

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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

**CITY CLERK CALL TO ORDER**

**Roll Call**

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

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

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Uh, um, present.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Here.

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

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Present.

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Here.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Here.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** City Manager Ruth Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Present.

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

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Present.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We have a quorum and we will proceed. Would everyone please stand for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge led by Miss Jones, please?

## **Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Shall we pledge? (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Miss Jones).

## **AGENDA Approval: Additions, Deletions, Substitutions**

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

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, sir. Um, tonight I would like to ask to delete under Discussions & Deliberations, item number 8. We were not able to get the paperwork in in time enough to be processed for this agenda, and we will place it on the meeting, first meeting in October.

## **Adoption of Agenda**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. All right. Um, there's no additional deletions, additions, or substitutions? I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Any additional 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:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

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

## **Disclosure by Council**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Any disclosures by Council? Hearing none we'll move down to our Consent item -- Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCILPERSON SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.**

All matters listed under this item are consent -- 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. Is there a motion for adoption of the Consent Agenda?

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** 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:** Pro Tem Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

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

**MINUTES**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**1. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & COMPANY - MIAMI TO PLACE THE APPROPRIATE COVERAGES, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENTS FROM THE INSURANCE LIABILITY FUND ACCOUNT NO. 602-0539-5130-4501 UP TO THE AMOUNT OF**

**\$1,975,641.00 TO ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. – MIAMI FOR RISK PACKAGE  
FIXED COSTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. There are not any petitions or communications for filing. Neither are there any awards or presentations. Public Hearings. Ordinance on the second reading?

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Mr. Chair, I believe our hearing for our second reading on our budget is at a time certain.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** 5:30.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** It's at 5:30?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** 5:30, yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I think we're well within that time frame.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** We're well within that.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**2. ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ 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, 2013 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 FIXING THE MILLAGE RATE OF 8.9980 MILLS THEREON FOR SAID YEAR; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Okay. 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 mills thereon for said year, providing for severability clause and providing an effective date.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** So moved.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns from the Board? I don't see any comment cards. 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 J. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Item 3.

**3. ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** An ordinance of the City -- 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 -- a severability clause and providing an effective date.

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

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. I don't see any comment cards. Is there anything from the Board? 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:** 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 4.

**4. ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ENTITLED PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT PROGRAMS, ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "POLICE OFFICERS PENSION PLAN", SEC. 14-75 ENTITLED "BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CREATED, POWERS, DUTIES", SUBSECTION (a) OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN BY PROVIDIING A PROCEDURE TO STAGGER TRUSTEE TERMS AND BY CREATING NEW SECTIONS (iii) AND (iv); PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**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 & Retirement Programs, Article 4, entitled Police Officers Pension Plan; Section 14-75, entitled, Board of Trustees, Created Powers, Duties, Subsection (a), of the City of Riviera Beach, Code of Ordinances, related to the Police Pension Plan by providing the procedure to stagger trustee terms and providing -- by creating new sections, (3) and (4), providing -- providing for codifications, severability clauses, and providing an effective date.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Is there --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved. It's been properly second. Um, notification. Uh, Councilman Guyton is in the Chamber at this time. I don't have any comment cards. Is -- is there anything from the Board? 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:** Ordinances on first reading, item 5.

#### **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**5. ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, MODIFYING AND UPDATING THE CITY'S FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013/2014 THROUGH 2017/2018; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, modifying and updating the City's Five-Year Capital Projects Plan for fiscal year 2013-14 through 2017-18, providing for severability and conflicts and providing an effective date.

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Once again, there are no comment cards. Is there anything 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.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC -7:00 PM Non-Agenda or Consent Item Speakers**

**(Three Minute Limitation)**

Please be reminded that the City Council has adopted a set of "Rules of Decorum Governing Public Conduct during Official Meetings", which had been posted at the entrance of the Council Chambers. In an effort to preserve order, if any of the rules are not adhered to, the Council Chair may have any disruptive speaker removed from the podium, from the meeting and/or the building, if necessary. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Public Comments shall begin at 7:00 PM unless there is no further business of the City Council, which in that event, it shall begin sooner. In addition; however, if an item is being considered at 7:00 PM, then public comments shall begin immediately after the item has been concluded.

**REGULAR**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Item 6.

**6. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY GOVERNING THE PUBLIC'S REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT PUBLIC MEETINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, establishing a policy governing the public's reasonable opportunity to be heard at public meetings and providing an effective date.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Ms. Ryan, you want to discuss this?

## **DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I believe we discussed it at the last Council meeting. This is the resolution, um, that, uh, basically follows the new law in Florida Statutes, Section -- Chapter 286, which requires that the public, um, have an opportunity to speak on, um, any measure before it's finally voted on. So what we will be doing in the future is adding a, um -- a section -- well, I shouldn't say adding a section. We will allow the public to speak on consent items, so that they have -- if they want to speak on it -- they don't have to -- um, the policy provides that they will be given three minutes for the entire, um, consent section moving forward. That's effective October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. But we can also choose just to move public comment up, uh, couldn't we?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Absolutely.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. Which --

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

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes, sir. Um, and, um, when -- if this passes, um, uh, the League wants a -- the resolution, a copy of it provided to them so that they can, you know, make sure that the municipalities have followed, um, and have a resolution on file.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, you know, once -- once again, I -- we do have some latitude in terms of where we want to move the, uh, public comment. Uh, we do just have to allow for them to speak on all items before they're voted on as stated by the attorney. So I'm probably going to be entertaining just moving public comment up. But we'll look at it. Um, are there any other questions or concerns? 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. Um, item 7.

**7. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING A CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING AND UPDATING THE CHARTER AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS; PROVIDING PURPOSE, RESPONSIBILITIES, MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, creating a Charter Review Advisory Board for the purpose of reviewing and updating the Charter and making recommendations, providing purpose, responsibilities, membership, and meetings, and providing an effective date.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Um, any questions or concerns?

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

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, wait one second. I did just get a comment card that came in. Uh, Bessie Brown? Good evening, Miss Brown? You have three minutes to make your comments.

**BESSIE BROWN:** Okay. Good evening. Good evening. Uh, Bessie Brown. This item I'm speaking on because I'm -- I'm just surprised that you all will be doing, um -- doing an Advisory Board -- a Charter Review Advisory Board -- uh, a Board, because I don't think the, uh, Charter is something that we would need a board to -- um, to continuously update the Charter. I don't think that's -- you know, I don't -- I don't think it's necessary.

As -- as a matter of fact, I was on the Charter Review Committee in 2008, and we did a whole -- we re-did the whole -- we went through the whole entire Charter. And -- and --

and anything now that you all may want to do, I mean, I don't have a problem with that, but I just don't think that it's necessary for a board, because I -- I just don't think that we should continuously mess with the Charter. And -- and, because that's the reason you have resolutions and ordinances to, um, work from the Charter, to do anything that you want to.

But basically, um, I'm here on behalf of 2010 referendum. If you want to do something about the Charter, update your 2010 -- the 2010 referendum in to this Charter and that's the one -- and -- and -- and all you have to do is put that on the agenda, as from -- from the election of November, 2010. Now, uh, you should act according. If you want to work on the Charter, do what is necessary, that you should have done since 2010. I don't have a problem with whatever else things you want to do, but you need to acknowledge things that's already done.

And, um, Mr. Thomas knows what we went through on the Charter. He was here. The Mayor was here. Miss Ryan knows, because I think whatever you're gonna do on the Charter, it -- what -- what -- it has to go to, um -- for an election, anyway. So basically, I would -- I would just, um, say to you all to review what we did in 2008. And, uh -- but I don't think there's a need for establishment of a Charter Review Board, because I'm just wondering what other cities have a Charter Review Board on the entire East Coast. Uh, if Miss Ryan knows.

So that -- that -- that's the statement I want to make. But I really wish that you all would acknowledge the November 2010 referendum that was voted on by the, you know, citizens here, and the -- and -- and the City has never acknowledged updating that referendum into the Charter.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Thank you very much for your comments. Go ahead really quick, Miss -- okay. You can take it.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Uh, just as it relates to one of the items --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Pull your mic down, Miss Jones, please.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** As it relates to one of the items mentioned by Miss Brown, and that was particularly the 2010 resolution, uh, just as an update had, um, conversation and correspondence with the Clerk as late as today, and she has committed that whatever actions we need to take here will be taken in the month of October in order to proceed with codifying the 2010 referendum vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Thank you. Uh, Miss Davis, I think you were first.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, yes, sir, and I was also going to say I remembered something about once the -- the, uh, litigation was over, we were --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- supposed to do something. Yeah, okay. Um, that being said, um, the reason I asked that this be put on the agenda, um, was because, um, in looking through the agenda, and maybe it doesn't need a -- a Charter Review Committee, but, um, there are some things that need to be addressed. Um, I looked for the, um, 2012 referendum issue, uh, that passed. It was not there. Um, it still talks about two-year terms and, uh, having an election every year.

And also, um, I passed down copies of it and highlighted some things that I thought needed to be addressed, but you know, it's -- it's really up to the Board. Um, there's also the issue about boundaries. Uh, and it states there that, um, that needs to be reviewed every 10 years, and that's been since 1985, so we're running on to year 40 and it still has not been done.

So, um, just to say that, um, there are some things that need to be addressed, and whether it be done by a committee or the Council, you know, it's fine. Whatever the Board decides, but I just think that we need to be, um, accountable and get these things -- get the Charter updated as it's supposed to be.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Mr. Davis was actually next, Miss Pardo.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** When was the last time we had a Charter Review Committee?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** 2008.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** 2008. In 2008 this Board had -- had time to make decisions they were gonna make then. Whatever decisions we had a chance to make then, this Board should have done it then. There's no need for this now. That's where I stand on it. I mean, you don't need a Board. You had a committee before. Committee brought some things to you that we should have updated at that time. You didn't update it then, so why do you want to come now to try to come back and update it now? Is there some other reason that you bringing the Charter Review Board?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** If there was, I would say so.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Well, I'll be waiting, because you had a chance back in 2008 to act on what you wanted to do, and you did nothing.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** 2008. In 2008 this Board had -- had time to make decisions they were gonna make then. Whatever decisions we had a chance to make then, this Board should have done it then. There's no need for this now. That's where I stand on it. I mean, you don't need a Board. You had a committee before. Committee

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**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

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

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Just to make myself clear, um, I think that the -- the, um -- the Charter, uh, as I stated, there are some things that need to be addressed, and if I remember correctly, all of the things that were talked about in this prior committee, um, the -- everything was not voted on. Okay? So all I'm saying is, um, I don't see the -- the harm in further review, just to make sure, but those things that I just mentioned need to be addressed.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Gotcha. Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. Well, I would like to know why some of these issues that went to referendum still aren't in the Charter? Like what Miss Davis said, the -- um, the terms. We now serve three-year terms, and the Charter still has two-year terms. The boundaries -- we're still not following the boundaries. You know, who -- who's in charge of updating our Charter?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Now, the issue as it relates to the boundaries, unless that changed in 2008, then there was nothing to bring forward.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** With the election in 2012, with the terms, that means all we had to do was just to codify that and -- and to make that change within the Charter, and that, along with, like, the 2010 referendum, are the kinds of things that we need to codify, which then actually get them into the official document.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. Then I think there should be some kind of process where, you know, if there is an election, you know, give it -- you know, give it 60 days. Within 60 days it needs to come to the Council for codification, instead of it just lingering out there for years.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Um --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** I understand, you know, Miss Davis' frustrations, but it just seems like some of these things that either the -- you know, the citizens voted on, or there were recommendations from the previous committee. So I think these issues should just come back to us, instead of starting the whole Charter Committee again, which could go on for a couple of years, or it could be quick with people having, you know, an agenda to do a couple of things. You know, if the issues are, you know -- like we said, the, uh, codification of some of these things, let's just bring it back and vote on it and just, you know, really move forward.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton, you want to say something?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, a couple of things. And I agree with my colleagues with respect to codifying these issues more quickly. Um, as a matter of fact, I do have a question. When will the terms be codified, Miss Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** They will be brought in -- in October, along with the 2010 referendum codifications.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Um, speaking of the 2010 referendum, that is often, um, referred to without any reference to the referendum that happened in 2011 that overturned the 2010 referendum. Once the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach overturned that referendum, the Task Force filed a lawsuit, and it has been in litigation ever since. We are now at the point where a final judgment was recently made. Um, there is an opportunity for an appeal. That time is rapidly running out and once the City has determined that there is no more legal action, that will be incorporated into our codification. And, uh, Miss Ryan, correct me if I'm wrong.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You're correct.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. So all this reference to the 2010, there was another referendum after 2010 that overturned that referendum, and it's been in litigation, and that's why it hasn't not -- it has not been codified. The, um -- with respect to a Charter Review Committee, personally I think it's an excellent idea. The frequency, um, I think, probably may a bit -- be a bit much, but the -- the, um, Charter is a live document as it relates to public administration vernacular. That means it's subject to change.

You do not let a document like that sit antiquated as we move forward in our city, and we do things that impact that Charter. For an example, with the, uh, referendum that, um, now gave the City Council members three years, one of the things that was not done was an administrative procedure associated with that dealing with how frequently we would select a chair. Those things need to be addressed. And to think that somehow a document should not be changed for five or 10 or 15 years, and we are making decisions that impact that, that is not, in my opinion, a wise position.

Um, we need to understand that that document is not one to sit there as we make changes and we don't address those changes that affect issues in that document. So as we move forward, as we try to progress, um, as we start developing our City, there are going to be issues that need to be addressed, and there are some that are going to impact the Charter. So I am of the mindset, um, it may not have to be as frequent as been recommended. Um, we may not have to even organize a committee that is permanent, but as a City Council, we need to understand that that document is subject to change, and it shouldn't take five, 10, 15 years to make changes in the document when we are trying to get into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

So, um, I am hopeful that, um, my colleagues will understand that there are things that we do need to address, and whether we want to address them by issue specific or rather we want to establish a committee or whether we just want to periodically -- I mean, establish a permanent committee or whether we want to periodically convene a committee to address some of these issues, but we do need to address issues and it's probably best if we have citizen participation.

We can sit up here and do it and be accused of being dictators, or we can try to incorporate the residents and have them to have a hand in addressing some of the issues that may impact the direction that we're going in. But we definitely need some type of review of our Charter. It has been antiquated. We don't update it as often as we should and, um, we just need to take our City to another level, and that is gonna require us to address our Charter and, um, deal with some of the issues that have been lingering.

I don't understand why we have six people on the dais. Uh, that -- that is something that I and others have been discussing in the community. Um, you know, we have five people vote. And then we have another person on the dais. I think that if we're gonna have a governing body, it should be an odd number. And that is an issue that, um, as we move forward with addressing our Charter, that I want to address. So, um, there are issues that need to be addressed.

Um, the structure of our government, I don't know who came up with it, but it is not consistent with most governmental bodies and we can run our operation more efficiently. The taxpayers are paying for a position that in my, um, um, opinion -- that, uh, is not needed. I'm not saying that we don't need a mayor's position. I'm saying we don't need six people on the dais. We can incorporate a mayor's position into five -- uh, five seats.

So, um, I'm sure my comments will be taken out of context to suggest that he said we don't a -- that is not what I'm saying, that we don't need a mayor's position. I'm saying we don't need six people to do the business that we do on this dais, and I think that it's a waste of the taxpayer's money to have an extra body up here when we actually don't need it to do what we are doing. So Mr. Chair, those are my comments.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, thank you. Um, I, uh, wanted to discuss two issues. The first issue, Miss Ryan, since it was brought up about, uh, codification of the

judge's ruling, um, did the judge -- judge's ruling state that it must be codified, or did he -  
- what was the actual ruling that the judge gave?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Mr. Chair, I don't have the order in front of me, and I don't want to misquote, but, um, the -- the flavor of the -- the order was that we are to act in accordance with that Charter change unless and until it's changed by the voters in the next, um, election. Because remember, in the same order, the judge ordered the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach's language to be placed on the ballot.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So it -- it -- the -- I don't recall that the judge said it must be codified but, um, he did state in his order that we needed to act in accordance with that

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- that Charter change.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** So does that mean since the original one for, I believe it was the Citizen's Task Force -- does that mean that we go to that language, and even though the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach had a referendum, as well, it just means that the Citizens for a Better Riviera Beach's referendum does not get codified or does not count at this time?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It does not, no. The -- the language that was submitted by the Task Force is technically a part of the Charter.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And, um, as I've stated on occasions in the past, staff treats it as though it is a part of the Charter, and the City cannot do anything that is contrary to that Charter amendment. The judge -- the judges in the past have ruled that that language is fine and because the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach's language has to go back to the ballot, it is not enforceable language.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I understand. So then we need to move forward with codification of that. All right. The, um -- the other thing that I wanted to, uh, discuss in reference to this, uh, Charter Review Committee, um, just for the general public, how is it stated that we will select this committee, um, the term of this committee, um, the frequency of that committee? Um, I believe it was Miss Davis who actually, um, spearheaded this. Can you answer any of those questions, please, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I, uh -- the -- a copy of the resolution was provided in the -- the -- the previous meeting. Um, yes, may I --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** It's in this one, too.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Oh, okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It's in this one, too.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, I prefaced it by just saying "for the people who may not --"

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** "-- necessarily --"

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, I'm sorry.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** "-- have this for the general public."

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yeah. It's, um -- each -- each of us -- each of us select a person and, um -- let me just read it and that will be better. Um, "It shall -- shall consist of seven regular members and two alternates who shall be designated as Alternate 1 and 2. The members shall be a combination of ad valorem tax paying citizens who are registered voters, and Riviera Beach business owners. All the -- at least one alternate should be a business owner. The Mayor and City Council may appoint one member each. The City Manager may appoint one member, and the City Council as a body shall appoint the alternate members."

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. And I'm sorry. I -- I missed that. How long did you want this to go for?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh, it -- that can be left up to the City Council. I'm -- I -- you know, this -- this is just a suggestion. I gave it, uh, provided it to everyone so that you could make your, um, you know -- your suggestions known or whatever.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I, um -- I -- uh, I do think I heard Mr. Guyton say a few things in reference to some of the things that weren't addressed. Um, is it gonna be left up to that Board to address some of those items, or is that still gonna need to be spearheaded by the City Council?

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, you answer -- that -- that question --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh, was that? Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- was to Miss Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I'm sorry. I wasn't paying attention. I was looking for something.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, there was a few, um, items that Mr. Guyton brought up --

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- along with others. Uh, is this Board going to be tasked with, uh, bringing some type of resolution to those, or is that still going to be done by the City Council?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I'm not sure exactly what you mean by -- in reference to what his comments were.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, he -- he -- yeah, he -- he looked at a number of items, um, one of which, um, when we got the -- the new terms in, it did not, uh, distinguish how long a Chair should, uh, be there. Right now it says at every reorganization, and our reorganization doesn't come but every two years now. So that was something that --

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- needed to be looked at. He also spoke about, um, the number of elected officials that we have, um, on the -- the -- the -- the dais here. Um, just some of those things. Are those the type of things that we're looking to task this particular Board with, or are those things that the City Council still will be tasked with, trying to figure out?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Well, um, I gave -- what I highlighted on the, uh, document -- in the document, were things that I were talking about with -- that was already in the document. Now, if somebody else has something else that they would like to, you know, uh, have reviewed or considered, that's up to them. So I -- my answer to that question would be both ways, I guess.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. And you know, I guess I'm really saying that the things that are in the Charter that have already been voted on that need to be codified, they just need to be brought back and they need to be codified. Um, if there's some new things that you or somebody else on this board -- or even some of the residents have that they want discussed or, um, deliberated upon, then we might need to entertain, um, a board to do this. If it's not anything new that needs to go in there and it's just for codification purposes, then I don't think that we should convene a board.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Well, the reason -- like I said, there are some things there, um, that I think need to be addressed, and whether -- for instance, like the -- uh, the boundary issue. That's a 40 -- almost a 40-year-old issue. And nothing has been done with that. Um, so I mean, I -- I just don't see the harm in putting together a

committee to look at things in its entirety. Um, but if the Board doesn't want to do that, I'm -- you know, that's just -- that's just --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No; I -- I don't -- I don't --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- my suggestion.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- think anybody -- I don't think anybody thinks it's harm. The -- the only thing that causes me pause is when you have so many laws that are changing and moving, it's hard to know exactly what's law and what's not. Let's take, for instance, this, um, 2010 referendum. You know? Um, that's something that needs to be in, so we need to -- to -- to have it in. But that could be confusing to people who might want to do business or might -- you know, so I don't want anything to -- to change drastically unless we saying as a board, or the citizens are saying, We need to really discuss this.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Well, I don't -- I -- I -- I'm not saying that anything is going to change immediately. You know, I just think that if you put -- put the -- it's gonna take us a little while to put a, uh, committee together. But, um, you know, I don't think the process is going to be something that is, um, you know, a hurried type thing. But you know, I -- I --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I understand.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I'm done with it.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Um, Mr. --

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

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, let me make sure I got everybody. Anybody else wants to say anything?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes, Mr. -- Mr. Chair.

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

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. I think you're -- you are correct, Mr. Chair. You know, my -- you know, my comment is just --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Can you speak in the mic?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm trying. But my comment is that Lord help us, you know, this is -- I don't know. It's -- it's --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I don't -- Mayor, could you use the other mic, because I -- I'm really not able to hear you. I don't know if the general public is, as well. I apologize.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah, that's better.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. You know, my -- my statement would -- a couple of things would be, one is, Lord, have mercy on us and -- and guide us and help us. Um, it is clear that there are some misgivings, some things that are misguided. Motives could be questioned. And you know, it's almost at the point it's, What's next? What's coming next? Um, and I don't -- I think the people that are listening and viewing this, it doesn't take a rocket science degree to figure out where this train is going, and you know, I just leave it -- I'm gonna leave it to God and leave it to your conviction and let you just know that know what you know.

The other thing is, someone mentioned citizens' participation. And Mr. Chairman, I -- I think that where I am, if the Charter is to be amended, um, I've always felt that the best citizen participation is not seven people. The best citizen participation is when we take issues to the people, as we have done in the past, and you ask people to sign a petition. And then if you get enough signatures, it was -- it's -- it's a way of letting you know that this is something that the people are asking for or not asking for, and then it's not what seven people -- real participation from citizens is when you really include them in the process in the beginning and not -- and not at the end.

Um, we've had this view, 2008. In a long process it was detailed. We voted. Um, does it mean that every time there's an election in our City, a new Board comes in and we want to have another charter review? I -- I -- I don't know. I'm -- I'm really perplexed by this whole concept. And then you hear ever -- every sense that this was mentioned, Mr. Chair, we -- we've heard all kinds of rumors about -- and -- and they are rumors until they actually become facts.

You know, we've -- we've heard things like, um, um, five people instead of six people, which means that the fifth seat would be the mayor's seat, which means that the person in that seat now would not be able to be re-elected to his seat or her seat as a councilperson. Certainly, um, that's not right, and it's not fair. All of us have a right to be re-elected, or none of us but certainly. I mean, it's just so many questions here as to what's moral, what's right. And what are we doing? Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Let me say for the record that as it relates to streamlining -- streamlining our Council, the Mayor has come to me in support of that idea and asked me when was it coming forward before he and I had our differences of late. So for him to sit down there, act like now I'm friends with somebody, so I'm backing off of that issue, that's his prerogative. But to try to say that he had no idea, or have never endorsed the idea, is typical of our mayor. Hypocritical.

And I would just like for us to be honest that for us to move forward in our city it's gonna require reform. We're gonna have to do things different, and people are reluctant to that. I do understand that. And -- and as it relates to participation in a referendum,

when a sitting elected official does not agree with the decision that his or her colleagues made, and they decide to go out after the -- the decision is made, and divide our community by saying that, I didn't like that decision. I want to do a referendum to -- for the people to participate, that is something that has never been done in this city.

No elected official has ever gone out and -- and -- and spearheaded a referendum after their colleagues have made a decision. That is trifling. It's undermining [sic] and it's disrespectful. I don't appreciate it, and we have people sitting up here as if they are a victim when every chance they get they throw this Council under the bus.

They're in the community talking about we're not listening to the people, and they're the only one that's listening to the people, and all of this garbage, dividing our city. I call it, um, divisive politics, politics by division. Let's start a referendum, because people are gonna have to take positions. Somebody's gonna agree to it, somebody is not. Our community's going to be divided. They promote themselves as if they're the champion for the people and they think that's gonna help them get re-elected.

I'm tired of playing the games. I'm not one to mix words. Everybody knows I'm very direct. I'm here, not seeking to remain a career politician. I'm here because when I left St. Mary's Hospital when I was born, I came straight to Riviera Beach, from the cradle to the grave this is my home. And we have made little to no progress because we've had the mindset that has been advocated up here today, let's remain how we are. Everything need to stay status quo. That is absolutely ridiculous.

Progress requires change. We have to change things. We have to change the way we do business. To even change our image we have to change the physical character of our city. I have a daughter who is in school, and last year, working on her accounting degree, ready for my grandkids to come, live in Atlanta. And when I broached that issue she said, Daddy, there's nothing there. Everything has been in the same place since I was a child, and I'm not coming back. There's nothing there for me.

Our bright minds get educated and leave our city, and some other community benefit from it because they see no progress here. And we have people who got this mindset that we shouldn't change, we're gonna keep the status quo, and what we get, our educated young people leave and -- and I'm not saying that these people shouldn't come back, but those, some in my family, some of my friends who have done time, or prison time, they come back to our community.

We need a happy mix of educated people and those who have made mistakes and need another opportunity. We all can live and grow together. But right now our educated people are leaving. There's nothing here. And I am saying that I'm not gonna sit here and continue to go with the status quo. I'm not gonna go along to get along when I know that it's not the best thing for our community.

So I am here as a reformer, not to do everything the way it's been done for 50 years. It requires change, and there's gonna be resistance and reluctance, and I'm gonna

continue to push for change. And every time somebody is hypocritical up here, I'm gonna call them on it. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, who's that?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** It's the Mayor.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor, go ahead.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** There he -- there he goes again is all I can say. There's a Chinese proverb, and I'm gonna -- I'm gonna rest. I'm gonna be finished, because obviously people have their own agendas. But there's two Chinese Proverbs that I remember: He who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise. Follow him. But he who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is misguided. Stay away from him. So you figure it out. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Anything else from any members of the Board? Okay. There's a motion on the floor.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Wait, wait. Oh, Mr. Chair, I -- I second that motion --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** This is going to be your last time, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No, no. But this is about the issue about the motion, because I second it --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- not to -- because there's some things that I really want to change in it. Um, it says meet on every month and, um, there was something else in it. But I -- I do want us to entertain it, but not in the form that it is right now. Um, I -- I don't know -- huh?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You gotta talk in the mic.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Hold it. You can hold it.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You gotta talk in the mic.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Could -- could we possibly have Council make some additional comments, um, to the resolution and bring it back, um, after everyone has had a chance to --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I mean, that would be fine with me, but the -- at this point it would be up to the maker of the motion and the -- and the person who second it. Um --

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

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I think I made the motion, so --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You did.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- I would, um, change my motion to be that, um, uh -- give Council an opportunity to make any kind of revisions, suggestions that they would like to the resolution, and that it be brought back, uh, on the first meeting in October.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** There's a motion on the floor.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been moved and properly second. Questions? 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:** 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 T. Davis dissenting.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** As it relates to making changes, um, I -- I believe that the -- the, uh, maker of the motion wanted the revised resolution brought back to Council?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So if you have any comments or changes, can you please either e-mail the manager or me, so that -- I -- I don't want Miss, um --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yeah, I don't want to get --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- Davis going back and forth --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- with Council, of course.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Send them to Miss Ryan.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So whatever changes you might have, please send them to us. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I also have a question, um, Mr. Chair, on the, uh --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. The 2008 --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You're gonna have to speak in -- in the mic.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes, they always cut mine off for some reason. But the 2008, um, charter review that -- that we had, um, do -- does anyone know whether the City Manager at that time appointed someone to serve on that committee? Does anyone remember that? Because I don't remember that.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mayor, at this time that motion has been disposed of, but someone can re-entertain it if they want, uh, to do so, but we can't --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'd just like for it to be researched. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Do you want a councilperson to re-open that?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I just asked a simple question. I didn't -- I just want to know what --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's a discussion of the item, sir, so if you want a --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No, that's fine.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- councilperson to, then a councilperson can re-open it if they like.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm okay. That's fine.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You sure?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You remember -- uh, uh, I'm not sure about anything. That's -- that's fine.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That is true.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, you know, my job is just to make sure that we follow Roberts Rules of Order and that's all I'm trying to do in this case. It would be just if, um, a member of the public wanted to come up and speak about this at the time; it's -- it's disposed of. So, um, we do have the time, if you want it to be re-addressed, to -- to address it. If not, we're gonna move on.

**9. JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL - \$3,500 -**

**COUNCILMAN TERENCE D. DAVIS - READING PROGRAM.**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** That being said, or that not being said, um, number 9, item 9, uh, John F. Kennedy Middle School, \$3,500, Councilman Terence T. Davis, and this is under community benefits. Is there a motion.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

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

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** 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 ahead and take Public Comment at this time. First up would be Mr. Lloyd Brown.

**LLOYD BROWN:** Uh, hello. My name is Lloyd Brown and, uh, I'm a taxpayer. And I'm only here to say how I appreciate the work that you have done on 37<sup>th</sup> Street, but, uh, only thing is, my problem is this. I mean, I wouldn't be saying these things if I didn't have -- you know, didn't live in this city, but I see a lot of things that go on. Like you were saying, um, like, you have to plan things.

Well, the stop signs they put on the end of my street, there wasn't a warning or anything. They just put them up. You say you want the community to participate in these different things. And then, like, with the sewage, okay, on the street, I'm saying, 37<sup>th</sup> Street, I was over there all day when it rained. I didn't see no water roll uphill and go into a sewage. So I'm wondering -- I mean, when you -- when you're doing these projects, and, like, if you see it's not gonna work in this position where it's at, do you try to change these things, you know, and make better arrangements, or you just go ahead and go by the plans?

I mean, because you got it written down, are those things written in stone? You know, like the stop sign. I mean, you -- somebody should have been aware, we're gonna put a stop sign here in the next three weeks. That's letting the citizens -- that's letting the public know.

And then another thing, too. As far as the comment, I'm not really making a comment. I mean, y'all need a suggestion box or something, because it's not a comment. When a person come up here, they have problems, you know, and when they try to come to you with these problems, they can't get no help, and the reason why because you talking about these are the comments. These aren't comments.

I've been coming up here commenting for four years and today I finally got a chance to almost walk in the door to get some help. I mean, but now it's -- it's apparently -- it's not really too late, but it could be, because the property that I live on is already done, and I'm not gonna say anything else about that. But I do respect Riviera Beach as far as the community, because I grew up here, too. I wasn't born in St. Mary's, but I was born right where I live at right now, in the back room of a house that used to be there.

And I mean, I have a choice of staying in Riviera Beach or moving out of Riviera Beach. I really want to stay, but the only thing about it, it seems like we don't have -- the citizens don't have nothing, you know, that benefit them. I mean, you -- you say the beach is over there. Okay. I really don't care about going over Singer Island, drinking no beer underneath that thing.

But the open container law, I -- I heard them talk about that down in Boynton. Okay? I think that's just your way of harassing a guy, you know, because if you can't tell me how that open container law and the loitering law has improved, you know, like, as far as, uh, what it -- how can you say it -- I don't have -- okay, as far as criminal crimes going on,

what does that open container law do with the crimes. Does it -- does it make them go down? I mean, I think if this is the case, I'm gonna go -- you shouldn't sell any alcohol around schools anyway.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you for your comments, Mr. Brown. Next up will be Bessie Brown. Good evening. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**BESSIE BROWN:** Okay. Um, first of all, about talking with the charter review. It would be, um, I think the best thing to do is to do a workshop, and then you'll know if the citizens have concerns, as well as the Council. And then that way you can proceed. And I think that's -- that's what participation is. Um, also, um, Mr. Guyton said, um, people are dividing the City. Well, Mr. Guyton was one of the main people on the Citizens of, uh -- for a Better Riviera Beach, with the 2011 referendum, after the 2010 referendum was voted on and, uh, approved -- uh, no, and never approved. So I just -- you know, those are some things that he was saying.

I -- I want change, too. I've been here since 1964. I would love to see change. I -- I've seen the City look better than this before now. You know, and -- and -- and Broadway died. It was very flourishing. So I -- I know what it's like to live here and to watch what happen, what -- and watch that we have nothing. We really have nothing. Everything is just dead.

And um, and -- and we need change. We need change. Every -- we need a lot of things to do, not just on Broadway and the marina, but we need to do some things over on the -- on the -- on the west side, also. So -- so you know, that's the -- those are the things that I'd like to say.

And you know, I -- and let me tell you something. We all have a right to do a referendum. Any citizen has a right to -- to -- to want things changed, also. Miss Pardo is well aware of that. She did a referendum. So I just want you all to know that every -- you know, don't make it seem like it's just this group and that. Everybody up -- we have some of them up there have participated in a whole bunch of this stuff that has been going on as -- in this City, and don't make it seem like one of you, I'm so for this. I am for it at all, because I have been a part of all of it from the beginning until today, and that -- and it -- and it -- and it's -- and it's about time when people say, "No, it's in litigation," litigation was done and it still was never addressed. And it's only gonna be addressed until, uh, 20 -- uh, October. You know, it's -- it's a shame, but you have -- but people have come here and stressed, update your Charter and -- and -- and -- and implement and take care of what you need to take care with the 2010 referendum.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you for your comments.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Just a brief comment on -- regarding Mrs. Brown's comment about my participation in the 2011 referendum. I was in full support of that

referendum because I disagreed with the 2010 referendum. Uh, it's -- it severely prohibits private development. That is the driving engine to developing your economy.

I didn't go out and initiate a referendum because I did not like a Council's decision. I went out and supported a referendum to reverse a referendum that was gonna hurt our community because without private development we are dead in the water. So -- but I would never sit on this dais once the Council make a decision and go out in the community and divide our community to say that the decision that the Council made was not right. So I am the end-all and be-all and listen to me, we need to reverse the Council's decision. I would never take that position. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Next will be Felicia Wilder. Good evening, Miss Wilder. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**FELICIA WILDER:** Good afternoon.

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

**FELICIA WILDER:** Um, I'm here to comment on -- about the utilities at the --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Would you -- would you -- would you state your name and then speak into the mic, please.

**FELICIA WILDER:** My name is Felicia Wilder and I live at 1341 Silver Beach Road, Riviera Beach, Florida, and I'm here to address the issue that happened at 1341 Silver Beach Road, and in reference to the water meters which was being removed.

I had a contract with the City of Riviera Beach. Um, they had a lien against the property and I made a contract with them to pay the meter, to pay the balance off, and I had a certain amount of time to pay it off. So my granddaughter didn't have a place to stay, so I let her stay at my house. Okay? Next door. So I told her she could stay for three months.

So I went in to pay \$400 down, so they brought the meter back out, because people were stealing the meters. Okay? So he brought the meter back out and my granddaughter was staying there, and she stopped paying the water bill. So that meant that I was in default of a contract. So when she didn't pay the water bill since February, I came over and asked them if -- the balance was \$533. Do not accept any money from her, if she gave you \$1,000. Don't accept any money from her because my name was on the contract.

Mr. Sherman -- I went through protocol. Mr. Sherman stated he didn't care who paid the water bill. They did what they had to do and the water meter's still on. Then retaliation come. I have an apartment in the back of my house. Someone came and the man -- I say, "Well, can I help you, sir?" So he said, "I come to take the water meter out." I say, "For what?" They say, "Usage." I say, "No one's back there."

So when he -- I went back there with him. He read it was 011 -- I can't remember the other numbers. He said, "It's the same as on the paper, so it's no usage." He say, "Well, ma'am, I have to take the meter out anyway." I said, "That's fine." So I see retaliation. Everything I see is done in retaliation. I have not done -- I have been trying to work with the City. I even cut grass for the City in the back of my house, which is not my property.

I have no problem about obeying the law of the land. But look like I'm being targeted. They're saying that I don't -- and Mr. Sherman had all these papers, and "I see your house is in foreclosure." None of his business. And for his information, it's not in foreclosure. So I had to show him a letter what I got from the courts that the bank had, um, dismissed foreclosure proceeding. "Where'd you get that from?" I said, "Hey, from the courthouse."

So I don't know who, you know -- what kind of operation is going on here, because the man that pulled the meter, and from my understanding it was said that he's been doing this for someone else over in the City, over his supervisor's head. Now, I don't know. I don't get involved in people's mess, but something needs to go on, somebody need to do some kind of revamping with that organization over here, because it's not right.

I am the personal representative for my mom's property. The squatter came and had the name changed on the water bill, but they can do that. But they looking at me saying, I have no right. So I'm trying to see what's going on with this situation. And I do have where I have -- I have an account with the State with my name as being the representative of the State, even from the bank.

So -- but you let a squatter come. So I say, "Well, what -- what is the squatters gonna do now? They gonna take over the City of Riviera Beach?" I had others stealing my water. They did nothing about it. I'm working. So I can't take care of everybody.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Wilder, I understand that you have some issues. Um, I did let you go over a little to try to --

**FELICIA WILDER:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- see if I can understand more about what's going on. Did you -- have you tried to speak with the City Manager?

**FELICIA WILDER:** Oh, yes, sir. I couldn't talk with him. I had to walk out the office 'cause he came out screaming and (screaming sound), just like he lost --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Her?

**FELICIA WILDER:** No, wait. Sherman, Mr. Sherman, whoever.

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

**FELICIA WILDER:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No, Mr. -- Mr. Sherman has a --

**FELICIA WILDER:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Sherman has a direct supervisor. That's that young lady right at the end of the --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Right here.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- the --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Right here.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. She's our City Manager, and that seems like an issue, um -- I mean, we're just only hearing your side, of course. We haven't heard Mr. Sherman's side. But Miss -- the Manager will be able to assist you with those issues, uh, for some type of resolution. Um, so if you don't have an appointment with her, we can get you one tonight before you leave.

**FELICIA WILDER:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, if you just go right to that desk and talk to the gentleman in the suit, he'll take care of that issue for you. We -- we are very sensitive to water issues and we want to make sure that we are addressing them. Um, but at this time I don't think anyone has enough information to -- to -- to give any comment on it. But, um, you can definitely get an appointment tonight before you leave right there with Mr. --

**FELICIA WILDER:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Before you sit down, just walk right there and get that so you can have that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Miss Wilder lives in my district and, um, I would like for her to, uh -- Miss Wilder, would you make sure they get your information so that I can get it. You live in my district and I want to follow this issue to find out what the problem is and if we can come to a resolution, um, that is fair to both parties. Um, but I represent the district that you live in. As a matter of fact, I think I went to school with your son. Is Alan Wilder your -- your son?

**FELICIA WILDER:** No, he's not.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (Inaudible) brother.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Her brother.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh, is he? Oh, I'm sorry. You must have been a big sister. But -- but notwithstanding that, um, you live in my district and please leave your information, um, Mr. Jones, and make sure I get it and we'll follow up on this issue for you.

**FELICIA WILDER:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** And this Council, as a Board, apologize for any insult that you may have taken from Mr. Guyton's comments.

**FELICIA WILDER:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes. Okay. That's the end of the, uh, Public Comment. We're going to, um, go ahead and have, uh, any discussion by our City Manager.

**8. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE OCEAN MALL GROUND LEASERETAIL; APPROVING THE RECOGNITION, ATTORNMENT AND ASSENT TO LEASEHOLD MORTGAGE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

#### **COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUEST**

**9. JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL - \$3,500 -**

**COUNCILMAN TERENCE D. DAVIS - READING PROGRAM.**

#### **DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you, sir. Sir, just a couple of items. Um, with the recent unfortunate incident at the naval base, um, in the D.C. area, I, um, had a conversation with, um, Chief Perry and, uh, he informed me that he and Assistant Chief A.C. Harris have been looking at the City's plan for evacuation, and how we handle things in the event, um, something occurs on a different floor, and how we get people out. And so we will be reviewing our internal procedures and getting some plan or draft to you as to how we plan to, um, ensure that people are made aware of, once again, the best way to evacuate in the event of a situation.

Also, there's two pieces of good news that you all are aware of, and I just wanted to reiterate both of them for the benefit of the public. And that is that entities related to the City of Riviera Beach in one way or another have been working very hard to receive grant monies. Um, the CDC for the City of Riviera Beach CRA, um, received from the County, um, a grant in their Homes Program of \$897,000 for improvement of the Park Manor South, uh, area. This area will run from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to 18<sup>th</sup> Street, between E and

F. And we're very proud of the CRA and the CDC on obtaining that award from the County in the Federal Home Funds.

But also, um, the City of Riviera Beach Housing Authority, in the same process, was successful in getting \$900,000 for a 75-unit apartment arrangement for veterans over -- located up on -- on the property that they own, which most residents will remember it as the old Ivy Green property. They will be coming back to the City in the month of October. Uh, you will recall that they were here earlier briefing us on their future plans for this addition and as well as the senior housing. But we are very proud of the Housing Authority. Although it's not a government entity, it is, um, an entity that helps and works closely with the City, and so we just wanted to make all the residents aware of the award of \$900,000 to the Riviera Beach Housing Authority.

Also, as another just kind of piece of good news, I don't know how many of you, um, look at some of the TV channels, um, websites, but this week they published on their Facebook page they had a survey where you were listing the top beaches in the state, and I am pleased to announce that the Singer Island and the Municipal Beach area was rated number six out of 25 in the state by tourists, visitors, as well as our residents. And so we're -- we're very proud that our beach and the Singer Island beach is being recognized not only by us for its greatness, but also by the individuals that visit there. Um, good news.

We'd like to formally announce that, um, Michael Madden has been selected as the Assistant Chief of Police and, uh, we've been working with him for a while and wish him well in that endeavor. Just as a point of information, Mr. William Jiles has resigned his position and we are beginning the process of reviewing the job description and will be advertising that position, um, as soon as we possibly can, um, after we have assessed that particular, um, position.

Also, the last thing is that, um, just wanted to make the residents aware that the finest police department in Florida now has a newsletter, and it's called The Blotter. Um, they launched, uh, their inaugural edition this week, and we're very proud of them and the publication. Due to resource constraints, they're not mailing it out right now. It's only being sent out electronically. I think that was a hint-hint at me to try to help them see if they could do that, but it is an excellent document. If you have not seen it, by all means I encourage you to do so, as well as if you go to the website under Public Safety on the right-hand side, there's a link that says "Newsletter," and residents can also read the newsletter from the website. And that ends my good report of good news.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Thank you. Anything from Legal?

#### **LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST**

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just one quick item. I wanted to give the Council a status report on the Ocean Mall Project, especially since I listed a resolution and never provided the back-up. Um, TJAC [phonetic], who is the new owner of the Ocean Mall lease, um, I understand is, uh, in the process of getting their

demolition permit so that they can begin, uh, demolishing the -- the middle piece, the final piece of the Ocean Mall.

One of the reasons why, uh, they are requesting to be heard in front of this Council is because the bank, um, that is financing their project, they had concerns about the, uh, finish date, um, and whether or not, uh, TJAC would be able to build the, uh, rest of the Ocean Mall in the time frame that was set out in the first amendment. So, uh, TJAC is still negotiating with us. We will be bringing back a second amendment for your consideration, um, where we would perhaps give them additional time to, um, complete the building.

It is my understanding that they have created a -- um, a very exciting new site plan, and it's because of that that they will have to -- that it is going to cause the delay, because they have to go through the whole site plan -- site planning process. Um, they wanted me to let you know that it is their intention to, um, reach out to you, um, if you'd like to meet with them, so that they can share their ideas.

Um, our plan is to bring back something for City Council's consideration at the next City Council meeting. Hopefully, I'll have the paperwork done in advance, so that I can talk with each of you about it to make sure that you are each comfortable with, um, the changes that we'll be making to the -- um, the agreement and the second amendment. And that's it, Mr. Chair.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Thank you. Um, any City Council committee reports? Okay. Hearing none, we'll start tonight off with, uh -- let's start with the ladies. Um, Commissioner Davis, J. Davis.

#### **STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Well, you did say ladies. So --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I did say ladies. I did say ladies.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh, yeah, Mr. Chair. Um, um, just want to let you and the residents know that, um, if you remember, a few months ago the FDOT, um, paved from Avenue H to Broadway. It was during that time I thought that those little grass utility strips was going to be removed, um, only to learn that later on, um, they had not. So I contacted FDOT, um, District Secretary, um -- what's his name?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Wolfe.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And, um, he agreed that he was going to take care of it. So that work is going to be starting very soon, so you -- you will have some delays on, um, uh, Blue Heron Boulevard, but hopefully not much.

Also, um, in back there there should be some more paperwork concerning, um, trades that are being taught at the old North Tech Center. It's a school behind North Tech, um, and I don't have the paperwork up here with me tonight, but the paperwork is back there, if you want to learn a trade in electrical, um, air conditioning, um, plumbing, and various other ones.

Um, and lastly, Mr. Chair, um, I have some comments that I want to put on the record concerning our City Attorney. Um, I just want to make it very clear that if the City Attorney, and I've -- I've told her this -- um, feels a need to address any of my concerns, and I can't speak how anybody else feels up here, I expect her to do so, and I'm not calling any names. But no one on this Council has the authority to tell her to shut up. Um, she works for all of us and I've made it very clear that if it happens again, there will be consequences. So thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Thank you, sir. I have two things. The first is, um, like Miss Ryan said on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, um, the new owners of, or the new -- they're not really the owners. We own the building.

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Um, Miss McKinney was able to find the agreement from years ago that -- that showed, and Sailfish agreed to it, that the trolley would go along, um, A1A to Blue Heron, and then turn over on Lake. So if we can look into that and find out exactly what's going on.

And the other thing is the palm trees that are dead on A1A. We got a report from Mr. Johnson about six weeks ago, and I believe he said that the contractor was waiting for new trees to come in. So if we can just follow up, please, because now it's getting to the point where the dead trees are beginning to lean over, and the last thing we need is one of those trees falling on one of the senior residents walking along A1A. Um, and that's all I have. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Um, I think one thing for the -- uh, for the Manager. I'm -- I'm so thankful that you mentioned security, um, that they were working on, looking at the plans to evacuate the buildings. But one of the concerns that I have, and maybe this could also be looked into, that, um, because this is 2013 and people are just -- at any moment anybody can get a gun and go in any public building and shoot and kill anybody if there's not -- um, if there aren't any metal detectors or security guards. And one of the things I'm concerned about is that our building is pretty much secured, and the police department is pretty much secured, but the library isn't.

And God forbid that if someone just walks in the library, some irate person, uh, and just starts shooting, then that's a problem, because we have -- we don't have any security there, any -- or any metal detectors. So that would be something I would like for you to look into, the possibility or the feasibility of looking at, uh, how the library can be better secured, in light of what is happening around the world, the United States, as well.

And in speaking of security in schools, um, other mayors and other community leaders, um, including myself as the mayor, we are pressing on with pressing the school board to place metal detectors in all the schools in Palm Beach County. Um, as you know, this is the county where a student took a gun to school and killed the teacher (inaudible). Um, so we hope and pray that it's not a repeat, but if schools are not secured without metal detectors, cameras are good, but if we can protect books from leaving the library, certainly we can protect the lives of our children. So we're not going to, um, give up on that.

The job fair, as we stated to, um, the public several weeks ago as we work on -- work with pastors, and as we work with community groups relating of getting pastors involved, churches involved, neighborhood groups involved, and doing all that we can to

create an environment for peace and unity. Uh, one of the, uh, items that we talked about was an upcoming job fair, uh, for ex-offenders. We do have a date. It will be October the 15<sup>th</sup>. That's a Tuesday, and it will be held, uh, co-sponsored, or partnered with the Hurst Chapel, AME Church on Silver Beach, and S Avenue in our City.

This job fair is very unusual because, one, it is only for ex-offenders, which means the only way you can -- coming in is that you must be an ex-offender. And employers, the only way that employers can participate, they have to be committed to hiring ex-offenders, period. If you're not committed to hiring ex-offenders, then you won't be invited to the -- um, to the job fair.

The other, um, uh -- at the job fair we will have an opportunity to have a private meeting with ex-offenders who want to be engaged in helping us as we continue our talks with our young men and young women who find themselves, uh, in, quote, so called groups, whether they're called gangs or whatever. But I've prayed and I'm being led that one of the ways to get to the young people that's committing crimes is to talk to someone who's been there, who's done that, and who knows who's doing it now. So we are praying that the Lord will certainly bless our efforts.

Um, Mr. Chairman, last night I received a -- a very wonderful call. Um, several weeks ago there was a young lady who came to our office in tears because she was getting ready to lose her home. And, um, we were able to have her to follow us to the Urban League, and the Urban League interceded on her behalf with -- and saved her home. Um, she doesn't have to pay anything for a year. The government will step in and pay it for a year. Having said that, the Office of the Mayor is partnering with the Urban League in a foreclosure assistance event, which will be held September the 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Newcomb Hall, um, and there are many partners that will be there. So if you are in, um, your home, house is gonna be foreclosed on and you're in danger of losing it, you don't want to miss that opportunity.

We want to remind you again that every Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m., on the number one station in Palm Beach County, uh, 102.3, and you can hear the mayor for 30 minutes, uh, every Sunday, as we continue to interview elected officials and others who are trying to make a difference in, um -- in their community.

And also, to our 5,200 friends and another 500 friends who are following us on Facebook, continue to follow us and know what the mayor's thinking, what the mayor's doing, uh, in the community.

Mr. Chairman, last but not least, this Sunday I had the opportunity to preach in Grand Bahama. That's why I'm pretty hoarse. At the Freeport Grand Bahama. And while there we was able to meet with, uh, elected officials and also, uh, representatives from the Lucaya Resort, and they are in the process of preparing to offer all the residents of Riviera Beach, uh, a real good deal if you come to their resort. You will get the Sister City, um, rate. Thank you, Mr. Chair. God bless Riviera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, two things. One was a question. Um, seeing that we, um, in the last meeting we was talking about going out for agent of record for bid for the insurance, um, benefits here with the City. Have we come up with a date yet for when we gonna submit that out for bid?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, that's determined by the internal department. Um, you -  
- we were only told to do it in October.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay. So internal department. Who's that?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That is the Human Resource Department.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** H.R. Department? So the next meeting, would you be able to come back with a date?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** October.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** October? When October?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. So you're --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yeah, I thought that Council wanted us to bring it back.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah, you -- it's -- we've got to bring back the -- send out the RFP --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Right.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- for you all to read and to look at and -- yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** We was -- we was told to come back in October. They didn't say --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** In October.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- when in October, um, to bring it back. So I was saying, when in October? Would that be a special meeting or be a regular Council meeting?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It would be either one of the two, either on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay. All right. Um, number two, don't forget this Saturday we're gonna have an Intercoastal Clean-up with the Neighbors United. Um, it's September 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in Monroe Heights Park on 25<sup>th</sup> Street, on Avenue M. Please, like for all the residents to come out. Hope the weather permits to allow us to go out and continue this great effort that's been going on for so many years ago. But don't forget, this Saturday from 8 to noon, Monroe Height Park, 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Avenue M. Thank you.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a couple of things. Um, Mrs. Jones or -- or Miss Perry is here, as well. Um, a -- a few meetings back we had, um, an appointment to the Police Pension Board, um, Ron Riley, and he was on the original agenda when the terms first came. Could you tell me when you'll be bringing that back? He was appointed as the fifth member on the Police Pension Board. That was done before I was elected. I was still on the Pension Board when this was done.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** What's the question again?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Um, when would the item come back for our ratification?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** For his re-appointment?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** For his re-appointment as the fifth member on the Police Pension Board.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Doretha Perry, Human -- Human Resources Department. I believe you all did that, and we sent him a letter, but I'll check my file, because I think --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Check it.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** -- we did that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Because I -- I --

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** For him, the fifth member.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah, I -- the fifth member?

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I thought it got caught up --

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- with the, um, staggering of the terms, and we did not entertain any of it that night. But I may be wrong, so could you check it.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Yeah. Let me check it out, because I think we --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** (Inaudible) --

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** -- did and we --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah, yeah, I know.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah, yeah, because we put the staggering of the terms on hold, but he also was on that agenda and part of that, um, um --

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Yeah, I think we did it --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- that action.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** -- for the fifth member, but I'll check it out, because I think we sent a letter to him to tell them that accordingly.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** But I'll --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** All right.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** -- I'll -- I'll check it out and then we'll send you a copy.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you very much.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PERRY:** Okay. Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh, also on October 5<sup>th</sup>, um, my mentor, one of my mentors, um, former Councilwoman and Chair, Billie Brooks, who now serves as an ambassador for me, she started an initiative, um, with the Revival Community Outreach Ministries wherein they have a health fair, uh, annually. It's free, food, come out and get your blood pressure checked. There will be other vendors out there that would be able to assist in other areas; the police, the fire, the library will also be in attendance. And that is going to be October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1160, um, West Sixth Street from 10:30 to 2:30, and I invite the community to come out. Um, it is something that we all need to be conscious of, our health, and, um, it's being sponsored by the City of Riviera Beach and the Revival Community Outreach Ministries, and my ambassador, Ambassador Billie Brooks is instrumental in organizing this and, um, those who, um, would like to, um, be tested to make sure that you're in good health, that would be a good day to do so.

Lastly, um, I would like to ask my colleagues if at the next meeting we could discuss possibly, um, arranging a retreat. I note that we have kind of mentioned it in the past. We've kinda discussed it and glossed over it, but that is a -- an activity where you can, as my colleagues know -- this is for the public -- crystallize a vision, and something that I would like to, um, be more focused on is establishing a reachable vision that will create some economic prosperity for this community.

That requires a long term plan. It requires a 10- to 15-year plan with three to five year benchmark increments. And I think that it is important that not only we establish a vision of how, and a plan of how we're gonna get there, but that's also an opportunity for us to crystallize the goals that we have for our City Manager, and what we expect of her. And so it is my hope that, um, my colleagues would at least agree to discuss it at our next meeting and see where it goes from there. Um, I guess I can ask my colleagues if there's any opposition to at least discussing it at the next meeting?

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yeah. The only thing -- I'm more than happy to discuss it, but I'll tell you right now, if you want to do it this year, you know, before the end of the year --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I know (inaudible) --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. I cannot do it on a weekday unless we do it in the afternoon. If you want to do it any weekend, I'm available, but you know, I'm running just really tight now at work.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I think usually we have -- it -- it starts, like, on a Friday evening and then we do a Saturday, um, so I'm in favor of that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Um --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I'm fine with it. Whichever direction the Board wants to go.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Weekends. Weekends are not good to me because of funerals and weddings that I have a lot of during the weekend.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Generally speaking.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm, uh -- I'm good with it. Um, Friday nights or, um, weekends for -- for me. I'm -- I'm extremely swamped --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Friday's bad --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- at work.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Friday night, you said.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** So, yes, that will be fine with me. Mr. Guyton, you still have the floor.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And I would like to make it convenient to my colleagues, so even if this year is pressing, if we can do it the first of next year I would, um, request that maybe the City Manager touch base with everyone and get a feel to when it may be best for them, and then whatever is most convenient to the majority, I think that that would be good. But I think that's a good opportunity for us to start, um, crystallizing a vision and developing a plan and giving our City Manager some -- some goals that we expect her to reach, and, um, as we do her annual evaluation, we would have something by which to evaluate her performance. Thank you, Mr. Chair. That's all I have.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Um, just piggybacking on that, don't we do one of these every year, anyway?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Supposed to.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, it's never established. Generally you have done them in relationship to your budget.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That's where you've done your previous retreats or workshops in this nature. We just started spreading workshops out, rather than having a day and a half for the budget. Um, but I would agree that it is something that this Council needs to do in setting the long term vision. And so if in our upcoming meeting if we want to talk about an agenda, um, then I'll draft something that you and I can talk about, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** That's fine. I think you have a consensus enough to go ahead and just start planning it, and, uh, you know, we can give ideas on --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** What to talk about.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- yes, what to talk about.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. My, um -- Ms. Jones and Mr. Johnson, 24<sup>th</sup> and Avenue Q, um, 24<sup>th</sup> and Avenue Q, there seems to be some drainage issues in terms of just some broken pavement. Uh, one of the residents asked me to come out and see it. I did go out there and I took a couple pictures. Um, it does need some attention to it.

So if someone can go out there as -- uh, as soon as possible to -- to check that out, that would be great.

Um, the construction that's going on in -- on, uh, MLK, they're doing, uh, very good about putting out, uh, those -- those, uh, door hangers, those fliers to -- to update. They -- they've been doing very well at that. Uh, but when they do, um, give that, those updates, I'd like to see those ran on the television, or on our website, as well, so that people who may not have been able to get them are able to get them. That's all for me. Entertain a motion for adjournment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

(CONCLUSION OF MEETING)

**APPROVED:**

  
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**THOMAS A. MASTERS**  
**MAYOR**

*Absent*  
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**CEDRICK A. THOMAS**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

**ATTEST:**

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SECONDED BY: J. DAVIS

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J. DAVIS AYE

C. THOMAS ABSENT

D. PARDO AYE

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