

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, we'll now call our regularly -- regular scheduled City Council meeting to order. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters? Chairperson Cedrick Thomas.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes, here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Judy Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Here. Councilperson Terrance Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Deputy City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Pamala Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Appears we have a quorum. Would everyone please stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge led by Mr. Davis, please? (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Councilperson Davis).

Okay. We apologize to everyone. We're starting approximately 10 minutes late. Our Utility District meeting ran a little over, but we're going to get it moving as fast as we possibly can. Okay. Um, are there any additions, deletions, or substitutions for the agenda?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, Mr. Chair. For consideration tonight for item number 9, there are some additional sponsors; Coca-Cola, \$150, and Publix, a \$75 gift card. We'd also like to add under Awards & Presentations, item 14A, and that's a presentation on the update on the Commission on Social Justice. Under Discussions & Deliberations, would like to add a discussion on the Riviera Beach Academic Summer Camp as item 19A, and under Community Benefits, item 27A, or we could make it maybe 28.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Let's, um -- let's make it -- no, let's -- let's keep it 27A. Let's keep it right up under, uh, Community Benefits.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's a community benefit, um, from Chair Pro Tem Pardo to Team Elam Foundation of \$750 for the 6th Annual Day in The Park event on June the 8th, 2013.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That ends the additions, deletions, substitutions and revisions.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: There is one other, uh, pending, um, addition to item number 9, and that is from Pepsi Cola. I just wanted you to be aware. It's not in the form of dollars. It's, uh, refreshments.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So let's just add that, um, Pepsi, refreshments. Just so it's in the record. Okay. Um, I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

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

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are there any disclosures by Council? Seeing none, we'll move to adoption of the Consent Agenda. All matters listed up under this section we'll consider to be routine. They will be taken by one separate motion. There will be no separate discussion on any of these items. If any councilperson chooses to do so, the item will be removed from the Consent and put their regular sequence on the agenda.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Motion to accept Consent.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

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

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're gonna move down to, yes, Awards & Presentations. Uh, the Mayor has advised me that he's running a tad bit late. Um, if there's someone that would like to read the proclamation on behalf of the mayor, we'll keep this, um, item on the agenda as is. If not, we would have to, uh, move it. Um, is the individual from the National Travel & Tourism --

STEVE CRIST: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You're here?

STEVE CRIST: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We don't want to, um, have you waiting. Miss -- Miss Dozier, I'm glad you showed up. Miss Dozier will, um -- will read that proclamation, uh, for you.

MARIAN DOZIER: Uh, hello everyone. I'm Marian Dozier, Mayor Masters' legislative assistant. Um, this proclamation -- Steve Crist?

STEVE CRIST: Yes.

MARIAN DOZIER: Why don't you come up? He is the Associate Vice President of Group Sales with the Palm Beach County Convention & Visitors Bureau. This is a proclamation recognizing, um, the next week as National Travel & Tourism Week.

STEVE CRIST: Correct.

MARIAN DOZIER: Okay. So I'm gonna read it.

STEVE CRIST: Thank you.

MARIAN DOZIER: And you're gonna receive it. Um, whereas travel is a recognized catalyst that moves the national economy forward, it also does the same for our state, county, and local economies; and whereas, indeed travelers collectively generate tax revenue of \$1.24 billion for federal, state, and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs; and whereas, the agencies of the Palm Beach County Tourism Development Council, including the Palm Beach County Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Cultural Council, support a local tourism industry that is one of the county's largest industries; and whereas, the local tourist industry generates an annual economic impact of \$5 billion in the local economy, welcomes five million visitors a year, and supports 45,000 industry jobs; and whereas for these reasons and many more we Floridians value the tourism industry and understand its vital importance in supporting our way of life in the Sunshine State of Florida -- now, if the Mayor were here this would be his part -- that it be resolved that he, uh, Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in him by the citizenry of Riviera Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 4th through 12th, 2013, as National Travel & Tourism Week in the City of Riviera Beach.

STEVE CRIST: Perfect.

MARIAN DOZIER: And then you are going to come up and tell us more.

STEVE CRIST: Great.

MARIAN DOZIER: Thank you.

STEVE CRIST: Thank you very much. On behalf of the Palm Beach County Convention & Visitors Bureau, we do appreciate your support for tourism and especially in the hospitality program here with Riviera Beach. Uh, the hotels thank you, we thank you, the Cultural Council thank you -- thanks you. And hopefully over the next few days we'll see a lot of you down at Sunfest, as well. But again, uh, we appreciate it and we hope to see you all real soon. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much. Uh, before we take the next presentation, I just want to, uh, remind anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item, please get a pink comment card or you can speak under public comment. Uh, no cards will be accepted after the item has already been read. So the pink comment cards are in the corner and you can give it to Miss Lucinda right there at the desk.

Okay. Uh, item 12 will be a presentation of the Office of Councilman Bruce Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, thank you, Mr. Chair. As Miss Rose Anne Brown makes her way toward me, she's gonna assist me in these presentations. I do see one of the people. Um, I wonder, is Mr. George Carter here? Um, okay. We'll move on with, um, Miss Billie Brooks. Okay.

Um, come on up Miss Former Chair and -- and -- and her husband, Mr. Salter. I have decided to give periodically an award to people in our community who have dedicated themselves to bettering the quality of life for all residents. There is no one I felt better deserving than my friend, my mentor, my confidant, um, former chair, Miss Billie Brooks. And in doing so, um, this is just a small recognition of all of her hard work and dedication and what she also continues to do in our community. Uh, without further ado, I'll have Miss Rose Anne Brown read a little bio of our former chair, um, Miss Billie Brooks.

ROSE ANNE BROWN: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Good evening.

ROSE ANNE BROWN: Miss Billie Brooks. Miss Billie Brooks is proud to say home is

where the heart is, and -- and testimony to how Riviera Beach fits into that, she has maintained her domicile here in the City of Riviera Beach in excess of 50 years. Miss Brooks is the former wife of our first African-American Mayor and City Councilmember, the late Bobbie E. Brooks, Sr. Through this union they have two wonderful and successful children, Bobbie E. Brooks, Jr. and Bianca Brooks-Woods. Currently, Miss Brooks is the very proud, and I might add, doting wife of Mr. Henry Salter.

Her career of service began many, many years ago as she was immensely involved with her former husband's political career, serving as his campaign manager and political confidant for 20 years. She received a gubernatorial appointment to the Children's Services Council, serving as vice-chair and ultimately chair of that board. Miss Brooks was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve on several state health & rehabilitative committees and Foster Care Citizen's Review Board. She chaired the local branch of the NAACP in her spare time.

Miss Brooks was late -- uh, later appointed by the City Council to serve as a board member with the City's \$42 million Police Pension Fund and subsequently appointed by her colleagues to serve as Chair of the Pension Board. Under her leadership, Miss Brooks successfully championed the effort to give the retirees a 13th check. Having felt that she had more to offer the community, Miss Brooks mounted a successful campaign and was elected to the Riviera Beach City Council, District 1, in March, 2009. She served two terms, March, 2009 to March, 2013.

With the support of her Council colleagues she initiated a call to action on numerous initiatives. She sponsored the following: Senior Utility Assistance Program, also sponsored an ordinance to investigate and alleviate problems with high water bills, the continuation of which you heard a little bit about it in your previous meeting. She created and funded the Bobbie E. Brooks Memorial Scholarship Fund. This year 15 scholarships were distributed to Riviera Beach students through the Bobbie E. Brooks Scholarship Fund. She established a partnership between the City and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to train and hire disabled persons. She created the Just Checking In Program for seniors.

Two years ago she created the Shero's Award which honors the City's female heroes for their service to the community, and the first awards were presented during the Senior Citizen's Luncheon for the Martin Luther King celebration two years ago. She participated and facilitated a rededication of the Municipal Complex to be renamed the Bobbie E. Brooks, Sr. Municipal Complex. Miss Brooks was recently reappointed to serve with the Police Pension Board as a member with all of the required certifications.

Her service appears to be never-ending, and as such we feel as if she has certainly earned a Shero's Award herself. Thank you, Miss Brooks, for all that you have done, and all that you continue to do for the Riviera Beach community.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And I have a plaque for, um, the former chair, Miss Brooks, and it reads, "Miss Billie Brooks, Councilmember, March, 2009 through March, 2013, in appreciation for your outstanding and dedicated service to the Riviera Beach

community, May 1st, 2013. Thank you.

BILLIE BROOKS: Oh, wow, wow, wow. Thank you so much. Just got a short speech here, because I didn't want to forget anything, but it's very short. Uh, to everyone, the Chair, Vice-Chair, my colleagues, former colleagues, everyone, department heads, citizens, TV Land, I am certainly humbled and -- and very grateful for this special recognition. When I embarked upon the journey of being a public servant in 2009 I brought to that position great expectation for the future of our beautiful city. I brought to the position a very joyful spirit, a zeal to serve, and a passion for the people. It was never for publicity or popularity or power, or prestige, and certainly not for the pay.

March, 2013, by choice, I left the position and yet I continued to have a joyful spirit, a zeal to serve, a passion for the people, and great expectation for the future of Riviera Beach. I thank Councilman Bruce Guyton for saying yes to accepting -- and really twisting his arm -- to seek the Council position for District 1. His victory is my victory, and it's a victory, not only for the people of District 1, but for all of Riviera Beach.

I want to thank all of my colleagues for supporting my initiatives which would not have been possible without your vote and support. To the City Manager and the department heads, I just wanna thank you. When you were called upon to discuss the concerns of our constituents, you did so with such a wonderful attitude of cooperation, and you followed through, and it made such a difference to the citizens of Riviera Beach. And last, but not least, I certainly want to thank my husband for his support, and now we can enjoy a long delayed honeymoon. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I have a surprise for her, as well. Um, as she indicated, she has been a big inspiration in my return to public service. A quick story. I was in grad school, winding down, trying to work on my final paper. I gets a call from Miss Brooks, "Bruce, I would like for you to serve on the Police Pension Board." "Miss Brooks, absolutely not. I have a lot of things going on. I've been there, done that." I told her I wasn't gonna do it, but I'd refer her, uh, to someone. Referred her to someone. Had a graduate degree. Miss Brooks talked to them and other people. She said she wasn't satisfied. She called me back. Long story short, I couldn't say no.

So I've been following in her footsteps ever since. She's made the path and I've just walked in it. She served on the

Pension Board. I served on the Pension Board. She became Chair of the Pension Board. I became Chair of the Pension Board. Um, she was District 1 representative. When she left she called me to run for District 1 representative. So she has blazed a path for me and all I did was just walk through. And thank you very much.

And -- and -- and in recognition of -- of her, um, abilities and desire to continue to work, I have decided to make her my ambassador to District 1. Uh, in this capacity she will be out in the community representing me when I cannot attend. I work a full-time job. And there will be occasions when I need people to fill in for me and there is no one that I think can do a better job than Miss Brooks. And in recognition of her being appointed

as my ambassador for District 1, I have a certificate here that reads, "Certificate of Appointment. Ambassador Billie E. Brooks. In recognition of your intellect and passion to continue your many tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for all Riviera Beach residents, I hereby appoint you, Mrs. Billie E. Brooks, as Volunteer Ambassador for Riviera Beach City Council, District 1.

BILLIE BROOKS: Oh, wow.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you very much.

BILLIE BROOKS: I certainly accept. And in this regard we will continue with the initiatives that I started, so tell the people I'm still available. A little bit.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, um, thank you, Ambassador Brooks.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Congratulations, Miss Brooks.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. Thank you, Miss Brooks.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The City, as well. Mr. Guyton, you still have the floor. Item 13 -- excuse me -- item 12 -- 13.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have one more award to make, and this one is very near and dear to me, because there are people that work in our community very quietly, um, never seeking accolades, never seeking the limelight, um, never seeking recognition, but any time you call on those people they are there, going above and beyond the call of duty. One of those people I have known for over 20 years, and he has always, always demonstrated, um, a desire to improve the quality of life of -- of the residents of Riviera Beach. I'm gonna have Miss, um, Rose Anne Brown to read a bio for my next recipient, who is Mr. George Carter.

ROSE ANNE BROWN: Good evening again.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening.

ROSE ANNE BROWN: Mr. George Carter. George Carter is the proud president of the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy, a unique, free, public charter high school in Riviera Beach with a mission to provide students with a rigorous academic and hands-on education with career exploration within the maritime industries. Under his leadership, since early 2006 the academy has experienced rapid growth, more than doubling in size from student enrollment, as well as recognition and support as a youth development system for the South Florida Maritime Academy -- Maritime Industry, rather. Among other things, his plans for the academy include developing and building an energy efficient green classroom building for 400 students on the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy campus.

As the Vice President of Operations for Viking Yachts, Florida, he is heavily involved in marina acquisition and the marine management process. He played a key role in the

determination and coveted award in 2007 to Viking as a clean boatyard from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Clean Boating Partnership.

Prior to Riviera Beach Marine Academy and Viking, from 1990 to 2006, Mr. Carter was the Director of the Riviera Beach Municipal Marina, where among numerous challenges in infrastructure and services he directed an operation that provided services to over 22,000 monthly visitors and customers. In addition, he supervised a dedicated 24/7 staff of 38, raised employee productivity 30 percent and occupancy rates 40 percent. From 1980 to 1990 he was the Superintendent of Parks & Recreation for the City of Riviera Beach. As the Superintendent, he initiated several productive programs that are still in operation and elevated the Parks Division to the most productive division in the City.

He volunteers a great amount of time in various capacities with numerous organizations. He's a member of the Board of Directors for the Max Fisher Boys & Girls Club of Riviera Beach, the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Marine Industries Association, and a youth basketball coach. He also is the stage manager for the Palm Beach Symphony. Among awards, he was recognized by the Marine Industries Association as the Beacon of Light Member of the Year.

We continue to thank Mr. George Carter for all that he has done in the City of Riviera Beach and all that he continues to do for the Riviera Beach community. He is certainly deserving of this recognition.

GEORGE CARTER: Thank you very much.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And we have a plaque for Mr. Carter, as well, and it reads, "Mr. George Carter, in appreciation for your many years of dedicated service to the Riviera Beach community, May 1st, 2013." Thank you very much, George, for all that you do.

GEORGE CARTER: I appreciate it much.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Say a few words.

GEORGE CARTER: Thank you all very much. I -- I do love this city. I live here, I work here, I play here. I need to put a plug in for learning here. Riviera Beach Maritime Academy has about 12 seats open for next year. We are holding them for Riviera Beach residents. We need some help in getting our students that are interested into our school. My mother still lives here on Blue Heron Boulevard, and I want to shout out to her, because this is one of her entertaining evenings, even -- even when I'm not here. So thank you very much. Thank you much for all. Appreciate it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, George. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Councilman Guyton. Okay. Next we'll move to

the Recognition & Appreciation from the City of Riviera Beach Police Department.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Good evening, uh, members of Council, Chair. Clarence Williams, Police Chief. As you know, May is Law Enforcement Appreciation Month, and it is the nation's opportunity to say thank you to the first -- many first responders who each and every day put their lives on the line to provide quality law enforcement services. Over the course of the month of May the Riviera Beach Police Department will be recognizing the efforts of its men and women and we'll have a number of events that will be posted, uh, throughout, uh, the month. And many of them are open to the public, and we would certainly encourage everyone to identify an event that they can participate in, and come out and join us as we celebrate our men and women.

For me, there is no greater opportunity to start off this appreciation month than recognizing the men and women who each and every day step forward to serve our community. We're recognizing this evening one of those persons. We're recognizing this evening -- and if I may have all the volunteers and school crossing personnel, if you would please stand, also? Thank you so very much. We're recognizing this evening, and saying thank you for a job well done. Thank you for standing the post for 31 years as a school crossing guard in this city, making certain that our young kids get back and forth across the streets of our city safely.

The Riviera Beach Police Department would like to present to Crossing Guard Elizabeth McIntosh in recognition of your 31 years of outstanding and continuous service to the citizens and children in this great city. Thank you for standing the post. We appreciate it on behalf of a grateful police chief, a grateful community. This recognition is long overdue. Miss McIntosh, thank you for your service. May I present this?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Congratulations, Miss McIntosh. We -- we -- we saw the Chief ask you did you want to say something, and you was like, No, but, um, you know, we -- we obviously know that you're the best at what you do, and you've been doing it for 31 years. And on behalf of the Council and the City and the residents here, we just want to thank you for your dedication and hard work.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you so very much.

ELIZABETH MCINTOSH: Can I sit down?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're gonna move, uh, to the, uh, presentation of the 2011/2012 -- oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Okay. Hold off on that just one moment, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Harvey. We're gonna go to 14A, which is the update on the report of the Commission on Social Justice.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Clarence Williams, Police Chief. Uh, by way of history, uh, as you'll recall, um, our community experienced a very dark moment when at a birthday celebration, uh, several young people lost their lives and several others were injured. As a result of that tragic event, the City Manager advanced

a number of recommendations and Council supported her in those recommendations. And among those recommendations was the creation of the Commission on Social Justice. Uh, that commission was charged with developing a comprehensive approach to the many issues that bring about violence and using violence as a way to resolve issues.

We reached out across the community and we identified two pillars in our community to serve as co-chairs for that commission. They are none other than the Reverend Dr. Tony Drayton and Mr. Michael Sloser. Uh, they are here and they're going to present you with an update on their progress thus far, and they work to develop a comprehensive approach to the issues, uh, that plague, uh, aspects of our community. So without further ado, I'd like to present Dr. Drayton and Mr. Sloser.

MICHAEL SLOSER: Someplace in here we have a PowerPoint for you. Is that clock gonna ring in a minute?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We gotcha. Go ahead.

MICHAEL SLOSER: There it is.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's it.

MICHAEL SLOSER: That's it, yeah. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Just want to remind anyone, anyone would like to speak on an agenda item, please put your card in prior to the agenda item being read. After the agenda item is read, there will not be anymore comment cards selected. Also, you can put your, uh, public comment card in for our 7:00 time certain, um, comments. I don't know if it's just the weather, but we have very limited cards, so I just want to remind everybody to please put your card in so that we don't forget you. If you're ready, Mr. Sloser?

MICHAEL SLOSER: I'm ready, sir. Um, good evening, Mayor Masters. Not here. Um, Chair Thomas, Chair Pro Tem Pardo, members of the Council, and my fellow citizens of Riviera Beach, as the Chief just said, last fall after gun violence left two of our young people dead and seven wounded, the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and Chief of Police, with your support, created the independent Commission on Social Justice. Our mission is to examine the conditions that contribute to violent crime in Riviera Beach and propose the actions that will reduce crime and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Tonight we'd like to report to you and to our community on the state of this mission. One request, if you wouldn't mind, holding the questions till the end, we would appreciate it. Uh, first let me say that the two of us have met nearly every week since our appointment. I think the Chair can almost vouch for that, so --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

MICHAEL SLOSER: -- okay, more often than once on many occasions. There is no daylight in our understanding of our mission, the roll of the commission, and the need for action. Everything we are about to talk about are the initial steps -- and I'll stress initial steps -- in a long, multi-year program aimed at fulfilling our mission. There is nothing easy about it. There are no quick fixes and it will take time. That is why we plan on being back here on a regular basis until we feel a comprehensive program is in place.

Before we begin we must recognize the efforts of our chairs and their committees. And if you'll look at the slide, we want to thank Dr. Camille Coleman, Palm Beach County Area 4 Superintendent Valerie Grimsley, Director of Youth Empowerment Program, Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, employment, Steve Craig, President and CEO of the Palm Beach Workforce Alliance, Pastor James Lofton, Senior Pastor, House of God International Ministries, and Mr. Timothy Page, president and CEO, Kindred Hospital of the Palm Beaches. All of them are working hard to come up with the tactics that fit into our overall strategy.

If we are about -- if we don't talk about each of them tonight, it's not because they haven't been busy. Absolutely not. Instead, it's a recognition that we want to bring these initial programs to you in -- in various reasonable steps. That is why we'll focus tonight on four initial programs, along with a look at two other programs that will need the support -- need the City's support, and another that is a follow-up to an event that will take place here in this room on June 12th. We're confident that once you see and hear how they fit into our overall goals, you'll agree that they are worth the effort.

With that in mind, we would like to begin our initial phase by talking about the Riviera Beach Business Day, a joint venture between the Commission on Social Justice and the Palm Beach County Workforce Alliance.

REVEREND DRAYTON: Riviera Beach's Business Day model is a successful program that was run by Palm Beach County Workforce Alliance in Belle Glade. We will be reaching out to businesses, large and small, here in Riviera Beach. What we will offer them besides coffee and morning refreshments is the information they need to secure grants to fund workers' training, as well as specific funding and tax incentives for hiring employees who have been in the system. This program is our first step in bringing Riviera Beach businesses the knowledge and incentive they need to hire our residents. We think it's an essential first step in training our residents for real jobs in the community.

The second step in this area will come in the near future when we take this effort to the community. Once again, we'll partner with the Workforce Alliance and invite any other organization with experience in the area to join us. This event will be yet another step in our efforts to tackle unemployment and underemployment in our community.

I would like to discuss programs for our youth. This is where it all begins. All of us recognize the need to bring our youth into the soul of the city. They need to know we

care. They need to know that we'll listen to them. They need to know that their past doesn't have to be their future.

Our first proposal is something we think that you'll like. The current language is this for - is this, is customer service. Most of us don't think of ourself as customers but we get the idea. Our research shows that the most visible part of government for most people is the police department. We happen to think they do a good job, but I'm not a teenager on the street.

What we are recommending is having the department institute a specific customer service program at all levels. The program should be performance measurement so they -- so the city can properly evaluate the results. But that's not enough. We feel that the concept should be applied across the city, and in just a moment we'll cover that. But first, we have one more initial step in our youth program. We call -- we have to thank Mr. George Carter for the -- for the thought. We call it the Riviera Beach Youth City Council. Think of it as you, only as a teenager.

The new organization of young councilpeople will be selected by our schools and other youth organizations. They will meet monthly to discuss current issues in our community and interact with department heads and staff. Sound familiar? This will be a way to bring our youth into the community. We are excited about this program and are looking to be up and running as soon as possible. Naturally, we hope you'll mentor our young councilpeople as they come to understand your role in their lives.

MICHAEL SLOSER: Now, we talked about customer service for the police. Our recommendation is to create a similar customer relations program for all city departments to better serve the community and build trust and respect between employees and those they serve. Our community must feel that their employees are here to provide the essential services that their department offers. Ignoring people, talking down to them, or not trying to provide prompt service should have no room in our government. We know we can do better. By the way, the success of customer service programs across the country is well documented. We have a report with links to similar programs and studies about their effectiveness and would be happy to e-mail a copy to anyone interested in this documentation.

Now, let's turn to education. Two programs have emerged for immediate implementation. The first involves the library. Too few teens use the library, so we asked the question, why? Two issues came to our attention. The first is the lack of information in the library on the reading assignments and other resources from the schools. Second is a lesson learned in West Palm and other cities. Teen rooms are the way to bring in teens. So we talked to our librarian and she has figured out a way to create space for a teen room for under \$7,500. It's an idea that works elsewhere, and we think it can work here in Riviera Beach.

Our other educational initiative is to fund the mailing of a newsletter telling parents, guardians, and relatives about the after school programs that are available. This is the project that Dr. Camille Coleman, Palm Beach County Area 4 Superintendent and our

Education Committee Chair, has been working on. And she's ready to use Riviera Beach as the prototype for the County. All we need is funding and we're working closely with Dr. Coleman to nail down the costs and identify funding sources.

REVEREND DRAYTON: What you heard tonight is only the beginning. We'll be back on a regular basis with progress reports, along with new proposals. No one here in our community should believe that this is going to be easy, but the alternative is no longer acceptable. Our young people deserve to grow up safe and live to be adults. Adults should be able to walk in the neighborhoods without fear of being caught in the crossfire. And people driving through our city should not have to wonder if they'll be hit by a stray bullet.

To resolve this will take us into not just the obvious causes of violent crimes, but also to the underlying issues that contribute to it, from jobs and education to health and social services. We ask your support, as well as the rest of the community. We welcome your ideas and your prayers, and we promise you that this commission will do everything in its power to transform Riviera Beach into a safer city to live, to work, and to play. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Any questions from the board?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I think your presentation was fantastic. Um, particularly, uh, I was so happy to hear you say, uh, something about a youth council?

MICHAEL SLOSER: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, for a long time I, um, attempted to see if we could get a youth council to serve with us, uh, 'cause I think it's a way to train young people in what happens in government. You know, they study, and they can make comments, you know. They don't have a vote, but they could make their comments, also. And also, um, um, one of the ideas was to, um, possibly have a Saturday morning Youth Council, maybe once a month, that could be televised.

MICHAEL SLOSER: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And I think when you do that, um, you know, other young people who are looking, you know, see an opportunity. You know, they say, Hey, I can be on television, too, you know, and I can do this, too. So you know, I -- I -- I think it's a -- a -- a really good component, not just because -- but I think you brought it forward and in this particular context, I think it's a great idea.

MICHAEL SLOSER: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Great idea.

MICHAEL SLOSER: Thank you. I -- I must say that we're both excited about this. This came up in one of the gazillion meetings we've been in with people, and it was George Carter who said, "I've always wanted to know why we didn't do this." And it was like that eureka moment.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

MICHAEL SLOSER: And we said, Let's do it.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

MICHAEL SLOSER: And we're already starting the mechanics, whether it's Saturday morning or one night.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Whenever, yeah.

MICHAEL SLOSER: It will -- we do want to have it right here.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MICHAEL SLOSER: We do want to make -- make them feel like councilpeople and we're gonna try and give them some of the tools to -- to do it.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And I -- I think it would truly help to boost self esteem and --

MICHAEL SLOSER: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- and it would be contagious to others.

MICHAEL SLOSER: We --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you.

MICHAEL SLOSER: That's what we believe.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any other questions from the board?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I -- Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, first let me thank and commend both of you for undertaking an enormous task. As you see, not only the Council but the community is truly, truly grateful. Um, we understand the challenge and the difficulties and having grown up here myself, even traveled some of the roads that, um, you are dealing with in regards to the kids who may be going astray, it is not an easy task and I would like to

pledge my support, um, wherever I can. But what I would like to get a better understanding on, um -- is the Chief still in here?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, uh, any -- and this question is directed at the Chief and maybe the City Council. A program like this is going to need resources. The need -- we have the human bodies there, um, doing a diligent and, um, commendable effort. Have we, um, developed a line item, or has there been any discussions about a budget for this program, uh, how we're gonna deal with, to some degree, financing at least a portion of what they're trying to do?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Uh, the answer to your question is, yes. Um, when the City Manager, um, advanced, uh, this particular recommendation and you, uh, supported the concept, uh, behind this commission has been the full force and weight of her office. And, uh, thus far we've been funding it's efforts through our existing resources, but as they get further into their work, uh, yes, we will be developing, uh, specific funding, identify specific funding, uh, for it and, uh, and -- and moving it forward.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So there is a strategy not only to have just a concept but funding to bring it to reality?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: There is. That is. That is included among the work that the commission is doing in conjunction with staff, uh, not only identifying some of the, uh, best practices, but also how we might, uh, fund those. Um --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: And some of that funding could come from us, of course, and, uh, other sources.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: So -- but the Manager's office is -- is certainly behind all this.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Madam Manager?

CITY MANAGER JONES: You will see as a part of the 2014 budget items that specifically deal with this commission.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Things that they're asking for.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, Mr. Chair, I have a question --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- for the Manager. Okay. But we will also be going to the County and to the Criminal Justice Commission asking them for grants? I know that they give out grants from time to time.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Specifically for organizations like this, right?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, and the Community Action Agency is another one that we're looking at for resources, as well as seeing as many local --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right, yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- entities that can assist.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. There are -- oh, right, there are entities out there that give money to programs like this. Okay. I just wanted to make sure that we're looking at that stream of revenue, also.

MICHAEL SLOSER: Can I just make --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The -- the --

MICHAEL SLOSER: I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir.

MICHAEL SLOSER: I was gonna make a comment that first of all our chairs are -- have been supportive of the issues we're doing, and they're helping in funding. Um, for example, the Business Day is almost completely funded by Workforce Alliance.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

MICHAEL SLOSER: Um, some of the other projects will be part -- also funded by their -- their employers really. And, uh, we've been in conversation with Michael Rodriguez at Criminal Justice about -- about grants, and I'm having a -- had dialogue with him, will continue to have dialogue with him, to find out what funding is available.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

MICHAEL SLOSER: So we -- we're very much aware that there's -- there's -- no one gave us a blank check.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

MICHAEL SLOSER: We're coming -- we're working for solutions. We understand that in working for solutions we have to find the money to do these things, and so we have to -- we have scrambled just like everybody else. But, um, we do -- we would appreciate as we go forward that there be at least some modest lines. They're -- this is not -- this is not a multimillion dollar operation.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. And I think we all committed to that in the beginning.

MICHAEL SLOSER: I think so.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

MICHAEL SLOSER: That was my understanding.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And, um, just checking, um, if we wanted to donate to the Riviera Beach Police Department in support of his commission, we could do that, Miss Ryan, from Community Benefits?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, I'd like to thank both of you gentlemen, uh, Dr. Drayton and Mr. Sloser. I do see, uh, you working vigorously, um, and I'm very proud to say that I -- I support this. It's -- it's needed. Um, I was worried for a minute that, you know, after a tragedy everybody has all hands on deck, but when there's, uh -- there's the absence of tragedy, at least at that level, sometimes it falls by the wayside. But I know for a fact that you two continue to work at least weekly, but probably daily, um, on this, and I really appreciate it, and I think the board stands behind you.

We also appreciate you not just saying, Okay, we got ideas. City, here, try to fund this. You've gone out. You've -- you've -- you've, uh, created partnerships with individuals, and you've brought money to the table already, and I think that -- that that's to be commended. And I'm sure that in this budget process that this Council is going to definitely, um, entertain some of those particular, uh, requests. Um, I think that the entire Council stands behind you, and we just appreciate everything that you've done. Great, great presentation. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

MICHAEL SLOSER: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Thanks, guys.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Next we're going to have Mr. Sherman and Mr. Harvey for your, uh, comprehensive and entertaining annual financial report that won't be long in reporting. It's --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Good evening. Randy Sherman, Director of Finance & Administrative Services. Uh, before I turn the microphone over to Mr. Harvey, I just wanna make one comment. Um, I'm very proud to present you your annual financial statement. Um, typically in this industry you have six months to prepare your audited financial statements, and we have met that goal this year. Uh, just to put it into perspective, your 2007 audit was delivered in April of 2009, uh, 19 months after year end. Last year's audit you received it in July.

Um, I really wanna thank Mr. Harvey and his staff, obviously, for, you know, working with us and getting this report done. Uh, but even more importantly, I want to thank Karen Hoskins, um, and she did it with a smile. You know, I really put the pressure on her. She pushed her staff. They got it done, and it's really an accomplishment, um, that I think really needs to be recognized. Um, so I -- at this point I will turn it over to you, Mr. Harvey.

RODERICK HARVEY: Thank you, Mr. Sherman. Uh, Mayor, in his absence, Councilperson Thomas, uh, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, I am Roderick Harvey, founding partner of Harvey, Covington & Thomas, the accounting firm of record. Um, I had planned on a good revival message, but since the Chairperson -- we're gonna spend some time going through some numbers. Uh, please remember, the amounts are as of September 30, '12, so you have to roll back in your mind when we talk about this, um, and hopefully the Chair will allow a few questions, um, if you have any.

Once again, as Mr. Sherman has, uh, put on the table, we were very successful in meeting a benchmark that good governments, good entities, uh, should report no later than 180 days after year end, which in this case would be March 31st. And so for the first time that I know of, not only since I've been here and before, we were able to meet that metric. And so I think that the Finance Department, because they are the guys that push it, um, really deserve an "attaboy" for the vision and thought --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Attaboy.

RODERICK HARVEY: -- and the hard work for, uh -- for getting it done.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Attaboy.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Attaboy.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Attagirl. Wait a second. It's "attagirl," because Miss Hoskins was the one behind it.

RODERICK HARVEY: Attagirl. That's it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So attagirl, Miss Hoskins.

RODERICK HARVEY: Very well. Just a quick overview. We're gonna talk about an audit opinion. We'll do audit summary. Um, one of the things I think that most of my councilpeople like is when we do a comparison, where were we as of September 30, '11; where did we end September 30, '12; what is that gap? Did it go up? Did it go down? Um, management letter comments. And then we'll go through a little bit of the financial conditions. Okay?

Um, as it relates to the year end, we issued an unqualified opinion on your September 30 numbers, which means that the numbers, based on our audits, the compliance testing, your grants, all of that is in compliance, uh, with what should be done, and so we issued an unqualified opinion in accordance with -- in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Um, so now let's talk about some numbers. Um, you should have already received your CAFR book. Hopefully, you guys took the time to read it right before or after you watched the Heat sweep Milwaukee. Um, I know Mr. Thomas is an avid Milwaukee fan, so he's probably been -- he's probably been cranky the last couple days. Fund balance, which is on page 16, and this is General Fund, which is your major fund. Um, at year end, 14 million, unassigned fund balance, 11. When you look at all funds as of September 30, '12, right at 60 million. Proprietary fund, which is your business type funds, uh, net assets at year end of, uh, 56.7 million.

Let's look at our Revenue & Expenditure statement. This is what came in, what went out. How did we manage our resources? And so if we look at our largest fund, which is our General Fund, revenues came in to the point of 45.9 million. How did we spend it? We spent it to the tune of 46.8, um, which left us a decrease in fund balance of 1.7. When you look at all funds across all levels, uh, the City brought in revenues of 61.8 as compared to expenses or expenditures of 62.7, which left a small change or a deficit change in fund balance of 942,000.

Business type, uh, activities, operating revenues, 38.5. Expenditures, operating expenditures, 26.6. Non-operating expenditures, 4.8, uh, which left a very strong or positive change of a little over 7 million.

Once again, the comparison. Where are we as it relates to ending up '11? How do we end out a year later, based on the same period? Looking at fund balance, 57.3, as compared to the same period, 59.9. Revenue comparison, you can see it was a small decrease. For '11 we brought in 64.3, and the same period '12, 61.8. How did we spend our funds? In '11 we expended 64.1. For the same period, '12, 62.8. So you can see that our expenditures went down some. And then as it relates to our proprietary funds, net assets, 54.1 as compared to the same period, 56.7. Operating income, 66.3 as compared to '12, 6.2, so we can see the operating income was pretty much flat.

As relates to our written findings, based on our procedures for the current year we have no management letter of comments, which is always a great thing, and then we also have to report on our prior comments. Did staff, did the appropriate department heads make changes based on our comments a year ago? And as you can see, we had a comment last year -- this is in '11 -- as relates to the City and the CRA and their interfund transactions. Based on our procedures and discussions, that finding was implemented during the current year.

We also had a comment 2. Uh, our comment 2, based on -- was based on monthly, uh, financials being presented to the Council, um, and once again, based on our procedures and inquiry, that was also implemented.

Um, one of the things that, um, we do, is we do what is a little ratio analysis, and this is based on, uh, numbers and information as provided by the Auditor General, um, that is given out for basically all of the cities and municipalities around the State of Florida. What I want to do is get to the last line here, and I realize it's very, very small, and so I'll just tell you. The overall, uh, financial condition assessment of the City is favorable. Uh, based on the 19 metrics as put out by the Auditor General, we have seven favorable, three unfavorable, and nine inconclusive. And your inconclusive normally comes about when a trend is starting to turn in year one. And so you will say or you will come to the result that that is inconclusive, because the trend has not gone enough in one way to really make a determination.

And so based on that presentation, if the Chair will allow, I will entertain or take any questions that you may have. And as always, if I cannot answer now, I will be more than happy to put forth an answer later, either directly to the Commission or through the Office of the City Manager.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, uh, Mr. Harvey. Are there any questions from the board?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, Mr. Chair (inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Harvey, thank you.

RODERICK HARVEY: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, I see that, uh, our numbers weren't too bad. We did have a slight decrease in, uh, as I read it, our property taxes, something like 1.7 percent --

RODERICK HARVEY: Yeah, that -- that should be --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- from our previous year?

RODERICK HARVEY: Yeah, that should be about right. And that's across all

governments, small, large.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes, yes.

RODERICK HARVEY: That's pretty consistent.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's -- that's expected. Um, but I do have a question on your letter of transmittal.

RODERICK HARVEY: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, numeral -- numeral -- Roman numeral 2. Um, the - - under the City's economic outlook for fiscal year 2013 -- one, two, three, in the third paragraph where it speaks to the fiscal year 2012/2 -- 2 -- 2013 budget. The third --

RODERICK HARVEY: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- line -- all right. I'm sorry. You got it?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah, I think so. Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Um, the third line down where it speaks to -- actually, the second sentence it starts, "Property taxes continue to comprise a significant portion of the General Fund revenues." And then it says, "Property taxes for fiscal year 2012/13 are 25.5 mil, compared to --" and then it compares it to 2011/2012. My first question. We are currently in 2012 and 2013, are we not?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's -- that's correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. My next question. How was this calculated if we are in the current fiscal year for which you have some numbers here?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes. We actually get the next year's property tax number by July 1st, so as we're going through the budget year for 2013/14, we'll know what our property tax number is going to be by July of 2013. So that's -- we already had that number.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It's not a collection, a collected number. It's an assessed number.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. It's a projected.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Okay. Um, and the -- the line that follows that, it says that the City's other significant revenue sources are generated from sale taxes, um, State revenue sharing, franchise fees, utility taxes, charges for service, blah, blah.

And it says, "Which are projected to decline in this fiscal year." Do we have a projection of how much it's to decline?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Um, we do. I don't have that number with me, but I could provide that to you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Could you do that?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. And -- and -- and that would be in our budget documents where we would show, you know, the prior year and then what we actually budgeted for 2013.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. All right. Those -- those are my two questions.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, uh, Councilman Guyton. Are there any other questions from the board? Hearing none, Mr. Harvey?

RODERICK HARVEY: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much. Mr. Sherman and Miss Hoskins and staff, thank you very much for that, uh -- that report. We do appreciate it. Okay. We're gonna move on to item 16. We still have a few minutes before public comment. Uh, we're gonna go ahead, um, to item 16.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 56-13. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Police Department to lease purchase 20 police vehicles from Fifth Third Bank by piggy-backing City of Deerfield Beach invitation to bid number 20111226 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement, authorizing the Director of Finance & Administrative Services to set up a budget for the same, authorizing three annual payments in the amount of \$200,823.60, and providing an effective date.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Guyton. Are there any questions, concerns, unreadiness?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, I want to ask Legal, could they explain the escrow agreement? Like, where is that funding coming from?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: What was the item?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: 16.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I know. Do you have the -- it's in the back of -- what page? Do we know what page?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It's in the packet as part of the agreement.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Capital expenditures.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: What page did you say it was?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Should be page 7.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. What is your question?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, the question is, um, where is that funding coming from for the escrow agreement, for the escrow, um, agreement?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: The money is coming from the bank, and the bank is putting it in escrow until we actually purchase the vehicles. We're purchasing them -- we're leasing them 20 at a time, I think, and, um, when we -- they will release the funds when we get the vehicles.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. Okay. 'Cause the question -- the reason I asked that, because I was looking at the, um, agreement of 60 -- \$602,470.80, and the question I was asking, do we have that money or do the bank have it? So you're saying the money's coming from the bank.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is correct.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes. This is a loan.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are there any other questions from the board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item 17?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 57-13. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with Point & Pay to provide e-payment services for the City of Riviera Beach for a period of three years, commencing May 2nd, 2013, with two annual renewals at the City's option, and that the City absorb the convenience cost in the USD budget for same, providing an effective date.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- a motion?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry. Is there a second? Thank you. It's been properly moved and second. Okay. Are there any questions?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh, yes, sir, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I just wanted to make clear, um, um, I know that this is being brought forward by your department.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, and most of the usage probably would -- probably will be utility billing. I mean, um, you know --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- persons who are paying their water bills or something like that, but there are other departments who will, um -- you know, their clients will be accessing and using it, also. So, um, will we have a way to kinda figure out whether you're going to be paying for the whole thing or whether, like, Parks, the people that --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- are using Parks, or the marina, or --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes. And any time -- and again, initially, like, the marina right now already has a contract, so they're -- they're off to the side, but eventually we'd like to get everybody on -- on this system.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But what you would actually do is you actually set up a separate merchant code, and if you're paying a utility --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: -- it goes in this bucket. You pay Parks, it goes in that bucket.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Wonderful.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And -- and you can determine, yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. So everybody will be paying a portion.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Great.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry. Miss Davis, are you finished?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I just heard you say something that made me cringe a little bit, that the marina is doing something a little different off to the side. I'm not comfortable with that.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, uh, and again, they -- they started -- and I don't even know what year they started taking credit cards, but they were the first one out. They started -- they had a contract. They're looking to change. They're looking to move forward, but we've got to get one first.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It -- it needs -- it needs to be uniform. We need to --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I -- I agree.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- know exactly --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- what's going on with every department --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- across this City.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Especially the marina. Especially. And that's no pun intended. It's just so many things that are moving on down there, fuel, store, rents, rents -- you know, lease payments, whatever it's going on down there with all of the development that's going on, I really don't -- 'cause I've heard that even before you got here, well, the marina does this, but we do this differently.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That has to change, and that has -- I see you -- and that has to become full circle.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It needs to be uniform so when we're asking questions from the Finance Director, I want the Finance Director to be able to say this is what's happening across the City in every department.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right. The issue --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Can I --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: -- is right now we're under contract.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second, Miss Davis.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: So I mean, we've got to get -- you know, get that contract, move it over to this once we get this one in place, and then we can -- we'll get everybody on the same system. I couldn't agree with you more.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. That -- thank you, Mr. Chair. That was what I was asking. How much time -- how much longer is on the marina's contract with these people?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Um, Mr. Legue, do you know?

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: I think it's up this year.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It's up -- yeah, okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: It's up this year. So once --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: 'Cause I -- I know they were looking at somebody before we did Point & Pay, so I do think it is up this year.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. So once that is done --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Then we can move to the same system.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- then you can move to -- okay. Great.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any other questions from the board?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, I -- I have one question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: On the backup information, under the background summary, it says that using this technology would free up staff -- would free up staff time and eliminate the need to hire an additional staff to process customer service transactions. Was -- was there an anticipation to hire additional staff or what was --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: We actually have in Utility Billing a vacancy, and it's actually filled right now by a part-timer. The -- the issue is going -- and I -- again, I think the more people that start using credit cards, and we're not handling paper checks, um, my anticipation is -- is for 2014 is to eliminate a position.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: One position.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: One position.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Okay. That's -- that's my question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much. I just want to make sure that we -- you know, we're uniform and --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh-huh. I agree.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- for individuals that, like, have water liens and all, are they gonna be able to access this for the parking citations that are paid here, are they gonna be able to access this? I mean, is this something that's gonna be --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- uniform across --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: We will be bringing in the other departments. We want to take care of Utility first. That's obviously where the bulk is.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And then we'll start bringing the other ones in, yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Just want to make sure that we don't go into it half-cocked.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We want it full throttle, you know, wide open, everybody's able to, uh -- to -- you know, to -- to -- to -- to take part in it --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- as my dear friend, Mr. Chastain would have said. Okay. Um, if there's no additional questions or comments, Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item 18.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 58-13. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, recommending conceptual approval of SilverTech Universal, LLC, a newly created corporate entity, as a qualified target industry business pursuant to Florida Statute 288.108, providing for local financial support for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Program, not to exceed

\$64,000, and providing for an effective date.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and seconded. Any questions or concerns? Hearing --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: The only thing I'll say is, it's great. It's great. It's great.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Great idea.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Great opportunity.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Great opportunity for the residents.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item number 19.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 59-13. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving amendment 004 to the Disaster Recovery Initiative Program agreement between the City of Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County amending the program deadline from June 15th, 2013, to December 14th, 2013, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement amendment and providing for an effective date.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Been properly moved and second. Any questions or concerns from the board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, that -- that would be Judy Davis that's speaking up.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Are you speaking for her now, too?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I thought she looked at me. Okay. I'm not J. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: She looked down this way, so --

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Wow.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That's all you want for these.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. We might just need to say "Judy Davis" next time so we don't confusion Mr. Guyton, you know.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I was looking at her physical actions --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Guyton, Davis --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- looking in my direction.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Guyton and Davis, huh? I would have expected that from Mr. Terrance Davis, but not --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And I was reading as I was looking --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Leave me alone.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We gonna move to, uh, 19A, Deliberation and Discussion on the, uh, Riviera Beach, uh, Summer Camp. Um, and I brought this on because I met with the, um, Education Advisory Board, at least a -- a few of the members. Uh, the members included that I met with was Miss Gray, uh, Miss Becton, and Miss Brown. Um, and we -- we spoke briefly.

Everyone, I think, has the overview of the program in their -- in their packet. If you don't, we want to make sure that you, uh -- you get it. Um, and we're gonna highlight some of the things that we just talked about very quickly, uh, because I did feel that it was important.

They -- they -- they basically spoke to me about two, um, issues. One was the, um -- the scholarship program and the other one was the summer camp, the summer camp for the, uh, middle school students. Um, and just as I highlight, they -- they -- they basically wanted to ensure that, um, as we go forward, um, that they wanted to know first if this Council, uh, supports these issues, um, and if we do support the issues, then this will be something that we would need to, um, handle and deal with in the budget session.

Um, I did tell them that I didn't think that this would be -- in terms of the actual summer camp program, I didn't think that this would be something that would be prudent to try to do, uh, this particular year. And they, uh, all agreed that this would be something they wanted to just bring forth and let the Council know in -- in hopes of being able to restart this program again, uh, next year, uh, for the -- for the new budget year.

Um, there's -- there's a lot of, uh, positive things that go along with it and things that should be, um, addressed in it. Um, this is definitely not going to be the forum to answer all of the questions that you might have, but we will, um, get you some answers to -- to some of them. And they pretty much want to, um, just know that the -- the Council is -- is supporting it. On the, um --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am, Miss --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Can I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- just say something?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Of course.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, when did -- well, when was that backup handed out to the Council? 'Cause I didn't get one.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It -- it -- I got it on yesterday, I believe, and we gave it out today?

CITY MANAGER JONES: It was a part of the add/deletes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's a part of the add/delete. You still don't have a copy of it?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, I'll go through my e-mails again and I'll take a look at it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. It's in your add or delete sheet is where --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So are -- no, I have my add and delete sheet, but there's nothing attached to it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, it's right on the back. If you pull up your add and delete.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So anyway, so you're asking for action tonight without --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- us reading it?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No. No, no.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's just a discussion and deliberation.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: See, this -- this is my add and delete sheet.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. There's nothing on --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: There's nothing on it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: There's nothing with hers. Um, no, I'm not ask -- I'm not asking for any action tonight.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We basically -- um, the -- the -- the committee who works very hard basically wants to know that the Council is supporting this, and they basically want to know if this is something that the Council wants to continue to -- to look at. And me, personally, I think that -- I think that it is essential to do. You know, I support it 100 percent, but I'm one individual. We need to make sure as a group that they know that we're sending out the right message, that we definitely want to make the investment. Um, and I think that this will be something that will go good with our Social Justice Commission, um, as well.

Uh, we do want to make sure that we -- you know, we just don't pass over it. We want to give it the -- the time that it needs. People work, you know, hard on these committees, and we just want to make sure that -- you know, that we're supporting that. So at this time that's what we just basically want to do, is just discuss it.

I know that we've had some issues with it. I've had some issues with it in the past. Um, uh, you know, some -- some things, uh, definitely needs to, you know, to change about it. But for the most part, everybody is -- is, uh, working to try to get it presented to where the Council will definitely support it, you know, and -- and make it available for them to be able to, uh, go out and also try to get other fundings to make it -- other funding mechanisms to make it successful. So please, let's -- let's discuss it at this time.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, I'll just give my two cents. I haven't had time to read it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So I would like to read it and then I'd like to know from the City Manager where -- you know, where are we gonna get the money? Are you looking to implement this in June for this year?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, no. I was --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Or for next year?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no. I was -- I stated that we had a conversation.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And I did tell the -- the board --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Are they --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- that -- that particular group, committee that met with me, that this would not be something prudent for this particular year. They agreed. They want to take the time to --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- you know, go over it. They -- they want to start, you know, actually implementing the process by January of the summer prior to doing it. So they're not trying to rush into this. They just want to make sure that, you know, the -- the -- the board supports it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Then, since we got it today, can we maybe bring it back at our next meeting? Just so we can read it and digest it and, you know -- I haven't read it so, you know --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I have no problem with that. I just definitely wanted to -

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- to be able to, uh --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- uh, discuss it. And if you had any questions that needed to be answered right off, I do see a representative in the audience that could answer, uh, Miss Brown, who was actually in that meeting. So I just wanted to make sure that any questions that you may have while you're deliberating over it, that we got a chance to do that tonight.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, could we -- could we discuss it now and the next meeting?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, yes, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Is that possible? I just have -- I just have this, like, one small question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Sure.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. So I was looking here, looking at it here. It said junior counselors and student assistants. Someone -- can someone come to the --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Brown, are you --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Miss Brown?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- are you --

ROSE ANNE BROWN: Good evening. Rose Anne Brown, co-chair of the Riviera Beach Education Advisory Committee. A part of the camp was a youth employment component, and high school students 16 years and up were employed for four hours a day. In the morning, if they worked in the morning, they work -- they worked as student assistants assisting teachers in the classroom. If they were in the afternoon, for their four hours they were junior counselors. And, um, then the high school students would be senior counselors.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. That's all I wanted to know.

ROSE ANNE BROWN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, I think over the last -- 2008, '09, '10, we spent a half a million dollars on summer camp and I thought we had had the discussion that we were no longer going to, um, fund it. Uh, if -- and I think the last year, um, we were expecting the, um, committee to go out and get -- you know, bring their funding in, um, which did not happen and, um, I think that, you know, if there is -- I mean, there's a lot of grants out there. Uh, I know we used to get the grant from, um -- what was the name of the organization -- um, James L. Knight Foundation. Um, and I mean, I think we -- they -- you know, the committee should seriously go after funding.

I don't think this is a, um -- uh, something that the City can fund at this point in time. Maybe in 2014 or '15, you know, when dollars start to -- to come in, um, um, you know, uh, property values are going up. The assessments are going up. But at this particular time I don't think we're in a position to do that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So I -- I think maybe we should bring it back later, uh, maybe to discuss during a budget session or something, but not --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I think that's what the --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- at this point in time.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- anticipation is, to discuss it for the following year in budget session. It's -- it's not to -- not for any action at this point. It just had been dormant and the, uh, Education Committee definitely wanted to -- to talk about it. Let me bring up the one comment card that we have, and then I'll go back to the, uh, board. Miss Brabham?

MARY BRABHAM: Good afternoon.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good afternoon.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good afternoon.

MARY BRABHAM: Uh, Chair -- uh, Chair Thomas, uh, Board representatives and City Manager, uh, in reference, I think, on this agenda item she's not asking for you all to make any direct decisions -- decision tonight. But I think more or less with what's going on in our city as a whole that any program in this city here, as a board and leader of our city, you all need to -- you all need to say and do what you have to do as a board with directions, also, implying that the scholarship or academic summer camp, you can challenge them as well as they can challenge you all, because we know how things are. But also, educational skills and the life skills, they go hand in hand. They both work together.

Because overall in our city here, what we see here is our children are actually going disarray. So any program, whether it's the Social, uh, Justice Program, Youth Empowerment, Boys & Girls Club, um, Commission on Social Justice, you all should be at the table embracing these programs. These are the city programs. No city should be left without a scholarship program, so I'm gonna say this. I'm gonna encourage you all to think on it, to think on it and sleep on it. And like -- like -- like they say, they're not asking for this year, but -- but perhaps next year.

And while I'm saying it -- uh, that, I'm gonna tell you all something here. On -- last Saturday on behalf of myself, Miss Mary Brabham, and her entire family, and all of their supporters, just to show you how scholarships will work in conducive to your program, I give a big, big thanks for all of the contributors, all of the contributors who supported the West Palm Beach Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The goal was \$10,000. My family, myself, we exceeded. We raised over \$10,000, and we were able to give 22 recipients a scholarship. And I must also say, my niece, Miss Amaris Graham, she took the title of Miss (Inaudible). So this is what we can do, this is what we can do.

So I'm encouraging you. I'm encouraging you to step up to the plate. It's conducive for this city here. It -- it -- it is very, very viable that we make these programs work. And all -- and everybody, from me and my family, you will be receiving something very, very soon to represent my family. And I say, Hats off. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Miss Brabham.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'll take -- yes, ma'am, Miss -- Madam Manager.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Madam Manager.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And, um --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible) first.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- I will check on the actual amount, but I know the applications are out for scholarships, and we did budget \$19,000 this year for scholarships. We have never stopped the scholarship program.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. Um, and -- and I'm -- I'm hoping that I didn't give that impression, that it stopped. There were just some issues involving it, where we just want to make sure that they were all Riviera Beach scholarships. Uh, that was really the -- the issue with, uh, the scholarship. Just in a -- in a spirit of -- of -- of cohesion, um, we -- we just want to make sure that everybody knows that it's -- it's from Riviera Beach, and there are some scholarships that will be given out, but all of the money should go to one pot, and then the City would be there.

And, uh, they did ask that -- um, on the last time that these were given out, they were given out here I believe on a Friday night and there weren't very many members of the board to show up, and they're just asking for our support and to, you know, just -- just support those initiatives and -- and be here. So, you know, I made a commitment to, uh, try to be there as much as I can, um, to show my support for the program, but they're asking for the total board's support.

And it's just an overview, just to talk about it, just to get it back in everyone's mind. It's not asking for any action tonight, just to make sure that everybody understands what's going on and to think about it. Um, if -- you know, if you don't support it, you know, we'll definitely just, uh, state that, but, um, we just wanted to make sure that, you know, we -- we did bring this back up again and get it fresh in everybody's mind.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair? All right. Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let me take Miss Davis first, then I'll come to you, Miss Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. And -- and I just want to make it very clear. You know, it's not that I don't support programs. I'm looking at the budget. Um, you know, I think that, you know, a lot of the programs that people want us to support, I think, you know, you can't just look at the City to support all -- all of the programs, you know. Um, there are grants out there. People have to find the money to do the things that they wanna do and, um -- just like your sorority did. Um, and it's not that I don't wanna support it.

It's just that I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- we have employees who are still on a furlough, um, and I -- I just can't see myself supporting, uh, going forward with this when employees are still on furlough, you know, and things like that. So you know, I -- I set priorities.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'll pass. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, thanks again for the deliberation and discussion, and if you want to -- um, have any further questions, you can ask Miss Brown -- you want to say something? Go right ahead, please.

ROSE ANNE BROWN: Thank you, Mr. -- uh, Mr. Chair. I just want to make sure that it is clear that the Education Advisory Committee is not asking the City Council to fund the summer camp. The summer camp is one of the best things that this City ever did, and it helped a lot of kids, and it still has potential. Many of us are retired now and are willing to put forth time and effort to try and bring funds in. That's another reason we knew it was impossible to try and do it this summer. But when you are looking for funding for programs that all kinds of other things are competing with, it is imperative that it's clear that the governing body of the entity --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Supports you.

ROSE ANNE BROWN: -- that you are out there asking for funds for is supportive of what you're doing.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

ROSE ANNE BROWN: When you have discussions and there are negative comments made, people don't remember the positives about the program. They remember the negative comments. And we want it to be clear that when we go -- I wrote the grant that brought in the three years of funding for the -- from the, uh, James L. Knight Foundation.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

ROSE ANNE BROWN: Others, uh, with the committee and new ones coming on know how to do that. But I -- I mentioned to some folk, the reason that we were not invited to reapply for the Knight Foundation grant is because of negative comments that were made during public meetings about the camp that they were funding, so we could not be invited back to ask for that grant, even though the -- that summer camp is a laboratory for what they want to do. So we wanted it to be clear that there is a spirit of cooperation between folk who want to go out and try and help bring this back under the City's name and the City Council, that you wholeheartedly support it.

I haven't been gone from here long enough that I don't remember the budget issues. I know exactly why the camp could not continue to be funded by the City. We merely want to partner with the City and help to try and bring this back, so that it will help the entire community. But please, don't -- I'm not crazy. I know you don't have 150,000 or \$200,000 to fund a summer camp when you still got six days of furlough. We understand that. We wouldn't want to bring that kind of pressure on you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. My misunderstanding, 'cause I -- that's the way I was hearing it. Okay?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Brown, thank you. And I tried to say that. It didn't

seem to work so well, so I --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Sorry.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I appreciate you, uh, coming up and reiterating what I was, uh, trying to say. So often that's what's needed, a --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A lady's touch.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- a lady's touch? I would not disagree with that, and I'll leave that right where that is. Okay. Thank you very much, Miss Brown, for -- and thank you, board, for, um, the deliberation and the discussion on it, and we definitely will revisit it again.

At this point we'll go to one of my favorite parts of the meeting, um, Public Comment. And I just want to, um, remind everyone that, um, the City Council has a set of rules of decorum governing public conduct during meetings. It has been posted at the entrance. I believe it's right there on that door, and on the little pink, um, piece of paper. Uh, we just want you to adhere -- adhere to those.

Um, in the event that, uh, those rules are not adhered to, in an effort for me to continue to preserve order, we will have you removed from the meeting or the building, if necessary, and the podium. Please, uh, govern yourselves accordingly. I'm sure that we won't need to use any of that, but I just thought that I would remind you of it.

Okay. So we will lead the public comments off with Miss -- Mrs. Mary Brabham. Good afternoon, Miss Brabham. You have three minutes to make your comments.

MARY BRABHAM: Thank you. Uh, Chair Thomas and the -- and the board, first of all, for those who did not attend Elder Herman McCray's funeral on Saturday, I would say shame on you. Or perhaps you had other reasons that perhaps are acceptable.

Time is not for the young and the old. What we do in this life reflects our seat in the kingdom above. We can be agreeable as well as disagreeable. It should not demean our love for one another. Perhaps the family did not ask, or I don't know, but as a resident of this city, out of respect, a proclamation from the City of Riviera Beach was due. If it was not done, then a day late, a minute too soon, that's not -- that's -- that's still not right. That's -- that's just not right.

McCray -- Elder McCray, his life reflect. You sit there. I stand. Yes, we have all had our disagreements, but I've been able to sit at the table and break bread because I consider myself a Christian. Even Christians know how to behave. We must respect each other because only what we do here impedes what's in our lives, because that is a reflection. Not just on me, but you, as well. Confessions of the heart are good for the soul, so if we need minutes to do, let us do that. Let us do that.

You see, when a soldier goes into battle he puts on the whole armor. I look at Elder McCray as being a soldier in that battle. He goes to the front line knowing perhaps that

he might have to lay down his life, but he lays down his life for his fellow man. This is the example, and from what I've seen from Elder Herman McCray because we were able to agree as well as disagree. We were able to hug and say, "Fight on, soldier. Fight on, soldier." And I'm gonna say to the Police Department, Hats off to you. They was in full force. Councilman Judy Davis and Bruce Guyton, they were there. I saw those two, and others seen them, also.

It's a shame. It's a shame. Not just me but other residents was dismayed with this conduct. Now, if you all would like to address that, as far as the general public, please do so, because it was a very, very farewell and which was very, very appropriate. Uh, Commissioner Priscilla Taylor, she gave a proclamation for the County. And Barbara Wilson, the church clerk there, she called out other resolutions, and there was nothing, no proclamations from the City. I don't care if you didn't contact the family. So explain that. That's all.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Before the -- I -- I got it, Mr. Guyton. Before the, uh -- the next speaker comes -- um, I normally wouldn't address, uh, these type of issues, but, um, the City was definitely there. The City does not set the program for individuals' funerals.

The funeral was large. Uh, the family wanted one proclamation read by the County Commissioner. She read the proclamation. All of the elected officials across -- there were several, including myself, that were there. Not just on Saturday, but on Friday, and every day prior to the death of Mr. McCray and after that. Members of this board are still in contact with the family, and the board just doesn't feel good when people don't have all of the information.

Mr. McCray is never forgotten. He will never be forgotten. His son will be here to -- to speak in a few moments, as well, but this -- this board was definitely there. The City was definitely there in support of Mr. McCray. We'll always be in support of Mr. McCray. We'll always be in support of Mr. McCray, and we have not forgotten. And those were just some unfair comments. Those were just unfair and unwarranted.

So there will be several proclamations for Mr. McCray, and there were several that were there that just weren't read. If they would have read all of the proclamations, we would still be in service there right now. You know, he touched lives across this country. Those comments just, you know, weren't quite accurate.

So I hope that shed a little light on you. We'll move on, and -- and if Mr. -- if his son, once he's called, wants to come up and add to that, he's very welcome. Next up will be Mr. Reverend Burrs. Good afternoon, Reverend Burrs. You have three minutes to make your comments, sir.

REVEREND BURRS: Good afternoon, Chair. Council, Mayor. Uh, I -- on the last, uh - - um, I guess I'm the advocate. On the last, uh, CRA meeting, I wasn't here, but I was -- I viewed some of it on television, and I was, uh -- heard the CRA director talking about the referendum that was, uh, passed by the citizens of Riviera Beach, and he was

saying that he couldn't understand, uh, the language of the referendum. And, uh, I would suggest to him, then, that he would go to the judge and ask the judge to explain to him the referendum.

It's simple. And, uh, I don't want to -- people's calling me. They want to meet concerning the referendum. And, uh, I do not -- and I will not meet publicly or privately concerning the referendum. If anybody has some questions concerning the referendum, it's simple. And -- and the citizen -- Riviera Beach Citizen's Task Force, we want it to be clear to you all and the citizens, we are not opposing the development of that marina. That's the picture that people's are trying to paint of the Citizen's of Riviera Beach Task Force. We want it developed, but we don't want it to be like the, uh, Ocean Mall, not benefiting from it like we should, or the Refuse Department, not benefiting like we should.

I, uh -- I went and talk -- Mr. Guyton, I talked with him. He and I talked. He understand my position. And, uh, I will say to him, and I said to him privately, I'm not concerned about his past, and don't be concerned about mine. It's a political issue. And when I come here and make my comments, I said many times, I don't dislike anyone up there. We may just disagree.

So if anybody wants to understand what the Citizen Task Force, or the citizens of Riviera Beach was requesting concerning, uh, that referendum, it's simple, to the point. We just want the marina developed, and the citizen get the benefit that they deserve from, um, that, uh, marina. That's all we're asking. So if anybody -- and I was -- what I wanted to talk to Mr. Guyton -- I saw him at the funeral, as well. He was there. Call me. Put us on the agenda and let's talk about it publicly and let everybody know where we stand concerning the marina. That's all we asking for. Okay, now?

So now we'll say to each of you all that, uh, we may disagree, and I don't have no bones to pick with nobody. I'm not looking for no job. I'm not looking for no popularity. I'm doing fine. I will come here and state -- and state my concerns and my opinions. If you dislike it, that's your problem. You may state yours, and I may not disagree [sic] with it. That's my problem. But we don't -- as someone said, we don't have to -- we don't have to fall out and -- and fight about the issue just 'cause we disagree.

So my concern is to each of you all, we are not opposing the development of that marina. We just want to see it done in a sense we won't lose the revenue like we losing from the, uh, Ocean Mall, Refuse Department, and other entities. So that's all. If you want to talk to us, just put us on the agenda. We'll be glad to talk.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments, Reverend Burrs. Next up would be David Cross. Mr. Cross, good evening. You have three minutes to make your comments.

DAVID CROSS: Good evening. Thank you. I'm addressing -- oh, David Cross, 1030 Sugar Sands. I'm addressing the, uh, Board of Directors of what I like to think of as Riviera Beach, Inc., an approximately 15 million -- a \$50 million enterprise with over 400

employees. I just want to preface my remarks by saying I'm still very surprised that apparently there is no structured face-to-face evaluation program for individual employees. I can't understand how we exist without that structure in place.

But that's not why I'm here. Now is the time of year for a critical part of your job, evaluating the performance of the two people who report to you, City Manager, uh, Chief Executive Officer, and the City Attorney. Are they the right people to lead us through the next two exciting years for our City? They deserve a proper detailed face-to-face evaluation. The taxpayers deserve to know that you've done your job in providing us with the best possible choices for these two critical positions. Please evaluate properly and make informed decisions. Do what is right for the people of Riviera Beach. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments, Mr. Cross. Okay. We seem to be having some technical difficulties with our clock. I'll be keeping it up here while the -- while the, um -- the assistants try to fix that. I -- I got it. I got it. I got it. Next up will be Mr. Derrick McCray. Good afternoon, Mr. McCray. You have three minutes to make your comments.

DERRICK MCCRAY: Good afternoon, um, Council --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Good afternoon.

DERRICK MCCRAY: -- and everybody. Uh, first of all, uh, I want to clear up the, uh, misunderstanding. Riviera Beach did give us an awesome proclamation and, uh, I think Mrs. Williams, Reverend Williams, might have went through it kinda fast and -- and she didn't spell out the way that she needed to. So it was done and, uh, for all the residents that didn't hear it, uh, Riviera Beach was first with their proclamation before anybody else. I talked to Miss Ward, I think, uh, right off the bat. We -- we discussed, you know, about the proclamation, so that was done.

So, uh, but my -- I -- I came on the behalf of my mother, Lillian McCray, the entire McCray family. I want to thank all of you for supporting the passing of our father, the late Reverend Herman C. McCray, Jr. We especially want to say thank you to the City of Riviera Beach. All the City Council members, I had a chance to see everybody. Even Miss Pardo, she was out of town and she was -- said, "I couldn't get there, but I would want to be there. It was just a pressing conference." So I know she made contact, and I saw everybody, so I want to say thank you to -- to you guys, to especially Mayor Masters for his awesome leadership and him being at the wake and -- and inspiring everybody for the celebration and lowering the flag half mast. That meant a lot to my family, because we know how my dad stood strong for this city, and he loved this city with everything in him. This was his town.

Also, the City Manager, Miss Jones, you know, for you just being awesome and whatever you could do to help us, we was greatly -- we greatly appreciated that. The Assistant Manager, Danny Jones, you know, he -- he -- he took on the initiative to bring drinks and stuff, to take recreation in his own car -- you know what I mean -- because

you know things was getting a little hectic. I also want to thank Parks & Rec. You know, John Williams and Aladia Franks and their staff was just brilliant, brilliant and -- when we held the repast. I think, uh, what -- everything that my dad stood for was -- the City stood up for that.

We also want to especially thank the city Police Department. Those guys were awesome with the escorts being Johnny-On-The-Spot, making sure that we got to and fro the, uh, uh, the venue from my mom's house to Christ Fellowship, from Christ Fellowship back to the actual burial, which was Royal Palm. These guys did an awesome job in -- in getting us to and from, because it was such a large funeral.

And we also want to thank the City Clerk, Miss Carrie Ward, you know, for putting that proclamation together. And we apologize, too, that we couldn't get the City up. I had -- think I had the pleasure to talk to the Mayor that the timing at, um -- at Christ Fellowship --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. McCray, you're over three minutes, but I'm gonna allow you to have another minute --

DERRICK MCCRAY: Oh, I am? Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- to, uh, to -- to finish up.

DERRICK MCCRAY: I thought -- I thought I put in two more cards.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go ahead and finish your comments, sir.

DERRICK MCCRAY: Okay. I'm only got -- I got a couple more things to say and then I'm gonna sit down. And, uh, the time frame was only a small window to get in and get out, so that's why we had to cut the program. And it was a beautiful program.

And real quick, one thing. J.A.Y. Ministry, Mr. Calloway, the Youth Recreation Association, Greater Bethel Primitive Baptist Church family, Mr. Matthew Russell, Christ Fellowship family, Shuler's Memorial, Royal Palm Memorial Gardens, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Clearview Masonic Lodge 44, Eastern Stars, Sara Holmes 479. Your mother-in-law was great. She just handled it like a champ. Uh, Alan Luby, uh, McCray's Backyard Barbecue staff, and your mother, Miss Janie Johnson for putting together the programs. She did an awesome job with that. And, uh, we just want to thank everybody and for what they did in the City, and keep us in prayer. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. We love you, buddy. All right. Thank you very much for your comments. Uh, next up would be Mr. -- Mr. Fane Lozman. Good afternoon, Mr. Lozman. You have three minutes to make your comments.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. First I want to echo what Reverend Burrs says. I'm gonna continue to fight to see that the first referendum that I helped support financially and with my time is enforced, that the City manage its own facility. And as far as Mr.

Cross' comment, I also agree with him. On February, the last item on the agenda was Pam Ryan's contract. Miss Brooks ended the meeting early without getting to her evaluation, and here it is already May and her evaluation has not been put back on the agenda.

You know, one of your responsibilities, whether you like it or not, is to evaluate in a public matter the City Attorney's contract and the City Manager's, and there's no reason to shirk your responsibility. Will some people be critical of Miss Ryan's performance? Sure they will be. Will some people be happy with the job she's done? I don't know. But certainly you have that responsibility, and you cannot delegate that responsibility. Right now you're letting Miss Ryan evaluate herself, and that's not the way it works in a management position, because you are the managers of Miss Ryan and Miss Jones. Miss Jones manages the other City employees. You have to do your job and manage Miss Ryan.

I know there was an executive session recently where you decided to appeal the 11th Circuit's order. Attorneys I've talked to all over the place thought that the work product that came out of there was ridiculous, ludicrous, and makes the City look bad. It -- it -- you know, Miss Pardo, I think your brother's an attorney, or someone in your family. You may want to show them that work product, because the firm that you're using --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No one in my family is an attorney.

FANE LOZMAN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: For the record.

FANE LOZMAN: Um, the work --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Maybe a, uh -- a distant niece.

FANE LOZMAN: Okay. The work product that's coming out of Roberts, Reynolds, Bedard & Tuzzio is just ridiculous. And the City deserves better, and the City should try to find out why is that firm employed by the City? Who's making that decision? Is Miss Ryan making that decision? Where is that decision coming from?

Um, there is no attorney-client privilege between the City and its attorney when it comes to the admiralty case. Over the next year we're gonna get to the bottom of what happened specifically in that case. That's another reason you may want to look and see how much responsibility did the Council have as -- as a whole, and how much responsibility did your City Attorney have? And I think when you do that evaluation, you're gonna be pretty disgusted as to how much she went when it came to the Tampa law firm.

Finally, when I stand up here, Mr. Chairperson, if I talk about an agenda item, I try to focus on the agenda item. If I talk public comments, I can talk about whatever I want to. But Mr. Guyton, every time I would talk at the last few meetings, you would give him the opportunity to attack me, which is fine. He can attack me all he wants to during his

commissioner's report. But when it's on an item, both parties should stay on the item. Now, right now I just wanted to point out to Mr. Guyton, I'm a public figure. You can say --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Lozman, you -- you're over your time, but please, just -

FANE LOZMAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- you have a few seconds to finish your --

FANE LOZMAN: All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- comment.

FANE LOZMAN: I'm just gonna say, you can attack me all you want to. You know what I'm saying? I have your whole life's history right here. You know, whether your foreclosure in September, whether your sister got you committed through the courts, whatever it is. So whatever attacks you want to make, knock yourself out, but you're not qualified from your past history to be a city commissioner.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Thank you very much for your comments, Mr. Lozman.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Next -- Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The -- I just need to make one thing clear to Mr. Lozman, that he doesn't intimidate me. He doesn't frighten me. I don't care what you have in my background. I sit here with almost 20 years of public service work experience with two degrees, one in Business, a graduate degree in Planning. I can handle my business on this dais. You can say what you wanna do, or what you wanna say, but what you have is a person who has been very resilient in life and -- and that is something that people may want to emulate: how can you get yourself together after some difficulties in your life? I don't care what you have, Mr. Lozman, because I am proud of myself.

But let me say one thing. You come up here and you don't have credibility yourself. And let me read from a case about you. I got your life's history, too. Uh, case number - - and there's a lot of information out there about you, too, Mr. Lozman. Um, this case is case number 07-23357, um, Fane Lozman vs. City of North Bay Village. A lot of the same accusations here, not letting him speak, being arrested, um, and he's got allegations about some pornographic cartoons.

But the most critical thing that I found about Mr. Lozman, about his credibility, in court documents it says that "A rumor began circulating through North Bay Village that Lozman had once sexually assaulted one of the Barbie Twins." I'm reading from court

documents now. Now, this man trying to discredit me. Okay? Um, "According to the rumor, Lozman was stabbed by one of the twins in the course of the assault and subsequently arrested, but the arrest record was sealed." Did you really get stabbed trying to sexual assault a woman, Mr. Lozman?

FANE LOZMAN: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. -- Mr. -- Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, uh, okay, okay, okay. I'm -- I'm -- I'm done. I'm done. But, but, wait, wait, wait now. Mr. Lozman throws out some things about me. Let me throw out a few about him. His credibility is zero in my time. You on my turf when you come to Riviera Beach. You do not frighten me. I don't care what you dig up, it doesn't matter to me. Okay? So when you roll into Riviera Beach and it say, Welcome to Riviera Beach, you also need to think about Home of Bruce Guyton, because you're - - this is my home. You come from Dade County to come up here to try to intimidate and frighten somebody. You don't scare me.

Now, is there credibility to the sealed file? Because that would justify, you know, whether this actually happened. The mayor down there, Mayor Dorne, asked his son, attorney Craig Dorne, to inquire into Lozman's past in Las Vegas and find out if there was any truth to the rumor about the Barbie Twins. This in court documents. Craig Dorne hired a private investigator and discovered that Lozman did indeed have a sealed indictment against him in Las Vegas.

Now, you think that you have some credibility in this town, Mr. Lozman? And you've been charged with sexual assault? Uh, now, let's just see. Uh, I -- I really didn't understand what sexual assault was.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. -- Mr. -- Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. One -- one -- one -- okay. I'm almost done.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton, I'm gonna give you about another 30 seconds, but --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thirty seconds.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- that's -- that's -- I'm -- I'm --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I'm giving you --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Give me my 30 seconds. Sexual assault is any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without explicit consent of the recipient. Falling under the definition of sexual assault are sexual activities or forced sexual intercourse, forcible sodomy, child molestation, incest, fondling, and attempted rape. Now, which

one did you do, according to the rumor, Mr. Lozman?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay, Mr. Guyton. We're gonna move on. Mr. Ward.

GERALD WARD: It is a good evening, hopefully. I got through --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. Ward. You have three minutes to make your comments, and can we try to keep them peaceful?

GERALD WARD: I don't want to hear it. 2135 Broadway. But I, uh -- I got through at Fed-Ex an hour and a quarter early for -- for the change, and so it's your unfortunate luck that I stopped by. And the basics that I had two items, but I would have to say that those of us went and the Chair got cut like me to two minutes at the wake. So he -- he knows how the -- the knife rides in terms of time. But it truly was an affair that says Riviera Beach is the best city.

So I came to speak on two items, State Road 708, which, um, back in September Miss Pardo said the quality of ride was horrendous because of manhole and, uh, valve box harmonization. Two weeks ago I managed to collar some DOT people and found that they were coming on a final inspection. I got a response back, they would tell me what they were gonna do with the inadequate adjustment of manholes and valve boxes. Actually, unfortunately, all the valve boxes have been covered, according to their story that night, because Utilities didn't, um, mark them and -- and take care of them. But we need to follow up on that before this job gets finally striped. It is inadequate.

State Road 5. The traffic -- maintenance of traffic is horrible. What is so interesting is that the City Hall block is being cleaned up. I thought, My God, is somebody producing a parking lot? And no, I understand that the contractor basically was thrown out because the City decided they wanted \$90,000 a year versus \$40,000 a year for rental of the lot for material storage and operational center of the project. Now you see all the material storage on the southbound western lanes, so now we're down to one lane each direction with backups, uh, all the way to Silver Beach, sometimes, in the morning, and -- and down past 20th Street -- correction, uh, 13th Street, uh, in the afternoon northbound. So, uh, we need to accommodate maintenance of traffic more than we need to extort, uh, money from the contractor. So somebody needs to look into that.

And I also note that, uh, uh, Mr. Burrs, uh, didn't mention that there is a court hearing at about 8:30 on Friday morning, supposedly in the biggest courtroom, 11A, with Judge Kelly. Uh, that's what's been touted. So, uh, folks ought to attend and everybody needs to know what's going on.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments, Mr. Ward.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, Mr. -- Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Can I just give direction to the City Manager?

Please, Blue Heron, make sure that they cover those manholes? It looks like they covered maybe two of them, but --

CITY MANAGER JONES: They didn't do them all.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No, not at all. You know, I go through the city very early in the morning and, you know, it's really wreaking havoc on my car, so I can imagine what it's doing to everyone else's car.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And Mr. Ward, thank you for contacting, um, FDOT.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And our final, uh, comment, uh, will come from a person who called me and asked me to read their, uh, comment into the record. Um, and it states -- it's dated April 20th. "Dear City of Riviera Beach Councilwoman, Miss Dawn Pardo, Vice Chair, and the City of Riviera Beach Board of Commissioner. This letter is written to express how disappointing it is to sit and listen to residents who find it necessary to voice their community concerns in a manner that is rude and extremely disrespectful during monthly City Council meetings. This type of inappropriate behavior is unacceptable, and it should not be tolerated.

"I realize everyone is entitled to express their opinions, feelings, and ideas. However, when addressing an audience we should always choose our words carefully and maintain a calm composure, as well. I am confident we can get our points across in a professional, positive, and peaceful fashion, free from offensive and abusive language. Moreover, we are here to uplift, appreciate, and encourage one another, not to tear our fellow citizens down.

"It is not only embarrassing for our model citizens of Riviera Beach, but more importantly, we do not want the general public to see this type of negativity from the great City of Riviera Beach aired on television." In quotes, "We are much better than that." As we move forward, please, if possible, consider placing emphasis on the City's Code of Conduct policy. Lastly, please intervene when necessary to help ensure that our citizens comply and expectations are met. Kindly submitted, Miss Inez Mickens."

Um, it was ironic that was going to be read tonight, um, anyway, but I think that is, uh -- that there are inappropriate comments, and this will be, uh, submitted into the official records as a public comment. Um, and that will bring us to the conclusion of Public Comments and not a second too soon. We'll move on to item -- it's going to be item 20, Community Benefits. Um --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: In a -- in a second, yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- 20, 21, and 25, uh, we definitely, uh, could. Mr. Lozman, I have a comment card. You wanted to speak on item 20?

FANE LOZMAN: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Come on up.

FANE LOZMAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And for the record, Mayor Masters is, um, in attendance at this time. Mr. Lozman, good afternoon. You have three minutes to make your comments. Let me -- let me advise you that your comments need to be on item 20. You have three minutes, sir.

FANE LOZMAN: Well, I can also make a comment relative to who made the decision on item 20. Okay? Fane Lozman. First of all, for the record, I was never charged with sexual assault. I never --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Comments -- comments on item 20, please.

FANE LOZMAN: -- met the Barbie Twins. And these defamatory --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Comments on item 20, please.

FANE LOZMAN: These defamatory comments are unacceptable, but that's okay. We have all the proof and we can get to the bottom of it. Um, why are there three separate items, 20, 21, and 25? Why isn't there some distribution to other schools around the community? You know, if you're gonna have one district, do the school near their district. You have another district, do the school near their district, and have a third district, do the school near that district. You know, why are we having three commissioners doing this -- or three councilpersons doing the same school? I think there needs to be some kind of cohesion in how you give away this money that you really shouldn't have been giving in the first place by Waste Management. So there needs to be some kind of -- of coordination with this, whether it's through the City Manager or -- or one of her delegates. But I have a problem when there isn't an equal distribution of funding among different schools in the community.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comment. Okay. We're gonna take 20, 21, and 25 because they're the same, um, trip, uh, and those are going to be -- just one person can take it. Uh, Mr. Guyton, Miss Davis, and Mr. Davis. So just one councilperson, I guess, wants to talk about it.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

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

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, the reason -- uh, first I'd like to answer a question. Um, the reason that, um, it is to one school is because the cost of this trip was a total of \$7,500, and that is the only application that we received for field trip funding from a school. Um, so, that is for the Fourth Grade history field trip to St. Augustine for Washington -- I'm sorry, Mary McLeod Bethune, uh, students.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Taking 20, 21, and 25.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Ryan.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Ryan. For the record, could you just state the amounts of money, because --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, I will.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item 21, uh, Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary, \$700, Bruce Guyton. It's a Fourth Grade history field trip to St. Augustine. That's item 20. Item 21, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School, \$500, Judy Davis, Fourth Grade history field trip, St. Augustine, Florida. And item 25, Dr. Mary McLeod Elementary School, \$700, Terrance Davis, Fourth Grade history field trip. All in -- well, is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All members say aye).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposes? Hearing none, those three items are unanimously approved. I'm going to go to item 22.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes. Mr. Chair, this is, um, a donation to the Riviera Beach Police Department to assist with purchase of security cameras.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. \$3,000, uh, for the security cameras. Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So move.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All members say aye). Any opposes, same sign. Hearing none, that

motion is unanimously approved. Um, item number 23, uh, is one from me. I'm clearing up some of the, uh, costs from the Second Night of Elegance, uh, \$918 that will go to pay for the remaining, uh, gifts that were purchased for that night. Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Will there be other, um, invoices --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- coming, do we know?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I'm not quite certain, but we're --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And this is from your fiscal allowance --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- from April?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. All in favor signify by saying aye? (All members say aye). Any opposes? That motion is unanimously approved. Item 24, Riviera Beach Fire Rescue Honor Guard, \$750, Dawn Pardo. Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes. Um, um, I guess less than a year ago, um, some of the firefighters, some of our firefighters, put together an Honor Guard and, um, they need funds for uniforms and badges and flags, so this is \$750 toward their costs.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All in favor signify by saying aye.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Roll call, Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Item number 26.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you for that. That is (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mothers Against Murderers Association, Inc., \$2,000, Thomas A. Masters for program and related costs. Mayor Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, uh, Mr. Chair. Apologize first for being late. But, um, Mothers Against Murderers Association is an organization that is one of a kind perhaps in the nation, and was recently -- the president recently was, um, recognized and, uh, by President Obama at the White House. Um, the president, Angela Williams, is a resident of Riviera Beach, and many of the mothers who have lost their sons and daughters through violence. As you know, this organization, uh, responds to the mothers and fathers who are victims, and they certainly give them support and walk them through the grieving process, and then the healing process. And then they continue to unify and be one. And I'm very proud to, um, give them some of the community funds. I originally thought, uh, I would do 2,000, but then my chief of staff let me know that, uh, I'm gonna

be running out of money, uh, soon, so I'm gonna -- that's my heart, 2,000, but my head is telling me I need to amend that to 1,000.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Um, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion for \$1,000 --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second for Mothers Against Murderers Association to have \$1,000, instead of the initial \$2,000 that was on it. It's been properly moved and second. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All members say aye). All -- any opposers? That motion is unanimously approved. American Cancer Society, \$400, Thomas A. Masters, support of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life fundraiser. Mayor Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Speaks -- it speaks for itself, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All members say aye). Any opposes, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved.

Yes, 27A, uh, Team Elam Foundation, \$750 from Dawn Pardo, Sixth Annual Day in the Park event, June 8th, 2013. Um, I will also be, um, bringing this back up at the next, uh, meeting to, uh, donate, as well, but at this point this is Miss Pardo's.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah, me, too.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. So --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. I am donating \$750 to the Team Elam Family Day, um, festivities in June. Um, as we all know, this is the Sixth Annual Event. Uh, Abe Elam, our very own Abe Elam, and now his NFL draftee brother, um, Matt Elam, will be joining him, along with other, uh, great NFL players, um, and I'm excited to get behind this once again. The kids in the community absolutely love it, and it's a great event for, um, our young people.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved. Is there a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. All in favor please signify by saying aye. (All members say aye). Any opposers, same sign. Hearing none, that motion is unanimously approved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're gonna go to 28, um, which is -- oh, before going to -- to, um -- I'll read it under Committee Reports. I'll read it under Committee Reports. Never mind. We're gonna go to 28, Board Appointments. We have one comment card, um, and this is going to be a board appointment from the Office of the Mayor to the Riviera Beach Housing Authority. And Madam Clerk, you have the actual name of --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Can you sign this for me?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mayor, do you have the actual name of this, uh --

MAYOR MASTERS: Ronald, um -- Ronald -- Ronald Warnecke.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Can you say that again?

MAYOR MASTERS: I can't say it all over again. Ron, first name. Last name, W-A-R-N-E-C-K-E.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Can you try it one more time?

MAYOR MASTERS: Can somebody help me out?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No. We got -- we have a comment card. Miss Mary Brabham.

MAYOR MASTERS: I did the best I could.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, I'm joking with you.

MARY BRABHAM: Miss Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach. Does that appointee lives in West Palm Beach? Can the Mayor answer that?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We definitely will get that answer to you.

MARY BRABHAM: Okay. Okay. So I'll -- I'll -- I'm almost for sure that he lives in Riviera Beach, but perhaps he can shed some light on that. Um, pertaining to this board, we all know about Ronald Leonard, hopefully, and we know that he sits on that board. And hopefully, that the Mayor would not disturb him at this particular point because for those who do not know, Mr. Leonard is going to have some heart surgery done. So out of an appropriate appointment if he is deciding to remove Mr. Ron Leonard, um, we ask as a community liaison for him to remain there, because at this particular point we do wish Mr. Ron Leonard a speedy recovery. He is in B-16 at Darcy Hall. He's anticipating some heart surgery on next weeks, so please, everyone, keep him uplifted in prayer. Thank you. So I would like that question answered.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We -- we definitely will get that question for you. Thank you very much for your comments, Miss Brabham. Um, Mayor, do -- first of all, do you have that answer very quickly, before I, uh -- before I ask a few questions?

MAYOR MASTERS: No, I don't.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You don't know where he lives?

MAYOR MASTERS: It's probably like -- no, I -- I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: He has to have an application on file. The -- the address does say West Palm Beach, from what we understand. We'll come back to that in just a minute.

Um, there have been several questions asked of me in regards to the Mayor appointments and how these are done; does the City Council actually have any power in these appointments of the Mayor. So at this time, before we do this, I just -- just so everybody would know, um, Miss Ryan, would you explain the -- the Mayor appointments and how this is done and what this is an action of?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, I don't have the statute in front of me, but for the Housing Authority, the Mayor -- it is the Mayor's appointment by statute. However, it has to be ratified by the City Council. So, um, if you don't ratify it, then he has to make another appointment. There are other boards that, um, are similar in nature. I think that, um, the General Employees Pension Board, I think that's a statute, as well, um, that says that the -- the Mayor has the appointment, but it has to be ratified by the Council.

So there are some things in Florida Statutes that, um, are particular to Mayors, and this is one of them. So, um, the -- the Mayor is obligated to bring the, um -- the appointment to you and, um, you either ratify it or you don't. And if you don't ratify it, he has to go back and get another, um, candidate that you would ratify.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I just wanted to make sure that we got that, you know, addressed because I have -- have received several inquiries about that. Um, Mayor, did you want to say anything else before in support --

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I -- I -- I think that Mrs. Brabham makes a very good point. Certainly, I would not -- Ron Leonard I've known for years, and certainly I would not want any action that I do to cause him to be in a more serious or critical condition physically, so, um, that's a good point. And certainly we don't -- we never know when people are appointed or disappointed, how they gonna take it, especially when they are in a, um -- this kind of situation. So I would like to make this appointment, uh, effective within 60 days of today, for two months of recovery for Mr. Leonard. I think that's a valid point.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are there any questions from the board?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I do, also, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, let's take -- let's take Mr. Guyton first.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I would like some clarity as to whether this is actually a resident before I vote on it. So could somebody confirm with an application where this person lives? Because, if they don't live in the city, I'm not supporting them. I mean --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Do we -- do we have the application while Miss -- Miss, uh, Miss -- Miss McKinney, are you, uh -- are you looking up that application for us?

MARY MCKINNEY: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem. While you're looking at that, I heard Miss Davis next.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, yes, Mr. Chair. And the only reason I bring this up is that, uh, I received a phone call from Mr., um, Leonard this morning -- he left it on my voice mail -- um, very concerned that, um, he felt the Mayor was replacing him, and even, um, you know, felt that it was really unfair in that, um, there was another board member who was also ill that, um, he allowed to stay for four or five months or something, um, and felt that, you know, this was not -- you know, he just felt that it was wrong for him to do right now. So I -- I just feel compelled to -- to relay the message.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Understood.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Um, his address is on the backup. It's 1100 Bear Lakes Drive, which is in, um, the town of West Palm Beach. It's right off of Village Boulevard.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It's Bear Lakes Country Club.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, and the question --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second. Hold on one second, Mayor. I just want to make sure I've got everybody. Mr. Davis, did you need to say something? Okay. Mayor, go right ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Um, I have spoken to, um, attorneys in the past as it relates to geographical, uh, locations or boundaries, and what I have been told, that there is nothing in the, uh, statute that says that a person has to be a resident of Riviera -- Riviera Beach to be a member of the Housing Authority. Now, if -- if -- if our attorney can tell us anything different or some other code that they're not aware of, I -- I'd like to hear it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Well -- well -- well --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Before she does that, I would like --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on, Mr. Guyton. Miss Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. He's correct. The statute does not state where the, um, individual has to live.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So he -- he can -- he or she can live outside of the boundaries of the City of Riviera Beach.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Let me take Mr. Guyton next.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. And let me clarify my position. It wasn't that there was a legal restriction. I'm saying that to get my support, I feel we have a lot of competent people in Riviera Beach, so my preference is somebody from Riviera Beach. So if you choose to do West Palm or Jupiter or Arkansas, it doesn't matter. I'm just saying that to get my support, I feel that we need to give people in Riviera Beach an opportunity to be involved in our process, and that's -- that's my position. That's --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, I feel the same way as Mr. Guyton.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: This board will be dealing with monies coming into -- into the, um, Authority which will then go out and, um, you know, be spent to redevelop here in Riviera Beach, and I would feel much more comfortable having a resident or, you know, someone with a business here in Riviera Beach, um, on the board than a person from another city. You know, if he wants to get involved, he should, you know, go on West Palm's, um, Authority -- Port -- um, Housing Authority. Seriously.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And I think, you know, on the other boards, like with Planning & Zoning and the Water Advisory Board, the ZBA, you have to be a resident of Riviera Beach, and they're not even dealing with money. These people are dealing with money.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I understand.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So that's -- that's --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mayor, um, I'm just gonna ask --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- a couple questions myself, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Of course.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, what -- it's a difficult situation for me in terms of, um, it is your authority to appoint whoever you see fit, and I -- I get that, and I definitely don't want to disrespect that -- um, that right and that power that's bestowed on the mayor. The mayor does get, uh, several powers in our Charter, and that's definitely one of them. Um, but I do have to say that, um, I concur with my colleagues in terms of if there's a selection that could be made in Riviera Beach, which I believe there are, would you be open to doing that? Or if you're not, I just would say that that would probably, you know, help me get comfortable with, uh, the support. The other thing is, um, are there any members on the board now that do not live in Riviera Beach?

MAYOR MASTERS: No. And -- and that's a good point. Everyone on the board presently lives in Riviera Beach. This is a more of a federal -- I mean, I -- I -- in all respect to Chair -- um, you, Mr. Chair and Co-Chair Dawn Pardo, this is more of a federal, um, board that's, you know, run by federal, uh, guidelines and federal guidelines is much bigger than the City of Riviera Beach.

Um, I was trying to -- to, uh, get this board to be, um, more representative of the -- of the people in -- in general that -- that it would serve. And Mr., uh, Ron Warnecke brings a lot of expertise and experience, uh, in this, uh, area. He's -- he's also served on J.A.Y.'s Ministry Board. Uh, right now he's a, uh -- doing a -- a business, uh, deal with, uh, Roderick Stevens who -- to -- uh, for a new funeral home that was going to be going up soon.

So you know, we say that Riviera Beach is the best city to -- best waterfront city to live, work, and play. And then we have somebody who works there who's here, uh, every day. Um, so I stand by my appointment. I didn't base this upon geography. I based it upon qualification. Um, I've appointed everybody else that live there. I mean, you know, so, um --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Under -- understood, Mayor. Can you just answer me one more question? Does this gentleman bring a certain skill set that you're looking for? Is it -- is it something specific to why you're asking for this gentleman?

MAYOR MASTERS: Very much so. Uh, and you would know him. He's -- he's a white guy, bald head guy, who comes to --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I know a lot of white guys with bald heads.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- he comes to our --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: There's some --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- Council meetings.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- in the audience tonight.

MAYOR MASTERS: I mean -- I mean, but he's bald head, though. And Ron is here a lot. He's very much -- uh, I just saw him and Mrs. McKinney, just the other day come up here. He's very much involved in the City. This is not -- I'm not appointing a foreigner or someone who doesn't have the zeal of our city, of our residents. And, uh, when I was told by the -- uh, the attorneys that deal with the Housing Authority that, um, you're not restricted to geography, and I said, Well, then let's go with qualifications. And that was my only purpose.

Certainly, my heart is Riviera Beach. You know, I live here. I work here. I play here. I have a ministry here. And I'm not going to put anyone from outside over our residents. That's why everyone else is a resident. He only -- he's -- he's only one person out of five.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And my last question is, is this person replacing Mr. Leonard?

MAYOR MASTERS: Uh, I -- yes, I think so, but not until -- I'm not gonna make it effective now. I mean, I do want Mr. Leonard -- I mean, he knew this before he got sick,

so this does not hinge on the fact -- I have no control when a person gets sick or when they get well, but, uh, I will respect the fact that he is gonna have surgery and, uh, you know, I can certainly hold this appointment for, uh, to be ratified in 60 days, or now and not make the appointment, uh, effective until 60 days. That's -- and that's fair to Mr. Leonard.

You know, I appointed Mr. Leonard to the board when he -- when I knew he was on dialysis, and he has served well. But the -- the board -- actually, the board has to go on. And Mr. Leonard -- I mean, Mr. Ron was, uh, suggested to me by one of the board members, that he would be a good person, and that's why I did it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Understood. Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Entertaining a --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Wait, wait, wait, wait. Go ahead. Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go -- go ahead, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Do we have a resume on this gentleman, on this applicant?

MAYOR MASTERS: In the backup.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Because I'm just --

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I just see a letter. I just have a letter.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Just a letter. I just -- I mean, I'd just like to see his resume. I mean, if his resume's fits, um, where he can really strongly help Riviera Beach, then it's something to look at. But right now I don't have a resume before me to really make a judgment on this.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I gotcha. Um, is there a motion? Um, maybe the mic is not -- is -- is there a motion? If there's not a motion it's -- it's going to, uh -- it's going to die at this point.

MAYOR MASTERS: It's -- it's okay. It can die. Let it die. I mean, if no one agrees with me, and no one feels that this man should be given a chance because he doesn't live in Riviera Beach, so be it. There's nothing I can do about it. I've done what was right. I've done what was fair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hearing that there's not a motion, we're going to move on to discussion by the City Manager.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, I'm passing down, um, just a

reminder of a program that the Business Development Board is doing on the 14th of May, and it's called Economic Development 101. You may have received, uh, the e-mails. Um, for those of you -- I believe it starts at 9:00 in the morning. For those of you that are available, I would encourage you to participate in this hour and a half training, uh, by the Business Development Board.

Also, you will be also receiving, um, an invitation from the City Manager and the staff, um, to attend a reception on May the 15th at 3:00, and this will be at the RFG Corporation environmental group that's actually the name, and it's at 1301 West 13th Street. And we wanted to highlight for you, as well as other members of the community, the North Palm Beach Chamber, the County, and the Business Development Board the effectiveness of the use of expedited permitting. This is a company that was able to come here, relocate, get started, and was able to save millions of dollars by moving quickly. And they just wanted to highlight the importance of -- of expedited permitting. They want to also commend, um, staff from the Community Development Office. And so we just wanted to invite Council to be able to tour this facility. And we tried to do it late enough in the afternoon so that you would be able to attend. Once again, you'll get it in writing, but it's on May 15th at 3 p.m. in the afternoon.

As you saw in our legislative update, um, we have been successful once again, and we are hoping that the Governor will not veto the appropriations that we have received so far, um, as it relates to our storm water program. These items were a part of our storm water master plan. Um, our lobbyist has worked, uh, tirelessly, and as of today, we are in the budget for one million dollars for two storm water projects, uh, in the City of Riviera Beach. Uh, they were highlighted in the newspaper under the Tallahassee, uh, update section on yesterday, and so we will stay hopeful that these two items remain in the budget and that the Governor signs them.

Um, one last thing is that I'm going to ask Mr. Brown, Tony Brown, if the -- on his agenda for next week for the CRA meeting if there can be a discussion as it relates to the U.S. 1 project. I received just today a request from the contractor to close the Broadway and Blue Heron intersection for four to five days --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Oh, what?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No, no.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- in order to get the work done before Memorial Day, because he would like to have it open.

MAYOR MASTERS: Find another way.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, find another way.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, Miss Jones, I'll make sure that that's on the agenda. I'm gonna tell you right now that that's probably not going to --

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- probably need very much --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Well, he just wanted -- he -- it's dated today. Got it today.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Why does it need to be on the CRA agenda?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Because we won't have --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Another meeting.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We won't have another meeting and that will --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, we can -- we can bring that up right now if you want to. Um, that's unacceptable for me, but if you --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- need a motion --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- um --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- we'll do that.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah, no. Okay. Because all we -- all I wanted to do was to be able to have the discussion. Um, they wanted to try to have it completed by Memorial Day. Uh, if they can't close it for four to five days, he said it will take him about 30 days to get that total intersection finished, because you got to do a week each direction for, uh, four different directions.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I -- I think it's unacceptable. They've already closed down 710 without any prior -- it's -- it's difficult for individuals to -- it's a major intersection. They really need to work on it at night. But those are my comments. Let me just go ahead and hear from the board. Let me start with Mr. Davis first.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I -- I was getting ready to ask the same question. Are they working on it at night?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Not on U.S. 1.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Hold on. Let me just go right down the -- um, the

line.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, are you in favor of it, Mr. Davis, or not?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, right now, no.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I'm not in favor of it, and then, how are you gonna deal with safety, especially over on the island, if you have that whole --

CITY MANAGER JONES: There has to be --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- intersection cut off?

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- a -- they have a detour map, but it will take people out of the way as it relates --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, that's -- it's --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- to 27th Street and using --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Totally unacceptable.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- Lakeshore and 27th Street.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Totally unacceptable.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I say, no, let them work at night.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second. I'll come back to you, Mr. Davis. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm definitely not in support of it, and not just for that, but also because of my full-time job. I work for Palm Tran, and that would disrupt the service. And we're already getting complaints about the roadwork and the bus stops being moved, and they can't find -- I mean, we already did dealing with the transportation issue, public transportation issue with this project, and I would never support anything that would cause any more disruption than it already has.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I -- I think that, um, if they can work at night on State

Road 710, then especially when there are residential -- that's a residential area, then certainly they should be able to work at night on U.S. 1 when businesses are closed. That's -- that's -- that makes the most sense to me.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So I'm not gonna support closing that intersection. They can work at night.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And um, Mayor, um --

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I almost forgot you. I don't know how I did that.

MAYOR MASTERS: No, that's okay. It's because I'm the youngest guy up here. Just kidding. Um, my question is to the Manager. When -- when they set this, or gave you the, uh, options, or whatever they gave you, what was your response?

CITY MANAGER JONES: My response was the same. It was weighing four to five days. I did not think that the detour map would work, um, based on what they had basically placed here. Um, they just need to work 30 -- you know, longer hours in initiating whatever they need to do to try to get this done.

MAYOR MASTERS: So you basically said you would just bring it to us for direction?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I was just asking, um -- agreeing with you and, um, Miss -- Miss Davis about the night issues. Is there a reason why they're not willing to work at night? Do they pay their workers more money if they have to work at night? Is that the reason?

MAYOR MASTERS: They can't see.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I'm not sure about the contractor for U.S. 1, because it is a different contractor for 710.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Oh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But, uh, we can acquire -- inquire and will encourage them to work at night.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I just wanna make sure. Um, I know we don't own either one of those roads, and I don't know if they actually can do this without our

permission or not. I'm not sure. Um, but I think that it's, um -- it's a little disrespectful to just try to close off half of your city. Um, they've been doing road projects for many, many years and I never see them interrupt the flow of life, pretty much, like they're doing in our city. I feel very disrespectful about it. I feel very disrespected, um, about it, and I just think that they can come up with another option. If it takes them an extra 30 days, then we're not second class to anybody. They need to take the next 30 days to do it.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And Mr. --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So I think you -- yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I don't want to cut you off.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, no. Go ahead. Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Because I'm -- I'm gonna tell you, I attended, um, a, um -- a meeting over in Palm Beach, Mary McKinney and I, and the conversation of what these people had to say to them, they did a resolution, said, No, you're not gonna be banging out any pilings during the night, you know, and it was a totally different atmosphere as to their reaction about what Palm Beachers were saying. And you know, that's one of the things that I have -- you know, I -- I -- I -- I totally resented, you know, because, uh, we were not allowed to speak at all. Um, and you know, they didn't want any kind of comments being made. You know? This was their show, and they wanted to -- and I don't have anything against Palm Beachers. You know? I'm just saying that, you know, the way that, uh, FDOT handles themselves there, as opposed to here, is totally, um, unacceptable.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I -- I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I concur. We, uh --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I -- I've got one more issue about this (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I concur. We agree, um, on that, and I think that we need to continue to let them know that we're collective in this matter. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: All right. Yes. I have, uh, a question to the attorney or Mr. Jones. Um, there was a time when they were storing their equipment on our property as they worked. There are, um, other property owners that they are willing to pay for that. I understand they were not willing to pay us, so they decided to move it to someone who owns private property, but they are paying them. First, let me find out, is that accurate? Is that true? Could Mr. Jones or Miss Ryan answer that for me?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The question is, at one time FDOT was storing their

equipment on our property and they decided to move it once we demanded payment for use of our property. And my question is, did they move it somewhere where they are now paying someone else, and if so, do we have an avenue to go after them for the time that it was stored on our property? Anybody wanna answer that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. All right. Because he said Mr. Jones, and so I -- okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, oh, I, uh -- me and Mrs. Jones. I -- you know, either one, you know.

CITY MANAGER JONES: You are correct, Councilman Guyton. Um, they have moved their staging, um, supplies and equipment to the street, as Mr. Ward said earlier, um, upon our request for payment.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: When we requested payment.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. It is my understanding, and I don't know if the attorney has had time to look this up, but in -- it is my understanding, and they have said, that they do not use taxpayers' dollars to pay another taxing authority.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And then they don't want to set a precedent.

CITY MANAGER JONES: They don't want to set the precedent of paying Riviera Beach when they -- and we've surveyed West Palm and other cities, and North Palm. They did not charge them to use their space. And so rather than to pay us and set a precedent, they elected to go ahead, put their supplies out on the street, as Mr. Ward talked about, and relocate to another area. They have relocated to an area that I am sure they're probably paying --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- um; because it is on private property. But it's our understanding that they do not pay or use taxpayers' dollars to pay another taxing authority.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: One last question. Is there a precedent or any authority for us to still request payment for the time that they did use it? Well, let me back up. I was contacted by an attorney, and I was told it was. That's where I'm going. Let me just cut through the chase.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We appreciate that.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, let me say this. We -- we agreed to allow them on our

property. They -- we allowed them on our property without --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. All right. If that's the case --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- payment and without a contract, and it was only after the fact that we, um, decided that we should be charging them. And instead of paying us, they decided to move. So we never asked for money, um, up front, so I don't -- I really don't think it would be, um, advantageous for us to try to litigate with them on a, um, what -- what I --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's the question, yeah, okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- consider to be a -- a gift.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank -- thank you, Miss Ryan.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: One question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And I was gonna wait till my comments to say this, uh, because this happens so much. On certain issues staff negotiates, and we're not privy to those negotiations. Now, I don't like that because we end up having to field the questions afterwards. But that was done with staff. And there's a lot of things that needs to change with that, because it's a negotiation, and then you've negotiated, and at the end of it, when we get it, it's like, well, Riviera Beach is not working, or why are you allowing Riviera Beach to be in these predicaments? Staff negotiates these things and then brings what they negotiated at whatever points they wanted to negotiate to us to decide upon, but we're not inside of those negotiations.

So that is exactly what happened. And -- and then it takes a life of its own. I don't know where Mr. Ward gets his information, and most of the time Mr. Ward's information is usually accurate, um, in terms of the documents, but it takes a life of its own throughout the city. And the next thing you know, we're not doing anything. Well, we're not in those negotiation, uh, uh, meetings. So that's why we don't know all of those things. I'm not saying whether it was bad or good by staff, but this Council is not in those negotiations.

Now, do we need to come up with some type of policy to say how we want negotiations to take place or whatever that doesn't impede the -- the -- the flow of work and business day-to-day for the city, but we might need to. But if we had to be involved in every negotiation method or -- or meeting, nothing, you know, would ever get done trying to convene a board. So there's got to be some type of trust there, but staff needs to make sure that we at least get the information that's needed, uh, so that we have accurate information and consistent information, each and every one of us that's on the board. Miss Jones, I know you wanted to -- I mean, Miss Davis --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Davis.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- you wanted to say something.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. Um, and -- and I'll -- I'll give you an example. Right out here, Blue Heron Boulevard, east of, um, U.S. 1, sidewalks were removed, pavers put down. Um, west of Old Dixie, that little strip of grass that you've heard me talk about for so many years right next to the curb, that was taken out and pavers were put down. But right out here from Avenue H to Broadway, nothing was done. And I think that staff has to do a better job.

I -- I know maybe it was a different project or something, but in the negotiations, you know, these are things that are important and they should be consistent. You know, um -- you know, Public Works very rarely gets a chance to mow that, so it's just weeds growing up, and it could have been, uh, negotiated with FDOT. So I just, um, think we've gotta, you know, stay on top of things and -- and get things done as we should.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Miss Jones, you have a consensus from this board that we're not in favor of closing Blue Heron and Broadway. You can -- you may continue with the rest of your report.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, that's -- that ends my report.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Just for the record, I concur with, uh, uh, Councilman Davis, Judy Davis' assessment of, um, better management. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. Um, no problem. Um, Legal.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have a couple of things. Um, at the last City Council meeting, Councilperson Guyton, with the consensus of the City Council, requested that staff, uh, review the, um, charter amendment language regarding the marina, and bring back to the City Council, um, a charter amendment version which would completely repeal the November, 2010, language that, um, Judge Kelly --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And Miss Ryan, uh, I -- I just wanna -- you're gonna go with your report. I just wanna make sure that, um, I put on the record that, um, I think --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm gonna make it super short.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, no. Hold on. I just want to make sure that I get my comments out about this. Um, I think that we're premature in even discussing this. We have to go in on Friday for another hearing, which we don't know what's going to happen. I don't think that this is the appropriate time, but this is a board thing.

But I wanna make my comments to my colleagues and urge them to let's not do this. I'm adamantly opposed to not doing this, but a board member does want this heard, and we all have the same authority. But I'm -- I'm asking that we show just a little restraint

and at least wait until after the, um, hearing on, um, Friday that's coming.

My only concern about even discussing this is that in my estimation, and this is my estimation only, that we will give the appearance that we're -- are ignoring whatever the judge is saying. I don't want that appearance to go out. Regardless of how I feel about it, I want to concur with whatever the judge not just says but gives an order that the City will comply with. I think it's premature to even discuss it. However, I don't think this is something that we need to take before a vote. I just would like to hear the other comments to see if anybody else really wants to -- to discuss this.

Any time an attorney is discussing something, I believe it's official. I'm not trying to disrespect any of my colleagues, because everyone has the right -- just like I feel like we shouldn't, they may feel like we should. But I think that this needs to be something that the board decides, whether we go out public and discuss this at this time.

So if anybody else wants to comment on it before Miss Ryan gets done, because if nobody says anything, she'll perfectly move on with what's done, but I would like to hear some other comments at this time.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Excuse me. Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let me take Mr. Guyton first, and then I'll go to Mr. Davis, then Miss Pardo.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay, Mr. Chair. Um, when we did this first of all we didn't have the, um, information that we were gonna have a hearing coming up.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: That's correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And also, we have had some developments since then. What I -- I would never urge us to do anything that may compromise a legal position of ours. The attorney, um, I have spoken to her in regards to this issue, and my position is that, uh, we do have a responsibility to the public to keep them apprised of what's going on with this issue.

There is no need to discuss language right now, in my opinion. There is a need, in my opinion, to discuss correspondence from the Supervisor of Elections Office, because that could impact certainly how we move forward and the date that we may select. So to that extent, to discuss Miss Bucher correspondence to us, that is all that I'm looking for tonight.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, uh, before Commissioner, um, Guyton made those

comments, I -- I agree with that part, just talking about with, um, Supervisor of Election. But if you recall at the last meeting, I posed a question when this language was being discussed, and I asked how soon before we have a hearing, and someone said, "Very soon." As a matter of fact, Legal said that, "Very soon." But we didn't have an actual date, and I talked about how -- remember I said, um, "Let's -- why so fast? Why the rush?" And that's why I asked that question. But I do agree with that, the issue with Susan Bucher is very important, and we can just discuss just that issue and let's just focus on that, 'cause anything we say now is, you know, goes on public record and can be used against us later, you know.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Just -- just for clarification, there was already a hearing. And as a matter of fact, there's been more than one. And the judge from the bench said something, but we never have received anything in writing.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Actual -- actually, you know, ordering us to do something, and that was what, you know, I was waiting on.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We never got anything.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Subsequently we still haven't gotten it, and there's -- the judge has asked for another hearing on Friday.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So that was -- that's the -- the reason for me saying let's -- let's kinda stop at this point. But Miss Pardo, go right ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Yeah, I learned about this hearing tonight when I guess Reverend Burrs mentioned it, and, um, I -- you know, at this point I think it's premature to, you know, move forward with this language. Miss Ryan wrote the memo. We all have the memo. And I think we need to see -- we need to hear what the judge has to say on Friday.

And then I also liked the fact that Reverend Burrs, um, said tonight that there should be a public rapport between the Council and the Task Force, and see how we can work this out. And I think that is -- that's the route we should go, at least to start off. You know, we all -- we have what the attorney has been doing for us, but, um, you know, after Friday, if the judge rules against us, um; we should really bring the group in in a public meeting and see if we can work this out together so we can all move forward.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second, Mr. Mayor. Miss --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, and then the last thing I'd like to say is, we need to discuss this, uh -- this Susan Bucher issue.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah, that's right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. I think everybody's on one accord with that one. Hold on one second. Miss Davis, did you wanna --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And that's what I was gonna talk -- start my conversation off with, was the Susan Bucher issue.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. We definitely want to, um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- discuss that. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I guess my -- my opinion's a little different from, um, others I've heard, and I'm a little confused, maybe. I mean, the City Attorney, uh, who knows law better than all of us put together, and she's paid to know it and to give it to us as it is, I'm confused as to if the attorney doesn't feel that there is a problem that would, um, uh, in some kind of way prejudice the judge on Friday, or create a bigger problem than we already may have, then I think that she would have -- she would have known that, would have known that and would -- so I'm confused as to where the attorney, uh, who I depend on to -- to know this stuff and to give us, uh, uh, legal direction, and I just wanted to -- to see where the attorney was going with this, personally.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, the board has decided that we don't want to discuss that.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No, that -- well, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But -- hold on one second. But if you have specific questions that you want to ask the attorney, by all means. But discussing anything about language is what the board just decided that we didn't want to talk about.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll yield to, uh, Councilman Davis, and I'll come back. I do want to ask the attorney something.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Well, let me -- what I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No. Uh, uh, Miss -- let -- let -- please let me direct --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- the meeting. If you have anything else you'd like to say, Mayor --

MAYOR MASTERS: I do.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- then please say it.

MAYOR MASTERS: I want -- I would like to know what -- Attorney Ryan, what were you gonna say?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, if I may, Mr. Chair --

MAYOR MASTERS: That's all.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- I -- it was not my intention to get into the language. Um, I really wanted to just say that I've given the Council the language. However -- um, and it was in your memo, and I get -- we were waiting for an official document from the court, and I didn't get anything, and that's why it wasn't forwarded to you, but I did note in the April 24th memo that he set the hearing for Friday at, uh -- at, um, 8:30 a.m. Um, I was surprised when, uh, Mr. Ward said it. I don't know how he found out but, um, it was in your document. Um, but we're not gonna discuss the language primarily because of the Susan Bucher, um, e-mail, because it makes the issue kinda moot at this point.

So we'll go to the hearing on Friday. We'll see what the judge has to say and, um, one of the things that the judge is going to be looking at is whether or not, um, he should, uh -- I shouldn't say the word force -- but whether or not he should require the City to put the correct language on the ballot -- ballot automatically without any further action from the Council. So he's looking at that issue. He, um, has not asked us to brief anything further. Um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Question. When -- when --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on. Hold on one second. Let me just let her finish --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I -- I just --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- her thought. Hold on one second --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Miss Davis, please.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Just go ahead and finish your thought (inaudible).

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. He hasn't asked us to brief anything further, so I will let you know what -- what happens, but you have the language. Um, to Mr. Davis' comment, this memo was not an official document that was going to be placed on the

agenda. That's why it's under my comments. Um, we talked about bringing this up, if the Council was gonna do it, at some later point, June, July, August, September, October, but we wanted to at least just give you all the language that you asked for at the last meeting. That was the only intent. And that's it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: When you say "put the correct language on the ballot," are -- are -- I -- I mean, that's -- are you meaning clarifying language or correct language?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Clarifying.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Clarifying.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: That's what I thought. All right.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm -- I'm satisfied.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just wanted to hear what the attorney had to say. That's all.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. If there's no other questions, concerns about that, there's a -- there's another, um, issue that, um, I think that was brought up that we definitely need to discuss, and this is just in general when a, uh, city wants to, you know, have a special election, uh, for whatever reason it may be. We've gotten some information from our Supervisor of Elections that are saying that if we wanted to do that, that that would not be possible, uh, this -- this year. I think the majority of us have researched that and have found that we -- we don't know whether it's in her power or not to do so.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: It is.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But that is something that we, uh --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: It is.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- we do need to discuss, so Miss Ryan, if you will, on that issue, please.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Um, well, I think before we discuss the legalities of it all, perhaps -- um, I know that Mr. Guyton spoke with her. Let's -- we should probably talk about what it is she actually said, and -- because sometimes e-mails are, um -- they don't communicate things the way you want them to. So if -- I want to defer to -- to Mr. Guyton to let us know about his conversation, because I never spoke with Miss Bucher

personally. I just received the e-mail and I -- I know the Manager reached out to her today, and I don't know if she actually spoke to her, but I think that would be a good starting point before we start talking about legal issues.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, Mr. Chair, if -- if I may, I -- could that e-mail be read into the record to put some --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: If you -- if you have it --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- context to --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- we definitely will. Does anybody have that e-mail handy?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: City Manager, could you -- could you read it into the record so we can put some context to this discussion, please? Or -- or the City Clerk or -- as she's looking for that, um, when I got the e-mail, I did speak -- I did call, um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah, here it is, right here.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Would you like to read it into the --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Sure. Um, it says, "Miss Ward, as per our conversation we'll -- we will be unable to accommodate a special election for the City of Riviera Beach this year as our calendar is full with projects to streamline our election system. We have anticipated having this off election time to upgrade our 20-year-old computer system. In addition, we are working on some innovations that will allow our large county-wide elections to run smoother. If we were to try to accommodate a special election for a city your size, as you know, it would take substantial time from our schedule.

"I and my team have waited four years to have the ability to move our office forward using new technology. We will not have another opportunity to work on these projects until after the presidential election in 2016. I appreciate your understanding and as always, your partnership is very much appreciated." Uh, blah, blah, blah. Um, oh, and it says, uh, "The upcoming elections --" that's sent in a separate e-mail. I think South Bay's election is in May and Tequesta will have an election, I believe it was August? Okay. I don't have the date right in front of me, but I think it was June -- or Mrs. Jones -

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- is saying June or July.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And I did call her again today. As a matter of fact, I'm told that the City Manager, she told me, or she left me a message saying that she did speak to you today. Is that correct?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir, she called. In fact, I was walking into the Utility District meeting --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- talking to her on the phone at the time. Um, she did say that, um, she would -- if need be she can come to one of our meetings and talk about her position and why it is so, and the updating of this equipment with all the changes that are making -- taking place, uh, in Tallahassee. Um, and I asked her specifically, when did she think, uh, she could get to it, knowing her schedule of her computer system update, and she said she knew she could not get to it this year.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: The earliest date --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Probably for the --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: March?

CITY MANAGER JONES: It -- for March or that time frame, but not this year.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. And she conveyed, um, essentially the same thing to me, as well. She did indicate that she's trying to do this in conjunction with other states, and it's been planned for a long time, and should she not do it, the County would not come into the 21st century with the technology. So she is very adamant about, um, making sure that the equipment that she has can be more, as I understood it -- she didn't use these terms -- um, voter friendly. Uh, she did explain some of the things that she's considering. Um, I was, you know, impressed with what she was trying to do.

Certainly, I was disheartened but, um, she indicated that all of the things that she need to do would probably be completed by January, and she indicated if we have an election in March, she'll be up and ready to go. So it does not appear that she has any intentions of reconsidering her position, because she says she's been trying to do this for many years.

Um, I do understand the urgency of the, um, upgrading of equipment. Some may question that, and certainly many know I've been a strong advocate of pushing this issue, um, but I've got to give some consideration to what she's trying do as the

Supervisor of Elections. But -- I'm not certain what avenues we would even have, but should we take those, um, I've been informed that we have really no legal recourse to force her to have an election. And should we try a recourse and it does not work, um, that can just strain our relationship with the Supervisor of Elections. So those are my comments.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I think I heard Mr. -- is that Mr. Davis or the Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: No, it's me. It's the Mayor.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mayor, I heard you first.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, um, I'm -- I'm a supporter of, um -- let me just say that first. I've -- I have been a supporter of Susan Bucher from day one. I am a supporter of her today, as of today, as well, um, although she doesn't like the fact that I bring in absentee ballots an hour or two before she leaves, but that's too bad. It's open -- when 7:00, it's 7:00. If I bring them in at whatever time, that's -- I have the right to do that. And now she's talking about almost something similar that she doesn't have time to, uh, allow a city to have an election. Um, I think -- I think she's wrong here. And I'm not happy with this, and it's not acceptable to me, period.

Uh, it doesn't take eight months to fix anything, or whatever time period it is. So that's just -- that's -- I -- I don't -- I don't wanna say it's not believable, but I have problems understanding and, uh, this -- what she's saying. Um, and I'm wondering, um, does the Governor have the authority to order her to, uh, have this done, or can the -- does the Governor have any type of -- if he doesn't have authority, I mean -- I just think it's horrible and that, uh -- and that a Supervisor of Elections would hold a city hostage that we can't hold an election if the Council or the people decide or whatever. And I don't accept that. She can come here 20 times and my -- my speech will not change. Um, and I'll tell her that tomorrow.

The other thing that, um, I wanna know, um, can we pursue some other options? I mean, can we borrow some equipment from Broward County? I mean, aren't there other options? Is the fact -- is this -- this have to be a do -- no, I'm -- I'm serious.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: We are, too.

MAYOR MASTERS: You know, she's -- she's a supervisor. She's certified, but the others are, too. Maybe she will work with another supervisor in another area that is willing to come. There -- there has to be other options, uh, than to hold us to a whole 'nother year. That's not acceptable, and I'm on the record clear. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I think we need to remember that we do have a Secretary of State who is the Chief Elections Officer, and she's in charge of all of the, um, Supervisor of Elections officers, and she can also, um, you know, order them -- order a supervisor of elections to have an election. So, you know, if we get to the point where we need to do that, then I think, you know, we, uh, call up to the State. But again, you know, I'm glad we're having this discussion and everyone knows now what's going on. But, um, you know, let's see what we can do. Let's see if we can work something out with the Citizens Task Force so we don't have to have another election. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, sir. Um, and I forgot to bring the statute with me, um, but I did read it. Um, yeah, the Secretary of State, I believe, is the person who could make the decision but, um, I believe there was a section there that states the Supervisor of Elections has the last say as to what dates she can accommodate. Um, and, um, you know, I -- I know that the legislature is making, putting the -- making demands on her office, um, in that, you know, they wanna make sure that, uh, the Board of County Commissioners approve, um, some of the things that they're mandating her to do prior to elections, um, and you know, I -- that's probably why she wants to go ahead and get this done. Um, but I felt the same way you did, um, um, Chair Pro Tem Pardo, um, that, you know, as a municipality, her job is to conduct elections.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, and you know, I don't think that -- you know, in my opinion I don't think that -- that we have any leeway at this point. But, um, certainly --

MAYOR MASTERS: We can try.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- we can try.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are there any other questions or concerns regarding this? Miss Ryan, do you have any other comments under your discussion?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I do. I do. Um, this is a tough crowd tonight. Um, I handed -- well, let me go back to the beginning. I want to talk about Ocean Mall a little bit. These are my two hot topics, the Charter amendments and Ocean Mall. Um, as you know, the -- OMRD defaulted on their loan and, um, they were in foreclosure with the bank, which was an investment -- I'm gonna keep talking -- the investment company --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, please. Hail to the Chief.

MAYOR MASTERS: He's on the way in. He's gonna be in here an hour.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: They were in foreclosure and, um, with GSF. Um, several of you met with them on an individual basis to discuss them taking over the Ocean Mall. As you will recall, they actually brought in a management company and have taken over the day-to-day operation of the Ocean Mall. Well, they finally, uh, uh, got, um, possession of the property under the lease on April 1st and after they did that, they paid the City the \$300,000 that was, um, due in order to prevent a default under the lease and the DDA. Um, that \$300,000 that they paid is going to, um, expire with the -- the agreement, which is, um, May 30th or 31st, 2013. If they do not have the Ocean Mall completed, substantially complete by that date, they will be in default and the City, um, could potentially hold them in default and file a lawsuit.

Um, as directed by this Council at some point, um, staff did negotiate, um, with GSF, um, on several things. We hired out -- outside counsel who -- whom you all know and, um -- Rick Jarolem. Mr. Jarolem and I and, um, in many instances the City Manager and the CRA Director, have met with them periodically over the last six to eight months to, um, discuss the Ocean Mall. And, um, they're at a point now where, uh, we've basically told them that something has to happen by May 31st or the City will definitely hold them in default.

Um, I've presented you with a memo that Mr. Jarolem sent to me this afternoon. Um, I would have sent this to you, uh, in advance if I'd had it in advance, but things were still going on today. We met with them, with representatives of GSF, and they've now made, um, an offer basically to, um -- to get them past the, uh, May 31st deadline. They want a year, an additional year, to, um -- and I have Mr. Jarolem here, so he can answer any technical questions that you might have. But they're asking for an extension on the agreement for another year to complete the Ocean Mall.

Um, right now 7-Eleven is still in the building and, um, they need to vacate. They've agreed to demolish that building, the middle building, as soon as 7-Eleven vacates. And, um, they have agreed to pay the City an additional \$250,000 for the privilege of, um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: For the one year?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- the one year extension. That is the, um -- the -- the offer that's on the table. I wanted to bring it to you now, because, uh, we will have to have a special meeting, um, in the month of May, because we don't want to get to the -- the May 31st deadline. They know that they need to get this resolved before then. And, um, they're very eager to do that.

Um, if the Council is inclined -- I mean, I'm giving this to you so that you can think about it. Um, you can certainly call me or, uh, the manager, or -- or Mr. Jarolem to discuss it further, but, um, we do need to have this issue resolved one way or the other. If the City does not want to, um, give them the additional year and doesn't want to receive the \$250,000, um, we can litigate the issue. There are no guarantees with litigation. The,

um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: We know that.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You know that, right. Um, but it's -- it's definitely an option.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Miss Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, you -- you've summed that up and you've packaged it very beautifully, but now I'm just waiting.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm gonna end it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, just wait, because it's coming. The issue is, that's not the total synopsis of the -- the negotiations. If we stop right there it will lead to belief -- if we decided we didn't want to do that, that we would just be taking our chances going to litigate it. Well, it's some very bad issues definitely dealing with the Ocean Mall, and they're not willing to really give us any breathing room on other aspects, as well, so that was the highlights of what they're saying and what they offered us. But it's not about what we -- we haven't discussed what we want, and how we want to negotiate.

And to be honest with you, I'm not comfortable with just making a decision based on that. So either we need to set another meeting now and discuss it, allow the public to, um, comment on it, but that wasn't -- you know, and I don't wanna go into details, because I don't wanna have to half do it, but I'm -- I'm not -- I'm not -- I'm not with that. I'm not playing nice with these individuals.

We are in some real tough situations over there and this is our opportunity to really try to fix that. If we don't fix it, then we're stuck, because they're gonna sell it, the lease, to somebody else. I'm just -- if we're gonna do it, we need to do it. And you packaged it pretty good, but we need to go ahead and air it all out if we're gonna do that, and tonight may not be the best or appropriate time for that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Can we set a special meeting?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. That -- that -- my real purpose is to set a special meeting. We really need to do that. Uh --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So we have that third meeting available in the, uh -- in the month of March, so --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: May.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: May. I'm sorry. March is gone. March was a tough month. Yeah, it was a tough month. But May, uh, May, so I -- I just think that we need

to go ahead and activate that meeting date and just have the agenda -- well, I'll -- I'll make sure that the agenda is light. Um --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any -- yeah, yeah. Did I -- did I hear you first?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: No. He can go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Go ahead. Go ahead, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, at that meeting one of the things that I would like to have addressed is part of the original deal contained a section for a hotel, and I would like to have all those issues flushed out, what are our options, what are gonna be done.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. Let me -- I want to clear that up right now.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: They recognize that the hotel is not a part of this deal anymore. The DDA required that OMRD build a hotel within five years of entering into the agreement. The five years came, and the five years left, and quite frankly, I believe that when GSF bought this, um -- the loan, they thought it was a part of it.

Um, one of the things we've tried to do, and it's no secret, we wanted to try to negotiate a -- a new lease regarding the Ocean Mall and use that -- that is our -- that's still a carrot. And they showed some interest in that. Um, they talked to -- to the councilmembers individually, and I will tell you, every councilperson had a different idea -- this was before you, Mr. Guyton, of course.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah, okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And Mr. Davis. But every councilperson had a different idea as to what they wanted to see at that site, so we never really came to a consensus on that. At one point they actually, um, threw out some numbers, um, on what they would pay us if we did include the hotel site as something else. And one of the things they talked about -- and I'll put this out here -- was a, um -- a CVS store on that site, one that would be five stories or less, because anything that goes there has to be five stories or less. And, um -- and speaking --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And for tourism and recreation.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Tourism and recreation. And in speaking with Miss McKinney, the -- the lot -- the spot cannot accommodate parking right now. So you would have to commit at least two of the floors to parking if you did a five-story building. So, you know, we -- we had some discussions about that but, um, they didn't -- they didn't go very far. That may be something that we can discuss again.

Um, I'm like Mr. Thomas. I do believe that they plan to sell the -- they -- they will sell this. This is an investment group, and I think they were gonna make their money, they're gonna move on, and we're gonna get the real, um -- and I -- you know, I've had several people call, um, on behalf of, uh, groups that are interested in the Ocean Mall.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You can tell the economy must be on the rise, because the calls are coming in.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And they're asking questions, so I think that there is an opportunity for the City to do something, um, great at -- okay -- at the Ocean -- I'm tired, too. I'm tired.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Yeah, I -- I -- I just -- uh, just the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: What -- what I would like as -- as a new Council member, uh, Miss Ryan, could you do me a one-page on this deal, recapturing where we are now and --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't know about one page, but I can do a document. I'm happy to do a document for you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I -- I would like a document to bring me up to speed.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes, I can.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I was on the outside looking in, reading documents that were being dispersed.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So could you kinda --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Excuse me.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And some -- some of these --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Automatic.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- some of these, um -- some of these deals that were

done was really done prior to most of the people that are on this Council being there, so it's a lot of catching up, and different Council (inaudible) --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah, and -- and -- and I'm not asking --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to go back. Oh, I'm just --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: (Inaudible) --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- clarifying what I wanted.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I got you. Just hold on one second. So that -- that will need, you know, to -- to be just addressed just so we know how that happened, because that document was actually signed prior to me getting on the Council in 2007. Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: No, I -- I've addressed it with the City Attorney. She's the only one heard it, to forward those documents to me, as well --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: -- by e-mail so I can have a record.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I got you. Um, these -- these are gonna be some of the things that we're gonna probably need to discuss on that next meeting. So do you have anything else, Miss Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I have eight more things. I'm just joking. I have nothing else.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We appreciate that. We really appreciate that. Okay. City Council Committee reports. City Council Committee Reports. Any committee reports, uh, League of Cities?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, sir. Um, a couple of things came up at the League of Cities that I think we all need to be aware of. Um, this League of Cities, we have a representative on the Criminal Justice Board and, um, they are trying to pass a code throughout the entire county that deals with sex offenders. A lot of cities in Palm Beach County have different codes relating to sex offenders. The City of Riviera Beach, our ordinance says that, um, a sex offender cannot be within 1,000 feet of a park, school, you know, um, bus stop, church, daycare center. Um, in Unincorporated Palm Beach County, their ordinance is 2,500 feet. In the Town of Lake Clarke Shores there's only one street where sex offenders can live.

So anyway -- so the Criminal Justice Commission, they are going to be working with the police departments around the -- around the county, trying to get one uniform, um,

ordinance together. So you should -- you know, um, A.C. Madden is sitting in the back. I'm sure he's aware of this, and, you know, so I just wanted to bring that to everyone's attention. That might be coming back to us toward the end of the year.

Uh, the second thing I'd like to talk about is the Sober Houses. We've been inundated, especially over on the island, with Sober Houses. Um --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss, um -- Miss Pardo, we're just doing committee reports. We're gonna come back for your comments.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No, but this is all -- this is part of it, also.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: This is all through the League of Cities.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No problem. Go ahead.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And, you know, it's an issue that affects us. Um, the League of Cities asked the State, our representatives up in Tallahassee, to try to put together some zoning regulations for the Sober Houses. And, um, the Senate decided to send it off to the Division of Children & Families, and they asked them to come back to the Senate in October with a recommendation. So, you know, it's unfortunate that --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right, right. The Senate wouldn't do it, but there's still some movement there. And, um, that's all I have for committee reports. That --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, one other -- yeah, that's all I have for committees.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No, that's it. Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, Miss Davis, anything from your committees?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, just an update on -- on State Road 710, and you had a meeting last week. Um, as you -- as you are aware, that there are some resolutions, um, to the issues that, um, the residents are -- have been facing, and, um, you know, um, MPO totally supported it, um, and Miss Haney [phonetic] had a conversation with Mr. Prasad, also, and you know, so we're just looking forward to, uh, getting the residents involved and -- and, um, you know, seeing exactly what they want.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, I'm gonna do mine. Mayor, please hurry back. I'm gonna start with you for your comments, um, for City Council and Mayor comments. But from the Education Committee, I'm gonna read a quick letter. Um, it's always nice

when somebody refers to you as, uh, Honorable. Um, St. Augustine's University, uh, dated March 26th, 2013, Honorable Cedrick A. Thomas, 600 West Blue Heron Boulevard, Riviera Beach, Florida. "Dear Sir, Greetings from Raleigh, North Carolina, and St. Aug's University. Congratulations again on a historic victory in your recent re-election campaign. The City of Riviera Beach is a better place because of the leadership of you and your colleagues on the City Council. I'm writing to share that our recent conversation, I was truly moved at your passion for access to higher education for the citizens of Riviera Beach.

"As a result, I am writing to provide a waiver of the University's \$50 application fee to any resident of this wonderful city who shall apply to Saint Aug's University. I hope this benefit will ease some of the burden for the parents in the city who are working with high school seniors on their college choice for this fall. Moreover, if and when students are accepted, I encourage them to contact me directly if they are in need of financial support. I will do everything within my power to ensure that they are able to transition to the University smoothly.

"Again, I hope access to my office and its resources will facilitate the college admissions experience for the residents of our fair city. Parents and students may contact me at rnbullard at st-aug.edu." Again, that e-mail address is rnbullard, B-U-L-L-A-R-D, @st-aug.edu. "Miss Vonda Easterling, uh, will be your contact. They may also visit our website at www.st-aug.edu," www.st-aug.edu," to gather additional information.

"Finally, congratulations again on your recent re-election to the prestigious office. Because of your leadership, I'm so proud of that place that I will always call home. Until we chat again, please send some of your 80 degree days our way. We could really use them. Best wishes, Dr. Roland Nathaniel Bullard, Jr., Vice President of Student Development & Services."

Um, a copy of this letter will be available for anyone who needs it. We may even be able to get it up on the website so that you can, um, access it. That's a university who's willing to waive their, um, application fee if a student wants to -- uh, to go there, and also, uh, allows them to get some, um, additional financial, um, aid. That is a very, uh, nice letter, moving letter, that people are taking advantage of that. I know that we have some, um -- some benefits down at, um, Florida Memorial, as well, and this is another, uh, university. Uh, so we do appreciate that, and that will be available to any of the seniors who need it.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Excuse me.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Is it possible, um, could you reach out to those universities like St. Augustine to ask would they be willing to give, um, students from

Riviera Beach an out-of-state fee waiver? Is that something we can talk about?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, I'm -- I'm not sure --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- if the school has the ability to do that, but we can also --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I know Savannah State -- Savannah State does it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We can -- we can always ask.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah, let's ask.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And, um, I would actually --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: It's one or two. You know.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I will -- I will note that and that -- that definitely --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- will be --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: That's -- that's very attractive.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Let's try. At least try.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, before we go to public -- I mean, before we go to, uh, City -- uh, Mayor and City Council comments, what I would like to, uh, do, is make sure that, um -- we have not had a chance to really put these, uh, board appointments up, uh, again. So on our next meeting -- well, our meeting in June -- we won't do it this next meeting, but our meeting in June, uh, we'll bring back those, um -- those board appointments. I know sometimes it's, you know, kinda difficult when you're working on a -- on a board that you might want to stay on. It will be fine. You know, if somebody wants to, you know, to -- to stay on the board, we definitely, uh, could accommodate that, but we do need to bring it back for the two new members who are not members of any board yet that might want to. I'm gonna go ahead and go on the record right now to say I -- I -- I have enough responsibility just doing Chair and, uh, I'll

just keep the -- the roles that I have with the Education and the -- and the Port.

Okay. So in the first meeting of June. So if you wanna look around for some of these, uh, board appointments, uh, mostly the ones that, uh, may be, um, the, uh, former, uh, Council members were on, um, those will probably be some easier ones to slip into, but we'll bring them all back in June, uh, for everyone to -- to be able to look through.

Um, Mayor, we're gonna start with you, uh, please.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, we will give some formal, uh, recognition and Certificates of Appreciation at the next Council meeting, uh, to several people that joined us in -- in doing what we did to, uh, be there for the five families, uh, in the most tragic accident ever, uh, in the past 20 years, maybe in -- in the -- on the books. Um, all young people who were killed were residents of our city, uh, but I do want to mention three. Uh, at the next Council meeting we will present, um, everyone who made -- who played a major role.

But we certainly want to thank the Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Griffin Davis, Sr., for, um, hosting, and as well as the radio station 102.3, for helping to sponsor a community benefit for these families. And, um, Pastor Davis, once again, opened the doors to show great generosity, and we want to thank you, uh, Pastor and Hilltop, Riviera Beach and the citizens of Palm Beach County for the contribution, uh, for those five families. Very much appreciative. We want to thank Tim Kitchen Funeral Home for donating, uh, the services, the professional services, and Royal Palm, um, Memorial Gardens -- um, a better way to say Royal Palm Cemetery -- for donating the, uh, plots.

Um, I want to make a comment as it relates to Mr. McCray. Um, we all know that he was a great soldier. He died on -- on the battlefield. Um, scripture would have it to be, I fought a good fight. I finished my course and I kept the faith. He kept the faith and he finished his course and he fought a good fight, even in the wheelchair. And the last fight that, uh, he was prepared to take on when he came here, not when he received the accolades of being the, um, Grand Marshal of the parade, but he came here and, uh, lambasted us as he can -- could do and no one else could do, about the, um, purchase of the, um, uh, the warehouse over there. And, uh, he basically said how shameful the Council and whoever voted should be in making that decision.

He also stated that this is where we need to keep everything, and it's on record.

And I was in conversation with Dan Calloway today and, uh, promised him and others that in the spirit of Herman McCray, and others who feel the way, uh, I feel, that fight will continue. It will be a fight that the people of this city will have the last word as to what they want to do with the Municipal Complex. It's the people. Money is the people's property. Either they want to move the services or they don't. And the building has been purchased. I understand that. But like anything can be purchased, it can be sold, or other options can be made available that could possibly make money for the City. But the people will speak and they will vote, and I don't have any doubt they will speak

and vote very loud and clear.

Having said that, I -- as a courtesy, um, I have to put the Council on notice, um, that there will be a referendum on this issue. And I know elected officials sometimes say we shouldn't do referendums, but if we shouldn't do it, take it out the constitution, take it out the Charter. It is in the Charter. It gives the people the right to redress when the people feel that the Council may -- may have gotten it wrong, or when the people feel there's a better way.

That's why Councilperson Pardo was able to say tonight, uh, the Council got it wrong a few years ago about the Ocean Mall. She reminded us, uh, that anything over there has to be for tourism and -- and I think recreation. The height of the hotel has to be five feet. That came about because of the referendum of the people when the Council got it wrong, point blank, period. The people said, We don't wanna go with the Council's vote. So I promised Mr. Calloway we will continue that fight. And if there's anybody who's listening to us, uh, if you want to help finance it, then call us. We certainly, um, would appreciate that. Um, also -- or they would appreciate it, and I would appreciate it as -- as a -- as the Mayor of the City to let the people speak and let the people vote.

Mr. Chair, um, earlier tonight the mothers -- uh, we allocated a thousand dollars, um, Mothers Against Murderers. Would -- would you just come and stand as I make this comment, please? President Williams is here. I asked them to be here a little earlier, but I gave them the wrong time. But as they stand, I want the citizens of Riviera Beach to see, um, these ladies. It's only three of them, but, uh, Miss Williams, there's about a hundred mothers that you have in your organization?

ANN WILLIAMS: 165.

MAYOR MASTERS: 165. Show the pictures, first, to the, uh, the Council. This is where the -- the money that you allocated goes -- goes to these parents. These children were killed. Um, you may turn around, show the audience. These children were killed in our city. Senseless murders. And these mothers have band together to help other mothers to get through the process, to get through the healing, and to have an organization. And I think once a week, uh, Miss Williams, if you would help me, there's a Circle of Healing for all mothers who have experienced the pain of losing a child through violence. That is -- is it on Thursday night?

ANN WILLIAMS: Yes. It's bi-weekly.

MAYOR MASTERS: Bi-weekly, Thursday at what time?

ANN WILLIAMS: Uh, 6:30.

MAYOR MASTERS: 6:30. And if you want to know more about the great work of the, uh, Mothers Against Murderers right here out of Riviera Beach, please contact, uh, Ann Williams. And the phone number, Miss Williams, is?

ANN WILLIAMS: 561 --

MAYOR MASTERS: 561 --

ANN WILLIAMS: -- 842 --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- 842 --

ANN WILLIAMS: -- 8230.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- 8230. Thank you, Mothers Against Murderers. Can we just give them a hand for their hard work and dedication? And certainly we commend, I think, the best President we ever had in the history of this country, Barack Obama, for finding them -- finding out about our local people and having them to come to the, uh, White House and gave Mrs., uh, Ann Williams a commendation. I'm upset with her because she didn't ask -- didn't invite me to go with her. But that's okay. You saw him; that was good.

Also, Mr. Chair, uh, as you know the Office of the Mayor has always had our Annual Summer Youth Job Fair, and it's for young people who are graduated from high school and probably college. It's from 16 years of age to, uh, 21 or 22, and it always takes place the day after school is out. We want to, um, uh, make sure that our young people are working. The President of the United States has asked -- I was on a call with the President and other mayors, a few selected mayors, and he has given us a -- a tool kit that we will present to businesses in the community to encourage them to hire our young people and to do it, uh, speedily.

Um, one more. The Mayor's Bi-annual Address to the residents of this city will be within the next couple weeks. It will be an address that will update the residents to where we are and, uh, where we hope to go to continue the progress, uh, that this Council is -- is making, and the direction of our Chair, who is already doing a great job. And I've asked all of the elected officials if you have any input, if you have anything that is important that you would like for the mayor to include, uh, in the address, uh, past or present, or something that you're working on, as well, please contact our chief of staff, uh, Marian Dozier.

And for the thousands of people, uh, in Riviera Beach who are supporting metal detectors in all the public schools, particularly our schools in our city, we have made some progress. We have a commitment from one of the board members, who will visit a school that has a metal detector and come back and make a recommendation to the board. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, just, um, an announcement of the Second Annual Memorial Day Tribute, um, which is held to honor military heroes and first responders, uh, who participated in wars to -- to, uh, protect the freedoms of Americans. Um, on Saturday, May 18th, uh, the flag planting will take place and a barbecue. Um, so we have several volunteers, many volunteers, so if you are interested in volunteering, please call Deborah at 845-3464. Also, on May 23rd is the actual, um, ceremony.

There will be several dignitaries there, um, and all of you are invited to attend. Um, so thank you very much. That's it for me

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Um, I have a couple of things. The first thing, um, the City Manager mentioned that we're still in the State budget for a million dollars for storm water, which hopefully we will use for the streets, um, but we are also, um -- it looks like we're also going to get \$550,000 in beach funding. Um, that's in there, and I am confident that the beach funding will stay in the budget.

Um, what else do I have? I'd like to thank our staff, Danny Jones, Mary McKinney, and, um, Terrence Bailey for helping at Harbor Manor, um, with their issue with the cameras. The cameras are now up and, um, you know, you guys did a great job. Miss Ryan, you were there, too. You, um -- you wrote the agreement. So thank you all. You know, on behalf of the Homeowner's Association, we really appreciate it. The cameras are great. Gives everyone a better sense of security.

Um, this past weekend I attended the advanced IEMO class, and that's the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials, and that's through the Florida League of Cities. And I was -- yeah, I would encourage any of my, um, board members who have taken the, um -- the first IEMO class, the basic IEMO, to take the advanced. It was great. Um, you learn a - a lot of stuff. It was a really good class.

Uh, the last thing I'd like to mention is the Palm Beach County League of Cities will hold their annual gala on March 22nd and, um, it would be nice if my colleagues would attend. I am -- I was elected the Second Vice President of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, so I'm in line now to be president. And I would appreciate, um, the support at the gala.

And the last thing I'd like to say is, um, you know, the passing of Mr. McCray has really affected me. Um, I met Mr. McCray in 2004. Uh, he was fighting -- he was fighting for a high school on Congress Avenue, and the City Council at the time wanted to sell the land to a developer. And the -- the property that is now Thousand Oaks, that's where the \$50 million Riviera Beach High School was supposed to go. And while the Council was fighting it, Mr. McCray was out there fighting it, and, um, I read the story in the newspaper, and I wrote a letter to the editor, um, just as a resident, saying that I agreed with Mr. McCray that the school belongs in the heart of the city, not over by the Port of Palm Beach.

And, um, and Mr. McCray called me and we became friends. And, you know, we didn't agree on every issue, but I think we agreed on most issues. And, um, Mr. McCray was a confidant of mine. He, through the years, provided me with some of the best advice that I ever received. And, um, you know, his boys are, you know, they're just fine, fine men, upstanding men in this community. And personally, you know, I will miss my friend, Mr. McCray, and may he rest in peace. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, just a couple of things. First, let me congratulate, uh, our Chair Pro Tem for her new position. I'm sure she'll do a very good job and represent the city well. And, um, as it relates to, um, Mr. McCray, um, when I first ran for office 20 years ago there were three people that kind of encouraged me and supported me, Mr. McCray, Don Wilson, and Mr. Calloway. And they supported me throughout the rest of my involvement in politics.

Uh, Mr. McCray is a legend. I referred to him as Top Gun. He used to call me Little General. And we had a very good relationship. And we have lost a very, very insightful and wise man in our community, and he's gonna be dearly missed. It is my hope that his death is not politicized. Um, we sometimes use people and their passing to advocate for issues. I think that's totally inappropriate. I mean, as Miss Pardo, Vice Chair, just said, we need to let him rest in peace. And it's my hope that is what we would do as it relates to the politics.

Another good friend of mine is Mr. Calloway. He's a father figure. He's a mentor. He's a confidant. And no matter what I go through that is one man that I know is gonna be there supporting me, advising me when I'm doing wrong. He's gonna tell me that, but he's gonna be there, giving me a shoulder and, um, uh, uh, a hand in whatever I want. I just stepped out of the room to call Mr. Calloway, who is a father figure of mine, because I wanted to know if he indicated he was supporting a referendum with Mr. Masters -- I mean, with, um, Mayor Masters. And he said, "Absolutely not, Bruce. He didn't get that from me." So it is my hope that we don't get on the dais, throwing around names of, um, people to generate support about an issue if it hasn't been confirmed with the people. Uh, he said, "Bruce, I support that project over there and I told Danny Jones that -- that -- that I support that project."

So as we move forward to try to develop political support, let's be accurate in the people that we identify who are supporting it. I just got off the phone with Mr. Calloway, and he supports that project over there and he said he didn't mind me saying it publicly. So I --

MAYOR MASTERS: Point of information on the speaker?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, sir, Miss -- Madam -- Mr. Mayor --

MAYOR MASTERS: Point on the speaker.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, sir. No, sir, Mr. Mayor. No, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: I can come back, then?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, sir, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Guyton, finish your comments.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So I -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm very excited about the possibilities in our city. For the record, I will be opposing any referendum to try to sell a building that we've already bought. Um, I don't think that's a good business decision.

Uh, I think that we've done our due diligence to, um, make a decision that some, uh, agree, some disagree with. And as far as I'm concerned, that issue should be dead and over now. And, um, I would hope that that is not politicized to try to generate some type of political support for some personal gain. So, um, I'm hopeful that we can move forward in that endeavor and not have to deal with the division that that would cause in our community.

MAYOR MASTERS: Point on the speaker.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, two things. Um, I have a question. I know there's a lot of the residents have shown concern about, um, evaluations for staff. Is that something that's coming up soon?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'll -- I'll bring it up in just a minute.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. All right. Um, I just have one thing. Um, next month, as you know, it's the District 5 At Large seat, and as representative, it's my job to be over -- be working with every member in each district over the 7.8 square miles of the city. And I will be conducting, um, a listening tour starting next month. Some information will be provided out, further notice when that date will actually officially be, um, going out effectively. So keep your ears to the ground, keep your Facebook open. E-mails are going -- going out and stuff, going out to the community, so that you know to be where those locations will be at, so you can share your input on which direction the City's going, so I can be ear to the ground. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Um, I have a few, uh, comments that I want to go ahead and get -- get out really quick. First of all, um, I want to thank Mr. Sean Pittman, our state, um, lobbyist, who's doing a phenomenal job in Tallahassee. Um, I had a chance, along with several of the other, uh, members that -- to go up on Palm Beach County Days, and I must tell you, um, they work hard. They -- they work very hard and I decided I was going to, um, shadow and go to different meetings, and by about 4:00 I was telling them, Hey, look, you go ahead and finish this on your own. I'm gonna -- I'm gonna do some other things.

Um, I've had an opportunity to talk to him after Mr. McCray's funeral, and he was leaving directly after the funeral to head back to make it to a 6:00, uh, meeting on, um, Saturday. I talked to him again, uh, talking about this, uh -- this potential allocation of funds, again, on Sunday. And it was non-stop, all day long, just working hard to bring these funds home.

And, um, I'm -- I'm -- I'm glad that he's our representative. He's -- he's been now for I think about three years. Um, prior to that I was not aware of any dollars that we were getting from the State that was coming here, and since he's been our lobbyist, we've managed to get funding every year. So I'm -- I'm very appreciative of Mr. Pittman for

that. Um, those dollars are going -- that million dollars that we have in the budget, hopefully I think we have until Friday to make sure that it doesn't leave. Is it Friday?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Friday. Uh, so we'll all be praying and -- and -- and make sure that, uh, we can keep that money in. But please, when you get an opportunity, encourage him. He's from right here, grew up here, went to school here. He's doing a phenomenal job. Um, so Mr. Pittman, thank you and congratulations, and we're -- we're just so happy to have you aboard.

Those dollars are going to go towards storm water projects. With all of the additional rain that we're getting, I'm getting several calls about, um, flooding, um, so I've spoke with Mr. Brynt Johnson, Miss, uh, Jones, briefly, uh, before the meeting. Um, there's a situation on Avenue N, between 35th and 36th Street, where the residents are actually trapped inside of their homes when it rains like this. So immediately, either tonight or first thing in the morning, since it's going to be raining for the next few days, someone needs to make contact with that resident. Um, my assistant will have the name, telephone number, and everything we need, but tonight -- preferably tonight, but definitely first thing in the morning, someone needs to make, uh, contact. It's very frustrating when you can't get in and out of your, uh -- your -- your home, uh, because the water is not, um, draining, um, on that for the storm water.

The, um, evaluations. Um, I have collected several tools and out of consistency, I'm going to, uh, give the tool to all of the councilmembers for both Miss Jones and Miss Ryan, uh, probably by next week's end. If any of the members, um, feel that they would like to add something to the tool, um, by all means just, you know, let me know and we'll get it into, uh, to the tool so everyone feels like they're getting the questions, um, answered. So we absolutely will do that.

Um, by our May 18th meeting, um, we will discuss, uh, you know, further, those evaluations, but they will be done and the contracts that are, um, due this year. Both contracts are, uh -- both contracts need to be addressed, uh, this year. And I mean, like, now. So we will, uh -- we will have some things on there to discuss and get some dates and some times where we can, um, get them evaluated. You can turn evaluations in, back, uh, to me. We'll average them and give them, um, a regular score, as well as your -- your individual scores that we -- we would -- we would make. So evaluations will be done. And if anybody has any, you know, issues or concerns about it, by all means just, uh, let me know.

I, um -- I've -- I've been e-mailed consistently, um, after every meeting, during meetings, about the behavior of councilmembers, and this is my issue with the individuals who are e-mailing me. I understand you're e-mailing me, um, as the Chair, and I'm going to try to give you the best job I can give you as long as I'm the Chair. However, those comments that you have, I do try to forward them to the appropriate person that you're addressing them to, but these are your councilmembers, as well. And if you're disappointed in their behaviors, these are the people that you should deal with, as well.

You should deal with those individual councilpersons. If you don't know their e-mail address or their phone numbers, if you go to the website, www.rivierabch.com, I believe. Um, you can just go to City Council, get an e-mail to them and most of them will get it right to their phones just as -- as I do.

My job here is not to chastise a councilmember. My job is to run a meeting and run it effectively, run it on time, and run it with professionalism. And I will make every attempt to do that, and I will continue to make every attempt to do that, but I cannot censor information that a councilperson decides to say. That would be up to those individual councilmembers and -- and Mayor. Let me not just say councilmembers. Councilmembers and Mayor, to have some type of self control. If it interrupts the flow of the meeting, of course, I will regain, hopefully continue to maintain, uh, control of the meeting, but you have to talk to your -- your individuals, and they have to take responsibility.

The last thing I want to say about that is councilmembers have the right to feel passionate about whatever issue they have. The Mayor has a right to feel passionate about whatever issue he has. It's your job to make sure -- you're our boss. You hire us, and you can terminate our employment, as well. That is not my job, and I'm not telling a councilmember not to be passionate about whatever they want. I'm just basically addressing it for the public. If you're unhappy with not just the councilmembers or the Mayor's behavior, mine or anybody else's, please address it to us directly. If you e-mail it to me, I'm just going to forward it to the individual who you're addressing it to. So I wanted to -- to, uh, definitely talk about that particular issue.

Um, as been stated here tonight, um, uh, about the passing of one of our, uh, legendary, um, people here, Mr. McCray, um, you know, he will definitely be missed by me, as well. Um, he's always, uh, been able to provide a level of constructive, uh, criticism, um, and some, um, constructive praises, but there's one thing that I do know, he's always loved this city. I -- I am, um, indeed, uh, very close friends of his sons, um, and their families, and um, you know, my prayers and thoughts, you know, are with you. I know that, um, now most of the phone calls have stopped and the visits have stopped, um, but, um, you know, just continue to pray. I'll continue to pray for you that you get through this, uh, tough time, this tough moment.

Um, if my colleagues would, um, when you're -- when you're addressing, you know, the -- the public about how you feel, you know, I -- I really don't feel comfortable going backwards and forwards and interrupting everybody. Just let everybody say their piece. If it's a topic that we need to deliberate on, we will do that. I will be fair with everyone and give everyone their chance. So don't say, Okay, I'm gonna defer to this person, defer to that. Please allow me to run the meeting in the way that I'm comfortable, so that we can have efficiency.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to congratulate, um, my daughter on having her 14th birthday on Sunday. Um, she did make all A's and all 4's on conduct. I'm proud of her. But most of all, she was selected to attend the illustrious Suncoast High School, so I'm very proud of you, Jasmine. If you see this -- yeah, that -- that definitely deserves it,

definitely deserves it, and she got a tough daddy. But, um, uh, if you're seeing this, that means that you're past your bedtime, so I hope that you're not seeing this right now. But, uh, Daddy is very proud of you and Daddy loves you. I'll entertain a motion of --

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, I have a question. You have totally ignored me. You have a --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Listen --

MAYOR MASTERS: Hold on.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mayor, Mayor, Mayor --

MAYOR MASTERS: I asked -- no, I asked a point on the speaker.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mayor, I'm not gonna allow for you to chastise me.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm not --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I've allowed everyone to speak --

MAYOR MASTERS: But you have to follow --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mayor, Mayor, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- parliamentary procedure.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm following --

MAYOR MASTERS: I asked -- no --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- parliamentary --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- I asked for a point --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- procedure.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- on the speaker.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mayor, I'm gonna ask you right now to allow -- everyone has had a time to speak. You started. I'm gonna entertain a motion --

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I don't know where you --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- for adjournment.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- where that's from.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I move to adjourn.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: But whatever -- whatever --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: A motion for adjournment.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I move to adjourn.

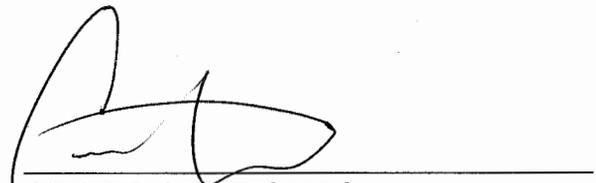
MAYOR MASTERS: -- whatever Mr. Calloway said to Mr. McCray -- I mean, to, uh, Bruce Guyton, that's -- that's not correct. And I have a right to ask a question.

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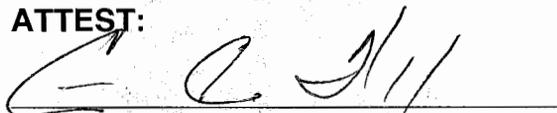


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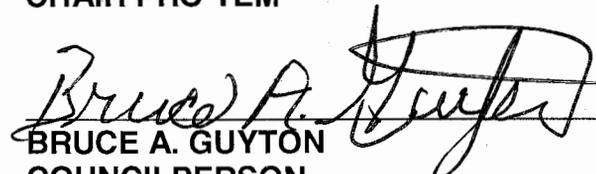
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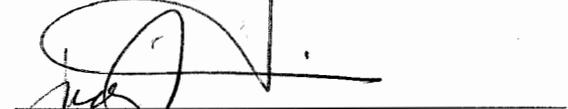
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