

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Test. Miss Ward? Good evening, Miss Ward. You ready?

CITY CLERK WARD: Go right ahead.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. We will now call this regular City Council meeting to order. Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll?

ROLL CALL

CITY CLERK WARD: Mayor Thomas Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: (No audible response).

CITY CLERK WARD: Chairperson 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: (No audible response).

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Judy Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: (No audible response).

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: Present.

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

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Would every -- would everyone stand for a moment of silence followed by the pledge led by Councilman Davis, please? (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance). Okay. The -- the Mayor has called me to say he will be a little late due to some unforeseen circumstances.

AGENDA: APPROVAL: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Madam Manager, are there any additions, deletions, substitutions?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir, Mr. Chair. Um, on item number 12, which is the second read of the abandonment of Avenue N, you have received a revised document. And there's one area, section 2, where some words were added and those words are underlined for your consideration. I would like also to add item 16A, which is a resolution calling for a special election March 11, 2014. So that's 16A.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: 16A. And did you have a date for that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: March 11, 2014.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: As well as there is an addition under Community Benefits, 28A, and that's to, uh, Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Cub Scout Troop number 791 from Mayor Masters.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: 28A?

CITY MANAGER JONES: A.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, let's go ahead and make that 29.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Well, let's go ahead and make it 28A. And what's the name of the --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Cub Scout Troop 791.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: What's the amount?

CITY MANAGER JONES: \$250.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's all, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No problem.

Disclosure by Council

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are there any disclosures by the City Council? Hearing none, entertaining a motion for adoption of the agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

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

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. -- never mind.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, quick question. I wanted to bring back the item from the last meeting from the Parks and Recreation Department on purchasing of the vehicle replacement for a reconsideration.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We've already set this particular agenda. Would you like to bring it up under your comments?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That will be fine. Motion still stands on the table. Are there any additional questions or concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Judy Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: (No audible response).

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: (No audible response).

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes. Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous approved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Um, we'll move down to the 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: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But hold on a second. I think I'd like to pull something.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: This microphone working? It's working?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. It's a little low but I --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. No, I'm good.

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

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Judy Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: (No audible response).

CITY CLERK WARD: Absent. Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: (No audible response).

CITY CLERK WARD: Absent. Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Here. Yes. Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. And that vote from Councilman Davis was in the affirmative.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes. Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. We -- he's already reported to us that he's here. Okay. All right. We're going to, uh, move down to Petitions and Communications for Filing.

I'm just hearing that cards have come in for the Consent, um, Agenda. Um, there were no cards at the time that Consent was -- there were no cards at the time that Consent was here, but if you would like to speak on it, um, we will allow -- I will allow you to at this time. And I believe I only have one, correct?

CITY CLERK WARD: So far. (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It'll be you, Miss Duncombe. You have three minutes to make your comments if you would like to.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: I'm -- I just basically, um -- I think I have the right one. The -- the marina being -- the -- the, uh -- going back to the 2000 -- what was that, '10? Uh, that -- the -- the, uh, ordinance that was adopted. Well -- well, we voted on the City owning and operating the marina. Do I have the right one on there?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, ma'am.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: I -- I have the right one? Okay. Uh, in the last 10 years, there were, uh, approximately three items that were put on the ballot and the citizens approved those items. And they were immediately codified by the council and put on the book. The third one was not put on the book and this is going back to, uh -- and Emma Bates worked herself to death for that item. Um, we did not ever get that codified. And I'm saying it's a disservice to the people of this city. What they said they wanted was that you would -- the City would own and operate the marina. Okay?

You have said it can't be done. All other municipalities have done it. And the reason they have done it, it -- is because of the fact that it would bring money into the City. They have -- and -- and -- and I don't think it's anybody who's against redevelopment. But I think it's a disservice to lie to the citizens and -- and -- and take them and hold them up in court because of the fact that you have decided that citizens should not benefit from their marina. I think it's a disservice. I think it's -- it's unfair. And I think citizens are going to have to stand up and say, You know what? We're not going to allow you to mistreat us.

Now, I'm going back a few years beyond that. I can remember when Mr. Guyton stood up there on that council and led the council to get rid of Public Works, garbage and pickup. Gave it to, uh, Waste Management. They don't hire anybody from this city. The City is paying them, what is it, 8 to \$10 million to pick up our garbage and trash? So that was money that was taken out of the City, and I think it's a terrible disservice to do that with the marina. Now, if you say you don't know how to do it, that's okay. Get there and learn what they did in Palm Beach County with the airport. The -- the County owns and operates the airport and they benefit 20 percent off the gross amount that comes in at the airport.

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

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Duncombe. We've, uh, in that motion, codified that agreement. So thank you for your comments. Um, Mr. Brown, uh, Lloyd Brown, you did not -- you did not, uh, state --

LLOYD BROWN: I'll just do it (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Under Public Comment?

LLOYD BROWN: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We'll do that. Um, please be advised that, you know, you have to turn in -- if you want to speak on a Consent item, you have to turn it in prior to us starting this -- this meeting so we can make sure that we don't miss you. The -- the essence of the law, the objective of the law is for you to be able to give us your input prior to making a decision on Consent items. So we won't be doing this quite this way again. If you want to speak on a Consent item, please put your card in prior to the meeting starting. Okay.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: I'm so sorry.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no problem, Miss Duncombe.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: I'm so sorry.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem. That's why I let you speak. We're good. We

wanted to, uh -- to make sure that we heard everything that you needed.

Now, would -- would the Bridges Club please retrace us with your presence. We do apologize.

MINUTES

- 1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD, OCTOBER 2, 2013.**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD, OCTOBER 16, 2013.**

RESOLUTIONS

- 3. RESOLUTION NO. __ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT 005 TO THE DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND PALM BEACH COUNTY, AMENDING THE PROGRAM DEADLINE FROM DECEMBER 14, 2013, TO SEPTEMBER 20, 2014; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 4. RESOLUTION NO. __ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REHABILITATION CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND GUARDIAN COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, INC., EXTENDING THE CONTRACT DEADLINE FROM DECEMBER 14, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 20, 2014, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 5. RESOLUTION NO. __ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$99,600 FROM OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 TO SUPPORT CLIENTS AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION AND SALARY FOR THE FULL TIME CASE MANAGER; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO SET UP THE BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 6. RESOLUTION NO. ___ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF**

RIVIERA BEACH AND PALM BEACH COUNTY, EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR PHASE 1 OF THE MARINA PROJECT TO DECEMBER 31, 2013 FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PROCESSING REIMBURSEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7. RESOLUTION NO. __ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE VII ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS" SECTION 3.5 ENTITLED "CITY MARINA PROPERTY" OF THE CITY'S CHARTER WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO IMPLEMENT A CERTAIN PROVISION APPROVED BY THE QUALIFIED REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

8. RESOLUTION NO. __ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND VIKING DEVELOPERS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARINA SOUTH; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

CITY CLERK WARD: We have none.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We're going to go to Awards and Presentation.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, up first we'll have a presentation from the Bridges of Riviera Beach on Step Up, Riviera Beach, Strive for 5.

9. PRESENTATION FROM BRIDGES OF RIVIERA BEACH ON "STEP UP RIVIERA BEACH STRIVE FOR 5".

TERRY FERGUSON: Good evening, um, Council, Chair Thomas.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm -- I'm -- I'm sorry, ma'am.

TERRY FERGUSON: I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry, ma'am. I'm sorry. Would you just excuse me for one second? I'm just hearing that cards have come in for the Consent, um, Agenda.

Um, there were no cards at the time that Consent was -- there were no cards at the time that Consent was here, but if you would like to speak on it, um, we will allow -- I will allow you to at this time. And I believe I only have one, correct?

Now, would -- would the Bridges Club please retrace us with your presence. We do apologize.

TERRY FERGUSON: Okay. Um, thank you again for having the opportunity to stand before you on behalf of Strive for 5. Uh, my name is Terry Ferguson. I'm the president -- the president of the club? I'm the director of Bridges at Riviera Beach. And I come before you this evening, uh, Council members, community members, uh, to present in a greater detail the essence of Strive for 5 and to share with you what we've been able to accomplish, uh, to this point.

If you'll direct your attention to the screen, um, I want to share with you our vision, which is reclaiming our purpose as a people. Strive for 5 initiative is a committed home-school community engagement effort to align support inside and outside school walls to empower families and caring adults as they provide their children with tools to strive, not crutches to survive, as they strive to master grade-level standards on the FCAT by scoring level 5. It is a citywide media awareness and engagement campaign directed towards parents to empower them to help their children.

I have just a brief, uh, video clip that will shed more light on this issue and why it is of importance and why we as a community need to rally around it. (Video shown). I just wanted to show you a brief portion of this clip to really highlight the importance of Strive for 5 and -- and why we are pulling together our resources, our skills, our gifts, our talents, to be able to make an impact here. Um, basically this continues on and shows why our children in our communities are lagging behind. Uh, one of the things that this particular video emphasizes is the difference from summer to summer and the fact that there are not quality programs to engage our children in so that they do not lag behind in their skills.

One of the things that this video does not place emphasis on is the fact that our children already start behind. So we, uh, as a -- as a group, Strive for 5 initiative, want to begin to work with our parents to encourage them to engage with our children early and frequently. Our children need to be fully equipped to enter kindergarten so that we will start off on a level playing field and then continue with quality programming throughout their educational career so that we do not lag behind. Another thing that I'd like to point to in this video is it shows that our children learn at the same rate as any other child. So it's not that we lack skills or lack ability. We have lacked opportunity.

I want to talk just a moment to you about engagement. There's a saying that says, When it comes to a breakfast of ham and eggs, the chicken is involved but the pig is committed. I put there the bacon and the eggs. We know that the chicken can lay the eggs and walk away but that pig gives its life. That's what we're talking about with engagement. We want parents, community and school to be fully engaged in support of the children.

Wanna just briefly direct your attention to the countywide FCAT scores for 2013 in reading. Uh, the red is representing those students who did not score at proficiency. This is countywide.

This particular chart shows the disparity between our children and other races or ethnic groups. If you see, we've -- I've highlighted the black American children and the Haitian children and combined, their disparate is -- I'm sorry, their proficiency rate is 36.7 percent. And that means that 36.7 percent of our children scored at level 3 on the FCAT, 3 or above. I want to tell you a little bit about the scoring. Most of us -- I'm a parent. I have three children. I remember being told that 3 is what I'm striving for, what my children should strive for. If they make 3, they're okay. That truly is not the case. Three does not indicate that our children have mastered the standards required for their grade level. Many times we think that if they score 5 then that -- Oh, they've scored above their grade level. That is not the case. Five, again, means that our children have mastered the grade level standards. That's why we're striving for 5. All of our children should be able to master the standards for their grade level.

We can no longer place all the responsibility for our young people's education on the schools. Preparing them for the word is the responsibility of the entire community. The community and schools must work together to decide what to do and how to do it effectively.

I put this slide in to draw your attention to the fact that this is a -- this is an -- an effort or an initiative on a national level. This model that we're trying here in Riviera Beach involves the school. It involves the community. And it involves the parent. All directed towards engaging them on behalf of the children.

This is a -- an example of that model. It is called Collective Impact and that's a buzz term. If you haven't heard it, you will hear it. It is happening across the nation. And this is a model opportunity that we have here in Riviera Beach. We have already engaged a school. Several other principals here tonight -- we've been meeting for the last three months. We've engaged the community. Councilman T. Davis is on our core committee and has shared continuously his ideas and input with regard to how we can galvanize our parents. We also have a parent lead, uh, who is a citizen here in Riviera Beach, Miss Latanzia Jackson. She has taken it upon herself to galvanize parents in the community, to literally go door to door to spread this word. We're thinking outside of the box, outside of school walls, in order to support what's going on in the schools so that our children can be effective.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, excuse me, ma'am. You're at your 10-minute mark. Do you have -- are you just about done?

TERRY FERGUSON: Yes, I am. Here's our food for thought. For these are all our children. We will all profit by or pay for what they become. I just want to make one final announcement. On December 14th here at the City Hall, we will be having a Strive for 5 parent rally. And we are inviting all parents to come out. Uh, again, this is a joint effort. There will be some resources there, but more importantly, this is the kickoff to begin

engaging parents and starting the dialogue between parents and between school for a better future for our children. I just want to recognize some of the -- the colleagues that I have here in the -- in the audience. If, uh -- the principals that have been participating --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm -- I'm gonna -- I'm gonna do that in just a few minutes.

TERRY FERGUSON: -- in the -- okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: If you -- I'm gonna do that in just a few minutes.

TERRY FERGUSON: All right. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much.

CITY CLERK WARD: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, hold on one second, Miss -- Miss Ward. I do want to announce that Mr. Guyton is in attendance and has been here since 6:40 -- since 5:45. Go ahead, Miss, uh --

CITY CLERK WARD: That's exactly what I was going to bring to your attention.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. I didn't want to cut her off in the middle of her -- but Mr. Guyton has been here since 5:45.

CITY CLERK WARD: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right.

CITY CLERK WARD: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Um, we're going to go to our next presentation, um, by the Riviera Beach Public Library.

10. PRESENTATION BY THE RIVIERA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY IN REGARDS TO THE CITY'S "VIVA FLORIDA 500 COMMEMORATIVE TIME CAPSULE".

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good day. How are you?

LIBRARIAN COBB: Very good. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good.

LIBRARIAN COBB: Good. Okay. All righty. Good evening. I'm Cynthia Cobb, uh, Riviera Beach librarian, and I have with me assisting tonight Graham Brunk, one of our library assistants. Um, got it? All righty. What we want to do tonight, first of all, you'll see on the desk a plastic bag, gift bag, that we prepared for you tonight. Um, it's in commemoration with, um, the Viva Florida 500. Earlier this year the Department of

State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Division of Library and Information Sciences and other departments within the Department of the Secretary of State, we initiated -- the Department initiated the Florida -- the Via Florida 500 initiative. And what has been asked of each municipality in this state along with the counties is to do something in commemoration of the state's 500th anniversary. Uh, 1513, and we are now in 2013.

What we have done here at Riviera Beach, um -- and our next slide? First of all, we want to let you know that Viva 500 is a yearlong, multi-cultural commemoration of Florida's 50th [sic] anniversary dating back to Ponce de Leon's 50th landing on the Florida shores in 1513. The commemoration is intended to bring local and national and international awareness to Florida's rich and adverse history.

We will be educating our children and adults. One of the components that we have decided that we would do within the Riviera Beach Library this year is to host a coloring contest. The contest will go from preschool to, uh, fifth grade. The winners, um -- the winning pieces, we will do something very special with them and I'll tell you about that at the end of the presentation. Um, by promoting, uh, the rich and diverse history in which we have in two separate occasions. We have a printed copy of the City of Riviera Beach's history. And I believe the CRA also prepared a brief history of City of Riviera Beach.

On and around April 2nd, 1513, Ponce de Leon and his crew of three ships made landfall in Florida's eastern shores somewhere between Jacksonville and Cape Canaveral, we understand. Ponce de Leon called the new land La Florida or flowery land, and you will notice in your packet the State was very generous in providing us with wildflower seeds, so you can plant that at your leisure to kind of remind you of the flowery state that we live in.

We, uh, will be commemorating, educating and promoting. We will, uh, connect with the entire state. And if you recall, just last weekend the County launched their Viva 500 initiative and they also sealed their time capsule.

We will be sealing our time capsule sometime before this year ends. The entries are still coming in. And if you see on the, um -- the PowerPoint, we have been able to go through our archives and we have a photograph of our library when it was over on Avenue E, and in the picture on the right is a photograph of young children in that same facility. Okay. Go to the next one.

The time capsule. The time capsule for the City of Riviera Beach will include a brief history, as I mentioned that the CRA prepared. We have a copy of the history of Riviera Beach which is a document that's been around for a while. It probably can be updated but we won't be able to do that in enough time. Um, we also have a commemorative copy of the newsletter when we celebrated our 90th anniversary. That will be in the capsule. Um, we also have a library card. The new and the old. If you are holding an old card, we do have a new card right now and maybe we'll have -- probably have another new one in -- after 25 years. Uh, we also have a photograph of our current city council members. The commemorative 90th anniversary pin. If you recall, that was one

of the little mementos that we shared with the citizens. We will be putting one of those in. The CRA was very generous in providing a copy of their annual report. We'll be putting that in the time capsule. There is a publication Talking Trash, the Public Works - - um, I think that'll be a good read 25 years from now when we go back into the time capsule. And then there is a historic photograph on the steps of the Supreme Court when the City Council went and our legal team, when we went to Washington to present our case. Okay?

Now, I understand there are other entries coming in and because there are others that will be, uh, sharing their mementos, officially we will not be sealing the capsule tonight. The capsule will not be buried. It will be, um, placed in a glass display case so you'll be able to see it. And in 2038, whoever's still around can go in.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm -- I'm hoping to be.

LIBRARIAN COBB: And take a look -- and take a look at these, um, precious jewels. So with that being said, um, we want to say that the City of Riviera Beach has made its contribution to the State's initiative for the Viva Florida 500 initiative. And your mementos are in the bag. Okay? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Miss Cobb.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, Miss Cobb.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Before, um, I bring up the two of the greatest principals in education, I want to make a, uh -- a few recognitions here. I thought I saw our area superintendent, Dr. Coleman. Is she still here? Hi, Dr. Coleman.

SUPERINTENDENT COLEMAN: How are you?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Come -- come on up to the mike. We want to show you off. Dr. Coleman is our area superintendent, um, for this area and she's a native of Riviera Beach. Dr. Coleman, please take the time to say anything you'd like.

SUPERINTENDENT COLEMAN: Um, I am just excited to be here. Absolutely, I'm a native of Riviera Beach, Monroe Heights, 27th Street. Very proud of that. Um, and it's still home. And, um, I am proud to have an opportunity to work in the very community where I grew up, and it means something very special to me. And, um, tonight we have some fantastic principals in -- in the area who are here to share with you some of the great things they're doing at their schools.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, Dr. Coleman, could you tell us the area that you are the superintendent of?

SUPERINTENDENT COLEMAN: I am the Superintendent of Schools from about Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to Jupiter, Florida. To the borderline of Palm Beach County heading north.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And can you tell us where your office is?

SUPERINTENDENT COLEMAN: My office is located at Lincoln Elementary.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I won't --

SUPERINTENDENT COLEMAN: And --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I won't say give out the number.

SUPERINTENDENT COLEMAN: I will. Yeah, I was going to do that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

SUPERINTENDENT COLEMAN: If you have a student in the school and you have a concern, I will share my phone number. Um, the number is 494-1505. Again, that's 494-1505.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Could you repeat that just one more time? The -- the baby was kind of speaking at the time. Why don't you --

SUPERINTENDENT COLEMAN: Okay. The number is 494-1505. Again, that's 494-1505. And that's for any schools from Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to the north -- northeast [sic] school in Palm Beach County.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT COLEMAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Dr. Coleman.

SUPERINTENDENT COLEMAN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And Dr. Coleman is always available. She works tirelessly, um, for all the students of Palm Beach County. But she definitely, definitely is visible here in the City and we appreciate that. Okay. I did see -- did I see Miss Granger?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah, she's still here.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Granger? How you doing? You want to come up and introduce yourself, please?

PRINCIPAL GRANGER: Good evening, Council. Um, City of Riviera Beach is my home, as well. I grew up on Third Street on the hill. And our family home is still there.

So I love Riviera Beach. I love serving the people of Riviera Beach through the School District of Palm Beach County. I work for the District and Dr. Coleman is my boss. Um, so I love this city. I love the mission and the goals of the city. Um, I attended West Riviera Elementary School and, um, many of the current residents of Riviera Beach are, uh, folks that are members of my family or friends or we're connected one way or the other. So I thank you for the work that you're doing and thank you for embracing the schools within the City of Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. Okay. And I think that -- where's Miss Patty? I don't -- did she leave? She left? Okay. Miss -- Miss Patty is always vigilant with, uh, helping, as well. Um, one more person I just want to recognize. Um, one of our, uh, elected officials, former Dr. Anderson. Are you in -- can you wave your hand? Thank you, Dr. Anderson. Good to -- good to see you. Um, okay. We're going to have the two principals, uh, from Riviera Beach, of course. Miss Latson and Mr. Brooks, whichever one of you want to go first, it's fine. They're going to do presentations on their two schools.

PRINCIPAL LATSON: Good evening, board members, City of Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Good evening.

PRINCIPAL LATSON: Thank you for having me. I, too, am a -- grew up in Monroe Heights, 24th Street, Dr. Coleman. So I am a product of Riviera Beach and I am truly delighted to say that I truly feel that -- that I have come home to, uh -- to do what the community did for me as a child. So I would like to offer my dynamic team to come up, also, Miss Valerie Mays and Miss Sybil Williams. They're part of my dynamic team of the Mighty Mustangs, West Riviera.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: All right.

PRINCIPAL LATSON: I am Mrs. Latson, the principal at West Riviera Elementary. And I wanted to thank the board for allowing us to come to this forum to let you know a few of the beautiful things and the fabulous resources that we have there for our students and our parents. I -- I am actually entering my third year at West Riviera, I tell you, I wake up every morning about 4 and I get to work about 6 and I'm like, When are they coming? They're not here yet. So I'm loving for the kids to be there and hunger for my parents to be there. And I truly, truly, truly love what I do every day. And I would not -- if I did not get paid, it would -- it would be okay.

So a few things that's going on right now at West Riviera is the SIG 4 grant. The SIG 4 grant actually allows us to have -- put an iPad in every child's hand, along with the teacher. It also allows the parent resource room that we have that services our parents and different things with a parent liaison, Mrs. Marvella Coleman, who actually runs the, uh -- the parent resource room. We actually have a school-wide reading and writing initiative that allows our students to get their reading and their writing through the iPads or PCs. I'll turn it over to Miss Mays to continue.

VALERIE MAYS: Okay. Do they have this handout?

PRINCIPAL LATSON: Uh-huh.

VALERIE MAYS: Okay. So looking at the back of your handout, we're at the second bullet point where we are bridging that school-wide reading and writing initiative supporting the students using PC- and iPad-friendly software. Our theme this year is Readers are Leaders. I believe most of you have received an e-mail from me because we wanted to get you over to our school so that we could videotape you with a book so that our students can see leaders are readers. So if you could please comply, I'd appreciate it.

Um, also, we're using a -- and we listed some of the software there that, um, we're using that could be used on both a PC and iPad. Um, our Digital Divide program, where we're partnering with Suncoast High School's technology program. Debbie Williams has a group of wonderful students that refurbish computers. And once they're done, they feedback into our Parent University program, where if our parents don't have a computer in their home, they can, um, come and they get three computer classes from me on a -- any particular Saturday that I have them arranged for about four hours while the students are in tutorial programs. And I make sure that they have the basics and they're able to take that computer home.

Our next bullet is about our Modernized iMac lab that they use with the iPad One-to-One program. Um, the T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society, um, purchased the Apple TVs that we integrate in our third through fifth grade classrooms that work wonderfully with the iPads so it's instant feedback for the teachers and students, and it's an assessment piece that's really wonderful that you have to see it to believe it. Um, my sorority, Zeta Phi Beta sorority, incorporated Delta Epsilon Zeta of West Palm Beach, Florida --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well --

VALERIE MAYS: Yes. It has an Adopt a School STEM initiative. We are targeting Saturday STEM tutorial. We also have, um, one of my (inaudible) who gave and volunteered most of her vacation time or some of it to -- um, one year she did about a month or two and she would come at least once a week. So we're going to initiate that, as well, so she could do the STEM. She works for NASA Aerojet Rocketdyne. So the STEM program is a forte for her so she's going to come on Tuesdays for an additional hour, and we're going to take about three to four hours once a month to do those science experiments with them, as well. We have the 21st Century STEM initiative that's new this year. We have a wonderful teacher that does science experiments with K through 5 every day. That's so that they get those hands-on experiments Monday through Friday, as well. And Miss Latson is going to talk about the last two.

PRINCIPAL LATSON: All right. We have the Pre-K Literacy Linkages program which actually is running through Bridges, which we're very fortunate to have as a partnership. And the Lost Tree Village grant, which is actually a grant through the PEER [sic] Foundation that is allowing us to have our teachers train through Columbia University to build our kindergarten literacy proficiency. So we're real excited about a lot of these

things that's going on at West Riviera. And I urge you to please stop by, donate funds, volunteer yourselves. Cafeteria duty is always awaiting --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hmm --

PRINCIPAL LATSON: -- anyone and Council -- Mr. Davis, you can definitely let them know how fun and entertaining and engaging it is at West Riviera.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes, I can.

PRINCIPAL LATSON: So once again, thank you so very much for allowing us this forum.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Miss Latson. Thank you. Appreciate it. Up next we'll have, uh, one of my favorite people, Mr. Brooks. He is the principal of the only middle school that we have in this city. Mr. Brooks, take it away.

11. PRESENTATION BY MR. COREY BROOKS, PRINCIPAL OF JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL - "THE VIKING WAY".

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Good evening, everyone.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good evening.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: First of all, I just want to say I'm smitten, Councilman Thomas, to stand in front of the citizens and the Council to talk about my school. Uh, like Dr. Coleman and the -- and the various people in here, I'm also a Viking. A round of applause? And it's -- it's very cool. My position is very -- very cool because I -- I get a chance to see my entire upbringing come full circle because I have family in here. I have staff members in here.

And I'm the principal at a school that I attended that has about seven staff members that were there when I was a student. So, uh, you talk about full circle. So be careful what you do to kids, because they may turn around and be your boss one day. But I'm putting my PowerPoint back in my pocket, uh, Councilman Davis, because I want -- I want to honor your time and I'll have you guys here all night because I can talk about JFK. Uh, you know that, right, Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes, sir.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: All right. Real quick. I just want to highlight what's going on at Kennedy because, um, if you don't know now you will know because you're hearing it from the horse. Okay? All right. College readiness. You always hear this buzz word, college readiness, correct? So we took it upon ourselves at John F. Kennedy to prepare our kids for college on the middle-school level. Okay? And some things that we're doing to prepare our kids for college on the middle-school level is, uh, we have a

thriving partnership with Suncoast High School. Um, we have a thriving partnership with Suncoast High School. And what I mean by that is our students are dual-enrolled.

So the classes that I can't offer that offer high school credit on a middle-school level, uh -- as you guys know, the new Suncoast is maybe give or take 10 feet away from our campus. So the kids just walk over. I have one student at this time in the eighth grade taking four classes at Suncoast.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Wow.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Taking four -- and that's an outstanding accomplishment.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: And I'm proud of that. Uh, at any time you'll see about 40 Suncoast students on the John F. Kennedy campus. We have a mentor program with Suncoast. Those kids come over and they work in those higher-level classes. And what that does is provides the students with one-on-one instruction. And if you guys know anything about instruction, students learn faster and -- and they learn more fluidly from their peers. So you will walk into a John F. Kennedy classroom at any time and you'll see high school students.

We vertical-plan with Suncoast. And, um, you guys know the prestige and -- and the ranking behind Suncoast. So our teachers go -- uh, they take that 10-foot walk over to Suncoast and they write lesson plans. They have discussions of best practices, and they deliberate with the Suncoast staff and that in turns, when they walk back to JFK, they know what to do and how to do it to prepare those students for that next level.

We began a robotics program. Kids love to build things and tear them apart. So why not tap into what they like to do? So we have a thriving robotics program and that's offered during the day and after school.

Choice preference in the Suncoast. And I'm gonna say this. And -- and like I said, uh, my boss is right here. And if you don't believe me, you can ask Councilman Davis and Mr. Thomas because they were instrumental in this piece with myself. The students that attend John F. Kennedy from sixth, seventh and eighth grade, that maintain a 3.0 GPA, uh, they don't even have to have a high school credit course. I'm not gonna say they automatically get into Suncoast with you they automatically get into Suncoast. So I know the community has some concerns and some questions about that.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: But if your child attends my school and does well, they automatically get into Suncoast. Let me explain why. As of May of 2012, last year, we became a fully authorized NYP World school. So we're an IB school at Kennedy. Round of applause. But we only offer years one, two and three. Suncoast offers years four and five. Councilman, your daughter was a part of that program.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Absolutely.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: She matriculated through John F. Kennedy, did well. And now I'm hearing great things at Suncoast.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: That she's doing well and she loves what she's doing. So you guys heard it from me. Can I move on?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: All right. All right. The bolstering of elective options. Um, when I became principal at, uh, John F. Kennedy, the kids always complained because when I was at Kennedy we had Mr. Whigham. We had shop. We had Mr. Green. We had band. We had an array. We had, uh, hand bells and chorus. But when I got there we didn't have that and that was unfortunate due to the FCAT. Um, unfortunately, only kids that are proficient in math and reading are allowed to take elective courses. So to circumvent that, I worked with my area superintendent, Dr. Coleman. Now we offer an array of electives. So not only our kids are -- are active and doing things outside of the classroom, they're beginning to enjoy coming to school again, 'cause they're learning those necessary skills that they get outside of those core curriculum classes that make schools truly fun. We have a culinary program now. We have a pre-IT program. We have band. And you know, we offer the traditional physical education and those other classes. But right now our culinary program and our musical program, which is back now, is a smash hit.

All right. And, um, I'm pretty sure if you have a kid in -- in -- in school right now, you've heard of virtual classes, correct? I'm still a little old-fashioned. I believe in the live instruction, the teacher that can touch you on your shoulder, tell you to sit down, pay attention. But we know, uh, education is transitioning into virtual classes. I'd just like to highlight that we have nine fully functioning computer labs. So if you need to use a computer, just come by JFK. Oftentimes I hear parents say, "We don't have access to the Internet. We don't have access to the Internet." My school is open every day till around 5:30, 6:00.

So it's only one middle school in Riviera Beach so we're easy to find. So if you need computer access, just stop by. And like I was saying earlier, we offer live high school credit classes. We offer the algebra 2s, the algebra 1s. We offer Spanish, French. And last but not least, African-American studies. So by the time your student goes to eighth grade, they will have the opportunity to earn five high school credits. So when they go to high school after the January rollover, with one semester of high school, they have the potential to be a sophomore. So I think that's awesome because we offer those classes live and not online. All right?

Lastly, I just want to discuss with you guys our extended-day program. With having an athletic program -- uh, background, I've learned it's not what you do during the school day; it's what you do outside of the school day. So for those of y'all that either have a --

a child or a relative or a sibling that attends John F. Kennedy, we have what we call Viking Academy. And that's the umbrella for our entire tutorial program. Before school starts at 7:30 -- before school starts at 7:30, we feed them breakfast. And that's Monday through Friday. So get the word out. We have before-school -- 'cause school doesn't start at Kennedy until 9. All right? After school. We offer after-school tutorial, and this is in every content area, from 4 till 5:30 every day. We also feed them and we provide transportation.

Now, every Saturday that doesn't coincide with a holiday -- and what I mean which that is if we don't have a holiday that Friday or that Monday, we offer Saturday school. And that's from 8:30 to 1. We have open gym starting at 7:30 and we have about 60 kids that come to play basketball. When we close the gym, we walk them over to the campus. We begin tutorial. Then if they want to play basketball, if they want to use the facilities after, we let them stay till about 2:00. We also provide breakfast and we provide lunch on Saturdays, too. So please get the word out because I really want our students to participate in these free extracurricular learning opportunities.

We also have something for adults. We have what we call Parent University. And we offer a Saturday computer class on the same days that we have Saturday tutorial. So not only do you have the opportunity to drop your child off on Saturdays, you can stay because we feed you, too. We -- we offer an array of activities as far as setting up e-mail accounts, how to check Edline. You know, I don't encourage that you come do your Facebooking and your Twittering on -- on the District, uh, computers, but if you want to set those accounts up, we show you how to do that, too, because we want, as a school, to help our community become more knowledgeable with technology because a lot of things we do now from an educational standpoint are on the computer. So we offer those classes.

And lastly, funding. I just want to say thank you, thank you, thank you, uh, Mr. Thomas, uh, Councilman Davis. The City really supports John F. Kennedy Middle School. On December 6th we're going to have our annual Councilman Cedrick Thomas Fifth Grade Fun Day. Uh, I charge everyone in the building to come out. We invite how many elementary schools?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, it's going to be eight this year.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Eight this year. Is that about what, 600 fifth graders?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: 793.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: So 800 fifth graders will be on Kennedy's campus. Uh, they do an array of activities. After Councilman Thomas and myself do the welcome, they see tigers, they take pictures. They see every municipality that Riviera Beach has to offer in a positive light. 'Cause oftentimes the students of our community only see those municipalities in negative lights. So, um, I've heard students come away from Fifth Grade Fun Day saying, "I want to be a police officer. I want to be a fireman. Oh, I didn't know, uh, weather anchors do this. I didn't know that this happens." So it's very

insightful and it's just great PR for my school.

Volunteer. Just like Miss Latson said at West Riv, nothing makes the connection better than seeing the students that -- seeing their family, their friends and the people that they deal with in the community on our campus.

Mentor a student. We --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Brooks, I'm going to have to ask you -- although I'm enjoying every minute of this, I'm gonna have to ask you to, uh --

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Now, just imagine if I'd have put the PowerPoint in.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. I'm -- I'm gonna say what I heard in Sunday's --

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- this Sunday, please draw to a close.

PRINCIPAL BROOKS: Sounds good. Parents, citizens, friends, have your students read, read, read. And lastly, spread the word. We got great things going on at Kennedy. I thank you for my time. Thank you, (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Brooks. Thank you. We appreciate it. Um, this is, um -- this -- this is very important and as you seen over the past several meetings we have had the principals coming in, education is very important and this city stands behind it, as well as one of the board members from the Palm Beach County School District, Dr. Debbie Robinson, who is a force behind this, as well. So we thank you. We welcome you. There's going to be the remaining part of a meeting that may not interest you so you can be excused if you like. But we're glad that you have come. Thank you very much. I would also, uh, like to make a note that Mayor Masters is in attendance. He did -- I did see him around 5 after so he is in attendance. He was just at the back. Okay. We're going to move on to Public Hearings, Ordinance on Second Reading.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

12. ORDINANCE NO. __ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ABANDONING A PORTION OF AVENUE 'N', APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY (120) FEET IN LENGTH AND FIFTY (50) FEET IN WIDTH, TOTALING SIX THOUSAND (6,000) SQUARE FEET, AS SHOWN ON THE INLET CITY PLAT, PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 27 & 28; LOCATED SOUTH OF SR710 (ALSO KNOWN AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD), AND NORTH OF WEST 7TH STREET IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SR710 ROADWAY WIDENING PROJECT, IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN

EIGHT (8) FOOT WALL ADJACENT TO PROPERTIES ALONG THE SR710 CORRIDOR PER THE REQUEST OF THE AREA RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND RECORDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. PUBLISHED PALM BEACH POST NOVEMBER 9, 2013

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. I don't have any comment cards for this item. Anything from the board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

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 Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're going to move to our Regular Agenda. Item 13.

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: Before Public Comment -- we're running a little late on it. Now, you're gonna have to leave a little bit more quiet than that.

CITY CLERK WARD: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No. (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No. We got something I'm about to read. Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Yes. Okay. Um, I -- I need, um -- I need everyone to -- to take a moment to hear what has been provided to us based on our own policy, um, for code of conduct. I'm -- I'm gonna please need everyone to please quiet down. I'm -- I'm going to -- I'm going to read what our Code of Conduct governing elected officials during -- "During official meetings, elected officials shall assist in preserving order and decorum and shall neither be -- neither by conversation or otherwise delay or interrupt the proceedings, nor refuse to obey the orders of the presiding officer or the rules of the assembly. An elected official desiring to speak shall address the Chair, and upon recognition by the presiding officer, shall confine discussion to the question under debate, avoid discussion of personalities and -- and -- and language and refrain from personal attacks and verbal abuse."

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Also (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: "An elected official desiring to question the administrative staff shall address the questions to the City Manager who shall be entitled to either answer the questions or the inquiries or designate some member of the staff for that purpose. Elected officials members shall not berate nor admonish staff members. An elected official once recognized shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the presiding officer.

"Unless a point is raised by another member or unless the speaker chooses to yield to questions from another member, if an elected official is called to order while speaking, that member shall cease speaking immediately until the question of the order is determined. If ruled to be in order, the member shall be permitted to proceed. If rules to be not in order, the member shall remain silent or make additional remarks so as to comply with the rules of the City Council.

"Elected officials shall confine their questions to the particular matters before the assembly and in debate that will confine their remarks to the issues before the assembly. When there is more than one speaker on the same subject, elected officials will delay their comments until after all speakers on the subject have been heard. Elected officials shall refrain from eating food inside the council chambers and also on the dais." Although I may not agree with that last one, it is our rule. Okay. That's for elected officials.

Now, the rules of decorum governing public conduct during official meetings in the City

of Riviera Beach. This is for the individuals that are participating in the meeting. "No talking during meetings. Members of the public will refrain from private conversations while meetings are in session. Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of foot, whistles, yells and similar demonstrations are not permitted. Impertinent remarks prohibited. Any person making personal, profane or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing boards of the City or while attending official meetings shall be removed from the room if so by -- if directed by the presiding officer. Turn off cell phones. Cellular telephones and electronic beepers or pagers that will emit a page or -- emit a page or a telephone sound shall not be used in the City Council chambers and must be turned off during meetings.

"Obscene or insulting language is prohibited. Any --" (phone ringing) -- I just read that rule. I -- I just read that rule. So whosoever phone that is, please turn -- turn that off. "Obscene or insulting language prohibited. Any audience member acting or appearing in a lewd or disgraceful manner or who uses obscene or insulting language or who unduly -- who is unduly argumentative at an official meeting or who does not obey the order of the presiding officer shall be censured by the presiding officer at the presiding officer's discretion. Do not approach the dais.

"Public Comment cards. No audience member shall approach the dais immediately preceding to the beginning of the official meeting. And once the meeting commences, as it relates to City Council and the CRA meetings, comment cards shall be given to the legislative assistant who will hand them to the presiding officer. Public comments -- cards pertaining to a particular issue on the agenda must be given to the legislative assistant before the discussion of the item beginning. Penalties. The presiding officer may direct the police officer/security officer to remove offenders from the council chamber. If these rules are not followed, if the presiding officer shall fail to act, any member of the board may move to require enforcement of the rules and the affirmative vote of the majority of the board shall require the presiding officer to act. Citizens are -- citizens are to vacate the chambers and City Hall within a reasonable time after adjournment of the meeting."

We've had some -- you know, some comments and some -- some issues that have gone on. Uh, and we've addressed this from time to time. But we do have, uh, rules that are our policy. And I've read them both. The rules governing the elected official as well as the public. I do expect for you to adhere to them as if I would have a zero tolerance policy for anything other than those rules.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, I have a couple of questions on the rules.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Um, you read so much that it was kind of hard for an old man to keep up with everything you said but I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You should have a copy of it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Well, let me just ask the, uh -- I'm more concerned about

elected officials. Um, I don't have a copy in front of me.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes, you do.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You have a copy of it. Every member should have a copy of this. If you don't, let's get you a copyright now.

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't have a copy. But why are you -- why --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can't hear you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Okay. So number two says, "An elected official desiring to speak shall address the Chair. And upon recognition by the presiding officer shall confine discussion to the question under -- under debate, avoid discussion of personalities and, uh, indecorous language and refrain from personal attacks and verbal abuse." Um, and I know that's basically the same for, um, the public. But would you define for the record what do you mean or what is the legal interpretation of "personal attacks" and "verbal abuse"?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, I'm going to say that if you attack somebody personally, that that will be in violation of this policy.

MAYOR MASTERS: And also define for us --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Because it says "personal attacks."

MAYOR MASTERS: -- and verbal --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Where -- where is the City Attorney? Miss Ryan?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I need -- need you up here to discuss this. So you can direct those questions to the Attorney.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Attorney?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: I know you're not feeling well and you don't have much voice tonight so I -- maybe you want to keep your answers brief, as short as possible.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Um, my question is "refrain from personal attacks and verbal abuse." Legally, what do we mean? What is the law as relates to "personal attacks"? We're talking about calling a person's name? What -- what are we talking about?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And Mr. Chair, um, these rules were written for the City Council, which you approved back in 2007. They are not meant to be -- it's not meant to be a quote, unquote, legal document. You all know how to act in, uh -- in public. And you shouldn't need a legal definition of what is, um, a personal attack. A personal attack is any time one councilperson, um, makes a comment, a negative comment about a colleague or about staff. We all know what that means. You don't have to have a legal definition for that. So I -- your real question is whether or not you all have been violating your own code.

MAYOR MASTERS: No, that's not my real question.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh.

MAYOR MASTERS: My -- my real question was my question that I asked you. Um, because we know that personal attack is discretionary, um, depending on, you know, who the chair is or whatever. And I wanted to know legally, um, was there a legal definition of that as -- as far as the law. And the other --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'm sure that --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- and the other one was verbal abuse.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. I'm sure that I could find some case law where they describe, um, what personal attacks are. I'm sure that I would have given that to you when we, um, first adopted this policy. And I'm happy to provide that to the City Council.

MAYOR MASTERS: And also, um, Madam Attorney, on verbal -- verbal abuse, as well.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: All right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, up until that point, if I deem it to be personal attacks or verbal abuse, I will act. Okay. Do you have anything else, Mayor, that you wanted?

MAYOR MASTERS: No. I just wanted to -- uh, on the record. That's all.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any other questions from the board on those two policies? Okay. We're going to take Public Comment. First up will be Lloyd Brown. Good

evening, Mr. Brown. You have three minutes to make your comments.

LLOYD BROWN: Okay. Okay. I just want to read something that I, uh, went over to the library and got. It's a part of the, uh -- it's a part of, like, Lincoln, you know, the Gettysburg Address. But it's, like -- it's the last part of it. "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us. That from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they have gave their last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vein; that this nation, under God, shall a new birth of freedom and that a government --" I got it underlined -- "of the people, for the people shall not perish from this earth." But I don't really understand this government here. And I'm not trying to talk about no single person. I'm talking about the whole group.

Okay. I'm here to say that I lost my faith in the City government. You fight among yourselves. I mean, you're like newborn animals, wolverines. You know, they have to get, like -- you -- you get a -- okay. I don't know how you -- I can explain this 'cause I'm not really, you know -- really -- but anyway, the top dog. You know what I'm saying? You want to be the top dog so you're gonna make everybody else less than you. And that's what I see up here. A team. You know, I look -- I'm going to watch the Heat play. They're a team. But you never see the Heat argue in front of their people. You know, like here it is, you got mothers and sons sitting at home right now watching you people up here. And they're wondering, This is the government that I've elected? I mean, you know, for me, it's like Gil Scott-Heron said he called up the White House or whatever and said, The government you have -- have elected is inoperative -- inoperative. And that's what this is. And you talk about a community, right? Okay.

There is no more communities around here. You only have neighborhoods. A neighborhood is where you sleep and eat. A neighborhood is like a bucket with a hole in it. And you know with a bucket with a hole in it, it doesn't hold anything. A community -- let me tell you what a community is. Y'all be talking about a community. A community is a place where you are -- you know, okay, here it is. I gotta get it. It's where your store your values. A community is a place where you store your history, your wealth, your job power, your tax base. Most black neighborhoods around here now, they're so crime-ridden that the neighbors are moving. And I mean, the -- the neighborhood is only a 'hood now.

I mean, you tell me. I -- I see you talking about these young kids, you know? What about the ones who are older than them who -- who have been out of school for years and years, standing on these corners or falling through these holes? I mean, you -- what you do? You arrest them and then they go to prison. They get a felony charge. You don't give them an opportunity. That's who you gotta look at, 'cause those are voters you're going to need next time. You're not gonna be able to get any votes off of these old people who's gonna be in the ground.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comment. Next up will be Miss Bonnie Larson. And we have several comment cards. I'm going to allow you to still stay at three minutes but, of course, if you don't need the whole three minutes, um,

please don't take it. Good evening, Miss Larson. You have three minutes to make your comments.

BONNIE LARSON: Good evening. I'm going to take my three minutes. I got a lot to say tonight.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You're more than welcome to it.

BONNIE LARSON: We should have thrown out that issue about Life Span. It should be thrown out. We're down to one meeting a month and today is the exception because we're going to be more organized. It was going to go like this. Everybody was going to have all the answers to everything. That was so convoluted. This -- Mr. Thomas, you're absolutely right. This is a business. They've been very, very -- a dollar a year, what company wouldn't want that? Another thing to keep in mind is this property now -- and nothing about -- I've heard wonderful things about them so nothing -- I'm just talking in general about businesses. But a company has been in business for 20 years. Okay. You're -- you're using that as a plus.

It is zoned as a single-family area, which is much more valuable than a day care area. So there's nothing to say -- these people have been in business for 20 years. There's nothing to say they're going to be in business for 21 years or another 21 -- 20 years. They're going to own that property once they buy it and then they can sell it for single-family residence at a much higher rate. So keep all those things in mind. And I don't understand how that's not setting a precedent. First of all, just to rent City property for a dollar a month -- a dollar a year. How is that not setting precedent? And also, to give them the lowest price possible, how that's not setting a precedent. I don't understand that.

I would say like a copy of your new policy or your policy you said was in -- in, uh, force here since 2007. I never heard that before but I would like a copy of that. And on the agenda, I would like to go back on that if anybody has any association with anything to do with the agenda items, they should make that clear up front. They should say, I have a personal interest in this. I have a personal relationship. That's fallen off the agenda. And I mentioned it about three times now. It looks very suspicious to have something like that. It's like maybe somebody on the council does have a relationship and you don't want to say it. That's what it's looking like to have not put that on there. I'd like you to go down U.S. 1 and get on the case of D.O.T. I'm sure they are their problems, but they're leaving us with some really awful areas. There's -- I'm just -- my time is up now. Look on the corner of 27th and Broadway. It's a church. Reverend Davis is there, Reverend Davis, Jr. There's an area, it's five feet by three feet. Got a dropoff this big right in the concrete. The best somebody's going to do is fall and break their ankle. The worst they're going to do is fall and kill themselves on that. They can't be leaving our properties like this.

The corner of Blue Heron and Broadway was purchased to make a wider turning radiance. Haven't seen anything like that happening. In fact, I'm seeing quite the opposite. They just put in a new light fixture right there where that turn lane is supposed

to be. There's been no -- nothing to say that's ever going to be a turn lane there. So -- and that's the sole reason that was purchased. It was deemed a dangerous property. I've seen at least seven cars get stuck in that property. Twelve hours after I talked to you about that property last time there was an accident there. Car pushed up on there. Here was the car. There was a bumper. Over there was a car stuck. We've got to fence off that property. So please get after D.O.T. Don't let them leave dangerous properties in our city and injure our residents. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you. And just so you know, Miss Larson, um, Disclosures by Council has not fallen off the agenda. It is on the agenda.

BONNIE LARSON: Well, it's not on there.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's on the agenda.

BONNIE LARSON: I don't see it on my copy.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Your time is up, Miss Larson but it's on the agenda if you read it.

BONNIE LARSON: Okay. And it's also wrong what you read about the Consent Agenda so please have that changed, also, 'cause that's outdated.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Your time is up, Miss Larson.

BONNIE LARSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, Felicia Wilder, you actually marked both of them. Um, I'll give you an opportunity to speak on Public Comment if you want. Are you here? Going once, going twice. That one's gone. Okay. Up next will be Richard Wester. Good evening, Mr. -- Mr. Wester. You have three minutes to make your comments.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

RICHARD WESTER: Yes. Richard Wester. Retired fire chief, City of Riviera Beach. Been here 68 years, born and raised here. And I want to just make a few comments. Uh, about that quarter of a million dollars plus that the City spent. I've been talking to a lot of taxpayers. They didn't even know it. You guys are complaining about collecting money from the Mayor and everything. Nobody bring this up about this quarter of a million dollars was spent down there for Public Works down there. And what you gonna do to keep -- make sure it don't happen anymore? Mayor Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, sir.

RICHARD WESTER: They was after you for -- about some money that you owe for going to China and everything. And, you know, Mr. Lozman, he's been writing all kinds of papers and everything. If somebody owe this City money, tax -- taxpayers money,

you guys up there need to see about collecting that money. 'Cause the only time I come up here and talk is about taxpayers' money. You had them credit cards one time. That's what started me. Uh, we got -- you know, this is a black majority city and they ain't doing nothing. You sitting around here, you know -- you got people around here picking up aluminum cans and selling junk and everything trying to get tax money together so they can pay their taxes and everything.

And you guys are just sitting up there giving away everything. You people ain't got no money. And if it was your money you wouldn't do it like you're doing it. And everybody sit up there say, "I'm looking out for the taxpayers and their money." You ain't looking out for nothing but your pocket. You -- you sit up there and you -- you get your check and you get your car allowance and everything. People around here are walking the streets and everything. They ain't got nothing. And you guys ain't doing nothing for them.

City Manager, every time she look around, she make mistakes. When -- about that -- about that property over there that you bought over there. It was no way for you guys to get out of it 'cause she done signed the deal and everything, let the deadline go by. You guys didn't say nothing about it. And here tonight, all this stuff coming up here, all jumbled up and everything. You ain't saying nothing about that. So she do what she want to do and give you a bunch of junk and you guys still sit there and let it happen. But you don't address that. You got a new fire chief coming in here. He don't know he got a fire station you all giving -- giving -- giving him, sitting over there on the railroad tracks. Gonna shut -- close down a nice good building there on the main drag and gonna stick him over there in that, uh, warehouse district.

So as soon as he get over there and see it -- I know ain't nobody done told -- ain't nobody gonna tell him what he got coming to him 'cause, man, we gonna raise a (inaudible) about that. And I hope and pray that you guys really do what you're saying about this, uh -- well, the City State Attorney said this has been in effect for a long time. But I don't think nothing's gonna happen with it 'cause, Councilman -- you know what that city councilman called me. He wasn't sitting up there when he called me that. He was out in the parking lot but he was a city council -- sitting councilman. And he called me a nigger.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you for your comments, Mr. Wester. Reverend William Burrs.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. If I want to make a comment on what Mr. Wester said, do I wait until everyone has spoken?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: If the -- well, the rules state that so yeah, we're -- we're gonna go by that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

REVEREND BURRS: Mr. Chair, Reverend William H. Burrs, 2542 Canterbury Drive S. I would like to take this time to thank, uh, the councilpersons, Mr. Chair and, uh, Mr. Mayor and Mr. T. Davis and Mr. Bruce Guyton for your condolence words, uh, during my mother's decease and going home. We thank you for your kind words and we certainly thank God for our City Clerk for a job well done for the resolution that she done on the behalf of my mother and my family. And we thank Miss Ginny [phonetic] Banks for the beautiful poetry that she did for my mother. We thank you all very much for your kind words.

Now, back to the, uh, agenda concerning the, uh -- I think there was -- been mentioned a concern in the referendum, that the judge says that the, uh -- the, uh, other referendum should go back -- or must go back to the citizens. Uh, the judge didn't say that. Let's set the record straight. He said that the council has a right to put that other referendum back before the citizens. He didn't said you had to do it; he said you could do it. He says, "I'm not suggesting it. That's your choice because," he said, "I could not tell you what time --" 'cause it's going to cost more money and etc.

So we don't want the citizens to think that the judge said that you got to put that back before the citizens. It is your right to do it but the judge didn't say you had to do it. I want to set that straight.

Now, concerning the -- the rules and regulations that the City Attorney put before you all, I don't think she should have had to do that. Y'all are grown folks. Y'all know how to conduct yourselves anyway. Uh, when they was asking about how abuses and etc. -- now, there is no law says you can't call me a certain name. Uh, but you ought to know that that is abuse. You know? Why would you have to sit there, grown folks have to sit there and have some rules to kind of -- how to conduct yourselves in a public meeting? Y'all are public officers. There's certain things that you shouldn't say and you ought not to say and some ways you should not conduct yourself. You -- when you ran for office, you set yourself up to -- for some criticism. And you can't retaliate to everything that has been said to you.

You gotta suck it up and move on. So rules are good but you shouldn't have to have them for y'all. We shouldn't have to have them for anybody, really. But, uh, what she's saying, talking about what is abuse, common sense will tell you that if a person say something you shouldn't retaliate, call it -- Well, you're lying. You -- this and that. Certain things you shouldn't do. So we thank -- thank the -- the City Attorney for giving - - giving you those bylaws and rules, but you shouldn't need them because you are grown. You ought to know how to conduct yourselves in a public meeting. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you for your comments. Uh, next up will be Greg Moree. Good evening, Mr. Moree. You have three minutes to make your comments.

GREG MOREE: Um, I want to say, um, Chairperson, Mr. Thomas, and the City Councillors and the attorneys and everybody that's here, uh, I come a long ways. I'm

from Avenue C, 21st Street and Cambridge, Massachusetts. But I'm here today to talk about my grandmother's house that's on 21st Street. Um, it's featured in Conchtown USA. It's a historical house and I've given a copy of this book to Debbie Wasserman Schultz and I've given this book to Joe Kennedy up in Massachusetts and they've all acknowledged that it does exist.

So, uh, I would ask you to take it very seriously, my grandmother's house on 21st Street. (Inaudible) own property, the two corner house lots there. And, um, I want youse to let Rybovich know, 'cause they own it now, what's the plan? What is the master plan for that house? And this is the first book that Riviera has right here called Conchtown USA. And a lot of people know about this book. And it, uh -- I don't know if it's in your library but it should be in your library. So, um, is there any thought about this? What is the master plan? What does the CRA got to do and what are -- they are gonna be doing with my grandmother's house?

There's -- you know, there's a lot of historians in the State of Florida that want to know. My family's name is all through the history books, throughout the whole State of Florida, and people know that. So I'm still here and I'm still kicking and I'm still looking out for my grandmother's house. And youse are all the elected officials to be responsible for that. So Mayor Masterson [sic], Vicki Kennedy has one of these books. Joe Kennedy has it and Debbie Wasserman Schultz and your Congressmens [sic]. I'm with them all the time up there in Massachusetts, as well. So, um, whatever you wanna do with it, it's right here in the book. You can have a -- an open discussion about it. You can talk about it. You can get your historians here -- in here. You know, people that really know about it. More than I do. So, um, that's your responsibility. And have a good Thanksgiving and a good Christmas and a happy New Year's. God bless all of youse, okay?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Have a good night.

GREG MOREE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, next up will be Lashonda McHolm [phonetic] Ross.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I wanna talk, too.

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't see her.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is Miss Ross here?

MAYOR MASTERS: No.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Going once, going twice. Okay. Next up will be Margaret Shepherd. Good evening, Miss Shepherd. You have three minutes to make your comments.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. To the Mayor and to the Chair, the Vice Chair, all of you, to our City Manager, you know, this city is going through a

transformation where we're moving into the 20th century. And people are really talking about this thing over and over again. I would hope that, Mr. Chair, as you read it out -- first time I really had -- I -- I really heard it in that manner, and you spoke well. And I thank you for it. I do. We talk about money. And I remember we gave a million and a half dollars away.

I'm kind of like you, Miss Pardo. I'm kind of like, you know, money is something that we have to really hold tight to. But I am -- I am kind of, um, sad that, you know, Miss Mitchell have to go through this. She's been an icon in our community, her mother, her father. And -- and I understand where you're coming from, Mr. -- Mr. Thomas, really. All of you, I do. But the spending of the taxpayers' money, we really have to get a handle on it. And so I thank all of you for that. I want to go on and thank Mr., uh, Davis, who was over at Inlet Grove. And he's been an icon over there for quite a while. Um, Suncoast is not the only school, nor Kennedy. Inlet Grove is a thriving community college over there. And I'm just letting you know that they need men like you, women like you over at Inlet Grove.

Miss Banks is doing a phenomenal job. I travel with the, uh, children quite a bit. The debate team. Um, my granddaughter's on the debate team. And I mean, it's awesome to see our children. I think Suncoast won three first -- first-class medals. And I think Inlet Grove won three. And I think that's great for our community, to have children that can speak so well. And I'm just honored to be a part of that community over there. And I -- I just hope that they pick up the speed like you, Mr. Thomas. You've done a wonderful job at Kennedy. Wonderful job. And I will hope other people will come over and help. To bicker like this -- and don't think the children don't see you. I sat in the class one morning and they debated the decorum of this city. And it made me think that they're children now and to hear us carry on like that. And I'm -- and I'm -- and I'm a part of it and I have to apologize for my actions, Mr. Mayor. And I think the Mayor and I are bridging our gap. And I will hope everyone allow us to heal as I allow you to heal. And I thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you for your comments, Miss Shepherd. Next up will be John Miller. Good evening, Mr. Miller. You have three minutes to make your comments.

JOHN MILLER: Okay. John Miller, 1290 Manor Drive. Um, really what I want to talk about first thing, this meeting was great. I tell you, I was impressed that -- to hear those educators, that superintendent of school, the principals all talking. That's -- that's what you want out of your meetings. And then business. I heard the Chair, that's what he talked about, business. We're here to do business. But I think all of youse got my e-mail after the last meeting saying enough is enough is enough. It seems like it got heard, right? Because that's what you're here for.

You're elected officials. Now, I'm going to back up a little bit off of this. This is -- I -- I'm not mentioning any names. This is John Miller. John Miller has no right to either attack Guyton, the City Manager, anybody up there. Dawn Pardo, the Mayor or anybody else. I have no right to do that. But yet you have no right to be hollering back, any of youse.

Mr., uh -- Mr. Chair, you have no right to scream back at me and -- and do that. Even though you never did. You know -- you know where I'm going with this. Enough is enough.

Business. Now, my -- here's what I'm -- here's what I suggest. A kill switch. What you did when I heard you talk, I got a little goose bumps 'cause I thought you heard me and you heard everybody else. 'Cause enough is enough. This has been going on for years, the way that these meetings are going on. And they -- and this should not happen. This should be -- you're all professional people. You're all paid. You're elected, elected officials and other people that are paid to do their job. Please do your job. TD Davis brought up that, uh -- that issue about buying that vehicle that was going to cost an 11 -- almost an 11 -- another \$11,000. Possibly that'll get reconsidered. I hope that you do, because that's the things that we're concerned about. We're -- business. Business. And if the police -- if the police department got 15 of those vehicles and it cost \$11,000 more, if it's done and past, we can't do anything about that. But please, understand that if they have -- if a -- if there's a need for it, do it. If there isn't and you can save \$150,000 of taxpayer money that we put out, why shouldn't you do it? And you should be -- these are the issues that you should be taking care of. I'm -- again, I have no right and I'm asking you right now to -- to -- from now on, take that lead just like you said, Cedrick. When somebody starts, if they start attacking, no matter who it is -- if it's John Miller, you say, "Mr. Miller, shut up or get out." That's what I would like you to do because you're here to do business. And if you do that, then we won't have anybody hollering back because they're being attacked. 'Cause the only one that I know that would -- could take all this abuse and not say anything was Jesus and Jesus isn't in here. Thank you.

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

NORMA DUNCOMBE: She's already started it before I got up here. Okay. Um, Mr. Chair, uh, I'm going to piggyback on what you said about, uh, the City needing money and not wasting money and things that have to -- things that have to be done in order for the City to operate and benefit the citizens. I'm going back to three years ago when the Citizen Task Force came before the citizens and they made a decision that the City would own and operate the marina the way all other cities do and that we would allow development but the City would be in control and the citizens would benefit. We have people who are out on furloughs. We have all kinds of problems. And my water bill was \$200.

So I'm saying I'm concerned about monies and how it's spent. Let me say this. We have wasted a lot of money in court. The Citizen Task Force, we've been in court, and every time we've gone there, the judge has said, "The citizens have spoken," that the citizens have stated they want to own and operate their marina and I think this is what we should do. We should stop this litigation, wasting money that could be used otherwise for the citizens. Now, citizens, you have to take a stand. You have to decide -- you have to decide that you have spoken back there three years ago and that you are

not going to allow people to give your marina away. And let's make sure this is clear. You're being told -- the citizens are being told that this is the only way that this could operate, is that if you give it away; that the City cannot own and operate.

That is not true and I want the citizens to know that the -- you're being misled. You're not going to have a Newcomb Hall. The plans that are set up there -- originally, Newcomb Hall was for senior citizens, for their use, basically, and for all other citizens in the city. The one that they have proposed to put on that property now, it is not going to accommodate you. So citizens, don't sit back and allow your city to become a Pearl City. If -- if you're not familiar with Pearl City, you -- you may not be familiar with it, but it's that little concave that they have for certain people and the other city -- part of the city is prosperous. So we have to stay vigilant about what we want for our city and we're going to always respect you as our council. We will never disrespect you. But we have to say what's important for us. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments, Miss Duncombe. Next up will be Charles Bantel. Good evening, Mr. Bantel. You have three minutes to make your comments.

CHARLES BANTEL: Good evening, Council. For the record, Charles Bantel, 438 -- 438 -- 438 49th Street, West Palm Beach. Okay. What brings me here tonight, Council, there's been a real problem in the realm now. On -- on November the 9th and 10th, the Riviera Beach Energy Center went ahead and fired up the units to do a steam blow-off test. The resulting noise went from Riviera Beach into the City of West Palm Beach for a total of 15 city blocks.

It was an unrelenting whine that started Saturday morning and continued to Sunday evening. I reported this to the City of West Palm Beach. The City of West Palm Beach said that they can't do anything about it since it is your jurisdiction that the plant is legally in. The police cannot enforce our noise rules because it has to be your police that enforce the noise rules. I came over to your site here. I sat in the office for the police to make a report for 45 minutes. It took a half an hour for the ringing in my years to stop from the noise that I experienced while I was outside my own house at 49th Street, 10 blocks from this plant. I have reviewed this and I have tried several ways to go ahead and mediate this problem, of the noise. There has to be a retrofit kit that has to be put on the power plant. In front of you, I went ahead, I gave this handout.

Go to page 2. Right of entry. Your police have the right of entry. This is something I discussed with your captain, Captain Rozier. He said he was not sure what he could do for it. One, you have the right of entry at reasonable times. In other words, when the plant is in operation. Go to page 2, please. Enforcement. Terms, conditions. Okay. In particular, 403.161. What they do, if they turn the plant on, it's a felony. You have the right to go in and arrest the -- the particular person in charge of operating the plant. Okay.

Regulatory compliance, page 3. Okay. It -- neither "does it authorize any entry to public or private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of federal,

state, local laws, regulations." Okay? This is the noise problem. Page 4, noise. Gotta comply with all noise regulations. The problem here is -- next page, a copy of the, uh, 403.161. Next page, a copy of where I received this stuff, from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. It is up to this city to send the police out and turn the plant off the next time it gets turned on. That's what I can give you in three minutes. I need you to review this information so when I call a noise complaint, an officer can go out and shut down the plant. Thank you.

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

FANE LOZMAN: Good evening, Fane Lozman. Mr. Chairman, thank you for reading those rules into the record. I would hope you read them a couple more times because some people may have short memories or could not attend the meeting this evening. One of the problems that this council has had and other councils have had is do not confuse criticism with a lack of decorum. Citizens can come up here and they can compliment the job you've been doing and they can criticize the job you've been doing.

But if they criticize you, that does not mean that the police throws them out of the meeting. The biggest story today that I saw on channel 12 with this city has the unfortunate distinction -- and you can go to the CBS 12 website -- of being ranked number one in terms of being the most dangerous city in Florida. So it's number one in Florida and it's number 20 in the United States. That's a problem. That is something that should concern this council, How are we going to get a handle on making this a safer city? Why do we have this dishonorable, uh, award today of being number one in Florida? I have a problem with that and a lot of other people have a problem with it.

And how can we deal with that issue of having this unsafe city? One thing we have to do is we have to take money that we're putting in other areas of the city that are not doing anything constructive and put them in to public safety, put them into education and things like that. Now, you talked about maximizing the income from the City. In 2008 there was a big debate that the appraised value of the Tiki Bar was \$19,000. Five years later we're still leasing that facility for \$6,500 a month. My friend made an offer for 22,500. Why has that Tiki Bar not gone out for bid to generate the \$19,000 your own appraisal says?

Four years ago the City arrested my floating home, bought it at auction and destroyed it. Why did the City go to an auction to purchase a home that a member of the public wanted to purchase it and then spend \$6,900 to destroy it? Why did the City not do what it does with every other vessel that has alleged unpaid dockage? They go through a state procedure to get the back rent. The City spent \$600,000 to get me and my floating home out of the marina. I spent \$300,000 I have not gotten back yet. I've asked the Court that I need to be made whole. Now, at the last meeting there was some disinformation that came out. The City sued me. I asked the judge to dismiss the case. Ultimately the U.S. Supreme Court dismissed it. They said they didn't have jurisdiction. I'm now back at the district court judge trying to be made whole for the --

my loss of my home and my loss of my attorneys' fees. Not my groceries or anything like that, just the shelter that I had to replace.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next up will be Willis Williams. Mr. -- Mr. Williams, you put in two comments for -- two cards for Public Comment.

WILLIS WILLIAMS: I -- I only had -- I had one there under the Jazz Festival -- Jazz after Dark.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Go ahead. You got three minutes.

WILLIS WILLIAMS: So I wanted to, yeah, hold the other one. Uh, and I am in support of Life Span. I sat on the Planning & Zoning Board when that, uh, piece of property was zoned out there so that, uh -- that -- that day care center could be put out there. I don't know why that piece of property shouldn't have been done that way -- was done that way back in '95. It should have been taken care of then. I'm sorry that -- that that happened. God knows if I'd have researched it more, you wouldn't be sitting here today for this -- this -- this aggravation. So, uh, I'm -- you definitely have my support and I hope this council will -- will -- will go ahead and find a way to work that out for you. I had the opportunity to have a meeting with Miss Jones today. Uh, each one of you received a letter from me in regards to, uh, some work that was done at the marina.

Uh, Mrs. Jones indicated to me that, uh, she had gotten five different -- five stories that say that what I'm saying is not true. So we're -- we're -- we're going at a battle now. She's going to get me some research to show that, uh -- that I'm -- that I am wrong. And I'm -- I'm getting some research to -- to show differently. So that's where we are today. I appreciate her having the time, to take the time to, uh, meet with me. But y'all did get a copy. I'm -- I'm very much concerned about, uh, that letter. I'm also concerned about a document here that I've got that was back in 1995 -- 2005, Miss Pardo, in regards to the -- the avenues and the streets that the City supposed to take care of. And it's -- which is a -- it's four of them here. I talked to Mrs. Jones about them today.

Uh, we -- we are spreading our Public Works Department too thin. We're asking them to do too much, uh, for the money that we're paying them. And there's a copy here. I had to pay for mine. Uh, Mrs. Jones will get you guys yours. And, uh, we'll look into it. I'd appreciate if you look into it because, uh, there are only four major roads that we supposed to be taking care of here in the City. I know it looks good, but all over the country, people have been cutting back. Uh, we talk about furloughs and we talk about all the other stuff. So everybody else get their money. But the little guy, he never gets a dime. He still has to bust his butt to get everything he does. So I'm looking out for him. That's my fight, for the little guy, because I -- I've -- I've done my share and, uh, I'd appreciate it if y'all would really look into this because it's high time now that we all respect one another. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Um, next up will

be Miss Bessie Brown. Good evening, Miss Brown. You have three minutes to make your comments.

BESSIE BROWN: Good -- good evening. I'd just like to, um, address the Council today to thank them for finally submitting a resolution to codify the 2010 referendum and that the citizens -- uh, the referendum that the citizens came out and voted for and supported. I'm just asking the same citizens to stand strong and protect this vital community resource, the marina. The marina, um -- and -- and there's nowhere in this referendum does -- that -- where -- where it says there's -- that it does not -- that it -- we can't redevelop. And I -- and I -- and I really would appreciate it if I would not hear any council people make that decision, you know, make that -- that -- that comment, because our resolution -- as Miss Duncombe said, the resolution only says and states that the City should own, manage and operate, uh, Newcomb Hall, Bicentennial Park, Spanish Courts and then the marina. And -- and I -- I -- I just wanted to say that tonight and I really appreciate that it is on the agenda.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Next will be Dr. Angela Wynn. Dr. Wynn?

DR. WYNN: I'm here.

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

DR. WYNN: Yes, Mr. Co -- Chair. I, um -- let me start -- go back 'cause, uh -- change my writing. Anyway, I just wanted, um, Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, to remind the, um -- the staff and the people in our city and communities that Major Freeman, he's running for -- for Palm Beach County office, whole Palm Beach County office as sheriff. I'm asking you guys to -- to come aboard and support him. Also, um -- also with that, I'm going to say, um -- just a minute -- you know what? Let me just say this. Cedrick, please, sir, can I get a turkey?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, my God.

DR. WYNN: I asked (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Would you please finish your comments?

DR. WYNN: That's it I have to say. I was going to say more but I just don't need the time right now. But I'm still gonna ask for my turkey. Okay, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. Thank you very much for your comments, Dr. Wynn. Next will be Michael Sloser.

MICHAEL SLOSER: How do I follow an act like that?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good -- good evening, Mr. Sloser.

MICHAEL SLOSER: Good -- good evening.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You have three minutes to make your comments.

MICHAEL SLOSER: Three minutes? I can do it in two. Um, Michael Sloser, 4100 N. Ocean Drive. As everyone knows on the council, Dr. Drayton and I were appointed to co-chair the Commission on Social Justice so if you'll indulge me for a minute and a half, uh, I want to just have an update that I want people to be aware of and I learned today they weren't. Uh, when our health -- one of the six areas we were asked to consider was health care. And one of, um -- one of those led us to our chair, Mr. Tim Page, who's CEO of Kindred Hospital here in Riviera Beach. And we were contacted by a local insurance group, and through them we were starting to get affordable care under the Affordable Care Act to people in the community. There were some problems in this public/private relationship and they had to reform what they were doing. In fact, that's the name they had to take on. Um, we are -- so it's -- last couple of weeks we've signed about a hundred people already for affordable care.

But we've now stopped temporarily until it can reform. And I found out late this afternoon that a number of people have still showed up at the various places to try and apply for insurance. So I want to apologize to everybody that did that. We're getting new materials. I just got a copy, a PDF of it a little while ago. And, uh, we're going to revamp it. In the meantime if you are anxious to do it before we get started again, we will leave some forms at the City Manager's Office, and I've discussed that with Mr. Jones. And you can pick up the form. It's a one-page form. It no longer requires any information. It's not much more than what's on the website right now, um, the questionnaire that's being done. So I thank you for your patience. Thank you for your time. We want to make sure that everybody that possibly can, get health insurance -- either health insurance or Medicaid -- gets it, and we're doing our best to get it for you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Sloser.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Great.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, I just want to make sure that those -- those were -- thank everybody for their public participation tonight. I just want to make sure that everyone understands those rules, that those rules do not state that you cannot, you know, criticize or make, uh, comments about situations that you're not satisfied with. Uh, that -- by all means, that's not what we're here for. Um, I'm not going to say that we always enjoy the comments that you make. But they are -- that's what this meeting is for. We want to hear, uh, from you on those particular issues. So if there's something that you have an issue about, yes, that's -- come. You know, state it. We just want to make sure that it's done professional, um, and -- and decently. So you can, if you -- if you don't like something that, you know -- that I've done or that any member of this board has done, then you can comment on that. And if it's negative, it's just a negative comment. You just can't personally attack people. And we don't -- we don't want to impede your ability to participate in the public process at all. That's not what those rules

are. So, uh, with that being said, just govern yourselves accordingly and we'll continue to move forward. Okay. That's the end of our Public Comment. Um --

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, is this when I can comment --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: -- on -- on a couple of things that was said? I do want to comment on, um, former Fire Chief Wester's comments in reference to the fire station.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can't hear.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Point of order. Can you speak into the mike?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You can't call point of order, Miss Duncombe. Point of order's only used for us up here. Would everyone please just make a conscious effort to speak into the mike?

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I'm --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- I'm as close as possible.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: I'd like everybody to hear.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I understand. I understand.

MAYOR MASTERS: But I'll try -- try, uh, try this one.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: That's better.

MAYOR MASTERS: Is this better?

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: I just don't want to miss --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Miss Duncombe, you cannot do that.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: I'm sorry.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go ahead, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, uh, Mr. Chair. I -- I do want to comment on, um,

former Chief Wester's comments as relates to the fire station. Um, as you know, I -- I agree with him a hundred percent. Um, my opinion has not changed and will continue to champion to keep the fire station open, all fire stations open on the main boulevards, uh, of this city. As I have traveled around the county, what I have found out that most fire stations are on the streets that have direct access on the main boulevards, um, not in other areas. So certainly we will continue to -- to press that point and particularly as it relates to the fire station that he was talking about, um, next door -- well, he might have talked about the other one, as well.

But the one that's next door to, um, Barracuda Bay, I've always said from day one, um, if any fire station needs to remain -- need -- needs to be kept in that -- in any location, it is certainly that one. Um, close to -- right next door to Barracuda Bay. If a child, um, has an accident, drowns, it's right there. Kennedy School, right there. Suncoast, right there. Um, that -- um, Mary McLeod, right there.

And I -- I know -- and let me just conclude, uh, I know that we were -- that fire station, if it moves, um, further south, it will still be within five minutes of whatever -- they say still within the standard time period. But to me what's more important is not whether it's in that certain time period. It's who can get there first, who can get there the fastest. If it's across the street from the school, obviously it's right there in the north end. Obviously if you're -- if you're midway you can get there closer to Monroe Heights. Then you would be faster -- then it -- it'd be further south. So I will continue to rally and to ask this City, Please keep all of our fire stations, uh, open where they are. It's in the best interest of the City. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Item 16?

REGULAR

13. RESOLUTION NO. __ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A SENIOR ROOF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A FUNDING SOURCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. I don't have any comment cards. Anything from the board?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh, yes, sir. I have --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. I have some questions. My first question is who is going to monitor this program?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Mary McKinney, Director of Community Development. The staff of the Community Development Department will ultimately monitor the program.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. And in the document it states that 20 percent will go toward an administrative fee? Who collects that administrative fee?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Well, the fee that's in the, um, program would be for the City to hire a consulting group to assist with the applications and management of the program, similar to what we do with the DRI applications.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Okay. So for each applicant, they -- all right. If we award \$25,000 to a senior, then the person administering the program will receive \$5,000?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes. Twenty -- well, it will be 20 percent.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. Twenty percent.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Um, they would only receive up to \$25,000. It's not an automatic. We evaluate the property, see what the condition of the roof is, what other things needed to be addressed, such as whether there's termites. And if the roof needs to be totally replaced, we would probably have to relocate the applicant to somewhere else while the roof is being redone.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So that --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: So that'll include those costs, too, and anything over the \$25,000, the expected \$25,000, would have to come to city council for approval.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And how much do we have in this program? In this fund?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: We're -- this --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I know we're allocating \$200,000, and then \$100,000 for the demolition, um, project, right? That's coming out of the same fund?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes. Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So how much will be left in that fund?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: I think there was --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Do you know?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: -- \$330,000 total in there.

But I'm --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So after these two things we'll be left with \$20,000?

CITY MANAGER JONES: At the most.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: At the most.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: I believe so.

CITY MANAGER JONES: At the most.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So is there a reason why we're saying we will do, you know, \$200,000? Can we maybe, you know, start the program off at 50, \$75,000? See how it works? Instead of just going out allocating all of this money and not knowing, you know, who's going to administer it, will it be Guardian, you know, who's doing the DRI program?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: We -- we -- we would have to select someone but the amount of money that the council wants to allocate it is up to the council.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. So -- all right. So I'm just asking, is there a reason why we want to do 200,000 or can we start with 75,000 and see what happens? And if it is successful, then come back and maybe allocate additional funds. Maybe reach out to the County to see if they have a program that, you know, can assist us, instead of just raiding the funds. Once we -- you know, once we take the money out, then that's it. There's -- there'll be less than \$20,000 in it. We have no idea, you know, where additional money will come to replenish that fund.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: I will tell you that we have spoken to the County many times about roof assistance, and they have no funds available for it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh. All right. Well, I would like to see --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- you know, going 50, 75,000 to start instead of just the 200,000 and then being left with nothing in the fund.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, the council -- we did discuss when we originally received the money what we were going to do with it. And this was one of the items that we decided, um, to use the money for. As I recall, it was because we do have many senior residents calling the City for roof assistance. And when we received the money from the Ocean Mall, some felt that this was an

opportunity now to help those who -- who could not help themselves. FDOT, I'm sorry.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's who we got the money from. And in that we do have a lot of rainy seasons, um, I think that it's a good time -- the amount that we start with, I'm really not particular. I would have hoped that we can start with more because there are a lot of senior citizens that are in desperate need. Some still have the blue covers over their roofs. They're on fixed income. And I was -- this is an opportunity that the City can lend some assistance. But whatever the council decides. Um, like my grandmomma used to say, "(Inaudible) is better than (inaudible)." So whatever it is, I would hope that we would allocate something to help our seniors. We do have the funds. We're in a position now to try to give back something to those who -- who've been giving to our city for years. So whatever the council decides, I would hope that it would be at least \$100,000, um, because if we run into a home who may need a \$25,000 job, that is going to wipe out a lot of it. So, um, whatever the council decide, I would hope it's something.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I, uh -- I'll be coming to you in just a second, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- this -- this wasn't the -- in my opinion, the greatest, uh, process that I thought. I thought that it would be more equitable if we divided it by districts to make sure that we were able to cover more area. Um, depending on, you know, what type of structure you have. Some roofs can cost you \$5,000 to replace a whole roof. Some roofs can cost you \$25,000. And -- and as you say, if there's any truss damage or anything like that, it could be more. I just don't want this to -- I -- I want it to -- to go as far as it can. I want as many people as -- as we can to be able to, um, assist with this. So, um, although I -- I like the program, I'm -- I'm just not sure if I -- if I like the way that it's going to be administered. Uh, Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, I would like to ask the board as we move further, is there a time frame we're looking, um, to to continue this as an ongoing annual program or just -- just until the funds run out?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, I would --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: That's something I was --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I would think that it's because these are one-time funds.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And they don't come from a recurring source, the only way that we would be able to continue this program is to have an allocation during the budget process. And I'm -- I'm not sure if that's something that we've all discussed as a board.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But that's -- that's going to be the only way you're able to -- you know, to do it at this point.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. Um, what I was looking at is I see there's some fees. Let's say there's some reallocation fees if -- if a resident needs to move out their house for, let's say, two or three days because the roof is gonna -- we're looking at taking on those costs, correct?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Are there some things in place that we can put -- staff can look at, to where if that person fixed the roof and the very next day they sell it? This --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Well, there -- there's a five -- all right. There's a covenant that they have for five years --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: -- on it. So they -- if they did that, then we would retrieve the covenant.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: How would we know they're selling the -- how would we know they're selling the property?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Well, we -- we would record the covenant. We would record the covenant in the record, county records.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's in the --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And they'll -- they advise us.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: So they wouldn't have a clear title.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So it shows up in the title.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Oh, so it shows up?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: And so who would be watching for that?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Title companies when they do transactions.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: They look at all the records and that's when anything that's recorded in the County records on a piece of property --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Well, who would notify the City?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Probably the title company or the property owner.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second. Let me take the, uh -- the -- the Mayor.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't hear --

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Miss McKinney, good evening.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: How are you? A couple of questions. Um, I was kind of looking down the, uh -- to my left to my fellow colleagues. And I think I am the senior citizen up here as far as the elected. So I definitely want to, uh, be an advocate for my fellow seniors. So let me -- let me ask you, uh, Miss -- Miss Pardo, you're not quite there yet. You're almost there. But, uh, what is the age limit?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Um, the age limit --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You're done, Mayor. You're done.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Oh, I'm sorry.

MAYOR MASTERS: The age. What -- what are we -- minimum?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: (Inaudible) 'cause that's my age (inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: I want it to state -- state it for the record.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: It's 66 years of age.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Sixty-six.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just want you to state it for the record. One, uh, is there any reason why it is set at 66?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Well, when we were addressing the maximum age, we looked at what's the normal retirement age currently in a Social Security recommendation, and I think theirs is 67, 68 to 70. So we said 66 would be reasonable.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. My other concern would be the promotion, uh, of the program. Um, obviously everyone, particularly some seniors, may not have Comcast Cable 18.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: May not get the news -- our newsletter. So I'm very concerned about something almost pretty similar to what the Chair said, is that to make sure the program is fair. Um, I wouldn't want -- I mean, for me it's -- it's everybody. It's not just one; it's for all. And, uh, I want to make sure that everyone that -- that qualifies would have an opportunity to -- to benefit from it. But that -- therefore, they would have to know about it.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just hope and pray that we find a way to inform the seniors that would -- in that age group.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: Because if we do it for one, we need to do it for others, um, and to qualify. Now, having said that, do we have -- and I'm not for sure if you know this, but the, um, Madam Manager may know. Do we have a senior database that starts at that age, Madam Manager?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We don't have established a senior database. What we have looked at are the agencies that do outreach in our area to our seniors, as well as the services provided at Lindsey Davis in order to be able to get the information out. And I'm sure each of you in your district will also assist us in that. But no set senior database.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Thank you, uh, Miss McKinney. I support it a hundred percent.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So I think we're all hearing that the council in one form or another is supportive of this project. But I would suggest that we bring it back, maybe at the next meeting or the following meeting, so each councilperson can give staff input. And then they can bring back a better, you know -- a -- a better project.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'd like -- Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I don't have any problem with that. Um, I -- I would hope that the council members that do have input, um, give that to staff in time so that they can prepare the agenda document for the next meeting. Um, but certainly I would encourage, um, the rest of my colleagues' input. As it relates to, um, every senior citizen being a part of this program, to be realistic, we have limited funds and it'll be on first-come/first-serve basis. And it can only be until the funds run out. So I don't want to give everybody hope that everyone out there would be able to participate. But we do want as many as we can to benefit from what we have. But I don't want to give them false hope that everybody may -- may take part because the funds are limited (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Excuse me one second. I'm very sorry, but who -- whoever has the young infant, would you just please, um, step outside until you're able to calm the child? We -- we do have to be able to hear what's going on. Um, are you done, Mr. --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. Yes, I'm done. But I -- I encourage, um, my colleagues just to give their input in enough time so that we can bring it back. I have had senior citizens calling me -- I guess they saw one of our previous meetings -- um, wanting to know when this program would be up and running. So there are those actually waiting for it to be, um, actually implemented.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, there's a motion on the floor. Is there an amendment to the motion?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Could -- could I ask one thing, please?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on. Go ahead, Miss McKinney.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Um, this is, um -- next

week is Thanksgiving, which, happy Thanksgiving. But the packet goes out next week for the meeting on the 4th. So if you have comments and -- because we would need to do it this week because there will be a lot of people are going to be gone next week. So if you have --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: -- comments, if you can get them to us this week, it would be much appreciated so we could get it done by the end of day Friday.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. Can I make a, um -- an amendment to that motion?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: At any time.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I would like to make a motion for the council to give their comments to staff within the next 30 days and then have staff bring this item back.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. You're -- you're making a motion. There's already a motion on the table. Do you want to amend the motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Yes. I'm amending the motion with what I just said.

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

CITY CLERK WARD: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton, is -- are you --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Just some clarification. If the comments are not coming back until 30 days at max, then the program not gonna -- we're not gonna revisit this until --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: January.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- a month and a half or so or --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second week, December.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: It'll be at least January.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Or the second meeting -- or the second meeting in December? You know, I -- personally, I can't commit that, you know, by the end of the week I'm going to be able to give you all of my comments.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Understood.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You know, I'm just being realistic.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: If not the meeting for the 4th, can we do it --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: The second in December.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- the second meeting. So -- so within the next week or so, could you get your comments --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Next couple of weeks --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's fine.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: -- would be okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. This is an awful long motion.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I just need to --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. No, there was just some clarity.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, I -- I now --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second. Is -- does the maker of the motion accept the amendment?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I accept the amendment for two weeks.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The -- the --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Comments.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- second -- Mr. Guyton, do you accept the amendment to the motion that was stated by Miss Pardo?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Not for 30 days. I do not. For two weeks.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Is there a second for that -- is there a second for that particular motion?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes. That's -- and that's for the second meeting in

December, correct?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No. Then we have to dispose of the first motion. We have to dispose of the first motion. If the maker of the original motion does not accept the amendment, then we have to dispose of this particular motion.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Well, I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. If there's no questions or concerns or unreadiness for the motion that is printed in the agenda, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: No.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No.

CITY CLERK WARD: We have no motion.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm -- I'm just --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CITY CLERK WARD: No motion.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Maybe you can (inaudible) --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Wow.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So this item didn't pass?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, it didn't.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So I would like --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: He voted against his own motion.

CITY CLERK WARD: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- okay. And I'm on the prevailing side.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No. It doesn't matter the motion fails. You can start a new motion if you want.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay, fine.

CITY CLERK WARD: Fails.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's what she's doing.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I got it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I would like, um -- Mr. Chair, I would like to bring item -- the Senior Roof Assistance program back to the City Council at the second meeting in December.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

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

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. 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 Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Great.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're going to move to item 14.

14. RESOLUTION NO. __ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROPRIATING FUND BALANCE IN THE HOUSING TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES DEEMED TO BE UNSAFE WITHIN THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Item 14. There are no comment cards for this item.

CITY CLERK WARD: No.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Anything from the board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

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 Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item 15.

15. RESOLUTION NO. __ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE NEGOTIATION OF A SALES AGREEMENT WITH LIFE SPAN OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC., FOR THE SALE OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1400 NORTH CONGRESS AVENUE, RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$707,625; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. We have a couple of comment cards here. Um, Miss -- Miss Mitchell and Mr. James, I'm going to hold your comment cards because there may be some discussion, um, within this motion. Is that okay with the two of you? Thank you. Um, so up first we'll have Margaret Shepherd. Good evening, Miss Shepherd. You have three minutes to make your comments.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: Good evening, Mr. Chair. My name's Margaret Shepherd, and I am a resident of Riviera Beach. Um, with this agreement I hope that the City would move, um, expediently. Miss Mitchell has been in this particular location for a while and I know that she is really, um, looking to move. That particular building with the children that's housed over there, it's a very wonderful building. I think she's doing a great job. I do hope this City will really take this up under consideration and move this project forward. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Um, next will be Terri Rose. Good evening, Miss Rose. You have three minutes to make your comments.

TERRI ROSE: Good evening. My name is Terri Rose, Terri Cunningham-Rose. I'm a resident of the City of Riviera Beach, 313 Canterbury Drive W., Riviera. I'm here to support Life Span. I am a board member and I would like to see, um, this happen for the school. I think it's really needed and it's necessary. So thank you for giving me a moment to come up and speak.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Miss Rose. Um, okay. Um, Mr. James and Miss Mitchell, you can just be on standby in case we have any questions. Um, I'm going to start off, um, with just a couple of questions. Uh, the first question is -- and -- and maybe this is to Miss Ryan and the Manager. The first question is the appraisal of this -- this property. What is it? Do you have that information, Miss Jones?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: It was in our backup.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I understand but not everybody has the backup.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Per -- Danny Jones, Deputy City Manager. Per policy, we had two appraisals performed on the property. The first appraisal was for \$845,000. The second appraisal was for \$820,000 by a separate company.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So to this follow-up question, this property is being offered to be purchased for -- was it 707?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Why is it so far up under appraised value?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Per the policy, the property could be sold at 85

percent of the appraised value, which is about \$707,625. 707,625.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It -- okay. So it can be sold for that?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Why are we automatically taking the 85? Why didn't we do 90 or why didn't we do -- how did you come up with that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We negotiated. This was her offer to us.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: That was her counteroffer to us.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's her offer to us to buy it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And staff is recommending.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And what -- this is what staff is recommending, correct?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We're asking to sit and negotiate.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Sit down and negotiate now on their offer.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I -- the negotiations probably should have taken place prior to it coming here when I'm seeing it as a resolution.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. We didn't --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: We're only --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- have authorization to negotiate from the council. And so she has submitted her offer and we would like to sit and negotiate with her.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, then this may -- this may not take long at all for me. My, uh, next question would be, um, can we do this? This is a City-owned property and let me first state that I'm in support of it. But I want to make sure that we can do this legally. I understand that she's been there for several years. I understand that she's built it to what it was and we definitely don't want to penalize her for that. But I want to make sure that we're able just to say if a person offers money on a City-owned property, do we have to -- do we have to go through a process or can we just, uh, take this because she's been there for the past two decades or close to it?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Want me to answer it?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Either one. I just want to make sure that's --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Chair? Mr. Chair? The City adopted a policy on the sale of property that is owned by the City. And staff used that policy when it came up with this amount. Um, the 85 percent number is the number that was in the policy. Of course, you can go higher than that. It's your policy. Um, it doesn't have to be that amount. But you wanted to have something set in place so that when people came to ask about purchasing City's property, that they would know exactly what the -- the -- the threshold amount is. Do you have the -- can I have it?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm -- I'm speaking. You can get one of those if you'd like.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay, great.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm going to hold on to this one.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm actually speaking of do -- is there any process like a bid process, an RFP, an RFQ anything like that or --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Uh-huh. Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- can we just take this?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Under this policy you do not have to go through the, uh -- a different process. As it states in number three that, "The City Manager, uh, prior to the commencement of formal negotiations for the sale, exchange or donation of City-owned property, a written request from a person or entity requesting the property shall first be presented to the City Manager by the requesting party and the City Manager shall --" number three. And the City Manager already did number one and number two. We got a letter from, um, Miss Mitchell on behalf of Life Span.

Uh, the City went through the process of having the two appraisals -- appraisals done. And it says here that, "The City -- the City Manager has to present to the City Council a recommendation for the method of disposition, which may include one of the following. Authorizing formal negotiations for a final sale amount or exchange of property with the requesting party." And that's what the City Manager has, uh -- has done with this. Um, or, uh, the City -- the -- the Manager could recommend that you go out for a request -- a competitive request for proposals. And it depends on what the property is. That's why we have these different mechanisms in here. "Authorizing disposition by auction." For example, we own a bunch of little parcels and they will be going out to auction soon. The City Council authorized that so those will not be coming back to the Council.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Ryan, I just want to make sure that we're not --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- picking and choosing. As I've stated --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You're not picking and choosing under your policy, but you do not have to do this process if you don't choose to.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I just want to make sure there's some clarity, because just as sure as this is done -- and I'm hoping that it will be done -- there are going to be other properties that people are going to want to purchase from the City. And this is not really a Life Span issue as much as it is a process and procedure issue. Um, just stating if this is -- if this is owned and leased by this particular, um, company, and someone else says, Hey, listen. I -- I want to buy it. If you're going to sell it, I want to buy it, can we and are we legally okay to say, We're not going to take any other offers. We're not going to shop this. We just want to sell it to this person. Can we do that legally and that will make me comfortable. As I said --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I want to do this.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But I just want to make sure that we're not, you know, creating, um --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- an -- an issue here.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: A -- a precedent. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: A precedent. Setting a precedent by doing this.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Because we have several properties that we rent.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: You -- you can legally do this, yes. We would not have --

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

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second, Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We would not have brought it to you if you could not legally do it. You don't have to do it if you -- that's why one of the mechanisms is issuing a competitive request for proposals from interested parties. If the City Council so desired, it could direct staff to put it out there, to -- to -- to see if there are other interested parties, to see how much money, um, we could get. I mean, she's offering to pay the 707, which I believe was the City's amount. It was the 85 -- the two appraisals averaged and 85 percent of that number, um, is how we got to the 707 number. But if

you wanted to get more -- more money than that, then you could certainly put it out.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's -- it's really not about the money. I just want to make sure -- we the Maritime Academy leases space. We have --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: This is not a lease. This is a purchase.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm saying but --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- we lease other space.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: She's been leasing this. Or the company's been leasing this.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I just want to make sure that if they come up and say, Hey, listen, you just sold this property. We want to -- we want to purchase this property, as well, we haven't set precedent. And that's what I want to make sure.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I see.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: She's been there 20 years. The company has been there 20 years.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I think it would be a travesty if she's not allowed to purchase it with all -- if the company's not allowed to purchase it with all -- hold -- hold -- hold -- hold on one -- hold on one second 'cause we -- we're trying to do business here. I -- I think -- I think it would be a travesty with all that's been put in by the company that they're not allowed to do it. But I don't want tomorrow somebody to come up and say, We're -- we're -- we're renting -- we're leasing this. We want to buy it. You just sold to another, uh, company that was leasing it. If you don't sell this to us, we're going to see you at the courthouse steps. So that's all I want to make sure of. That's -- that's all I want to make sure of. And are you assuring us that we're not setting precedence by doing this without going out to RFP, without any other type of process?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. You're not --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I need -- I -- oh, you're in that mike? Okay. I just want to make sure that we can hear you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: My -- I don't know which mike I'm supposed to be --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go ahead. Whichever one works. Talk in both of them if you --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I'll talk -- I'll talk in both.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- need to.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, you're certainly not going to stop someone from coming up and making that statement to you because you are actually doing this. But you've done it before. Um --

MAYOR MASTERS: So it's not a precedent.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- so -- but it's not a technical precedent in that you would be required to do it for Maritime Academy or for anyone else because you're doing it for her.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: For -- I'm sorry, for the organization.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And prior to this, has anybody else asked to purchase that particular property? Have -- do we have any other correspondence or anything prior to this meeting asking to purchase that property?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Not that we're aware of. I'm not --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Not to my knowledge, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'm -- I'm good. Board members, anything from the board?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. I have a --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- I have something. Okay. The resolution is not clear. Your resolution summary asks for authorization to negotiate the sales agreement. And then you go -- if you go down several whereas, then it says, "Whereas staff recommends a sale price of 707,625 for said property which represents 85 percent of the average --"

CITY MANAGER JONES: Of the two.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: "-- of the market values as determined by the two."

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. So you're asking us to negotiate, yet -- and then you're turning around and telling us, you know, We're recommending to you that you take the 707,000. So what are you negotiating?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: What are you negotiating?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- I'll -- I'll let, um, Miss Jones answer that. But I will say this, that she has -- Life Span does not currently have the financing so that's one of the issues. Um, it's not just money. It's also going to be, uh, the terms understanding any financial arrangements, finance arrangements that they might want to bring back to the City.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But -- but you're already --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on one second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- saying here you're accepting the 707,000 and --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We want you to tell us that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- you're --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes. That's what the resolution says.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, you're recommending. Staff is recommending that. You know, in your whereas, you're recommending it, but in your summary you're asking us to sit down and negotiate. So, you know, what do you do?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: It was a -- it was the 85 percent of the appraised value is the amount --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I understand that.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: -- that at minimum the City could accept. And we advised the owner that we would bring forth that amount that she counter-offered to the City for. The initial offer was for \$400,000.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right. I read the backup. So you --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- are recommending to us that we accept the \$85,000 --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: The 707 --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- the 85 percent --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- without even asking for additional? The 400,000, you couldn't accept per our policy. So --

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: No, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- the 400 grand was off the table.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. So I'm just asking. My other thing is, um -- my other point is, um, are we going to rezone this property? Because the land use -- our land use plan has it as single family, but I believe it's zoned RM-15 right now, multi-family. What's the deal with that?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: There shouldn't be a case --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Wait a minute. Hold on one second.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: We -- we would have to correct that. That's something we would have to investigate but if -- if it's -- if that is the zoning, we would have to --

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

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Well, read your appraisal. The appraisal by Holden, it's in there.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And they outline all of that. So you know, that's another issue.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- it --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: If someone is going to buy this for single family, I would think the property is going to be, you know, worth more. Your Holden -- or I believe that's the name of the company -- you know, his appraisal is appraising this as a day care center. And the comps that he gives you are comps with other day care centers.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: Day care centers.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So you know, I think that's something we also need to think about. Will -- you know, if it's going -- if we're going to accept this as a day care center, it should be zoned that.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: We --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay, Miss Pardo. Hold on one second. Do we have a special exception that they're under right now to be operating as a day care center?

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: Um, I would have -- I want to check what exact their approval was but we don't allow day care operations like this in single family. However, what I think happened was historically that the City, before anybody's time here, approved that facility to be there and that was the -- the zoning then. And then they just were there and that was --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Well, can --

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: -- left.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- if -- if -- if this was appraised as a day care center, is -- is it a difference if it was -- if it's appraised as land for single-family homes? Is there a difference in what the price of the land would be?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: The appraisal -- the directions to the two companies providing the appraisals were for highest and best use. They had to take into account that the current use was a day care center, also. But the appraisal request was for highest and best use.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: If this was appraised for what it was zoned as, would that -
- would that cost be higher?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: That's unknown to me at this time, sir. I'd have to do some research and come back.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I -- I support this but I don't think it's ready right now.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I do, too.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I support it but I don't think it's ready.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, this is, um, an item that I fully support. When the appraisal is done, um, it's done on use, not necessarily the zoning. Miss, um -- Mrs. McKinney is going to verify -- I don't need you -- verify the zoning but when they get their marching orders to -- to appraise it at the highest and best use, they are appraising its as -- at the highest amount that we can get. Um, and

this is something that I feel, um, has been long overdue. This day care center has been in our community for over 20 years. They have provided significant services to our residents --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Please, I'm -- I don't --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I really need everyone to -- this is a business meeting. I really need you all to let us conduct business, please. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And -- and -- and -- and -- and I'm not saying this to get accolades. I'm saying this because this is how I truly feel. Um, we need these type of businesses in our community. This business has a track record, not of one year, two years, three years. Over 20 years. So it is my hope that we would give that consideration because they have not only proven themselves, they have made significant building improvements to the property indicating that they are there to stay, homestead. They're not in and out. They're -- now they're saying, We want to get on the tax rolls now. When it becomes private property, now in addition, we will start receiving -- in addition to what we sell it for, they also pay us taxes every year now. So it is my hope that whatever semantics need to be worked out -- it has been here for 20 years.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- that we don't hold this up unnecessarily. Um, because while they're doing the -- the negotiations, they can also go back and research whatever you want to research and they can bring everything back at one time.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So I would hope that we don't go back and forth and just make this as --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- expedient as we possibly can so that we can keep a good business in our community.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I think --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- hold on one second.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm -- hold on one second. I think that we all are in agreement with this but --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It's a business.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I'm not going to -- to not do it right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You know, it's going to be done right from this point on. Nobody wants to run the business out. We all are in support of this as it seems right now. I'm going to let, uh, the Mayor go and then Mr. James and Miss Mitchell, you can definitely come up. Be prepared to, uh -- to speak. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Madam Manager, a couple questions. Um, have we -- have we ever given or donated a -- any of our properties without cost?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The answer to that would be yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. Before -- at one point I think you did -- the City has donated or given property.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Well, you know, I'm just going to say what I feel. No one has to agree with me and probably no one will. But, um, certainly 20 years is worth something. Twenty years of service, 20 years of value, 20 years of bringing the property up, 20 years of contributing to the quality of this community. And as far as the zoning issue, that doesn't bother me because right around the corner, there's a -- a church and there's single dwellings right in front of the church. So, you know, that -- we could digress from that. But my follow-up question I'm -- I'm sure that no one is going to ever -- going to agree to just donate the whole thing in lieu of -- in light of the 20 -- of the 20 years and what they have done. But let me ask you this. With the amount of 707,000, um, is it possible to, uh, give credit for what they have done to nothing, which was a barren --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- which was nothing and made something. Went from nothing to something. Went from despair to hope. Um, is it possible to give credit for what they have done and deduct that, whatever amount that is -- if it's half, if it's -- whatever it may be -- is that possible to deduct that from the 700,000 and give them credit for what they have given and done to the -- to the -- to the --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, actually, Mr. Mayor --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- I'm ask --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- it's -- it's -- Mr. Mayor, yes, that can be done if we decide it as a board. But if -- if this is the way that this conversation is going to go, then we need to make sure that if you want to negotiate it like this, that everything is negotiated. So Mr. -- Mr. Jones, would you please come back.

MAYOR MASTERS: But wait.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Over the past 20 -- I'll come back to you.

MAYOR MASTERS: I was talking to -- to -- to the Manager.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'll come back to you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Over the past 20 years, as our Mayor has just stated, how much money has this business paid over the past 20 years in lease amounts?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: The initial lease was signed in 1995 for \$1 a year.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So for the past 20 years they've paid \$20?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: A dollar per year, yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Did we charge them any amount of money from their -- their registrations or what they were -- they were making? Did we get any revenue from that or have they just had the property for a dollar a year?

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES: They've had the property for a dollar a year.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No problem. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, thank you. Now, Miss -- Madam Chair -- Madam Manager, I'm sorry. I don't want to make that mistake tonight. Um, Miss Manager, we -- have we done that before? I know the Chair answered but I need you to answer that for the record.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Have we --

MAYOR MASTERS: Have we given credit -- we have a sale here. Have we given credit -- I understand it was a dollar but, um -- but if you set that aside, the fact that they've done so much and this property has been a value, have we ever given credit for what they have done in as much as they're gonna want to buy it now? Because we weren't --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

MAYOR MASTERS: Excuse me.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I need everyone --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- we weren't making --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- to please be quiet. I need everyone to please be quiet.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- anything off of it anyway. It probably was an abandoned property but, you know, that's a whole 'nother issue. But my question again is, have we ever taken into consideration -- 'cause I'm sure the dollar amount wasn't taken into consideration in this amount -- with this amount, have we given -- with this amount, have we given any consideration to the fact that, uh, could it be possible that we can, um, donate money or subtract something from some of this to equate to what they have contributed wholesomely to our City?

CITY MANAGER JONES: The organization has had a copy of our approved procedure. And because you have an established procedure that does not address taking into consideration the improvements that they've made, you could do it but I would caution you about going against your established policy and procedure.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I just want to know had it been done and would -- like the Chair had said, a precedent. But I certainly would like to see some kind of consideration given other than the amount that we have. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you, sir. Um, I do agree with all my colleagues, that we all do want to see this happen. I do respect the process. But let's think about this here. Um, it should have come to us correct. But I look at this community and not too many businesses provide the training that this particular company provide. They have a payroll over \$400,000. Those residents, about 80 to 85 percent of them live in Riviera Beach. And those dollars recycle within our community. So if you look at each year in/year out for the next 10 years, this community's going to win from a financial standpoint, putting people to work and putting us in the right position. Um, I believe in doing right by the people. Now, there's some mistakes that I see that have been made that I see that this board -- and our attorney assured us that we can make these corrections. I support, um, Councilperson Guyton and the Mayor as supporting this particular issue and making the necessary corrections, because, uh, Life Span has been great to Riviera Beach. The children, the -- the parents and those that come from outside the community to work for her. They -- they deal with passion. And they really care about our children. I've walked that facility. I look at how safe it is, the upgrades that she's made. And yes, it's a dollar a year per 20 years. And she had the money to do it. And she reinvested into our children and put them in a very safe, healthy environment. She feeds them well. I seen times where those parents don't have the funding to pay her what she need and she go and taps into the budget to make sure

that they get the things they need, clothes, food. She picks them up. And we need more of, um, businesses to be this, uh, welcoming and loving to our community. But, um, I'm not going to continue to move forward but I do agree with Councilperson Guyton and our Mayor. That'll be all.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Is there any, um, one else? All right. I just want to make sure --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. I just want to say something. You know, Mr. Guyton had made a comment. And like the rest of my colleagues said, I think we're all in favor of this. But it is the process. And I -- you know, the -- this is a business for Miss Mitchell. Okay? And we're dealing with taxpayer dollars. So you know, she wants the best deal possible and I want to make sure that our taxpayers get the best deal possible. And you know, that's why I'm questioning everything.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, I just want to make sure that I put it out. I'm in support of it. But I'm not in support of donating it. I'm not in support of anything like that. It is a business decision. I do feel that she should get the first right of refusal and have the opportunity to purchase it since she's been there for 20 years.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I understand that. But it is a business. And when you choose to want to negotiate to business like this, then everything should be open for the public to examine. This is not just this member -- this five-member board along with the Mayor's property. This is the City. They furloughed. The water bills are high. All these things contribute to -- to -- to, you know -- to this. So when you say we ought to just, you know, not do -- not charge for this property, I don't think that that's the way that we want to go. I -- I did say I will hold your card so I'll give you some comments now, the both of you, if you like, Mr. James.

KEITH JAMES: Thank you very much, uh, Mr. Chair. My name is Keith James, a resident of West Palm Beach, but law counsel to -- to Life Span. And I'd like to address your last point first, which is we're not asking for you to give us anything. We have come. We have negotiated in good faith. We feel that we have complied with the policy as has outlined to us by your City Attorney and by your City Manager. And all we're asking you to do today is to authorize them to continue the negotiation process with us.

This is not saying you approve the deal. As I understand the resolution -- and as you all know, I sit on the dais in -- in West Palm Beach so I've gotta be very careful and I understand your position here. But as I understand the resolution, all we're asking, all -- all your staff is asking you to do is for authority to negotiate the sale. Um, having said that, uh, one of the considerations that we hope that will be taken into account with the negotiation -- not necessarily tonight because I do want to emphasize my client has

been a tremendous corporate citizen for the City of Riviera Beach for -- for 20 years. She has personally invested over \$600,000 in improvements to that property.

But again, we're not here to talk about that tonight. I just make that point to say that she's been a tremendous corporate citizen. So when you're looking at value to the community, there's more than just dollars and cents. You've got a 20-year business that has served this community, that has served families for 20 years. And that should not be ignored as you're considering how we should proceed. But we're not asking for handouts. All right?

We have made the offer. In fact, we've accepted the City's counteroffer, which, as I understand it, the City calculated based upon your policy. So we're not asking for any favors. We're not asking for any handouts. All we want is the opportunity to purchase this property. And I believe the resolution is simply saying giving your staff the opportunity to sit down with us and negotiate. That is important because we've got to line up our financing. So until we get the financing lined up, which means we've -- I will have to cross the T's and dot the I's on the sales agreement, we can't go to our financier with a certain deal.

So we need to take that step in order for us to finalize the financing, and then we can come back to you with an approved contract. So that's -- and now I believe the process itself is being followed. And I believe that all we're asking is for the opportunity to negotiate further the purchase and sale agreement.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Is this -- and this is for staff. Is this a negotiation or is this what the resolution is saying, that we accept this 707,000 for Miss, uh, Mitchell or the business to go and get financing. So is this a negotiation or is it saying, Okay, we're accepting it? 'Cause the resolution is saying we're accepting that price. So I want to know what -- what further do we have to negotiate?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We need to sit down with, um, the company and it is negotiation. Um, we needed to hear from respective members of Council before we went to the table. Some of that concern we've heard tonight, because that's why it's still negotiations as it relates to that. That's a typo. It should have said that they have offered 707. But not that we're recommending that they -- for 707.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's what they've offered.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's, um -- if there's no further questions?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, Mr. Chair?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let me take Miss Ryan first, Mr. Guyton. I'll come right to you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: The policy says that, um, the value of the property should be based upon the average price between the two appraisals obtained by the City and the sale or exchange price shall not be less than 85 percent of the average of the two appraisals. That is not the top number. If the Council wants us to negotiate the amount further, all you have to do is say so. That is the amount that we brought to you. If you wanted to accept that amount, we will continue the negotiations from that standpoint. Um, you -- there is the financing issues that are on the table. There is the issue of the --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Zoning.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- the -- the use of the property. Staff has already, uh, thought about the fact that we're giving them, um -- it really is a discount. I don't think anybody would argue that this is not a discount from the appraisals. So, um, staff had in mind putting some restrictions on it to avoid what Miss Pardo raised on the issue of, um, Life Span flipping the property for a commercial use because of the land, uh -- the - - the zoning and the land use. So, uh, that's -- that's what staff had in mind. But if the council does not want that amount, you do not -- you can sell it for a million dollars. You could sell it for two million if you wanted to. But that is the -- the staff just followed the policy as approved by the council. So I -- I really wanted to make that clear to you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Uh, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. Uh, Mr. Chair, I was the one to make the motion as it was presented to us from staff. But I've been around the block a few times and -- and I see that some of my colleagues may be a little uncomfortable with the wording the -- where it is. So I want to step back and ask my colleagues, uh, what would make them comfortable. All we're doing now is asking or giving staff direction to continue negotiation. Uh --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, for me the resolution needs to state that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. That's fine. I -- I -- I just need to know what would make my colleagues comfortable. That is what my motion is going to be, as long as it's not to deny it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, you've heard -- you've heard what mine is and I may need to be doing some --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Miss Pardo? 'Cause I'm willing to amend my motion to keep this process moving.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. -- Mr. Guyton, I'm gonna -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm gonna go maid and go down the line. Let me handle it. Anything that you, Miss -- Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes. I would like the resolution -- I would like that, you know, either amend that "whereas, whereas staff recommends a sale price of 707,625."

So instead of "staff recommends," you know, staff, you know, change that.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Can I propose some wording?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Please do, ma'am.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And you're -- we are talking about -- for those of us that have a copy of this, we're talking about the sixth "whereas." And I would suggest we write it, "Whereas Life Span has offered a sale price of 707," then, yeah --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. And --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's not technically -- that's --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- I -- what?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- that's not technically correct. That was our counteroffer to them. Life Span offered a lower amount, a much lower amount.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But didn't we tell them they had to come up to the -- to the --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, but see --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct.

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

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: See, this -- this is an issue here. Because that means you've already negotiated. If they offered something and then we counter-offered, the negotiations has already started. You know? This is not right to do it this way.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's staff. That's staff.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I get it. But you're asking us in this resolution for you to say. We just want you to approve this so we can continue to do what we've already been doing.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We really didn't. And I have to disagree with our lawyer.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We -- she -- we got an offer. We sent them our policy. Once they read the policy, they knew that they had to come up, 'cause it was quite a bit less than 85 percent.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So they withdrew their offer and then gave a -- another offer?

CITY MANAGER JONES: So we actually told them they had to pay 85 -- 700 -- I don't remember doing it.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible) I know.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I don't think it's ready right now. And if we need to -- to do this at this point, I'm not comfortable with it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Me, either.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I want the business to be there. I want you to be able to do it but this is not ready. And I refuse to push something through that's not been properly, on both sides. On Life Span's side, as well as the City's side. You know? So I don't think it's ready.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: What is the motion?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The -- the motion's still on the floor. We're still up under the, uh -- the -- the motion.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The original motion.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, and I understand you're not ready. But would it not be, um -- would you oppose them continuing to negotiate with your comments, Miss Pardo comments included, so that this process can continue? I mean, everything that you said is on record. They're not going back to say that we agreed to the deal. They're going back to say you have heard my boss's comments. Now this is what we have to start with now.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: For me that would be a yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. That would be my motion.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Strike that. Strike that "whereas."

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's been properly moved and second with the negotiations, not what's printed inside of this resolution but what we've discussed is

what the motion is, correct?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And you have all of my comments.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And all that we --

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

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- our minutes are verbatim, right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions, concerns on the amended motion?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I just have one quick question, clarification.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: The price; the 707 -- the 7,625 [sic], that is -- that doesn't change; is that correct?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's not the truth.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That's not correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's not correct. It's a -- it's a -- it's a negotiation.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Negotiation.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It may or may not be.

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh. Well, that price is set for me. Okay. I -- I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry. We didn't -- could you please put your comments -- 'cause that's what we're going to be -- the -- discussing.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- my -- my comment, I'm -- I'm in favor of what -- what that price is in resolution number 15. I'm also 100 percent in accord what Attorney James, uh, stated on the record. Um, and as far as a handout, I don't think anyone is -- is seeking or asking for handout but definitely a hand up. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So noted. Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

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 Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: That vote approved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, we're going to go to Public Comment at this time. We're done. If -- if you all want to be excused, you're more than welcome to while we get ready for Public Comment. We'll give you a minute. Okay. Before Public Comment -- we're running a little late on it. Now, you're gonna have to leave a little bit more quiet than that.

CITY CLERK WARD: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No. (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No. We got something I'm about to read. Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Yes. Okay. Um, I -- I need, um -- I need everyone to -- to take a moment to hear what has been provided to us based on our own policy, um, for code of conduct. I'm -- I'm gonna please need everyone to please quiet down. I'm -- I'm going to -- I'm going to read what our Code of Conduct governing elected officials during -- during official meetings.

16. RESOLUTION NO. 157-13 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE OCEAN MALL GROUND LEASE RETAIL WHICH INCLUDES A PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF \$150,000; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO DEPOSIT THE \$150,000 IN ACCOUNT NUMBER 001-1236- 572-0-4603 FOR EXPENDITURES TO REPLACE OR REPAIR EQUIPMENT NEEDED AT THE MUNICIPAL BEACH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Comment cards, we do have.

CITY CLERK WARD: That's A.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, just 16A?

CITY CLERK WARD: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. No comment cards. Anything --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But this is -- wait. What item? I think, um, Miss Ward read the wrong item. This is the Ocean Mall item, correct?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item 16.

CITY CLERK WARD: Correct.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, I heard her say something about a marina.

CITY CLERK WARD: "Expenditures to replace --"

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

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, we're on item 16.

CITY CLERK WARD: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, that's (inaudible), please? (Inaudible).

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Municipal beach.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Municipal beach.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Municipal beach.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. Yeah, she said marina.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We're good? Oh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Municipal -- oh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. That's fine. We all have marina on our brain.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We good? Everybody understand we're on item 16?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Do you want me to say (inaudible)?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We don't have any comment cards on item 16?

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CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I just want to make one comment.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Sure.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Um, again, I want to point out that this will be another extension to November 30th, 2014, and that they will pay the City an additional \$150,000. And if it is not complete by that time, they will pay the City an additional \$41,666 for each month after that up to a year. The point of all of these payments is to make sure that the project is completed.

The only other thing I want to mention is that -- I want to put it on the record. I've had discussions with GF -- GSF's attorney. We need to update the legal description which is not really a part of this but I wanted to put it on the record. Um, we want to update it and attach the correct legal description to the Ocean Mall lease at this point because we haven't, uh, taken out the hotel parcel and we want to make sure that the street that's across the street from the -- the old hotel parcel is also taken out. And, um, Mr. Richards that he would say it on the record for me. I just like to dot all I's and cross all T's so that we're on the same page as it relates to that.

ATTORNEY RICHARDS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Richards?

ATTORNEY RICHARDS: Uh, good evening, Mr. Chair, Council, staff, uh, and public. Approximately 15 to 20 minutes ago I was made aware that the legal description may or may not need to be updated.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

ATTORNEY RICHARDS: I've conferred with my client over the telephone and my client has told me clearly that they -- he does not believe -- the client does not believe that the land on the west -- to the west side of the street is part of his collateral. So we are renouncing that portion. We don't believe that is within our purview. And we'll go on the record and say that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: That's great.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you. That's it.

ATTORNEY RICHARDS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. If there are no other comments, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: (No audible response).

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: What?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Are we ready to vote?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I see some communications going on.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, I think Mr. Jarolem wants to say something desperately.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold -- hold on one second, now. If I call for the question -

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible). Yeah, right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- that's what needs to happen.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And Mr. Guyton, you're out of order by doing that.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I didn't say anything.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: If there's -- hold on one second. You should have just voted.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: If there's something that needs to be said, then we need to do it before I call the vote.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. If there's something that needs to be said, we will do that. But once the vote is called, the vote is called. Are there any additional questions or concerns from anybody, including Mr. Jarolem?

RICK JAROLEM: No, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item 17.

CITY CLERK WARD: 16A.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm sorry, 16A. We did add that on.

CITY CLERK WARD: Right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. 16A.

16A. RESOLUTION NO. 158-13, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO NOTICE AND PREPARE FOR A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014. THE ELECTION SHALL BE HELD WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. TO VOTE ON REFERENDUM QUESTION. FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO DESIGNATE VOTING LOCATIONS, TO APPOINT AND SCHEDULE TRAINING FOR THE CITY'S ELECTION STAFF, TO APPOINT THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH CANVASSING BOARD, AND IS HEREBY ASSIGNED ALL DUTIES THEREOF AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY CHARTER AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY. FURTHER AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE S.O.E. OFFICE TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE CITY'S OFFICIAL BALLOT, ABSENTEE BALLOT, PROVISION BALLOTS IN SUCH ELECTION AND OTHER RELATED AGREED-UPON SERVICES, DECLARING A DATE AND TIME FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE CITY'S CANVASSING BOARD AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. We have two comment cards. I'm only going to allow one, Miss Duncombe. You only get one comment card per item. You have three minutes.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: All right, uh, Mr. Chair, and I appreciate that. Okay. I'm reading this and I want to go back to was it a year ago that the council put before the public that they would vote to have voting every three years? It is not three years. Now, why are we having a special election? And what are the referendums? It's not stated on here. What -- what -- why are we having a special election? Why are -- because we're going to be the ones to spend taxpayers' dollars.

Now, if this is something we're trying to slip in here to try to, uh, kick out what the citizens voted for in terms of owning, operating and receiving benefits from their marina, citizens, you cannot sit back and let it happen. And -- and let me just say this. When you open up Pandora's Box, you can open up problems for yourself. Now, we need to stop doing this to the citizens of this city. You made the decision. Elections every three years. And now even though you've talked about furloughs and -- and -- and people who are working in this city, you had better think about yourselves, too.

Furloughs and all of that other foolishness, and now you come back and say we're going to have a special election for what? And I think this is one of these things where you're trying to slip this thing in through the back door. Um, I still have a little energy left and I'm ready to go. And I'm saying everybody who feels the way that I feel, don't sit up and let them pull this -- pull this thing on you. In 2010 when the referendum passed that the City would own and operate and get the benefit -- share the benefit of the marina, when that happened, you know, I -- it -- the -- the people left and they forgot about it. And I'll never forget -- she's not here tonight and I'm not attacking her -- that Miss Davis directed the City Attorney -- and I'm -- you know, my memory's not -- I -- I remember things -- the City Attorney to call them back so we can give them the marina. And I think it's a disgrace that we would do something like that. We can go back to the minutes. I remember that very well 'cause I was -- I was really upset about it. When -- when -- what -- what the little guy name, said he was leaving the City, she directed the City Attorney to write him and tell him to come back. Citizens, don't sit back and lose your income from the marina. We can share it with the developers. We don't have a problem with that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Uh --

REVEREND BURRS: Mr. Chairman, it was on the agenda?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- it -- it was.

REVEREND BURRS: I didn't --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It was added.

REVEREND BURRS: -- see it. I didn't see it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You're out of order, Mr. Burrs. It was added on the agenda at the beginning.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: Yeah. It -- that -- these add-ons are --

REVEREND BURRS: That's what you need 'cause that's (inaudible) agenda (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Burrs, I'm gonna allow it this time if you want to speak, but it was added at Additions and Deletions.

NORMA DUNCOMBE: This is always -- this is (inaudible).

REVEREND BURRS: I apologize Because I just picked up the agenda and I didn't --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Three -- three minutes, sir.

REVEREND BURRS: -- see anything.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go ahead.

REVEREND BURRS: Uh, I concur what Miss Duncombe's, uh, just suggested, that when the council asks the citizens to give them three years, that they would delete one meeting a year -- or election a year, that it will save the taxpayers money. Now, when -- uh, I could be wrong and then when they did that, uh, I thought they added those two components together. Maybe not but they was discussed at the same time, the three years and the deletion of one election.

Now, uh, if you're going to have a special election for putting something before the citizens, a referendum, is then you gonna come back and say, Let's delete the three years and go back to two? Because they was did the same time. So why don't you bring both of them back the same time and do the same thing? Because, uh, it is going to cause -- as I was saying concerning the judge's order, uh, about the special election. He didn't order that you must have one. He said you could have one. He's not suggesting it because you're gonna have a special election, it's gonna cost us taxpayers more money. That's your choice. But by the same token, you all said you would not have one, uh, election a certain -- one year that you would not have an election. Now, because, uh, you are disagreeing with the, uh, referendum that the task force had, now you want to come back and put another burden on us taxpayers for another election when you can, as Miss Duncombe said -- you can develop that marina, honor the referendum that the task force did before. If you want to do it.

Now, if you don't want to do it, you could always come up with all kind of excuses for not doing it. It can be done. But, uh, I don't -- I don't agree with y'all having another

election. But by the same token, what if you do go along with it? The citizens are going to turn it down and you're going to be right back to the same place where you got to go by the -- a referendum again. The first referendum that the task force had in the first place. There's no guarantee that it's going out there and it's gonna pass. And I hope it don't if you do. But you shouldn't do it anyway. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Is there anybody else in the audience, uh, that would like to speak on this? Since I allowed Mr. -- Reverend Burrs to do it, um, I'll allow -- go ahead, Miss Brown. You have three minutes to make your comments.

BESSIE BROWN: I'd just like to say I didn't put a card in, either, 'cause the only thing I saw was a -- the, um, 12 and -- and no 16. And then I just went back there and saw 16.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You got it. Go ahead.

BESSIE BROWN: Okay. My, um -- I -- the question that I have is that it says, "To vote on referendum questions." When will these be ready? Because we don't know what the referendum questions are. Can -- can -- can somebody tell me -- answer that?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We're -- we're going to discuss it. Go ahead and finish -- finish your comments.

BESSIE BROWN: You're going to discuss it tonight?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's -- it's on the floor for discussion.

BESSIE BROWN: Okay. All right. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. Um, a couple of points that were made, um, that I happen to think that need to be addressed in this -- you know, the board -- it's put to the board. I do think that we need to discuss what the issues are, um, and what's going to be on this particular election. Um, two things that I think that we need to discuss in particular is when this -- when the -- when it went to three-year terms, did that automatically mean that we would not have any, uh, elections on those off years?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The -- is that what was -- what was put into that, Miss Ryan or Miss -- or Miss --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. You can always call a special election at any time.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So -- so when -- when we voted for the three-year terms, that just meant that the council would be elected three years or did it say that we would only have an election every three years?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. It meant that the council would be elected for three years.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. And the other issue that I want to, um, note, when the judge stated -- 'cause I heard, um, Reverend Burrs say this a couple times tonight and I just want to make sure that I'm understanding it clearly. When the judge gave us an order, did that order say that we must or did it say that we shall or we can?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. If -- if -- I'm going to address that, and if I could address one more issue, as well?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Shoot.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: The judge ordered the City to place the -- with a new summary, the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach's language on a, um -- on the ballot of an election. The judge did not order it to be placed on a special election. He specifically said it could be a special election or it could be a regular election; that he was not going to get into that. It just had to be put on at some point. So the judge did not order it to go on at any particular time. The judge did, however, order that it has to go on.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: When the council decides to put it on is up to the council.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- I just want to make sure because I heard Reverend Burrs, and I just want to make sure for everybody who's listening, this is not we have a choice of putting it on. It's just that we have a choice of when we put it on?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct. And I think that's what Reverend -- I'm not -- I can't speak for Reverend Burrows [sic], but I think that's what he was trying to say.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No. I heard him clearly. He said that the judge didn't say that we had to put it on; we could put it on if we chose to.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. We have to put it on.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I just wanted to make sure that's clear.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: If I had it in front of me I would read it out -- I would read the language.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Anything else from the board?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: One more thing?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Um, at the last city council meeting -- and Mr. Chair, you were not here -- uh, a motion was made by the city council to, number one, bring the

resolution that was presented tonight calling for the special election. And the board also voted to bring the language, uh, at the next council meeting. So the language that will go on the ballot will be presented to the city council at the next city council meeting. That was the -- the vote of the board.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So that answers a couple more questions. I think I heard the Mayor first.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Um, Mr. Chair, I just want to clarify as it relates --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In the mike.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, good. (Inaudible) still here.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just want to clarify 'cause I think it says referendums. But as far as, um, the knowledge that I have from Let the People Speak, um, there would have been two referendums in addition to the marina on the, uh, ballot, providing that the signatures are certified, which we are way over that, uh, limit because we'll continue to get signatures. But I want to just say this, that, um, I -- I do realize that putting anything on the ballot now, um, is an additional expense to the City. So we're not going to, uh, put the other two referendums that would have been providing that the -- the, um, Supervisor of Elections would have certified the required numbers of signatures and the council would have voted to allow the people to speak and to put that on the ballot.

So we're going to defer not putting it on with the marina at this time. And those two referendums, Mr. Chair, that -- that I'm speaking of, if I may state for the record, one deals with the Office of the Mayor being given the, um, veto authority as it relates to what we have now. Um, and what that simply means, that if the Mayor chooses to veto, whether it's an ordinance or -- or resolution, um, the council will have the right to override the Mayor's veto. As you know, council members go and come but people usually don't change their mayors too often. And in the sense -- too often. And as in the sense of good government, it's always good to have a check and balance. As it is on the national level, as it is on the state level and as it is on the local level. And if you check the record, most mayors who are non-voting mayors will -- does have -- they do have the, um, veto authority. And this is something that the citizens would decide, whether or not.

The other referendum that the Let the People Speak -- that I have knowledge of, that are working very hard on and will continue to devoting, um, voter registration drives and increasing the absentee ballots, deal with the, um -- the fire station not being moved from the present location, as well as the other properties that are in place. Uh, as it relates to the City Hall, we know that that wasn't on the table, per se, but there have been discussion about relocating the City Hall maybe to Broadway or somewhere else. But that referendum would certainly eliminate any discussion of moving the City Hall and declaring as Reverend Griffin Davis, Sr. says it so well, that the City Hall would stay where it is and not be moved because of any legislation by the council.

So those two referendums, the Let the People Speak are sponsoring, the veto and the, um, keeping the permanent location at 600 W. Blue Heron Boulevard, will not be on this -- on this ballot with the marina. So we're going to defer and it will be by itself. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, any other board member?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, I'd just like to make a couple of comments on some comments that have been made about the 2010 referendum. There has never been any recognition of the 2011 referendum that passed by 60 percent of the people. That referendum now, the George -- the judge has ordered the City to put back on the ballot. That referendum overturned the 2010 referendum. There was some language issues that the judge said that we need to rectify.

There was a referendum after the 2010 referendum by the Committee for a Better Riviera Beach, and it passed with 60 percent of the voters. The language in the 2010 referendum, according to attorneys that looked at it, would inhibit or even prevent in some cases private development, which is the engine to any economy. We need private development. No matter how we cut, slice, dice it. We cannot live on public funds. We need private development coming in, creating jobs, stimulating our economy. And the combination of public and private, then we're on the road to prosperity. So for the record, there is a referendum that was passed after the 2010 referendum that we're now, according to the judge order, we are adhering to. It's saying that it has to go back on.

Lastly, um, there was some comment about we were going to give -- we're going to give Newcomb Hall away. That was their hook-and-catch line, which wasn't true back in 2011. There is no intention to give Newcomb Hall away. We are improving Newcomb Hall so that we can incorporate more activities to include the senior activities, other events that we may be able to entertain. But we are coming into the 20th century now and we are moving forward and not staying antiquated in the past. That's all we're doing. We're -- we're upgrading so we can compete with the other communities.

There was also, um, some suggestion that we were giving the marina away. There's nothing to do with any private developer owning our marina. Nowhere in any language that we are going to give our marina away. We cannot, because it is in the legal documents. Even if we wanted to we couldn't do it. We don't want to. But there are these misleading suggestions to get people angry and come out and vote against a good referendum that is going to be on the ballot March 11th. I encourage you to come out and support that marina referendum. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. I would just like to say well said, Councilman Guyton. If we don't move forward with this marina, nothing's going to happen down at the marina.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

BESSIE BROWN: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You know, a lot of you --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Brown --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- a lot of you --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- you cannot do that.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- either watch the meetings or you come to the meetings. And you have heard for the past year, you've seen the plans. A couple of weeks ago we -- we told staff to negotiate a contract with a construction manager at risk. We will be breaking ground for a brand Newcomb Hall. We're not fixing up the Newcomb Hall from 50 years ago. We're building a brand new community center. You know, and instead of moving forward first with a restaurant or retail, we're moving forward with things that the public wants. We're going to improve Bicentennial Park. And in time, there will be private development at the marina. We need it.

You know, you -- you need to remember, the taxpayers of this city have been subsidizing that marina for far too long. A couple of years ago, we had a great deal. Right? People went out, misspoke on the deal. We could have had almost \$2 million already in our coffers and the project -- different projects at the marina could have been moving forward. But we decided, no, we don't want anything to happen at the marina. Very few people in the city use the marina. So this is a chance for every citizen in this city to go back to the polls in March and decide, do you want the Riviera Beach Marina to stay like it is or do you want to have a marina that you can be proud of? A marina where you can take your family and your guests from out of town and go to different restaurants down there. Bring your kids and, you know -- to the different kinds of entertainment we're going to have at the marina. So, you know, you have -- it's up to you. You decide what you want. You want what's there? You want old and run-down? Or do you want to get on board and become part of the new and improved Riviera Beach? And that's what's happening in March.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Anything else from any other board members?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Did I hear you --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes. I'd like to know from staff how much is the special elections going to cost and who's paying for it?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Did you hear his question?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We, uh, placed in this year's budget approximately 25, \$26,000 for an election this year.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: And when will that language come back to the board on --

CITY MANAGER JONES: It's my understanding it'll be at the next meeting.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So it's not ready now?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No. There -- the, uh, directive we were given at the last meeting was bring this one back and then we'd bring back the wording.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. Okay. I'm gonna -- I'm gonna close out by saying this. Um, I, too, would like to see redevelopment but I want the residents of Riviera Beach to truly understand is what's the purpose of redevelopment. And ask you a question -- self a question, who's better owning and operating a marina? Look at the numbers. The numbers will dictate which way we need to go. And I believe looking at documentation -- 'cause documentation supports conversation all day long -- just come to these meetings. Put -- put in for your records request. Ask the right questions. As the special election come up, you need to make a real good decision as we move forward with this city.

I'm going to support which direction the residents go. I would like to see redevelopment but we need to make sure that we give our -- on both sides, the proper information to the community because the community relies on us to give out the proper information and to not mislead them so that the people that's in the community, that's in this audience now can trust that this information -- they can give the same information back, um, to the residents. So when they go vote, they understand what they're voting on. We have, um, a referendum that we just codified.

We have a new one -- well, it's not new; it's old -- that's going on the ballot. The language is going on the ballot. And we need to know how it's going to change what's the referendum saying now, 'cause the one referendum just -- I don't believe it cites -- states -- well, not -- it limits -- well, it does limit who does it but it doesn't stop us from doing it. So that information need to be given out and understood. But I'm going to, um, vote yes tonight but I want to make sure that the residents know, please do not rely on just a small group to give you information at these meetings.

You need to come to City Hall and ask the right questions. Put in a records question and get this information, um, for -- for your benefit so you can go back to your communities, your churches, your businesses and get the information yourself. Don't rely on the same people that come speaks to these microphones. Come to these meetings, come to the City Manager's Office, come to -- go to the CRA's office and ask the questions. You know, go through these presentations. Pull these referendums up. Look at the two. But, um, I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. If there's no other questions, concerns, unreadiness? Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Council Chair Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're down to Discussion and Deliberation.

CITY CLERK WARD: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, item 17.

CITY CLERK WARD: Jazz.

17. JAZZ AFTER DARK EVENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's gonna be Jazz after Dark Event for the physical year 2014. We'll take public comment. Um, up first we'll have Miss Margaret Shepherd. Miss Shepherd, going once, going twice? Okay. And we'll have next Miss Bonnie Larson. Good evening, Miss Larson. You have three minutes to make your comments.

BONNIE LARSON: Hello, again. Um, for those who don't have computers and can't look this up themselves and it's maybe not in the back, either, could you tell us what this is? We had Jazz after Dark for years. We lost money on it every single time. So now I was real surprised to see it on the agenda again. When do -- how did that come back? What's it gonna be and what's -- I mean, is this a done deal or what's -- I -- I would have

liked to have heard the presentation. I knew I would have questions but now I can't have questions because I haven't heard the presentation. It's the first time I ever seen it on the agenda that it's possibly coming back. And like I said, a lot of people don't have computers. They can't look it up. So could we have the presentation so we know what we're talking about? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. You're welcome. And it's a discussion. We don't know -- it's under Discussion and Deliberation. We're going to discuss it so whatever comments that you have, we just need them in order to add them into the discussion. Up next will be Mr. Willis Williams. Good evening, Mr. Williams. You have three minutes to make your comments.

WILLIS WILLIAMS: Thank you. Again, uh, we're subsidizing a -- another project.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Please pull your mike down a little bit.

WILLIS WILLIAMS: We talked about subsidizing the marina for years. And unfortunately because Miss -- Miss Jones and I had this conversation today. I worked at the marina for eight years. There was -- it was never put as an enterprise zone. So there was monies taken from the marina, put in the general fund every year so it made like the marina wasn't making any money. So -- and everybody's saying, Oh, the marina broke, people stealing money, the money -- the marina always making money. You can take a bad marina with four slips --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. -- Mr. Williams, we need you to talk about Jazz after Dark, sir.

WILLIS WILLIAMS: Okay. Jazz after Dark. I -- I personally have not, uh, gone to Jazz after Dark since it ever been here. I'm -- I'm a taxpayer. I pay taxes on about six different properties here. I -- I -- I don't want to see Jazz after Dark. You know, I -- I agree that we need to do something for our citizens. We do the Martin Luther King Parade at the end of the year or something of that nature. We do the Dunna [phonetic] or something, but Jazz after Dark, I think is nothing but a big party for the council people.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you very much for your comments. Um, this was obviously put on, uh, by -- I don't know who actually wanted to bring this up. I just want you to start a discussion.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Who was the --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton, was it you?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. You can start discussion.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I've -- I've been having discussions with staff, um, regarding activities that would generate foot traffic in our city. Um, on the, um, Thursday -- I think it's Thursday nights, West Palm Beach has their little Clematis after Dark and they have the little thing. Um, Lake Park has their monthly event. Um, Palm Beach Gardens, Boynton Beach. We as a city, if we're going to compete, we need some type of activity that would generate foot traffic. And it's not all about what the City is making in their coffers as it is bringing people to our cities so hopefully they'll patronize some of our other businesses that we probably can't track and hopefully sometime at some point we -- we can. But, um, we helped West Palm Beach start their Jazz after Dark. If I'm not mistaken -- and I don't want to speak out of turn. Does anybody --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Miami. Miami Gardens.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Miami Gardens?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Miami Gardens.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Miami Gardens. Okay. But, um, we -- we've been -- we were one of the first ones locally to start doing that. Um, so I didn't want to reinvent the wheel but whatever the activity is, I think that we need to step up, provide some type of activity. Not once a year, not just a parade. But something that would bring people to our city. Part of planning a city includes providing adult activities, as well as recreation for the kids. Um, this is something that, um, I thought was an incentive and it was good for our city because people were coming -- one lady said she would plan her vacation around Jazz after Dark. We're not going to develop an activity where everyone would appreciate it. That's not the goal. To get everybody to say, I like it, that's never gonna happen.

But if it does what it's intended to do, bring people to our community and hopefully patronize some of our local businesses, we need to start doing something because right now we have nothing that we do on a regular basis that brings people to our city. So I wanted to throw this out to the council to have a discussion about restarting Jazz after Dark with some parameters that the council would be comfortable with.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Two things. The first is where are we getting the money? And the second question is how come this wasn't brought up during the budget? All right. So who wants to answer? Staff?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, I -- I've had discussions with the -- the first one about where -- where the money's coming from.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: It is my understanding from doing some research that the -- and if Mr. Williams is out there, would -- would somebody tell him to come in?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, you can't do that, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You have to direct it to Miss --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm sorry, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Miss, uh, Jones.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Miss Jones?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Leave Mr. Williams where he is, please.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Um, Mr. Chair, uh, it's my understanding that the Recreation Department had some overage that they put back into the general fund, um, from last fiscal year. You can't carry funds over to another fiscal year so it went back into the general fund. So, um, it -- it is those funds that went back into the general fund from the Recreation Department that I was hoping we could use as seed money. Um, and the second question, I'm sorry, what was the second question?

MAYOR MASTERS: Budget. Why wasn't it brought up --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Why wasn't it brought up in the budget.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Why wasn't it --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Why was it -- um, and that is, I guess, an oversight on my part. Um, that was the appropriate time to bring it up. But I was just getting on council and I was getting situated. But that would have been the appropriate time to bring it up. And there's no excuse for that. But it's never too late to revisit it and, you know, if the council wants to do it -- I'm just throwing it out there. We don't have any type of activity. So, um, those are where the funds I would recommend come from. Those funds that were put back into the general fund from the Recreation Department. And, um, if the council so desired, we can have staff to bring something back that those council members would be comfortable with. I'm not --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Miss Pardo --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- you still have the floor.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. Okay. What we usually do is at least, um -- I think it's at least twice a year, we get a report from the Finance Department, like, in the middle of the year, and he tells us or it was, you know -- it was a she for a while -- would tell us how our finances look and, um, at that time the City Manager would make recommendations, you know, if we wanted to move funds around. Miss Jones, when will we be, you know -- we're just -- we're only a month into our new fiscal year. Can you tell me, do you have a plan yet on when the Finance Director will, you know, make his report to us and ask for, you know, um, budget amendments?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Miss Pardo, we submit to council in writing a quarterly budget that lets you know what the revenues are.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And expenditures. However, midyear, which would be in April, we do a session where we actually go through and we do what are called mid-year budget adjustments.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so that way council votes on moving money around, midyear, based on what the revenues have been and what our position is like midyear.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo, you still have the floor if you need it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. No, I think that's something that we need to consider.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, Mr. --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Because then we'll know --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You know --

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

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- then -- yeah, because then we'll know. We'll have a

report from the Finance Director. You know, we'll know how we're looking going into the second part of the year and, you know -- and if the, you know, funds are there, then we do it. It's just so early in the budget year right now. That's -- that's my only problem with it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you. Um, I think Miss Larson was correct. Uh, it would be great for the residents to see a presentation from that -- from that particular, um, department and budget. And show -- like Mr. Guyton was talking about before, how that -- how that event markets our city. But do a presentation showing, um, how we're going to raise money to get this event going, 'cause once you start taking taxpayers' dollars and throwing in an event, then we should not be -- hold them accountable to pay to getting this event.

But there are -- I do have some strategies I would like to share with staff on how we can raise some money for this particular event so it can be self-sufficient moving forward, um, where we don't have to tap into our present budget at all. Um, and let Mr. Williams come back, give a presentation. But we don't have to touch these dollars. There's ways of raising money. I have some -- like I say, I have some information I would like to share with staff and allow Mr. Williams to come back and do a presentation about the event and we'll move forward from there. But I will not support taking taxpayers' dollars to hosting the event and then charging them after those dollars came from taxpayers to go to this same event they should have went to for free. I don't think that's really ethically sound to make that decision. But I do have a better plan with helping raising the funds. And if I can sit with staff, then we can talk and we can come back and present it to the next meeting moving forward, because I would like to see this event go.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Why don't we have a workshop?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Workshop.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Miss --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm sorry, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm sorry for speaking out.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem. Um, it was suggested -- thank you, Mr. Davis. We heard that. It was suggested that we have a, uh -- a workshop on it. Um --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Workshop?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Bring ideas to the table.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's fine. Let me just -- let me -- let me just say -- 'cause I hadn't commented on it -- I support it. I support the -- the strategies that they've done. They've -- they've done well. What I want everyone to have in their mind, though -- 'cause I don't want to get halfway in and then, uh, withdraw the support that we are initially saying that we're going to give. If this is going to be an activity that we put on for our city, I don't mind it being self-sustaining. But in my mind this is not something that we're trying to make money off of. If we're trying to provide a service, long as it -- long as it pays for itself, I don't have an issue. There's a lot of things that could be put into place to make sure that we don't lose as much money on it. But it should be just like if it's, uh, Little League football. This is a leisure activity for the adults.

If we're not going to do it that way, then I don't want to go into this thing halfway. Um, it must be done and it -- we need to support it for the entirety of the year. Right now the momentum has been lost. You know, because it hasn't been going on for a while. So it's going to take some time to get that momentum back. And we should be cognizant of the fact that there's not going to be a whole lot of money made up front. So there's going to look like there may some losses up until that time but I think that our mindset needs to be that if this is what we're going to do, I support it. I want to do it. But if we're not going to do it, then let's not send Parks and Rec. out there and have everybody put their all into this thing just for two months into it, you know, it's negative things being said about it.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you, sir. But like I said, um, this event can make money. I mean, I'm on Facebook. I have relatives hitting me up from Belle Glade, Pahokee, Clewiston, Fort Pierce. They're waiting for this to happen. Residents are talking.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I know.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: It's going to fill up.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I mean, but there's ways of raising the money to make it self-sufficient and earn a profit for the City. And if we can come together and create a plan for that, I think the whole board will be in total support of it. We need to be transparent and let's promote our -- promote our image. Let's promote our community. Let's focus on the positive.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We had a -- an official say that they wanted a workshop. I'm good with a workshop.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Do we want to --

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, I got a comment, too.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Everyone bring ideas.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, okay. Hold on one second, Mr. Mayor. Does anybody have a date for a workshop?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No. Whenever you want to do it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. You're gonna poll --

CITY MANAGER JONES: How soon -- how soon?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I just wanted to, um -- to comment. It's somewhat off point but yet on point. Um, every third Sunday on the island, uh, Two Drunken Goats with Randy have -- they -- they have a -- a wonderful outdoor event with a local band that's called the, um, Memory Lane band that plays the Motown sounds, my favorite with Aretha and -- and -- and others. Uh, and it's absolutely free. And there's hundreds of people who come out, enjoy themselves. And I'm just wondering in addition to what we're talking about, that, um, it would be wonderful to have a similar type of event on this side of the bridge once -- once a month, as well. Um, maybe even with Memory Lane at one of the parks or somewhere.

There's no -- at no expense to the City as it is over on the island there's none -- there -- there isn't any expense whatsoever. And people just come and they hang out there in the patio area and enjoy themselves. So I'm wondering maybe even somewhere over here, Tiki Bar area, one of our fine parks. Um, certainly I would like to put that on the table, as well. And also, um, maybe something in the gospel arena with some of the churches with their big choirs can -- can come and, you know, sing and just have a good time and -- and promote some of the local talent, um, as we continue to discuss, uh, Jazz after Dark.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Okay. So we're going to -- you're going to come back with a, uh --

CITY MANAGER JONES: We will poll --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- with a workshop date, polling everybody?

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- yeah. We'll poll you and --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Item 18. Go ahead.

18. CITY MANAGER REQUESTS THAT CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OF REGINALD K. DUREN AS FIRE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Chair, what, um, I have presented here is a request from council to accept the appointment of Reginald Durden [sic] as the fire chief for the City of Riviera Beach. This was a national search that we conducted, as you all are aware, um, right after Chief LeDuc left us. We, um, brought back an interim chief. We did a national search. In that search there were 43 candidates. Um, the -- those 43 were ultimately interviewed by a panel.

There was a five-member panel; three members of the five had extensive fire experience. Um; after interviewing Mr. Durden, um, and having discussions with him, I felt that he would be a very good candidate for City of Riviera Beach to move -- move us to the next phase as we begin to, um, continue to look at the development of our city. He has over 30 years of experience in fire service coming out of the, uh, City of Miami and the Miami area. Um, great administrative skills, having served as the deputy fire chief there in that area. Um, I would like to offer him a salary of 124. I have provided for you the salary -- the Pepe [phonetic] salary survey from the surrounding areas, and you'll see that this recommendation is less than the average of fire chiefs within the area, um, as well as the consideration as it relates to the residency. And I entertain any questions you might have.

MAYOR MASTERS: Question. Question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are there, uh, any questions?

MAYOR MASTERS: Question.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, uh, Mr. Chair. Madam Manager, he's had 30 -- 30 -- I don't -- not questioning your -- your judgment 'cause I'm sure it's, um -- it's -- has always been sound. Um, but I just have a -- some questions for clarification in my spirit and in my mind. Um, you stated that he's had 30 years of service with the fire department in Miami?

CITY MANAGER JONES: In fire rescue, yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Fire rescue. And you stated that he has risen up in the ranks as a deputy within those 30 years?

CITY MANAGER JONES: All the way up to the level of deputy chief. Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: But he's never been chief?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: In 30 years?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. You have to have a vacancy in order to get in the seat.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Next question -- the next question is, um, I certainly want to be very appreciative and thankful for the interim chief that we have had and has done a tremendous job, uh, as interim chief. And you know, I've always been a proponent and an advocate that when we have an interim that that position should be offered to the, uh, interim before anyone else. And just for the record, um, should I assume correctly that the interim chief was -- was not interested in becoming our chief again?

CITY MANAGER JONES: The interim chief is not eligible 'cause he is a retiree and drawing a pension from the Fire.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: He cannot accept a permanent position, um, having retired from that position.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Okay. I just wanted to know. And last but not least, um, what happens to Mr. Perry now?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, I have some strategies and some things for Mr. Perry. So --

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. So we're not going to just leave him --

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- if I have my way he's not going away.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I just wanted to stay that on the record. Thank you, uh, Madam Manager. Those are my questions.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Is there anything else from the board?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'd just like to make a comment.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Sure. Do we -- do we -- do we need a motion for this appointment or have we --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, please.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Is there a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

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

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I'd like to make a comment. I'd like to welcome you, Chief. And, um --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's in the vote passes.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Well, it's -- I think we all know it's going to pass. I have a lot of friends down in Miami. And I've asked them about you. I have a very good friend who is a commissioner down there, Commissioner Sarnoff, and you come very highly qualified and, um, you know, people have very good things to say about you. So I am excited about working with you. So welcome.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Anything else from any of the board members?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Mr. --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on, Mr. Mayor. Anybody else want to --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair, would --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- it -- would it be appropriate for me to ask the candidate one question?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, Miss -- you need to refer it to Miss Jones.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I would just -- I just wanted to ask him what about Riviera Beach that interests him.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Well, that was one of the interview questions but instead of my answering it I would like to ask, um, Mr. Durden if he would come forward and answer for himself.

REGINALD DUREN: Reggie Duren. First of all, thank you all very much for the opportunity. Um, it is indeed a pleasure to be given this opportunity. I consider it a privilege to lead any organization, but especially this organization. Because what's really special about this community is the fact that it's just that. It's a community. I was witness to much that earlier this afternoon when I saw the passion that people spoke about. And then I spoke to Miss Jones. That's one of the things we spent -- well, we

were together for hours. A lot of time talking about community and about getting public safety and specifically the fire department into the community so we can be a part of the community. Because we want you all to support us 24/7 just as we hope to be there for you 24/7.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um --

MAYOR MASTERS: I have --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- we are glad to see that you're very articulate. I think you answered that well. You may have just shored up my vote. Okay. Uh, is there any other board member --

MAYOR MASTERS: Can -- can I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on, Mr. Mayor, let me get the rest of the board first. You've had a --

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- you've had a comment already.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I -- I just --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: -- I just want to give you a pre-welcome before the vote gets started.

REGINALD DUREN: Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh, welcome to the great City of Riviera Beach. Uh, I'm sure that you'll do well. Just like Chair Pro Tem Pardo, I've done my research and they've -- people have said quite a bit of great things about you. And I definite -- my office is open to you to sit down and talk. I can tell you a lot more about the City of Riviera Beach as someone who came up in the city, just like a lot of us here. Um, feel free. We can sit down and talk sometime and I'd definitely like to welcome you to this -- this great community.

REGINALD DUREN: I look forward to the opportunity. Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. I was going to, uh, ask but I think Councilman Guyton directed a question. But for the public to -- to see you and, um, you -- you made that possible by coming to the mike. That was going to be my question. But my statement to you is that I'm certainly happy to see you. Um, and I'm looking forward to the

opportunity of working with you as our new fire chief. Um, certainly, um, you will probably go down as one of the most articulate ones around 'cause you certainly --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Oh, my God.

MAYOR MASTERS: -- you certainly did that very well. And I can say whatever I want to say. Okay?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, you cannot say whatever you want to say, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I mean --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But until you --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- it's not a personal -- it's not verbal abuse, right? I can make a comment.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor --

MAYOR MASTERS: So let me finish my comment.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- until you --

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm just saying that you are one of our most articulate fire chiefs and there's nothing wrong with that. And not that we don't have any others. I mean, you are. And I appreciate your ability to communicate, which is a skill that, uh -- that you will continue to bring to the City. So welcome. I look forward to working with you and if you heard anything else in the background it was an echo. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, the one thing that I would like to, um, ask you to consider bringing on when you do take your post is the Explorer Program back. I'm a product of that Explorer Program and I think that it's a -- it's a -- a great tool for our young men and young women. So I definitely want to see that again. All right. If there's nothing else, we have a motion and a second on the floor.

CITY CLERK WARD: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Welcome, Chief.

REGINALD DUREN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. All right. Uh, Miss Jones, make sure he gets fitted for the proper bunker gear.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I mean, he -- he's got a little height on him. So he's --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're now down to Community Benefits. 19, correct?

CITY CLERK WARD: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We'll -- we'll try this quickly if everybody can stay attentive. Okay.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUEST

19. COUNCILWOMAN PARDO'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MINGLE & JINGLE TOY DRIVE - COUNCILWOMAN DAWN S. PARDO -\$2,000 - KICKOFF EVENT.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns, or unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Item 20.

20. INNER CITY YOUTH GOLFERS' INC. - \$500 - COUNCILMAN CEDRICK A. THOMAS - "SAY NO TO DRUGS- SAY YES TO EDUCATION, CULTURE & GOLF" PROGRAM.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions or concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers same sign. That motion is unanimously approved.

21. 5TH ANNUAL COUNCILMAN CEDRICK THOMAS THANKSGIVING TURKEY GIVEAWAY - \$1200 - COUNCILMAN CEDRICK A. THOMAS - DONATION OF TURKEYS.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

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

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, Mr. Chair, I think that mine piggyback on yours. Is there gonna be --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It does.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- a separate -- separate motion?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, no, no, no. It -- it does. We can approve them. Councilman Cedrick A. Thomas and \$1,000 from Bruce A. Guyton -- I'm sorry. We're doing on the -- we're doing a turkey giveaway. Yours will be in the next item.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. I thought you said Fifth -- Fifth Grade --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We're doing -- your -- no, no, no. It's the turkey giveaway.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So my motion still stands and I'm sure Mr. Guyton's does, also.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's, uh -- it's Mr. Davis's second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Davis was second, yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. If there, uh -- is there -- is there any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All opposers same sign. That motion is unanimously approved.

22. COUNCILMAN CEDRICK THOMAS 3RD ANNUAL 5TH GRADE FUN DAY AT JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL - \$5,000 - COUNCILMAN CEDRICK A. THOMAS AND \$1,000 - COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL EVENT FOR LOCAL STUDENTS.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions and concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers same sign. That motion is unanimously approved.

23. MINORITY AIDS INITIATIVE NETWORK, INC. - \$200 - COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON - FOR EARLY INTERVENTION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And second -- it's been properly moved -- it's been moved by Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Second by --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Mr. Guyton. Okay. Um, any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers same sign. That motion is unanimously approved.

24. THE STUDENT ATHLETIC MENTORING PROGRAM, INC. (S.T.A.M.P.) - \$500 - COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. GUYTON – TO ENHANCE ACADEMIC FUNDAMENTALS AND ATHLETIC SKILLS.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions and concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers same sign. That motion is unanimously approved.

25. WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY - COUNCILMAN TERENCE D. DAVIS - \$450 – READING SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers same sign. That motion is unanimously approved.

26. NEW BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH MINISTER MENTORING PROGRAM - \$1,000 – COUNCILMAN TERENCE D. DAVIS - TO SUPPORT THE MENTORING PROGRAM.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none all in favor signify -- signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers same sign. That motion is unanimously approved.

27. FIRST BAPTIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION COMMUNITY VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER - \$1,000 - COUNCILMAN TERENCE D. DAVIS - TRAINING FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

28. NELSON'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC. - \$1,000 - MAYOR THOMAS A MASTERS - TO SUPPORT YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved. Okay. We're down to Board Appointments.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, is there a motion? Is there a motion?

MAYOR MASTERS: Do we -- do we need a motion on the Mayor's appointment?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

MAYOR MASTERS: Is that what you're referring to?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Item 29, is there a motion?

29. APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS TO THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES PENSION BOARD.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So -- so moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved. Is there a second? Is there a second? Okay. That motion dies for lack of a second. Discussion --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, we had a discussion about appointments to the Housing Authority, but I don't want to address it right now, but dealing with appointments to the General Pension Board. Um, this council appoints to the fire and the police. I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I'm -- I'm going to say can you address that under your comments because this --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I will.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- this board appointment motion failed.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So we shouldn't discuss it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Discussion by the City Manager.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Is there anything about the new (inaudible)?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, I'm sorry. I did -- I missed -- I missed one.

CITY CLERK WARD: Uh-huh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: One appointment, 28A, Community Benefits.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's Community Benefits 28A. Um, 28A is Emmanuel Baptist Church, Inc., 250 Mayor Thomas A. Masters.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All unanimously affirm).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposers, same sign. That motion is unanimously approved. Thank you, sir.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, it's -- it's no motion. It's -- it's no motion. It's no motion. Um, I -- we have a comment card but it's -- you know, it's no motion. It's no motion so we can't speak on it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Second reading.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, Discussion by the City Manager.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you. Just a couple of items. Um, the first thing is that -- well, I have three things but I'm going to ask Acting Chief Mike Madden if he will come forward. Some very disturbing and inaccurate information was released today as it relates to Riviera Beach and the crime. And I'm going to ask him to clarify what kind of study it is and what our actual numbers are so that our residents know. But before Mr., um -- before Chief Madden gets started,

I wanted to speak to our residents and particularly speak to my residents on the island. And I say my residents 'cause they're all my residents. Um, it has been brought to my attention that there was concern about the condition of the landscaping on the island. In order to make sure that I totally understood the situation, I went today myself. And I just wanted to assure the residents on the island that we are working on the issue. Um, at least by Tuesday we'll have the contractor out there. We want to make sure that your medians look like they should look, that your palm trees are trimmed, and that we are able to maintain the landscape over there. Um, the trees have now been in place long enough that they should have matured and settled in. And now we're realizing that we didn't get the best quality in some of those trees.

We did the punch list on the 7th of November. There's some that need to be replaced. Um, for those of you that brought a house, you know before you do that final sign-off you're making sure you gotta come back and fix this, come back and fix that. Um, and so we have given them that punch list, um, for the contractor that put in the landscaping of all the improvements that we need to have made. And so I just wanted to assure the residents out there that I am aware of the situation. We're not taking it lightly. And

we're going to do everything as we can as fast as we can to get the landscaping and the island looking like I know that you and I want it to look. And I just need to say that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CITY MANAGER JONES: But right now I need to ask, uh --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Miss Jones, thank you so much. I truly appreciate that. You get the e-mails. I get the e-mails. And you know -- and we all agree, the council agrees that, um, you know, A1A should be -- for the money that was spent on it, it should be looking a hell of a lot better. So thank you and I'm sure with your leadership it will get taken care of.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Right.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Appreciate it, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: What happened to the trees? Did they die?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Some of them.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Some of them, um, you could say more or less they died.

MAYOR MASTERS: More or less?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Now, we had the -- 'cause, you know, you --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Some are all right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- with a palm tree, if it's not of a good quality and if it -- it gets, what is it? Whitefly? That disease in them?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So they're not dead yet. But we know that they're heading in that direction.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So can we cure them?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Because there are trees that we are working on to fertilize and to treat.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So make sure particularly that it doesn't spread.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's the major concern. You don't want it spreading to any of the other trees, as well.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Other trees. Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Um, but there are some trees that the City is replacing. Uh, unfortunately we had someone that decided to run over some of them in the median one night. Um --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Wow.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- and so -- but there are different reasons as to why the trees are in the condition that they're in.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Right now I'd like to ask, uh, Acting Chief Madden to speak to the erroneous or should I say the, uh, report that painted Riviera Beach in a negative light and how the information was sensationalized and is not totally accurate.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF MADDEN: Good evening, Mayor, City Council. Uh --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening, sir.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF MADDEN: -- Mike Madden, Acting Police Chief. A local -- one of our local news media decided to run a story this morning, uh, and give credit to a website that, uh -- I don't even want to mention the name.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF MADDEN: But you should go to this site, NeighborhoodScout.com.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: (Inaudible).

ACTING POLICE CHIEF MADDEN: Uh, the information there is provided in a list called The Top 100 Most Dangerous Cities in America. Um, the company that maintains this site is a real estate company that's using these types of tag lines to lure people to their website to make money. I mean, that's their angle. Uh, their methodologies that they use to come up with their statistics and their rankings is not a methodology supported by law enforcement. Um, numerous police agencies in cities

around the country have spoken out against this website and against the flawed statistics and methodologies that they used. Um, when you take a city of 33,000 residents and compare it to that with a city with 3 million residents and try to put them onto the same playing field -- you know, Riviera Beach has 161, uh, what's considered a category of a violent crime in the last six months. Um, no one knows what that number is going to be after a year. But the City of Chicago had 27,000 violent crimes in a year and 500 homicides and they're 79th on this list; we're 20.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Hmm.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF MADDEN: So I mean, there's probably too many points to cover tonight to show you where their statistics are flawed. You know, I do want to point out some of them. Uh, and I know we meet with council a lot to cover certain processes in the city so that they're fully understood. We've done it with Code Enforcement and other areas. So I think it's important maybe down the road that we have one of these sessions where we can go through, uh, the crime statistics and how we report to the Florida Department of Law -- Law Enforcement who reports those statistics to the FBI.

Um, because nowhere do we use the category Dangerous when we describe any city. The FBI doesn't compare cities against each other. Crime rates aren't compared against -- from one city to another. They certainly don't do it from a small city to a major metropolitan area like Chicago or, uh -- so every city has pockets and neighborhoods of concern, you know, and we're no different. So we don't even look at our whole city as one issue. We try to get down to the neighborhood level because I don't think anybody's feeling like they're in one of the most dangerous places in America right now. I certainly don't. And I don't think the hundreds and thousands of visitors that come to our attractions in this city think they're coming to a dangerous city. You know? Uh, so you know, with that said, you know, we sent out a lot of information this morning to kind of off -- or this afternoon to kind of offset some of the rhetoric that was coming out. And we'll try to condense that and get that back out to you in more of a more formal response. And again, you know, I think everybody here will agree, Riviera Beach is not a dangerous place. You know? And --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Madden?

ACTING POLICE CHIEF MADDEN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: And -- and to the board, listen. This is not going away. We've -- we've dealt with this. We've -- we've hired on, um, I think one of the best firms and I've seen the e-mails back and forth. Um, I was watching the news just this morning and someone got arrested for a massage parlor in North Palm Beach and the -- anchor said a Riviera Beach woman.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You know? So they use these punch lines. And to be

honest with you, until we put our money where our mouth is about our image, telling our own story, buying our own TV spots, um, boycotting certain channels that don't provide - - if it's balanced and it's true, I don't have a problem with it. But this city is no different than any other city except for what gets put on the media brand. We should be charging them, you know, for utilizing our name as much as they do. But Boca, Boynton -- Boynton right now is going through one of the worst transitions I've ever seen, you know, right now. But it's not publicized like that, you know?

I mean, the biggest, uh, business in their mall right now is a church. You know? No one's going to Boynton Mall now because of the incidents that they've -- that they've had. But the media is not harping on that. They'll run that story for a day and that's it. You know, the media will come through here with mikes trying to degrade everybody that's here, talking about our city. It's up to us to start making it happen. We're going to have to run our stuff. We're going to have to tell our own story. So I know what you're doing. And -- and to be honest with you, I'm feeling you. I -- I -- I -- I hear the -- the -- the -- the sadness in your voice right now about that. And I'm sure the chief right now is probably home rolling over on that shoulder that he just had surgery on because I know he's not happy about it, either, and we're not. But we have to become more innovative with getting it out. Yes, we have 18 but 18 is not shown to everybody around like 12 and 5 and whatever, you know? We're going to have to tell our own story. So I appreciate you. I appreciate your -- your empathy that you're showing. I can feel it. I -- I hear you. I mean, you -- you're in the big chair now and this is one of the first hits that you had to take. Um, so you really -- you really brunt -- you know, feeling the brunt.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But we have to step up. We're getting ready to do this retreat. We really need to get serious about it. We must tell our own story in the major circuits.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you. I -- I agree with you. Um, I -- I responded to a few e-mails earlier. You know, since we've all been growing up in this community, I'm pretty sure we all can agree. Any time Riviera Beach is doing something positive, that story is never being told. And when the press is using us as a, um -- as a marketing tool, I don't think, you know, we should even respond to that negativity. We need to take our money and focus on the positivity and promote that, you know? As long as you're promoting that story and spending our money on that, the community and the rest of the world will eventually find out.

Because I know it's every time you respond to a negative story, they're going to tell another negative story just to keep the story going. And we're promoting that by getting involved with that whole conversation and process. But we just focus on the positives as we redevelop, bring new businesses, let's spend our dollars on those type of items,

you know, as we clean our streets, you know, promote our different departments and these different events. Just like tonight. The issue that's coming up with the Jazz in the [sic] Dark. Um, those are the type of things obviously we need to put our dollars on when it come to promoting Riviera Beach. Because those are the type of stories eventually, they should catch on. But definitely -- definitely that. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you. Anything by --

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Um, well, I was coming up here tonight. I couldn't get out the car for a media putting the mike and lights on me, want -- wanting me to comment on this, that and the other. So I do understand. Um, I talked to Miss Brown, Rose Anne Brown earlier and, um, I think she's talking in terms of setting up a meeting with a particular channel to, um, discuss some things that she's concerned about. Having said that, um, I kind of come from a -- a different world.

The world that I come from with the media is, um, you can't beat the media. You can't beat the press. You can't win with -- with the press, no matter how you -- you -- you try. Um, so what I want to suggest are two options here. And, um, Mr. Chair, you -- you said it. And I guess TD said it, as well, that, yes, we can tell our story on -- on channel 18. But the world, um, through the Internet and, um, through the local community, has heard the other story in the much broader sense. So there's -- there's two options, Madam Manager, that I think that we could possibly pursue. One is the facts that that Chief -- Acting Chief Madden gave tonight, certainly, with all the backup and all the statistics that he has. Um, the channel that put the other -- the negativity out that was fraud and -- I mean, not fraud but just wasn't factually based from the information that I had, uh, they do have a morning show on Sunday mornings, I think. And, um, if approached, I think they should give us an opportunity on that channel to tell our story and to state the facts as -- as they are, um, or to, uh -- or one of the other shows.

The other option that we have is to, uh, have a sit-down interview with another channel to tell our story. We don't -- we don't have to go back to that one if we choose not to on this story. We can take our story, um, to another channel and sit down in a very intelligent, dignified format and forum and -- and tell the story as we know it best. And no one knows our story better than us and no one can tell our story better than us. And no one can spin the story factually and truthfully based upon the -- on the stats as we can. Last but not least, and I -- I said that as far as the other option is to go to another channel because there is competition in -- in the media. And one channel competes against the other as far as getting the story out. So that's always an option, uh, in addition to some of the other comments I've heard about the media. I just wanted to share that with you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Mr. -- Miss -- Mrs. -- Miss Jones, anything else?

CITY MANAGER JONES: That's it. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Anything from Legal?

LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That will be you, Miss Ryan.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, I'm so sorry.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Anything from -- anything -- any -- anything from Legal?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: We're talking about the seeds.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No, nothing.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Nothing from Legal?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Nothing. No. Nothing tonight. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Sorry about that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem.

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STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Tonight we'll start with Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: No, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Just for the public. The appointment that I attempted to make was a reappointment of Miss Bessie Brown, a long-term resident of the City of Riviera Beach, uh, and in my eyesight has served the, uh, community well on this board. And, uh, just recently the board invested -- I don't know what the exact fee is but I think \$800 for some type of certification. And I know that we may not agree with everything that a person says or does in any position. But I think it's healthy to have dissension. I think it's healthy to share and to bring other, uh, ideas.

And I -- I would hope that we would understand that that's healthy and it's important so that's why I reappointed -- I was attempting to reappoint Miss Bessie Brown back to that board. Not because I agreed with everything she says or does 'cause I don't. I don't

agree with anyone all -- a hundred percent of the time. But I brought her back because I feel personally that the job that she had done on that board, uh, speaks for itself and the certification that she recently had and the years of experience that she's had like the -- the Chair and others have, I felt was -- was -- was worth continuing. Um, Miss Bessie Brown, long-term resident in that position. So, um, I guess since the board did not reconfirm, we'll look out -- look out there in the real world and try to bring someone else back that they can agree. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you, um, Mr. Chair. Um, let me just piggyback on what the Mayor was talking about conceptually about appointing people to boards. Um, a large portion of our operation budget goes to pensions. Um, we give millions. Um, we as a body, the city council, is responsible for those dollars. Um, we have been trying, I think, to identify areas where we can run our city more efficiently, bring it into the 20th century. Some things that were done years ago may have been appropriate back then. But we're in a different time now.

Um, it is my opinion that this council needs to be consistent with respect to who's appointing to what boards. Um, we appoint -- the city council appoints the city appointee to the -- to the fire and police. It's my position we should also appoint to the General. The Mayor still has the housing authority that he's appointing to. But we have a lot invested. If we're going to be responsible, I think that we should consider -- and I need to ask the City Attorney if the board so desires to consider that, is it legal for us to appoint to the General Pension Board?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am, Miss Ryan.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Um, first you did ask about the Housing Authority and I have a -- a memo coming to you all tomorrow on that issue. Just so that you understand clearly the Mayor's responsibility there. Um, but his responsibility with the General Employees' Pension Board is completely different from that of the Housing Authority. The city council granted the Mayor that authority by ordinance, which means that that authority can be taken away by ordinance. So, um, if the city council wishes to be consistent with fire and, um, how it appoints fire and police, then you just need to direct staff to bring that back. Um, I will make a point, though, that the Fire Pension appointees and the Police Pension appointees are governed by a statute. So we can't really amend those statutes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: No. (Inaudible).

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, right. And so that's why I think the Mayor was given the authority with the General Employees'. But, uh, if it is the desire of the council to have that ordinance changed, just give us the word and it'll be done.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, hold on, Mr. Guyton still has the floor.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. It's just something that I would like for my colleagues to consider. Maybe I can put it on, um -- through the Chair an agenda item for discussion so that we can entertain it and then the council can decide which way they want to go on it. But I think that we need to look at these things and not just because we've been doing something for a hundred years that it remains that way. We need to be consistent. We need to identify areas where we can run our operation more efficiently and more consistently. And I think that's one of the areas where we can be more consistent and also hold those people who we appoint accountable, because we have a lot of dollars being invested into these pension boards. And we need people there that understand that you are a -- a City appointee. And you know, sometime the city council may have to take a different position from some of the other people on that board there. So we need somebody representing our interests. And it's -- we just need to consider these things and, um, if the -- the Chair and the rest of my colleagues would allow, I would like to have it under a discussion item, possibly at our next meeting.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So noted.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Is there any objection?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm gonna put it on the agenda. So noted.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Thank you. Okay. And lastly for me, um, I would like to first of all, um, to my colleagues on the dais, um, and most important to the residents of the City of Riviera Beach, I would like to preface my comments first with a thank you and also an apology. The thank you is for instilling faith in me when you voted for me to serve and represent your interests. The apology is for anyone who might have taken offense to my exchanges with, um, someone who doesn't reside in our city. Obviously this did not reflect well on our image. I fully understand that. And it isn't something that I look forward to. When I left St. Mary's Hospital when I was born, I came right to Riviera Beach. And I've said this before, from the cradle to the grave, I love my city. I grew up in the urban environment where we're very, in some areas, territorial. When we have people coming into our city, what we consider disrespecting it, we're going to stand up. When I say "we," many of the natives.

I found me personally being attacked but nobody stood up. I've got to stand up for me. When I was elected I decided to put things on the table for -- for my commitment to the position. I put my experience on the table. Almost 20 years of governmental experience from a deputy village clerk, a legal assistant, a planning and housing and community development, a transit planner now and a short stint as the director of governmental affairs for an association. This is for the people. When I come to the meetings, I am prepared. I read my information. I've established a rapport with staff and outside consultants that when you're dealing with me, those T's need to be crossed and the I's need to be dotted. I spend a lot of time.

In addition to my experience, I brought to the table what I consider an appropriate

education. A Bachelor's in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Planning Communities. As a matter of fact, I don't know -- and -- and -- and -- and -- and this is not suggesting that I'm better than anybody else. I'm just saying that I brought skill sets that are right on point for what I was elected to do. Um, I'm only one-fifth and I have a lot of good competent colleagues serving up here with me. Brought the education, the experience. Also brought courage. I don't mind making difficult decisions. If we have a difficult decision to make, if the data, the documents and evidence support it, I'm not going to be intimidated by the politics. Put all that on the table. One -- something I'm not willing to put on the table, I'm not going to put my dignity, my pride or my manhood on the table. I don't want to be elected that bad.

If you expect me to take relentless insults and not respond, that is not going to happen with me. I'm not going to initiate the attacks. But if they come after me, I am going to respond. I'm not willing to sell my soul to be elected. I'm not doing this for the fame. There's no fortune involved here. This is my give-back to my community. I -- I -- I have the governmental experience. I went off and got an education. Many of us leave our community and don't give anything back. Here I am. I'm giving it back. But there is a limit to what I am going to take on this dais. And I don't want anybody to think that I want to be elected at any cost. I do not. I can do what I'm doing on the other side of the dais at a grass-roots level.

But I just want to make everyone aware that my performance up here of late, I really wasn't proud of. But my life upbringing is that when a bully punch you, you better punch him back. I'm not going to walk by every day and a bully punch me and I'm ignoring him, "Don't hit me in the --" really? That is not going to be me. I just want people to know that if the community does not rise up against those people that come into our community to stir up trouble, they will continue to come. And if the community doesn't rise up and defend our city, I will stand alone. But I apologize for any offensive words that I might have said. I am not a homophobic. I was reading from an article that, um, I found in my research since there's research always been done on me. I have the same right to do research, as well. I simply read. Those were not my views. Those were somebody views down in Dade County where that person lives.

So I just want to clear the record. I'm not homophobic. I have nothing against an alternative lifestyle. And -- and one of the reporters asked me tonight what -- am I going to resign. I said, "Absolutely not." Really? So -- but I'd like to apologize to my colleagues, to the residents. I like how the meeting was run tonight. But should it go back to him being allowed to attack me, it is going to be on again. And I just want the make that clear and I just want everybody to know that I'm not going to sell my soul to be elected. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. -- Mr. Guyton, thank you for your -- your apology, as well. And, um, I know I appreciate it. So thank you. Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you. Uh, stand tall, my friend. Um, first thing I'd like to discuss, I would like the -- I would like to ask the council for a consensus that would allow me to use some of our staff as needed for the toy drive. Um --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I need a second.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: You got it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah. Um --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Davis.

CITY MANAGER JONES: T. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- T. Davis.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's been properly moved and second. Any additional questions, concerns, unreadiness? Anybody from the public want to speak? Okay. Hearing none, Madam -- Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Councilperson Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Chair Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CITY CLERK WARD: Unanimous vote.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, please, everyone, remember, we're having the Toy Drive Mingle and Jingle on Thursday, December 5th, over at Johnny Longboats from 6 till 11 p.m. The Mayor's favorite band, Motown band, Memory Lane, will be, um, performing once again. Please come out and bring an unwrapped toy. It'll be a great event. And to the parents out there, please remember there's a couple of days left to fill

out your application should you be in need of toys for your children for Christmas.

Um, this is to the City Manager. Several years ago when we hired new employees, um, Miss Perry would bring them to the council and introduce them. And they would get to see the council people and we would, you know -- we would get to meet them. And that hasn't happened in a couple of years. And I know, you know, we're going to start hiring people again and, you know, I've noticed that there's a couple of new people around. There's police officers. Um, so I was wondering if we can start that again. If we have a new hire, let's bring them back the second meeting and, um, you know, just so we all know.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That, um, was kind of the decision of a chair at that time to cease doing that but if it be the desire of the current chair --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, it's fine with this chair.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- we, you know --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I don't -- I don't have a problem with it.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah. Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- we will do that probably -- you want to say --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Once a month.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Once a month. Once a month.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- once a month? Well, that's a little too frequent.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I don't think you'll have them.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Once --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: If you're hiring them, all they have to do is just come and introduce themselves. I mean, you can introduce them.

CITY MANAGER JONES: When we have them.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. When you have them.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But we won't have one every month.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right. Miss Pardo, you still have the floor.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, thank you. And I'm just looking. What else do I need to talk about? Um, that's really it. And thank you, again, Miss Jones, for, um -- for

helping out with that -- with the landscaping. Appreciate it. Okay. That's it, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, okay. Um, I wasn't left with very much time. We must end this meeting by 10 p.m. and due to my good friend making his statements, um, I think he took some of the time that was left for the remaining people. Um, first, Miss Ryan, I'm -- I've been contacted -- and I've been in and out of town -- by Mr. James Gallon, um, in regards to the homes that are being, uh, damaged due to the construction that's taking place on State Road 710. Apparently, um, they've -- they've contacted insurance companies and things are not going well with them. Um, I need to, uh -- you to set up some time here in the near future to meet with that group and myself to see what we can do to offer them any type of assistance. Um, they feel like they're just left out there alone, that no one is paying attention. And whatever we can do to assist them, um, in the manner that we're able to do, um, I want to reach out to them. So we'll get you some information on that, Mr. Gallon.

Next, um, Tuesday, the 26th of November, the Fifth Annual Turkey Giveaway will -- will be there. I know Dr. Wynn asked for a turkey a little earlier. And I was waiting for this time to tell her that, yes, Dr. Wynn, if you get there and get in line and present your identification, um, you will receive a free turkey. It's open to everyone. Um, there's several sponsors who have assisted in making this possible and we will have those by the next meeting but it's this Tuesday. It starts at 8 a.m. promptly. It's not a long process. We plan to move it very quickly. It's going to be at 1301 Old Dixie, which is the old Swap Shop. 1301 Old Dixie Highway. It's open to the public. It is on a first come/first serve basis. First come/first serve basis. So it is a turkey giveaway this Tuesday. This Tuesday. 8 a.m. Um, the ones that signed up earlier, those first 50 people, your letters went out with your tickets. They have been authenticated so please do not try and forge them. Um, they've been authenticated. I won't tell you how but they've been authenticated. So, uh, you should be getting those letters in the mail at any point.

Um, I've received several calls in reference to it. We're going to do what we can in terms of having an area for our, uh, seniors to make that as possible -- but in order to make this as equitably done as we can, we must do it by first come/first serve basis. So, uh, there's several turkey giveaways going on this -- this season and that's good. The more the merrier. But the one that we hold for our fifth annual, um, year will take place this Tuesday.

On December 6th, um, there's going, as you heard the principal say tonight from John F. Kennedy, a Fifth Grade Fun Day. And we want to give you some updates about that. We might have another meeting before that date so I do want to -- to put that in. Um, Miss Hope has officially been hired. I took her through a little training process but I'll -- Miss Hope, if you can just come to the mike and I just want to introduce you really quick so everyone knows who my legislative assistant is. Um, is Miss Hope Genty [phonetic]. Um, say hello, Miss Hope.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT GENTY: Hello, Hope Genty.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: My condolences.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah.

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible) 7:00 (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I gotcha. Thank you, Hope. I just wanted to make sure everybody saw -- so when you see her around, um, that's who -- who's there. She stood the test of time. So --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I -- I just gave her my condolences (inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. So -- so -- so she's here. Um, I suggest that for the turkey giveaway, you get there as early as you possibly can. It will start at 8. And, um, as past history, it -- you know, the line starts quite early.

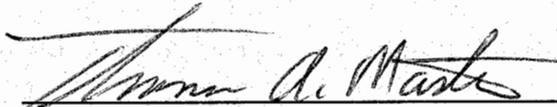
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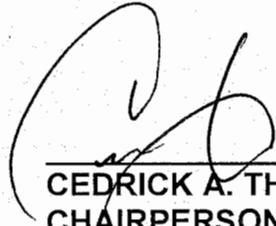
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CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So moved.

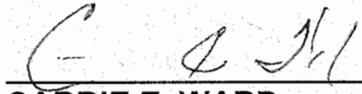
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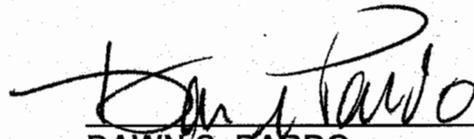
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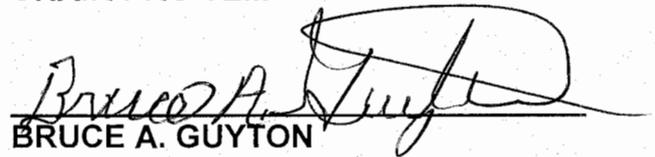

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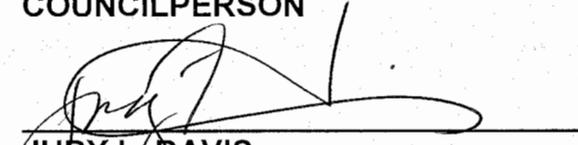

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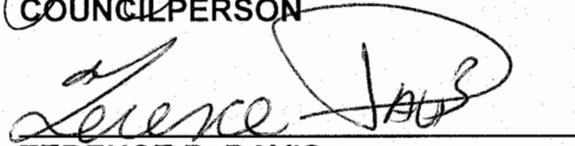
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