

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** We'll now call this regularly scheduled City Council meeting to order. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mayor Thomas Masters?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Present.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chairperson Cedrick Thomas.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Is here.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Present.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Present.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** 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 and we will proceed. Would everyone please stand for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, uh, led by Deputy Clerk Anthony. (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Deputy City Clerk Claudene Anthony).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, Madam Manager, any additions, deletions, or substitutions?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, Mr. Chair. Um, first of all, um, on item number 2, I would like to have that item removed from consideration. It was a reprint from an add-on item on the last agenda, so we've already acted on that. And so there's no need to do that tonight. That's number 2. Also, I provided, uh, for item number 12, additional information on the scholarship recipients for the year 2013-14, so that's a listing of all of

the recipients. One addition, and that is a community benefit, uh, award from Chair Pro Tem Pardo, of \$800 to the Riviera Beach Fire Department, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Those are all of the additions.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. All right. Thank you. We'll go now to adoption -- oh, excuse me. Any disclosures by Council? None? We'll go to the adoption of the agenda. Entertain a motion.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

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

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I'm gonna move down to, uh, Consent Agenda. All matters listed under this item are continued to be -- considered to be routine and action will be taken by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a councilperson so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Madam -- uh, Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I'd like to pull items 1, 6, 15, 16, and 17.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** 1, 6, 15, 16, and 17.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Correct.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Are there any other questions from the Board members?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I'd like to pull item number 7.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Anything else from anyone else? Okay. Uh, I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the Consent, whatever is left of it.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It's quite a bit.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

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

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, first, we're going to take, um, uh, two presentations. The first one, we're gonna take 19 out of order due to a special request, um, so we'll start with 19, and then we'll go back to the regular agenda.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Is there anyone here from Bridges that would like to receive this? I don't see anyone.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Miss -- Miss DuPont? Miss -- Miss DuPont will come. She's working with us, as well. Yeah, she's one of the volunteers there.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We're always happy and pleased to have volunteers.

**DR. MARY ANN DUPONT:** Mary Ann. Dr. Mary Ann DuPont.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Dr. Mary Ann Du Pont. You can sit right here. Thank you for your -- your commitment and your service as a volunteer. Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Florida, Palm Beach County. Whereas it is recognized -- it is a recognized fact that parents and other caring adults are our childrens first and most important teachers, and whereas when these concerned adults are engaged with children in literacy activities early and often, the -- the effort creates

multiple benefits including healthy brain development, increased attention spans, and improved oral and written skills, and whereas these early learning benefits lead to future academic successes and ultimately higher employer -- employment ability and lower rates of juvenile delinquency and teen pregnancy, and whereas Bridges of Riviera Beach is dedicated to helping parents and other caring adults learn how to help our children improve their reading, offering classes, workshops and clubs that promote reading and literacy development, and whereas -- we have two other people joining us - - and whereas, Bridges of Riviera Beach, um, is also involved with parent and concerned adults in the City, and they are encouraged to regularly and frequently participate with our children in reading and other literacy activities for the benefit of all, now therefore, be it resolved that I, Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the residents of this City, I do hereby proclaim September, 2013, as Literacy Awareness and Engagement Month in the City of Riviera Beach, and witness thereof, I have here to -- hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Riviera Beach to have -- to be affixed on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013 A.D., Thomas A. Masters, Mayor, and of course the illustrious City Clerk, um, Miss Carrie Ward.

It is an honor to proclaim the entire month for you. And let me just also, um, let you know that Congressman Alcee Hastings was here yesterday, and one of the things he said was that the Head Start program is one of the programs, and working the early, uh, learning with children, it -- one of the -- one of the programs that is documented that has been most successful than any of the other programs that the United States Government has, uh, been participating. He was very angry and upset that that program would have some cuts, shortcuts. So he's a great advocate for you. Let's give these young ladies a hand. Thank you very much. Would one of you like to say something?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** On behalf of Bridges at Riviera Beach and parents and other concerned and caring adults in the City of Riviera Beach, we accept this, um, Proclamation and thank you for your encouragement and your support as we move forward with a city-wide media campaign on behalf of literacy engagement and engaging parents to read early and frequently with their children. We thank you and appreciate your support again.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Thank you. Excuse me. Just one minute, ma'am. Could --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Dr., uh -- Dr. --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Could you -- excuse me, Miss --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Hold on one second. Dr. Robinson, can you --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- you come up? Mr. Davis, go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Could you please explain to the community and the Board, uh, the importance of the color red as we Strive for Five, versus -- versus blue.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Okay. Um, we are establishing a city-wide media

campaign, Step Up Riviera Beach, Strive for Five. Strive for Five means to strive for five on the FCAT in the area of reading. Five is the grade level proficiency score. Um, as we, uh -- many parents have been told that the, uh, the number three is sufficient, but we're saying, "No mas." It is not sufficient.

Five is proficiency as described by the State of Florida and that is what we need to strive for, not for 50 percent of our children, not for 75 percent of our children, but for 100 percent of our children, and we strongly believe that if we come together as a community, just spreading this message, and on September 13, wearing the color red to show support for this effort throughout the City, that we can make a difference and achieve, um, this goal.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** And what color --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** And what color it turns to once we hit five?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Once we hit five it will turn to blue.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** All right.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** We're in the red right now.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** All right.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** But once we hit five on the statistics that the, uh, school board, uh, sets out and -- and everything on their charts, it will turn from red to blue, and that's when we'll celebrate.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So you think that's why I'm wearing red tonight, right?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I am.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** You're wearing --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** -- both, red and blue.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** There you go.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank -- thank you very much.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** The past and the future.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. Thank you very much. Dr. Robinson?

**DR. ROBINSON:** Thank you. Thank you, um, for moving this on the agenda. To the Chair, the Mayor, all the City Commissioners, the Manager, um, everyone, I want to just, um, say thank you because this is the first time, to my knowledge, in the County that a city has stood up and said, We expect all of our children to reach proficiency.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DR. ROBINSON:** And we know -- we know that we have to do this together, so I came to say to you that I'm your partner here. Whatever I can do, whatever resources I can

help bring to the table, because you just have no idea how thrilled I am that Riviera Beach is --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** All right, all right.

**DR. ROBINSON:** -- saying yes. Okay? Because our children can do it.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** That's right.

**DR. ROBINSON:** Our children can do it. And we as adults need to make sure that we wrap our arms around and push so that they do. And I'm just part of the team, and that's what I'm here to say. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Thank you, Dr. Robinson.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you, Dr. Robinson.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Any Board member have any comments on that?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Just want to recognize our Dr. Robinson. She is one of my number one mentors, and she is my former boss with the school district.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. For those of you that don't know, Dr. Robinson represents the school district in Seat Number, I believe it's 7?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yes, 7.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. So, um, that is our school district representative on the school board. Okay. We're gonna go ahead and move to --

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I just wanna say one thing.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Um, I've been working with Bridges for this program and what I want the committee to understand, start paying close attention because there's going to be a lot of information hitting the community and all the schools. And to all the fathers and the mothers at home, once you see and start getting the calls to come out to these community meetings, please come and show up because it's not just the school responsibility to educate our youths. The school system is a support system. The community, it's our job as parents and leaders, is to work and educate and strive and push our kids to reach the goals that they're supposed to read.

So all I ask the community is when you hear "Strive for Five," when you hear it on the radio, when you see the signs start popping up throughout the community, start coming to these community meetings and start being proactive as we start sitting down and reading with our children after school in these programs as we work together in the community. But thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. Okay. We're going to have a presentation

now by, um, our legislators, Senator Jeff Clemens and our House Representative, Mr. Bobby Powell.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** All right. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chairperson, and Council Members.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Good evening.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** Um, Madam City Manager, my name is Jeff Clemens. I'm your State Senator in District 27, which runs from Boynton Beach Boulevard up to approximately North Lake Boulevard, and from the ocean to the Turnpike, and I'm accompanied by, uh, my partner here.

**REPRESENTATIVE BOBBY POWELL:** And of course I am Bobby Powell, Jr., State Representative, House District 88, and you know, we cover Riviera Beach, Lake Park, Mangonia Park, West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, Lantana, Boynton, and Delray. Thank you.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** He does that fantastically. I have 15 of 'em, so I don't even attempt it anymore. Um, but you know, personally, I come from your background. I -- I was a -- a small city mayor before I ran for the Legislature, so I -- I know what it's like to sit up there in that seat, and I -- I commend you for the job that you're doing. Uh, Mr. Mayor, I commend -- commend you for the job that you're doing in -- in working with us to -- to make, uh, lives better for the citizens in your city. And, um, I am going to be having some office hours here in the city, in City Hall, starting in the next couple of weeks, so, uh, I'm sure we'll be able to announce that, both through your city website and through mine, as well.

Um, but getting into what happened this legislative session, I've got some good news and some bad news, uh, and I guess that's the way it always goes when you deal with -- with state government. Uh, the good news is we passed a balanced budget this year, and we put more money -- more money in for education. And, uh, that's always a positive, I think, for all of us here in the state. Um, Representative Powell and myself worked very hard on several projects that were very important to Riviera Beach, and we were able to actually insert money in the budget for Riviera Beach, the budget that was passed by the Senate and the House. And I'll tell you, I represent 15 municipalities. Uh, the only money that, uh -- that I got into the budget for any municipality was for the City of Riviera Beach. Um, the rest of the budgetary priorities were for -- for the County, or for things like the Lake Worth Lagoon.

Um, but -- but Representative Powell and I worked very hard, along with your lobbyist, Sean Pittman, and his staff to be able to -- to get, uh, two projects, drainage projects for the City of Riviera Beach into the budget to the tune of \$1,000,000, and that's the good news. Unfortunately, the bad news is that the Governor vetoed that line item.

And, um, I have to tell you, I still don't know why. Um, we received a vague answer about return on investment, but, um, truth be told, I don't even know what the criteria for return on investment for a public works project is. Uh, obviously there were jobs that were going to be created by this work and it was a necessary, uh, uh, bit of work for the City. And so I'm disappointed that the Governor vetoed that, but I'm -- I'm thankful to Representative Powell and my -- my colleagues in the Senate that, uh -- that worked

hard to get that into the budget, and I will tell you, um, nobody worked harder on that than your -- your lobbyist team. Uh, Sean Pittman spent weekends and -- and evenings at the Capitol, making sure that that money stayed in the budget and, uh, it was just a disappointment to see what happened with the Governor.

Uh, I'll talk personally about a couple of things that I worked on, and then I'll turn it over to Representative Powell, and then we'll -- we'll take questions. Um, one of the bills I was able to pass this year sounds like -- like, uh, it -- it -- it want to makes you laugh when I tell you it's about massage parlors. Most people smile, and it -- and it is -- it is something that we laugh about. But actually, it's more of a human trafficking bill. We are now bringing in people into this country from South America and from Eastern bloc countries and putting them into these massage parlors, where they have to stay 24 hours a day, and they're being, uh, basically almost sold into slavery.

And so we've -- we -- we passed a bill that's hopefully going to limit some of that. It limits the hours of the massage parlors, doesn't allow them to -- to, uh, house the women on site any longer, and we're gonna continue to crack down on this human trafficking problem that we have in the City of Lake -- uh, or in the -- in the, uh, State of Florida. Um, sorry.

And, uh, the -- the other things that I worked on, unfortunately, weren't as successful. I - I sponsored a Ban the Box bill, which would prohibit employers from asking at least in that first employee application whether or not, uh, you -- you have committed a felony -- felony in your history. Because what we're finding is folks that have, uh, paid their -- their dues and they have gone to -- to prison and they've got out and they're trying to become contributing members of society are -- are having that first stumbling block because so many people just throw out their application as soon as they see that they have some sort of criminal history.

And what we're trying to say to -- to folks is, give -- give people the opportunity to tell their story, and if at that point you don't think that they're the right person, uh, for you to employ, then that's fine. But, uh, that -- that original box that -- that so many employers make you check, um, I think discounts a lot of people from -- from job opportunities, and it doesn't -- doesn't prevent them from asking, uh, when they come in for interviews, or in the second round, whether or not that the -- you have that kind of criminal history. It doesn't prevent them from doing criminal background checks. It just takes away that early stigma.

And I think that's -- it's an important thing. I mean, when -- when we -- when people go through the judicial system and the -- and the penal system, we want them to be -- to come back and become contributing members of society, and unfortunately, there are a lot of barriers to that. Um, so that was something that I -- I certainly spent a lot of time on. Um, uh, one of the League of Cities priorities, uh, having to do with, uh, sober homes was a -- a bill that I sponsored, was able to move it through a couple of committees in the Senate, but, uh, it died in the House.

Um, and I just wanted to say, before I turn it over to Representative Powell, I had a chance two weeks ago to go visit Drug Court, and the Mayor was there, and Mayor, thank you for meeting me there. I appreciate that. It was an eye-opener and, uh, I can't tell you, um, how impressed I was by what it is that -- that you and everyone else is

doing there. And -- and I think, um, next week the -- the Chair of the, uh, Criminal Justice Committee in the senate is going to be coming into town and meeting with, uh, a couple of the judges, and doing a couple of other things, but I'm gonna make it a point to meet with him and talk to him about that specific program and how I feel that, uh, you all and -- and the people that work for you, are doing a fantastic job with that. I think it's great and anything that I can do to help, I'm gonna continue to do. So after that, I'll turn it over to Representative Powell, and then we'll take questions.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Can I make one comment, Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And, uh, Representative -- uh, Senator Clemens, I'm glad to hear you say that, because, um, the Director, um, Felicia Scott, does a fantastic job, and she continually, uh, continuously is looking for dollars to keep that program going. And not only does she serve Riviera Beach residents, it's the entire County. So thank you very much for that.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** Of course.

**REPRESENTATIVE BOBBY POWELL:** Well, Mayor and City Councilmembers, um, Council Chair, glad to be back home in the City of Riviera Beach. Um, a lot of things happened this session, uh, and we're getting ready to start committee weeks all over again. And the number of issues that are already, um, getting ready to be hot in Tallahassee this summer has not been a dead summer.

What I can tell you that has happened, um, last session, I filed a bill that, uh, uh, a couple of years ago our Chief, Clarence Williams, came to us with, and it's with regard to concealed weapons and the way people are allowed to carry concealed weapons into governmental facilities or governmental buildings. What the bill would have done is allow the local governments to have the right, the opportunity to tell people where they can carry their concealed weapons. It gives that right back to the cities, the Home Rule. We -- we talk about Home Rule, but this would have done that.

We also talk about here in the State of Florida direct file. And what direct file is, is the number of students -- I'm sorry, I say students. The number of youth that are being directly filed into our prison system as adults. And what happens is once you are between the age of 14 and 17, once you are filed into a -- the adult system, you are an adult. You remain in it; every other offense you commit, no matter how small it is, stays on your record as an adult. And what happens is you and I both know, or we all know that at 14 years old, uh, the mindset of 14 years old and 28, another lifetime, is a whole different thing. Both of those bills I filed, they didn't go anywhere this year.

But we also filed a bill that deals with health care. Here in Palm Beach County, we work with the Health Care District to file a bill called the Health Flex Plans. And what that does is, the -- the number of people who aren't covered under any type of health coverage -- and here in Palm Beach County we've been successful because we have the Health Care District who supplements some of these programs, and what it has is over 10,000 people here in the county are eligible for this program.

It's available throughout the state, but Palm Beach County has made it the most successful program.

Um, I also -- I was able to pass that bill, and even this morning I heard Tom Cleare from the Health Care District talking about the Affordable Care Act, which you know, as -- as we know, October, things are getting ready to roll out. So we need to make sure we're cognizant, and I'll be sending out information with relation to that pretty soon.

Also, the Power of Attorney Act. Uh, it does a number of different things. It fixes some of the flaws that were in the Act from the Florida Power of Attorney Act that was passed in 2011. We passed it again this year in 2013. It fixed some flaws, and it also allows a notary to sign for someone who doesn't have that ability, you know, anymore, as long as that person gives them consent.

Uh, Senator Clemens can also tell you that together in the Legislature we fought for a number of different issues. Here we fought for the, uh, right -- and -- and he talked about it earlier -- the elections bill. And I know during, um, election season I actually came out here and witnessed people standing in line for over six or seven hours just to have the right or the ability to vote. And people weren't going home, so, you know, they needed water. They needed a number of different things.

So this year we kind of put some things in place to fix it. It wasn't a complete fix, but, um, it's -- it's moving in that right direction. Overall, session, we did some good things. A lot of things that could have happened, didn't happen, but Senator Clemens and I are here to continue to fight for the City of Riviera Beach and the entire district.

And also, I just want to make sure everyone knows that Sean Pittman, who we were both on the phone with earlier, wished that he could be here. He sends his regrets that he couldn't, but together, all three of us are working for the betterment of our city, making sure that Riviera Beach is the best waterfront city in which to work -- live, work, and play.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Any questions from the Board?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yeah. Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Pardo.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right. I'd like to thank Senator Clemens for sponsoring the Sober House Bill. You know, um, this used to be just a South Florida issue, and when we brought it to the Florida League of Cities last year it was -- we had a difficult time trying to convince the elected officials on the West Coast, and up north, to get on board with this. And you know, we were able to get it through and to support Senator Clemens. And we have made it our priority again.

And what's interesting is, we had a meeting a couple of weeks ago, and now, um, Fort Myers, they're on the Board with us because the Sober House -- they're having a problem now with Sober Houses. Port St. Lucie has 132 sober houses. So Senator Clemens, I just would like to thank you for your diligence and for fighting for us, and you know, fighting for regulations. That's all we're looking for is regulation, as you know. Um, do you have, you know, any updates, anything to add?

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Clemens -- Senator Clemens.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** Thank you so much. Um, well, thank you for those kind comments. A lot of people, uh, worked very hard on that bill --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Uh-huh.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** -- and, uh, unfortunately, as I said, we were able to move it through a few committees in the Senate, but it stalled in the House. Um, just to be clear, uh, uh, Representative Powell was not the reason for that. He's -- he's very supportive of the bill.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Not at all.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** Unfortunately, the sponsor that we had, uh, on the House side, um, just -- just didn't do the things with it that we wanted them -- wanted them to. So we're -- we're looking for a new sponsor this year, and we'll -- and we'll find that. Um, unfortunately, all we were able to do -- and we did this at the last minute because we realized the bill wasn't going to pass, is put proviso language in the -- in the budget that required DCF to study the problem.

Um, they've come out with a draft report. I just saw it this afternoon for the first time. I'm less than impressed. And, uh, I'm gonna read through it begin and really give it the due diligence that it -- that it deserves. But at first glance, uh, I am not sure that I agree with the draft report and, um, I'm going to be able to make sure I make that known to the -- the, uh, Interim Director of DCF, who was just in my office two days ago. So, uh, we're gonna to continue to fight that fight, and I think more and more cities are coming on board around the state.

For those of you who don't know what a Sober House is, just -- I know we're talking about this and maybe some folks don't know. Uh, these are not treatment centers. These are -- these are just homes where people live while they may be getting treatment. But the problem, uh, is two-fold. Number one, we advertise, or they advertise to -- to folks up north, you know, Come get sober here in sunny, sandy Florida, and people come down here thinking that they're on -- going to be on the beach, getting better, and instead, uh, they're stuck in a -- in a -- in a house with a bunch of other folks, and the house may not even be up to code, and it may -- may have problems. That's the first problem.

The second problem is, is that they're proliferating into -- into many of our neighborhoods and you're seeing five, six, seven of them, and they're taking over neighborhoods, changing the essential character of -- of your neighborhood, my neighborhood, and -- and everybody else who lives in them. So, um, we've got to find a way to stop that, and it's going to take some -- some -- some pull.

But I will let you all know when that bill is re-filed, and I would certainly appreciate any pull that you have with -- uh, with other folks from around the state that you know in the League, getting in touch with them and having them get in touch with their local legislators on the issue.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Perfect. Okay. Thank you again.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Any -- any other questions from the Board?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to, um, add onto Councilperson Dawn's, uh, comment -- Pardo's comments for right now. That's almost exactly what's going on with the Island, now. Almost every block, once you get on the east side of the bridge, almost every block is one of those Sober Houses. So I understand, and we appreciate your efforts.

Um, also Senator, I wanted to -- want you to know that, um, a week ago the past Sunday I met with about 50 pastors from the Haitian-American community and that they remembered that you went to Haiti with the Mayor and participated in many of the humanitarian efforts, and we won't forget that, and your relationship with the Haitian-American community is still at an all time high. So we appreciate your efforts in going with us over there.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** I appreciate that. I mean, the spirit of the Haitian people is always -- it -- it amazes me, considering some of the -- the challenges that they have. And thank you, Mayor, for that. I appreciate it. I should just say, one thing that we forgot to mention, and I know this is important to, uh, Representative Powell, as well, is the work that we did with the Department of Transportation.

It wasn't exactly legislation but, uh, we saw what was happening with the Department, and how they were not paying attention to the needs of the citizens of Riviera Beach. Um, and we were able to spotlight that with the help of, uh, Councilmember, uh, Davis, and -- and the Chairperson Thomas, and the Mayor, and -- and, uh, I -- I think -- I'm hopeful that they're on the right track now in terms of listening to the citizens of Riviera Beach on the project. But if we find that they're not, we'll go back and do what we do.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** All -- also, um, Senator, uh, I think that, uh, Marian has worked out the schedule that your person's going to be once a week in the Mayor's office. I think we -- I think we worked it out. So we're looking forward to having that, um, person there.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** Great. And his name is Chauncey Graham, and he's going to be there on a regular basis, but I'm gonna be there as -- as well, uh, for appointments, as well.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I don't know whether both of us could be in the same office, Senator. You're a powerful guy.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** That's a whole lot -- yeah, that's a whole lot of ego there, Mayor. I'm just kidding.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Um, Councilman -- uh, Congressman, uh -- Representative Bobby Powell, you, I call you Congressman for some reason. I don't know why. But anyway, um, it is shameful that Florida leads the nation in direct filing of our children. It is shameful. And --

**REPRESENTATIVE BOBBY POWELL:** Palm -- Palm Beach County, specifically.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And Palm Beach County. As you know, I was an advocate for

juvenile justice way before I became the Mayor of the City, so I want to encourage you to continue that fight. Do not give it up, because one day we're gonna win that fight, and Florida is going to see how embarrassing and shameful it is for our state, and particularly our county, to lead the nation in direct filing children, and so don't get discouraged because it didn't go far the first time. Just keep pushing. Push past the pain.

**REPRESENTATIVE BOBBY POWELL:** Well, absolutely. That's what we have to do is continue the conversation. Uh, one more thing I want to hit on, and -- and Senator Clemens knows that this year there was a change made to, uh, the high school diplomas, and we know that in the past, uh, changes happened that came up with a "one size fits all" type of diploma. Now, it goes back to the career and professional education where students have the opportunity to get dual diplomas. But it does not water down, and it does not water down the diploma. What it does is allow students to have vocational certifications in certain areas to graduate with a diploma still and be able to be certified. Like myself, I'm a certified planner. But -- they won't be a certified planner, but certifications in different areas, like computers. They can be A+ and they'll -- they'll come out of high school with certification that will --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Fantastic.

**REPRESENTATIVE BOBBY POWELL:** -- allow them to go directly into the work force. Um, and if there's nothing else, I do want to make sure I recognize, uh, my staff, my legislative aide, who is here. Also, your, um, Chair of your City Planning and Zoning Board, Tradrick McCoy, who generally deals -- deals with everything in our office. Well, he's somewhere in here.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** His -- his spirit is here.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. Chair? Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, Miss Davis, go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes. One last thing I would like to ask the two of you, um, what do you see coming up, um, of any importance. Uh, I mean, I know everything is important, but you know, coming up in this legislative session, if you can kinda condense it.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** Uh, you know, I think you're gonna see more of the same. Uh, the same folks are up there, so you're gonna see, again, some attacks on public workers that -- that I know Representative Powell and I disagree with, uh, going at --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And what is that?

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** Uh, attacks on public workers, going after their pensions, going -- you know, it's --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Oh, I see.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** -- those kinds of things. I think you'll continue to see some of that. But I also known it's an election year for the Governor and, um, you know, it -- it will -- I think that the City and -- and I know we will try to take advantage of that. I

mean, if he's out there trying to make sure that he gets re-elected, it -- it wouldn't hurt to -- for him to -- to -- to allow --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** That's probably what he's gonna do.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** -- some of the -- the more, uh, monetarily disadvantaged communities in the State, the -- the ability to move some of these projects forward. The vast majority of those vetoes on water projects last year frankly were in communities that -- that are communities of need. And that was, um -- that was really disappointing.

So it's a -- I think you're gonna see a lot of politics this session, because it is a -- a gubernatorial election year and frankly, um, you know, the -- the State has been under one party control for 15 years, and -- and -- and it's going to be a -- a battle next year to -- to see if that continues to -- to stay that way or if it changes.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS:** Um, so --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** All right. Thank you. Oh, you've got --

**REPRESENTATIVE BOBBY POWELL:** And -- and it's likely, um, I know when we get back up there, the "stand your ground" issue has been rather prevalent, and they're going to have a conversation -- I -- I say a conversation, but I know committees, uh, the Speaker has said they're gonna listen to some issues related to stand your ground, and I also know right now that, uh, the Legislature is dealing with some water quality issues, uh, up in St. Lucie County, so I know those things are definitely on the horizon as we prepare to start committee weeks, and go back into, uh, Legislative session.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. If there's no other questions, we'd like to --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- thank -- thank the -- uh, Mr. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I just wanted to say, um, to State Representative Powell and Senator -- um, Mr. Clemens, I want to thank y'all for being so -- such -- such hard working -- accessibility, and come back being transparent for our community, because we rely on your district, and so many times elected officials are not transparent and accessible, and I like what -- the work that y'all are doing in Tallahassee. Keep the hard work, and as you know, the City of Riviera Beach definitely -- definitely behind you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Well, I was gonna say something similar to that. I won't repeat it, but thank you all for -- uh, for being here and I know for a fact that you all have tried to come, uh, several times. We're glad that we were able to get you in on the agenda, because our -- our citizens, you know, do need to hear the updates, and you're more than welcome to come back at any time. So thank you very much. I know you gotta run. So we appreciate it. Thank you.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Mr. Chair?

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

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** While we're on the legislative, um, area and issues, I would like to ask each of you to be thinking about any potential legislation, uh, as we -- now is

the time that we need to be submitting that so it can get before the appropriate committee and that our delegation can get behind it. So if you have anything that you think we could even start talking about, just let me know, come see me, send me an e-mail so that we can begin to put the City of Riviera Beach legislative agenda together.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Thank you. All right. Item 1.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes, sir. Um, just, I -- I -- I'm gonna ask if we can clarify something on page 58 of the, um, minutes, and it was a vote that -- obviously, you don't have to scroll all over there -- um, it was a vote, um, asking, um, if Mrs. Jones would, um, wait until budget time before we voted on her, uh, raise, and in the vote, um, it's listed that Councilperson Davis voted no. So I think it was actually Councilman -- Councilman Davis. So if we could clarify that. It's, uh, about where it says --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Councilman T. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- one -- yeah, or say "T. Davis." It's, uh, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven -- seventh one down under City Clerk.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. She's asking for the letter T., or the --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- actual name of the person to be put in the, uh -- the minutes, and that's -- I'm -- I'm glad you actually brought that up, 'cause we were just discussing that. That's one of the reasons why you have to be, you know, given the floor, so that the -- the court reporter that's transcribing this actually knows who's talking and knows what's being said. So on that particular item, she's saying that that wasn't J. Davis, it was T. Davis, and it needs to be changed to reflect the actual --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It simply says "Councilperson." And it should say, uh, T. Davis.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** That's all.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Any other -- any other questions, concerns? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Item 6.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to appropriate \$4,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for donation to the Riviera Beach Education Scholarship Program and providing an effective date.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Councilwoman Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes, sir. It's just a, uh -- uh, a small technicality. Um, um, also, in the minutes on page 111, uh, at the last -- at this particular meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>, um, when Miss Brown came up to talk about the, um, the, um, scholarships, my comment was that if the -- if the City and my colleagues will agree for the City Manager to give you \$1,000, I'll reimburse the City Manager on October 1<sup>st</sup> from my Community Benefits. So that is the reason that, um, um, it's stated in there that I would give, uh, uh, \$1,000, also. So, um, I didn't want it to move forward without me stating something about it, because I cannot obligate funds that I do not have.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Are there any other questions on item 6?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Oh, I'm sorry. Wait a minute. Oh, that's number -- wait a minute. Okay. I'm sorry. I meant number 12.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Well, you didn't pull that one.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So don't worry about number 6.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** So it's 12 (inaudible) --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. Oh, all right.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, if there's no further questions on item 6, Madam Clerk?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** May I go back and pull that item, sir?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's already been decided you cannot.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, Item -- item 6 is on the floor for disposition. Madam Clerk?

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Item 7.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding bid number 397-13 to B&B Underground Contractors, Inc., of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, for the reconstruction of West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, between West 13<sup>th</sup> Court and Avenue R, in the amount of \$1,691,197.80, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract, authorizing the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10 percent, for a total construction budget of \$1,860,318, authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to make payment for same from account numbers 109071554116355, 412143753306352, 412143753506352, 460112754106355, 303112754106351, 310112354106351, and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Mr. T. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. On the contract it says City of Riviera Beach contract for construction. It says Article 3. I'm looking at section A, B, and D. Uh, specifically, B. It talks about the invoices and the deadline for invoices. But I want to know what provision there is that we have in place that tells -- that -- where we can enforce that the contractor -- and it says the city representative, which -- which it doesn't really state. Is that the city engineer, the representative, when it says "city

representative" in this contract?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Since this is the Public Works Department's project, it would either be the engineer or the Director of Public Works.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Director of Public Works? Okay. So what -- what happens when they exceed the deadline for those invoices? Okay. It talks -- it says, "No later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day of every month," talking about the contract, with submitting the invoices. What happens when they get past the 20<sup>th</sup> day?

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON:** Good evening, Council. Brynt Johnson, Director of Public Works.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Good evening, Mr. Johnson.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON:** Uh, that's -- good evening. That's just the cut-off point to where we stop all the items. So anything installed up to the 20<sup>th</sup> is what they get paid for, uh, as a part of that pay application. So they're -- they continue work, but that's just the cut-off period for pay items. That's what's installed.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you. And one more thing. Down here at the bottom of section D it talks about, um, per diem and mileage. Who's eligible for the per diem and mileage that the City has to pay? Down at the bottom, uh, the last -- second to last paragraph, we're talking -- talking mileage charges shall be identified, destination, number of miles, miles rates and purpose of travel.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON:** Um, well, basically, on these contracts, I mean, of course it outlines all of this in the Florida Statutes, it refers -- it references the statute. But we don't really reimburse for any mileage or provide per diem for anything in any --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah, I know --

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON:** -- of our projects.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I know I see it up in section A, where it says we don't do that, but --

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- in section D it talks about as if we doing it -- it's -- it's -- it contradicts it down in section D.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON:** Uh, that -- this is our standard construction contract. I'd have to defer to our City Attorney on -- on any other issues.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Section -- section D. Kind of highlighted.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yeah. It -- this is general language. Um, the, uh, section A always prevails, but it says, um, "All requests for payments of eligible -- of expenses eligible for reimbursement under the terms of this contract."

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So if we allow the per diem, this would apply. If you don't, we usually say, either in the top or in the, um -- the, um, Notice to Proceed, what they

can be reimbursed for.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But this is a catch-all.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay. I see. So it --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And it -- it falls under 112. We don't give them any, um -- any per diem or -- or any reimbursables that are not outlined specifically in Florida --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** So they can't --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- Statutes.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** So they can't come back, knowing that that -- the one provision there in section A says one and the other contradicts itself, it won't cause any problems with us legally?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We've never had a problem with that.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** But could it potentially?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I would say no, because they -- uh, when they submit their pay --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- if they have it in it, we would take it out and send it back.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We don't just pay them. Um, and then at the end, they have to submit their final bill. They can't come back after the contract is over and say, You still need to pay us for X, Y, and Z that we didn't get a year ago.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay. Thank you.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And we've never had an issue with that.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** You clarified. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Any other questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Item 15.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving the Councilman Cedrick Thomas' Third Annual Fifth Grade Fun Day at John F. Kennedy Middle School, 1901 Avenue S, and providing an effective date.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes, sir. Um, yes, my first question is, um, I'm -- I'm just wondering again, as I did last year, why this is on the agenda. Um, because, I mean, I'm -- I'm looking -- well, that's my first question, and if you can answer that, that would help me out.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. It's been on the agenda every year since we've done it, and it's on the agenda, uh, so that, uh, any, um, thing that the City needs to do, like any other aspect we do, whether we use police or staff or whatever, for whatever in-kind, um, contributions that go there, it's approved by the City. But it's been on the agenda since the first time that we've done it.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. Well, understanding all of that, and as I stated last year, um, if, um, it calls for police or, um, Public Works, or whatever, the City Manager has that authority to do. Um, and when I see that there is, um, a budget attached, um, and for all three of them I think it comes up somewhere close to \$50,000, or about \$48,000, um, you know -- but there is no revenue stream of how this is going to be funded, uh, therefore, that's why I have the problem. Um, so that's why I -- I -- I -- I don't know why it's on the budget -- on the agenda --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- at all.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, I explained why it was on the agenda, and that is still there. The -- the budget happens like it always happens. I use the majority of the community benefits for these, and then as stated in the resolution, we set up an account to receive donations and we raise the rest of the money afforded. It's absolutely zero difference than what has happened in the past three years.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Well, uh, you know, uh, um -- and I'm not gonna beat a dead horse. Uh, I'm not gonna beat it to death. But you know, I -- I still say that, um, there is no revenue stream, but yet you have a budget attached, and, um, it would make more sense to me -- I mean, we can't obligate funds that we don't have. But it seems that what you're saying is you're just putting it on the agenda for the City Manager to, um, you know, provide police or whatever. And to me, in my mind, that's, uh, not

necessary. Um, she has that authority to do that.

So, you know, it could be misleading in that, I mean, you -- you -- in that, you know, it might be looked at that we are, uh, gonna be on the hook for paying for this because you are gonna be using, um -- you're gonna be raising the dollars. But I see here that, um -- what is it that we get every six months, what, \$7,500.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** 7,500.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And I see here that -- on number 42, um, you're putting \$6,229.36 toward the turkeys, and that's all that you're going to -- well, that's what you have now, um, I guess, or are you proposing that this is going to be your donation as of October 1<sup>st</sup>? And again, if that's the case, then what I'm saying to you is that you cannot obligate funds that you don't have.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I didn't obligate --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So I'm asking --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- any funds that I did not have.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. So --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** The --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- is this coming out of this --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm -- I'm gonna -- I'm gonna explain it to you in just one second, please.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** For the Fifth Grade Fun Day, the Fifth Grade Fun Day is not until December 6<sup>th</sup>. October will come before December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** So I would then ask at that time, after October, for monies to be put over there as well as what's in the resolution, to set up an account to raise more funds. The -- the monies that you're talking about at 42, it clearly states that it's for the Turkey Giveaway, which will be coming in November.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Right. Uh, uh, okay. What I'm saying to you is that we are in September and you will not get those funds until October, October 1, and this is my question to you. Do you have the \$6,000 in your Community Benefits now, or are you waiting until October 1<sup>st</sup>?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, I'm asking --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And if that's --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- for the money now, because I have it now. I wouldn't put it on the -- my Community Benefits are just like everybody else. You have to make sure that you have the money. You have to make sure it's going to a proper cause. It would be no different than any other year at any other time.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I'm trying to get some clarification, um, Chair Thomas,

and my question --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, ma'am. I'm trying to give it to you.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Well, um, my question is, the \$6,000, is it your Community Benefits now or is it going to be --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, it is.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's Community Benefits that's in there now.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** All right. And that's still --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** But that Community Benefits is not going to other funding. It's going toward the Turkey Giveaway --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I understand.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** We probably want to discuss it when we get down --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- to the Turkey Giveaway, if --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I understand.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- if you like.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** But that's still not enough money, even with the October allocation.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss -- Miss Davis, I'm gonna try to explain it one more time. I am --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I understood you the first time.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- going to set up an account to raise any additional monies that we need, period.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And my -- my comment is that prior -- the reason that you put it on the budget is for -- on the agenda, is for police and fire usage, or Public Works usage, or whatever. Am I correct?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Some of all of that, yes, ma'am.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. So I don't understand, then, why it's on the agenda now. It would seem more prudent to me that it would be placed on the agenda after you raise the dollars, because I remember the first year that you did it, um, we were on the hook for some dollars, because we --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I don't recall that.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- approved it in advance, and --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I don't -- I don't recall that.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Well, I'm just telling you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** And before you say something like that, I'd appreciate -- I

would appreciate it if you have some documentation to back that up.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Well, I got it from the City Manager, so --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** The City Manager said that we were on the hook? Miss Jones, I need you to clarify that. You said that we was on the hook for something?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** The first year.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm -- I need her to -- to speak on what that was.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And maybe she wants --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** (Inaudible) for.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- to bring it -- bring it back to you. I don't know. But, um --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No, no, no.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- in a --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I want -- no, that's why it's on the agenda. You pulled it for discussion. Let's discuss it.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Manager, what was the first year, which would be three years ago now -- what were -- what was the City on the hook for from -- for this event?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Which event?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** The --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- we're -- we're talking about the Fifth Grade Fun Day. Now, we'll talk about --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** No, no.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- that --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** We're not talking at the Fifth Day Fun Day.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No, that is exactly what item 15 is, the Fifth Grade Fun Day. That's -- you pulled that item.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. Well, um, okay. Not the Fifth Day Fun Day.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I'm talking about the Senior Gala that was -- we were --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Well -- well --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- on the hook for.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- can we -- can we --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So we'll talk about that --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- dispose of --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- when we get there.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- them each as --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- we get to them?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes. My -- my point is, um, that -- so the \$6,000, and then the -- okay. So which one was the Fun Day? And the cost of that was -- your budget was \$17,000. You're still not gonna be there unless -- I mean, you know, unless you raise the money.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So, um, it's -- it's okay. I mean, I just wanted to point out my concerns, so if the rest --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, ma'am.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- of the Council wants to vote in favor of it, you know, that's fine. I'm not.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, ma'am. Are there any other questions or concerns on this item?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Um, um, Mr. Chairman?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. I -- I'm -- I'm not, uh -- I don't have those same concerns that, uh, uh, someone else may have. I -- I certainly understand what you've done in the past, how you've done it. It's been very successful. Uh, I think that the fact that you're making an effort to feed people on Thanksgiving Day is commendable. Um, I don't know anything that has been inappropriate or, um, unethical, um, and if anyone does, they ought to say it. So as far as I'm concerned, I'm totally pleased, totally satisfied, looking to support it again. Feed the hungry and take care of the babies on Fun Day. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I didn't say anything about unethical or anything else. I simply said, you know, um, as far as I'm concerned, the procedure could be done, um, better. And -- and as far as in my mind -- in my mind, it's not done correctly. So that's just my opinion.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Are there any other -- Thank you, Miss Davis. Are there any questions, concerns? Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yeah. Um, okay. I just want clarification on this, also. So what Mr. Thomas is doing is asking the City to set up a -- an account so when donations come in, the donations can go into that account, and then the City -- and then, he'll also put money in when he gets his next batch. But, um, when it comes to paying the bills,

the City pays the bills. Everything goes through the City.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Absolutely.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Absolutely.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's how it's always been.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. Right. Just --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** The other -- the other reason for the, uh -- the resolution of this is because in that particular event we do a, um -- a police demonstration --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- with our police department, a fire demonstration, the Trauma Hawk is there, as well. And those are City resources that have been there. Uh, Public Works helps out with a lot of the different things. So that is the reason for endorsing it, and it's on here so everybody knows what we're doing. Everybody understands that --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (Inaudible) in the sunshine.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- and we can, you know, discuss it. So --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis. Uh, hold on one second, Miss Davis. Let me just see if anybody else would like to have anything to say on this at this time. Okay, Miss Davis, go right ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It is illegal to obligate funds that you don't have, and you don't have the funds, so I don't know what we're --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I'm gonna -- I'm gonna --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- voting on.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- say this and then we can move on --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yeah, we can.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- and you can vote how it is. This particular event is asking to set up an account to raise the funds for this event.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** That's not what it says.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I think you might want --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Maybe you're just asking to vote it.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- to read the -- the resolution in full.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, but if there's --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** We can move on.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, we -- we sure can. If -- if there's no other questions, Madam Clerk.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** No.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilperson J. Davis dissenting.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Item 16.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving the Fifth Annual Councilman Cedrick Thomas Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway, with the location of the event to be announced, and providing an effective date.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. Same thing.

**FANE LOZMAN:** I have a card in this.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'll get to your card in just a second. I see -- I see your card. Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, same problem as before. Um, and I will add, um, this: that, um, usually the way that, um, you know, we have these events and how we pay for them is usually brought to a Council for approval, um, showing how you're going to pay for something, um, as in -- I mean, I'll just give you an example. In the Memorial Day, uh, event, I had the, um, uh, Community Benefits dollars, and the, um, donations that were received, and asked Council for approval, uh, of that. And I have a problem with this simply because it does not show me anything about how it's going to be paid for. So again, you know, that's my opinion.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. And I'll try to address that. As you see in the Community Benefits, later on -- I think it's item 42 -- I'm asking for the funds to go

toward that, and set up an account to raise additional funds to do the Thanksgiving Giveaway. It's the same process for all the events.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** But I'll take -- I'll take Mr. Lozman now. Go -- go ahead, Miss Davis, if you want to finish.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And I have a comment, too, but --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. Mr. Lozman? You have three minutes to make your comments.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman. My concerns are different than Miss Davis. My concerns are for major events like Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaways that should be on behalf of the entire council and the mayor, because -- for the following reasons. The -- the Community Benefits was basically the shakedown of Waste Management. That money came from Waste Management to be distributed among the five or six of you.

As a result of that distribution, Waste Management, the garbage fees for the community went up 1.9 million bucks. So it's the community's higher garbage rates versus if SWS had been chosen, this funding, this Turkey Giveaway. Accordingly, it should not be used for any type of political game by one person getting credit for it. It shouldn't be the Cedrick Thomas Turkey Giveaway. It should be the City Council Giveaway. Those funds, Waste Management, were given to the Council.

So when you have a major event, whether it's Christmas, Thanksgiving, a large event, that should not come from one council member. Each council member, you want to give \$500 each from all your accounts, fine. But to have this as Cedrick Thomas, this is just like political grandstanding. I have a problem with that. That comes from the City of Riviera Beach, because those funds from Waste Management were given to the City, and the taxpayers are absorbing the \$1.8 million loss.

So my suggestion is for a major giveaway like that that's been traditional well before you started it, because I was involved in one of the turkey giveaways, I recall, it should come from the City of Riviera Beach Commission -- or Council. Excuse me. The City of Riviera Beach Council should do the Thanksgiving Giveaway and all of you participate a little bit, either out of your Waste Management fund, or better yet, out of your own pockets, or both.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Thank you for your comments. Uh, Mr. Mayor, you were next.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. Um, it -- it was said that the -- the procedure -- excuse me -- was, uh, illegal to, um, do it the way that you've always done it, and I've never heard any legal challenges, um, and that's why we rely on our City Attorney, um, if there's any legal, uh, issues here. And, um, I didn't hear any legal challenges, so I'm -- I'm still of the same mindset that, uh, um, it's legal. And, um, I don't see any, um, anything any different, um, as far as, uh, the way it was set up, and that's -- that -- that was my comment, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. Any other comments from the Board?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Commissioner Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. There was a comment just made that as a result of the Community Benefits Program, that garbage, um, prices went up to a tune of \$1.8 million. That is absolutely, unequivocally untrue, and I challenge him to produce the documents. I was not on the Council at the time when, um, that deal was made, but to suggest that the Community Benefits Program, where there's \$7,500 every six months, cost the taxpayers \$1.8 million is absolutely ridiculous. So there's no evidence of that.

Um, Mr. Lozman come to the mic to fry to inflame, um, situations that are not there, to try to get the community upset. He does not live in our community. He does not pay taxes in our community. He come here to start trouble, and the community need to understand that there is no person, no -- no purpose for him to be here but to come here in an attempt to antagonize the Council in hopes that the community would get upset, and I guess I don't know what he think that's gonna happen. But, um, that allegation about one point million dollars as a result of the Community Benefits Program is an absolute lie.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Are there any other questions on this item?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. -- Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Just one -- one last question. Uh, and I'll pose this to the City Attorney. Um, um, I remember distinctly that, uh, I think it was on, uh -- on the CRA side some few -- some years ago, uh, prior to 2008. Um, uh, I think we got written up by the auditor because there was some dollars that had been, um, obligated that we did not have at the time. So that's why I made the comments.

I don't know if you remember it, but I certainly do. I was on the Council back then. Um, and that's why I'm -- I'm saying this, be -- um, because I understand what my Chair is -- is -- is doing. Um, but the legality of it is such that, you know, you're saying, Okay, approve this so that, you know, I can get this done. But it's dollars you don't have at this point. So, um, that's why my comments, but I'm not gonna hold it up. Y'all know what my vote will be.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Did you want Miss Ryan to answer something or --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Do you remember it?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Um, I'm not sure I remember it, but I think that there may be a difference of opinion as to what you think this resolution is doing and what, um, the Chair is intending to do.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I don't think he's trying -- and you, of course, can correct me if I'm wrong -- I don't think he's trying to obligate City funds.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I think he just wants the City Council to approve the program so that he can start getting the money in. I think that you're also -- you are correct that at some point that needs to come back to Council in order --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** To show how it was funded.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Correct, and that's what --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And it never has.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You mean the past ones haven't?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** The past ones have not. So I -- it's a problem for me.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. This is what I'm going to say. It's been a problem for you for all the time that we've done it.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It -- no --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I don't --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- it has not.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- I don't mind --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And you don't need to speak to me --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I -- I don't mind --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I really don't mind, because --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (Inaudible) --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- here I am trying to just do something that we've done five years in a row, and if you don't want me to do it, vote no and I will not do it. But I don't see anybody else doing -- doing it. I've been -- I started with 20 turkeys and now it's up to 1,000 turkeys. And if the City wants to fund it, it can be the City of Riviera Beach, uh, Turkey Giveaway. I'm funding it with my Community Benefits, and I'm setting up an account to raise money to get to the rest of them. If you don't want me to do it, by all --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- means just -- I'm not done yet. Please.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** By all means, fine. If that's the vote of this Council, or the sentiment of this Council, then okay. But I'm not gonna stop doing things in the community. I -- I am not. I -- I am not. So if -- if the Board does not want me to do it, you say it and I will do whatever the Board is -- is requesting of me. But I mean, it's -- it's nothing different.

This is the fifth year that we've done this, and in my estimation it has become very successful. If you don't want me to do it, then you can vote in that -- in that manner.

Any other --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. Chairman?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Any -- yes. Yes, ma'am, Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes, sir. Um, I am absolutely happy that you're doing it. Um, as a matter of fact, I started out doing it, too, and I simply handed it over to you because yours was so very successful. Um, you know, and that -- that's a good thing. I -- I'm simply saying that, um, you know, as far as in prior years -- and I remember, um, the Turkey Giveaway has been done, yes, but the Senior Gala has been done, I think this is the third year, and the Fifth Grade Fun Day is the third year. Um, and all I'm saying, that in all of this time, uh, it has never been brought back to us how you funded it. Simple as that. You know? So, uh, if you go -- you know, as far as I'm concerned, if it's gonna be done, it should be done properly where the Council knows how it's funded.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So I think what you're asking for is not to not approve this, but to make sure that it's reconciled with the Council at the end of the program.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Because at this point in time we don't know whether -- whether it's funded by some City dollars or -- or whether he raised all the money. You know? And -- and that's all I'm saying, and it's the same situation as, you know, some other things that have been talked about. But, you know, it should be brought back to Council how you fund these things.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, I can't expend any City dollars that are not within my budget without this Board approving that, so of course you know that it's not any City dollars that have not --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** No, I don't.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- been approved. I'm not asking for anything from the City other than the usage of whatever we use in terms of employees, in terms of whatever we -- we go out to -- to do to make this fifth event happen. Any other questions from the Board? Madam Clerk?

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** No.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo? She's out. Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilperson J.

Davis dissenting and Councilperson Pardo out.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Item 17.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** At this time, Mr. Chair, we need to go to our Public Hearing.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, we have a time certain public hearing. Uh, we'll resume our regular agenda after we've, uh, disposed of the public hearing. So item 22.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** 28. 28.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm sorry.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** It would be item 28.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Item 28.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, fixing the adjusted tax valuation of real property located within the corporate limits of the City, levying a tax on real property and tangible business personal property located within the corporate limits of the City for fiscal year beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, and ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, fixing the millage rate of 8.9980 mils, thereon for said year, providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns? Hearing none, I don't have any comment cards. Let me confirm that again. Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** I mean, Thomas. Unanimous vote.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Councilperson Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, yeah, we need to do 29, as well -- 29.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Sorry about that.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, making appropriations and establishing a budget for fiscal year ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.

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

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, um, I have not received any comment cards on this item. Madam Clerk?

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We'll go back to item 17.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving the Councilman Cedrick Thomas Third Annual Night of Elegance event honoring our seniors and approve -- providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh, same issue, and I will go back and say that, um, this one was similarly done as is this time, and the City did have to pay some of the dollars, uh, for this event. So, um, that's why it leads me to being uncomfortable with it, because I know you have been successful in -- in prior years in raising all your dollars, but you know, I just think this is kind of done a little bit backwards.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I'm gonna withdraw the consideration for the item, for this particular item. I'm gonna withdraw the consideration for the, um, Night of Elegance. If the City wants to do it, then you know, they're more than, um -- they can more than do it, but I'm gonna withdraw it. It's sad that we have to continue to go through this, because this is the one event where we try to look out for our seniors, for to give them a night to, um -- to -- to be able to enjoy themselves, to show them how much we respect them. But I don't want to continue to put, you know, my colleagues or the City through this particular event, and I will just, you know, withdraw it so that, uh, we don't further have any discord with this event.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chairman?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, I'm gonna take Mr. -- Mr. Mayor now. Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Uh, I -- I would hope that you would not. I would hope that you would reconsider, um, the event. This is not about satisfying one person. This is about the people. This is about our seniors. I don't know any city that is doing this, has done that and, um, the vote has been 4 to 1 on the other two, um, items that you -- you put forth. They have been successful.

I mean, look at it. You're -- you're feeding the hungry, the needy, and maybe the greedy. I don't know. But the needy on Thanksgiving, turkeys. Who's doing that? The school, and I see Dr. Robinson stepped back in, um, certainly appreciates our efforts, your effort, uh, at the -- at the school. The Fun Day -- bringing children from different schools, not just one, but several schools.

And then you're doing something for the seniors, or the City is partnering with you. Uh, um, you know, our seniors are in their golden years and anything that we can do to, um, say thank you for what they have done, what they have contributed to our city, I think is commendable. So I just -- you know, I certainly can't tell you what to do, but the Office of the Mayor, um, I would encourage you to continue to do this and look out for the seniors, because if you're not gonna do it, if you don't do it, who's gonna do it? Who has done it? You've done it. Do it again. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Uh, we do have one comment card on this. Uh, Mr. Lozman? You have three minutes to make your comments.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman. I agree with the Mayor. I think it's a very good event. The problem is, contrary to what one councilperson said, it is being funded by funds that were basically extorted outside of Waste Management to give them the contract. SWS did have a much lower rate for garbage, where it would have saved the taxpayers 1.8 to 1.9 million a year. So regardless of what somebody up there thinks, he can't reinvent the wheel. That money came into the City.

That money for this great event should come from the City Council. It should not come from one person, where he's gonna try to use that, you know, to -- to get votes from these people, because that's what it's all about. Why is this -- why is this thing broken up in little pieces? It shouldn't be. It should be from Terence Davis. It should be from Dawn Pardo. It should be from Judy Davis, Bruce Guyton. Everybody up there should fund this event, because those funds came into the City. Okay?

And the taxpayers are the ones who are on the hook for it. Go -- go back and look up what SWS was all about. Their rate was dramatically cheaper. Waste Management was ranked fourth, but yet they became the winner after they were hit up for this 97 grand in Community Benefits. So my problem, as long as you got the money, great. Go ahead and spend it, but spend it in the name of the Council. Don't spend it on behalf of one guy who's just using it for political grandstanding. I have a big problem with that.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I asked to speak --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- I --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, you -- but you already have, so I'm gonna say something right now, and then I'll come back to you. Um, Mr. Lozman may not realize that I was already re-elected earlier this year, and I don't have another election until 2016. This is the third year that I've done this. It's the fifth year that I've done the other event, and the third year that I've done the event prior to that.

It's not about elections to me, and it's not about trying to confuse people. It's about paying respect to the individuals that I felt needed it when I thought of this particular project. I'm raising the money for them because I believe in it and nothing about what you said or anybody else have said that's going to make me feel any different about these particular events.

These are the events that I've come up with. They can be stopped. If the Council does not want me to do them, then I won't do them. But year after year I'm not going to continue to go through this just to try to show something. Everybody up here is welcome to get in there and raise money, give money from their Community Benefits if they want to. They're welcome to take the entire thing over, because it's not about one person up here. It's about our seniors on this particular event. You know?

So I'm not gonna be, you know, be battered and made it look like it's something that it's not, because one or two individuals are there. You've never been there, Mr. Lozman, and you're welcome to come, you know, if someone invites you, or you get a ticket into the event. You -- you -- you're welcome to come. You know? I -- I -- I just don't understand why these events aren't embraced, you know. I don't understand, but I'm not going to continue to labor on that. We have many more things that we have to get done on this agenda, and we can move either way you want to. Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, yes, sir. Um, in response to the Mayor, um, I don't think there's any one person on this Board who has worked harder for senior citizens than I, um, with my blood and sweat. Um, painting the homes when I didn't see anybody else out there. So I totally disregard that comment.

Um, and to my Chair, um, it is not that I don't embrace this. You do a phenomenal job with it. I'm simply talking about -- and let me just clarify it one more time for you -- for -- for -- for those who don't understand. Um, it is the process. That's it. And I am one person on this Council, and my vote is going to be no. So I would suggest that if -- you

know, you don't have to withdraw it. You know? I mean, I -- this is your project. I'm simply putting my thoughts on the table and we can move forward. Simple as that.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton, does your -- thank you, Miss Davis. Does your, um, motion still stand?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Absolutely.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis, does your second still stand?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes, I -- I have one -- one question.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, sir, Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Um, this event shows on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, it's going to be the same Saturday as it always is, the first Saturday in March?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No. We have not actually got into the date. It's just providing an effective date. We have not cleared it. We normally have it at the Port.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** And they're under construction, so we -- we have not actually picked a date. The date will probably be sometime in April.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, but, um, you know, we have to get permission from the Port to be able to use it, and it's a lot of other things that you can't wait till the last minute --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** The last minute.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- to try to get, um, going. So that's the reason why they're on here early, so we can set up --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- uh, the fundraising accounts to be able to do it, also get permission from the Port. If they so chose not to do it, we have time enough to, you know, select another location, um, and it's a -- there's just a lot that goes into it that I don't just drop in staff's lap --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- and say, Make this happen.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Here's what --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You know, I actually work this thing.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Here's my question.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Big time.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** The reason -- the reason I asked that question, I looked at the budget, um, the pending budget, which you -- what you're working with. Could

you potentially, um, let's say, come back in, like, December, and tell us how much we, um -- we've raised for this particular event? That way, if the Council and the -- the Mayor, we all can help out to help cover the costs if you have --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** That -- that would be a welcomed, uh --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah. I mean -- I mean, we've got time -- we get to the halfway point, we need to know where we are, come back to the Board, let us know where we stand --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis, I welcome that --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah, uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- and you can also participate in raising the money. You can take --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Oh, I'll participate. I'll be there.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. I -- I mean, that -- that -- that's fine, you know.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** It's no problem.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** The way it has been is, that's what it -- that's what it is.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's -- it's -- it's for our -- our residents and, you know, individually I have been raising the --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- the money. So that's what's happening. If that's what you're requesting, I have no problem with that at all, none.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** None. Any other questions or concerns regarding this item?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh, Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'd just like to clarify my motion, and I -- I'm sure that everyone on the dais understands it, but my motion is not to obligate any funds from the City. Um, it's only to allow whatever in-kind services that -- that you may need and, um, I think that has traditionally been the case, anyway. So, um, there's been some discussion or -- or -- or some -- some inference that maybe -- maybe you may be obligating some City funds. Um, first of all, I'll let you clarify that. That is not your request, is it?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's not my request.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** But, um, maybe the City should -- maybe the City should look at funding this, instead of it all being on me and always getting abused to do it.

Maybe it should. Maybe it should be the Night of Elegance honoring our seniors, presented by Riviera Beach. And if Riviera Beach would like to fund it, I think that's a great idea. I -- I really do. I really do. So in this particular item, of course it wasn't. Of course not. But maybe they should. Maybe in December, when we find out how much we've actually raised, maybe we should come back to the -- to the Council to, you know, to -- to -- to --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- see that. But to answer your question, in this item, no, I'm not asking the City --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- to do it. I'm asking just to, um, adopt it, be able to set up an account to raise money as we've -- as we've done. And it's a very difficult thing to do. It's very, very difficult to do, uh, to pull off. So I mean, I'm -- I'm basically saying, Look, you know, however you want me to handle this, I'm willing to handle it, but you know, I -- you know, I don't want the -- the -- these things about it's not a good idea, or it's being done wrong, or improper. I want to remove all of -- all of the -- the doubts about that. Are you finished, Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah, I'm done.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, if there's no other questions or concerns, Madam Clerk.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** No.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilperson J. Davis dissenting.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Item 20.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Proclamation of the Mayor?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** (Inaudible). That's 20.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** That's, um, (inaudible) presentation. (Inaudible).

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** As we continue to look out for our seniors and you continue to do your Night of Eloquence [sic] and others paint a few houses, and we look out for the least of these, um, I would like to proclaim the month for Sickle Cell Foundation, as well, uh, as we look out for those that have this, um, disease. So Mr. Frank Hayden? The other side. Mr. Hayden, you're -- you're fine. I don't know whether you were here earlier, but we -- uh, this has been a good night for the children, a good night, um, for helping people, and now we've come to help you. Okay?

Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor. City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida. Whereas sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder that causes pain, infection, disability, economic strain, even death, and has no known cure, and whereas the primary sufferers are African-Americans, sickle cell disease is a global affliction affecting all racial and ethnic populations, but especially dark -- darker skinned races, and whereas even though there is known -- there is no known cure for sickle cell disease at this time, treatment is available to help sufferers lead more productive and rewarding lives, and whereas the Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County and Treasure Coast both assist individuals and families that have been impacted and affected by this dreadful disease and conducts -- conduct education, outreach, and support programs to increase community awareness, and whereas -- Marian come back -- come in and read the rest. I'm a little hoarse, though, from the preachings from Sunday.

**MARIAN DOZIER:** Whereas the Foundation is celebrating its more than 30 years of work with an open house festival and community health fair on September 14<sup>th</sup>, which all City residents should consider attending to learn about this deadly disease. Now, therefore, be it resolved that he, Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in him by the citizenry of Riviera Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 2, '13, as Sickle Cell Aware -- Awareness Month in the City of Riviera Beach. In witness thereof he has hereunto set his hand and caused the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013 A.D. Signed by the Mayor and, uh, uh, Clerk Ward.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So proclaimed.

**MARIAN DOZIER:** So proclaimed.

**FRANK HAYDEN:** Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Would you like to have something to say?

**FRANK HAYDEN:** Yeah. Um, first of all, uh, on behalf of the children of Palm Beach County, uh, that we serve, and their families, uh, we'd like to thank the Mayor and the Council for, uh, providing this proclamation to us. Um, Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes, sir.

**FRANK HAYDEN:** Uh, as you know, we -- we've lost one of our, uh, patients not too long ago, and you were kind enough to open up your church, uh, for the service for that young person. Um, I don't think anyone has a tougher job, uh, than we do at Sickie Cell because it is a devastating thing when a parent has a child that is suffering from this terrible disease, and there's nothing you can do about it. You're in excruciating pain and sometimes there's nothing you can do to relieve that pain.

But with proclamations like this that you've given, that let us know that the work we're doing, you appreciate it, you're supportive of it, and it just encourages us to work that much harder to help the children in Palm Beach County. So once again, on behalf of my Board and my staff and the thousands of families and children that we impact in this county, thank you so very much for this proclamation.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you very much, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Mr. Mayor, you're still up. Uh, a key to the City?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. Uh, Mr. Chairman, as you know, we had planned to give the key to the City to Mr. Dan Calloway, but because of a conflict of schedule, Mr. Calloway will accept the key, uh, to the City next month. But he did want you to know that he's gonna be actively working with the Office of the Mayor, uh, with our young people as relates to trying to combat the, uh, crime and the violence in Riviera Beach. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** All right. Thank you, Mayor. All right. We're gonna go to 22.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving the plat entitled Rapid South, totaling 6.74 acres located on the east side of North Military Trail, east of Lone Pine Golf Course, south of Port West Boulevard, north of Up The Grove Lane, and providing an effective date.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Is there --

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- a motion?

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Um, any questions from the Board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Item 25. I'm sorry -- 23.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a -- approving a site plan application to construct a 17,161 square foot commercial building on 1.93 acres, located at the southeast corner of West Blue Heron Boulevard and Australian Avenue, and the southwest corner of West Blue Heron Boulevard and Avenue L, and providing an effective date.

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So moved.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So moved

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Any questions from the Board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We're gonna go to Public Comment at this time. It is 7:00. Um, everybody is aware that the City Council has adopted a set of rules of decorum governing public meetings. If any of these rules that are posted in the, uh, rear or at the table of the auditorium is not adhered to, the Council Chair, uh, may have any disruptive speaker removed from the podium, the meeting, or the building, if

necessary. Please govern yourselves accordingly. Um, up first we'll have Margaret Shepherd. Good evening, Miss Shepherd. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach, to, um, all of you in your respectable places, I'm here to thank Mr. Guyton for such a wonderful job in, um, accumulating dollars for our children to go on their swimming retreat. Um, it was excellent. For the first time I think we brought home at least eight first class wins. That's good. Our trophy is beautiful.

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

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** And our children brought home second and third place, and this is wonderful, because they swim in an Olympic-size pool.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Fantastic.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** And I'll tell you, they did a bumper job. So I just want to thank -- and Mr., uh, Davis, who came out to our first meeting on our own grounds, those people that came from Boca, um, Boynton, they were amazed at how beautiful our aquatic center was. And they are just overwhelmed with our buses. So I want to say thank you. For all the bad things that are said, I think that some good things need to be said.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes, yes.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** That our children are progressing in their swimming. So I want to thank Mr. John Lee Williams, got to thank the Director, Miss Franks, Miss T., Frank, everybody that participated in this year, and our driver. Our driver, he's the one that's up at 4:30 in the morning, and John has a specific time. We have to be out by 5:30. Not 5:35, because the bus is gone. He's a stickler for details. Don't knock on the bus at 5:30, because we're gone. We have a long way to travel. So I thank him for that, and we do, uh, just thank all of you for participating, and know one thing. If you're not listening to the news, children are drowning. Sad case the other day on -- on Peanut Island.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Uh-huh.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** And I tell you, it's -- it's great to see our children. Our children. Our African-American -- we're the only ones. We're the only African-American set of children that come in droves that go to those meets. So I want to thank you, Mr. - - Mr. Guyton. I heard you all was shopping in the middle of the day, and we just thank you from the bottom of our heart. Most of all, to the City, Chair, all of you. We thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you very much for your comments. Okay. Up next will be Bessie Brown. Good evening, Miss Brown. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**BESSIE BROWN:** Good -- good evening, Mr. Chair and Council, and City Manager.

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

**BESSIE BROWN:** I was, um -- I wanted to speak on item 9. No one, uh, pulled it. It

was a referencing, establishing the, uh, updated fees and penalties for the police alarm system. I looked at the back-up, and I was really, really surprised that you all would go to a maximum of \$500, and how you establish these up increases the same prices as the unincorporated area. And then I was looking at the back-up where some other 10 plus, um, alarms is \$60 or \$100 max.

But it's -- it's just as astonishing that this Council thinks that, uh, the City of Riviera Beach citizens can just -- should just be increased on dollars, and we didn't -- it's not -- this is not just a -- a rich city. And -- and you will, uh, increase these fees up to a maximum of unincorporated areas. I think that -- and I'm -- I'm also appalled that it's on resolution, and you didn't do it as an ordinance with the first reading and all that, so people and these taxpayers can have a say on it when you are increasing fees on them.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you very much for your comments. Next up will be Fane Lozman. Fane Lozman? Good evening. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman. Just for the record, for people watching on TV, I come up here and I get provided a lot of good information. People forward information to me. They forward it to my attention, the Palm Beach Sun. It's a great opportunity to learn information. Because a lot of people don't wanna come up here and be intimidated by the Council, you know, accusing them of stuff and all kinds of garbage.

But, uh, some of the stuff I've learned is, do you know that city employees have to take a random drug test? I didn't know that. I thought maybe police and fire. I didn't realize all city employees have to take a random drug test. Since the City Council is being paid by the City, I think it's only appropriate that the City Council also take a random drug test. That was anonymously told to me. Um, I'm just passing that on. The person who told me to -- told that to me is afraid to come up here for fear he'll be -- he will be targeted.

Um, I used to live at the City Marina in my floating home. The City took my floating home, had it arrested by the U.S. Marshals. The City destroyed it. Ultimately, the Supreme Court said they didn't have the authority to do that. They should have gone back to the Eviction Court judge, where I had won that case. So one of the reasons I'm not living at the City Marina was the City took my home and destroyed it at taxpayers' expense. They spent over \$600,000 doing it.

Now, the Admiralty Court where we are -- where the arrest happened, that Admiralty Court doesn't have jurisdiction over something that's not a boat. The Supreme Court said my home is not a boat. In order to get compensated, so I get paid for my home that was destroyed, that had to take place in another action, and I discussed it. That's a 1983 Civil Rights action. So that's why that was filed. If the City hadn't destroyed my home, that claim would not have survived.

Now, we talked about Corey Alston, who was arrested last year and he was charged with a number of more charges last month. Corey Alston did donate \$500 on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to Bruce Guyton, and the Alston Group donated 500 bucks on February 26<sup>th</sup> of 2013. Corey Alston is a registered lobbyist in Riviera Beach. Okay. Why did Mr. Guyton take \$1,000 from Mr. Alston, who ripped that off from South Bay? I got a

problem with that.

I also have a problem when I look at your financial disclosure form that you gave 2,500 bucks to Richman Greer, P.A. to sue the City. You gave 2,500 bucks on a campaign form to sue the City, and sue the clerk? It says, Guyton versus The City of Riviera Beach? Well, you lost that case. Did you reimburse the City for their legal expenses? Is that an appropriate use of campaign funds to sue the City, to sue Mr. Davis and all that? I mean, that's -- that's pretty petty, if you ask me.

**BOARD MEMBER GUYTON:** Uh, Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** By all means.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Um, Mr. Lozman hasn't realized that he doesn't intimidate me, clearly. And Mr. Lozman has been rumored to have committed a sexual assault. And he has a sealed file in Las Vegas, and if he were to be a man, he would unseal it.

**FANE LOZMAN:** It is unsealed.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Hey, I --

**FANE LOZMAN:** The judge (inaudible) --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Lozman, please keep your comments to yourself or take them outside.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So when he come up here throwing these accusations - - one of the most hideous and heinous crimes that you can be accused of is a sexual assault. He's talking about Corey Alston, which I'm not going to entertain, because he is a frat brother of mine, what he did when he made a contribution to my campaign was legal. Um, he is still my friend, and I'm wishing him well through his trials and tribulations. Uh, and for someone with the background of Mr. Lozman to try to, um, degrade or attack or embarrass somebody with his criminal background, it's absolutely absurd.

So I want Mr. Lozman to know that he does not intimidate me, and every time he comes into this town, he's on my turf, and I don't care what you think or what you say. Mr. Lozman does not pay taxes here. He does not work here. And all he does is want to try to intimidate me, and that doesn't happen. And I will -- I would invite him to ride through my neighborhood at night. You know? That since you want to, you know, come here and throw accusations, and -- and that's not a threat. That's an invitation. I want him to see how we live in the 'hood. Okay? And -- and you'll understand why you don't intimidate me, because I've been through a lot worse. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Next up will be Richard Wester. Good evening, Mr. Wester. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**RICHARD WESTER:** Good evening.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening.

**RICHARD WESTER:** Richard Wester, City of Riviera Beach. Thank you. I was born and raised here, 67 year resident of this city. I've been -- I've been a taxpayer all those

years. So is my mother and father. The last time I came through here I got called a nigger by Councilman Shelby Lowe, and he was cursing at me on e-mails, and I sent some back to him. So, uh, I guess somebody in the City here, Miss Pardo didn't know that, uh, her e-mail was -- account was blocked. Neither did the mayor. I was sending them e-mails. They never got them.

So, uh, somebody here should, you know, within the City blocked me from mailing e-mails to the City, but I still send e-mails out, send them to Treasure Coast, State of Florida, Palm Beach County. Uh, Tallahassee, somebody called me from Tallahassee, let me know that they could -- they getting up there, so I'm still sending some e-mails out, talking about this City.

Uh, and we talking about Mayor Masters, and two or three thousand dollars. Well, somebody here spent over a quarter of a million dollars plus over that there Public Works place. See, that's why I got called a nigger, because I was complaining about that Public Works place over there where the -- the City let it pass here to Council, voted to spend all this money over there to build a Public Works facility and everything and then somebody came along and say, Hey, we got another building. See, when you got a nickel and a nail in your pocket jangling like this here, you ain't got no money. So you're dealing with somebody else's money, taxpayers' money.

So I see everybody now talking about they're worried about taxpayers' money. Money gone now. Spend that \$6 million over there, and, Mayor, and don't you stop. Please don't stop. I got -- I got signs in my yards, been putting them out. You keep doing what you're doing, because the taxpayers behind you, 'cause they don't wanna see nothing leave here.

And when I come up here to talk, I come up here to talk as a taxpayer. I don't wanna be jumped on like Shelby Lowe did me, calling me a nigger. Niggers like you, what, we ain't got nothing today. And all this hell being raised in this Council meeting, I -- I was kinda see where he was coming from, but it wasn't me. And Miss, uh -- what's your name? Pam Ryan? I been trying to do -- been trying to do what you said. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** All right. Thank you very much for your comments. Next up will be Monty Greene [phonetic]. Good evening, Mr. Greene. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**MONTY GREENE:** Good evening, sir. Thank you. Good evening, Council.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Good evening.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Good evening.

**MONTY GREENE:** Um, I'm Monty Greene, a resident of Riviera Beach, uh, and presently Chairman of the City of Riviera Beach Library Board. I just want to give you some information about, um, things we're doing at the library. Uh, we will resume Saturday hours on September the 7<sup>th</sup>, and that will extend to May 24<sup>th</sup> in 2014. The hour -- the hours will be from 10 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Also, um, September is Library Card Day Month. Sign up day, library card sign up. And so we encourage you to have anybody that you know sign up for a card, and we also are trying to -- uh, we will have, um, a visit from Ronald McDonald on September 18<sup>th</sup>

here in the Council chambers. So I hope you will realize that our library is a -- is a very important part of our -- of our city, and that, um, you will continue to support us. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you, Mr. Greene, for your comments. Next we'll have Miss Bernice Wooten. Good evening, Miss Wooten. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**BERNICE WOOTEN:** Good evening.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Hey.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You want to pull that mic down just a little bit, Miss Wooten?

**BERNICE WOOTEN:** Good evening.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Good evening.

**BERNICE WOOTEN:** Mayor Masters, Councilpersons, and staff, what a pleasure it is of us to stand before you again. If -- if it's permissible, I'd like Miss Marian Dozier to stand beside me.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It is very permissible.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I -- I think I'll give you that permission, Mr. Chairman.

**BERNICE WOOTEN:** Again, we're here, but first of all I'd like to say, uh, thanks to, uh, Councilperson Terence T.D. Davis for again partnering with us, along with --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** You're welcome.

**BERNICE WOOTEN:** -- Mayor Masters --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**BERNICE WOOTEN:** -- this year for the International Coastal Clean-up. It is scheduled, uh, September 21<sup>st</sup>, this month, from 8 to noon at -- well, we are registering at Monroe Heights Park, and we'll be there from 8 to noon, and we just need the help of our young people, especially, uh, middle school students and senior high school students. They need to come out and earn four community service hours. Uh, we'll have a -- a lunch prepared for them immediately following the clean-up and, um, we're just looking forward to everyone, and anyone else who's willing to participate with us.

Uh, I'd like to say a special thanks, too, for Miss Dozier. She's always been there to support us, and without her, I don't know what we would do. She's been -- she's been an asset to all of our clean-ups, and we thank you so much for listening to us. And of course, we have uh, T-shirts, free T-shirts. And all supplies will be provided for the clean-up, so we just ask the -- the students to please come and be on time. Thank you so much.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you very much Miss Wooten. Um, we're gonna move -- that's the end of Public Comment. We're going to move to item 24.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mr. Chair, the following ordinance was advertised

in the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 edition of the Palm Beach Post. An ordinance of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Article 3, entitled Firefighters Pension Plan, Section 14-47, entitled Board of Trustees Created Powers and Duties of the City of Riviera Beach Code of Ordinances relating to the fire pension plan by providing for an increase in trustee terms, providing for a codification, severability clauses, and providing an effective date.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

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

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote. The following ordinance was advertised in the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 edition of the Palm -- Palm Beach Post. An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Chapter 11 entitled Nuisances, Article 3, entitled Junk, Wrecked, Abandoned Property of the City's Code of Ordinances by creating a new division entitled Shopping Carts, for the regulation of shopping carts, providing for severability, conflicts, and codification, and providing an effective date.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

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

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Item 26.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** The following ordinance was advertised in the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 edition of the Palm Beach Post. An ordinance of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances entitled Zoning, Article 9, entitled Land Development Application Fees, Section 31-691, entitled Purpose, by providing for the waiver of fees associated with processing large family child care home applications including site plan application fees, special exception fees, and advertising fees, to be added to the land development application fee scheduled for a one-year period, referenced under Section 31-691, providing for severability and conflicts, and providing an effective date.

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

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

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote. The following ordinance was advertised in the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 edition of the Palm Beach Post. An ordinance of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances entitled Zoning, Article 3 entitled Site Plan Review, Section 31-61 entitled

Standards For Granting Special Exceptions, by providing an incremental payment process option for required special -- special exception fees, site plan fees, and advertising fees for large family child care homes, community residential homes, and places of worship, amending Chapter 31 of the Code Of Ordinances, entitled Zoning, Article 1, entitled In General, Section 31-1 entitled Definitions, by providing definition of community residential home, providing for severability and conflicts, and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

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

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** All right. Item 30?

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Chapter 14, entitled Pensions and Retirement Programs, Article 4, entitled Police Officer's Pension Plan, Section 14-75, entitled Board of Trustees creating powers, duties, Subsection (a), of the City of Riviera Beach Code of Ordinances relating to the police pension plan by providing a procedure to stagger trustee terms, and by creating Sections (3) and (4), providing for codification, severability clauses, and providing an effective date.

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

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

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

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We're gonna move down to the regular part of our agenda, Discussion and Deliberation, item 31.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Agreement between McKinley Insurance Services.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, I actually asked for this to be, uh, put on, um, and it was put on in this manner, I'm assuming, because they're the ones that are the current agent of record. Um, my concerns were, as I raised a couple of meetings ago, um, where we, um, were -- were not getting real time information as it applied to the new Affordable Care Act, uh, which -- which is also, um, I'm gonna say, affectionately referred to as, um --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Obamacare.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- Obamacare. So, um, my -- my issue was, I just thought that, um -- and this is no problem with our agent of record in terms of the service that they provided, or whatever, but I thought that we need to go out in the marketplace with these new, um, mandates and things that are out there, just to see, you know, um, if we can get more information, get some different things, um, or get more understanding about what's happening with Obamacare, um, or the Affordable Care Act, um, and that was my reasoning for, uh, placing this on the agenda. So let's -- it's -- it's been placed on for discussion to see how the remaining, uh, members of the Board feel.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yeah. I'm fine going out (inaudible) --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Can you -- can you speak into the mic?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Is it on? I don't know if it's on.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's on, I think.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. Um, I am all in favor of going out for bid again.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Any other -- any other Board members?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** And, um, if we do that, when are we gonna do that? Is that something that --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's -- it's all -- yeah, it's just discussion to see what the Board wanted to do, if the Board wanted to go out to bid, um, and if we do, I mean, we do have to provide some type of clause for termination, um, in this particular --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- uh, agreement. But it's -- you know, it's -- it's on for discussion and deliberation, so --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** We have nothing to lose.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** In -- in listening to what you just said, uh, you had it put on so that you could gather more information about Obamacare. Have we asked McKinley to provide the information for us or is this about just terminating the contract and going out for another bid?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Is that question to me?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No. I've stated why it's on for discussion. If -- if it was on for me to just terminate, I would have said I think we need to terminate the contract. We've had -- we --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Well, I --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** We -- I'm gonna answer --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- your question. We had a meeting, uh, a budget workshop, I think, several weeks ago, and I said that I had some concerns about not getting the information, uh, that I necessarily needed. So I didn't find it robbery to say let's bring it before the Board. There's a lot of moving parts to -- to talk about or discuss. And that's why it's -- it's here today. That's the reason why I brought it up. We can --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. So -- so I -- again, your comment as to why you put it on was to receive -- you were, um -- you weren't receiving enough information about Obamacare, and my colleague, Miss Pardo, came right out and said, Well, I'd like to go out for a bid. So I'm wondering what -- what is this about? It's confusing.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, I said it's a lot of moving parts, and I put this on the agenda. I don't know if Miss Pardo wanted it on the agenda, or any other member wanted it on the agenda. I thought it was something that we needed to discuss. Therefore, it's on the agenda and we're discussing it.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Pardo.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All right. I'll make my comments. I did not ask you or the City Manager, City Attorney, no one to put this on the agenda. However, I said, um, I am more than -- I'd more than, um, like to go out for bid again. My reasoning is, our agent, Mr. Moore, came in here, um, a month ago or so with another company, you know -- um, they made a presentation to the CRA. They were trying to get business out of the CRA, uh, redevelopment business. He was part of the RMA Group.

So you know, once I saw that I thought, okay, you know, I thought he was into health insurance, and now he's into redevelopment, and he's trying get business, you know, redevelopment business from us. So I would, um, you know -- at this point, we have nothing to lose. Health care costs are rising, and let's see what's out there. Maybe there's another -- there's hundreds of, uh, health care, uh, brokers out there, and maybe someone else could come back and, you know, give us a better bid. So I'm willing to do it.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Any other questions or concerns?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mr. Chair?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Let me -- let me take Mr. Guyton, please.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'll defer to --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** She's already had a turn, Mr. Guyton. Please just answer the question and we'll come back to her.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Um, what -- what my comments are -- are related to, what I understood from the comments at the last meeting, why it was coming up -- my understanding was, um, because of the, um, Affordable Health Care Act, that now is about to be implemented in some regards, and other provisions, um, they've decided to delay, I understood it to be that, um, it was a consideration to compare which companies had knowledge and to what degree their knowledge was as it relates to the Affordable, uh, Health Care Act, and how it would impact our City.

Um, my understanding, also, was that if it were to do that, if we were to do that, um, um, McKinley would also be able to, um, respond to the RFP and they may be the best with the qualifications and knowledge regarding the Affordable Home Health Care. But my understanding was to compare what companies and their level of knowledge that is out there and -- and how this program or the new act would impact our, uh, employees, and our program, and, um, see what companies, um, may respond and what they would be offering specifically focusing on the Affordable Health Care Act. My question would be, how would something like that be written into an RFP?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, I mean, Mr. Guyton, if I may, uh, um, I, um -- the -- the -- well, first of all, let me make sure that, um, we distinguish that Mr. Moore is an employee of McKinley, and this is about McKinley, uh, Financial, who is our agent of record. That was my thought on this process, as well. And McKinley would be more than welcome to, you know, respond to, um, the RFP. I don't have a problem with them responding. I don't think that they did a bad job. But I want to make sure that we have the best that we can have, and I don't see any reason with -- with, you know, with going

out to RFP to see that, if McKinley is ranked to be able to provide the service, then I don't see a reason with that. But we've had the same, um, uh, agent of record at least since I've been here, and --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- the health care has significantly changed. And I just want to make sure that we have the best one. I'm just trying to, in my summation, trying to -- to make sure the City's getting the best that we can. So I'm understanding it how you're understanding it, and that is what, you know, I agree with. Uh, but once again, it's discussion. Any other members of the Board?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chairman?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. -- is that Mr. Davis or Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** It's me. It's I.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. -- Mr. Mayor, go right ahead, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Um, Congressman Alcee Hastings was -- was here yesterday, um, did a live presentation, and it was taped, as well, which he went into, uh, and I did send out a, um, um, FY-out -- FYI to fellow colleagues. And, um, letting them know that he would be here to discuss in detail the, uh, Affordable Health Care Act.

And, um, Mrs. Perry was here from the, um Human Resources. Chief Perry was here, as well, and he has left, um, a couple numbers, phone numbers, and a website that if -- if anyone need any information in detail about this, the Obamacare, actually known as Obamacare, that he has provided, he will certainly, um -- he also gave his home number on television yesterday, if anyone wants to call him directly. He will, um -- he and his staff will explain -- explain it and, um, talk about the benefits and that type of thing. So, um, if anyone out there, you can view that, uh, recording. It should be here, um, continuously, probably, for the next seven days, where the Congressman went into very valuable detail. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. Mr. Davis, anything?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I have no comments.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. Chair, um, I'm trying to -- and y'all help me out if you can, please. I'm trying to figure out what does Obamacare --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Can -- I'm sorry, Miss Davis. Your mic is --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** What Obamacare has to do with the service being provided to our employees, and the only thing I can come up with is that there may be varying plans, I guess, that they can choose from. But if somebody has the answer to that, please let me know.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, I don't have anything further than what I stated.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. So --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Excuse me. Chair --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Hold on one second, Mr. Davis. Miss Davis, continue, please.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So, um -- and just, um -- as you stated, McKinley is the -- the company. Um, Mr. Moore is an individual making a living. So I don't see why it's a problem that he showed up with another company, um, you know, if that's his -- another area of his expertise. I -- I mean, that seems kind of personal to me, but anyway, um, I think that McKinley has done a -- a -- a great job, uh, since they've been here. Um, they have kept our premiums down. Um, last year -- for the last couple of years I know that, uh, they haven't gone up very much, and one year they didn't go up at all. Um, so their contract doesn't end until 2015. So I -- I'm just at a loss why this is here again.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Any other comments? Oh, Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes, sir. Um, I see there's a lot of questions, um, going on in the Board about the health care. But as you know, recently the health care, um, services have changed quite a bit in this country, and the only way you're gonna know what you're getting is to see what the market has to offer, and see how much the market has changed. And I'm not a health care professional, but it's -- I think it's only good that we do our due diligence, is to put this out so we can allow, um, McKinley or others to come out and show their spiel what the market has to offer with this new health care initiative as we move forward.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, any other comments from the Board?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. Just a question that I posed previously with respect to the RFP. How would the scope of services be written to incorporate an analysis of the Affordable Health Care Act and their level of expertise and I guess how it would impact our employees?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, I mean, that -- that would have to be something that, um, will come -- that will come from staff, probably Purchasing, would probably be my, uh, guess. And, you know, writing the RFP, uh, through the Manager's office and through the staff to -- to write the RFP for what exactly we're looking for.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Mr. -- Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, sir, Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** All right. Now --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, well, hold on one second. Mr. Guyton, was -- I mean, did you want to --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. No, no, that's -- that's --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Mr. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** With this process, as we move forward, is this something the Florida League of Cities can assist us with?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** In terms of constructing the RFP?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm -- yeah, I'm -- I'm sure they could, uh, but I'm -- I'm also sure we put out a lot of RFPs that, I mean, this is something that we can do. But we can -- it doesn't hurt to -- to ask the, uh, the Florida League of Cities to help in constructing an RFP. I don't -- I don't think that would be a problem.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So exactly what would be -- we be looking for? Something better than what we have or just an overall what's out there?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So are we gonna just spend the money and, you know, for -- to put out an -- an RFP and perhaps get something that is gonna cost more or --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, we -- we don't know that yet. Uh --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Right, we don't.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- we -- we may have the best out there in the -- we may have the best, but it doesn't mean that we shouldn't go out and make sure that we still have the best. I don't see anything wrong with that. And if we have the best, and McKinley chooses to -- to, um, you know, submit to the RFP, or respond to it, and so be it. We'll just continue on with the best. But I don't see a reason with going out and making sure.

Things are changing real time, uh, with this, uh, particular, um, Health Care Act, and our staff, uh, does more than just pay attention to that. They have a lot of other things that they're doing, and we just want to make sure that the agent of record is -- is the best that we can get for what we're doing. So I mean, like I said, its discussion. So do we have any further discussion on this?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** One more question.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Of course. Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So -- okay, this is September. Um, new and -- uh, the new plan is supposed to kick in October 1<sup>st</sup>. Are we talking about this upcoming year or are we talking about later?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, I would think that it has to be in the next year. We've already decided on what we were doing in terms of our health care for this particular year. Um --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So we're looking at '14/'15 then.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, you still have to put the RFP out for the (inaudible) --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I know, but I'm saying, to be effective, '14/'15?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I would -- that's what I'm looking at, since we've already

decided and we've already made our budget decisions on that's what we were going to pay for for this particular fiscal year.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Let me ask you a question.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Of course.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** The RF -- once this go out for bid, and say pending next year, um, the agent of record, does that have anything to do with the current policies that we have in place now?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** So the agent of record won't affect --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No, the agent of record --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- what -- the policies --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- won't affect --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- that we have in place.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** The -- the -- if -- if the current agent of record --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- is selected again, then they will begin to negotiate and -- and you know, find us a carrier, or a potential carrier for our following budget year.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** But at this particular point, we have already decided that we're going with, uh, Coventry, or whatever their new name is, um, and that is what we will do from this October to next September. But during the earlier months, the agent of record would, you know, help us to find that particular new carrier. If it's a new agent of record, if it's a new company or whatever, that's what they would do.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** So we're talking about doing -- um, if we was to do RFP, you talking about waiting till next year to do an RFP?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No, I -- I think that you would have to do that as soon as possible --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** As soon as possible?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- because they need the time --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Time to --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- to be able to --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** But if -- if we want to do something, either we need to get a motion and give a time limit that this needs to go out, so that we can give proper notice

to the, uh, current agent of record, or if, you know, we don't want to do anything, then we can, uh --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay. I'd like to make a motion that this go out for, uh, RFP in October, 2013, for bid.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been moved.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

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

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** No.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilperson J. Davis dissenting.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Item 32, um, this is a discussion of the Mayor's trip to China, uh, for the Fifth Annual Global Outsourcing Summit. This item was, uh, tabled, um, but it was brought back, so we have to make sure that we handle it in a proper fashion. Mr. Guyton --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- could I interrupt --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- Miss Davis? Yes, ma'am?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- one second? Mr. Chair, um, I, um, am going to ask, uh, one more time that, uh, I be able to revisit item 12, simply because I did not disclose that my nephew is receiving one of these, uh --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I -- I understand you, Miss Davis. Um, but we have public disclosure, and that item was disposed of under consent, so it's already decided upon.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. So you're denying me the opportunity --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm not --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- to go back --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- denying you anything, but --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- to --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- we -- the -- the motion -- the -- the motion and the item has already been disposed of. Uh, we -- we can't re-open it.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, you can make a motion to re-open it.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** If you make a motion to re-open it, you can, but at this -- at this point it's -- it's --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I move that we re-open item 12.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** (Inaudible) consider it.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

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

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Item 12.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to make payment from other grants and aids, account number 001020351905521 on behalf of the 2013/14 City of Riviera Beach Education Scholarship recipients in the amount of \$19,000, authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to appropriate donation funds received --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** (Inaudible) --

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** -- from the West Palm Beach Fishing Club in the amount of \$2,000, Police Law Enforcement Trust Fund in the amount of \$4,000, Mayor Thomas Masters' Community Benefits Funds in the amount of \$1,000, Councilwoman Judy Davis Community Benefits Fund in the amount of \$1,000, GEU Real Estate,

L.L.C., in the amount of \$1,000, TNC Express, Inc., in the amount --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** (Inaudible).

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** -- of \$1,000, \$1,000 from the Riviera Beach Education Advisory Committee, if needed, and disburse funds from account number 130 --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** (Inaudible) sponsor that --

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** -- 020351905521, and providing an effective date.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So move.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Is -- the motion is already --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah, the motion (inaudible) --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No, it's open. It's already open.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh, yes, sir. Thank you, uh, for allowing me to revisit this. I was remiss. I pulled the wrong, um, item. But there are three of my, um, relatives, James Coachman, III, Jerry Coachman, and Jerrica [phonetic] Coachman all - all received, um, a \$1,000 scholarship, and I will not be, uh, voting on this item.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** (Inaudible) --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, we need a motion to reconsider it.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, I'll be --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All right. So I have a -- a motion to approve.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been moved.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions? Okay. Madam Clerk?

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh, no.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Abstain.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yeah, abstain.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chairperson Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilperson J. Davis abstaining.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We're gonna go back to item -- item 32. Discussion of Mayor's trip to China, uh, for the Fifth Global Outsourcing Summit. Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I -- the -- the first, um, order of business I would like to do is take it off of the table. I would like to move that the motion that was tabled come off of the table for discussion.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been moved.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Okay. Uh, Mr. Guyton, uh, you -- I'm sorry. We do -- we do need a vote to take it off the table, so you -- you, like -- uh, Madam Clerk.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Pardo? Chair --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Thomas.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Mr. Guyton, you now, uh, for the discussion purposes, have the ability to discuss your item.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. And, um, this is an item that we have discussed in the past, I think, on at least a couple of occasions, and it's my hope that it can be, um, resolved this evening one way or the other. I -- I brought it back because, um, one, I've been getting calls encouraging me to make sure that I don't relent, which I wasn't gonna do anyway. Um, there are taxpayers that, um, feel

that the Mayor should pay for this trip, since it was not --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton, I'm very sorry, sir. Please allow me to interrupt you, because I did not take the comment card as I normally do, uh, first. We had two comment cards, so I'm gonna take those two comment cards on the item, and then I'll go directly back to you. Would you please accept my apology?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I do.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, first up we'll have, um, Miss Margaret Shepherd.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach. I'm not here really to discuss the Mayor's trip, but it was something that the Mayor said, and I'm here to clear it up. He said something to the effect that the past mayors always had a problem with traveling, and in defense of my cousin, who is the Honorable Mayor Clara King Williams, um, Clara went on a lot of trips, but Clara had invitations to come, and they paid for her trip. And I don't want people to get it out that Clara did this and Clara -- Clara -- Clara never did that. Very honorable black woman. And I'm just here to defend Clara, her character, and I guess that's why she ran successful 12 years. Never heard too much from Clara, just a very nice honorable lady.

She was in Jet Magazine twice, Ebony twice, and every time Clara went anywhere she always brought back something. She never came back empty handed. So I just want to go on record. I had a couple phone calls. As you can see, I'm not well today but just to defend my cousin, Clara, went on engraved invitations. I saw the invitations. I saw the tickets. And I just want people to know Miss Williams never accepted a trip.

I have been on, uh, different trips with Council and you know, I never seen anything that was spent out of the ordinary. I'm going back to Miss Wade and them. I don't -- I don't know too much about the spending, but I just never saw any overspending, so I think we need to clarify that before we attack someone's character. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you very much for your comments, Miss Shepherd. Uh, next we'll have Fane Lozman. You have three minutes to make your comments, Mr. Lozman.

**FANE LOZMAN:** Fane Lozman. Sometimes the Mayor and I have not seen eye-to-eye over the years, and I've made my comments. I've looked into the trip. The Palm Beach Sun has looked into the trip, and that's why the Mayor's face is not on this ad offering a \$50,000 reward for misconduct. We don't have a problem with the trip. The people I know around the community, the homes that I saved when I fought the eminent domain battle, the thousands of people, those people that I know, the black residents on the west side of town, they don't have a problem with the trip. A couple people up there have a problem with the trip because it's part of their political agenda. Okay?

The Mayor went to China in a city that has a big industrial base. We have a big industrial base here. We're talking about one of the world's biggest mega-yacht shipyards on 20<sup>th</sup> Street. We have Northrop. We have all kinds of industrial activities in Riviera Beach. We have the Port of Palm Beach. A lot of freight and cargo from China comes through that port. And you're giving the Mayor a hard time because he went on an economic trip to China? You should be ashamed of yourself. That is ridiculous. It's just political grandstanding because the Mayor is fighting somebody's pet project over

for a new City Hall that's being built in the place where industrial factories should be built, not a City Hall. This is a beautiful place where it is right now.

So I'm gonna continue to come up here. I'm gonna call it the way I see it, and I don't care if I'm going to be defamed repeatedly by Mr. Guyton, or Mr. Thomas, by condoning his behavior. And for the record, I was never charged with a sexual crime. I was never arrested for a sexual crime. The mayor who I got kicked out of office, Al Dorne, his son made up this story. I hired a former U.S. Attorney. They refuted it. It doesn't exist, but you're going to be sued for defamation, and then you will learn it doesn't exist, also, because money talks, and you know what walks. And this 50 grand to get any dirt on you being coughed up by the Palm Beach Sun and Fane Lozman.

But as far as the Mayor, we're an industrial -- we have a huge industrial base with the Port of Palm Beach. We have factories around this town. I think you did the right thing. If you didn't do the right thing, I'd tell you. I would write about it. So we don't have a problem either with me or the other people at the Palm Beach Sun. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. And before I get into this item, this item will be very quick. Let me just say to, um, this transient that comes from Dade County to try to intimidate our city, um, it's clear that he doesn't intimidate me. If he had anything on me, he wouldn't have to pay \$50,000. And quite frankly, I'm insulted. That's all I'm worth? Really? I -- I -- I mean, Dude. So -- so all of this grandstanding, and I'll pay for some dirt, that means that you don't have anything on me, period, because there's nothing out there. You're trying to pay people to manufacture dirt. So if it was there, you would have it. You'd be at that mic --

**FANE LOZMAN:** Yeah, I --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- sounding ridiculous.

**FANE LOZMAN:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Now, um, as it relates to this item, um, if Mr. Lozman supports the Mayor, he can support him to the tune of \$4,500. You got so much money. And this item is before us, not because of his trip to China. It is because he didn't have it in his budget. We, as -- as a City, our most important document is our budget. We allocate taxpayers' funds for a reason, because we have to stay within that budget in order to meet our goals.

If I -- and this is not about the mayor. And let me clarify that. This is about governing, good governance. Whether it's me or any other councilperson, I cannot jump on a plane, leave the country, not identify where the fund's gonna pay for this trip, and then come back and realize I don't have the funds, so the taxpayer's gonna have to pay for it.

So, um, this has been an issue that's not only been a problem with me, but as I indicated, I've been getting calls. And let me just say that, um, heretofore we have not been -- when I say "we" -- elected officials, in my opinion, monitoring and policing each other. We don't have a responsibility to do that. We have an obligation that we need to make sure that we lead by example, and if we're going to require everyone to stay within their budget -- and they have to -- we need to do that ourselves.

If there were arrangements made prior to leaving, then that would be a different story. The problem that I have with the trip -- and let me just go back to the minutes that -- um, that were taken back in August. The Mayor indicated, and I quote, that the "trip to China was a gift by the Chinese government as far as the accommodations, transportation, and food while I was there." He further said, and of course, "the transportation was provided in our budget." I'm assuming he is assuming the City Council, that the Mayor and the City Councilpeople have.

So when he came to our -- when he came to the Council, he clearly indicated that there would be no charge to the taxpayer. He said that he had it in his budget, and, well, it would have still been charged to the taxpayers, but he wouldn't have exceeded his budget.

So, um, when -- when he took the trip, he decided to stay in Beijing, and he told the hotel that ran \$500 a night -- this is on taxpayer's money. In addition to that, when he got to L.A. he rented a car on taxpayer's money. We have a credit card, and I feel that this was reckless and irresponsible. Um, Mr. -- I just have a quick question for Mr. Sherman, um, Mr. Chair, if I may.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mr. Sherman, would you please come to the mic?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Could -- could you tell me what the credit card limit is for elected officials?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes. Randy Sherman, Director of Finance and Administrative Services. The credit limit that is set on the credit cards is \$2,500. However, let me take that one step further. Um, the policy does allow the limit to be increased under certain circumstances, um, and I spoke to Mr. Guy about how frequently that does happen. Um, and in this case it was requested because he was traveling, and they knew the budget was going to be about \$4,000. They did increase that limit, uh, for this particular trip, and that does happen, you know, in certain circumstances where people know that they're going to go over the \$2,500 limit

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. When -- when the Councilperson use a credit card, is it paid out of their budget?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes, all the credit card charges are charged back to the specific budgets.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** When the Mayor returned, reconciled his budget, did the Mayor have the funds in his budget to pay?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No. When the credit card got reconciled --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That would be a yes or no.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Can I go back to the question. The answer would be no.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** He did not have the funds --

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- in his budget.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So he -- he exceeded his budget in that regard.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Did he exceed it by the entire 4,500?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** He actually exceeded the -- his budget without the 4,500. So the 4,500 did not get charged to his budget, because his budget was already --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** -- uh, over.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So -- so in addition to this trip that he took that exceeded the budget -- let's put that to the side. He also exceed -- let me ask this question. Back in 2012 -- I'm looking at the budgets of all of the councilpeople, and there was only one that didn't stay within the allocated budget. Do you have that paperwork in front of you?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes, I do.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And which elected official was that that didn't stay within their allocated budget?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** The Mayor.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** The Mayor. And how much did he exceed it?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** \$3,105.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That's irresponsible, in my opinion. But in addition to that 3,000, then he went to China and came back and gave the taxpayers another \$4,500 over and above what was allocated for his budget. Is that correct?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** That's correct.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So -- and thank you, Mr. Sherman.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So -- so -- so my -- my point is that we have to be accountable and responsible. I would like to know from Mrs. Jones, has -- has any -- were there any arrangements made with you prior to the Mayor going to China to pay for any overage that he might have encountered?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So there were no arrangements made. Okay. Um, there are times when there are instances when one may exceed the budget, but -- and correct me if I'm wrong, um, um, Miss Manager -- um, prior arrangements are made; is that correct?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Prior arrangement and -- and approval is given when the request is outside of the parameters of the existing budget.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. So -- so the Mayor did not make arrangements for his overage. He not only went over the 4,500. He couldn't stay within his budget in his -- in -- in the regular amount that was allocated. He exceeded it by 31 -- \$3,100. The Mayor made a statement, um, and would you play the statement that -- that the Mayor made from your -- uh, about this China trip? And the point that I'm getting to here -- (Video played).

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- and we're gonna prove at the proper time in September that -- and I agree --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Can I set the volume to it?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- with Mr. Guyton. However, if -- if some elected official --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You may just need to (inaudible).

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- plans to go somewhere and he says, "We're gonna go over the budget," I don't care what the budget says, we're gonna come back and give the city --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Would you back it up, please, Don?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- the bill. That is wrong. It's immoral, it's unethical. And that is not what happened (inaudible), and we're gonna prove at the proper time in September that -- and I agree with Mr. Guyton. However, if -- if some elected official plans to go somewhere and he says, "We're gonna go over the budget," I don't care what the budget says, we're gonna come back and give the city the bill. That is wrong. It's immoral. It's unethical, and that is not what happened in my case, and the Finance Department will prove it at the -- (End of video).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And I would submit to my colleagues that that is exactly what happened, that he went over the budget. It was not approved. And he came back and gave the taxpayers the bill. He said himself that that is wrong, immoral, unethical. And I'm gonna say, I -- I agree. And it -- it is my hope that we as elected officials understand that we can no longer ignore each other.

This is not just about the Mayor. I cannot leave the country and come back and give the taxpayers the bill. So that is my logic and background and reasoning why I feel that the Mayor in some way should pay the taxpayers back, because it was not approved, it was not authorized, it was not sanctioned. And he even said himself, if that were the case, it was wrong. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Any other Board member would like to say anything?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes, sir. Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Hold on one second, Miss, uh -- Mr. Mayor, if you want to say something, I'm gonna say that it's going to be inappropriate for you to do it there. You might want to come to the dais since we're discussing that.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, that's because I wanted to look him in the eye.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I want to look him in the face.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- Mr. -- Mr. Mayor, I understand that, but I'm gonna ask that you return to your -- to your chair and let's discuss it as a Board. That right there is very confrontational, and I think it's a little inappropriate. But I can't make you move, but I think that's a little inappropriate. While you think about it, I'm gonna take Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, yes. Mr. Chair, um, you know, I -- I -- this is not my first visit to, um, a circumstance such as this one, and I'm just going to go back and, uh, read something from the minutes, because, um, you know, it's been said on various occasions that, you know, we want to take the politics out of, uh, our votes. Um, but the politics certainly are in our votes.

And, uh, I'm looking at the July 17<sup>th</sup>, um, minutes. And I have to indicate to all of you that these are not just minutes that, you know, a person takes and, you know, puts their interpretation in it. These are verbatim minutes. Um, one of my colleagues said, "Without specific approval from City Council, uh, otherwise travel expenses shall be paid for elected officials only from their respective budget accounts." But also went further to say, "Take out the City Council and put in the City Manager wording," only because, you know, it -- not wanting it to be a political vote. Okay.

Um, and I'm gonna go on to, uh, read, um, another, um, one of my colleague's statement that says, um -- and I'm paraphrasing here, but it basically says that, um, if a boss went to our City Manager and stated that they wanted them to pay for something, okay, do you feel that the City Manager would be somehow, uh, intimidated if they said no? Particularly when one meeting prior to this meeting several of my colleagues here had not one good thing to say about the City Manager. She couldn't do anything right.

So if one of those people came to the City Manager and asked her to do something that she knows she probably shouldn't do, what do you think she would say? She would probably say okay, for fear of some kind of retribution. Okay?

And I'm gonna go on a little bit further to, um, state that another one of my colleagues said, "Oh, the City Manager is perfectly capable of making this decision pertaining to travel, when we have a City Manager who we pay very well to make these types of decisions." But also, who did not, uh, feel that the City Manager's, uh, contract should be, um, renewed.

And, um, another said, "I've worked with the City Manager for four years and I know for a fact she has stood up to Council on several occasions on different issues when, uh, personal pleas by Council, um, to do something. Let's take the politics out of it." But you see, they're -- that's simply an interjection that one of us would vote no on a councilperson wanting to travel somewhere that was -- that had a specific benefit to the residents of this City.

All of us, I believe in my heart, are big enough and -- and mature enough that if that is the case, there wouldn't be any problem with voting yes for them to go. But again,

there's always this political machine going on here to interject all these negative connotations about what would happen. And that's not the case. It simply hasn't happened.

So you know, I think that, um, this is strictly, for me, a matter of, um, doing the right thing, uh, particularly when, as my colleague here has read the minutes, uh, of this, and, uh, the Mayor specifically said, "And of course the transportation, uh, is provided in our budget that the Mayor and the City Councilpeople have." That was a total, uh, mislead to me and this Council, and that's why I have a problem with it, and I think the money should be repaid. So when we look at \$3,105 plus \$4,500, that's -- that's 70 -- that's almost \$8,000.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Over budget.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Over budget. So we can talk about being accountable. We can talk about being transparent. You know, all of those things. But you know, those are just words. If you don't act on it, it's -- it means absolutely nothing.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor, I know you were next. Um, once again, I'm gonna say that it's very inappropriate for you to speak there. This is a discussion among the Board, which you are part of. You have a seat up here. I think that it would be appropriate for you to make your decision -- make your comments here. Once again, I'm not gonna have you removed from the podium if that's where you're going to choose to do it from. Is that where you're choosing to do it from?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No, it isn't, Mr. Chair. It's just that we have a, um, video clip, and we want to make sure that -- that Marian plays correctly, so I'm standing here just for that part, and then I'll go back.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Just as, uh -- as she prepares for this, the first thing I want to, um, say that we're -- we're talking about the economics of the trip, uh, the investment that I tried to make on behalf of this City.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor, you will be making --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No, wait.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- your comments from there if you start that there. I'm -- I'm really gonna ask that you do it as a Board here.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, I'm trying to preface the video clip.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That this video -- uh, thank you. And I do respect you, Mr. Chairman. I will be going back there just momentarily. But this video clip will focus on what has happened, or partially what has happened since the Mayor went to China to benefit our City. Thank you.

(Video played).

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Now you to have the key to the City.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And, uh, that's our key. You take it with you. And we are now (inaudible) --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And this is in Riviera Beach, Mr. Chair.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We've never had an official, uh, delegation from China to visit our City. Uh, there was an official delegation in Palm Beach County that went to China a few years ago, but the, uh, City of Riviera Beach was not on -- in that trip, or on that trip. Rather, I went to China a year ago, went to the southern part of China, and we hope it helped to put Riviera Beach on the map.

And we've invited the, uh, delegation from the southern part of China to come visit our city, look at the possibilities of investing in our city, new businesses and new jobs, but we want to welcome the official delegation from the northern part of China that's here today, and with Suncoast Community High School has one of the larger, um, not the largest, Asian population, I think, anywhere in Palm Beach County.

We're going to be visiting, uh, that school and hooking up a video conference between the students of Riviera Beach, and Suncoast to the students in China, and also going to visit a CRA district, looking at -- uh, and exploring great possibilities that China can invest in Riviera Beach. So that's why it's important, and that's why I'm excited to have now another sister city to Riviera Beach in our city.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** What do you --

**LINDA CARTLIDGE:** This is where the microphone is, and you speak, uh, and you talk back and forth to, um, you know, anywhere in the world. How exciting for us to have the Mayor bring to us the Chinese delegation. We are always happy to have anyone the Mayor brings in, because he's always looking for partnerships and celebration and doing the right things for students. And, uh, they were excited about this opportunity.

Uh, certainly we are very excited about Suncoast being in Riviera Beach, and we want to make sure that the world knows. Uh, we were able to bring our number one student, who happened to be from China. So we were excited about that, because that was an opportunity to show that we are an international school. Uh, we have 59 different countries represented by our students, and 38 birth, uh, languages.

And so with that, the whole world is at our fingertips, and the importance of a partnership with China, uh, a great superpower, with the United States, working through Riviera Beach, a beautiful place for anyone to come and visit, and certainly we're hoping that they'll enjoy their stay here with us.

**CYRUS CUI HONGHAI:** So I think the port, two ports, in Yantai [phonetic] and here, Palm Beach, two ports, already the sister ports, I think in the future that's will be the good business between two countries, two peoples, uh, here and

China. So I think the students learn about China business. Uh, for future, they will try to find some more business accounting -- uh, accounting to the business - - the ports themselves.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** The United States, um, gets more money from China, perhaps, than any other nation in the world. China invests in foreign countries, perhaps more than any other nation in the world, other than United States. Uh, certainly when we look at the, uh, the history and, uh, how they've invested in, um, Third World countries like Africa and other -- other countries around the world, we really believe that this city is going to be chosen to, uh -- by our sister city to invest in, because they've been doing it around the world, and they've just landed to the best waterfront city in which they'll work and play, and to invest. (End of video).

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Um, in addition to the Chinese delegation visiting Riviera Beach, on that day we, uh, met with, I think, uh, Madam, um, Manager, um, in the conference room. Is that correct? And, uh, we discussed possibilities of economic development that the Chinese were looking for in, uh, doing in Riviera Beach, or in Palm Beach County; is that correct? Madam Chair -- I mean, Madam Manager? You -- you do remember that, in that meeting.

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

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. We also, uh, took the delegation to the CRA and, uh, the Director was very excited about the EB-5 program and other possibilities that the, uh, Chinese looked at as it relates to investing in Riviera Beach like they have other, uh, cities, states in the country.

Since that time, we've had two new businesses, uh, by the, um -- the Asian people. One is a restaurant in Riviera Beach, and another is a -- um, a spa in -- in the Winn-Dixie Plaza. I think there's another possibility, a business. But this whole deal about China, um, was to go there to invite them here to our city, to our county, to invest, also to put Riviera Beach on the map. Since that time, um, any young person that would like to go to the university in Beijing, China, according to what they told us, they will be offering them a scholarship, uh, if they live in Riviera Beach.

So, uh, we're looking forward to continuing this relationship and I just know that one day that we will be having some more investments in our city that will be putting people back to work and bringing businesses in our city. Mr., uh, Sherman, would you come back to the microphone, please? The authorization for the trip to China was before I went; is that correct?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes. You filled out a travel authorization form in July.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And for the benefit of the listening audience, what does that mean?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Uh, we request that when any, um, employer, elected official, is traveling, that they actually fill out the travel authorization form that lays out what they anticipate their expenses are going to be, and where those expenses are gonna get charged to.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Did I follow proper protocol and procedure?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And I think we were requesting, was it 4,000?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** 4,000.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And we went a little -- we went, what, 400 over, or something like that?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** There was 4,500.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. You, um, are aware that, uh, sometimes when you have the -- a request, it could go under or it can go over, but it's never the exact; is that correct?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Very rarely is it the exact amount, yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. And, um, what is the process? We fill it out, make the request, and where does it go? From the Mayor's office, where?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Uh, in your case, uh, it actually went to the City Manager and then it went to the Finance Department.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Um, we've had several discussions about, uh, this trip, about how this could have happened. Um, certainly I -- I think you would agree with me that there was certainly no intent here to take a trip, come back, and say, "Here's the bill." Um, it was actually after I had come back that we realized that we -- we thought we had the money to move around; is that correct?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Well, your account, actually, your -- your travel expenses weren't actually reconciled until November, so it was after the year had already closed, uh --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So we didn't really know until, I --

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Until -- until the November.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Um, Mr. Sherman, you -- you have a list of the elected officials of right now, and you ran the numbers, what the elected officials would give back to the city right now. What is that? Would you read that, please? What is left right now?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Right. When we ran the report last week, um, on there it shows everybody's current outstanding balances. Um, and you want me to read each --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I do.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** -- individual's? Okay. Um, District 1, and again, we're not talking salary and benefits, just -- these are just the line items.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And District 1 is?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Uh, District 1 is \$2,747. District 2 --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Hold on, sir. Excuse me. Who is District 1?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That would be me.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Okay?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Has 2,000.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Because I don't know --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Go ahead. I just want to make sure that the -- the audience knows. Go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. I have \$2,000 something, so I'm -- I'm under my budget.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Uh, District 2 is 2,835.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And that's --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Me.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- Councilperson Davis.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** District --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Judy Davis.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** District 3 is \$7,007.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** That's -- that's me.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's the Honorable Chair.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** There you go.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** All right.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** District 4, \$5,872.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And that's Honorable Chairwoman --

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** District -- District 5, 3 --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- Pardo.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** -- \$3,848.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And that's T.D., Councilman Davis.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** And then, uh, within your budget, Mayor, is \$6,284.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. With the exception of Councilman Guyton, who just got on here in March, so that money -- part of that money would have been there from Councilperson Billie Brooks; is that correct?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Part of the dollars spent would have been.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Would have been.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. If we set that aside, who -- uh, who has spent the most

money, uh, of the budget, or who has the least to turn back according to your figures? What district is that?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Uh, well -- well, District 1 is actually the least. District 2 is the second.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. After this came to, um -- to fruition and to light, um, I -- you know, I stated that, you know, we made a mistake. Didn't -- wasn't aware, as you, you know, basically said, that we would put in some, um, things in the Office of the Mayor that this would not happen again. Okay? Having said that, we did it. So now we have, was it 6,200, to give back to the City?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** 6 -- 6,284, correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** 6,284. Uh, well, I don't plan to travel anymore between now and the end of September. Uh, there may be a couple hundred dollars, two or three hundred promotion that we may do, but, uh, that's about \$6,000 -- so, um -- that will be going back to the City. So I'll be giving that back because I have no purpose of -- so I'm -- I'm thankful that we did what we said we were going to do. Now, thank you, Mr. Sherman.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** You're welcome.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair, I want to read a couple of things. Then I'll -- I'll rest -- I'll rest our case, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** This was a news release for immediate release July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. Debbie Isaacs, Mayor Chief of Staff. "Riviera Beach Mayor Thomas A. Masters heads to China this week at the request of the Peoples Republic of China government and the Chief of the Foreign Trade Division of Kunming's Municipal Bureau of Commerce. The Mayor received and accepted the invitation to be a -- a VIP participant at the Fifth Global Outsourcing Summit 2012 in Kunming City, China, meeting with mayors, governors, other heads of state, business leaders, and CEOs of Fortune 500 companies from all over the world.

"Masters will continue his push to create new businesses and jobs in the City of Riviera Beach and to ultimately continue putting people back to work throughout Palm Beach County. The global summit explores emerging technology and software outsourcing, strategic thinking on developing international outsourcing, financial services, and new market trends for global gains outsourcing. Mayor Masters is armed with a packet from Palm Beach County Convention and Visitors Bureau providing channels for discussion about tourism, cultural exchanges for sister city relationships and ideas, exploring other possibilities for business, trade, and economic development. PBC Commissioner Priscilla Taylor is encouraged by Mayor Masters' trip to China and says she believes it can enhance the County's effort to expand, uh, international trade."

So I just want to give the listening audience a view of the purpose of this trip and the only reason why I went to China is because the last time any elected official from Palm Beach County went to China -- and let me just say this. Any mayor that's worth his salt that cares about his city goes to China, because that's where the money is. Okay?

But the last time that any elected official from Palm Beach County went to China, Riviera Beach was left out. We were not invited. Now, whether that was intentional, I don't know. This time I was invited, our city. I went with the intention of meeting and greeting and trying to do some interchange and exchange to bring something back to this city. As I said, two or three new businesses have happened since then. They have come over here since then.

We have a relationship between Suncoast Community Adult High School. Now the students there can confer through teleconferencing. Also, a scholarship has been, uh, offered to anyone wants to go to China, to Beijing or to the university in Northern China, rather, and we continue to press to try to do (inaudible) what's right for our city, to bring this to Riviera Beach.

That's why I went and that's what we brought back, and there's gonna be more, because they are interested in this city. Having said all of that, I have \$6,200 to the good this year. It's going back to the City. Thank you, uh, Mr. Sherman, and Mr., uh, Chairman.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Mr. Mayor, I just want to confirm that you said that you are paying back out of this years' budget, \$6,200?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** It -- yeah. Let me just say around 6,000, about 6,000. Probably we have a couple hundred that there's -- I think there's one little thing that I would like to do to promote the City, but, uh, at least 6,000, yes. Uh, that will be going back to the city. Someone said, Well, give it to the library or give it to the Youth Empowerment Program, but giving is like spending it. So I'm just gonna give it to the City and let the City, uh, have it back in their coffers from what we were able to do this year. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Thank you. Um, all right. Any other questions from the Board?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Let me just make sure there's --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- no other questions from anyone else. Okay, Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh, I -- I'm -- I'm glad that the mayor recognized that he needs to pay this back, because if he didn't, he wouldn't offer to do it. But I'm not certain that the books have been reconciled, and what the numbers are articulated tonight is what is actually in the account. Mr. Sherman, could you verify if there's been a recent, um, reconciling of the books and could those numbers change, or are those firm numbers?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Uh, these -- these numbers were as of last week, and the only way that they would be changing is if future expenses are incurred, or if there were some open credit card charges that -- that haven't come through yet.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. So, um, the amounts that the mayor say he's gonna give back, um, would that be done now or would you go in and capture that

money, or -- and -- and obligate it, or how do we --

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Hmm. Yeah. I mean, I --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No, no. He -- he said he wants to do this.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So I want -- I want --

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- I want you to --

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** No, we could --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- go in and --

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** -- we could --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- take it out of his --

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** -- sort of --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- budget.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN:** -- encumber it so it couldn't be used for other purposes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. Okay. Okay. Um --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** All right. Is there any other questions or concerns about item 32?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Just a suggestion, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Pardo? I'm sorry. Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, just going forward, I think this type of thing would not happen if, uh, each of us took the -- or our assistants took the time to reconcile the bank statements every month. That way you'll have an accurate, um, accounting of what is in your budget. Um, and apparently in the mayor's case it was not done until the fiscal year was over, and you had traveled, um, I don't know how many times. Um, I think it was to Africa and to, I think those were it. I don't -- I don't remember exactly.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That was free.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** But if the -- if the -- if the, um, reconciliations were done, you know, we'd be in a better position to -- to keep track of what our budgets are. Just a recommendation.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. If there's no other questions on item 2, no other concerns, we're gonna move -- I mean, 32. We're gonna move to item 33. Okay. I'll read it. The mayor's, uh, convened a press conference on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, at 3 p.m. to discuss the rash of shootings in the local area. Um, that's, uh, up for discussion and we do have one comment card on that. Miss, um, Margaret Shepherd. Good evening, Miss Shepherd. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Good evening, Mr. Chair. Um, to all of you, Margaret

Shepherd, Riviera Beach. Back again to, um -- since people called and asked me, I -- I can clear it up on Clara's side. God bless the dead. Um, when Bill Wilkins was the Manager here, Bill was the one that encumbered, um, Clara to do the C.O.P's. That's how it got started. And it was a very good group that spilled over with our police chief now, Chief Williams, III.

Um, and -- and Mr., um, Davis, T.D. Davis brought something to my mind. He said the - the charter. It's been a while since I read the charter and I guess I need to read the charter again. With each Director or the CEO, with their own job, it give the description what the job is. Sitting at home listening, and even at Hilltop, and I think Mr. Thomas and I know Mr. Guyton and Miss Davis, I know you all good friends with Reverend Davis. And I think that you all need to spend a little time with Reverend Davis to kinda decipher a little bit what's going on.

If you're gonna ask for prayer, ask for prayer in the right thing. Right now we need some real action. Getting back to Clara, she stayed in her place. That's how she reigned so long. Didn't bother anybody, but when she was pulled out, she did her -- never jumped in front of anybody. That's how the lady reigned so long with no conflict.

Now we're listening to what each one has to say, leaving out the chief. I think if anybody can get this going, where I've seen -- I've seen the chief do it once before with a rash of, uh, crime in the city, and with the nice things that he have. The other day I was -- think I was on First Street and I seen this thing said "The Eye." I figured, what in the heck is The Eye? And now I saw it down by me, I think on 27<sup>th</sup>, The Eye. Okay. So we know it's something in the community. And I'm -- I'm just gonna stop here, because I think that we need to stop and let people do their jobs.

If -- if our chief can't do the job, goodbye. But he has proven himself over and over. In the heat of a storm he's proved himself. Why walk in front of the chief? I think we need to hear his plan and then if you got shot up or something, then I think it's time to run and pray. I -- I do. But right now I think that everybody need to read the charter again, find out what your job is, because it look like we want to take on everybody's job, and I think that's why if you're gonna be a mayor, whatever you gonna be, read the charter and find out what your job description, because that's exactly what Clara did. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I couldn't (inaudible) --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you very much --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- for your -- thank you very much for your comments, Miss, uh, Shepherd. Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'd like to respond to that. Um, Miss Shepherd ran for mayor. She ran based on what -- how she thought the mayor should react and respond. She lost; I won, number one. Number two is, no one should ever under-estimate the power of prayer. Churches are praying. Thousands of people are praying. We're not just praying, but we're doing more than praying, but that's a -- a big part of it. Faith without works is dead, but faith comes before works.

Um, the Chief of Police is doing what he can do, doing a great job. Preachers are doing

what they can do, doing a great job. Mayor's doing it, and councilpeople do what they can do to help bring peace in their own -- in their own environment. Um, we have been praying seven times a day. Some have been fasting. Last two weeks and a half, maybe going on three, hasn't been any shooting, hasn't been any violence, and I don't anticipate, I don't expect to see any -- anymore shootings or violence.

I believe in the power of prayer. With prayer and the hard work of this, uh, police department and other law enforcement officials, we're making progress, but we're not gonna stop praying. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. Uh, Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And this will be quick. Um, we had a rash of, um, violent acts in a short period of time. The mayor decided to call a press conference and it dawned on me that when an elected official, or an official of the city calls a press conference, people are assuming that we, the other councilpeople, have kind of sanctioned, adopted, and support what he's saying.

I -- I saw a press conference, and it -- quite frankly, it disturbed me, because it was done in a manner that gave an inference that that was the position of the City. Whatever the mayor does in his private life is fine. When he's using his official capacity, I think there needs to be better coordination before we go out and start having these plans and press conferences. And I'd like to play something very quickly of what I'm talking about, because we need to improve how we govern ourselves in this city, and -- and wherever -- (Video playing in background).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- we can make improvements, we need to. And this is -- so this is going to be, um, something that I think that would give an indication of -- of what I'm talking about. Danny is struggling with the volume there. It's -- but what I'm, um -- there was a press conference given by the mayor, and at that time there was a question asked of the mayor about what is going to be different this time. The mayor, in his response, became defensive, he became combative. He was, like, "What you think? What you think? You think I ran for office to be frustrated?" I'm -- I'm -- I wanted to crawl under the table.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I think you should have crawled under the table.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor, please.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Because he is representing us, and there was no media savvy. I mean, we cannot have elected officials going to the mic, calling a press conference, and then he get combative with the press that he called to be there. I bet -- that was --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- absolutely ridiculous.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So -- so -- so what -- what I wanted to do was have this Council discuss a procedure that if there is an activity that is City related, it needs to be coordinated so the whole City's not embarrassed. If you want to be out there in the

media, please be prepared for the difficult questions.

It was a simple question. The media said that we have heard this before. You've been before us six times and you said the same thing, but it's gonna be different. I think that was a very valid question. The mayor just lost it. "What you think? What you think? I -- I've been elected three times." I mean, I'm -- I'm -- really, dude?

So the -- it is my hope that we come together and understand that this reflects all of us, I mean, and I really don't want to be thrown out there and get the calls about, Really, Bruce? That -- that -- that's y'all plan?

So -- and what other -- the other thing bothers me, it was a law enforcement issue and there was no law enforcement there. That is a problem. If we're gonna do this, it needs to be coordinated. We need to coordinate with the, um, professional people and -- and I -- I -- I have a question for the Chief, if he may come to the mic, and Danny, don't worry about that now. I've explained what that press conference said, and it was embarrassing to me because he called the people there and then he got combative and defensive with the people that he asked to come there. But -- but Chief, I just have one question. Well, actually, a couple. Were you consulted by the mayor before the press conference?

**CHIEF WILLIAMS:** Clarence Williams, Police Chief. Um, um, Mr. Guyton, uh, no, I was not consulted, no.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** You were not consulted? Okay. My, um, follow-up question is that, um -- and -- and -- and a lot of people may not know, but in addition to your expertise and your Bachelor's degree, you also have a law degree, if I'm not mistaken. Is that correct? I know you're humble.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And a preacher.

**CHIEF WILLIAMS:** Yes. Yes. Yes, Mr. Guyton. I practiced law for about, uh, six years.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. And -- and the point that I'm making, we have a very competent, well educated police chief that is a resource when we have these type of issues, and he was not even consulted. That -- that is a big problem. And Chief, the -- the last thing, I know that you have some programs in place and people would like to know some of the things that a professional in law enforcement has in place to deal with some of these issues that have surfaced of late.

**CHIEF WILLIAMS:** Well, um, thank you, Mr. Guyton, and I -- I don't quite know where to begin, because there's just so much that, uh, we've been involved --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I --

**CHIEF WILLIAMS:** -- in as a, uh, law enforcement, uh, agency, um, throughout the City and, uh, this county. Um, but in place, you know, are a number of, uh, crime prevention initiatives, uh, that have been, uh, quite frankly, working, and working very well, in my humble opinion.

Um, I've had the opportunity to meet with the mayor subsequently and I shared some of those things, uh, with him. And what I essentially said was, uh, we just need to simply

stay the course. Um, the City of Riviera Beach for the first half of this year experienced record numbers of decreases in overall crime in our community. The numbers were, uh, so excellent, uh, that they, uh, actually caused me pause, and I was knocking on wood and doing everything else to, uh, hopefully we maintain those going into the, uh, next half of the year.

But a 15.6 decrease in overall crime. That eclipsed our six-year trend in overall crime decreases since 2005, and that's not -- that's -- that's all crimes, violent crimes and all other Part I and Part II, uh, crimes. We have in place, and the Council, rightfully so, following the Newcomb Hall incident, uh, wanted to take a comprehensive look at our issues as they relate to crime.

So in place is the Commission on -- Riviera Beach Commission on Social Justice. Uh, in place, also, is our cornerstone crime prevention effort, our Youth Empowerment, uh, Program, and any other law enforcement and -- and any number of law enforcement initiatives, uh, that have served our community well. Uh, the Mayor and I in our discussions, uh, we talked about amplifying, uh, situations that, uh, the amplification sometimes gives the impression that that is the state of affair in your community. And, uh, he agreed with me that we don't want to do that.

Uh, so what happens oftentimes when we have, uh, uh, that, or this kind of amplification is that the broader community says, uh, There goes Riviera Beach again. They don't have the benefit of what our true state is as it relates to, uh, public safety and public safety, uh, initiatives in our community. Uh, so we wrestle with that. Uh, I wrestle with that, uh, when I'm interacting with, um, my colleagues throughout this community, and what I share with them is that Riviera Beach is a beautiful community. You know, we have a beautiful barrier island, and beachfront. You cross the Intercoastal.

It could be any urban setting in America with all the same kinds of problems associated with it. You get west of 95, or west of Congress Avenue in our city, gated communities, golf course communities, one of South Florida's major theme attractions is right there in Riviera Beach. That's the picture of Riviera Beach that I try to project. I've been in the business now in law enforcement -- uh, well, I'm not gonna tell you, because that would give you my age, but it's been a -- it's been a --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** (Inaudible) tell me. We need to know --

**CHIEF WILLIAMS:** -- lot -- it's been --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- your -- your -- your level --

**CHIEF WILLIAMS:** -- a lot of years.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- of experience.

**CHIEF WILLIAMS:** And I've traveled extensively, and I will tell you, uh, that there are, in any of our cities, areas of town that the Chamber of Commerce will not encourage you to visit. Our city is no different. What is different in our city is that it gets painted with this broad brush of lawlessness, and it's not the case.

You don't hear people in our sister cities, whose numbers are greater than ours, saying, Don't go to those cities, or if you're going to the -- or if you're going to our barrier island, take the northern route. And that's unfair and it's something that we should, uh, try to

avoid and guard against and talk about the positive things.

Now, I wish I could have prevented, uh, the things that happened, starting in our city July 17<sup>th</sup> or so, uh, with the spike in shootings and homicides. Uh, I cautioned -- and I knocked on wood, and it didn't help. But I don't know how I prevent, uh, two dope dealers who decide to fight over a corner and settle that dispute through the barrel of a gun. I just don't know how to prevent that. But up until that incident, there was only one homicide in the City of Riviera Beach from January to July. Now, one homicide is one homicide too many, um, and our goal is to eliminate them all.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Right.

**CHIEF WILLIAMS:** It's a goal.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Right.

**CHIEF WILLIAMS:** In an urban setting, um, it's an ambitious goal, uh, but we were, uh, on track, and we're still on track, even with the spike in recent activities. We're still going to experience double digit overall decreases in crime, uh, in our community and, uh, we just keep, uh, doing all that we can do. The men and women who serve your community are dedicated to making it a safe community. They've done everything that we've asked them to do. Uh, in the face of not having the benefit of salary increases, furloughs, and everything else, these numbers still go down, they continue to go down. I'm not a chief that likes to count widgets, uh, but that is the measure that's out there for us, and these aren't our numbers. These are numbers that are reported nationally, and back to our communities from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Um --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Uh, Chief, I thank you very much. Uh, you've -- you've made my point about the valuable resource that we have in you, and -- and how we should rely on the resources of the professionals before we go before the media. Thank you very much, Chief, and -- and --

**CHIEF WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- I -- I -- I'll wrap mine up. And I would like to ask my colleagues, um, who are still here, um, to consider establishing a policy that if there is a City incident -- now, if there's a social incident, or some type of activity, call any press conference you want. But if -- if we have a rash of violence, that's something impacting our City, we as elected officials need to coordinate with the professionals before we go out in front of the cameras to make sure that we're putting our best foot forward, and we are having an intelligent exchange with the media.

And so on that note, um, I would like to ask my colleagues to agree to have staff to at least go back and, um, draft some language, some parameters by which, uh, if there is a City issue, that we as elected official and staff would undertake and agree to abide by, and also have some type of provisions for penalties if -- if it's not adhered to.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, so are you asking for a consensus on it?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm just asking for a consensus.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I would agree.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Um, are there any other cities that have a policy like this?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh, not -- uh, we can have staff search that. But one thing that we can do is be trailblazers and understand --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I -- I -- I understand that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- that we -- we don't need somebody else to guide us to some concrete policy of how to govern ourselves.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Here's -- here's my thing. And I -- and I have -- have a great deal of respect for you Mr., um, Mr. Guyton, Councilman Guyton. But here's the thing. Um, at some point did our staff, uh, ever reach out to sit down and talk with our mayor to start discussing a plan moving forward, in the past?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I -- I can't answer that, but -- but --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I mean, that's -- that's the question I need -- I need to ask staff now at this point. Staff?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- I can't answer that, but let me say that I don't think it's staff responsibility to --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Uh, look, listen.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- the mayor.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I'm asking staff a question now.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh, oh, I thought you was asking me.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Staff, staff. In the past have the staff reached out to the mayor, say, Listen, hey, let's sit down and let's put together a game plan before moving forward in any further issues that come up before the City on a press conference?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, we haven't reached out to anyone in that back -- in that -- in that vein. That hasn't been the way --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Well, well, I see --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- it's worked.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- what you're saying. But my --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- my -- my -- my question is, if this was -- has been a, uh, issue, staff, they felt like the mayor maybe have went before them, jumped the gun on certain issues that maybe didn't look too good on the City. At some point I feel staff should have went to the mayor and say, Hey, listen, let's sit down and let's -- let's do this next time, before you move forward, before it got to the Board, because this should have never even become a Board decision.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. -- Mr. Davis, let me just make sure that I'm understanding you correctly. Are -- I don't believe that the staff had anything to do with this. Um, I don't think the concern was drafted by the staff.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah, I -- I understand that. I understand that. But my -  
- my --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** But -- but you say staff --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- question -- I'm just looking at -- so this is not an issue  
the staff have. That's -- that's my question.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No. No, no. This is an issue that Councilman Guyton --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Oh, Councilman Guyton. Oh, okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- had.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That I feel we can better the process so it doesn't  
happen again. And we always need to look at --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton, let me -- let me allow --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- areas to improve ourselves.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- Mr. Davis to finish. He did have the floor.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I -- I wasn't being --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, you talk --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay, okay, okay. I -- see, I just want to know where  
we are as a City. We sit here and discussing this issue, which is a very important issue.  
Have a great deal of respect for Chief Williams. Um, I really feel like it's something,  
right now, just moving forward, our City Manager, our Chief, our Mayor, need to sit  
down and just -- they can do that. We don't need to put a policy in place. If this doesn't  
happen, then we can come back and say, Hey, this policy's necessary. But until we try  
to allow them to do their jobs, let's let them do it. Mayor, are you willing to do that?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Let me just say a couple things. I -- I can't answer that like that. I  
have to answer it the way that I need to answer it.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Hold on, Mayor. Hold on. Hold on. Here's -- here's the  
thing. Here's the thing. This issue has come up. This is an issue that Councilman  
Guyton has put it out there, so this is his issue.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, actually, Mr. Davis and Mr. Mayor, I was going to you  
for whether it was a consensus on this particular, uh, question that Mr. Guyton asked.  
So we can come back to that.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** But at this time, do you have a consensus on what he's  
asking for in terms of a policy?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, Miss Pardo's not in right now. Um, Mr. Davis -  
- Miss, uh -- Mr. Guyton, obviously he's asking for it, so he's consensus with it. Miss,  
uh, J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh, thank you, Mr. Chair. I would agree that there needs to be some kind of consistent plan. Um, we've talked about this before, about marketing our City, putting our best foot forward at all times. And, um, I don't want to, um, um, try to stop anyone from -- particularly any elected official -- from talking to the press.

However, I do believe that, you know, when it involves negative things that are being talked about in the media, and that type of thing, we have a Public Information Officer, um, and that -- there needs to be some kind of cohesiveness, you know, as to how we present, um, to the media. So in that regard, I don't know if it should be a policy or whether it should be just a -- an agreement, um, you know, that, you know -- in how we move forward. You know?

So I mean, there are people out there who are watching, you know, and -- and, Mayor, you know, you took the trip to -- to China. Um, and believe it or not, there are people out there in this community and -- and elsewhere, um, further than Riviera Beach, who are watching. And they have -- they may have friends in other countries, uh, who they talk to. So I just think that we should always be on our -- our -- our best, you know, and try to put the best, um, thing forward for the City.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** So you're saying yes on a consensus to create some type of --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Something.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. Um --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I -- yeah. Hold on one second, Mr., uh --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I have a --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- Mr. Mayor. Yes, sir. I'm coming to you in just a minute.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, um, you have a consensus to move forward, drafting some type of, uh, policy for our consideration to come back, uh, to us, um, but let me just give you my comments very quickly on how I think that it should go. Um, at some point the leaders of this community, the elected leaders of this community, we do need to speak. I don't think that's an everyday occurrence, and I don't think we ought to get out of head.

If there's an issue, I say that we call some type of meeting with our governing body, uh, to be able to discuss what our process is going to be, or what our response is going to be. So by no means am I saying that the mayor, uh, should not, um, be able to respond, uh, because he is the mayor, just like any of us that are elected leaders. We should be able to respond, as well. But I do think that it needs to be a response that is the consensus of the -- the Board and the staff, but most definitely, uh, um, our CEO of our police department.

So you do have a consensus to -- to do that, um, but I'm -- I'm just letting you know how I feel, you know, about it. I don't want that to be limiting any, uh, commissioner, and I

don't think that's what the basis of it is from speaking, but I do think, especially when you're doing something as a plan, uh, that you're actually putting out to people. It needs to be -- it needs to be basically approved by -- um, or at least a consensus of the Board. Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. Let me -- let me just clarify a -- a few things. Um, first of all -- I was gonna say Mr. Guyton. There he goes again. But as far as the -- the comment, or being challenged by the reporter, I'm not gonna let any reporter, um, try to intimidate me. Or, um, if he gets out of line, I'm gonna put him back. I've done press conferences for many, many years and I don't think -- I don't think I've had a problem doing a press conference and talking to the press.

A reporter -- not a reporter, but the -- um, the desk person from channel -- I'm gonna call the channel -- Channel 25 said to me that that was a very inappropriate question that Channel 5 -- we'll call their name -- that Channel 5 asked me, and he thought my response was very good. Okay. And I do, too.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Now, I'm not finished yet.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I -- I don't mean to cut you off. Madam Manager --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** (Inaudible) still got the floor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam -- Madam Manager, good morning.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Good morning.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I spoke to you prior to the press conference. Is that correct?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, you did.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. I also said to you that -- and you asked me what would be -- what was the purpose of the press conference. Is that correct?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. And we talked about -- I responded to you what the purpose would be, which was mainly to engage the reverend clergy in this, uh, arena. Is that correct?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And after explaining that to you, you did agree with me, as far as the -- getting the clergy involved.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I agreed that it was a strategy that you could employ, yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. And, um, I also asked you, um -- because I don't want the Chief to think, or anyone to think that we would leave him out -- but I did ask you should -- do you think I should inform the, uh -- the -- the Chief as it related to the press and clergy, and you do remember what your response was.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, I don't.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Well, your respond -- your response to me was, you didn't think it was necessary, 'cause --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- I had talked to you and I report -- Chief reports to you. I report to you, basically. And the whole purpose of the press conference was to engage clergy and not law enforcement.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Is that correct?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It was clergy.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. Um, as far as the policy, I don't know how to say it other than to say it the way I feel, whether it's a policy or whether -- or whether it's a consensus, but I will never agree to any kind of policy or restriction in any kind of way, uh, that would censor, that would -- I would have to get permission to speak to the press, to speak to clergy or whatever, and the only way I would ever abide by that, which is unheard of, it would have to be a court order, and I don't think any judge is gonna restrict a constitutional right of the mayor to speak to the media, to speak to the public, or to speak to anybody. That will never be acceptable the way that it sounds tonight. Thank you, Mr. Chair. To me.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, Mr. Mayor, let me just -- let me just ask this so I understand what you're saying. You're saying if this Council came up, that you're a part of, with some type of parameters to follow when giving out information that's going to be perceived as coming from the City, that you don't want to abide by it?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** What I'm saying, I'll look at it, and if it -- if it appears that it restricts, prohibits, or whatever the word may be, in any kind of way the constitutional right that I have to speak, and as the mayor of this city, no, I will not abide by it.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** If that's the case. But I'll have to look at it. I hope that that is not the intent here. The mayor, the Office of the Mayor can talk, can speak.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** But -- but hold --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So I'm not gonna --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- on, hold on.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- do that. No, I'm not.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Hold on, Mr. Mayor. I just want to make sure that you understand that this is not a mayor's policy. This is a policy that we're saying draft for all elected officials, including, but not limited to the mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I mean, uh, uh, draft it. I'll look at it, and if -- if I feel that way, uh, my comments --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm just -- I'm --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- will be the same.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm saying to myself, I know that you're not meaning to say what you're saying right now, but it's probably coming across a little bit differently than what you mean.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, I apologize. I don't mean it to come out differently, but you know, it -- it -- in the -- it's almost like everything I do is being questioned as mayor, whether it before the fact, after the fact, and you know, it's -- the -- uh, you know, I don't know what to say. You know?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** We get it, Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You know, if I don't do something --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Please -- please allow me to move forward --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Move forward.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- on this, if -- if you don't --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But if somebody wants to run the mayor, tell them to run against me.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** If you -- if you don't mind, I want to just go ahead and move forward. We've -- we've had a lot of this tonight, and I want to move forward.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** So is there anything else involving this? The -- the Council has given a consensus that we do need to have a policy. If there's no other questions on 33, we're gonna go down to Community Benefits. Okay. Um, up first is going to be Youth Recreation Association, \$800, Mayor Thomas Masters, in support of a fundraiser for Deondre Clinton Butler through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Are there any question, concerns, unreadiness? All in favor signify by saying aye. (All indicate aye). Any opposing, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved. Item 35, Mothers Against Murderers, \$500, Mayor Thomas A. Masters, in support of the Response Team.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So move.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All indicate aye). Any opposed, same sign. Okay. Valley of Love Ministries, \$250, Mayor Thomas A. Masters in support of a new computer training program. All -- all in favor --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- signify by saying aye.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Are there any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none -- I'm sorry -- all in favor signify by saying aye. (All indicate aye). Any opposed, same sign. Come on. We -- we almost done. Okay. 37. Uh, New Life, New Faith Ministries.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So move.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I still need to read it. \$500, Thomas A. Masters -- \$500 from Thomas A. Masters to support the after school program. All in favor of --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Aye.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- um, signify by saying aye. (All indicate aye). Any opposes, same sign. We almost done. Keep -- keep hanging in there. Uh, Faith, Hope, Love Charity --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So move.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- Inc.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been moved and second. The actual motion is to approve Councilwoman Judy L. Davis Stand Down House Program, assist male veterans regain their independence.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And actually, that's male and female.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. It just adds for the motion, male and female. Um, any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Okay. Hearing none --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Aye.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** All in favor signify by saying aye? (All indicate aye). Any opposes, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved. 39, uh, Washington Elementary School, \$300, Councilwoman Judy Davis --

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- welcome back --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- welcome back school breakfast rewards students for their hard work. It's been properly moved and second. Are there any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Aye.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- by saying aye. (All indicate aye). All in favor signify by saying aye. (All indicate aye).

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** (Inaudible) motion.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Any opposers? The same sign. I'm assuming. I didn't hear Mr. Guyton, but I'm gonna hear he -- I'm thinking --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I said "aye."

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. All right. No problem. That motion is unanimously approved. Item 40, um, St. Georges, Inc., \$500, Councilman Terence Davis, in --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- in support of the year-round events for school age youth. It's been properly moved and second. One comment card, Miss Hycinthia Becton. Good evening, Miss Becton. You have --

**HYCINTHIA BECTON:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- three minutes to make your comments.

**HYCINTHIA BECTON:** Uh, Hycinthia Becton, St. George's Center, Riviera Beach. Thank you so much. Do appreciate everything. St. George's Center is a center, uh, primarily a feeding program. The out of school program for children, elementary school children, operates all year. I want to thank Councilperson, uh, Davis in two forms, both T.D. and Judy. We also want to add that to that Councilperson Guyton, and also Thomas, because we do appreciate everything you've done.

However, we want to also thank the total City of Riviera Beach. We want you to know that we appreciate your support. We appreciate the things you do. We appreciate the fact that you believe that St. George's is doing a service for the community. Meals are important. Clothing is important. Uh, I want to take a -- a privilege, a point of privilege, Mr. Chair, if I might.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, okay.

**HYCINTHIA BECTON:** Uh, it's -- it's connected, please.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**HYCINTHIA BECTON:** The City of Riviera Beach gives -- has given scholarships over the years. I know I didn't speak on this, but as, uh, the -- I'm going to be active as the Chair of the Education Committee, I want to applaud you for again this year coming back and giving scholarships to deserving students year after year after year. Thank you so much. It is -- it is noteworthy that every single dollar goes to the students. There are no administrative fees, and that is a P.R. -- P.R. piece that needs to be said over and over again. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you very much for your comments. Okay. Motion has been approved. I'm sorry, the motion has been moved and second. Are there any additional questions or concerns? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. (All indicate aye). Any opposers, same sign. None given. Motion is unanimously approved. Um, item 41, New Life, New Faith --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- \$590 --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- Councilman Terence Davis, in support of the tutorial program held at Stoneybrook Apartment Complex. It's been properly moved and second. Are there any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. (All indicate aye).

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Aye.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Aye.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Aye.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Aye.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Aye. Everybody say it out loud.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Let's try it again. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All indicate aye). Right. Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. Any opposers, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved. Uh, Fifth Annual Councilman Cedrick A. Thomas Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** \$6,229.36. Uh, Councilman Cedrick Thomas donates to families in our community. It's been properly moved --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Just say --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. All in favor?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Aye.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Aye.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Aye.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** All in favor?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Aye.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Aye.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Aye.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Aye.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Any opposer, same sign. Hearing none, that motion is unanimously approved.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes, sir.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** We need some practice.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, we do. I mean, we do this every time. Geez. Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Miss Pardo has an add-on, add-on.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** \$800 --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, yes. I'm sorry. I did. I almost forgot that. All right. Um, item number 43, um; which was an add-on. Um, uh, Riviera Beach Fire Department, \$800, Councilwoman -- Councilwoman Dawn Pardo --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Are there any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. (All indicate aye). Any opposers, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved. Discussion by the City Manager.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Only a couple of things very quickly. Um, first of all, to, uh, remind all of our residents that our second budget hearing, uh, will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Generally, we don't have but one meeting a month, and this time we're going to have two, so I just wanted to make sure everyone was aware of that so that we'd have the opportunity to come out and speak on our budget.

Also, you will notice that on this agenda we did not have, um, the Life Span item as, um, was promised at the last meeting, and I wanted the residents to know that since the last meeting, Life Span has formally written to the City requesting consideration to purchase the property, rather than lease the property, and so therefore we have an established procedure that we must go through with the sale of property, and that's what we're doing, and that's why there was not a Life Span item on this agenda as was promised in the last meeting. That's it.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, anything from Legal?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. This morning I sent to the City Council a proposed, uh, resolution/policy that I would like the Council to consider at the September 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting regarding the, um, opportunity for the public to be heard.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** On consent items?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Um, I was thinking about putting it on consent -- oh, no, no. Oh, right. One of the things that this policy will do is, um, if as written is to give the public the opportunity to speak on consent items. Um, there are some other alternatives that the City Council could consider. I wrote a couple of them in my e-mail. One of them is to move public comment to the beginning of the meeting, and dispose of public comment and consent at the same time. You could do that.

Um, the City has a very liberal policy and this was written, um, really to assist with that liberal policy. Um, so it would just give the public an extra opportunity to be heard on

consent items. So please review it. If I don't have any comments you will probably see this exact same thing, um, before you on September 18<sup>th</sup>. It has to go into effect by October 1<sup>st</sup>, so that's why I'm gonna -- I don't know if that's a special meeting or a regular meeting we're having on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Regular.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It's a regular meeting, so this will be added to that agenda. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Any City Council committee reports? Any City Council committee reports? Okay. We're going through, uh, Statements by Mayor and Council. We'll start with Miss Davis today -- tonight.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Thank you, sir. Um, just want to ask, inquire about the, um, investment arbitrage and debt policy. I'd like to know when that is going to come back for a vote. Um, do we have any information on that? October? Okay.

Um, and also, uh, I would ask that after tonight's discussion that, um, as it relates to travel, I would ask someone on the prevailing side to please bring back the travel policy, um, and, you know, I think it is very much needed. And I -- you know, there have been comments made about, you know, the City Manager can take care of this, but you know, in light of some of the comments that were made, um, previously by, um, some of us, uh, I -- I would have -- I would think the City Manager would have problems saying no to, um, persons who, um, have not, uh, spoken in -- favorably -- favorably about her. So I would ask -- and that's all I can do with that.

Also, I've passed down a, um, document, a -- uh, a draft resolution, and please write "draft" on it, because I passed it down asking, uh -- it's relating to, uh, putting together a charter review committee. Um, I think that, uh, there were a lot of, uh, reviews made, um, uh, of our charter that have not been voted upon at this point, but I also think that there are some other things that need to be cleaned up, and, um, would ask for consensus in moving forward with that, um, if I could, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I would agree.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You wanna do that tonight or you wanna -- or us to look at it and --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I -- I'm just asking for a consensus if we could move forward with putting together a committee.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Well, I mean, yeah, you -- can we -- uh, can we look at it and say how -- are -- are you saying you --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Well, this is not written in stone. I'm just asking --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I don't have a problem with getting --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** For the concept.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- the committee.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, but I just want to, you know, how --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** No, not adopting --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- we're gonna go --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- this or anything like that.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It's just for you to --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** The concept of --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- look at. But I'm just --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I don't have --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- asking --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- a problem with it. Uh, Mr. Davis, any issue with putting together a charter review committee? Miss Pardo, any -- any issue with putting together a charter -- charter review committee?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Well, honestly, I would like to read this. Can -- can we just decide at our next meeting?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It's not a --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- really about --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** To see what exactly --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- the document.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right. I know.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It's not about the document.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** But you see --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Okay. No --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Well, why do we need a charter review committee? All right? We reviewed the charter five years ago, six years ago?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** But, uh --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** We just --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- it was, but everything that had been done --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- uh, was not voted on, uh, in -- in a referendum. Some items were put on, but others weren't, and I still think that there are some things that need to be reviewed. So I'm just asking --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. I'm just -- okay. I'm just asking if we could just have this discussion at our next meeting.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I'm asking for a consensus now, so I mean --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All right. Well, I'm saying no.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- um, it's not about this document. This document was just given to you for review, and you can -- you can change it or do anything you want to do with it. I'm just asking. I think there's --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We'll just put it on --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- a need for --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** We'll just put it on the agenda for next meeting, if that, uh, suffices. We'll just put it on the agenda, and that way we can --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That's a discussion item.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. Well, yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** (Inaudible) resolution on it.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Even --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Huh? I'm sorry.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You want it as a discussion item on the next (inaudible) --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** No, I want it on a -- uh, well, if you want -- if -- if you want that time to review this, then put it on as a resolution.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It will --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** This was just for discussion tonight --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- but, um --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- no problem. You -- you have the authority as a councilperson to put this on the agenda. It would be on the agenda the next meeting.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Thank you, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, may I continue?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, ma'am.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. Also, uh, I have, um, put out some documents in the back. They are concerning, um, North Technical School. It's a satellite of Jupiter Community High School, whereby individuals, uh, can learn a trade for a cost of only \$60. And the trades that will be taught are welding, carpentry, electrical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and, uh, plumbing, and turf management. Um, the classes will begin on November 4<sup>th</sup> and will run through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. It's a wonderful opportunity, uh, for someone who wants to learn a trade. There are a lot of copies back there in the back, but if anyone out there in the listening audience, um,

wants a copy of this, please, uh -- they will be, uh, put in varying locations in City Hall, City Manager's Office, Legislative Office. So, uh, it will be easy for you to get, um, ahold of those.

So, um, and lastly, um, this is on the -- the, uh, CRA side, but I wanted to make the announcement that the Riviera Beach CDC applied for a grant with the County, and, uh, for 890 some thousand dollars, and County staff is going to be recommending that the City of Riviera Beach receive all of the money to do in-fill housing in Park Manor South, which is south of Blue Heron Boulevard, um, and, uh, it runs back to 16<sup>th</sup> Way, um, and between Avenue H and Broadway.

So, um, that is some really good news, and I think the County Commission is going to be considering that on September 10<sup>th</sup>, so, um, all of you out there, uh, here, and in the listening audience, if you could make some phone calls and, um, may -- you know, attend the meeting, that would be fantastic. So thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. Mr. T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I just want to remind everyone that Neighbors United, which is Intercoastal Clean-up on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12:00 at Monroe Heights Park, off 20 -- 25<sup>th</sup> Street, and you can also contact Miss, uh, Wooten. Uh, her number is 561-309-3370, and I'd definitely like to encourage the entire Board to come out and participate on this great occasion. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Thank you, sir. Um, I would like to thank Miss Jones, Mr. Jones, um, and Ed Legue and his staff, and, um, the rest of the staff that assists us with the Palm Beach County League of Cities event that we hosted last week. It was a great event. Um, uh, Richard Radcliffe, the Executive Director of the League thinks that we may have broke a record with the attendance, and like I said, I thought, you know, it was either because of Congressman Murphy or McCray's barbecue. But it was --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Or you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** No, it wasn't me. But, um, yeah, it was a great event, so thank you. You know, we had a lot of our staff there and thank you everyone who participated. That's all I have.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Mr. Guyton? Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. I have a public comment card I haven't passed down yet, but, um, it came from, uh, Lynne Hubbard. It says, uh, "Mayor comment," and, um, I was told that the, um, Assistant Administrator or City Manager, Mr. Jones, uh, told, uh, someone that only the mayor could approve this in the mayor comments. I don't know. I don't know anything about it. Do -- can you inform me about this card?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, it's not --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Look, um (inaudible) --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- on a particular item.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** How did you end up with a comment card, though?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** They -- it was given to me.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** She would like to speak during the time of the mayor's comments is the way I understood it.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I mean, yeah, we -- we don't do that. But --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah, so --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- is this something that you need for a presentation or something, Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No, I don't know anything about it. I mean, I -- it was just handed to me.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We -- that's not something that we do.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And I didn't know what Mr. Jones' comment was.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** All right. Go -- go ahead, Mr. Mayor. You -- you still have the floor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But Miss Hubbard, you can certainly come back at the next council meeting and -- and speak. Um, I want to say a couple of things as it relates to some of the initiatives that are coming forth from the Office of the Mayor and Councilman, uh, Tedric -- um, T.D. Davis. Um, I want to thank Mr. -- um, Councilman for participating at the -- um, at the press conference the other day; did a very good job. And I'm very proud of this young man. And he doesn't know I'm gonna say this, but you know, I'm -- I pray, and I ask for divine guidance, but I think that -- and this is no reflection -- this is not any reflection on any of our councilpeople, but I think the City should be very proud of, um, this young man who just got on the Council.

Um, Herman McCray said that there's no -- there isn't any school that you can go to to learn to become a councilman or a mayor, which is very, very true. And he's learning, uh, growing in -- in his new, uh, seat, but his heart is -- is a heart of gold. I've seen him in action. Um, he's been in the forefront of some very critical things here in the city.

When five of our children were killed in a car accident, he was there. When, um, um, Travon Martin, he responded to that. And then to the violence, he's knocking on doors, meeting with pastors, getting out in the community and getting engaged. And I just want people to know that regardless of how you voted, um, for or against, um, he's doing a -- a job that I think is really connecting with the people, as well as other councilpeople as well, but I wanted to say that because he's new to the, um -- to the Council.

Madam Manager, I just have a question. Um, the Palm Beach Post called me the other day and they wanted a response, and I didn't respond, and you know, I -- I'm beat up when I do, and I'm -- I'm beat up when I don't, but, um, I was told by the Palm Beach Post that, um, the City Administrator of West Palm Beach was going to recommend that the funding of the, um, YEP Youth Employment, I guess, Project, be cut because of our position in the lawsuit against the -- with the Inspector General, because we were partnering with other cities. And to me that's -- they're trying to punish us for, uh, for

exercising our constitutional right to be a part of -- of a lawsuit.

I didn't respond because I didn't know a lot about it, and also, um, I didn't think that I would be -- should be the person speaking on -- on this issue on behalf of the -- of the City. So this was a time that I passed it on to the City Attorney and, um, from there I think she cc'd to, uh, Rose Anne Brown or somebody?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Um, to, um, Mr. Jones, Danny Jones.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** To Miss Jones -- to Miss Jones. But it was very embarrassing for me to -- to read in the article a page and a half, you know, just a -- they went on and on about this, uh, situation, and West Palm Beach, uh, responded in a very, very affirmative way and said, They ought to be ashamed of themselves to even talk like this, to punishing the City of West Palm Beach because they took issue with the Inspector General.

But if you keep reading that article, it said that the -- they contacted several city officials in Riviera Beach, or, um, there was no response from any of us. I didn't respond because I didn't think it was -- that it was appropriate for me. But I wonder what happened that nobody wanted to respond and now we're looking like we don't have anything to say about it. Can we put something at least on the record about this? Do we -- are we aware of this? Um, Mr. Jones.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Danny Jones, Deputy City Manager. Miss Jones was out -- out of the office and I was in charge at that time. I was unaware of the issue with the County, and was made aware late Friday afternoon by Miss Ryan. Uh, uh, I had no knowledge of it. I'm the direct supervisor for the YEP Program and, uh, I have yet to be contacted by the County and made aware.

Earlier this year the person who coordinates the YEP Program talked about and discussed funding, but it had nothing to do with the City's position on the I.G.'s Office. So at -- when we were contacted late Friday afternoon, we were unaware. I couldn't make a statement about something we were unaware of, and we're still investigating and trying to get an official position from the County.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. So once that's done, then I guess we will respond in writing to whoever.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Naturally we would comment and speak directly with the County on their position. Again, this was new information. And speaking with the Youth -- um, YEP Director, she has been in contact with the YEP Director in West Palm, and they were unaware of it prior to the newspaper contacting their office.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. I just wanted something on the record to clarify this, uh, our position. Uh, I regret that I didn't respond now, since it was -- they made such a big article and blowing it out of proportion. The other thing is that, um, the Petition Committee has asked that I would make an announcement as relates to, uh, the petitions that are circulating in -- in the community, um, that -- to make sure that people understand what it means to veto, or the word "veto." And I want to make sure that that understanding is --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor, I'm -- at this point, I'm not going to allow --

unless this Board overrules me, I'm not gonna allow you to talk about that. That's not a City sanctioned petition. The City is not doing this. This is something that you're doing on your own. So I'll ask the Board if you would like to overrule me on this decision. Here's your time to do so. Other than that, Mr. Mayor, you cannot talk about it. The Board -- it -- does anybody want to overrule my decision? Mr. Mayor, please do not talk about those petitions. Please -- you still have the floor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Can -- okay. Let me ask you this, Mr. Chair. We won't talk about the petition, but from a political science perspective, I want to talk about the word "veto," and what it means.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor, you cannot speak about that during this City meeting. That is not a City sanctioned process. Please continue with your comments not involving what you're doing. You cannot use this time to do that.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Well, then I will advise the committee that I couldn't do it, and they can come to the next meeting and they can talk in public comment. So I respect your -- your position. I disagree, but if I can't talk about it, then talk about it on the streets, or they'll come up here and talk.

The other thing, Mr., um, Mr. Chair, um, we are setting a date -- and for the benefit of ex-offenders, um, I'm sure the Chief would agree that most of the crime that we have seen in our city, and will -- that -- in the past and that we've seen recently, that over 66 percent of most of the crime is committed by, um, recidivism, ex-offenders who have just been released or within the first year, are re-committing crimes and usually the crimes that are re-committed are worse than the crimes they went to prison for.

The prisons are not doing a good job at rehabilitating, uh, our young men and young women. They sometimes come out worse. But having said that, when they come out they cannot, um, um, benefit from some of the, uh, programs and projects that we who have not committed crimes can benefit from. They can't get Section 8. Can't get any housing benefits. A job is hard to find. And many times they get frustrated and re-commit, which is -- they shouldn't do, but it's -- they do.

So we are going to sponsor, along with clergy members of this community, an ex-offender job fair to, uh, put as many ex-offenders back to work, um, as possible. Um, so ex-offenders, you've been calling the office every day. It's gonna happen within two to three weeks. We will have the date and you can, uh, find out more about it on our radio show. Every Sunday morning I am heard, uh, in Palm Beach County on the number one station for 30 minutes, 102.3, every Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m., or you can find out about more about the job fair and any other activity that the mayor is involved in on our Facebook page, Mayor Bishop Thomas Masters.

And last but not least, Mr. Chair, I want to commend you, as well. I've seen a lot of Chairs, but I think you're doing a good job and continue to try to be as fair as you can. We don't -- we don't agree all the time, but I do feel that you're doing the best that you can do with all of us. And, um, I don't like to see when people beat the Chair up unnecessarily, 'cause I just -- I just -- I don't like it. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, thank you, Mr. Mayor. I appreciate your, uh, comments and -- and your well wishes, and, um, you know, it's part of it. So I

understand that and I stand ready, uh, to continue to lead in the fashion that this Board allows me to do so. Um, I just want to say that, um, of course we've had a spirited meeting tonight. I'm hoping that everything has been settled and that we can now fight for the constituents.

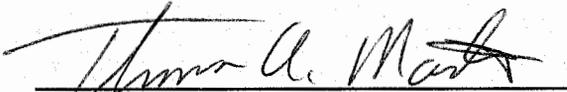
And I'm only making one plea. I'm only making one plea, and this is to everybody that's in TV Land on this Board that we merge together and fight with each other in terms of fighting the nay-sayers. We have enough with the media, enough people who don't leave here -- don't live here, that we have to fight with. So I'm pleading that people start to make sure that they call individuals who come to this mic who try to embarrass our City, who tries to continue to create division within our -- our City, within our government, within our streets, within our homes, uh, to -- to challenge them to stop.

Please don't allow people to talk about our City and embarrass us. This is ours. If they don't like it, they don't have to come, but this is ours and I will, along with the rest of this Board, stand here to continue to serve and protect what we have. Entertaining a motion for adjournment.

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

(CONCLUSION OF MEETING)

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MAYOR

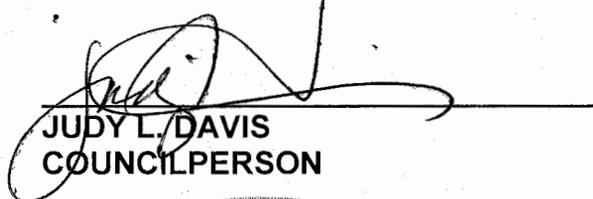
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CHAIR PRO TEM

  
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COUNCILPERSON

  
JUDY L. DAVIS  
COUNCILPERSON

  
TERENCE D. DAVIS  
COUNCILPERSON

MOTIONED BY: B. GUYTON

SECONDED BY: J. DAVIS

B. GUYTON AYE

J. DAVIS AYE

C. THOMAS ABSENT

D. PARDO AYE

T. DAVIS AYE

DATE APPROVED: 11/06/2013

# FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME <i>Davis Judy L.</i>	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE <i>Riviera Beach City Council</i>
MAILING ADDRESS <i>341 W. 22nd St</i>	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY      COUNTY <i>Riviera Beach      Palm Beach</i>	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: <i>Riviera Beach</i>
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED <i>9/4/13</i>	MY POSITION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

## WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies equally to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing the reverse side and filing the form.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which inures to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also is prohibited from knowingly voting on a measure which inures to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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### ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you otherwise may participate in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

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**APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)**

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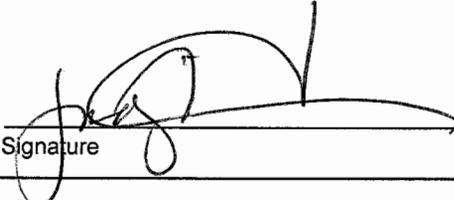
I, Judy L. Davis, hereby disclose that on September 4, 20 13:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, Jeremy & James Coachman and Jerica Coachman;  
a \$1,000 educational scholarship each from the City of Riv. Bch. by \_\_\_\_\_;
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

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Signature

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