

CITY CLERK WARD: Which one is this?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: This is going to be the one for, uh, Invasion America -- Envision America.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Envision.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Envision America.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: This is in --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What's that now?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Envision America.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I think he had three, didn't he?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Did he have three?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Internet security for, uh, \$2,000. The paperwork is in. The attorney has reviewed it. Seems it's -- it's in proper order. Do we have a motion and a second?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Been moved by, uh, Councilman Guyton, second by Councilwoman Davis. Any questions, concerns, or unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T.D. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We have 14B, subsection 1, the Family Development Centers.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. The amount is for \$1,000. Are there any questions, concerns, or unreadiness? The attorney has, uh, looked over this particular item, as well, and it is in good condition. If we don't have any questions or concerns, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T.D. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We have, uh, 15, Item 15, Board Appointments.

And this --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, um, excuse me. Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Yes, sir, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Did we do the New Life for --

CITY MANAGER JONES: The Mayor had one more.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah, that was one more that he had.

CITY CLERK WARD: Sorry.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um -- okay. Let's go to 14B, subsection 2.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: New Life Faith Ministries, um, \$800. That's been properly moved and second. Are there any questions, concerns, or unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T.D. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. Thank you, Mr. Guyton. I think that we have -- I -- I think that we have gone through all of those -- the, uh, Waste Management Community Benefits now. Okay. We're gonna move to, um, 15, Board appointments, uh, to the Planning & Zoning Board, to fill one regular member position and one alternate position.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Are there any questions or concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none --

CITY CLERK WARD: Mr. -- Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK WARD: Okay. Who are the appointments and alternate?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- it was in -- it's in the back-up, correct?

CITY CLERK WARD: I need to state it?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: State it for the record.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, that's (inaudible).

CITY CLERK WARD: There's only one name in here.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: No, actually there's three names. You have to appoint one regular member and two alternate members. We have three applications.

CITY CLERK WARD: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: One is Brian Colton, Mr. Arthur Hamilton, and then Kim Jackson.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And my motion --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Who's applying -- who's applying for the -- the actual position?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: All three of them are applying, and now the Council needs to select which one they want --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, we --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Right.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: -- to appoint as a regular member and then --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, we -- we can't do it that way, then. We're gonna actually need to take them, take them by a vote.

CITY CLERK WARD: Right, right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. So the -- the first name is -- because it's back-up, it's not -- the first name is --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: Brian Colton.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Brian Colton.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: And he -- he is -- I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold -- hold on one second, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let me just grab the other names. The second name?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: Arthur Hamilton.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Arthur Hamilton.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: And the third name is Kim Jackson.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And Kim Jackson. Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: All of them reside in District 1.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No problem. Okay. Thank you. All right, I have it now. Um, um, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, sir, um, Mr. Chair. My recommend -- I have -- I'm just gonna throw it out there. Um, I would recommend Mr. Colton to fill the regular slot, uh, Miss Jackson in first alternate, and Mr. Hamilton as the second alternate. And then we'll have a full board.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, I don't have any problems with that. Does any of the other Board members have any problems with that?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I don't. So move.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions or concerns? And just so we review and everyone knows, Mr. Colton will be the --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The regular.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- actual member, the regular member, and Mr. Arthur Hamilton and Miss Kim Jackson will be alternate members.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: Uh-huh. I think that Miss Kim Jackson would be first alternate and Mr. Hamilton --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second the motion.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MCKINNEY: -- the second alternate was in the motion.

CITY CLERK WARD: That was the motion.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We want to make sure it's correct. Is that your motion, uh, Councilwoman Davis, for --

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That is my motion, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Miss Kim Jackson to be first alternate and Mr. Arthur Hamilton to be second alternate?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY CLERK WARD: Mr. Guyton made the motion.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. -- Mr. Guyton, is that -- is that your motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That is my motion.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The motion still stands. How about the second?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second still stands.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'm gonna re-read the motion.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: We're -- we're clear.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Brian Colton is going to be the actual -- the regular member. Miss Kim Jackson will be the first alternate, and Mr. Arthur Hamilton will be the second alternate. We have a motion and a second on it. Are there any questions, concerns, or unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T.D. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you. We're gonna go to 15A. Want to go to 15A at this time, um, which was an appointment to the Pension Board. It was an addition, and I didn't get the actual addition other than it being read by Miss Jones. Miss Jones, do you have an actual item for it?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh, the information that you have in your packet is an e-mail, um, from Miss Billie Brooks stating her interest in being appointed to the City's Police Pension Board.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh, do you have public comment cards?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I do.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But I'll go to take your comment first.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No, I'll wait.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I have, um -- let's open it. Let's get a motion if they're so -- if they're --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's been properly moved and second. I'm gonna

take the comment card that we have, Miss Billie Brooks?

BILLIE BROOKS: Good evening everyone, and congratulations to everybody.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

BILLIE BROOKS: Um, Billie Brooks, 1325 West 28th Street. Just want to say that I served about nine years on the Pension Board, the Police Pension Board, in the past, and was the chair for many years, and proud to say that we did move very much forward in getting a lot of benefits for our policemen. Uh, they now enjoy a 13th check, something that had never happened in the history of that board, and with all this going on now with pension reform, I certainly would like to be repositioned back to that board and to help the board continue to move forward in a progressive way. So I thank you for your support.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Uh, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh, yes, sir. Um, Mr. Chair, I think Mrs. Brooks we -- we talked about it so often that, um, persons who serve on this board have gone, put in a lot of time and have gone to the classes and gotten the certification and everything, and that is a big plus, uh, for persons who serve on this board. So I would recommend highly that we, um, re-appoint Miss Brooks to the board.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And -- Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Well, I must say that were it not for Miss Brooks, um, as I indicated earlier, I wouldn't have been on the Pension Board, and I probably wouldn't be sitting here, so, um, I concur with Councilwoman Davis. And another thing that Miss Brooks brings to the table, too, is that, um, she's been through the process. Um, she may have to get her certification reinstated, which wouldn't be a problem for her. Um, she has a graduate level education in addition to all of her other skill sets, so I'm hopeful that the Board would approve her, as well.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, Mr. T.D. Davis, you have any comments or concerns?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: I truly support Miss Brooks being on this Board based on her previous experience and her love and passion for the community and the employees of Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And -- and my comments are that Miss, uh, Brooks is, uh, definitely, uh, qualified and certified to be a member of the board, and we -- as this Board we ask for people to go out and get certified and we want to make sure that that investment continues to move forward, and I think that she'll do an awesome job

with it. So those are my comments. It's a motion and a second on the floor. If there are no other questions or concerns or unreadiness, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson T.D. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much. Congratulations, Miss Brooks. Okay. Discussion by the City Manager.

CITY MANAGER JONES: The only thing I would like to say is congratulations to each of you, our newly elected and returning, uh, members of Council and the Mayor, and I look forward to working with each of you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. And we'll go to Legal?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Um, I ditto the comments that the Manager, uh, made. Congratulations to the -- the new Council members, and the Mayor, and, um, I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, yes. And just so, um, at this point I know that we have individuals that come up and speak about, um, legal things in public comments. Um, everyone has the right to say whatever they want. It's First Amendment. You got freedom of speech. But what I would like for you to do, when you hear that, please have your assistant or yourself to research it and make sure that the accurate information is coming out from your office on those cases, and I know you can't do that tonight. You weren't prepared, but I just would like --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible) by tomorrow.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, okay. Why don't you do that.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. Um, I've already -- I've talked about this case several times in the past. Um, I will make the comment on the \$10,000 that was paid to Mr. Lozman. As I indicated to the Council at a City Council meeting, and in writing, the City

was responsible for the \$300, uh, Supreme Court fee and the printing costs. It just so happened that the printing costs were \$9,773. That was the cost and we paid that. If we had prevailed, he would have paid our printing costs. If you saw the, uh -- the bound documents, you would know why it costs so much. They were quite beautiful and you have to get it done at the Supreme Court level. That is the amount that we were required to pay and there was no secret about that. I made it very clear.

Um, again, I will tell you that, um, in my conversation with maritime attorneys there is no basis for Mr. Lozman to receive attorney's fees. Um, tonight was the first time I heard a half a million dollars. It keeps going up, and I -- I expect that it will by the time, um, it gets back to court, because I'm sure it's going there, it will be up to a million dollars. But, um, at -- at -- at this point in time, after our research, the amount of money that we've had to pay is over. We may have to pay him for the value of his boat. And as I've stated before, the court had its own surveyor come out and survey his vessel and valued it at 5,000 to \$7,500. That is the amount that you may have to pay, because we did take his vessel, and the Supreme Court reversed the 11th Circuit and the District Court's opinion.

As I've said before, this Council did nothing wrong. The, uh, Supreme Court decided that it wanted to announce a new, um, standard, and it has done that. Uh, Mr. Lozman was right on one point, that they -- they do reverse the majority of cases that come to them. They do. And so this was something that was of interest to them and they chose to reverse the case, but the City Council should rest assured that, um, we are not going to be liable for \$570,000, as Mr. Lozman stated tonight, or nothing near that amount.

FANE LOZMAN: You want to make a bet?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much. Mr. -- Mr. Lozman, we are in a public meeting. Please take your comments outside at this time.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Just one -- one -- one question. Um, and this decision, Miss Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Not only affects Riviera Beach, but it affects marinas across the country?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: It affects marinas across the country. I will tell you Mr. Lozman has not done, um, any favors to, um, individual vessel owners by, um, um, trying to punish the City, um, for doing what it -- it was supposed to do, and getting his derelict vessel out of its marina.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much. Okay. Are there any, uh, committee reports? I guess that will come from Miss Davis or myself. We're the only two that are on committees. Do you have any reports, Miss Davis, from your committees?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Um, just some information to, um, provide you and -- and my colleagues, um, and residents of the city. Um, Ms. McKinney and I, um, and several staff members have, uh, had a series of meetings with FDOT concerning the -- the 710 issues, um, that residents have. Um, and most recently Ms. McKinney and I attended, um, the -- this -- the FDOT secretary, um, Secretary Prasad, um, was here on yesterday and attended a special meeting over in Palm Beach, of which Ms. McKinney and I also attended. Uh, however, speakers were not allowed there.

And, uh, but I did have an opportunity to speak with Mr. Prasad, who agreed that he would take a tour of, um, the area, and this morning received a call from him. Um, we met -- um, Ms. McKinney and I, met, uh, on State Road 710 and we drove him the whole length of State Road 710, from Congress, uh, all the way to the port. And he sees what is happening, um, and you know, I -- I don't want to say confident that he is going to, um, make some changes, but I'm very hopeful, um, that after our conversation he's going to do those things and, um, report back to us.

And I also got a call from Senator Clemens, who had a conversation with the Secretary, and the Secretary had asked him to give him one week for him to go back and review everything and he would get back -- back to us. So, uh, also, um, there is an MPO meeting tomorrow, of which; um, the MPO has requested an update. So residents out there, if you're interested in attending, um, you can be at that meeting. That would be great. So that's -- that's all I have, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And, um, Senator Clemens also contacted me with that.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And, um, uh, Councilman Davis has been, uh, the lead in that and been doing an excellent job, so I've basically just been, um, playing support on that and, uh, whatever she needs, she knows that we're lock and step with that. So the both of them, as well as Ms. McKinney, has been, um, moving that forward, and we think that we're gonna definitely get some type of a -- a resolution. So, uh, good job on that. Um, I don't think that there are any other committee reports at this time. Um, Statements by the Mayor and Council. We're gonna take the, um, Mayor first.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: He's not here.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Seeing that he's not here, we're gonna move past the Mayor and we're gonna go to, um, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No comments.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: None from me.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: I just wanna say thank you to the residents of Riviera Beach once again and I'm very excited about serving here on this great day, and I want to wish everybody a good night and a safe ride home.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Um, you know, my only comments, uh, are that, uh, you know, I appreciate your vote of confidence in being the Chair, and I will serve in this year to the best of my ability. And I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T.D. DAVIS: So moved.

(CONCLUSION OF MEETING)

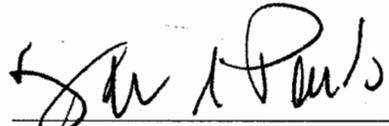
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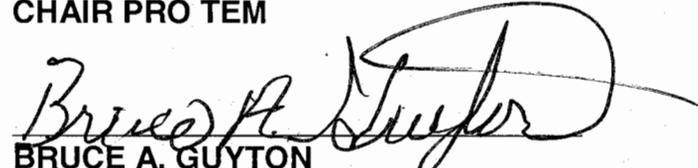

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COUNCILPERSON

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SECONDED BY: J. Davis

- B. GUYTON aye
- J. DAVIS aye
- C. THOMAS aye
- D. PARDO aye
- T. DAVIS aye

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