

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Testing, testing. Testing, testing. We ready?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm gonna have to. (Gavel). We'll now call this Riviera Beach Regular City Council Meeting to order. Welcome back, Madam Clerk. Would you please call the roll? Gonna put you right to work.

**ROLL CALL**

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Good afternoon.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Good afternoon.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Good afternoon.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good afternoon.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Mayor Thomas Masters?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Welcome back, also. Present.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Thank you so much, Mayor. Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Present.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Present.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** City Manager Ruth Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Present.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** City Clerk Carrie Ward is present. City Attorney Pamala Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Here.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** You have a quorum, Mr. Chair, and you may proceed.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you.

#### **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, why don't we all stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge led by Mayor Masters, please. (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Mayor Masters).

#### **AGENDA:**

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

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

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, sir.

##### **Disclosure by Council**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Are there any disclosures by Council?

All right. We'll move down to Adoption of Agenda.

##### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Entertaining a motion.

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Been properly moved and second. Questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chairman Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote. Okay. We're going to move down to our 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.**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Is there a motion for approval of the Consent?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions, concerns?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah. Um --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. Chair, are there any cards on Consent?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I didn't see any.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Are there any additional questions, concerns or unreadiness?

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I'll pull item number 10.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Is the motion still standing with number 10 being pulled? Who's the maker of the motion, Miss --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Mr. Guyton.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton was the maker of the motion?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I was.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Right. Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We're gonna pull item 10. Is that still, um --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. My motion still stands.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- still stands? Second still stands?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I think that was Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** No. It was Miss Davis.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Miss Davis.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Second still stands, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes. Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We have a motion and a second approving the Consent Agenda with item 10 being pulled. Are there any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chairman Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

#### **MINUTES**

1. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP HELD, AUGUST 5, 2013.
2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD, AUGUST 7, 2013.
3. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AUGUST 14, 2013.
4. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP HELD, AUGUST 19, 2013.
5. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP HELD, AUGUST 21, 2013.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

6. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER FOUR (4) AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,662.25 TO FLORIDA PIPE AND STEEL, INC., FOR INCREASES IN PILE LENGTH AND NUMBER AND TO UPGRADE PILE COATING FROM COAL TAR EPOXY TO A LIGHT BLUE MACROPOXY 646 SYSTEM; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENTS FOR SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NEW FORD F-250 CREW CAB PICKUP TRUCKS FROM HUB CITY FORD BY PIGGYBACKING THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT NUMBER 071-000-13-1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,124.40; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 460-1127- 541-0-6402 FOR PURCHASE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

8. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO APPROPRIATE POLICE TRAINING FUND-FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

9. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LIBRARY'S BUDGET BY ADDING THE UNCLASSIFIED PART-TIME POSITION OF LIBRARY PAGE; AMENDING THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES JOB CLASSIFICATION LIST BY INCREASING THE HOURLY RATE OF THIS UNCLASSIFIED PART-TIME POSITION; AND AUTHORIZE THE LIBRARY TO FUND SAID POSITION THROUGH THE LIBRARY'S EXISTING STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT FUNDS ACCOUNT NO. 137-1336-571-0- 1201; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Item 10.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 135-13, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DELETION OF A POLICE OFFICER POSITION AND FREEZING THE FUNDS OF ANOTHER POLICE OFFICER POSITION TO CREATE TWO (2) FULL TIME POLICE TECHNICIAN POSITIONS AND TWO (2) PART TIME POLICE TECHNICIAN POSITIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138,197 IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

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

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you. Good evening, Chief. How are you doing?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh, I just had three questions. Um, the first question is, um, could you explain maybe the reason why we weren't able to fill those particular positions? The one that you froze and the one that was vacant for the officer?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: The, uh, police officers' positions, we had carried into the new year, or the new budget cycle, 11 vacancies. On last year we had three officers that left. We carried seven plus vacancies for most of last fiscal year. And, uh, those numbers account for, you know, the vacancies currently that we have.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. Um, next question, I see we're looking to create some vehicle maintenance positions with the -- with those funds? Is that what it says? Technician positions?

**POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS:** Yeah. Police technician.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah, police technician.

**POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS:** Police technicians. Currently that is a -- that's our current classification. Our police technicians, uh, are generalists.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS:** Some of them, uh, provide traffic investigation. You may have seen them.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS:** Others serve in our Crime Scene and Evidence functions.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Thank you. That's all.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Are there any additional questions, concerns? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Council Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chairman Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We're gonna go ahead and move to item 12 under our Awards and Presentations. That is the end of our Consent.

**11. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE LOCALLY FUNDED AGREEMENT**

**(LFA) AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHANGING THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (FM) NUMBER OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT FROM 229897-2-52-01 TO FM NUMBER 229897-2-52-02; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**12. PRESENTATION BY SANDRA EDWARDS, PRINCIPAL AT WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, TO SHOWCASE THE SUCCESS IN WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM A LOW PERFORMING "C" SCHOOL TO AN "A" SCHOOL.**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Edwards, you do have the floor. Welcome, Miss Edwards.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Good evening. Thank you. And thank you for this opportunity, City officials. We are very proud of what we're doing at Washington. It's nice to put names with faces. I am a new principal at Washington. Um, January will be two years for me there, so pleasure to meet all of you. Um, and I am Sandra Edwards and I have a few members here with me, my assistant principal and my teachers and I have some students here, so I thank you all for coming out with us this afternoon.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Please have them stand so we can see who they are.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Please stand. Yes. That would be great.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** They -- they serve our community.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Yes. (Applause).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** All right.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Washington Elementary moved from a C to an A. Washington received 100 percent proficiency in our fourth grade writing. We were the only school in the district to receive the 100 percent proficiency. Yes. (Applause). Um, we had two students to receive a perfect score in math and they received a letter from the Governor. And one is here today. Mr. Jose, please stand.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** All right.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Perfect score. (Applause). Our fourth and fifth grade reading teachers, once again, Washington had the highest reading gains in Palm Beach County.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Wow.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** That was an awesome --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Wow. (Applause).

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** -- and with that one, um --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** What is it?

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Fourth and fifth grade reading gains. Basically it showed our students making more than a year and a half learning gain. So the growth was there. Proficiency, we're still working on but, um, our students are moving. And if they're level one, then they move to a level one but with a higher score. So we had about, I think it was, like, nine -- this particular teacher had about 91 percent of the students make gains. So we're excited about that.

Um, staff demographics: We have 42 staff members, four new teachers. One to five years of experience, 21 of the teachers. Six to 14 years, nine teachers. And 15 years experience, we have five teachers. Our school profile -- once again, I'm new principal January so I guess I can't keep saying new. But January, two years. Um, Washington Elementary is one of the four schools in the community, elementary schools. We have school-wide initiatives, and we're really big on our positive behavior support, as well as single-school culture for academics. You can walk into each classroom and you're going to see the same thing going on in each classroom. That culture has been set at Washington. And we're expanding our extracurricular clubs. We have SECME this year so we're excited about that this year.

Our data for this year: Our reading, this is the students that were proficient. And I do know we're working with the City this year for Strive for Five where all kids can become proficient. We had 46 percent proficiency in reading. Our reading gains were 91 percent and our lowest 25 percent reading gains were 91 percent. I'm sorry, 88 percent for learning gains, and our lowest 25, 91. Math proficiency, 54 percent. Math learning gains, 59 percent. Lowest 25, 65 percent. Writing, 100 percent and our science was 45 percent. And what the State does, they total the scores. And we had a total of 548 points, which put Washington to an A. So we're doing a lot of great things there with our data. (Applause).

How did Washington move from a C to an A? Key changes. Data analysis. A lot of ongoing checking, analyzing data, monitoring data daily. Changes in instruction. Teachers were taught differently. A lot of professional development training took place. Communication. I'm very, very high with communicating with my staff, keeping staff informed. Parent involvement. This year our parents -- well, last year our parents were very involved. Um, we've changed the culture. Parents are welcome to come in. At the end of the presentation I'll tell you a few things with our parents. Relationship building was very big. Increasing the relationship building with staff among teachers and among students and doing observations, formal and informal observations.

Parent-community involvement. Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education, they adapt well to school, attend school regularly, complete

homework, earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behavior. Additionally, Lincoln Community activities to the classroom. You have improved school-related behaviors, positive impact on academic achievement, and it reduces in-school suspension rates.

So our parents this year were very, very involved, and we're going to continue with our parent involvement. Um, a few things that happened this year as I close the presentation, um, we had Take your Parents to Class Day for kindergarten through fifth grade. Our parents got an opportunity to sit in the classroom. And this was -- this was done two times a year. This -- this -- this took place two times throughout the year.

Our SAC meetings, which my SAC parent is here today, Miss Thomas. We have parent workshops during SAC meeting where we're showing parents on how they can help their children at home. We had the Wake-up, Step-up by Dr. DuPont. She did a presentation. 50 parents were in attendance. We have Report Card Night where parents must attend in order to receive child's report card. 80 percent of our parents attend. Literacy Night and after-school programs. We had, which was one of my favorite -- we had Donuts for Dads, and we had a guest speaker, Reverend Thicklin, and we had over 100 dads in attendance. We were very excited about that.

We have RIF Night. My media specialist, Mrs. Groover, she invites parents to come out to school with their child and they receive a free book. We have Open House, Curriculum Night, Kindergarten Round-Up, and Washington also, this year, on top of receiving an A, we received a five-star award. And what that is, it's given by the State for parental involvement. Um, and we were honored this year with a breakfast with the Superintendent and the school board. So we thank you for this opportunity that you can hear the great things about Washington and hoping we're going to maintain our A status. But thank you for this opportunity tonight.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. I do see our area superintendent's office is here, Dr. Coleman's Office. Would you like to say anything, Miss Patty? Would you like to --

**PATRICIA PANNELL:** Well, thank you for having me. My name is Patricia Pannell [phonetic]. I am the instructional support team leader for the Area Superintendent. Dr. Coleman was not able to be here tonight but she wanted to also participate and to share all of the wonderful things that Washington Elementary has done. We're so proud of them. And we're looking forward to really good things this year. So thank you. Thank you all for your support.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. Thank you. We appreciate (inaudible). Well, Miss Edwards, uh, we do appreciate you coming and we are hoping this won't be the last time. We want to make sure that we engage.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Your school is in the heart of our community.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** This Council, as well as this City, is committed to our youth. And we just want to be a support base for you. So thank you for, uh -- for coming.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Thank you (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you for all the hard work you're doing and the accomplishments. Congratulations to all the students who came.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** We appreciate all the hard work. Anything from the board?

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

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, let me take Miss Davis first, Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's fine.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh, yes, sir. Thank you. I just wanted to point out that - and -- and not to take anything away from you, Dr. Edwards, Mrs. Edwards, um, this is the second time that Washington has risen from -- I believe it was a C or a D.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** It's a C.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- a C to an A school. Um, I don't know what was done back then. But you explained what you're doing now. I think that should be a model, you know, that could be used, you know, all around the district. Um, and just out of curiosity, what's the population of, uh -- the student population for Washington?

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Right now at 400 students.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. And I'm just going to put this on the record. Um, I think the school district needs to, uh, go ahead and put the money aside to rebuild Washington Elementary. I was over there for, um -- what was it, Miss Groover?

**MISS GROOVER:** Career?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Career Day. And it is in bad need -- it's -- it's really not up to par, you know, for the students. It's not a good learning environment. But they have succeeded anyway. Um, but I think that this school definitely needs to be rebuilt. And I'll be letting my school representative know what I think about it. Thank you.

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

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Um, Principal Edwards?

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Yes?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Would you come back to the mike, please? Thank you. Just a couple things.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Yes?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** One is, would you explain to the illiterate Mayor what a perfect score in math is. What do you mean, perfect? This young man got a perfect score?

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Perfect score.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Explain that.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** And what a perfect score is, they're given a -- a number, basically. And the number could be -- I'm not sure what the number was but the number could be having 120 correct -- is it on?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's on. It's on. It's directional. Just keep talking.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Having 120 correct items and he would have scored 120 on the math score.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Wow.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Didn't miss not one -- I had two students. She's not here. She was a fourth grader.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** What is her name? Give us -- give us her name, the one that's not here.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** So we -- her name is Vanessa Delva [phonetic].

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** And this is Jose Oliva [phonetic]. Perfect scores. And they received letters from the Governor, too, Mayor Masters.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm gonna have to come over there for -- can help me learn how to do a perfect score in math.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Great.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Excuse me one second, Mr. Mayor. Let -- let us get Jose here on the -- just step up there so we can get you on TV so that we can, um --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. There we go.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- you get a -- yeah. Put -- put -- his mother's here, as well?

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Yeah, she is.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Come -- come on up, ma'am. Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No, it's come on down.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. You just wanna state your name and your address for the record?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Pull the mike down for him.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Just pull the mike down a little bit. Just introduce yourself for us. We -- we do want to celebrate that.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Absolutely.

**JOSE OLIVA:** My name's Jose Oliva. My name's Jose Oliva.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Good to meet you, Jose. What about you, Mom? What's your name? Can you talk in the mike, as well?

**NEMISIS OLIVA:** My name is Nemesis Oliva. We live in 2115 Oakmont Drive here in Riviera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** All right.

**NEMISIS OLIVA:** Uh, we are also living here for eight years.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**NEMISIS OLIVA:** Our first living was in Lake Park.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh-huh.

**NEMISIS OLIVA:** And thank God, we've been five years in Washington with Jose. And my other child is in Roosevelt Middle School now. He was a Five, too, with -- with Miss Groover, Miss Butler and other teacher here.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Wow.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**NEMISIS OLIVA:** I'm so blessed to be here in this school. I'm so blessed to bring my kids to this district, to this City. And I say everybody, I would -- if I had another kids, which I won't, I would bring it back to Washington Elementary and to the area where I live.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I appreciate that. Thank you very much, ma'am. Thank you very much. Mayor, you wanted to (inaudible) there?

**NEMISIS OLIVA:** And thank you to all of you, because we came from Cuba in 2005 and we already got the citizenship and we are blessed to live in this beautiful country. Thank you.

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** All right. (Applause). (Inaudible) eight years and got a perfect score.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Go ahead. Let Jose speak. Let Jose speak.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Go on.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You want to say something?

**JOSE OLIVA:** My brother couldn't be here.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But you're here for your brother?

**JOSE OLIVA:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good. Here in our country, as well. Bless you. I wanted to ask you. I noticed on the, um, agenda, that a couple of our council people were giving some money to the school for the kids to go to Washington for the Safety Patrol.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** There may be businesses in the community and others, and I'm -- I'm gonna be one of those others that's gonna contribute to the --

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Oh, awesome.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- to the Patrol. Can you tell us how that can be done, contact the school if they wanna give 500 or \$1,000? 'Cause I think with this type of -- with this type of progress, every child that wants to go to D.C. when the government decides to open back up --

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Right.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- um, should be -- should be able to go. Will you let the public know to call you or how that could --

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- (inaudible) could be --

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** We thank you for that, because we would like for all of our students to be able to, um, attend the Washington trip. Each Saturday they're working hard with the fundraiser doing car washes. And they've been doing really well. So if you would like to contribute, please contact Washington Elementary and you can contact the principal, Sandra Edwards. And the number is 494-1201. You can contact the principal, Sandra Edwards, at 494-1201.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Area code 561.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** 561.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Miss Edwards.

**PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** We -- we really appreciate (inaudible). Thank you. (Applause). And -- and Mayor, if you're not too busy, maybe you could take a picture with Jose outside or whatever to commemorate this, if you're not too busy?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm never too busy for children.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Never. They're our role models. What can I say?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We're gonna -- okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. Give me about --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. I -- I've enjoyed it.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- give me about 10 minutes. Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank -- thanks a bunch, and thank you also, Miss Patty, and tell Dr. Coleman hello and thank you. And I do -- do not want to let this moment pass by without telling you how dedicated Dr. Coleman really is. There's not a time that, um, I pick up the phone and ask her to -- to do something or make something happen for this city and our youth in this city. And she always, uh, steps up in our office, as well. So we definitely want to, uh, thank you, as well. And we won't forgot our district representative, Dr. Robinson, either. So thank you very much. We're going to move on to our next presentation.

**13. PRESENTATION BY DENISE ALEXANDER FROM NU LIFE NU FAITH MINISTRIES ALL ABOUT KIDZ, REGARDING AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIALS, DONATIONS, COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND OPEN HOUSE.**

**DENISE ALEXANDER:** Hello. My name is Denise Alexander, and I wanna first of all say thank you for allowing me to come to speak to you all today. I really appreciated the opportunity.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You're welcome.

**DENISE ALEXANDER:** I am the community liaison/after care school -- after-school tutorial director, as well as the community, um, partner for the parents at Stonybrook Apartments. Stonybrooks has given me the opportunity last year to volunteer and make an -- have an impact on the kids at Stonybrook. Things are -- are definitely happening. Positive things are definitely happening at Stonybrooks and I --I -- and again, I appreciate the opportunity. Um, they've also -- like I said, they made me the community -- they allowed me to be the community liaison, and I've received, uh, several calls from the community in reference to them coming in and wanting to be a part of Stonybrook, um, making a transformation, making a difference for the, um -- for the community.

And our partners right now is Urban Youth Impact, Bow Down Ministries, Revival Church of God, Community Voice, Taste of Love. And God has blessed us. Um, I went about a month ago to an LTM meeting at, uh, West Riviera Elementary. And we have 15 teachers that's going to be volunteering, um, starting in November to probably May tutoring the kids at Stonybrook.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Oh, fantastic.

**DENISE ALEXANDER:** Also, we're gonna also have the principal who is going to come once a week to also do tutorial. So that's, like, a positive thing that's going to really motivate the kids to learn and do good when they see their teachers and their principal coming to their school. I have pictures of the rec center. I'm not sure if you all have gone to the rec center or have been there recently or lately. But the rec center, um, when we -- my husband and I were given the opportunity, we went in, me, my husband and my two girls, we went in and we painted. We cleaned the floors.

Um, I'm not sure if you guys have been there. I want to show you pictures of the rec center. This is the, uh -- the -- the welcome sign. So when you first walk into the -- the rec center, there's going to be a big sign that says "Welcome Parents," because it's about the parents, it's about the kids. My job is -- the kids are already motivated. It's the parents that I -- that I'm still pulling on to get more involved.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Excuse me, Miss Alexander, and where is this located?

**DENISE ALEXANDER:** This is located at Stonybrook rec center.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Stonybrook. Okay.

**DENISE ALEXANDER:** The rec -- recreation center at Stonybrook. Um, here's a -- we painted the walls. And now, this is -- this is from last year. I'm going to actually redo this whole room again, um, to make it more community based now that we have other partners that's, um, a part of us now. I want to put them on the wall. But this is the, um

-- the homework wall. It was just a wall just -- just, um, a little cute decorated wall that the kids know that this is about homework, this is a pen, pencil, paper and erasers, things like that. Um, the -- this is our Math Adventures and this is how that wall looks in the community center. Um, Shooting Starz. We had kids that excelled in -- on tests, also on the SRI tests that they -- they took. Well, I put those -- that information on that wall and just to -- just to highlight the kids and the -- the different achievements that they made at, um -- in school. And then here's another one -- another picture and so on.

On the other side, because the two rooms in the back were not ready yet because they had, um, different things inside those rooms so I couldn't use the two back rooms, I had this room as a recreation/activity -- recreation/educational room. So this -- the other side of the room was the, uh, recreation. So this is the Fun N Games, Arts N Crafts. And this stuff is still up there. It was just there for decorations but we actually had it there for the kids to play once we finish homework. This is our family, uh, tree. At this time, um, this was our first -- well, this -- after care hadn't started yet so this is what the tree looked like. And, um, so this is the room.

And then this is the first day of after care of last year. And the kids were so excited. Um, the -- the numbers varies 'cause the parents, they don't really push the kids to come. The kids come because they love it. So some days I may have 37 kids; some days I may have 12; some days I may have 18 or 24. So it varies. But I do have my faithful 20. Well, I won't say, uh, 20. I will say about 15, 15 to 20, that comes every day.

Um, our Reading Lab. Our Reading Lab, I wanted to provide the kids with a pretty place to read and just relax and -- I'm gonna talk their language -- to chill. Um, I don't want a reading lab that was your typical reading lab that looks like a library. I wanted something pretty. So of course, me and the teenagers, we went in the room and we painted.

So if -- I wish I -- I should have done before and after 'cause you wouldn't believe this is the same place. But these are the before pictures -- I mean, the after pictures, excuse me, where me and the teenagers, we -- and my husband, we repainted -- and my kids -- we repainted, um, the room, put a table in and that's -- that's our, um -- our bookshelf. And if you have any books, I'll gladly accept -- accept them, because as you see, I have cubby holes with no books. So this is our, um, books.

Um, this is the wall, another wall. This right here, I was fortunate to go to Habitat. The Red Lobsters had, um, renovated their -- their place on Okeechobee Boulevard and they had -- their benches were \$15. So you know I had to buy two. So I bought two benches from -- for \$15, and a friend of mine, he reupholstered them so they can, um, match the room. So he reupholstered them for me. I painted them 'cause they were brown. I painted them white. I would -- should have kept them brown but I painted them white and -- uh, 'cause the room is too perfect. It needs something to throw it off. I gotta throw a yellow in or something. But anyway, I painted it and, um, just so when the kids come in, they'll feel pretty, they'll feel clean. They'll feel like, you know -- I know when I showed them -- when I finally opened the room up to them to see, they were so

happy. They was like, "Miss Denise, it's for us?" I said, "Yes, it's all about you." So this is, um, our Reading Lab.

And this is our Computer Lab. Of course, we painted again. It's like a peach color. So it's a computer lab. Palm Beach County School District, I'm trying to get in contact with a person again now that we're ready. Um, they're going to provide -- if everything still goes well, they're going to provide 25, um, used computers to our computer lab, which will be a blessing. Um, all we have to do is make sure we have Internet service for one year, which we do.

So as of right now we have about four, five -- excuse me, five, um, computers right now that the, uh, Stonybrook provided to the kids, and these were brand new computers. So this is our computer lab. And again, this room had refrigerators and old stoves and all of that stuff. But once they moved it out, I was able to move in and paint it and just make it pretty and presentable for the kids. So, um, this is our, um, computer lab.

So again, I really appreciate the opportunity that you all have given me. Um, I will be having an open house soon and I would love for you all to come and see it for yourselves. What I have to do now is get with my partners to see when they can come and once they come, then, um, you know -- once they give me a date and say what's good, then I'll let you all know, because I want you to see the building.

Things are definitely happening in Palm Beach -- at, uh -- it's not Palm Beach -- at Stonybrook. And there's some awesome things that's happening. And, um, God has blessed us with some awesome partners, as well, to make it happen. He's also blessed us with our mayor, Mayor Thomas Masters. He's been such an asset to Stonybrook. The residents loves him. He, um -- he purchased lift sticks so we can clean up, so me and the kids are out on every Friday -- well, we haven't actually started this, um, this school term. I know during the summer we did it 'cause that's when we received it. Um, we picked up trash because especially in a rec center, we want to have a place where I -- I -- I call it our house. So we want to have a place where this -- this -- the area's clean, the trash is picked up, all that good stuff.

So the kids really enjoy cleaning up. So when they see trash, even without our sticks, they pick them up. They pick up the trash. I said, "This is all about our house. This -- we live here so we gotta make sure we keep it clean and -- and have it -- have it nice and everything." So, Mayor, I appreciate your -- your -- your, um, donations. You've also -- you've given, and also being an asset. He's -- you all know about the turkey giveaway and all that good stuff. And then we have a new person, uh, Councilman Terence Davis. I appreciate you, as well, for believing in my vision.

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

**DENISE ALEXANDER:** And, um, what -- what -- you know, the things I'm believing that will change for Stonybrook. I -- I -- and I appreciate your donation. Thank you so much.

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

**DENISE ALEXANDER:** Thank you. Um, we -- I'm not all -- I'm -- I'm not all about -- I'm all about the kids. And I'm also -- I'm getting nervous -- I'm also about the parents, because it's important. The parents, um, they change the way they think. They start making some better, um, choices. So, um, Inlet Grove, at least last year -- I gotta confirm with them this year, which I'm sure it's -- it's no issues or -- or problem because it's -- it's supposed to start this year -- they -- some of the teachers have, um, come in and have decided that, Yes, I want to come in and do GED classes.

So last year we had an opportunity -- the parents had an opportunity to get their GED, uh -- GED from the, um, Stonybrook rec center. The only thing is, I do my job. I walk in the halls and walking up and down -- upstairs and downstairs trying to get parents to get involved. Everybody's excited. But you gotta sign up. You know? You gotta pay the \$30, which isn't much. So that's -- that's the issue I'm having.

But Urban Youth Impact/Transformation Team, we're giving \$15 towards anyone that signs up. So I need my parents to sign up. But they do have an opportunity to get their GED. Um, I'm going to be doing a Dress for Success and a Resume Writing. So we're going to have a Resume Writing class and we're gonna also have a Dress for Success to teach them how to write a resume and also how to dress, uh, professionally. So when they go to -- on interviews, they know how to, you know -- what to say, how to dress, how to look, no flip-flops, all those kind of things. And then I want to have a job fair. And Mayor, I need your assistance. I want to have a job fair where, um --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. No problem.

**DENISE ALEXANDER:** -- because the parents -- sometimes it's sad but sometimes we gotta go to them because they won't come out. So if I can go to them and have -- and impact their lives by having the jobs come to Stonybrook, I'm hoping and praying that they get a job, work, see how it feel to pay a light bill or water bill and a bill and -- and get off the system and actually work and be a productive citizen of the United States of America.

Um, and also, we're going to also do Walk away the Pounds. So we have a lot of overweight women, including myself, out there. So we're going to be doing Walk away the Pounds, and that's just to motivate us, because when you -- you know, you're not feeling pretty, you're not feeling good about yourself, you tend to have low self-esteem. So let's just shed these pounds, lose some weight.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah.

**DENISE ALEXANDER:** So there's a lot of awesome things that's -- that I'm doing there, as well as our partners that will be doing in the future. But again, I appreciate you all. Look forward to seeing you guys -- you all, um, for our open house. And I also will be providing everyone, too, um, with a donation letter, as well. This money's being used for incentives. These monies are being used for, like -- like, for example, the school is out Friday. I would love to take the kids out on a field trip. Let's go to the, um, skating

rink. Let's go to the movies, somewhere like that. Um, so different things like that. So I will be doing that, as well.

And again -- I know I missed something but I really appreciate you all listening. And I will have the scores, as well, because I did a summer camp and I -- this summer, and, um, it -- it -- it -- the -- the main part was reading. So I had Miss Groover, Kathy Groover, she was -- she -- she assisted me. So we had reading. So hopefully end of this month I should have my SRI scores to show the difference. Even my FCAT scores and all those different scores so you all will, uh, see that things are happening, and they're not just coming to after care and not learning. But they're, um, you know -- their scores are being increased. So again, I appreciate it and I pray that I -- I wasn't too long but I thank you so much for the opportunity. Denise Alexander.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Good job.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank -- thank you. Any questions for Miss Alexander?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Miss -- yes, sir. I'm just gonna ask you, would you leave your contact information with Miss Lucinda there?

**DENISE ALEXANDER:** Yes. Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So I can get in touch with you? Thank you.

**DENISE ALEXANDER:** Yes. Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Um, just for the benefit of the public that may not, um, know about -- a lot about Miss Denise and her challenges. But as you know, we led a protest at Stonybrook several months ago because of, um, conditions there. And we're pleased to report, working with HUD and other agencies, that progress is being made. Uh, and this is a clear example of the progress there for the children. When you have someone with the dedication and commitment that Miss Denise has shown, it certainly lets you know that your work of love and labor, uh, not in vein.

And having said that, we were there last year to give away a couple hundred, uh, turkeys for Thanksgiving. So you can let the parents know we'll be there about two days before Thanksgiving to give turkeys away to the parents of, uh, Stonybrook. Just tell them to fix me one of them. That's all. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. Thank you, Miss Alexander. Anything else from the board? Okay. Hearing none, we'll move to item 14.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**14. ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE V "PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES" OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

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

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Chairman Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Item 15.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC -7:00 PM NON-AGENDA 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 comments from the public shall begin immediately after the item has been concluded.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** First up will be Michael Sloser. Good evening, once again, Mr. Sloser. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**MICHAEL SLOSER:** I'll keep it brief. Good evening, Council.

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

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

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening.

**MICHAEL SLOSER:** Um, two weeks ago the Commission on Social Justice chair -- uh, our Health Chair, Mr. Timothy Page, who is a CEO at Kindred Hospital, came to talk about an initiative that we were going to undertake to bring health care, the Affordable Health Care Act, popularly called Obama Care, to Riviera Beach. That was two weeks ago. And by way of this flier, which is around here tonight and which will be -- we'll have a PSA on Channel 18 and in other areas, I'm announcing that tomorrow morning at noon or tomorrow afternoon at noon, we'll begin registering residents of Riviera Beach to sign up for health care.

There are law -- the law has certain requirements. You have to earn a certain amount of money; otherwise, you have to go to Medicaid. But anyone over that threshold can buy health insurance. What we are is we -- our commission has gotten into a partnership with a private group. It's a public/private initiative. It's a -- it will be not dependent upon the government's website. It won't be governed by the phones being jammed. It'll be governed by volunteers that will sign you up and submit your paperwork. And within seven to 10 days, you will be notified if, in fact, your health insurance is approved, which it, by -- by all rights, should be.

Um, we are gonna be in two locations. And I did -- if I had more time I'd have gotten a crawl going on screen. But Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 we'll be at the Riviera Beach Library. We'll also be there Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Lindsey Davis Community Center will have someone there on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We'll be sending fliers around the community. We will be making calls. We will be doing everything we can to reach out to the community. This is an important initiative but a lot of people in the community -- we -- our guess is 8,500 people don't have health insurance.

This is an opportunity to get health insurance and this program is subsidized. So depending upon your individual income or your family income, there's a federal subsidy that will help pay your premiums. This is important. This is an initiative to get people healthy, get people insurance so they don't have to just go to an emergency room or go without. We want to have people covered by health insurance and we're very happy to have done this initiative. That's my three minutes.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you, Mr. Sloser, for your comments. Next up we'll have Matt Davis. Good evening, Mr. Davis. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**MATT DAVIS:** Good evening, Council. Thank you for seeing me this evening. Um, my name is Matt Davis. I'm an executive market manager with Assurance Wireless. Um, actually T.O.P. Marketing Group, and we are -- our clients are Assurance Wireless. They are our heart company. Um, they are the private sector of a federally funded program called the Universal Service Fund. Uh, if you're familiar with the Lifeline Program enacted in the early '80s by Ronald Reagan, this was put in place to help low-income housing people, the mother that works three jobs and has three children and can't afford a cell phone bill, the elderly person that -- that has low income and can't afford to call their family on the holidays.

We are -- we launched yesterday into the West Palm being -- uh, I'm sorry, the Palm Beach County area. Um, and we are looking for the support of the community, the board, business owners, things like that, to set up small tables, four -- four-by-four tables, one or two -- two community outreach agents at a time to raise awareness for what we're doing. Um, we do not solicit. We do not take -- we do not transfer monies. There are -- there is no physical transaction taking place. We assist every single customer that qualifies with filling out an application. That's all we do. We fill it out for them electronically. It's sent to the company, and the company sends them a letter in seven to 10 business days letting them know if they've been approved or denied.

Uh, the programs that qualify are Section 8 or Public Housing, Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, uh, Indian Bureau of Affairs, and of course, as everyone knows, just having low income. Um, we do it on site. It's less than 60 seconds to actually fill the application out. Um, I oversee over five states. Um, we currently do about 3,500 units a week across the country. And we have astounding response from the community. We also offer the top program in the Lifeline program. There are other companies that try and do what we do. Um, but we take pride in what we do because we offer not only the free device which is brand new, but they also get not only 250 minutes but 250 text messages.

It's not an either/or and they don't get charged after the first month of usage. It truly is a benefit to the community and we're looking for the support -- I'm -- me, myself, I'm in charge of the entire state, and we'll also be expanding into Fort Lauderdale. So, um, I would like to be put on any type of event schedule, any kind of food drives, any kind of turkey drives, Toys for Tots, anything like that, I would love to know about so we can set up outreach agents to reach the community at the maximum level.

Um, coming from all over the country and speaking at multiple occasions like this, I would like to say that the voting process, everyone that has their chair, again, everyone has their own time and I don't want to bicker about anything. But I expected a much higher level of professionalism than what I've seen here today.

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

**MATT DAVIS:** That -- that's just my last two cents on that.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All right. You're done.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Thank you for your comment.

**MATT DAVIS:** All right. Thank you, guys.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh-huh. Next up will be Richard Wester. Good evening, Mr. Wester. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening.

**RICHARD WESTER:** I hear you. Richard Wester. Uh, a long-time resident, City of Riviera Beach, 68 years born and raised here. I want to talk a little bit tonight -- well, everybody know I'm -- where I live at. I live right around the corner there, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, D-31. I want to talk about these taxpayers. We got some taxpayers in this town -- now, if you think I'm lying, you can go down there and look -- 25<sup>th</sup> and railroad in West Palm Beach, East -- East Coast and FEC Railroad, you'll see a lot of our taxpayers out there picking up aluminum cans, scrap, junk and everything to pay their taxes.

So -- and I'm going back to that \$250,000 that the previous council spent and didn't turn a shovel of dirt. Spent a quarter of a million dollars over there, talking about buying a building. They're going to build a -- a Public Works area. Spent all that money. Didn't get a nickel for it. The Mayor went over there in China. I've been looking on the Internet, see the Mayor got all these people from China all over to the schools and everywhere. 4,000 -- 4 or \$5,000, Mayor, and they spent a quarter of a million. And they're trying to get you.

Last time the Mayor had to come down here to this podium and speak on it because the Chair wouldn't let him speak. Then he say you were divisive. You were being divisive 'cause you had to come down here and talk about that referendum. Mrs. Davis, you need to get you one of them three-minute cards, too, so you can speak. They won't let you speak, either, I see now. Um, 25<sup>th</sup> and railroad. I just want to make sure you go down there. If you don't think about it -- think about it, ride -- just ride down there one morning. 25<sup>th</sup> and railroad --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah, I seen it.

**RICHARD WESTER:** -- east or west. You'll see our taxpayers down there selling junk, aluminum cans and all of that, so they can pay their taxes so you guys can sit up there - - and I hear you all the time, "Oh, I'm worried about the taxpayers' money. We're watching the taxpayers' money." Oh, you're watching it all right. And they're watching it go out the window. So Mayor, you keep going, doing what you're doing and try to get that referendum going, 'cause somebody called me, said they got a meeting tomorrow night over at Lindsey Davis, somewhere. I don't know. But I'll be there. I was there Tuesday. I was there early.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**RICHARD WESTER:** So, uh -- oh, and Dr. Coleman, first cousin. That's part of the family, man.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you for your comments. Next up will be Willis Williams.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I didn't know that.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Good evening, Mr. Williams. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**WILLIS WILLIAMS:** Good evening.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening.

**WILLIS WILLIAMS:** I was -- I was -- I came in tonight to actually, uh, do some thinking. Actually, to Mrs. -- uh, Mrs. Perry and also Mrs. Bostic over in the, uh, Code Enforcement Office. Mrs. Perry, I really need to thank because I spent a lot of time in the hospital and before I could get my retirement done. And we spent a lot of time on the phone, back and forth. I was in and out the hospital. I wasn't home. She tried to reach me. But I really want to thank you personally for the time you took. I know I only have three minutes so I'm gonna have to go ahead. I want to thank Miss Bostic for having all that lot cleared over in front of my house, 'cause I had a lot of derelicts just sitting out behind the house and, uh, the field out there, just having fun at night of 2, 3:00 in the morning. So you can imagine what they were doing.

I called over a week or so ago about the road being closed at my street 'cause my nurse couldn't get in to take care of my knee. And, uh, she said, "Why didn't you tell me the road was closed?" I said, "Well, I didn't know the road was closed." I immediately got on the phone and called City Manager's Office. And so she -- uh, someone there took the message and gave it to Mr., uh, Brynt Johnson over at Public Works.

And he called me back and he said that, uh, it was a D.O.T. project. And I said, "Well, none of the homeowners here knew about the project or knew about the road was closing." So he, uh, said that he didn't think D.O.T. put out fliers or anything like that to

let people know that the road was being closed. I said, "Well, I would hate for an emergency vehicle to have to come down here to get me and couldn't get in here to -- to -- to get to me. Unfortunately, that happened yesterday. My friend, my sister died yesterday because the vehicles could not get in to that street.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Hmm.

**WILLIS WILLIAMS:** They had to go around to my house to come down to the marina street 'cause at the -- at the VFW where she lives, on that road, she -- they couldn't get through. Check -- check that out. And, uh, Mrs. -- Mrs., uh -- Mrs., uh -- you know, an unwanted touch is an unlawful touch. I -- I spoke about this last week or last time I was here. And I wanna say it again. An unwanted touch is an unlawful touch. I heard a lot of stuff going on but I want you just to get that clarified.

And as far as the Mayor, you guys need to go back home and look at your TV when you get home. Look at yourself. It is ridiculous. Mr. Thomas, just like you took care of business here tonight, you could do that all the time. Stop it. 'Cause you run the council. Just don't do it tonight, now. Do it all the time. Just control the dais. 'Cause you got your sergeants at arms standing back here. That's mine -- I don't need three minutes. I'm done.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you for your comments. Um, Mary Brabham? Good evening, Miss Brabham. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Good after -- good evening. Mary Brabham, 1564 W. Ninth Street.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening.

**MARY BRABHAM:** I'm speaking in reference as a resident and tonight I was appalled. All of y'all are colleagues. And you were voted by the residents. No one can put you out except the residents. Last week I was in the chamber when that happened last week. How can you, as a governing board, shut down your own colleague and allow -- freedom of speech can and will be said but sometimes it goes a little too far. Last week, Council Thomas, it should have been shut down last week. When -- what you did to your own colleague tonight, you should have done that last week. I do agree with the previous speaker. You can -- you do control this board.

But you also should listen to each one of your colleagues. And you all work together. It should be no divisiveness and division among the board. Each knows what each one wants to do. Work together. As often we do want you to work together because we do love each and every one of you. Mayor/Bishop Thomas Master, I implore you as a resident, don't say anything else. What you're gonna do, do it. Last week I spoke of Miss Ryan. Silenceness [sic] is a killer.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Pursue what you have to pursue.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Bruce, pursue what you have to pursue. Each one do what you have to do to protect your own interests. That's what each individual is all about. But when it comes as a board, you all should be -- be able to work together. Be respectful toward one another. The gentleman made the comment, too. We had a visitor in the house. Last week that should have been it with this board here.

And if any -- any residents come before that board like that, I expect for you all to take authority. It went too far. We're not pleased. And tonight bullying, taking the pulpit lead again, don't do that. Just don't do that. It may be loopholes, but it's nothing that you all cannot work through. We don't want to hear it. We want the business of the day addressed and delivered. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you for your comments, Miss Brabham. Next up will be Miss Nora -- Norma Duncombe.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** You've got two cards for me, right?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You only get one Public Comment card, Miss Duncombe.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Is that a rule? The law? I didn't ever see --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You served up here, Miss Duncombe. You know you only get one Public Comment card.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- I don't know. I never saw that rule, that I could not have two cards.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Good evening, once again, Miss Duncombe. We're happy to have you. You have three minutes with one comment card to make your comments.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Okay. And the reason -- let -- can I say something before you start my three minutes?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No, ma'am.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Hold up. The reason I had the two cards is because I really feel it's important to comment when -- when, uh, things are done that are good with the City, employees especially. Hold up. Hold up my three minutes.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Uh-uh. Uh-uh.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** You're not gonna let me --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Uh-uh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Duncombe, you have three minutes. Please just follow the rules and finish making your comments.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Okay. Well, start my three minutes, then. I've got --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Duncombe, please make your comments.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- clarification. Okay. Um, and -- and the reason I needed that, you're now gonna have three meetings -- I mean, two meetings a month now?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Uh-huh.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Because I -- I saw nowhere where there was notification. See, I -- I need some clarification. We're gonna have two meetings a month from now on, sir? Because I --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- the -- I -- it was never announced, was it?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes. It was announced.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Uh-huh.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** It was? Where?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's not a dialogue, Miss Duncombe. Just please make your comments, please.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Okay. But I -- I -- I think we all need to have clarification because we need to know when we come. Okay. I'm ready to start my comment now. Okay. Now -- now, you -- listen, you know, I would never disrespect your position.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Of course not. Of course not.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** And I would never do anything that is harmful. Anything that I do would be good. I need to say something good about the head of the Public Works Department because of misunderstanding with the church. Uh, the Code Enforcement - - and these are things that were done before. And these were people who did things in the community. The police department, Mr. Harris, Mr. Thomas, any time that I've had to call, I've had a very good response. And I realize that a lot of times people don't say anything about employees when they do things that are good. I like to do that.

Now I'm going to get to y'all. You have a little thing here about decorum of the audience and then of the people, the public. Okay. And I'm not going to say anything else because I think everything has been said that needs to be said. And you, Mr. Chair, know that you have to take control so that people will be able to respect the council.

Okay? I want to hit one thing. I notice that one of the council members said that you had an election and you have a three-year term and it should be, uh, put on the books, codified. Well, what I want to deal with is the citizens -- was about 4,000 signatures. A

referendum that the City would own and operate the marina. You have not put it on the book but one -- an election that was held last year that says you sit there for three years, you want that on the book. That is so unfair to citizens.

The judge has ruled that you are to put it on the book. And I'm saying when do we follow the rules and regulations when it comes to citizens? Now, I've gotta say something about the Department of Transportation. I am so frustrated with the -- all the tractors and the equipment that's left over the weekend. That is horrible. Miss -- Mrs., uh -- Councilperson Pardo --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss -- Miss Duncombe, that's your --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- I give you respect. When that work was over there --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- that's your time.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- I never saw tractor trailers out there.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss -- Miss Duncombe, that's -- that's your time.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** You took care of your constituents and I want to make sure that everybody does the same thing for us.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, Officer, um, Moore --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (Inaudible).

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Didn't she say she would respect the Chair?

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Excuse me one second.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Mr. -- Mr. Thomas, I'm not disrespecting you but --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Duncombe, please just have a seat. Your time is over with. You just said you respected the process and you want to (inaudible). So respect my authority that you want me to --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** But you started my time before you let me --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- respect my authority and I'm asking you to sit down.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- yeah, but you started my time when I wanted to ask you questions.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** She does not have to leave the meeting. All she has to do is leave the podium.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, Miss Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, would you please --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm gonna ask that we not do that at this time. I would like to get through Public Comment and then we'll -- we'll talk about that.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Angela Wynn. Good evening, Miss Wynn. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**ANGELA WYNN:** Good afternoon, everybody.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Good afternoon.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good afternoon.

**ANGELA WYNN:** I haven't seen y'all in a long time. I'm back. Um, I want to thank you, Cedrick, for doing what you're doing and keep it up and everything, you know? It's hard to be up there. And Co Pardo, I know that what you do about the, um -- the drive that you do with the kids' drive, I know you did very well. Very well. I can applaud you on that. In the meantime, I'm gonna ask the council to, um -- that the -- the police department and the fire department haven't get a raise in nine years.

And all we ask or keep asking and all I heard, they have no money and there is money in Riviera Beach to do what they want to do but they're not -- not raise -- give the police department a raise. Everybody have their raise but the police department do not get a raise and the fire department. That's shameful and abominable for nine years without a raise -- a raise of pay.

And another thing, again, I'm -- you know, Mr. Masters and I -- Mayor Masters and I, we come a long way. I know him when he was Reverend -- Reverend Master. I know him when he was Bishop Master and now he's our Mayor. And we have our differences.

But there's a certain councilperson lying on Bishop -- on -- on Mayor -- Mayor Masters. You see, before that councilperson, our Mayor got out there in our community and help

people in this community. If somebody gets sick or gets shot or whatever, he's there. If there's a place for -- for the person to be buried, they can always use their -- his church. And I'm going to ask the radio land out there, do not forget our Mayor. I'm asking you to keep him up in prayer.

And all those scourging words and the fiery dart that is spoken against our Mayor, may it return to that individual back in their bosom. And all the fiery darts, send it back to sender. It is -- it is not right. Everybody have an issue. I don't worry about people background because I don't go around people background because God knows everybody have a background. But stop lying on our Mayor like that. And I'm asking Riviera Beach to support, continually support our Mayor. Continually 'cause he was there first.

Who can you call any time in the hospital and he's not there? Any community -- anybody in the city call, our Mayor Masters is there. So please remember that, people out there and the councils. God knows I said we have our problem. But it is nasty and abominable to see this person continue attacking our Mayor. I got my three minutes. I respect that. God bless you all.

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

**REVEREND BURRS:** You started before I got here. See, I'm like Miss Norma. My minutes start before I even got to the podium. But anyway, Mr. Chairman, you, uh -- I have to concur what has been said, you're doing a good job under the circumstances. And, uh, we appreciate that you're doing your job and I know it's a difficult task, uh, to the Council and the Mayor and etc. Um, you see these peoples are not here. They're not here because they're -- they're satisfied -- they're not here because they're dissatisfied what the Council is doing, how they're conducting themselves. Like the situation concerning this ordinance concerning donation. You don't have to worry about that. The State gonna watch you and see if you're doing anything, uh, contrary to the law.

So you're wasting a lot of time discussing a -- a -- an item that's unnecessarily. It shouldn't have even much been on that agenda. And I was looking at the Council one time -- I -- I just -- I'm -- I'm not here because it's just disgusting to be here sometime. I was looking at the past Council meeting when they was attacking the Mayor and the Mayor -- this dog fight, may I put it, going on, shouldn't have never took place on this podium -- on this, uh, dais.

If I was a -- if -- and I'm serious. The -- the -- the staff work for the -- the Manager. If I was an employee, if any one of you all would have called me up here and put me on a -- and put me on a position like y'all did your staff, I would have told y'all to take a long walk off a short pier because they work for her. You shouldn't treat your staff like that.

As you as an attorney and calling the staff the witness to your mess. It's ridiculous. People's looking at this. I remember the City Attorney -- now, she was right -- when they was talking about getting some procedures concerning peoples coming to the podium. When she brought it -- said we ought to get some procedures for the Council and y'all stop that right quick. She's dead right. There's some procedures ought to be written up how you all ought to conduct yourselves up there, attacking one another.

It's embarrassing to this city. You don't -- you're not representing the City. You represent your own interests on these attacks on one another. You need to stop it because the peoples in this city is disgusted with it and you're gonna see the difference when it's come election time. Trust me. I see peoples all the time. Y'all say peoples call y'all and say things to y'all about how you're doing a good job. I got more peoples meeting me, everybody say, "Reverend, I ain't see you on the Council up there." I say, "I'm sick of them." They say, "We are, too."

It's embarrassing. Stop the attack on one another. That's why a business don't wanna come to this city. They're not -- Lozman make this city like a choir baby -- a -- a choir -- a -- a choir -- a -- with y'all attacking one another. I'd rather hear Lozman than hear y'all sometime. It's embarrassing. You need to stop it. It's personal and that's what it is. She was right. This thing is no good, about trying to tell peoples about donation. The State gonna put you in jail if you take some bribes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's right.

**REVEREND BURRS:** Why you wasting time? Thirty minutes talking about issues should never have been on the -- it's personal and you may as well admit it. Staff work for her. Leave your staff alone and stop calling up here for your own dog fight.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you very much for your comments. Uh, Miss Davis, you wanted Miss Ryan to comment on some of the --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes. Um, well, I'll make my comments just to address what Miss Duncombe said. Um, the three-year terms, it's not -- was not ever a litigation issue, as has been explained by, um, the City Attorney for some time now. And the reason that the, um, referendum question was not put on the agenda, um, for codification was because of that, because of litigation. And it was going to be put on recently but another issue came up. Um, so if you want to elaborate further, that's fine with me.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I'm -- I'm -- Miss -- Miss Duncombe, I'm not asking for your --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- um, comments.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** As I --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** (Inaudible) said (inaudible) --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss -- Miss Duncombe.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Jesus Christ.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Duncombe, you're out of order.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** As we have been all night. But I'm asking you --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- to please comply and stay in order and enjoy the meeting. Miss Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. Judge Kelley, in the Task Force vs. City of Riviera Beach case, did order us to act on the, um, task force referendum as though it were the -- a part of the charter. And he also ordered us to put the new ballot -- the language that was, um, brought to the city council by the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach, he ordered us to put that back on the ballot. We were prepared to deal with both of those issues by placing the task force language in the charter and by placing the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach's language as modified by the City Council on the next ballot. And I think the Council is attempting to have a -- an election in March of 2014.

However, as I noted at the last council meeting, the task force appealed the judge's order and so we're not doing anything until that appeal has been disposed of. The City has moved to dismiss the appeal. I think I've provided the Council with a copy of our motion to dismiss. If the court grants our motion to dismiss in the -- the next couple of weeks, as the court said it would, uh, it would rule on it in the next couple of weeks, then we will have, uh, an amendment placed on the agenda so that it can be codified into the charter, the task force language. If, however, the appeal proceeds, I would not recommend that the City Council do anything, uh, with reference to the judge's order at this time.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. And the appeal was done by the -- who?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Task force. They filed the --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** So it wasn't the City continuing --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- appeal.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- to trying to fight these. The actual winner, so to speak, appealed this decision?

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** That is not correct.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Not only is that correct --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** It is not correct.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- I provided the Council --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Duncombe. Miss Duncombe, I -- I've warned you, Miss Duncombe.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- with a -- my God.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Please stop. If you continue to outburst, I'm going to ask you to leave the meeting. Please stop. Miss Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I have provided the City Council with a copy of the notice of appeal as filed by Mr. DeGraffenreidt, and I've provided the City Council with a copy of the City's motion to dismiss the appeal. That is what's going on right now. And I provided the Council with a copy of the -- of the court's order giving Mr. DeGraffenreidt 15 days to advise the -- the court as to why the case should not be dismissed because of, um, his untimely appeal. We are waiting for that 15 days to pass.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** And is that public documents -- are those public documents that can be seen by any citizen, any --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Absolutely. Any -- at any time.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. I -- I -- I think we ought to just make it, you know, available --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Put them on the web -- put it on the website.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- as we -- yeah. If we need to, put it -- because it -- it's very -- that's very divisive, you know, people not giving out the facts. I just want the facts out. Whatever they are, let's just make sure that any resident, any citizen, anybody can get what's going on, as long as it's not, you know, hurting the case that we have to --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. These are --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- to --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- um, documents that have been filed with the court. It's a public document and I will be happy to put whatever you like on the City's web site.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Thank you. Mr. Davis, hold on one second. Miss -- Miss Davis, you still have the floor if you need it.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I'm -- I'm done, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Um, I'm gonna ask Legal. Uh, I would like to know once Judge Kelley makes a decision and orders us to codify -- orders this board to codify, what happens when this board do not codify?

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** That's right. (Inaudible).

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** The case is being appealed.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No. I just want to know what happens if --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Nothing is going to happen.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- we -- nothing is going to happen? There's no repercussions, nothing to this particular board if we don't follow a judge's order?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No. Because that judge's order has been appealed to a higher court. And so the higher court makes the final decision.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** So you're telling me -- you're saying -- a yes/no, answer -- that because someone appealed, that prevents this board from codifying?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I'm saying that --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes or no?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I'm saying that because this board --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah. No, no. Yes or no?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No, because I asked a yes or no question and --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- and they'll start -- hold --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Allow her to answer and don't chastise her.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No. No, no, I'm not here to chastise.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm gonna move on, now.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I gave -- no. I gave some specific -- very easy elementary instructions on a yes or no answer.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Hold on.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I asked the question.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Listen. Listen. We're not going through that. Okay? Our attorney has given us information. If you've got a question, by all means answering that, but we're not going to get into that chastisement and not letting her answer. We're not doing that. If you want --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- her to answer a question --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No. No. I -- no, no.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- she can do that but that's it.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No, Mr. Chair, excuse me, Mr. --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm not going back and forth (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- excuse me.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** If you want her to answer the question, she will.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Other than that, we're not going to do that.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** -- excuse me, Mr. Chair. I asked a yes or no question. And I stop it right there. Once my -- our City Attorney went to start explaining -- I didn't ask for explanation. I asked for a yes or no. Then if she said, "Yes, " then I'd say, "Well, explain why." If she said, "No," then I would have said, "Explain why."

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Well, she said yes. She said -- she said --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No, she didn't. No, she didn't.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- (inaudible). What's next?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No, no. That's not the question I asked.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** What question did you ask?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I asked -- the question that I asked was does that prevent us from accepting that -- codifying that in the City charter because someone filed an appeal.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. You got a question.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** And that's a yes or no answer. That's all.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Hold on. Miss Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It would not prevent us from doing it.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** So what's stopping us?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Frankly, I'm not going to answer that question because you know what? That is attorney/client privilege. There are some strategies involved. If he appeals, the City has some options, as well.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** So you're telling this board that you're not willing to answer that question?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I'm telling this board that I'm not willing to answer that question in public.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** That -- Miss Ryan, that's good.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** They're legal strategies.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** That's -- that's enough.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** That's enough.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You still have the floor, Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No. I'm done.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Moving on. Community Benefits.

**REGULAR**

**DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**15. RESOLUTION NO. 137-13, 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 GUYTON:** So moved.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. It's been properly moved and second. Discussion?

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Um, as we discussed last time, um, my colleagues know that I -- I'm in support of this. Um, our charter is something that is not, in my opinion, supposed to sit antiquated as changes occur, um, in our government, with projects and other things that our charter impacts. So, um, I am in full support. There is one thing about it that I would like to suggest. I see that it is, um, being recommended that they meet a minimum of once every, um -- oh, it's every other month. I thought it was every month. Um, but I thought meeting -- requiring them to meet every month probably, um might be a little tasking if we don't have any issues --

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- going on at that time. So, um, that was my only issue about the frequency of the meeting. You know, we can even suggest, um, quarterly and more often should the board decide to do this as the need arises. So -- but it is my hope that my colleagues understand that that is a document that need to be monitored and, um, recommendations need to be made to accommodate whatever changes that may be forthcoming that impacts our charter.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I'm -- I'm sorry. I should have taken public comment first on this. Um, so I will do it now. And I will accept the, uh, late card from, uh -- from you, Miss Duncombe, so you'll be able to speak, as well. Um, it is an important item. We don't want to miss anyone. But first up we'll have Michael Sloser. Then we'll come back to the board. I do apologize.

**MICHAEL SLOSER:** Uh, good evening.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Good evening.

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

**MICHAEL SLOSER:** Michael Sloser, 4100 --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Good evening, Mr. Sloser. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**MICHAEL SLOSER:** I'll make it brief, less than three minutes. Um, I -- I would just like to echo the comments that have been made about the need to revise the charter. Um, I don't know when the last time that it was revised, and I wonder if anybody knows the answer to that question.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Um, 2009.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I think it was 2009.

**MICHAEL SLOSER:** 2009?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh-huh.

**MICHAEL SLOSER:** So we're only four years out. There are changes that all documents need to have in order to keep up to date. Um, my feeling is there is no harm in going over a charter at any given point to see if it reflects the needs of the community and the needs of the council at any given time. I see no downside and I see always there's an upside, which is we may come up with revisions which will improve the quality of the council. Therefore, I urge you to adopt it.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you very much for your comments. Uh, next up, Miss Duncombe, Norma Duncombe. Good evening, Miss Duncombe. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Uh, thank you, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You're welcome.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** To the Council, the Mayor, the Chair, I appreciate having three minutes. What I'd like to address, the -- the charter was updated, uh -- what was it, 2009? It -- it was not that long ago. And it was an extensive, uh -- it was a lot of work done on that. The attorney was brought in that was a specialist in that area. They had, uh -- the group that -- it was a dynamic group that worked on it. It was headed by -- what was the young man? A brilliant young man.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Willie? Right. Willie --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Chris Bentley.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- Bentley.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Yes. Brilliant young man. And all of the people, uh -- and of course you had the regular people who come to council meetings. They were on the board with that. We had hearings. There was, I mean, all kinds of information that was out there. I don't know where anybody was who did not know what was going on. And

that everything that everybody brought up, it was fully discussed. Now, you can't come up to -- to work on a charter every time you think you want to do something different. That does not make sense.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's right.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** And, you know, I'm one of those persons who's a stickler for money. There's so many things we -- we can go to every community. You go on the island, they still haven't gotten their breakwaters. The people down on the south end, they have so many things that they need. Every community needs so much. And I think it's important that we spend money wisely. I -- I -- I just don't see every time somebody wants to do something and -- with all of you sitting up there, there's always something that you don't like. But that's life. We all have to live with some things that we don't like.

Where were you when the -- when -- when the -- when we worked on the charter? Not only did we work on the charter, but we had -- brought it before the people. And at -- the one thing that the Mayor didn't get and he wants on there now is what? It was the term and other -- other little things. The Mayor worked very hard with it. So I'm saying why are you going to waste money and -- why are you going to go through this?

There are other things that that money could -- could be spent for that would help people in this city. I just think it's just so terrible to -- every time somebody comes up with a little something that, "I don't like," that you decide let's skin the people with that and not give the people the services that use the money for services that people really need. I thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you, Miss Duncombe, for your comments. Appreciate it. Okay. We're going to go back to, uh, comments from the board. Any -- anyone else?

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh, Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Uh, yes, sir. Um, and -- and just to clear this up, I -- I was the person who, um, asked that this be placed on the agenda. It had nothing to do with whether -- whether I liked something or not. Um, it simply was about me looking through the -- the charter and noticing that some things needed to be, um, addressed. Um, and as I mentioned before, there are several things that I think need to be addressed.

One of which is the boundaries, which have not been changed in, um -- let's see. It says here, "The City Council shall, by ordinance, set the bounders -- boundaries, um, by January 1, 1975, and modify or change the districts every 10 years thereafter." It hasn't been done since, um, I think 1985. So that's going up on 40 years here. I mean, if somebody really wanted to go and challenge a vote or -- or whatever, you know, they

have the right to do so because of this document. And, uh, I was also looking through it and just noticed that the three-year terms were not included in here.

So, you know, I -- I don't see any harm in having a -- comprising a board that can, um, go through this document and, um, you know, see some -- look at some things that might need to be changed as it relates to how we're running our government and even - - maybe even add some things to it. So, um, I'm -- I'm going to support it. I hope my colleagues do, too. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Any other members of the board?

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** I have a question for -- I guess it would be for the City Attorney, um, regarding the boundaries. Now, the charter clearly states in -- that, you know, the boundary language is in the charter and it says that we need to update it every 10 years. So if it hasn't been done, why hasn't it been done, and isn't that a directive that we can give to the City Manager to move forward with that?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I can't answer the question as to why it hasn't been done but certainly the Council can give a --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- directive to, um, have it analyzed, a report brought back. It's something that the City Council can address now.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. And then the three-year terms, that was approved last -- well, that was approved in --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- 2012.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- 2012.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That's correct.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. So why isn't that in the charter?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** 2012. Um, it just has not been codified, that -- there's no reason why it -- it's not in the charter.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. And who's responsible for bringing that to the Council so we can codify it so it can get in to the charter? You know?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. Um, I -- I think it can just be codified at this point. It doesn't have to come back to Council because it -- the vote already happened. It was already placed in the ordinance so it just needs to -- to actually be codified.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. Well, that's something that we need to do. And, um, my feeling is, you know, if we want to look at the charter, I think the charter needs to be looked at every 10 years. But to, you know, look at it every four or five years, I have a tendency to agree with Miss Duncombe. You know, is this just gonna constantly come back to us every couple of years? You know?

So honestly, it -- it really doesn't make sense to me to move forward with it right now. We did it in 29 -- in 2009. The majority of the people that were on the committee, we all know who they are. You know, the people that are always involved in everything. And, um, that committee did do a fine job. And they brought several items back to the voters to vote whether or not to move forward with them. So, you know, to bring it back right now four years later, I don't -- I really don't think that I can support it.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** At this time.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Anybody else from the -- from the board?

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Thank you. Um, I'm hearing a lot of concerns about some supporting and some not too willing to support and some talk about why they really want to move forward. And there's a discussion about boundaries. And once I read the charter, it talked about 1975 up to 1985, every 10 years, which was January. But when I look at -- we're not even eligible to even look at those boundaries until 2015. We're not even eligible to even look at that, based on the charter. Two, there was some questions and there was some things that are brought up other than boundaries about two seats.

Now, let's go back in 2008 when this, um, committee was put together back in 2008. This is 2013, if I'm correct. And this has never been a concern until this board has changed. Now, I'm not going to accuse certain people of certain things, but it feels as if as the board changes, you may not like who's on this board, but I'm here to say I'm here and I'm not going nowhere, because the residents elected me to be in this particular seat. If I would have known that this was a concern about charter, about combining seats and making five seats or -- I'm not going to talk about the boundaries. This should have came up before the election.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Boundaries is a smoking gun as far as I'm concerned. Because if you read the charter, you would know that you can't touch the boundaries, even look at it for recommendations in 2015. Our staff did the right job by choosing the perfect -- perfect team to put this together. You agreed to it. You didn't say anything about it in a public meeting. Now all of a sudden this board is changing, this City's changing. People are feeling good about the direction of this City. People are liking the fact that they actually gave some people a chance, gave other people a second chance once they re-elected others and gave myself a chance.

Let's -- let's call it what it is. Outside of boundaries, what other -- other conversations or concerns on this board that we need to look at this charter? The charter was looked at in 2008. Recommendations were made. People voted on it in 2000 -- in 2008. Here it is 2013. We're not supposed to even look at this charter based on my research and out of 38, 39 municipalities of Palm Beach County, guess what? They all wait 10 years before they review their charter.

I'm not too -- I'm not going to start being a part of this game about how we're going to do things differently in -- from everybody else, because that would -- would -- would get you in trouble and I'm not going to be a part of that. Now, it also talked about that once choosing this board -- why are we looking at a board versus a committee all of a sudden? Before it was a committee. Now it's a board.

What powers do a -- do a committee have -- I mean, a board have over a committee? 'Cause they're going to make recommendations to us. When I look at this language, it talks about each and every one of us selecting a person and then our -- our staff attorney -- nothing against you -- gets the chance to also give some advice on the other end, then make recommendations which is a total conflict. That's why you brought out -- brought in outside professionals, to make sure that this is done right. If you're going to support moving progress, let's wait to 2015. We can talk about the boundaries in 2015. And in 2018, then we can talk about putting together another committee so we can bring our speed -- up to speed and then have our concerns to whoever's elected in this body at that time. My concerns are done.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Mr. Mayor, did you have anything that you, uh --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. I concur with, uh, Mrs. Duncombe, concur with Councilwoman Pardo; I concur with Councilman, um, right here, this young -- young man, is -- I mean, he's on point. Um, it bothers me, as well, that I heard talk at one of the meetings when this first came up about getting rid of his seat. You know, that's just outrageous to me. A man runs for a seat and then in the midstream you get rid of it and then you basically say you -- you can't be re-elected for district 5 for that citywide open seat because it's no longer there. You've gotta run for, um, the other open seat, which would be the Mayor's seat. That's -- to me, that's a -- that's immoral. You know, you just don't do that to people.

No one is -- no one else has said do it to their district, combine 1 and 2, combine 3 and 4. So for -- for anyone to even suggest that we get rid of this young man's seat that he

ran for, to get rid of this seat before the next election is to say you can't run anymore for that seat. That's wrong. That'll be just like saying, we're going to get rid of the Mayor's seat and you can't be re-elected again or get rid of any seat. So I'm -- I disagree with that on principle, period. It's just not fair. You -- there's still a golden rule. Do unto others as you'll have them do unto you. If you don't want anyone to do that to you or your seat, then you shouldn't do that to, um, anyone else's seat.

I also, um, want to say you don't need a charter committee, board or whatever you wanna call it, to amend the charter. If it's something you want done, there's -- this council has the authority to put anything, uh, up in -- on the ballot that goes to the people and they vote it down or they vote it up. And I certainly hope the people will vote that down if that ever gets -- that, you know -- eliminating this seat. It's outrageous.

Then you -- you have something that's called a referendum or initiative. You don't even have to come to the council. If it's something you feel as a citizen of Riviera Beach, you have the right to do what others have done, is get 2,100 signatures. Then it goes before the people. Then you'd have to go before us. Neither a committee or board. So I concur with all the previous speakers. I think they were men, women of wisdom. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I'm going to weigh in on it. I do -- the first thing I feel that needs to happen with this particular, uh, charter is for all the things that need to be codified, to be codified. You know, and I understand that sometimes, you know, staff is busy or, you know -- but that needs to be looked at, I believe, first. Um, let's just do that first. Let's get the things that should be codified codified. Uh, and that's something that does not take the -- the convening of a committee.

Now, the other part of this is the -- the convening of the committee is not the real issue. I've heard several things done and I'm gonna probably need some research. I heard, uh, Miss Davis read from one part. I heard Mr. Davis, um -- well, he didn't read from another part. He basically stated his, um -- his thoughts on it. And I don't know which one is which. Um, so I think that all of us need to understand that stuff went out, you know, right here to the public. I did not interpret whatever rule that is because I don't know.

So I would like to -- to -- to understand that rule. Um, definitely before we decide on -- on -- on doing this. So if you know, Miss Ryan, uh, could you answer that? Is it -- is it every 10 years and we just have not done it every 10 years, or because we've -- we did it in 2008, that we have to -- do we have to wait or -- I'm pretty sure we don't have to wait. It's giving us some type of -- but I -- I do need to get some clarity on that before I can decide on -- on this.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. I thought you -- you -- were you talking about the boundaries issue or the --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Charter.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- the ability to have the charter --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** The --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- review committee -- the charter reviewed?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- the -- right now -- well, you can answer both but I'm actually talking about the boundaries committee, which was something that Miss Davis brought up that I thought was a great point that -- that needed to be done. But I also heard Mr. Davis say that --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Do you have it?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** No.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. I don't -- I don't have the charter --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I have it right here.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- in front of me so I'm not quite sure what she's talking about but --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And before I give it to you, could I just say one thing? Um, this -- I think my colleague, Mr. Davis, is speaking in terms of the last time that this was, um, done, which was 2009. He's saying it has to be 10 years, every 10 years, which brings it to 2015. But what I'm reading from is the actual charter language that states, um, the last time it has been done was in January 1, 1985, and it says every 10 years thereafter. So I'm going to give it to you for your interpretation.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. I think you're talking about the boundaries of the city council members?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yeah. Yeah.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Not the boundaries of the city.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** No, the city council boundaries.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** The -- right. You -- this, um -- the charter currently provides that although there are, um, five groups and the Mayor, you are supposed to analyze the boundaries of each district --

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

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- every 10 years.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Every 10 years.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Because one of the things you want to provide for under the law is, um --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Population growth.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- some equality in the number of people that are in your district.

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

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And so --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** But -- but let me ask you a question, Miss Ryan, since I'm still -- I'm going to dialogue with you a little bit.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Sure.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** That doesn't mean that it wasn't analyzed. Maybe the -- maybe the census track didn't change or whatever. Does -- I mean, does it mean that you have to change them or you just need to look at them? And how do we know that --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You just need --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- they haven't been looked --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Look at them.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- at?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I'm -- I'm -- I'll defer to the Manager, but I do recall that it has been looked at, at least at the staff level. I don't know if it's been brought before this council. But the boundaries have been looked at, um -- at the staff level. It doesn't say that it has to be changed. But I do believe it -- you have to at least analyze it. And it's every 10 years after this charter, um -- after 1975. So that would mean --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So if we had --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- 2005 should have been the last time we looked at it.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Uh-huh. Ten years from that's 2015.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. But I don't know if we actually looked at it in 2005.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** '05.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. I -- I think we probably ought to not --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I don't think so.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- throw in -- start throwing numbers around 'cause the math is not really adding up. Um, but I do -- I --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- you -- you -- you -- you're definitely, um, hitting on what -  
- what I'm saying. Some of these things -- before we put another committee together --  
and I don't mind it. I just don't want to start confusion. Like, I heard, um -- I heard Mr.  
Davis and -- and Mr. -- uh, Mayor Masters speak about, uh, something about eliminating  
the seat or, you know -- I don't know of this board ever discussing anything like that.  
And I really would hate for that type of stuff to get out into the -- into the, uh -- into the  
public, you know, unless that is something that this board is -- is thinking about doing.

That may be things that are -- that come up like a lot of things come up on the street.  
But at this point I have not heard of this board discussing that, um, you know, at all. So  
I just want to make sure that -- I get you, Mr. Mayor -- I'm just saying I don't think that  
we ought to start saying those things from this particular board unless we are going to  
speak of that. Now, if a member of this board has -- has done that or put that on the  
floor or something that we need to discuss, that's something different. But I have not  
heard that.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** It happened.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. Mr. Guyton brought that --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mr. Chair?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** (Inaudible) brought it up at --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- Guyton brought it up.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, okay. Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Hold on one second, Mr. Guyton. I'm not quite  
done with my comments yet.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Well, Mr. Mayor, I stand corrected. If a board  
member brought it up and they want to discuss it, that's fine. I have not entertained  
that. And I've -- I don't think I've missed any city council meetings. Um, in terms of -- of  
-- of that.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I haven't entertained it, either, but it was brought up.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** But, um, I mean, but it's not -- it's not a motion. I -- you know, we got so much going on here. You know? And I really don't want to start that distinction, you know? I'm glad that everybody's here. We're moving. We're getting things done. Do we need some stuff in the charter that we need to clean up? Absolutely. Do we need to look at it? Absolutely. You know, but do we need to start attacking each other? We get enough of that, you know?

It -- it's -- it's enough of that outside of these chambers, outside of this city, and even in this city to get it done. So what I'm hoping is -- this is my hope. This is even my prayer, that, you know, let's -- let's support each other. Let's not have those divisive things that come up. Everybody was elected just like I am. You have the right to speak about whatever you want to speak about, whatever you want to put on the table. But I'm asking that we, you know, continue to move forward towards some positive things.

If this board is being convened to eliminate a seat, then I think that's divisive. Now, if this board is convened to look at, you know, it being more efficient or something like that, then let's say that. But let's not say that we're trying to eliminate a seat, because I'm not, you know? People voted for Mr. Davis, as well as myself, as well as everybody up here. Um, so I'm not in support of being divisive with anything. Efficient government, I understand. No problem. But I just want to make sure that I put my comments on that. We'll go for one more round. Seem -- it seems that it wants to.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** All right, Mr. --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm -- yeah. Hold on one second.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Ward?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Yes. Mr. Chair, if you don't mind.

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

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Let me bring a little clarity to your discussion.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** By all means.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Reference the charter.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** By all means.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** In 2008, the City Council at that particular time declared that they wanted to review -- have the charter reviewed. At that particular time a committee was selected. I was the staff liaison that served on that board. Uh, at that particular time we hired a professional attorney that came in and his firm, thoroughly went through

the charter. What the City of Riviera Beach Charter consists of now is basic. That's what you want in your charter. You don't want to crowd your charter to the point where you have to come every year or every two years or every three years to review it. And as far as, like, your -- you discussed the boundaries. That is not accurate. That was looked at. That was reviewed -- reviewed at the same particular time. And what was discovered is -- (phone ringing) --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Excuse me one second, ma'am. Please, uh, silence your audio device so it doesn't interrupt the meeting. Thank you. Sorry, Miss -- Miss Ward. Go ahead, please.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay, Mr. Chair. What was discovered at the time, because it was the same time the census reports and so forth was coming out. We looked at those numbers and they, um -- what the charter states is between 8 to 10 -- and not only the charter, the Florida Statutes says the districts have to be evenly populated between 8 to 10 percent. All of those districts were reviewed at the particular time. We found that the districts were evenly --

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

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- populated.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Reviewed by whom?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** At the --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** By the committee?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Well, the committee reviewed them but --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** But shouldn't that have been reviewed by council?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Everything came before the city council.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I don't remember anything about it.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Every --

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yeah, you forgot.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Will you let Miss Ward finish, though? Go ahead. I'll come to you.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay. Okay. And --

**16. RESOLUTION NO. 138-13, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A DONATION POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. We do have, uh, two comment cards. First up will be Michael Sloser. Good evening, Mr. Sloser. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**MICHAEL SLOSER:** Thank you, Mr. Thomas. Good evening. Michael Sloser. 4100 N. Ocean Drive. I just have a brief comment on this. Uh, I'm interested in it to the sense that I believe this resolution would help the council to not do the mistakes that we're all capable of doing. And I'm sure with the -- in government it's even more so. And I think the need here is to protect council members from unintentional mistakes. Um, I urge you to not -- not do this. It would, I think, leave you open to criticism and possible action by the watchdogs that are out there always looking for mistakes. Um, contributions that are made should be transparent. The citizens in this community should know where the money comes from. And, um, I urge you to align us with other governing bodies that do the very same thing.

Um, I don't think there's a real serious problem with it. I think it's a protective device. I think it's a smart thing to do. I think it will keep you all out of trouble and then I'll be able to come visit you again next year without anybody being shot at from the outside. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you, Mr. Sloser, for your comments. Uh, the next, uh, person will be Draga Lindbom [phonetic], Lindblom. Good evening, Miss Lindblom. You have three minutes to make your comments.

**DRAGA LINDBLOM:** Good evening. Draga Lindblom.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening.

**DRAGA LINDBLOM:** 1201 N. Harbor Drive, Riviera Beach. Um, I believe Mr. Sloser stole my thunder so I have to say I agree with him that, uh, I feel it is very important to our city that we have a donation policy in place to protect us. I think, uh, we need to have the checks and balances and I think it would be a positive. And I hope that you support looking into it and adopting one. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you very much for your comments. Okay. Anything from the board?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis? I heard you first.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I'd like to know, are there any other municipalities that they have already previously adopted this particular policy or even looked at it?

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Does anybody --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Well, they're bound under the ethics -- Palm Beach County ethics, and they have a policy.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Also the Palm Beach County School District and the City of --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And Palm Beach County.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- West Palm Beach, too.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It's not this particular one but --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** They have a policy.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Mr. Davis, you still have the floor.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I would like to, um, table this particular item. Make a motion to table this item and --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. A motion is on the floor to table.

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

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I haven't even had a -- a chance to comment --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm sorry. It's a motion on the floor to table.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I have to go --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah, that take -- that take precedent.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- with the motion to table. I'm sorry. Um --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** No.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Cedrick Thomas.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No. Okay. Mr. Davis, you still have the floor.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** I -- I'm gonna tell you what my concern is with this particular item, is, uh, I would like -- would -- would have liked to see, uh, what Palm Beach County, um, School District policy is and relate it to what we're trying to do. Um, I'm not -- I don't believe that the residents of Riviera Beach are really into establishing a, um -- all the residents of Riviera Beach are into -- in the business of accepting a lot of money into our municipality. Um, we're here to conduct business, not really to start open up these big floodgates of people willing to come and give money to our city. But later on down the line it may not look good on behalf of this board.

So I see that there's some clauses in the bottom that talks about, you know, if you're in the process of bidding for a contract or have a present contract. But that doesn't say that you may give something now this year and then next year or two years down the line, there's a major contract or major position that's getting ready to happen. And oh, lo and behold, one of the sponsors, one of the donors who did this great gift to us is getting a contract. And then we have the I.G.'s Office over here and that will be a problem.

So this is the issue I -- I'm -- I'm not willing to support it because I feel like if a donor's really concerned about what they want to do for our city, they can go over to, um -- and -- and get -- do -- get these things done without bringing them to the City. Because I'm -- I'm pretty sure no one on this board has taken money in their hand. Um, the City should not be in charge of delegating dollars. That's not our job. Our job is to be policymakers and -- and stay away from opening up policies that create a whole 'nother monster. And this is why I'm not going -- I'm not ready to make, uh -- to support this at

this time, and that's why I was trying to table it so I can do a little bit more research to see what was the concerns in the district when they chose to accept this policy. That's all.

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

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

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Okay. The first thing I want to say is this policy -- and this is for everyone out there -- this policy will kill the annual toy drive because the majority of the people that give toys to the most needy children in this community are our businesses. And there are several businesses who -- like I will take CMI Air Conditioning, who have been on board with this program for the past five years. They participate in the procurement policy here in Riviera Beach. They provide services to the City of Riviera Beach. In addition to the owners of the company live in Riviera Beach.

Rybovich. They have been on board for the past several years. We know that they have been to the City and will be coming to the City for permits. We know that they are building a massive project in the CRA area. They will be coming here. Viking Yachts. Okay? There are a bunch of businesses. Johnny Longboats. They may be bidding for a restaurant in the CRA. All right? So there are a lot of businesses in the City who provide toys to the kids in this city. And if, you know, moving forward with the policy like it's written, that -- this will go and, uh, you know, just absolutely kill the toy drive.

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

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** So --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Hold on one second.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- you know, with that I have a -- a serious problem. A serious problem. Every year when I do the toy drive, occasionally we do get money. We get checks made out to the City of Riviera Beach. They are sent to the, uh, Finance Department and then we go out with a credit card, buy toys or wrapping paper and submit the bills. Um, you know, if we need a policy to keep people straight, you know, I think those people shouldn't be on the council. You know, if you're not ethical, then there is no reason to -- for you to be an elected official. I

In addition to, we have an ethics board, Palm Beach County Ethics Board. And we are all bound by the Ethics Board. And they go through a lot of this stuff. It's the things that aren't in this policy, we are still bound to by the Ethics Board. So, um, just because of the, you know -- the toy drive that I do every year -- and again, for the most neediest children in this community -- and trust me. There are hundreds of them -- I can't -- I can't go along with this.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

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

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss -- Miss Davis, you were next.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, I believe that, um, what my colleague is saying is incorrect. In this policy in 3.5 it states that, "All donors shall acknowledge that all donations and/or in kind donations made to the City of Riviera Beach and its agencies must be given unconditionally and voluntarily without an exception of benefit." Um, and, "A donation cannot be used to influence the outcome of any outstanding approval, permit or license application or award of a procurement opportunity." So, um -- and it also states that, "Donor -- donors must advise the City in writing if you, your organization or company, is currently involved in a planning, approval or procurement process."

So as it relates to -- to Rybovich, CMI, Johnny Longboats, all these other businesses out there, um, the only time it might be a problem is if they have an item coming before the city council for approval. And, you know, so that -- that point is -- is null and void. Um, I really didn't wanna go into details about why I believe this policy is necessary. Um, however, if that is what I need to do, then I have no problem doing so. Um, and I'll just pass these down. And I -- I really didn't want to call any names or -- or -- or, um -- or have any, uh -- talk about, you know, anything but, you know -- here, pass those down, please.

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And this has to do with --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Hold on one second, Mr. Davis. Will you let Miss --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- and this has to do with --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And I'd like to comment before everybody get a second round.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- this has to do with, um, events that have taken place in the last few -- few years that I -- that have been brought to council. And Mr. Thomas, Chair Thomas, the event is about your events. And as you know, that the last agenda, last city council meeting, I -- I pulled certain items because, um, I felt that, you know, we weren't really being given all of the information. Um, so I pulled some information from, um, management and I just think that, um, you know, when a vote -- when -- when something is brought to council for a vote, um, you know, then it, you know -- it needs to be very transparent. We need to be given all of the information. And --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Excuse me one second. Do we have any copies of these that we can give to the --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I have one left.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- to the public?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Here.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I just think that, you know, when a person pass these out on the --

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- they need to be, you know, given to the -- to the public.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Here.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Seeing as that is another attack but let's -- let's do it.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. It's not an attack.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I believe it is.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It's -- it's -- no, it's not.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, and -- but you're entitled to your opinion.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It is not an attack. Uh, I just feel that, uh, things should be very transparent. And, um, in 2011/'12 when it was brought to council, we asked the question why was it being brought to council. And your -- your statement was that, um, you just wanted permission or approval for you to raise money. And I have no problem with, um, management paying extra dollars for the events. I just think it needs to be made public. Simple as that. And the first year, um, the city council --

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I -- no, I -- I wanna go through my document if you don't mind.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No. Miss Davis, hold on one second. Hold on. No, hold on one second. I'm Chair of the meeting.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I have the floor, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Hold on one second. This discussion is about the policy.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's not about my individual things that I host.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And I'm --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Now -- excuse me one second. If the board wants to allow you to discuss this at this time, they can. But at this point it's about the policy. This -- this item that's on the floor has nothing to do with the Fifth Grade Fun Day or Turkey Giveaway or not a Night of Elegance. So you don't need to be --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Mr. Chair, I'm sorry.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- discussing it.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** But I have the right to talk about the reason why I bring this policy forward.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm -- I'm -- I'm --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Okay. And I'm gonna keep talking.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- I'm -- I'm not -- I'm not going through -- I'm not going through that.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** There was \$1,584 paid for '11/'12 --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss -- Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- and a total of \$4,000 paid by city council.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Point of order.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. We got a point of order.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** We got a point of order.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- 2012/'13 --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis, we have a point of order.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- \$9,000 was paid by the city council, so --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Go ahead with your point of order, Mr. Masters.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** My point of order is --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** I have a right to speak just like everybody else.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- Mr. -- Mr. Chair, I -- I feel that you made a point and -- and if this -- if we go into details like this, then I think there should be a motion by this, uh, council to, uh, allow -- to allow this discussion to go that direction.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I don't mind the discussion.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Like --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Because I -- I keep it open. But I have to run the meeting properly. We're talking about the policy of a donation. The donations don't just include my events, which this -- the -- the booklet that we're giving out only talks about my events. There are donations that come in all over. So if we -- if --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** And they're -- and they're exposed.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- Miss -- Miss Davis, (inaudible) you do not have the floor at this time. If that's what wants to be discussed, I have no problem discussing that. But we're talking about the individual policy here. The board can overrule me and say that she can speak. And by all means, do that. But at this point, if she wants to talk about the -- the, uh -- the policy, that's fine. And if she wants to get down to her comments and talk all she wants to about these events, she's more than welcome to.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And that's my point of order.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** But at this point we're discussing -- we're discussing the actual policy.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** That's my point of order.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You still have the floor, Miss Davis.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** If you're going to discuss the policy.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, my -- my issue is that, um, when donations are brought -- whenever any of us are raising donations, it should be brought to council for acceptance. Um, and as I said, um, it's -- I think it's disingenuous for any of us to, uh, host an event where the City paid for it but we put our names on it. Um, and I -- you know, I just think that that's being disingenuous to us and we need to know exactly what we're voting for. Simple as that.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, I think you were next, Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah, I was next.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Go right ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you. Thank you. Let me say for the record, too, um, I -- I have colleagues up here, some of whom I'm closer to than others at times. Um, and certainly, um, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Davis -- Mrs. Davis are two good friends of mine. Um, but as I sit as a councilperson, you know, I'm obligated to deliberate in a manner that is impartial and transparent and open. And let me be very open and transparent. Um, I am in full support of all of the programs that my colleague, Mr. Thomas, has been advocating and doing for the community.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** So am I.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Um, I think it's a good thing. It has been very positive. And, um, he is not the only one who has accepted funds from different contributors. Having said that, um, I would like for Mrs. Ryan -- because it was not my understanding that this policy would prohibit any contributions from, um -- and -- and let me also say that this policy not only deal with council people; it deal with department heads and money coming in to the City. So it much -- it's much broader and comprehensive, but it -- the focus has been on council people in this discussion this evening.

But that is not the, um, only component of this policy. Um, I -- I would like some clarity because we all, at some point, would go out and seek donations for an activity that we may want to spearhead and have the City to also participate to whatever degree we -- we -- we may see. Um, and I have no problem with being transparent, but I -- I don't -- I don't see where one person should be targeted, because at some point we all go out and raise funds. So -- but anyway, Miss Ryan, um, I'm reading this and it -- and I'm not reading what, um, Miss Pardo indicated. And I'm not suggesting that she's incorrect.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** 1.7.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That it would prohibit funds. And I'm not disagreeing or attacking Miss Pardo. I just want some clarity because that wasn't my understanding. Um, I don't -- I don't support anything that would inhibit, um, elected officials or others from going out, getting donations, putting on their signature projects and -- and sometimes having the City participate because we are elected officials. So can I get some clarity in regards to if this would prohibit any contributions, um, being made, if at some point in their lifetime they have done business or went through the procurement process? Or does it mean if they are in the process of going through a procurement, um, area that we can accept funds at that time? So --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It's the latter. You've stated it correctly.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Under Section 1.7.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh, yeah. That's what I was looking at.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It's -- correct.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It states that you're -- the City will not accept donations from individuals or organizations if they are, number one, in litigation with the City currently. The word is "currently." It modifies every section. "Currently in litigation against the City, currently seeking permits, licenses or approvals from the City."

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Which means if they are in the process, they cannot -- they will not be able to donate at the time that they are in the process. They can donate before they're in the process and they can donate after they're out of the process. But not during the process. "Currently an applicant for planning approval --" that means they're going through the Planning & Zoning process. "And currently participating in a procurement process." If we have an RFP that's out for services and they are, um, bidding on it, they're in the process of bidding on it, then we should not -- they cannot donate to the City. So if --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- so you wouldn't be, um, allowed to ask them for donations and they would not be allowed to give donations.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. And having said that, um, having been in government as long as I have, that is not uncommon. Um, if there is a bid out and if someone is, um -- has -- has submitted a -- a response to it, um, we all know that that would be a little inappropriate, I guess, to -- to be accepting a contribution under those circumstances. Um, but I just wanted some clarity on the policy in general because, again, I support all of these programs that my colleagues do. Not just Councilman Thomas but Councilman Pardo, Council -- Councilwoman Davis and anyone else.

Um, and -- and -- and I just would hope that we would be, um, fair in our deliberations because we -- we -- we all go out and seek contributions. And I will continue to support my colleagues to -- to include Councilman Thomas, Councilman Davis and Councilwoman Pardo in -- in their efforts to give back and go out and solicit funds to, um, make this community, um, better in which to live, work and play. So, um, having said that --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I'll go next. Um --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- wait. Let me just make my final comment. Um, if this policy in any way prohibits any project such as what Miss Council -- what Councilwoman Pardo or what Councilwoman -- Councilman Thomas or Councilwoman Davis are doing, I won't support it under those circumstances. But that's not my

understanding here. Um, and that's why I wanted the attorney to clarify that that -- those activities still can proceed. But Miss Pardo, you're -- I mean, excuse me, Council -- uh, Vice Chair Pardo, you're shaking your head no so --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right, because --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- please clarify 'cause --

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** -- like I -- like I said earlier, the companies who, on a regular, you know -- every year donate, are going through -- they have, you know -- they're sitting in with Mary McKinney right now going through the process -- going through the planning process.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** And these are, you know, large companies that have 3, 400 employees who give toys to us every year. So that is going to have a dramatic impact.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Go -- go ahead, Mr. Guyton, and you can finish --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm -- I'm -- I'm done. I'm -- I'm done, yeah. I --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- (inaudible) chance. Okay. I'm -- I'm gonna go next, then I'll go to Mr. Mayor and Mr. Davis and then I'll come back to Miss Pardo. Um, the first thing is, I believe that this particular -- certain sections of this donations policy is targeted. Um, I don't know why. Um, I'm glad that my colleague was able to compile this right here and put it out. I want it out everywhere so everybody can see where it's coming from. Every year that I've been doing it, I've always put it on the agenda. Um, because I don't really have an issue with that. Um, the issue that's at hand is the donations policy. So that's what I'm going to really discuss. My problem with the policy is that if you have an event and say, for instance, you have a colleague that does not like your event --

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- then you can't even do your event unless you get this board's vote for it. Now, this city obviously is strapped for cash seeing that we've been through furloughs and we've been through declining home, uh, values. So you go out and you try to raise the money. Most of the time from the same groups of businesses that are here to try to get these events done.

Um, just because you might not like a -- a person's event or you might not like that person, it has nothing to do with that. Now, do I think we need some type of policy to make sure that we're governing ourselves properly? Yeah, I don't mind that. And I don't want anybody to think we're trying to alleviate a policy for that. First of all, all council people should have had a chance to be -- to input on these type of -- of policies

before they come back. Secondly, we need to look at the spirit of it. Now, we've just had another issue dealing with the charter where it seemed like it was targeting.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** And that's divisive. That's divisive politics to me. And I'm just not gonna stand for it. If this board -- which I've done -- does not like the fact that I do these events, I put it before a vote every year. Every single year. And if you don't want me to do it, then vote no. That's all you have to do. Vote no and I will not do it. I'm not gonna ever do anything outside of what this board is doing.

If you say, Hey, there's some in-kind costs of some of those events you do with staff time, yes. There is some staff time that's involved in it. Some staff time. And I -- I saw that accumulated, uh, there. Yeah. That -- that happens if they're -- if they're at work and they participate, they're getting paid to do that event. But I'm doing this as Councilperson Cedrick Thomas, which I'm perfectly fine to do, and I'm allowed to do it up under this board's, you know, authority. So that's how I feel about the -- the -- the charter.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I'm gonna -- I'm not -- I'm gonna go to Mr. -- Mr. Davis or Mr. Masters. I'm gonna go to Dawn. Then I'll come to you.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Just --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis and Mr. Masters.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- just to let you know and I -- I have said I wanted to speak.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. -- Mr. Davis and Mr. Masters.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Thank you. I was gonna say a lot more but I think you kind of hit it on the nail. But, um, I'm trying to try my best just to stay focused, stay professional as we come to these board meetings. Um, there's just some comments made about supporting council, um, Chair Pro Tem Pardo and Miss Davis, and the Mayor and Councilman Terence Davis was never mentioned. These are the types of things that we're talking about. It's our environment. No matter how we feel, we must act as if we are one unit. And no one should recognize that when they come to these meetings, when they watch these meetings out of town, that, Hey, no matter how they feel, it seems as if that board is working together on some type of initiative.

So when these issues come up, no one feels targeted. But you see a pattern tonight. It's happened over and over and over again. But we're talking about redeveloping the city. But maybe we need to start redeveloping our leadership. And that's something to think about. I'm done.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, you know, I -- I understand, um, how you feel because, you know, I felt the same way for four or five months. You know, attack after attack after attack, personal attacks, called everything but a child of God. I mean, you -- you name it. People on the street, for a better word, they're saying that this is a soap opera, that this is the worst -- that the last meeting -- not this one, but the last meeting was the worst meeting they've ever seen in the history of this city. And what we're having, we're having people up here that are wanting policy to -- you know, or wanting a resolution or wanting the charter or wanting to cut a travel, wanting to cut promotion, because it's -- it's targeted. And it doesn't take a rocket scientist degree to figure this out.

You know, just figure this out. Where we are now and where we were before the election. Um, and I don't know what the answer is but, you know, I just think it's wrong that we do this, that we try to embarrass or try to humiliate or -- or try to, you know, crucify any elected official, because what it says to me, that you must be living in a glass house and you must be perfect and you must be above and beyond anything, you know? You're just that all-right, 100 percent perfect person. None of us are perfect. Scripture says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." We all make mistakes.

But not one time do I spend time trying to embarrass, crucify, humiliate any of my colleagues. I've had to go through it and I can still go through it because I know who I serve and I know whose side that I'm on. But I think it was just immoral of any councilperson to do what they did to the Chair. It's outrageous and this policy ought to be totally rejected, period.

The children -- this is about children, Christmas, toys. I mean, what difference does it make if someone is, you know, in the Planning & Zoning? This is a small city. This is not New York. This is not Chicago. It's not Los Angeles. Our children deserve to have a Christmas. The money's not given to us. It's given to get toys for the City.

The same thing about turkey. There are people who are hungry now -- not just at Thanksgiving Day -- that need a warm meal every day. But particularly on Thanksgiving. And we're talking about a policy that's going to prevent, circumvent any kind of event any kind of way? We don't need it. That's why you have an Ethics Review Board. You've got the press. You've got everybody else watching us. And we know when these kinds of stuff comes up, it's targeted. Whether it's me, whether it's the Chair, whether it's Councilman Davis or whoever.

I -- it's -- it's -- enough is enough. And I don't think people are elected for those -- for those types of things. I think people are elected to do something in their district for their constituents. Jobs, trying to stop the violence. Do something positive and let's not get into all this stuff when we know it's wrong. I -- I don't have a vote but if I did I would be voting to send this back from wherever it came, from the pits of wherever. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss -- Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Well, like I said earlier, 1.7 does pertain to a lot of my Christmas donors. And, uh, you know, my vote isn't for sale. Okay? You can't buy my vote with two Tonka trucks. All right? It's -- it's not gonna happen. And anyone that knows me knows that. You cannot buy my vote. I don't care who you are. That's it. Thank you.

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, yes, sir. Um, immorality. I could say a lot about that but I'm not going to. I think it's just a lot of propaganda. Anyway -- and this is directly -- I'm not supposed to talk directly to you, Mr. Chair, but I will put on the record that I love your events. I have supported them every single time. It has nothing to do with me not liking you or anybody else up here. I'm a bigger person than that. Yes. And -- and really, if I -- even if I didn't like you, my vote is gonna be what is -- what I believe is best for the City.

Um, my, um, idea for bringing this forward was for the very reasons that I stated. Um, I think that there are some things that are headed down a slippery slope. And, you know, other municipalities have policies in place that govern donations. And, you know, felt that, you know, bringing this forward would assist us in, um, you know, keeping us from going down a slippery slope, also, and keeping things transparent. Which all of us have talked about all the time. So, you know, if you don't have anything to hide, what's the problem? So, um, you know, this to me -- and -- and some of the comments that I've heard from people, it is not targeted about -- to any -- to anyone. It's not targeted to you, Mayor, Mr. Davis, Chair Pardo.

Um, there are things in this policy that allow you to collect your donations. Um, you know, if you need to do it sooner, you can do it sooner or you can do it later. But, you know, this is just something that I felt needed to -- to be in place to, um -- to keep us safe. And also, you know, when we talk about, um, you know, what we do for seniors and children and -- and all of those kinds of things, many of you may remember, I painted houses. I was stopped -- run down out in the parking lot by the Mayor and he specifically told me to my face, "You have done nothing. You ain't done nothing but paint a few houses."

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You can paint 20 houses --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- (inaudible) --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mayor. Mayor.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** "You ain't done nothing." So --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** (Inaudible) finish.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** -- you know, this is -- this -- that -- like I said, it's all propaganda, you know? And I -- and as I said to him, "I'm sure the people who received that benefit appreciated it." That's my comments.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you. I need to clarify, 'cause it look like -- it appears that one of my colleagues took my comments wrong or they're just overly sensitive. If I didn't identify Councilman T. Davis, it wasn't any intent to particularly exclude you. I've attended some of these events from the people I called. Um, as of yet, I have not attended any of your events, and it had nothing to do with whether I support it or not. Um, and -- and -- and I think that in part this could be, um, something that is related to maybe my comments about the Mayor, quite frankly. And my deal with the Mayor is with the Mayor.

It's not with Mr. T. Davis unless Mr. T. Davis step in to it. But I have nothing against Mr. T. Davis or Councilman Davis. Um, and this is not, you know -- I don't -- I'm not here to -- to -- one thing about politics. When -- when -- when you run for office, there are two components of being elected. You campaign. And then after you get elected, you're supposed to transition into governing.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** It is my opinion that the Mayor never transitioned. He's always campaigning.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton. Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I -- well, I'm being honest.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well, off the -- that's it.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So -- okay. Well --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** That's it. That --

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's personal. I'm calling the question. That's it. We've done this enough. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** No.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** No.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That vote pass -- I'm sorry.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** It failed.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** We did the table --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No. This was --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The motion failed.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- this -- it failed. It failed.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** It failed.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** The table -- to table it --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** The motion -- the motion failed. But, um --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- what I was going back to some clarity to the --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** On the table -- the table failed and --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- current -- right.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- this motion failed.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Table failed for lack of a second.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** There was no second on the table.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** On the table.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No. It was -- no. It was a second on the table.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No, it --

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** The vote failed.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That's why we need to clarify.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It was --

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** There was no second on the table.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- the second was on the table.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No. The motion to --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It wasn't.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- table did not get a second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** All right. I'm going to beg to differ. And since I'm running the -- the meeting --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Praise the Lord.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- the motion was made and it was second by --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** To table.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- Miss Pardo and Mr. -- Mr. Davis. It failed because Miss -- Miss Davis, Mr. Guyton and Mr. Thomas voted for it not to pass.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That's right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Oh, that's right.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Correct.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. I'm -- I'm -- I'm pretty decent at this right here.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Praise the Lord.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I got it.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** The motion --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Hallelujah.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- failed for the table and it failed for this --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- item.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Thank -- thank you, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** You're very welcome, Madam Clerk. We're gonna move to an hour late or a half-hour late to, uh, Public Comment.

#### **COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUEST**

**17. WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLS — \$500-COUNCILPERSON JUDY L. DAVIS – SAFETY PATROLS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Been properly moved and second. Any questions, additional concerns, comments? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. Aye.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Aye.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Aye.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Clerk? I'm not even going through that tonight.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Go ahead. (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** No. Go ahead. Call -- call roll call. I'm not gonna go through that every one. (Inaudible).

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Council -- Councilman Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**18. WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLS - \$850 -  
COUNCILPERSON BRUCE A. GUYTON - SAFETY PATROLS TRIP TO  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions or concerns? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Roll call.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**19. YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION - \$1,000 - COUNCILPERSON BRUCE A. GUYTON – PROVIDE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS.**

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

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Davis? Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson T. Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**20. YOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION - \$400 – MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS - UPCOMING THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR SENIORS AT VILLA FRANCISCAN.**

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

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

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

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

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**21. LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY - \$500 - COUNCILPERSON BRUCE A. GUYTON - ANNUAL WALK AND FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR PEOPLE BATTLING CANCER.**

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**22. HOLY GROUND SHELTER FOR HOMELESS, INC. - \$500 - COUNCILPERSON JUDY L. DAVIS - LIFE SKILLS SERIES PROGRAM TO ASSIST CLIENTS WITH SKILLS TO SUCCESSFULLY MASTER DAY-TO-DAY CHALLENGES.**

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

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Second.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I have a question.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** It's been properly moved and second. Question, Mayor Masters?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. Um, you know, I'm -- I support shelters and I'm so happy to see that there's one in the area. But I'm not familiar with the location of this one. Miss -- uh, Councilwoman Davis, where is this one?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It is not located in the City of Riviera Beach but their office is located in the city.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Are there any additional questions or concerns? Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Terence Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Judy Davis?

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Discussion by City Manager.

**DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER**

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Very briefly, um, as you will recall, there is a scheduled Sister City --

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

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- meeting and that will be the Cities of West Palm, Mangonia Park, Lake Worth, and the City of Riviera Beach. And it's going to be October the 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00, um, at the West Palm Beach City Hall there at the Flagler, uh, Room -- Gallery on the first floor. So just a reminder as it relates to that.

Also, we will be polling you for two days for a closed executive session on labor. We came to you earlier, talked about, um, items and issues that we had. We are very close in completing the contract negotiations with two of the unions and so we want to give you an update as to where we are and some requests. So those two dates that we will be looking at is Thursday, November the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, November the 18<sup>th</sup>. So we will be asking your legislative assistants to assist us in determining of those two days. At, um, 5:30 or 5:00, if you so desire to start at 5, we will have a closed executive session on labor. You have also received, um, the proposed traffic calming device policy and procedures that was asked to be drafted. So we're wanting your comments.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** When did we --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It just came out today.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh. I thought maybe --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** So please look at that, get your comments back to us so that we can incorporate those into the proposed traffic calming device policy and procedure. I had a meeting on last week with the Supervisor of Elections. She will be coming before this council at some point in the future asking about participation in early voting for the gubernatorial general election in 2014. Um, we have been an early voting site for the presidential elections. We have not been an early voting site for, um, the other general elections. We also talked about some of the concerns that this council has had and so I just want you to know that I have had conversation with her about those.

And then I'd like to end on a piece of good news from the library. Um, there's what is called the McDonald's Reading Challenge. And in every county there's one library that

is selected for a library prize pack award. And that is for the library that signs up individuals -- the most individuals to get library cards. And we had, um, Sharmain Arnold in our library calculate our numbers for the month of September. And for Palm Beach County, Riviera Beach Library won the McDonald's Reading Challenge and the library pack. (Applause). In that there were 191 new library cards issued in the month of September. So my congratulations go out to the library and to their staff and to our residents that continue to use our library.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** How many cards?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** 190 -- 191 new library cards. That ends my report.

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

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

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Anything from Legal?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Mr. Chair, I wasn't going to -- I had no report, really, but I -- I feel like I need to make myself clear, um, because the public has already spoken about how the council is getting along, and I guess that -- that doesn't just stop with the council. It extends to the Manager, me and to the City Clerk. My job as your City Attorney is to give you advice. You don't have to take the advice. At any time that this council wants to do something that it feels is in the best interest of the City, it can always do that.

I am not a sixth or a seventh vote on this council. So if -- I'm -- I won't get into individual or particular issues, but if there is an issue that we've discussed in private, one-on-one, at closed executive sessions that you feel like you need to bring forth to your colleagues, you can do that at any time. You don't need me to agree. You don't need my, uh, approval. You don't need my comments. My comments are always on the record someplace. Either I've spoken with you, I've given you a memo or we've met in closed executive session.

This is your city to govern. Not mine. So at any point, if you want to put something, which is contrary to my advice, on the agenda for approval, you can do that. And my door is always open. If you want to discuss any issues, strategy issues, you can always come see me. If you want to repeat what I've told you, you all -- it's just like we talked about ethics tonight. You have your own ethics. You know what you're supposed to do and not supposed to do. So once it leaves my office and goes to you, you're -- you're on your own. You have your own ethics. So you know, I don't want anyone to leave here with the impression that I made a decision to do anything. It is this board's decision. And if you don't already know that, I -- I hope that I've -- I've helped you to know that tonight. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Well said. Um, we're gonna go ahead and combine City Comment -- City Council Committee Reports and Statements by the Mayor and Council. I think that's appropriate tonight. We'll start with Miss Davis.

## CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** Um, no committee report. Um, however, just a -- a comment. Um, some of you have seen the work going on out on, uh, Blue Heron Boulevard between Avenue H West and Broadway. Um, sometime back, that particular stretch of roadway was resurfaced by FDOT. And when I learned that they had not removed those grassy -- those weeds, actually, next to the curb, I contacted Secretary Wolfe and, um, asked him to please reconsider and remove those so that we'll have a cleaner, wider, uh, sidewalk. Um, he agreed and the work has begun. They have begun -- begun on the south side and will be moving to the, um, north side sometime later. But in that process, there are some of the sidewalks that are broken. They are taking out those sidewalks and replacing them with, um -- with new sidewalk. So, um, please be patient with the inconvenience. It'll be over soon. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a couple of things. Um, first I would like to, um, ask staff -- well, really ask my colleagues, um, in regards to the special election date. Is it too early to request of the Supervisor of the Elections to identify a specific date that we may be able to have our election? Um, could we send a formal request so that we can identify a date? Is it -- is it too soon to make that request?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** I don't know. It's normally the second Tuesday --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Let me ask the -- can I ask a question of clarification?

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** -- of March.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** (Inaudible).

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** If I may.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Um, and the clerk and the attorney can help me. It is my understanding that when this council wants to call a special election, they put a resolution on the agenda saying what the time and the date is for that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And that information is then forwarded to the Supervisor of Elections.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. And the Supervisor of Election --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And help me if I'm any ways off in that.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Yes, ma'am, slightly.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. Come on. Let's (inaudible). Come on. Let's go.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** What -- what need to be addressed is what type of special election that the city council's interested in.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** The marina referendum.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** I think Mrs. Ryan just explained to you that that cannot occur until litigation is finalized.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No. I didn't understand.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No, no, no, no, no.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Uh-uh. Uh-uh.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You're saying the marina?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. The marina referendum that the judge compelled us to put --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The second request. Not the first one.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- it back on the --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The first one still needs to be codified and put on.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay. If -- we first need to codify. And that's what we're in the process of doing.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. Right. We are in the process of doing that.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** So it needs to be -- we're in the process of codifying it. And you can't have an election on an item that does not appear in the city charter.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Now, the -- the judge had compelled us to put it back on the ballot. And I guess my question is, I don't -- is there a legal prohibition that would, um, not allow us to do both simultaneously? Move to codify and also move to put it on the agenda? I mean, to put it on the ballot.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Yes. Because of the time frame.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Wait, wait. Let -- let's back up.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Okay. Uh --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** When you're saying time --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- what would occur is, um, in November, the first meeting in November, we will have the ordinance prepared. And at that time that ordinance need to go before the city council so you can approve it. So it has two readings. And after the second reading, then it goes to the State, municipal code --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- to be codified. Once it's codified, they'll return it to us. Then we send it to the State so it can be incorporated into the city charter.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Now, and -- and I -- I understand what you're saying that it needs to be codified before we put it on -- to put the marina issue on the ballot.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Do -- can you provide me some documents, the rules or regulations or statutes that -- that support that position?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Yes. We can do that because, uh, the first rule is any ordinance -- all ordinances have to be adopted by the city council.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. Oh, oh, yeah. No, I understand the ordinances.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm just talking about our putting a -- an item on the ballot, and I -- and I have -- and I'm not questioning because you know I have the utmost respect for you. Um, but I've never heard that we can't do something simultaneously. Um, and I -- I -- and I guess I would like, too, for our attorney to do some research and give us a legal opinion on whether we can put that on the ballot simultaneously as we codify. Could my colleagues -- could I request a legal opinion, uh --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** You -- you will be doing that as soon as one step has been approved.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** See -- see, and that's my question. Does that step have to be approved?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Have to be -- right. Is there a rule --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I -- and I know you're saying that but --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- that said you can't do them simultaneously?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Huh?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That's what he's wanting, where's the rule that says --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- you can't do them simultaneously?

**CITY CLERK WARD:** It's --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** It -- yeah, that's -- and -- and -- and we're not gonna go back --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That's all. That's all he wants.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- and forth but I -- I --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** -- in the -- in the state statute.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- I -- okay. And -- and that's what I'm requesting.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** It tells you --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Requesting, yeah. Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Uh, the -- the, um, supporting documents to --

**CITY CLERK WARD:** That's fine. That's -- that's fine.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- to support that.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Uh-huh. We can do that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. And -- and I would like our attorney, too -- I'd like an opinion from my attorney, too.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** So done.

**CITY CLERK WARD:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. And, um, the -- the -- and could we get that, like, next week sometime so we'll know where we're -- I mean, by the next meeting so we'll know --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Mr. Guyton, um -- Mr. Chair?

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

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** If you don't mind. I will know in one week on the 23<sup>rd</sup> whether or not the Court will dismiss the, um -- the appeal that the task force has filed. That will shape the strategies that I recommend to the city council.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. And the question about put -- because irrespective of our legal strategies, we still have to put this item back on the ballot pursuant to a court order.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** In two weeks do you have --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. I will know in one week.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And, you know, that --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That -- that's all I --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- because you're basically asking the same question that Mr. Davis asked and I really do not want to get into --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- attorney/client strategies --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Understood. Understood.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** A legal strategy, yeah.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** -- at this council meeting.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. Sounds good.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But I'm happy to have a one-on-one conversation with any and all of you --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** We'll do that.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- about it.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. I'm just wanting to know when we're gonna put it on the ballot. You know? And we're moving to codify. That has already been decided. So that's not a issue. We're -- we're moving to codify the language that has been in question. But now we need to identify dates when we're gonna move forward with the referendum. Okay.

And the -- the other thing that I have, um, is tomorrow evening, I am having a citywide town hall meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Lindsey Davis. And everyone is invited, whether you're a friend of a foe. Come out. I want to hear your comments because this

is what we're here for. We have to get out in the community and, um, whether the comments or good or bad, um, we're -- it'll be an opportunity to also get questions answered from top staff.

We'll have our city attorney there. We'll have our city manager, the deputy manager. We'll have the, uh, executive director of the Community Redevelopment Agency. We'll have the director of Seadek, um, Miss McKinney. We'll have the Public Works director there. Whatever question you have, we will have staff there to entertain it. And if you just want to come to lay into me, that's fine, too. So, um, all is invited. And, um, I would hope to see everyone there tomorrow evening, um, so that we can have a discussion with all of the political spin. I don't get into the spin. Um, people that know me know that I'm very direct. And sometimes that make people a little uncomfortable.

Last thing, um, having said that, there have been many comments about our decorum up here. And, um -- and I think that many of the comments are valid. Some I think have a political spin whether they support one or the other.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That determines their position about whether it is acceptable or not. I've been in politics a long time. So I'm -- I'm not that naïve to -- not to know that there's a political undercurrent to some of the comments. Um, but I just want everyone to know that, um, I, Bruce Guyton, as most people are -- I am a sum total of my life's experiences. We all -- our experiences shape our character, our personalities and how we carry ourselves. I can't be someone else. I didn't have your experiences in life. I can only be who I am.

I will be respectful when you're respectful to me, but I'm not gonna shy away from an issue because it makes some people uncomfortable. That involves change. I'm not here to do the status quo. I'm not here to be the most popular person. I'm not here to always be politically correct. I'm not here to be the statesman. I want to see my city move forward. And we have made some progress as it has been identified. But I know in my heart we have a lot more potential than what we have accomplished. And it's going to require us to get off the dime and not always think about what is politically correct.

And so having said that, I just want everyone to know that, you know, you might have gone through certain things in life and you may deal with issues differently. But that can't necessarily be imposed upon me. And many people who complain, for no amount of money would they sit up here and take what we have to take. And, um, you know, I'm doing it temporarily, like I said. I have no desire to be a long-term elected official. So whether somebody threaten not to support me, that is their choice. But while I sit here, it's gonna be about moving my city forward and when I see an issue or if I see that we need to hold each other accountable up here, that is what I'm gonna do. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, Miss Pardo?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** I have nothing tonight.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO:** I'll give the residents a break.

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Thank you. Um, I want to go on and keep finishing off on a good note. Um, I -- first of all, I want to tell the residents thank you for calling the office in the concerns about the issue -- unfortunate issue that happened in front of City Hall the other day. But we need to thank our Riviera Beach Police Department for the great job, the way they responded in apprehending a criminal that was very violent and vicious.

They were very aggressive. They respond -- you can see that their heart was in the job. They wasn't just going through the motions. And I really want to tell each and every officer that responded that was on duty on that day thank you for protecting ourselves and protecting our image as you work hard to, um -- even in the times that you complain about not receiving a raise. I can see that it didn't have an effect on your job. I saw police officers doing what they love. And I want to thank you all for doing that.

Chief, you have a great staff. I want to tell you thank you for hiring them and training them. And we need to find more ways where we can reward them for going out of their way to do over and beyond duty.

Um, the second thing, um, tomorrow from 6 p.m. -- not 6 a.m. -- that's 6 p.m. at night, over at the marina in Newcomb Hall, I'm having my first Career Expo. Um, and the opportunity is for us to put a lot of our unemployed back into a situation where they can start getting certified in all these different building trades. Um, a lot of different representatives on behalf of building trades will be there speaking and signing people up for some training, so they can start getting certified, whether it's electrician, whether it's welding or iron steelworkers. That's for women and men. So that's 6 to 8. Um, I invite any -- all my colleagues to come out and support, and I'm sure that the Mayor will be there. Um, unfortunately I didn't know that, um, Councilperson Guyton had his town hall meeting. I wouldn't have scheduled it the same -- actually I did.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I didn't know you were --

**COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS:** Actually, I had mine scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> but someone had a graduation event that day. That's how I got bumped on that Thursday. But if I wouldn't be there, I would be there in support of you. Um, I just want to just let the people know, as we move forward, this entire board work together. We do have our differences, but we're one family. That we do have the same initiative, is to redevelop our community by including our community through the process.

And when I look at a lot of development that's getting ready to happen in this community, I want to make sure that we eliminate the -- the excuse that's saying our people are not trained and not ready to go to work. So this is the opportunity to come out and get yourself signed up. Listen and -- and pick a trade. Find something for

yourself. This is free. You can't beat this in the economy. I mean, please come out from 6 to 8 at Newcomb Hall. That's tomorrow. That will be the very, very first event as we move forward to prepare our people and get them trained and prepared for the future. And thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. Mayor?

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

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a quick question before I, uh, go into a couple of things. Does anyone know when the students from Washington -- I mean, from -- yeah, from Washington School will be going to Washington, D.C. for the Patrol? 'Cause I wanted to give some money. I just wanted to make sure it's not too late.

**COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS:** It's usually in January.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** It's in January.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. So I'm good. Okay. Um, also tomorrow night, Pastor A.J. Wright will be ministering. He's from the Shiloh Baptist Church and he will be at the Church of Christ, which is diagonally across the street from, um, Kennedy Middle School. Mr. Chair, as you know that -- on yesterday we had a -- a very successful job fair and I'm looking forward to participating and sharing with my colleague on tomorrow night, as well. And hopefully I'll be able to make both of them, because this is not about us. It's about the people. But, um, we want to encourage people out there to -- need jobs, need training, please come to all these job fairs and all of the career -- because if you don't get one -- one, you just keep coming. You don't give up.

Having said that, we're planning another job fair. The one we did yesterday was for ex-offenders. But we're planning one for, uh, just regular people with -- with no troubled backgrounds before we get into the Christmas season. There are a lot of stores that are looking for part-time people. BrandsMart, Kmart, Walmart, a lot of them. So we're going to be perhaps holding another job fair in a couple of weeks in the same location to see if we can get some of our residents jobs during the Christmas season.

Mr. Chair, this month is the, uh, month for breast cancer awareness and also domestic violence. Um, let's just take a couple of minutes. I want to talk a little bit about 10 warning signs of domestic violence and give you some direction. Uh, the 10 warning signs -- this -- these are just some. "One, he puts you down. He loses his temper, strikes or beats objects, punches walls. He's extremely jealous. She is quiet when he's around and seems afraid to make him angry. She stops seeing her friends and family. She has unexplained injuries. She has casually -- casually mentioned his violent behavior but dismisses what happens as not a big deal. She canceled plans at the last minute. He controls her finances, her behavior, what she wears and her social life. Her child is frequently upset, very quiet or withdrawn and won't say why."

And these -- just a few more. They may be a little repetitive but they're -- or redundant, but they're very good. The -- "Accuses you of cheating and being disloyal. Makes you

feel worthless. Hurts you by hitting, choking or kicking you. Intimidates and threatens to hurt you or someone you love. Threatens to hurt -- hurt themselves if they don't get what they want. Tries to control what you do and who you see. Isolates you from your friends and loved ones. Pressures or forces you into unwanted sex. Controls your access to money. Stalks you, including calling you consistently or following you."

If you're experiencing any of those signs, if you feel as if you are a victim, possible victim of domestic violence, here are some resources for you. You can call 211 in Palm Beach County for a listing of agencies across Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast, or you can call the Association of Abused Women & Children in West Palm Beach at 561-586-1888 or the Florida Resource Center for Women & Children here in Riviera Beach at 561-848-8383. I'm gonna repeat that number one more time in Riviera Beach. We have a Florida Resource Center for Women & Children that will take you in and shelter you and it's very confidentially. But the number again is 561-848-8383. May God bless the victims of domestic abuse and those that are having challenges with breast cancer, and may God bless Riviera Beach. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** Um, nothing from me. Entertain a motion for adjournment.

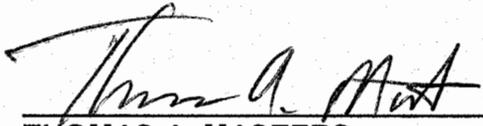
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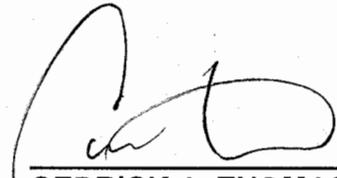
**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON THOMAS:** All right.

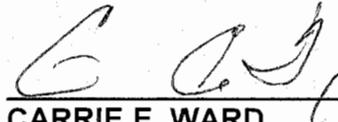
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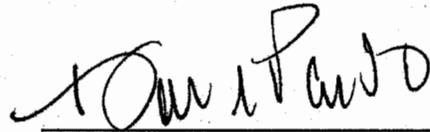
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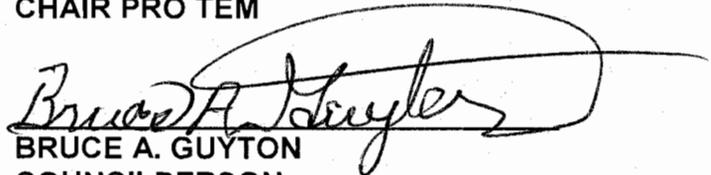
  
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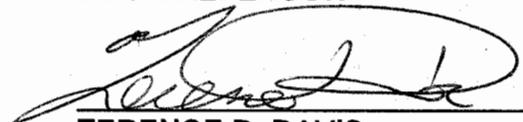
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