

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
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CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We'll now call this City Council Capital Plan Workshop to order. Madam Clerk?

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 Judy Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Terence 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. We have a quorum, uh, and we'll proceed. Would everyone stand for a moment of silence followed by the pledge led by Councilman Davis, please. (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Councilperson Davis). Ms. Jones, the floor is yours.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, sir, and thank you members of council for joining us tonight for our budget workshop on our five-year capital plan for fiscal year 2014 through 2018. Um, just like with the general fund and enterprise fund operating budgets, um, we also want to have the opportunity to hear from you as it relates to our capital projects going forward.

Um, one of the things that I will say is that we are working on a total comprehensive capital needs plan that hopefully by January we'll be able to present to you. Uh, it will include streets, facilities, everything. Here's what our true capital need is today. Because our other plans as you know were a little dated, and so it's important for us to go back and do a thorough review of all our capital plans, and I look forward, uh, to us having a workshop to share that particular report with you.

So tonight we will talk about our capital plan. Um, I would like to ask Randy Sherman, the director of Finance and Administration, um, to go through the presentation, um, and so that we can, uh, get your feedback on any of the projects here. Mr. Sherman?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Good evening, Randy Sherman, director of Finance and Administrative Services. Um, I will say that the presentation that we have here tonight is very summary in nature. Um, so I'll point out in the booklets that you have of the capital plan, uh, if you turn just past the index and the (inaudible) you have all the projects listed out by funding source, all of the projects then are listed out by department. You have a page that lists all the projects that are unfunded that didn't fit in with our resources that we currently have available. And then you have all of the detail in the back, an individual sheet on every project that identifies specifically what the project is and how those projects are funded.

Uh, first, again, this is a five-year plan, um, and it is a plan, but the first year is actually the year that in essence gets appropriated and that we'll be operating under 2014. So for 2014, it's actually a \$31,000,000 capital plan, uh, and over the five years it's a 45. -- uh, almost .9 million dollar capital plan.

What I want to do is kinda lay out -- here's your -- the five years again. You see the first year is the \$31,000,000, and it's breaking out between the general government and the enterprise funds, but this, in essence, gives you what we are planning on for these particular projects on spending over the five years. Again, these are the projects that have been funded. Funding sources have been identified, uh, and we're setting those sources aside to implement this plan.

Walking through the list of projects again, this is very much a summary. If we start at the top, under the executive, that -- I'm sorry, sure.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. Um, I just want to just clarify you're showing year one, right?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I'm just showing you year one.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. So the Singer Island dune restoration is broken up into multiple years. So we committed up to \$200,000 per year. So I think that's wrong.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. Well, that's true. We could -- should put 200,000 there. You're right. That's 200,000. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Right. Over the life of it? Okay. And then --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yep, thank you.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. And then the Bicentennial Park, that's good. Not, um, 527,000? I'm just asking because the backup that we received --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- it showed 5 -- uh, you know, for the next fiscal year 527,500, so I'm just questioning if that is a typo also.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay. Let me check that.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: And that was for Design and Survey.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, the record is gonna reflect that, uh, Councilman --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Guyton is in attendance. Go ahead, sir.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: All right. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Um, I wanted -- I'm sorry (inaudible). The million five -- all these are for five years, I'm sorry.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Five years? Oh, that makes sense now. Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay. Thank you. It's the header that's wrong.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Can't read. We read the back-up.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's why Ms. Hoskins shouldn't let me look at the presentation. I changed the header on her. Um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. That makes sense.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Oh, goodness. Um, I did some -- did want to point out that the marina development, that's actually the uplands work. That is not the water side. That's the land side of the project. And, again, that's the initial work that'll be being done, uh, on the uplands in 2014. That is just 2014 because we didn't -- we haven't -- we haven't funded the future years in that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, Mr. Sherman, back to the dune restoration.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, if I remember correctly, didn't we add 139,000 more to --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That was the 2013.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- this year? For this year?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: This is 14 through 18.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And it's just an estimate because they did come back and ask --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- for us to do that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible) ask again.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right. Um, I did want to point out under -- under the Fire Department, uh, that equipment, that covers defibrillators, it covers radios, it covers, um, self-contained breathing apparatuses. I mean, there's multiple items under that -- those equipment purchases.

You can ignore the header again. Uh, the street projects. Again, I'm not sure if everybody's had an opportunity to go through all the detail, uh, but the street projects include 710, some A1A work, 13th Street. And I think, uh, probably most important is the lights on the Blue Heron Bridge. The lights that go under the bridge that were originally planned as the A1A project are being funded in this CIP.

Uh, the Building Maintenance and Renovations includes the library air-conditioning, includes the chamber upgrades that we spoke about and also the welcome signs, uh, that were approved as part of a, uh, Ocean Mall funds.

Under Parks and Recreation, we have Cunningham Park, Callaway Park, Barracuda Bay, uh, Wells and Tate and some work out at the beach on the trellises.

And then I want to point out, too, under the Information Technology, again, that's some data sharing, uh, so we can eliminate hopefully some paper. Uh, and --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Sherman?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: What -- what, uh, equipment purchases are we doing in Parks and Rec?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Parks and Recs, those are all vehicles.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Is, uh, some -- uh, vehicle out at the beach as well, but vehicles.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, Mr. Sherman?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes?

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

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, on the parks, uh, I -- I see Mr. Williams in the -- in the background. Mr. Chair, could I ask Mr. Williams a question?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

MR. WILLIAMS: Good evening, Council.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Good evening. Uh, Mr. Williams, uh, you know, in this social media climate, uh, on Facebook that, um, TV, the -- the -- um, the segments that were done on a couple of our parks and you indicated that we would be doing the improvements, is that gonna be an issue? Because two of them were in my district: um, Cunningham, which is I see, and Monroe Heights. Uh, those things that were identified in those segments, are they being addressed then in this capital improvement budget?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Cunningham is. Uh, the money for Monroe Heights and, uh, (Inaudible) Park is in this year's budget.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So Cunningham is in which budget?

MR. WILLIAMS: It's in this year's, but we rolling it over to next year.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Next year?

MR. WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And Monroe Heights?

MR. WILLIAMS: Will be addressed this fiscal year.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: This fiscal year?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

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

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair? Yeah. I have a question on Barracuda Bay.

MR. WILLIAMS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. So for next year for the upcoming fiscal year, \$120,000 other improvements and 180,000 for equipment? What are we doing over there?

MR. WILLIAMS: Well, most of the equipment is -- as you know, is probably five to six years old.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Right.

MR. WILLIAMS: And it's weather-beaten, so it's time to replace and repair.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. And the equipment meaning like the pool equipment --

MR. WILLIAMS: Slides.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- or the slides?

MR. WILLIAMS: Umbrellas.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All of that?

MR. WILLIAMS: The deck.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: And then in addition to that, what did we allocate in the

budget, like \$600,000 operating for the -- for Barracuda Bay; do you recall? I didn't -- I didn't bring my --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Approximately 425 for operating --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: \$425,000?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. That includes personnel.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Uh-huh. And we still don't charge, right?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: We charge.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: We do charge?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. So how much are they paying to get in now?

MR. WILLIAMS: Three dollars.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I -- I have one question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second. Are you -- are you done, Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: What I would suggest is, you know, we have a new company -- well, a new gentleman came in and bought the Rapids. And he is -- you know, he was the CFO at -- um, you know, at -- um, oh, my God, I can't think right now.

MR. WILLIAMS: Six Flags?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Six Flags, right. He was affiliated with Disney. You know, this guy is a true professional. And, you know, I think maybe we should reach out to him the next time he's in town. I got an email from him recently saying -- you know, asking if, uh, he could come and pay me a visit the next time he's in town.

Maybe we should, you know, ask him to take a walk around Barracuda Bay and see if he has any suggestions for us so we could turn it around and try to at least recoup what we're spending. Or even if we, you know -- we're not making anything over there now. So maybe if we can, you know -- I'm not even saying break even the first couple years, but maybe he'll have some suggestions. So I -- I really think that's something that we should -- we should definitely do. What do you guys think?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We'll do that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Doesn't seem like a problem to me; can't hurt.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yeah, it can't hurt.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. That's it. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Ms., uh, Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, uh, thank you, Mr. Chair. Uh, when I looked at the budget, I had written some things here, and just for my own personal information or for the board's information, I'd just like to know what the usage is, you know, over a year's time, um, just to see how it's being utilized. So if we could get that information within the next -- um, well, before the next meeting some time.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Davis, are you asking for, like, how many people that's come or how much money have we --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Both.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- made?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: The utilization, both.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Both?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay? All right. Thanks.

MR. WILLIAMS: No problem.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Do we happen to know how much money we -- um, we were able to make with that \$3 fee?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And not just the \$3, but, you know, renting it --

MR. WILLIAMS: Reservation fees --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- and all -- everything.

MR. WILLIAMS: -- there, rental fees, yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: We'll get that information back to you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. But did the \$3 fee, did it offset any of that at all? Was it significant of the -- or was it not significant?

MR. WILLIAMS: It's significant when you're not getting anything.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But overall it didn't have an impact as it relates to your expenditures?

MR. WILLIAMS: This is the first year that we re-implemented the \$3 fee.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

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

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Ms. Davis, are you finished?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Williams, how you doing?

MR. WILLIAMS: Good, how are you?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh, what are we doing to allow to let people know to market to the community and the business community to know that they have opportunity to actually rent that facility out? What are we doing right now at this point to try --

MR. WILLIAMS: We advertise, uh, through the, uh, news media and we do it on Channel 18. And we do go out to the daycare centers, and we've gotten, uh, a real good response from daycare with the swim lessons. And once they come out and see the facility, then they start to book parties and things. So it's actually picking up.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. That's good. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr., uh, Sherman?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay. And then finally we have, uh --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go -- go back one slide, Mr. Sherman, I'm sorry.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go back one slide. The Information Technology System Enhancement.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, briefly, or not so briefly, explain to me what that 724 is going to do. Um, because I -- I do want to bring this into context. We spent several hundred thousand a couple years ago with a group called PSD, and I don't see what we've recovered from that. So to see that we're gonna put -- or see what we got for that money. So to say we're gonna put another 700,000 into this, I just -- just want to know what it's going to be for.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. There's actually, uh, three major projects in there. Uh, one of them is a GIS system, which we currently don't have a citywide GIS. Uh, one of them is again to deal with, uh, data sharing and moving of documents around so again we can get rid of some paper that we currently move around. And then the other one is actually dealing with the Ethernet and our speed of the system and, you know, again the communications between our systems. So one's more technical, one's process and then you have the GIS.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: What do we get from the couple hundred thousand that we spent with PSD?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I'd have to ask. I'd have to check with Mr. Guy and find out, and he's not here tonight, so --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Who -- who's not here?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guy?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No, Guy -- yeah, Ben Guy.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But we don't really know what we got for that?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I'm not familiar with it, no.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And all this several hundred thousand is gonna be in this year's?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No. It actually goes over a couple of years.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, this is my concern with this: when you do this over a couple of years, it doesn't seem to really be accurate because things in the technology world change so quickly. It almost seems like you have to have a real infusion of whatever upgrades you're gonna get to be able to last a couple of years.

But if we're going to only invest this much over the next four or five years, I just don't think that's a realistic, um, plan, um, in terms of keeping us up, uh, especially with some of the new technology we want to do with being able to pay your water bill online and, you know, accepting credit cards online. I just don't want those systems to fail due to us not keeping up with the --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- the actual realtime technology. So that's -- that number looks a little low for it to be real accurate to maintain over the next few years.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay. Again, I'd have to go back and talk to Mr. Guy and get some more detail on it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: We can do that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. You wanted to say something?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You wanted to say something, Ms. Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No. I was just, um, wanting to say as it relates to the whole area of technology, um, we're also hoping that, particularly as it relates to the Ethernet project that he talked about, and that's the speed, so if you're paying with credit cards or if you're getting on the website, uh, that that upgrade will continue to help us so the customer doesn't experience, um, any slowness as it relates to doing that kind of business with the City online.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Uh, Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Uh, Mr. Sherman, or this may be a question for Ms. McKinney, I have a question about the GIS and, um, you said it would be a citywide systems?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Um, as it relates to the use of it in community development, um, Ms. McKinney?

MS. MCKINNEY: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Good evening, Ms. McKinney. Uh, I've got a question. I was looking at, um, the budget here in the capital fund. It says some 46,700 out of capital and then it has an impact fee. My question about community development and its use -- um, the GIS, as you know, is a software that essentially deals with maps. However, economic data can also be derived and identified in different areas of the city. Do we have, uh, a system in place where we actually gather economic data as it relates to different areas of our city? If not, could we consider incorporating that into what we do as we try to identify the areas that we need to focus on the most?

MS. MCKINNEY: Right. Um, most of the data that we have now we obtain from outside sources, whether it's --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I know.

MS. MCKINNEY: -- the census or the county or the property appraiser. Uh, we could definitely include that. We could include everything from water and sewer bills to water and sewer lines, code enforcement fees, where fire hydrants are, all of that can be included in the GIS system. It's just a matter of time and of course funding.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. Now, I'm not speaking so much about that type of use. I'm speaking more about areas in the city of, um -- um, income status, um, employment --

MS. MCKINNEY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- um, uh, what's the rate of unemployment on the south side of town, what's the -- what's the income out on the west area. We can break that down and begin to focus more in those areas as it relates to jobs and other things to those areas that need it the most. And that's where --

MS. MCKINNEY: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- I'm going with that.

MS. MCKINNEY: Yes. We could do that. It's just --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: It's also just general economic data --

MS. MCKINNEY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- so that we can get an idea of where to focus our resources and what different areas need.

MS. MCKINNEY: Yes. We could include that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. So it wasn't to accumulate all the data from the

other departments, but to give us a tool to better focus, uh, our, um, attention.

MS. MCKINNEY: Yep, we can do that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. All right. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh, regarding what you were talking about, um, I remember when we spent, uh, those dollars for that computer system or the software that was supposed to be able to, um, measure, uh, performance.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh, at the League of Cities just this past weekend, um, talked to another young lady who -- um, one of the vendors who was there who knew about that program and knew how difficult it was for employees to use, um, and who also told me that, um, they realized it and they took it to Washington or something. And the people in Washington revamped the whole thing so that, you know, it's much, much easier to use. I brought back that information and gave it to Mrs. Jones, uh, just to look into and do some research on. So, um, I totally get where you're coming from on that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That was good heads up, um, on that. I'm -- I'm glad that you did, so we can -- we need to get some value out of that. That was a lot of money that we spent --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: A lot.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- um, on that. But I -- I do want to make sure that, you know, if you saying that this is for a couple of years, I just believe that with the type of budget that we have, that just looks a little low for a couple of year, um, improvement in our information technology. And if we don't keep up, we're gonna be like we are now, still almost -- almost in the Dark Ages where we're coming out, but, um, I don't want to get that far behind again. And that just doesn't look like it's enough money over the next few years for our, um, keeping -- maintaining our system and keeping up with --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- the --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. I will agree. I mean, what I believe we need in I.T. is again a five-year --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: -- plan. This doesn't count replacing computers and desktops and Microsoft. I mean --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. We'll --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: -- none of that is even in there.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- we'll spend that replacing computers, that's what I'm

saying.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's -- that's not realistic. And, you know, I know that everybody is, you know, wondering why big numbers come, but they have to.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You have to spend the money to stay, you know, um, efficient with it. So that needs to come back with something realistic, um, there. I was just thinking that that was going to be for this year, which I would've, you know, been comfortable with, knowing where we're --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: That is.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- trying to go. No, he said that's for a couple of years.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Oh. Well, (inaudible) --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Those three projects go over a two-year period. Once you buy the equipment and work, especially like a GIS or something, it takes time to input all that data and everything.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And in that -- um, that system, that's gonna be able to connect all of the departments together and everybody be able to see what's going on over here? And --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Everybody will be on the same system so they can all see the layers and everything, yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And then we can get rid of microfiche, uh, whatever we have (inaudible). Okay. All right. No problem. We can move on. The library book card catalog where you pull out the card.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, Mr. Sherman, under Public Works under traffic calming, I see for this fiscal year we have \$23,198 allocated. It's under the, um, Public Works section of the summary of Capital Improvement projects by funding source.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: You're actually -- right -- because you're looking at by funding source. If you look at it by department, you'll actually see that the 50,000 is - is actually appropriate.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It's just split between two different funding sources.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh. Okay. So -- so the 50 starts in '14. Um, it's -- there's no page -- at the bottom of 82.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah, okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: You got it?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And -- and the reason I -- I'm inquiring about the traffic calming, um, because -- well, let me get some clarification. That does include speed bumps?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. And I'm getting inquiries in my district. I'm not sure what the cost of speed bumps are, um, for one section of a road or how it's done. I see Mr., um -- thank you. Because I do have a request on my desk that I haven't forwarded to the city manager yet, um, out in, um, National Village area. I've got a request that I need to forward to you. But -- but my question is what is the procedure and what is the cost normally associated with, um, doing the speed bump project?

MR. JOHNSON: Good afternoon, Council.

COUNCILPERSON: Good afternoon.

MR. JOHNSON: Good afternoon. Brynt Johnson, Director of Public Works. Uh, the process is they would submit, uh, in writing, uh, their request for a speed hump. Um, I know in the past we've asked that they get basically, uh, signatures from other folks on the block --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

MR. JOHNSON: -- uh, saying that, you know, they also want the speed humps. Then we go out and evaluate, uh, first of all, if it meets our criteria.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

MR. JOHNSON: And, secondly, if there's alternative or if there are alternatives that can be done, um, in lieu of speed humps. In the traffic calming, um, section of the capital plan it includes, uh, stop signs, striping and speed humps because sometimes we go out and it may be as simple as just installing a stop sign that may give you the same result as a speed hump, uh, and it's much more cost effective. Uh, speed hump installation cost is about \$6,000 per speed hump.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Now, is it done at a certain, um, distance?

MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh --

MR. JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- how do you determine if it's -- I mean, how do you determine the distance that (inaudible)?

MR. JOHNSON: We basically use the county's engineering standard. It has to be so many feet from an intersection, so many feet from a major, uh, driveway, uh, so many feet apart, uh, from speed hump to speed hump. So there's -- we use the county's criteria.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Okay. I'll get with Ms. Jones so we can work

through this request that I have on my desk. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, I really think that we need to come up with a policy, um, for this so it's not -- it's not, you know, District 2 or District 1 or District 3 or whatever district. Let's come up with a policy so that we can say this is how we do it so we don't keep getting these single -- 'cause I'm sure all of us have, uh, these requests and we all call them in. But we do need to develop a policy of how this is -- this is -- this is done, uh, so that citywide we can, you know, afford that so it doesn't become just a -- 'cause as soon as somebody hears this, they're gonna call and say, "Well, I also want a speed bump," or, "I also want that." So we -- we -- we do need to implement a policy.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, what I was gonna suggest, you mentioned the criteria. Um, I know it because you told me what it -- what it is, um, but there's nowhere that it's written for the general population to know. Um, and actually had to turn down, uh, apartment or neighborhood association who wanted, uh, a speed bump on Avenue H. And because of the street intersections, it's too close; couldn't do it. Now, um, so I would agree that we need to have that so that everybody, you know, the general public knows, you know, exactly what the criteria is.

The other thing is, um, back when, uh -- uh, I think it was in 2004 when my street was beautified. I don't think that criteria was in existence because the speed hump was put right close to my driveway. And now when it rains my entire driveway is flooded, um, and it -- you know, there is no -- and it's a downhill slope, but there's no way for the water to drain. So I've been raising Cain with Mr., um -- um, Johnson here and telling him, "Hey, y'all gotta come and dig -- dig out something or something so this water can -- can leave my driveway." But, um, you know, when we -- we do one thing we create something else, you know, so, just wanted to let y'all know.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's definitely a good -- you know, a good point. Um, so that'll be something that we need to go ahead and bring back up, um, a -- um, a -- uh, a -- a policy on that. All right. We can move on to the -- to the -- to the next one.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay. And finally we have the, uh, Enterprise funds. Uh, I will point out that if you're comparing your notes, that utility special district number is different than what is actually in the book. Uh, we met yesterday with a, uh, utility director and made sure that his master capital plan matched up with our plan, and it didn't. Um, so we actually added I think just over \$3,000,000 to this number, uh, to get the two plans to -- to jive. Uh, the marina redevelopment is --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Whoa, whoa, whoa, you can't just say we added \$3,000,000 in new loan money and we're not gonna have a discussion about that.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It's easy. I didn't have any problems saying it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Lou Aurigemma -- Mr. Aurigemma, you might want to come forward and we -- we gonna talk about this a spell; you know. Yeah, just a -- just a quick spell. Um, the \$3,000,000, can you explain to us?

MR. AURIGEMMA: Well, uh, Lou Aurigemma, executive director of the Utility District.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good to see you, good to see you.

MR. AURIGEMMA: Uh, what I had done is, uh, as part of putting together a capital budget, I had did all my, uh, papers, provided all the information to Mr. Sherman. So then Finance pulled together the stuff that you have in front, and when I looked at it online the other day, I said, "Wait a minute. This doesn't match with what I gave you." So yesterday we met with Mr. Sherman and we -- you know, I told him, "You left this out, you left this out, you left this out," and that's where the \$3,000,000 difference is.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. But that didn't really add any clarity to what the \$3,000,000 is for.

MR. AURIGEMMA: Oh. Okay. There was, um, a number of projects that were identified in the master plan and, uh, that were recurring projects that happen on an annual basis. Uh, for instance, uh, replacement of fire hydrants. We don't replace all the fire hydrants at once. We replace X amount per year. So that's a long-term project, well beyond the five years of the capital plan. So what we did was -- you know, that's one area.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So attach a dollar amount to what you're just saying. So --

MR. AURIGEMMA: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- for replacement of fire hydrants, how much would that cost?

MR. AURIGEMMA: Uh, I believe that was \$25,000. So that was our minimum amount for capitalizing projects. Because if we start putting it into the -- it's actually a replacement and renewal project, so we don't want to put that in our operating funds. We would rather capitalize it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So you do \$25,000 a year in replacement of fire hydrants?

MR. AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: How many fire hydrants does that buy?

MR. AURIGEMMA: That buys approximately -- uh, they're just over \$1,000 apiece, so it's gonna be around 20 to 25 depending on, uh --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Do you happen to know how many fire hydrants we have in the city?

MR. AURIGEMMA: We have about, uh, between, uh, 1,800 and 2,000. I believe that's --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And we're doing 25 a year?

MR. AURIGEMMA: Yeah. Well, again fire hydrants don't necessarily wear out in, you know, five years or so. They last for a long time. So we're looking at stuff over a 20-year period for replacement.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. Well, I mean, that's a little bit of a concern, but that's only 25,000.

MR. AURIGEMMA: Right. But there's a number of those type of --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I get you. But I'm gonna need to have a little bit more. I can't just say --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. What are the -- what are the big items?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. What are some -- some -- you know, you added 3,000,000 with a "M", you know, so --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Capital "M".

MR. AURIGEMMA: And there's also -- okay. We'll get the detail. Oh, there was also -- uh, we had spoken with, uh, Palm Beach Shores, uh, about possibly doing a -- a joint project with them to replace some, uh, of the major waterlines, the perimeter waterlines on -- uh, on the island on the Palm Beach Shores portion. And that was -- we were just -- we were just in the discussion, uh, phase of it. There was some -- uh, the first phase would've been, uh, design and the second phase would've been, uh, construction, and that was just under a million dollars. But, again, that is down the road. It's not for next year. It's -- it's a couple years down the road. So that was another project that was added in. Uh, so it adds up pretty quickly.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I understand. What -- what I'm going to suggest is that by our next meeting to be able to bring some concrete stuff for us to see. This is a huge budget -- I mean, a huge capital, uh, plan. And what I don't want to hear is that we're spending a million dollars to redo some lines in Palm Beach Shores and not spending it to do these lines here in our city.

MR. AURIGEMMA: Oh, absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, so I do want to -- you know, I don't want to put you on the spot here even though we kinda talked about it for a minute we was gonna have this meeting. I just want you to be, you know, prepared to discuss with us and how this is going to affect, um, the -- our water bills and, you know, how we're going to --

MR. AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- to be able to get through this. So by our next meeting can you please be --

MR. AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- here for that? Thank you very much.

MR. AURIGEMMA: Absolutely.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. I just want to make a comment for the record. Now, this is the first time I'm hearing about this, but we need to remember we provide water to Palm Beach Shores.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm aware.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. So, you know, when we look at that, I would look

at it as, you know, we're just upgrading our infrastructure. You know, I would look at it really as Riviera Beach, too.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And that's --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Because they're --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- that's fine.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: And if we were doing it, Mangonia would be the same thing.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's -- that's fine.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: I wanted to make -- you know, put that out there.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's fine, but I just want to make sure that we take care. I want to see some of those infrastructure issues on this side, too, you know. Uh, I'm glad that we're taking care of our customers like Mangonia and Gramercy and Palm Beach Shores and all these other places, but I see far too many potholes in our streets. And so we need to be -- I want to see those things for our city as well. Yes, we're gonna take care. We do service them. We need their stuff working, but I'm very concerned about our streets and our lines that have not been very well maintained. So I'm not trying to discount anybody that we service, but I do want to be able to see in full. That kinda money we should.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Would you like me to go through the list or to just send it to people?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, you're fine.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go ahead. If you want to go through the list, that's fine.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh, we have rehabilitation of raw water wells. It's 500,000. Again, this is 100,000 a year, so --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Rehabilitation of what?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Wells.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Raw water wells.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And I have utility infrastructure in NSA.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And what does that mean?

MR. AURIGEMMA: That's the northwest strategy area. So when Public Works is doing the streets, then they're going in doing the utility work.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good. And what area would that be?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Monroe Heights.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Monroe Heights.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Monroe Heights? Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay. Uh, infrastructure, uh, for underground contractors, uh, so they put in \$500,000 when they need to call an outside contractor. Uh, then we have replacement of the large water meters, 250,000, replacement of small water meters --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second. The large --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- water meters would be commercial?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Commercial type, yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And the small?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Would be the residential.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Residential? And how are we doing with that?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh, that's 200,000.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And is that gonna fix the issue that we've been having with whatever the reading is of these water meters?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Not so much as getting rid of your line.

MR. AURIGEMMA: No. That -- that is more to cover the -- uh, the water meters that are -- are vandalized or broken or stolen. That's really, uh, that. The meters in the system are in good shape. We have other issues that we're working with, uh, water billing on with respect to the -- the zero reads and the incorrect reads, et cetera. But this is just to replace on an annual basis --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. AURIGEMMA: -- uh --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I see what you're saying. Okay. And is something in this capital plan for that zero read issue? Is it a -- is it a technology problem or what --

MR. AURIGEMMA: We're working on that. That'll be operating.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh, and then we have 250,000 for lift station pumps being put in. And then we talked about Palm Beach Shores. That was 990,000.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, let me -- let me ask you a question, um, with about the -- on U Avenue and MLK. We own quite a bit of land there that does not seem to be utilized. Um, is it something else we can do with that land or, I mean, what -- it's just laying there. What can we do to better utilize that? Put something else over there? Have you come up with anything for that yet?

MR. AURIGEMMA: Well, currently we have a one-million gallon storage tank and a booster station. That's for the water distribution system. And then just to the north of that we have master lift station number 50, which is going to be replaced. That is, uh, beyond it's useful life. The plans are, uh, it's about 60 percent designed at this point.

And the area to the north of that, uh, is where the new, uh, lift station will be done. The area to the west was where the old waste water treatment plant was located many, many, years ago before we went to the ECR.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

MR. AURIGEMMA: So that land is vacant right now. But, uh, one of the things that I have in mind is a possible, uh, maintenance facility out there. Uh, because we're real tight here at the utility district. But these are -- these are long-range plans. They're not something that we're gonna do within the next, uh, three, four, five years. It's probably a little bit beyond that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: All set with utility?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah -- no, we're not. Ms. Davis?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Just a question about that, uh, lift station 1A over here --

MR. AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- at Wells. It's -- I don't know what it is, but it smells terrible.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Sulphur.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Is -- is that what it is? Um, I mean --

MR. AURIGEMMA: Rotten eggs.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. And, I mean, you know, people are on that walking trail, uh, the closer you get to it, it -- you have to hold your nose. So, if something can be done about that?

MR. AURIGEMMA: I'll check into that. They do have odor control at the lift station, but sometimes it leaks. So I'll get into that tomorrow. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And just so I know, the -- the major tank is actual real water that we utilize; it's not the waste water, right?

MR. AURIGEMMA: At Avenue U or --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, no, no, no. Right -- it's -- I know it's got to be waste water at Avenue U 'cause that always smells bad, but I'm saying right here, um, at Wells at the tracks.

MR. AURIGEMMA: Wells. That is a water storage tank.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right.

MR. AURIGEMMA: That's fresh water, the water that you drink, bathe with, cook, et cetera.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. It smells.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right, right. Oh, that's the water that's smelling?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

MR. AURIGEMMA: No. 1A is the lift station, which is to the -- to the south end of the park.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: To the south.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Oh, you mean -- oh, no, no, no.

MR. AURIGEMMA: Yeah. What you're -- yeah. This is the one right here, Blue Heron and, uh, Dixie.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I thought you were talking -- I know what you're talking about. Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. No problem. Yeah, we definitely knew that one's smelly. All right. Mr. Sherman?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay. The marina, uh, 6 and a half million dollars for the marina. That covers Phase II, which as you all know is currently under -- uh, under construction, and it includes the, uh, fuel dock -- the new fuel dock that will need to be, uh, installed when that construction is completed.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Sherman?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, yeah, yeah, Mr. -- Mr., uh, Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: On the marina development amount, is all of that City or is some of that CRA?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh, 2.4 million of that is CRA.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Uh, and our portion on the City side, are all of that from grants or are we taking it from different sources?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No. It's all grants.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: We're trying to use none of our own money.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Which is good and we just got another grant today or yesterday, so that -- that is also -- that's very good. That's good news. Um, and none of this has anything to do with the debt service, correct, none of this money, right?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. So our debt -- all of our debt service is coming out of operating?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: All of our debt service is out of operating for the city debt service.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Does marina have debt?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. The marina's debt is all paid up.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No, it was all paid.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's done?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah, it's done.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. But we've still got some debt somewhere around here.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, the marina has -- the marina is in a negative cash position, but it has no debt to outside sources.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: The city has the debt.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. Yeah, we're funding it with our --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- subsidizing. Okay. All right. No problem.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah, that is a problem.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, I'm saying no problem with the information. It is a problem that we're subsidizing it. That's why we're doing what we're doing to try to not have to subsidize it anymore.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay. And then finally, uh, the storm water projects.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. This needs to be increased. This -- this right here, this 3.8 needs to be increased. The issue that we're having is just like Ms. Davis just said, it's a lot of water that's -- from the storms, that is just sitting there and piling up and not just making it a issue for the residents to get in and out of their homes like the Wise [phonetic] family on Avenue N, but it's also taking so long to drain that it's harboring mosquitoes and other insects that just doesn't make for a good quality --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- of life. So I don't know how much it is, but I know that 3.8 million is probably not enough to fix those issues. I know along Pine they have, uh, a huge, uh, storm water issue, um, there. I know in, uh, the firehouse area it's a storm water issue right there off of, I think it's, I at the end. So that right there does not seem realistic to me.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah, and it's not. Uh, I can -- I can -- I did look at the storm water plant. Uh, what this 3.8 million does, that's the dollars that we are going under that we will actually have available without changing anything. If you look at -- and this is what Ms. Jones spoke about earlier that will come back with the real, this is

our needs.

Um, but, you know, again if you look at that storm water plan, I think the number I looked at was like \$20,000,000 or something like that; you need a rate increase if you're gonna fund a \$20,000,000 storm water project, you know. You're not raising more revenue in storm water. It's based on -- you know, it's based on the property that you have, and it's going to just generate that same amount of revenue every year unless you change the rate structure.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I understand -- I understand, but, you know, I'm thinking that these may be some of the things that we maybe need to look at in terms of bonds or whatever --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- to -- you know --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- to -- to go and fix. I mean --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No, you're absolutely right. We need to do a rate. We need to know what the plan is, look at the funding that's needed, look at the rate structure that we would need to have in place to then be able to go out and borrow and take care of those issues.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, I'm gonna ask because, of course, um, this board made a decision. I wasn't happy with it, didn't like it, but the board made the decision and I'm a part of the board, so I have to take that. But I did not like the 10-year rate increase, and we're really not fixing any of our issues that we have with this rate increase. So that's a problem to me, and we need to be real creative in terms of this because I don't want to keep looking to the backs of the citizens to carry this. So we're just trying to catch up from whatever --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- how far we were behind. And now we have to fix these storm water issues, and now we're gonna say, "Well, you need, uh, another, uh, rate increase in order to do that," you know. I'm -- you know, I'm not sure how we fix that issue. And what I am sure about is that I just don't -- I don't like that, but I also don't like having these issues. And Lone Pine they've been dealing with this very several years. Um, and I often get invited there to see this every time there's a -- there's a --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Some rain.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- a real rain. So, um, we do have to -- we do have to look at this some type of way. Storm water's a real issue, in my opinion.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second. Ms. --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Go ahead.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Ms. -- Ms. Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: And, Mr. Chair, um, that will be a part of this total assessment of our overall capital needs --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- that will be brought back, so that we can look at everything that we really need. Um, storm water is an issue citywide.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: There's no curbs, there's no drainage, there's no -- and it's almost like you just have to really do the whole city.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, you got to (inaudible).

CITY MANAGER JONES: So, yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's gonna be -- you know, we gotta look at that and fix it. I mean, it's -- I believe that the citizens -- and I'm coming to you, Ms. Pardo -- I believe that the citizens would understand, hey, we're doing this to fix the entire city, people that have been living with this for, you know, quite some time. Right there in front of, uh, Lincoln -- I mean, uh, Washington Elementary, I mean, the kids just turn it into like a street pool or something at -- at some point after it rains 'cause it's just a -- it's just a lot that goes on.

So we -- we need to look at this, you know, with some real vigilance to try to -- to try to correct this problem. And this can't be something I'm talking about two, three years down the line. We need to be looking at this to -- to get this corrected. Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yeah, I agree with you. Uh, when it rains out, uh, there's major flooding in front of my house. I call it Lake Pardo. I'm serious. And, you know, it's -- the water is, you know, halfway up my driveway. And, you know, a couple of weeks ago I was out there pressure cleaning, and I just finished pressure cleaning and then it started raining again.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Wow.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: So half the driveway was a mess. But, um, I just want -- I think we just need to clarify something. Um, the storm water really has nothing to do with our water rates, what we pay for water. The storm water is through public, uh, utilities.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No. You pay -- you pay that on your bill.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It's included on your utility bill --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Correct.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: -- but it's a separate charge.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: But when we raised -- when we raised the water rates, we did not raise storm water.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. Right. Uh-huh.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Right. So, you know, we need to make sure that people are aware of that. Um, one thing that I think we should all do -- and, you know what, I'll discuss it when we're done with the -- when we're done with this.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. Thanks.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, I have a question for clarification because you did make a statement about the 10-year, um, automatic increase. And I guess most residents know that every year there's an automatic increase. I think we're about three or four years into it now on the utility.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It goes through 2019.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: 2019?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: So you're -- you're almost halfway.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I did have a discussion with Mr. Aurigemma when I was first elected because that was one of my concerns. Um, that was a statement that we're not really doing anything with it, but it -- it was explained to me differently, um, about improvements that are being made or proposed to be made. Mr. Aurigemma, could you clarify what that increase is being used for, um, and any projects that may be proposed or ongoing?

MR. AURIGEMMA: Well, uh, as Mr. Sherman said, there -- there is a 2 percent annual increase in -- uh, in the water rate structure, and that is used for, uh, a number of things. Number one, just operating costs increases every year. We're barely keeping up with, uh, chemicals that, uh, increase every year. And we also take some of that and put it in -- into the proverbial piggybank, the R&R fund, the renewal and replacement fund, which helps fund some of the projects that we have there. So we're using that -- that rate increase for a number of, uh, different items.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And, Mr. Chair, I have a follow-up question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go right ahead.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, because the -- I approached Mr. Aurigemma, and I'll tell you what -- what my inquiry was because we have a reprieve for a year or two, and that's when he went into his response about what it was used for and it may delay some projects. So, um, the piggybank that we're putting some into, what is that piggybank being used for?

MR. AURIGEMMA: We -- we -- uh, back in February, prior to you being elected, I gave a presentation to the board on the water/waste water master plan. That we -- we discussed. Uh --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

MR. AURIGEMMA: -- and we have over \$200,000,000 worth of capital needs over a 20-year period. So, uh, I've paired that down to get it to a more reasonable amount,

some of the more urgent and the high priority areas. And that -- and that's what we're talking about this evening.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

MR. AURIGEMMA: So, uh, quite frankly, we don't have enough money as it is right now. So at some point in the future we'll be talking about, uh, getting some bond money, et cetera, but we're using whatever we can to fix what we have. We have a 60-year-old utility and not much has been done to it over the years. So we're fixing a lot of stuff.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And I think it's good for the public to know as well that the funds are being used to better the, um, quality of the water and equipment that we have over in the utility district.

MR. AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair, that's all I have on that question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, Mr. Aurigemma, let's -- let's talk a spell here.

MR. AURIGEMMA: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, you're -- you're -- you're representing to us that the 2 percent is taking care of the water quality?

MR. AURIGEMMA: No, not -- well, not necessarily water quality.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. 'Cause I --

MR. AURIGEMMA: It's the whole water system, which --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. AURIGEMMA: -- which includes water treatment, water distribution and also waste water collection. So it's the entire utility.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That brings me to something. This board decided about how we disinfect our water some time ago, and I haven't heard any updates on that. Is this included in this capital?

MR. AURIGEMMA: It was in last year's capital.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Say that again?

CITY MANAGER JONES: The 3.8.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Water disinfectant.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. But we -- did we decide how we were going to do that?

MR. AURIGEMMA: Well, right now we have in the Purchasing Department is a -- is a draft RFP for the water disinfection system. It's the core facility that we're going to build. Uh, hopefully within the next -- uh, we'll get it out, get bids and start construction.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But did we -- did we decide how we -- which method we were going to use?

MR. AURIGEMMA: We're going to use sodium hypochlorite, which is bleach.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

MR. AURIGEMMA: Now, what hasn't been decided, which will be decided by the market, is whether that bleach is supplied by onsite generation or by a --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right.

MR. AURIGEMMA: -- a vendor.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. But we -- we haven't decided how we wanted to -- to do that yet. So how do we have a -- how do we have a actual price for that when we haven't decided whether we wanted to do it onsite or we wanted to get it from a vendor?

MR. AURIGEMMA: Well, again, that's still, uh, a year down the road or so with respect to what vendor we get. We still have to build the facility. We still have to test the water because we're changing the chemistry of the water a bit. So we're gonna have to tweak the formula. And as part of -- of that we have to test the water. There may be a couple of chemicals that we change.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But I remember we did that.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You brought them all up here and we tasted that. My question is -- and C was the best tasting. I remember that; I had that one. But what I -- what -- what I was speaking about is that's a -- a real decision that needs to be made by this board whether we want to do it onsite or have it brought in. And that's the decision -

MR. AURIGEMMA: Well, with all due respect, Mr. Thomas, that's a decision of the market. Uh, the vendor -- when it goes out for bid you're gonna get somebody -- somebody may say, "I can bring in bulk a lot cheaper than I can bring in onsite generation." So that's really a market condition.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Negotiation.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm not sure if --

MR. AURIGEMMA: Bleach is bleach.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I get you. But I'm not sure that we want the market to dictate what we're doing. If we decide we want to make it onsite or we decide we want to bring it in, I don't think we can do either/or at that point, right? The facility has to be built to make it onsite, correct?

MR. AURIGEMMA: The facility will be built to have either one or the other. There will be space in the facility to -- uh, to -- well, first of all as part of the permitting, we have to have a -- a 30-day supply of bleach on hand for emergencies. So we're gonna have the tanks in place. Now the question becomes: Is it more economical for the -- the customers of the utility district to go with this -- this chemical that's, you know, made in bulk or this chemical that is made onsite?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Which is cheaper?

MR. AURIGEMMA: And that'll be a decision -- that'll be a market decision.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Maybe I'm just not really swallowing the market decision very good right here. But I'll chew on it a little bit and see how I feel a little bit later. Any other questions on this? Okay. Let's move on down to equipment purchases for storm water.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's just one vehicle.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And what vehicle might that be?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Huh, let's find out. It is a pickup truck.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: For \$45,000?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: It's a big one.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I hope -- I hope this is one of those real nice pickup trucks in which we probably would say no --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah, I apologize. It is two pickup trucks.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, okay. No problem. And that's just part of our replacement plan that we have.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's just part of the plan.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And I know that we lost a couple due to some accidents, and all of those have been replaced through the insurance.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: They should be replaced through insurance, yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It hasn't been done yet? The --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I don't know. Did you get them replaced? You didn't get in an accident? Oh, that was your accident?

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

CITY MANAGER JONES: Utilities.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It was utilities.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Utilities.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, that's what I'm speaking of.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But the storm water is Public Works, so --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Storm water is Public Works, though, right. You need some more -- okay. Gotcha. While we're --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- hold on one second, Mr. Guyton -- um, I do -- Ms. Pardo brought up a very valid point about the storm water. And that's a part on the water bill --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- that 80 to 90 percent of the people just really don't pay attention to. They look at that bottom line. You got your water, your trash and storm water on there and they just pay that storm water, uh, bill, so -- I mean they just pay the entire bill. So when we're dealing with this, and I know we haven't raised, um, storm water and we may need to, but that's still going to be an overall cost that they're going to see on their water bill that they're not going to quite understand why that increase, you know, is -- is there. So that's why I'm trying to make it very plain.

They look at it, "Hey, this is my water bill. This is -- this is what it is." And when they see an increase, even though we may not be increasing the actual water, we're increasing a part of that particular bill that is overall your water bill for all intents and purposes.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So I wanted to kinda explain that. Was it Mr. Guyton that was next?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. I just had a question about the -- the, um, equipment purchases. I remember that was on one of our utility district agendas. Did that ever come before us at one of our utility district meetings?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Again -- again, those --

CITY MANAGER JONES: The storm water.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: -- those --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The storm water.

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's the storm water.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's not the utility district.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Storm water is Public Works.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh. Okay. But the utility district at one time had --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes, they did.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- a couple of --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MR. AURIGEMMA: In fiscal year '13, I brought to the utility district board three vehicles to be replaced. We've received two of the three thus far.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Now, did those funds come out of the existing capital improvement budget, or did that come out of your operations budget?

MR. AURIGEMMA: That comes out -- I have a line item in my utility district operating.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

MR. AURIGEMMA: So that's where I keep my money for that.

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

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You said we got two. What happened to the third one?

MR. AURIGEMMA: I expect it any day now.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. I just wanted to make sure we didn't have any other snags. All right. We're good. Mr. Sherman --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- anything else?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No, that's it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, what I didn't really see on here, um, and maybe it was just because we didn't really, um, talk about it much, is while we're in this particular facility here, I didn't see very much upgrade money. Um, I know we spent some things on air-conditioning and, um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Carpets.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Under the Building Maintenance Renovation.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Building Maintenance and Renovations.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And that is the 465?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: The 465. It includes the carpeting in here, the lighting in here. It includes --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: -- the air-conditioner at the library.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh. And what about, you know, the windows and the -- um, the --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: They're just --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: How about some -- um, some like drywall in Community Development (inaudible) and make it a wall?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes. There's money to seal the building and do all that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All of that is --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's all in there.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- all that is in there?

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's in there.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So the next time I go visit Ms. McKinney in her office, I'm gonna be able to see a real wall without a sprinkler system coming in?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Just don't go tomorrow.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I just -- I want to make sure that that is -- um, I mean, Ms. - Ms. McKinney has never complained about this.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, she has.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, but, uh --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, she has.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I mean it's -- it's like -- like sheetrock --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- that's in there with --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It's -- yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. So I -- you know, I -- and she works hard inside of that office. But we had a rain today and I'm not sure if she was gonna be able to operate in that. So I just want to make sure that we really -- I mean, I'm joking, but I'm very serious that I really want to see that corrected, you know, um, ASAP. Is that put inside of there?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's all in that 465.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And we fixed the roof in here that leaks and made this -- this room -- all this is fixed?

CITY MANAGER JONES: So far.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Did we seal the areas that are allowing the -- uh, the visitors we had --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Penetration.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- uh, a meeting or two ago to slow them down from getting in so they don't attend our meeting with us? The creepy crawlers.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Are you keeping the creatures out?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, we're going back out today (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. I'm gonna ask that we hurry that up --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: (Inaudible). Right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: More frequently.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- because those visitors, they come in when they feel like it whether the lights on or not. They did. They crawl around here. So I'm just hoping that we're doing something to this building that's --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- going to allow it, um, to be --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: To continue to operate.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- better utilized. Okay. No problem. Anything from any of the board members on any of these items?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I just -- okay. So are we gonna go to -- you're gonna go to the unfunded stuff or are we about done?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We can go to it.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No, I'm just asking.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: 'Cause I just wanted to make some general comments.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, let's make the general comments.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Uh, um, I'm on page -- it doesn't have anything to do with here. It has to do with Wales um, walking trail. A lot of the residents come to me and they ask is there anything that we can do about the red clay. And, you know, people use that walking trail a lot. And when it rains it is so messy. So, um, is there any kinda way where you can kinda dredge out or scrape out part of it and just put sand in it or something?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Or mulch or --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Or mulch or something rather than red clay?

MR. JOHNSON: Good evening again.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening.

MR. JOHNSON: The red clay is probably the cheapest form that we can use when we put -- we've tried --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Is it?

MR. JOHNSON: -- we've tried the mulch, and when it rains, the mulch is much worse than the clay. The clay does have a tendency to get hard. Now, we've -- we've, uh, explored the possibilities of having it asphalt, but, you know, those are real -- real expensive numbers to asphalt it. So clay is the cheapest thing that we can do, but we can add more clay to it.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Well, I'm -- I'm not -- I'm not really talking about what's cheapest. I'm talking about getting -- eliminating red clay, and is there something else that could be used --

MR. JOHNSON: We can bring you back --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- like sand or --

MR. JOHNSON: -- we can bring you back some proposals for --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Could you, please?

MR. JOHNSON: -- some -- some asphalt, concrete, Rubberoid.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

MR. JOHNSON: We can do all those things.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah, Rubberoid or --

MR. JOHNSON: But it costs money.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Sand, too?

MR. JOHNSON: Sand is not a real good surface for a walking trail.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Not for a walking trail. (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Well, something other than red clay. Um, all right. And, um, there -- okay. That's all for you. Um, and the last thing is -- I guess this is a city-owned street. You know the street that you turn on off of Blue Heron Boulevard to go to Nissan? You know you have to go back up in there where the -- um, the bus compound is?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: That road is in awful condition.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: It's not a road anymore.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah, it's not really a road. It's full of potholes. And, um, could somebody take a look at that and see whether we need to do it or whether we can get some assistance from the businesses back there, possibly even the school district? 'Cause they're the ones who are tearing it up.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yep.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: There's some kind of big -- big, heavy equipment company back there, too.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And -- and Hertz -- yeah, and that Hertz -- those Hertz (inaudible).

CITY MANAGER JONES: Those trucks -- a lot of trucks, yeah.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. So -- oh, and last thing going forward, when we do all of this infrastructure improvements at the marina, uh, on the uplands, just something for y'all to think about, um, there's gonna be a lot of heavy equipment rolling in that area, too. Um, do we want to engage, um, think about, um, how we plan to maintain, um, the streets and curbs and that kind of thing, you know, as we move forward with the development, you know, and maybe engage the businesses in, you know, uh, maybe a -- an assessment or something to keep everything looking good? That's just way down the road, but just something to think about.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: While we're on that, before going to Mr. Guyton, um, I had a call from, uh, a young lady, and I'm only saying a young lady because I cannot recall her name right now, but I did write it down, um, she pointed out something to me, um, that's over on the -- the city's property off of Broadway and E Avenue, um, and she -- she told me -- she didn't show me any documents, but she said that she had been cited. And she wanted to know why our property over there looked like it had a cornfield on it. Um, I did pass by the property and I was -- um, I was taken aback because it did look like it was a baby forest.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Is that behind (inaudible)?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, and it's, you know, that property where the DOT was housing their, uh --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah, the old City Hall lot.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Oh, yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. So this is my issue, um, with that because we do need to lead by example. And I know what people feel when code enforcement is out doing what we ask them to do, um, in trying to beautify the city, um, some people may feel like we're maybe not governing ourselves. So what I'm asking is for properties like that, maybe we should look at hiring -- there's a lot of land clearing or lawn companies in the city or some hiring out to be able to maintain those that we can't get to, um, as often as we would like.

I know we're doing the medians and we're doing City Hall and we're doing all the other. Uh, but it was a -- it's a very valid point that I feel that we must address because we do have to lead, uh, by example. Now, that's property that I know is owned by the city. So, um, the young lady -- and I wish I could call her name because I told her that I would discuss this -- we do need to -- uh, to do that.

Um, so let's go ahead and get it cut now.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We will.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, immediately. But let's also come up with if we need to, you know, have a company that kinda buffers our lawn people to keep, you know -- I know it's just a lot and if it's raining, it's gonna grow very quick and by the time you finish one cycle, you know, you need to go back again and do it. So we're not -- we're not saying that the gentlemen are not doing a good job, because they are. I mean, our medians are looking beautiful. Uh, but we do need to -- to look into that. Um --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. Will do.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, and who actually maintains the -- the stuff? Is that Public Works for the --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So all the city properties is Public Works with the exception of the parks?

CITY MANAGER JONES: City Hall is also -- is done by the Parks Department as well.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Parks.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So City Hall is done by the parks, but all of the rest of the city-owned properties are done by Public Works?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Public Works.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No. We gonna let y'all -- we gonna let y'all share in it and share it alike. I'm sure we're fighting over who can do it, but, uh --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: One other thing, and that's, uh, another question that comes up because, you know, MLK is gonna be coming online very soon. Do you -- and I know y'all don't have a whole lot of employees. How many -- how many employees do you think you need? Because it's no sense in us doing it and --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, it's not. It's not; you're right.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: You know, so let's address it now.

MR. JOHNSON: Uh, good evening again. Brynt Johnson, director of Public Works. Um, as it relates to 710 -- uh, well, let's go back to the original question. No, we don't have a lot of people in Public Works, or at least in the Streets Division.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And I know you got some vacancies too. How many vacancies do you have?

MR. JOHNSON: Even with the vacancies, we only have, uh, I want to say 11 positions including the supervisor B12 positions.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MR. JOHNSON: Uh, in Streets and they make -- they do all the irrigation --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MR. JOHNSON: -- asphalt repairs, landscaping maintenance, all -- all of those things. And sometimes they're furniture movers as well, but, um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And you -- you've spent the money to train specific people to -- so that they know how to do the irrigation. And --

MR. JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- you know, you have, uh, a number of people who do the -- um, the actual landscaping --

MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- and that type of thing? But I really am interested to know how many more, whether it be part-time people or full time, you know, what number do you need?

MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. I mean, that's something we'd have to look at, but if I had to throw a number out, I mean, I'd say two full-time probably, and that's not including U.S.1 which is coming online.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

MR. JOHNSON: Which, uh, not sure who is gonna be --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's not gonna be enough. And you know you're being very conservative right now.

MR. JOHNSON: Well, that's not including U.S.1 and all of the other projects. That's --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But we need to actually look at this because --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- all of this is coming on. And if it's cheaper --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And we're gonna start arguing --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. We --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- if it's messed up.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- we are, that's -- that's exactly right. So we need to add in a private company where we're not carrying the benefits and the pensions and all of that.

MR. JOHNSON: Well, that's what we did with A1A. We outsourced A1A --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh. Right.

MR. JOHNSON: -- and, I mean, honestly, that's -- we were probably looking at outsourcing some of these other things that come up because what we currently have is all we can maintain. That's -- that's (inaudible) we're full to capacity.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And that's what I know. But the councilwoman is asking, "Hey, look, this is about to come up. What --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- what do we need to do?" So --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: (Inaudible) plan.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. We --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Bring -- bring back your money or your employees.

MR. JOHNSON: Right, because we have time. I mean, DOT maintains it for you. When they do their projects, they maintain it for a year. So you have a year out from the completion date.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. So, that works. Okay.

MR. JOHNSON: So you're looking at 2015, mid '15, '16, so -- for -- for '17, for the current phase of '17.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And do we have all of our properties on some type of schedule? Not just the -- the -- the City Hall buildings and the parks and everything, but do we have like our property over there on E Avenue and other properties that we own -- I know we own quite a bit of them, so do we have those?

MR. JOHNSON: We try to. We do have a schedule for them. Sometimes, like I said, due to that shortage or --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

MR. JOHNSON: -- the number of personnel, we don't get to them quite as often as we would like to. Uh, the one that you mentioned that the contractor was using on U.S. 1, we actually -- if I'm not mistaken, that should've been cut already. Uh, we did --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MR. JOHNSON: -- get a complaint about it and we went out that day and took care of

it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, you did?

MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. This was maybe about two days ago.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, they went out.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So you went out between --

MR. JOHNSON: We got a complaint the end of last week.

CITY MANAGER JONES: End of last week is when we got it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Well, two days ago was when, uh --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Oh. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No problem.

MR. JOHNSON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, that's good. That's -- I'm glad to hear you say the problem is already fixed, so --

MR. JOHNSON: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's very good. But just like Ms. Davis, I really want to know that particular dollar amount. We have several, you know, major landscaping companies in this city, and if we need to farm it out to -- to make it better, uh, to be able to get it going a little bit, you know, faster, I think we should do that, you know. And if we think that we need to do it, uh, by hiring more employees, then maybe we need to look at that as well. But we need to know the hard numbers, you know. We really do need to do that because we can't keep piecemealing it because it catches up with us, you know, at the end, you know. So we need to know at least.

MR. JOHNSON: We'll definitely -- we'll take a look at it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. That's good. Hold on one second. Mr. -- Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Johnson, uh, on another issue but it's still with street improvement, I just would like some, um, clarification on the capital improvement budget. It has NSA Street Improvement.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Neighborhood Sector.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. We just --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Monroe Heights. You were out.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You was out.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, I was out?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: That's your district.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Monroe Heights -- it's Monroe Heights.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh. Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No more -- no more comments, right?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No, no. Thank you very much, Mr. Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, all right. Is there anything else?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Uh, yeah. I'd like my turn, please.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. Ms. Pardo, go -- well, let me come on down the line. Mr. Guyton, did you want to ask about anything else?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, one last question about the Cunningham Park. Um, I know it sit close to Washington School. All right. Is it -- Mr. Williams, is there any coordination with the school or is that separate and apart? How is that handled?

MR. WILLIAMS: I'm sorry, what was the question again?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Just like Tracy Martin.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, Cunningham Park is sit adjacent to Washington Elementary. Is there any coordination with Washington or -- or is that just a separate entity that you don't communicate with when we do improvements?

MR. WILLIAMS: Actually -- actually when the park was vibrant, we had a like a inter-local (inaudible). We used that park for their P.E. classes and they would use it for activities. As far as coordinating the renovation of the park, no. Um, we do have an issue. We did a survey of the park, and we found out there's a small sliver of the land that belongs to, uh, school board. So we're in negotiations with them right now to try to either get them, one, to donate the land to us or deed it to us. And what we have to do is go out and get a survey of that sliver and get it to the school board so they can attach a value to it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Thank you. That's all I have.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Thank you. Um, I would suggest that all the council people, you know, really go through the book that -- the Capital Improvements book that staff gave us and -- you know, and decide which projects we should start lobbying for. Um, I think next month, right, the end of September, our people up in Tallahassee start meeting, and -- um, and they'll be meeting through January, right, prior to the session.

So I would suggest we all decide, you know, along with the city manager and the staff, which projects we would like to go after and really start lobbying early. And, you know, if we have to go up to Tallahassee more than once or twice, I really think we should do it.

Uh, the state is going to be flushed with cash, and -- um, and, you know, I think it's -- I think we have a good shot of getting some of these projects financed, maybe not, you know, fully financed, but getting, you know, a portion of it. And, you know, our lobbyists can do so much, but, um, I think the -- um, you know, the elected officials up in Tallahassee like talking to other elected officials. And -- you know, and some of us do

have the ear of the governor. He's been here several times. He knows all about Riviera Beach. So, um, I would suggest we all do that and then, you know, maybe at one of the meetings, all get together and let's decide what our plan is gonna be. And then --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, Ms. Pardo --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- you know --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- we -- um, the manager and myself, we met with the lobbyists today, uh, Mr. Pittman, um, earlier this afternoon, and that's exactly what the meeting was about. So you're right on point with -- with that. And, um, he's been eager. He's been eager, uh, to get these projects that we need. So that's something that we need to look through and bring back. And if we want to do another workshop or whatever, to actually give them our agenda. I think that's an excellent plan because that is exactly what he's requesting from us.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah, that's true.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. That's great. I wasn't aware that he was here or anything. But it's just important. Like I said, you know, he can do so much. We didn't get anything last year, you know, and the state did have some money. So I think it's imperative that we all do our lobbying and we all get money. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Can I take Ms. Davis real quick? Ms. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah. Just to piggyback on what you said, um, uh, again, at League of Cities attended, um, presentation. Um, Senator Smith was there.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: He said exactly the very same thing, that committees meetings are taking place right now, and now is the time for us. And they want to see us --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- okay, uh, to, uh, tell us what their -- what our needs are. And my suggestion would be to focus on the unfunded, uh, projects that are listed in the back here, um, since we have the funding for, you know, the things here, to focus on the unfunded, um, projects.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. Yeah. And then the other thing, this is just for the city manager. Um, you know, it's been very unfortunate what's been going on in the city for the past two weeks or so, and I would appreciate an update on, you know, what's going on and what we're doing and the whole bit. I'm getting calls constantly. While we were sitting here someone texted me about an event that happened. It's all over the news and, you know, I don't know what to tell people.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I was gonna discuss that.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: So we really -- we need to be updated. We need to be briefed on it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let's let everybody finish. And we were actually gonna talk

about that today. We -- we discussed that as well, uh, Ms. Pardo.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay. Again -- all right. I wasn't aware of it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, no.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I was gonna bring it back up.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are you --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Well, I guess I'm done, yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No. If you need more time go ahead. Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I'll just save my comments for the discussion.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We are discussing.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: About what's going on.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh. Okay. Well, we --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: That's the issue I want to talk about.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I met -- I met with Ms. Jones today, um, to discuss those things with her. Uh, we've had several, um, unfortunate incidents, and, uh, a couple of them I did not know, you know, about and residents are asking and I'm getting letters, um, about. And it has to be some method that we use to notify the board of what's going on so that we can do that. I know that we were getting some texts, uh, before to make sure that we were getting them. I -- for some reason I stopped getting them.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I get them.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, I did get one this afternoon about that particular, um, incident, but it needs to be after it's all been settled, after everybody -- after the police have gotten there and -- when we make the notifications. Then the council members need to be, you know, notified after, you know. Of course, take care of the situation --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh. Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- but give us some updates of what's going on because we field those calls and individuals really want to know, um, what's happening.

I was -- you know, I was bothered by the, you know, additional call that we got. And we need to understand that we have to put some resources behind trying to mitigate some of these issues that are going on. Right now it feels as if the thugs have taken over our city, and none of us want that, and our residents don't, um, uh, either. So this is definitely something that we need to discuss on what we need to do, um, to try to get back.

We've had several unfortunate incidents over the past two weeks and it's way, way too much. And, you know, we're not blaming the police, of course, because the police are not committing these acts, but we obviously need to do something. Um, and we need to be abreast on this stuff. Every member up here needs to be able to talk with their

constituents about what's happening and what's going on, and this information needs to get filtered very quickly.

So obviously you heard everybody had a, you know, issue and a comment with that. So we -- we do need to dialogue on this on what we -- what we need to do, if we need to move money or what we need to do right now to -- to -- you know, to combat the situation.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: And Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yeah. And what I would like to know, I'd like to know what the police are doing -- you know, what their plan is, what's going on. And that's fine, you know. It's sensitive. We don't have to discuss it right now on Channel 18, but I think it's imperative that the council is kept abreast.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis, you wanted to get into the discussion you said?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah. I just want to, uh, piggyback off what everyone is saying. I received quite a bit of phone calls, except for today. I don't know what happened today, but one of the residents came to me and we was talking about what happened over the weekend. And then the other night over in Stonybrook there was a shooting and there was a whole bunch of children that were present at the time. And the biggest issue I want to talk about (inaudible) can we work with the Sheriff's Department with their gang unit to help solve this gang issue.

'Cause for the most part our summer's been really safe and really well. It's just these last two weeks as we've drawn closer as we get ready to get ready for school. So I don't know what -- what started this, but for the summer, this has been one of the most safest summers we've had until these last two weeks. But I know there's something we can do 'cause we're not that big of a -- big of a city to address this. But dialogue is a start, and we need to find out what we can do together with our great chief, Chief Williams.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, just in the discussion, I talked with Ms., uh, Jones at great length about this today, and, uh, what I would suggest is that while over the next couple of days, that, um, all of the district commanders -- I'm gonna try to meet with them all and the captains and everything -- but every week I want to make sure that the -- the assistant chiefs, the district commanders, the majors meet with every elected official in their district to give them updates. You follow -- you follow me?

So I want to make sure that they give every elected official those updates of what's going on, you know, what plans that we have to combat those issues. It's a -- it's a small disconnect at this point and we need to reengage, uh, that. So I did speak with the manager about that, um, engaging the elected officials and making sure that we -- you know, we know what's going on.

Um, and, you know, the elected officials are not really -- we're not there to go to any scenes or do anything like that but for when questions come up. And, um, I -- you know, I want to make sure that we all understand that, uh, we want to keep these scenes as safe as they can and we don't want to jeopardize any information, um, that

we may need to catch some of these criminals and -- but we do need to know what's going on. So I'm thinking that that's one of the ways that we can at least get the information, find out the plan. Offer them some ideas if you have them, uh, and let the, uh, Police Department, uh, help to figure out --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- how to combat this.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right. Well, I have a meeting with the chief on Friday. And, um, what I would like, you know, regardless of what anyone else wants, I would like to know -- and I've brought this up many times over the past five and a half years. If there is an incident like what happened today, what's been happening the past couple of weeks, I want either a text or a telephone call, you know, that day. I want to see it before it's on the news.

A lot of times I don't find out that something happened until I turn the news on at 4:30 in the morning and then I find out. Or if I'm, you know, up at 11:00, I find out on the 11:00 news. And I don't think it should be like that, all right, because I'm the one getting the calls like the rest of the elected officials.

So I would like to know when -- you know, you don't have to call me immediately because I understand, you know, you -- that, you know, taking care of the scene is the priority, but within a reasonable time, I'd like to know. And then I'd like to know how it's being remedied, what the remedy is. Um, and like I said earlier, I want to know, you know, what's the plan. All right. We've had too many of these shootings in the past couple weeks. Too many. One is too many. So I want to be updated on the plan.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Jones?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Um, I just want to say that just like each of you, I am just as concerned. All the way to Orlando last week there was a discussion, uh, Councilwoman Davis and I, about this issue. Um, the chief is developing the plan. It is going to be a broad plan. He was directed to come up with a sustainable plan, uh, not just hit it now and not do anything later. It's got to be something that is sustained as well as it's got to, um, include, um, all of the individuals here in this room and the surrounding cities, uh, because some of these -- some of these people don't live here. They're coming across city lines. And so we've got to work with our sister city to the north and also to the south.

Um, yes, Councilman, uh, Terence Davis, a lot of it is heated up around the schools, once it got time for school to start. Uh, but we will give you -- uh, we are working on that plan, um, and, uh, we will bring that to you, um, our proposal for what resources we might need to, uh, make sure that that plan is more than just something on paper.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any other discussion from the board on this, uh, topic?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: None on this topic.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair, I have one other thing. You know, since we're talking about this, it's just -- it's -- it's very frustrating to me, and, um, I just -- I like the fact that you said that we're coming up with a plan and it needs to be a sustainable plan because we were here last year when we had the shooting at the birthday party over at the marina. And we put this committee together and, you know, they were supposed to be coming up with ideas. And I know that, you know, they're working hard on, you know, trying to come up with a plan, but we have to come up with a plan sooner than later, you know.

And if we have to reach out to other agencies, we should reach out to other agencies. There is nothing wrong with that, you know. We've really got to get a hold on this. We really do. All right. That's it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: It's not on this subject. Uh, just one last thing I -- I remembered. Um, in looking at the unfunded projects, um, and as we move forward with, um, our marina development, I noticed that there are quite a few -- one, two, three, four, five, six -- projects back here pertaining to the marina that are unfunded. So if the CRA is doing -- you know, um, working with the, uh, uplands development -- redevelopment, then how is this going to impact, um --

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's uplands work.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I know that, but are you looking -- is this that -- it says unfunded by the city. Are you looking for the CRA to fund it or what? These are streets.

CITY MANAGER JONES: What she's looking at is the streets, 13th Street --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So you're looking at --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- 12th Street. Um, so if you look at, uh, some of those projects and when they are --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So it's gonna be in line with --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- are to be completed --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Gotcha.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- it's the funding as they come on --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- online to be done.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I gotcha. Thank you. That's it for me.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Anything else from any of the board members? Anything else, Ms., uh, Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No. Just want to say thank you. Um, this was a good meeting. Um, would -- I have sent a notice for updates on the, um, closed executive session on Monday at 5:00 on labor. Uh, you have directed us to get back to the table,

and so we need to share with each of you what we're going to the table with. Uh, so that'll be Monday at 5:00 in the city manager's conference room.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Anything from Mr. Jones [sic]?

MR. JOHNSON: Nothing.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Sherman, you want anything else?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah, actually I would.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go right ahead.

COUNCILPERSON: That's the wrong question to ask.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I just want you all to know that we are now accepting credit cards downstairs.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Man, that's good, that is good, that's good.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And we'll be turning it on for online on Friday.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Fantastic.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Very good.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, some do use debit cards as well I'm --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- assuming. Yeah? Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: MasterCard and Visa.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Fantastic.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That is --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- that is good. Ms. -- Ms. Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: And can you set up automatic payment? Is -- are we capable?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, that's the next step.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: So we're not there yet. Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Not there yet.

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

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And they can pay with credit cards at the counter?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Oh, fantastic.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Today they can pay at the counter.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: They can pay today at the counter.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Online Friday.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: At the counter.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That is good. That is good.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And Friday online.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Friday online.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And this is probably not, uh, a very good question, but just for my own edification, we do have some controls in place to make sure that there's actual money coming off of these cards and we're not gonna be stuck with --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes, we do.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I just want to make sure. I mean --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's fair. That's fair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I'm sure everybody's gonna do the right thing, you know. I mean, you know, uh, I know some people used to pay on a check on Friday, hoping that we don't put it in the bank until Monday and, you know, buying a couple extra days. I just want to make sure that we don't -- okay. You get --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- what I'm saying. All right. Well, thank you for that. Uh, if there's nothing else, entertain a motion for adjournment.

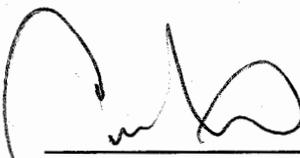
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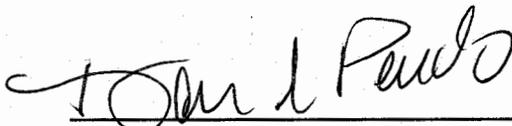


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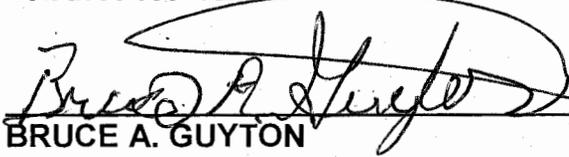
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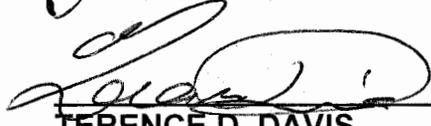
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