CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014, AT 5:00 P.M.

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CITY CLERK CALLS TO ORDER

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening, everyone. Welcome to our regularly scheduled Utilities Special District meeting. Please turn your cell phones to the on [sic] or vibrate position. And if you -- well, there are no consent items. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

Roll Call

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Judy Davis?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo? Board Member Bruce Guyton? Board Member Cedrick Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Terence Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Executive Director Louis Aurigemma?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Here.

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: District Director -- Finance Director Randy Sherman?

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SHERMAN: Here.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. Okay. Let's all stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge led by Mr. Thomas.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

(Everyone stood for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Board Member Thomas).

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Miss Jones, are there any additions or deletions or substitutions?

AGENDA Approval

Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, Madam Chair.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Is there a motion to adopt the agenda?

Adoption of Agenda

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Second.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Seeing I can't even pull it up.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Oh, do you --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yeah.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Davis?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes. Oh, I'm sorry.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I'm sorry. I didn't differentiate. Board Member T. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair J. Davis?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We have no items on Consent. We're at the regular agenda, item 1.

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.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- 5:15 PM*1-Non Agenda or Consent Item Speakers (Three Minute Limitation) Please be reminded that the Utility District Board has adopted a set of Rules of Decorum Governing Public Conduct During Official Meetings, which has 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 District Board Chairperson may have any disruptive speaker removed from the podium from the meeting and/or the building, if necessary. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

NONE

1Public Comments will begin at 5:15 PM or if an item is already in progress, Public Comments will begin immediately after the item has concluded.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SENIOR UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SUAP) TO HELP RIVIERA BEACH LOW-INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN PAYING THEIR WATER BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF $33,000 (UP TO 250 HOUSEHOLDS FOR A TOTAL OF $11.00 PER MONTH); ALLOWING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENTS FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 411-1417-536-0-4801, NOT TO EXCEED $33,000; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a motion?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So moved.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Second. I just --

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Miss Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. We'll ask Mr. Aurigemma to speak on this item. It's not a new item. It's just every year we have to come back to Council to appropriate the dollars for the Senior Utility Program.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So if you have any questions, Mr. Aurigemma's available to answer those for you.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes, Madam Chair. We have increased the amount by 75 cents from last year. It went from 10.25 to $11 per month.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: And then again, it's to help -- help our senior citizens that are in a low come -- income range.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Any questions, comments? Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member T. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair J. Davis?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Item 2?

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET FOR THE UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I move.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Second. Is there a hard copy up there anywhere?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. -- sorry, Miss Jones.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: I don't have it.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. As a -- what you have before you tonight is the Utility Special District budget that you must approve first before it can become effective. We held workshops periodically throughout the year and answered questions that you might have. If there are any new items that you would like to introduce tonight for the Utility Special District budget, now is the time to do that so we will entertain any adjustments that you would like in the Utility Special District budget.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Is anything you want to present?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No. That is just a -- a budget of just under $24 million, just for your --

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: -- review and approval.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Questions or comments?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Thank you. Mr. Aurigemma -- Mr. Aurigemma?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: The microphone working okay? Really quick, I have a few questions. On previous meetings we had discussion about the positions that have been -- was it eight positions that was transferred over to Customer Service?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No, six, sir.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Six?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Six.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And the backflow person was number seven or that was part of the six?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No. That -- that was a position to be deleted from the budget.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: But you moved that person over to Customer Service.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No, sir.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh-uh.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes, it was just said in a meeting. I asked the question in the last meeting and I asked about the certification of that position. And Mr. Aurigemma told me at that time that he was going to contract that position out. And it was stated that that position was moved over into Customer Service. And then the second meeting that we came back, I asked the question was, Did we -- how are we saving funds if we're going to move that position over to Customer Service, pay for it out of his budget and then he still contracted out? That was the follow-up I wanted from the last meeting.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Let me --

CITY MANAGER JONES: It was our -- I'm sorry.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- let -- excuse me. Let me -- let the record reflect that Miss Pardo is on the dais.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I don't recall saying that the position went to Customer Service. What was said was that that individual has skills and certifications --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- that can be used throughout the Utility District area.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So Mr. Aurigemma, if that's different, I need to know.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No, sir -- no, ma'am. It's -- you're -- you're stating exactly the way it is.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. They have skills that could be used but it wouldn't be in Customer Service.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So what position -- what department have y'all determined that's going to be in?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No, it will be part of the -- he will be part of the Utility District. He would just serve at a different function.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So -- okay.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yeah. He won't --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: What function will he be serving at?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, uh, we -- at -- at this point, because there's a bumping process, he will slide into a different position. That hasn't been determined yet because it hasn't -- the budget hasn't been approved yet.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay. So -- so how much it's going to cost in this budget -- have you determined in this budget on how you're going to move him and contract that position out and how much it's going to cost yet in that particular -- what's --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, we haven't put the numbers out to bid but we're -- we're looking at saving approximately $35,000 just with that move.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay. So what's going to happen with those employees that was -- that we're moving to Customer Service? What's going to happen to those positions over in that area?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Those positions, all of them now will report to what was generally referred to as a Utility Special -- the Utility Billing.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: What you had was you had the people reading the meters in one department and people processing the bills in another department.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: So what this does is puts them all in the same -- under the same supervisor, which is over in Utility Billing.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Over in Utility --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: -- Utilities. So their positions -- are we going have an increase in positions?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, it's still the same number of six.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay. I have another question. Um, in the last meeting I asked the question and the question still remains the same: What percentage of our Utility District -- all our Utility District is being contracted out of services that have been provided? Can Mr. Sherman help us out with that?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Don't tell me this. They're going --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- (inaudible) again?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Yeah. Can't get up. (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So (inaudible) agenda?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I -- I mean, I would like to have a list of all the contractors but I'd like to know what percentage are we contracting these services out.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Judy's (inaudible).

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Is that something that maybe Sherman can do an assessment and find out?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Oh, we can definitely go back --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And bring it to --

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SHERMAN: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- and figure it up for you.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay. 'Cause I asked that in the last meeting. I was hoping that we had this prepared for this meeting. So we could -- so I could know how much contractual -- contractuals are going out over in the Utility area.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Okay. We can get that for you.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yeah. That's -- thank you.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: That's it, Mr. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: That's it for -- on -- on this item.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Mr. Aurigemma, did I hear you say that you were saving $40,000 off of a position move or transfer?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: How are you doing that?

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible) 40. You didn't hear the number 40.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I --

CITY MANAGER JONES: He said 30 something.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yeah, 35,000. Excuse me.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thirty-five.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. How are you saving 35,000?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, essentially, the position moves into another position and -- and we have a couple of vacancies due to the -- the DROP Program and -- and people retiring. So this person will slide into that position which thereby leaves that one position empty. And the total for that position is worth approximately $70,000. And we can contract that -- that -- that -- those functions out for about half that price. So that's where the 7 -- $35,000 is.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. What functions are you going to contract out?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: This is the backflow prevention program.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Explain to me how the backflow prevention program actually works.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Basically all commercial, industrial and multi-family properties require a backflow preventer on their facility.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I'm sorry. Say that one more time. Which -- which ones?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: All commercial, industrial and multi-family properties require --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: -- a backflow preventer.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Single-family homes do not require that.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: So as part of that program it -- you know, we have -- we have in-house backflow preventers on all -- all our facilities, including City Hall. And that's typically tested by the backflow prevention technician. But that -- that can be done by other people at the Utility District that are also certified in backflow prevention.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: How many backflow technicians do we have?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: I believe it's three people. Well, the -- the position -- we have people that are certified as backflow technicians. We have three that are certified. But there's only one currently that has the title.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So you have three people that can do the job.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: But it's only one person that has the job, is what you're --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Has the title.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. So let me just make sure I understand this correctly. The backflow meters or -- what is it referred to? As a backflow what?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: A backflow prevention technician.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: No, but what is the actual part, the actual --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: It's a -- it's a backflow device.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: A back --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Basically it stops the water from coming back into the system.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Right. I was -- I was -- that's what I was figuring, which is a -- to me that would be an essential position, would it not be?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Not the position itself, no, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. But to stop water from coming back in, that's not an essential --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Oh, no. That -- that -- that is an essential -- that's an essential program.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Right. That's what I'm saying.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: And we're going to monitor that -- that program under -- administratively through an outside contractor.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So we have one backflow technician now?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Technically we have one person in that position but we have others that can substitute if necessary.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I guess I'm trying to understand why are we getting rid of it.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Because it's not necessary. The position itself is not necessary. The program is necessary but you don't need one person just to monitor this whole program. It could be done administratively and it can be done less expensively. And -- and I'm trying to save every dollar I can.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yeah. I -- I -- I understand.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: And -- and -- and nobody will lose their job. Every -- every person -- there's no layoffs. There's -- they -- they will still have a -- a position with the Utility District.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. But I'm -- I'm more concerned about now can these devices be stolen?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: They can.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So if one is stolen, then that means that you have to wait for somebody else to respond to replace it?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, it depends on who's stealing it. If they know that they have to shut the water off, then they can get away with it. But otherwise if you try to steal a backflow preventer --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: But, okay -- but I'm -- I'm saying --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: -- water's going to come shooting out.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: If it can be stolen I'm pretty sure that someone will find a way to steal it. What I'm trying to figure out is if that happens, then who comes out to replace it, fix it or --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, what we would do in that case is we'd come and shut the water off because water's just flowing -- would be flowing. And the Utility District, if called by the police or whomever would come to shut the water down and then we would have to know -- if -- if it happened to be one of our facilities, then we would fix it ourselves.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: What do you mean, one of our facilities?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: It could be a Utility District property, a Parks property, City Hall.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Say it's Wedgewood or Park Lake or whatever the name (inaudible)?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, then if -- if -- if that's -- if it's a private industry or multi-family, we would shut off the water and then we'd have to contact whoever -- whoever it was because basically your water supply to that unit or to that business is disrupted.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: And that would be the responsibility of the --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: The property owner.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- property owner?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So we install it but they're --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No, no. We do not install it. We -- we only install for public property. We'll -- we'll do our own. But any -- any private industry, be it commercial, industrial or -- or multi-family would actually have to -- as part of their building permit, they have to include a backflow prevention device.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Understood. Understood. So --

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Could I -- let me just say Councilman Guyton is on the dais.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So what was the reason for originally having these backflow technicians?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, I'm not sure. I guess once upon a time, they just felt that this position was necessary. But again, when I looked over the organization, I just didn't see the need for this one person to -- to monitor this program. There really -- there -- there's just not enough work for -- there might be too much work for one person. And we can't justify adding a person but it would be better off to contract it out and eliminate this position. We're not eliminating the program. It's just the position.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I guess I'm trying to figure out. You said it might be too much work for one person but we'll contract it out and that'll save money on two people or however many more people that needs to --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- (inaudible)?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Again, you know, when you -- you get a certain economy of scale. If you get a contractor out there, he can use his resources and he's able to do what he has to do to get the program in compliance.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: How much money are we actually going to anticipate spending with an outside contractor?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No more than $35,000. That's -- that's -- I -- I've already gotten some early, you know, preliminary prices. That would be the max and I've heard some that it would cost us almost nothing to -- to have the -- the program run. It just depends, when we put out on RFP for the -- the services, then we'll get the actual hard bids.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Maybe I'm just not understanding how this program really works, then. If -- you said it -- we're not going to spend any more than $35,000. But we may spend nothing.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: It could be zero to $35,000.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So what was the backflow technician over the past eight, 10, 12 years, however many years the Utility District has been in existence, what was that person doing if some years we didn't spend anything?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, the -- the only way I -- I could answer that, sir, is by saying that I -- I reviewed the organizational chart and I reviewed the organization. And I think I can put this employee -- he can do better at another job within the District as opposed to just the singular.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: That -- that may be fine. And that is something that definitely would be entertained. But the question I -- I ask and I -- I'm asking it for my edification here, what was that person doing over all this time if we might spend $35,000 or we might spend nothing? What was -- what were they doing? What was their job? What were they supposed to be doing?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, part of their job was to inspect and certify City backflows, the ones that are owned by the City, be it at the Utility District or elsewhere in the city. And then to monitor the -- the outside. And -- and that's where there -- there wasn't the efficiency that we thought there was. And -- and so --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: To monitor the --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yeah, the over -- the -- the commercial, the industrial and the multi-family. And quite frankly, it's -- it's better served with a -- an outside agency or outside contract.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: When they -- when they monitor these, what are they doing? What -- what -- what is included in the monitoring?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Okay. Well, basically what they're to do is as part of our backflow ordinance, you are to recertify your backflow once a year. And so basically it's like herding cats to try to get -- to try to get a business to -- to make sure that they go out and get their backflow reinspected and recertified on an annual basis.

And sometimes that's just -- it -- it's really not the place that it should be. It shouldn't be with the Utility District. It actually belongs -- it's more of a function that belongs with -- with building or occupational licenses.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: But -- but you can also contract it out since it is a responsibility of the Utility District.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. Is there a fee for doing this?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: For actual -- do we charge a fee?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Reinspection. Yeah. If that's what our ordinance says, why are we not reinspecting and is there a fee for the reinspections?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: There should be.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, we don't do any reinspections. It's just a matter of sending in a letter. That -- that's saying that it's been recertified. And that's what --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: But did -- did you not just tell me that our ordinance says that we should be reinspecting once a year?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No, we don't reinspect. We just have to have it recertified. It's just a matter of a piece of paper with the plumber -- the licensed plumber's name on it that says, Hey, we've recertified and we reinspected this particular backflow.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: And are we doing that?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: To a certain extent we are. But it's not -- we're -- we're not in full compliance and that's what concerns me.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. Well, what concerns me is you saying you want to get rid of it and take it out of our control.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Uh-huh.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: And we're not in full compliance.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No, no, no. It would still be administratively run by the Utility District. It just wouldn't be one particular person that's assigned to that. It would be more of an administrative function as opposed to a physical function. And again, we do have others in the Utility District that could certify our internal backflows.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. I'm not very comfortable right now. Maybe because I just don't quite understand why we're making that move. But you did say

we're saving 35,000, and the 35,000 that we save, you're actually putting a budget amount of that 35,000. So we're actually not really saving anything.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes, we are. We are saving money.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I'm sorry?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes, we are saving money.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: The 35,000 --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Correct.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- and you're going to budget $35,000 to be spent on the outside vendor.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yeah. It's being reallocated but there still would be an overall savings of 35,000 for that particular position.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. Do -- please explain to me just so I understand how that is going to happen.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: I -- I --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: We don't -- we don't have $35,000 before you make this move. You're going to budget $35,000 to a vendor that we've never had before.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Uh-huh.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Or whoever to -- to inspect this. Then the 35,000 that you're saying that we're saving, we're not saving it. It's going to be spent just somewhere else.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, again, as I said, the -- the position itself is worth about $70,000. So we're only taking 35 of that towards a contractor and then the other 35 is the saved money.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Is any of this written --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- anywhere?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, during the budget process, you know, as -- as -- I know I did a bunch of specific papers, sheets that actually outlined all the positions that were being part of the DROP. Positions that were added, deleted and reclassified. I know I sent in a whole bunch of those papers to the Finance.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yeah. We -- we've seen some of those but I'm saying this particular move that you're trying to make now, what backup do we have on that in terms of this particular position that you're trying to do right now?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, I -- I submitted all of it to the -- the Finance Department during the budgeting process. I don't have that particular information with me right now.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. That's all, Madam Chair.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Thank you. Mr. Aurigemma, what role -- what role does the -- this play, the backflow program, with the prevention of contamination?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: This was in July.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: That's what it is. It's to prevent contamination of the water supply.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay. Here -- here's my -- my concern. The residents -- the residents of Riviera Beach are very important to I'm pretty sure the entire board. I don't want to put no one at risk with potentially contaminated water by doing something that no other city around Palm Beach County is even considering, which is contracting out this -- this particular position. I can maybe see us even hiring more employees and bumping someone else up to help that position out to get done what needed to get done if you want to create some jobs in this community. Even if it does cost a little more, those jobs stay within the community. I'm all for it. But I'm not going to put a price on the quality of life with our residents in our community. We're talking about backflow. Because I am aware of a situation that happened a few months ago on Singer Island where you had a spillage out there. And how -- I mean, how would someone that's contractual be able to come back in town to assist us with that, with a spillage?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Mr. Davis, I believe you're confusing water and wastewater.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Well, who -- who handle wastewater?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: The Utility District handles wastewater.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: The -- well, I'm not confusing it, then. It's coming from your department, correct?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So if we are going to have a problem, we don't have -- it seems to me we don't have enough employees to keep us to where we need to be. Contracting out jobs really scared me because a lot of times when these jobs get contracted, but -- I'm going to keep it on the record -- they come from out of town. I'd like to look at us start hiring people from the bottom up, moving those that's already in place up, that's getting trained into those positions to --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yours came up?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: -- to keep these dollars inside our community.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Oh, there it goes.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: There it goes.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I shoot straight from the hip when it come to our residents and I hope that you do the same thing for yours as well as ours in our community. Would you drink our water knowing that we only have a backflow person that we may be considering contracting that position out? Would you drink that water?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Mr. Davis, I drink the water every day.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: You drink our water every day?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes, I drink your water every day. It's our water. It's my water, too.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I don't -- I don't drink it every day.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, I'm sorry. I --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I'm gonna tell you that. I haven't drunk the water in /TPAO*EU years, to be honest with you.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: But -- well, I --

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Hold -- hold -- hold -- hold on. You finished with your questions?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No, I'm not.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No, I'm talking about that particular question you want him to answer?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: That particular, yes, ma'am.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Go ahead, sir.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Anyway, I -- I've reviewed the organization.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: And we have sufficient number of employees to take care of the Utility District business that's in -- in water and wastewater. That's water treatment, water distribution, and wastewater collection. And so based on my review of -- of the entire organization, this is a position that will be covered. The backflow prevention program will be in place. And it's just that it's being done in another manner that will be monitored by the Utility District.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And you already have a plan in place for that?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: I gotta go ask (inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: -- another question.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: (Inaudible).

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: 'Cause this is the entire budget. What -- how much in the budget are you looking to do with trucks? 'Cause I know we've had a history of using certain trucks to do some cleaning with.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible).

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: You have anything in -- in the budget to purchase any vehicles to help out with that?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Cleaning --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Like with our sewage center over there.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: I have -- currently we have two vehicles that are vacuum trucks.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Vacuum trucks, right.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Right. And they -- they take care of our sanitary sewer system.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: And right now I believe one is about four years old and the other one's about seven or eight years old. So they're not quite to their useful life but in my -- in my capital planning for vehicle replacement, I do have a replacement. I think it's two or three years down the road.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Two years down the line?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: And those are very expensive pieces of equipment. They're about $300,000 each.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: So you'll see that ticket item come through.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay. Do we use those vacuuming trucks for any other services?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Just for sanitary sewers.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Do we -- they -- they don't have nothing to do with any -- with our quality of water?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: At all?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: At no point?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No. As a matter of fact, we don't even use them for storm drains.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Public Works has their own vacuum trucks for storm drains.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay. That'll be all for now.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I'm going to take the liberty. We -- this card was submitted late but I'm going to go ahead and allow you to speak. Mr. Taylor, come on up.

HENRY TAYLOR: Henry Taylor, various addresses over Riviera Beach. I've been a citizen here ever since I was born. And my job was a building inspector for the County

and the City of West Palm Beach. I think that on this particular item as far as your backflow prevention, you've had that.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: No.

HENRY TAYLOR: And I've had to deal with it.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Let me -- hold on just a minute. Let me just say that I'm -- I'm not going to accept any more cards for this particular item. Okay? I don't know, you know, if they're turning it in for that item. I just want to make the announcement. Go ahead, sir.

HENRY TAYLOR: And I've had to deal with it in the past. And in the past what they did with my commercial property is that each year I had to have it certified and I had to get my own plumbing company to certify it. And when it was installed it was inspected by the plumbing inspector. And now I've heard it stated here that you have at least three people that's certified to take care of this. And I've also heard that only one person is doing it. If you have those three people already within the City, they're working and this does not take a whole lot of time, I don't see why those people can't do the job. You're going to be spending zero to $35,000 to have some company that you're going to contract out to, which I feel is unnecessary. You don't need that. You got the people that know how to do the job. They're already working. They can do that in their daily task. You can save that $35,000 that you're going to be paying another company to come in and do it. Those people can check what you have at the City. You don't need nobody monitoring the commercial property or the multiple-unit property. You don't need that. That's for the owner of the property to do.

They take care of that. And if they need to recertify their backflow preventer, they go and pay for it. And I -- I -- I'm -- I've been a little bit tired of everything that this city does, they got to contract it out.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm ready to vote.

HENRY TAYLOR: I pay more taxes in this city than some of your salaries. And the taxes need to be reduced some. When you contract this stuff out, that mean my taxes going up. Because you giving somebody else a job to do that you got people right here in the city can do. Let's try to keep our people in the city employed. Let them do their job. And let's try to look out for the citizens. I'm tired and tired and tired of these people coming from somewhere else and coming into this city and want to spend our money on their friends or people that they know to come in and take over jobs within this city. Let's get our own people in here. And we don't need to be contracting anything else out in this city to nobody else. We have people in this city that can handle anything that's going on in this city. And I thank you.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you, sir. And I think this is a Public Comment card here. All right. So if there are no more questions or comments --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I -- I have more questions.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. We -- we have a -- a City Council meeting scheduled.

CITY MANAGER JONES: (Inaudible).

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And we need to -- to go ahead and move on, Mr. Thomas.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Miss Davis, then we should have allotted more time for this meeting. But just because it's after 5:30, I'm not going to not ask my questions on it.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Go ahead, sir. (Inaudible) time.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: You know, it seems as if, you know, there's frustration about the board or some members of the board trying to understand better exactly what's going on. And the response that I've gotten is you've assessed the organization and this is a need. But I -- I haven't -- you haven't demonstrated to me where that need really is. I don't see the -- the actual need to go away from it or contract it out. Now, I heard one of my colleagues say that no one else in the county does this. Is that statement true or accurate?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Every -- every water purveyor has a backflow and cross-connection program. However --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I'm sorry. The mike must not be working properly.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Oh, I'm sorry. Every water purveyor in the county has a backflow and cross-connection program. However, there is only one backflow prevention supervisor and that is for Palm Beach County Utilities. And that person with Palm Beach County Utilities monitors over, I believe it's 15,000 customers. So it's -- obviously it's a much bigger area than the City of Riviera Beach.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: How many customers do we have?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: We have approximately 13,000 customers. So there are no other communities in -- in the -- basically the -- the tri-county area that have a backflow prevention technician, a specific position for backflow. They have people that can certify backflow but none that have that particular position.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. That's all.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We have one more public comment card. Mami Kisner. And Miss Kisner, you checked Public Comments, but you mean this item, right?

MAMI KISNER: Yes, please.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MAMI KISNER: Thank you.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MAMI KISNER: Good evening, Councilmember and Chairperson Davis.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

MAMI KISNER: My name is Mami Kisner and I am here today to speak for residents who are the voiceless and cannot be here. I have a list of residents that I will submit to you who have given me permission to speak on their behalf today who live in the City of Riviera Beach. And for those people who do not know me, I do not live in the City of Riviera Beach but I play and I have done work in the City of Riviera Beach for over 20 years. I have done work with an African-American firm that had a contract with the Utility District so I'm very familiar with how the Utility District operates. My concern today, after being here 20 years and people know my work in the community, is the efficiency of how the Utility District is being run.

I'm appalled at the fact that someone who, after 30 years, determines that a position is no longer useful without providing you with the necessary backup. I'm also appalled that there are not more residents here for this workshop or for this meeting, but I guarantee you they will be here for the council meeting. It's surprising that after 30 years someone who lives in another county, not even in Palm Beach County, can tell us that a position or employees need to be relocated. Their certifications needs to be questioned if they are making that determination. Is our water quality the correct and are the complaints that I am receiving from many residents -- and please be aware that employees in this city are voters and they are residents.

Are we buying water? Riviera Beach at one time was known for selling water. Is there an incidence where we have bought water from other utilities? How are our employees being treated? Poor decisions are being made and you are accountable. I know your job is hard. And I know you work very hard. But you are elected by the residents to be their voice and that includes the employees of Riviera Beach. In one week alone, 12 wells in this city went down. Something is causing these problems. In another week, 10 wells went down. We only have 27 wells in the City of Riviera Beach. How many lift stations have major repair that is are needed? And why are those not being brought to your attention?

It is very disturbing to employees in the Utility District -- and I do speak for some of them because they have contacted me. I don't represent them but I speak for them as a voice from the community. The administration can drive new cars they have ordered, yet they are driving unsafe cars. And it has been documented. Thank you and I'll be at the council meeting.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, ma'am. Any other questions or comments?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Mr. Aurigemma?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Was it any truth to what Miss Kisner said about the wells going down in one week?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: There -- there are -- there are wells down at any particular time. And there was enough water supply to provide the -- the water so that it could be treated and provided to the customers.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Did 12 wells go down in one week?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No, not to my knowledge.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. So do we keep track of when wells go down or --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yeah. Some are down for repairs. Some are down because of, you know, there might be an electrical problem. Could be an electrical storm. So at any particular time there are any number of wells down.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Is there --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: But we rotate the wells as for the water supply. It's not one well supplying all the water to the City of Riviera Beach Utility District.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- is -- is there a -- a -- any exposure to the City or to the quality of water when the wells go down?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No. Because the wells all tap the -- the Biscayne aquifer. It all straws into the aquifer. So whether it's out of this straw or that straw, it's the same water that's coming out.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. All right. That's all, Madam Chair.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any other questions or comments?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Mr. Aurigemma, the wells, when they go down, what is the process? Who informs you in your department about the wells and what is your strategy on addressing that issue?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well -- well, typically when -- the water plant superintendent is responsible for the water treatment plants. So it's part of his operations. And it's -- it's just -- I -- I don't get involved on the daily basis on what well is up, what well is down, what well is being used, what well is not being used. That's part of the operations. And essentially, as long as there's enough water coming into the system, then we're -- we're fine. We're able to treat water and provide it to our customers.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So if you're not involved with the daily -- day operations, what are you involved with?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Running the Utility District.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: 'Cause my question is, if something's happening, I think it's only right that you be aware of what's going on. I'm pretty sure at some point you have your updates, your briefings in the very beginning of your day. By the end of your day do you have a closing-out talk about what happened, what we need to do? Do you have an -- do you have --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: I -- I have weekly staff meetings and if -- if we have an issue with the Utility District at that time, we talk about it.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay. See, my issue is this. You -- you've heard me state this. We have some issues, some things that we need to address in -- in the capital projects regarding wells and other things. But for it to be that chronic, it's something that need to be addressed daily be -- with administration all the way down to the -- to the -- the bottom people who are conducting those services. And if you're having these meetings in the beginning, I think it's only fair that you have these meetings at the end of your day so you can understand what happened last night, so you know how to address your meeting the next day. Because if you don't know what happened last night and you -- and Tuesday comes up, you're focusing on Wednesday. But if you're not solving Monday's problem, then you're going to have a combustion of -- of issues that's floating across the city. And we can't afford anything, whether it may be a contamination issue -- water's very important. I'm sorry.

I mean, when you're just looking at the quality of water across the state and how we have contamination -- you talk about lead. You talk about -- I ain't going to say other issues but it's very important that we have people who care about our city, who care about our people working in these jobs daily. Monitoring this stuff so they can get back to you to help you help this community do really well. Because that's a reflection of your -- of you. Quite frankly, the better we do, the better you look, and the better you look, the better this board and the rest of these residents feel about the quality of life they're getting. It was stated that we've been known for selling water. Have we purchased water recently in the last year or two?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes. We've purchased water. We -- sometimes we sell. Sometimes we -- we buy. Just depends on what's happening at the water plant.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Who do we purchase water from?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Typically we'll purchase it from Seacoast --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Seacoast?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: -- Utility Authority.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And how much we probably, estimated, spent over the last year?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: We -- we may -- oh, I -- I don't know what the exact amount is. I'd have to look that up. But again, we may need it for a day or so if -- if one of our treatment units is down and, you know, during the repair. And -- and so we -- we analyze that actually on a daily basis. I may -- when -- when we open up an interconnect, yes, I'm made aware of that -- of that decision.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes, sir.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: But on other stuff on a daily basis, I -- I know what's going on. It's just that I'm not going to get involved in all the decisions. Especially if it's just standard operating procedures for the water plant.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: You -- you know what's going on but you're not going to get involved?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, when I say not get involved, I'm not going to micromanage.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: That -- that's what I mean.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Not -- by not getting involved, I won't micromanage.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay. I understand. I -- I can respect that if you're not micromanaging. But my issue is if there's some chronic problems, some things are happening, it's very important that you stay involved. At least be updated on what's going on.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Oh, absolutely.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: You know what I mean? Because it --

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: And it's part of -- part of -- part of my job is to make sure that nothing gets to be chronic.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: -- yeah, because if you -- if you have a well that's -- you're having multiple wells that are going down, what is happening to the water when they go down?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Well, basically they're just not pumping water out of Biscayne aquifer when they go down.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: They're just not pumping.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And could -- could this cause a pressure buildup somewhere?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No. It just could be a failed motor. It could be no electric to the motor. It could be a couple of different things.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Oh, no.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Could be that the pump goes -- the well goes --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: If it go -- if a pump goes down, the pressure applies, would this cause failure somewhere else?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: It -- it won't?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: No. It's inter -- it's interdependent.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: It's not --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Each -- each valve is independent?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Excuse me?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Each valve, each well is independent?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes. It's -- there -- there's -- there's a -- there's a check valve on each well so that water doesn't go back down.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: So it doesn't -- it prevents contamination.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Can I interrupt for one second?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Sure. Go ahead.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: We have a public hearing scheduled for 6 p.m. and if we don't go ahead and vote on this and we have one more item, we're going to -- we're going to have to recess this and come back to it after the city council meeting. So what's the pleasure of the board?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I -- I would like to table this.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: We still have --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And review this again later.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- we still have 15 minutes. I say let's move forward with this.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yeah.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Move forward in what way?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: We -- well, we have 15 minutes so, you know, let's see if there's any more questions and let's vote.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. You got any more questions, Mr. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No. I'm -- I'm gonna wait 'cause I see my colleagues looking like they're chomping at --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Madam Chair?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I -- I --

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Well, the comment I'd like to make is I had several meetings with Mr. Aurigemma while we were going through the whole budget process. And the issues that I had -- and I had several issues -- I was able to work out those issues with Mr. Aurigemma. And I can tell you right now, because of the meetings I had, I am very satisfied with the budget that he presented and I would like to thank him for putting time aside to meet with me. And at this point I would like to -- well, there's a motion on the floor, right? So I'd like to just call the vote.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I still have a question.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas, the question has been called. And there is to be no more discussion. Madam Clerk?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Wait a minute. Point of order. Miss Ryan, this is a budget. This is a budget item. Is -- is -- can that be done on a budget?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: I think I remember you doing the very same thing.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I'm -- I'm just asking the attorney for --

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: 'Cause I still have questions regarding this.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Even though it's a budget item, it's still a regular agenda item. So the answer is yes.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. Well, I'm just going to put on record that I'm not finished asking my questions. It's a travesty that because we only had a half-hour meeting that we're not able to ask questions. So I'm going to ask the last one to the attorney. If we approve this, this is saying we approve this position, as well, correct? If we approve this budget?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: If you approve the budget as -- with a motion in place, the motion is to approve it as it's stated. You will be approving everything that's in the budget.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And it -- and again, I'm going to state the question has been called. And there's to be no more discussion on the item. We're going to take a vote. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Guyton?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member T. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair J. Davis?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved is Board Members Thomas and T. Davis dissenting.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And item 3?

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION 11-13UD; AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO SOLICIT A DESIGN/BUILD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE "CORE" DISINFECTION FACILITY LOCATED ON the WATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE; AND MAKE PAYMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Second.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a -- okay. It's been -- Mrs. Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: This item is before you I must -- I must say finally. We've been talking about core disinfectant I know at least for a couple of years.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Two years.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: (Inaudible) process.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- this item authorizes the solicitation of the design bill RFP so that we can put that item on the street and then begin to address the issues we had with our current disinfection system.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Are there any questions or comments? No? Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Guyton?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member T. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair J. Davis?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I don't have any Public Comment cards for Utility Special District. Legal? I'm sorry, anything from you, Mrs. Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, ma'am.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Legal?

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DISCUSSION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES

LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: No.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Anything from the commission?

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DISTRICT BOARD

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: I -- I --

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I just would like to state on the record that I think that that's the wrong thing to do, rush a budget process. I'm not sure if what Miss Ryan said was accurate. I'm going to get my Robert's Rules of Order while we change to the next meeting. But to rush a budget and not have all of your questions understood -- I understand that we're pressed for time. But that's not fair to do to any board member when we all have to -- to make the decision. And you -- you are the chair. You said we had to move on. But I just wanted to state that on the record.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. And I -- and I'm going to state this, my -- my two cents' worth on here. I think that the job for all of us is that we are given an agenda. Most times seven days in advance of a meeting. And we have a responsibility to do our homework, get our questions answered. So as -- so as to be able to move this business meeting. And, you know, I -- maybe some people choose to do it a different way. But I'm simply saying that from what I understand, you know, I feel that it's my

responsibility to get my questions answered so that we can -- we can move things along. And I'm very sorry you feel that way. And you know, just moving the meeting. Anything else?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: I --

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Motion to adjourn.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: -- all right. Wait.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, anything else?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: (Inaudible).

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, I thought you said no.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: No.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Mr. Guyton?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Yeah. No, I just wanted to make a closing comment. I came in during the discussion. But what I would like to share, what I always share, one, I think my colleagues should always get their questions answered. But for me, if I'm going to take a position, I do the DDE. I need data, documents and evidence. If there's an issue, if there are allegations, give me something that I can hang my hat on, that I can go to Mr. Aurigemma and say, I have a document. And I want an answer for it. Or I have some information. I want you to justify this. That is just how I operate. And that's how I would always operate. I'm going to be fair to everybody. But if there are accusations, just provide me some data, document or some evidence. And -- and it'll be addressed. So just for the future -- but people have heard me say that all the time. This is not new for Bruce Guyton. Data, documents and evidence. Thank you, Madam Chair.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any other questions? I mean --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- comments? Mr. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Two things. One thing I will -- will say is a lot of the documentation that's needed for all these departments in here, whether they're good or bad or effective or need assistance, is already in here. A lot of our departments get graded. They get -- some get fined, some get awarded. And for anyone on this board to think because we're asking questions at this workshop that we did not meet with someone, I don't think that was fair. When you're talking about quality of life and water, I've been bringing this issue up for three months. So this is nothing that just hit in the wind overnight. This is a very important issue to myself, being someone who grew up in this city, have family that live in this city, work with a lot of children in this city, and what

we do today with this is going to affect them tomorrow. A lot of my research is outside. I mean, you have someone like Mr. -- Mr. Taylor who came up and spoke who has over 30 years of this experience with the County. And he came and really spoke very eloquently to explain to us on what those responsibilities are and how we can save money in -- on doing it.

We have people that we're going to pay to do the work and what's stopping us from allowing them to do the work? We're already paying them anyway. We add another cost to it by contracting it out. Treat this like your house. If you got family at home to do some cleaning up, make them clean it up. Don't call your neighbor down the street to come and pay them to clean up your own house when you got family to take care of it in house. So when these -- when these budget workshops come up and like Councilperson Thomas said, we need to ask these questions and -- and these meetings -- I have my meetings. I don't have as many meetings with a lot of department heads. I really don't. Because a lot of times these issues, I'm very familiar with and if I want to ask some questions on the record, that's what I want.

'Cause I don't want no one to tell me one thing behind closed doors and get here and say something else. 'Cause like what happened in this meeting, the very first meeting it was stated that that position was going to Customer Service. Then in this meeting he's saying it's going somewhere else. That's not true. It's on public record. I can pull the minutes, bring it back and show you that wasn't true. Sometimes we have to ask these questions on public record to keep people valid -- valid on what they're going to say. Because what they said three months ago is not what was said in this meeting here now. What they said to y'all in your meetings was in -- between you and them. But I'll make sure that the public get these questions because people start coming up sick, things start happening -- focus on the budget. I'm focused on people lives. I'm done.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Any other comments?

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Meeting adjourned. Motion for adjournment, right?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

(CONCLUSION OF MEETING)

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