CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014, AT 5:00 P.M.

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CITY CLERK CALLS TO ORDER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening everyone. Welcome to our Utility Special District meeting. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Judy Davis.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Bruce Guyton. Board Member Cedrick Thomas. Board Member Terence Davis.

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Ruth Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Executive Director Louis Aurigemma.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Deputy District Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. District Attorney Pamala Ryan. District Finance Director Randy Sherman.

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. There is one addition, an emergency procurement and I will ask Mr. Aurigemma to explain to you that procurement.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Yes. It'll be item number 2 on the regular agenda and it's for the sole source/emergency procurement of a gear box for the North water softening unit at the water treatment plant.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member T. Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh --

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: -- sorry.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Sorry about that.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: It's okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. There are no consent items so item -- well, we got comments from the public, I guess, at this particular time. This is -- it says non-agenda

or consent. Okay. We'll do it at the end. Well, let's go ahead and do it now. Miss Kisner, come on up. I know. I'm just going by --

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.

MAMI KISNER: Good evening, Madam Chair and Council members --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening.

MAMI KISNER: -- and City Manager. Mami Kisner. I was here before you several times regarding the position of the -- on the budget of the Backflow Technician. I wanted to first call -- come before you and thank staff and the Council members for taking a closer look at the elimination of that position and the documentation that was provided by me as well as the union.

Now, I want you to know that the very next day, there were some retaliation measures that were taken by the Utility Director and I remember Councilman Terence Davis stating that he had hoped there would not be any type of retaliation to any of the employees at the Utility District. So I would ask that you would take a close look at the remarks and meetings that were held the very next day after that decision and question the Utility Director for the steps that he took.

I also want you to take a look at the hostile work environment that is taking place at the Utility District, statements that have been made by the Director that are not tolerable to any employee. Installing cameras and mics as if they were on their way to prison every day, which is creating a work environment where employees don't even want to come to work, which then effects the residents in the City, members, taxpayers. The waste of taxpayers' money with Utility District vehicles being taken to softball games. It has been

documented. And the waste of the meters that should have had a warranty on them and should have been replaced that are not working, which is causing many of the problems, from my understanding, on the records that I'm looking at and other people are looking at on the increase in the water bills.

We will be before you again. We will not let these matters stop. We are speaking for our citizens and residents and I can bring you a list of homeowners who are speaking to me, employees who are speaking to me regarding these matters. I have requested a meeting with the City Manager to also address these.

But I'm before you tonight to first thank you for listening to us on the Backflow position. But again, there are issues in that Utility District that have to be addressed. I am not new to this and I will be back. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you, ma'am. Okay. We're now down to the regular agenda, item 1.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH FOR THE FUNDING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY MARINA UPLAND PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT TO THE RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; AND MAKE PAYMENT FROM SAME; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. It's been moved and second. Miss Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair, members of the Commission, this item was before you last month on the CRA agenda as well as on the City Council agenda. And because part of the reimbursement funds go to the Utility District, it is also incumbent that the Utility Board also approve this Inter-local Agreement.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So I just want to make sure we're talking about the same thing. This is the agreement where the CRA will reimburse the Utility District, $37,831 and in return, we'll give them $937,929. Is that the agreement?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. In return, what we will do is utility work up under the roads and streets that we'll be running within that area which is a part of generally, the City's responsibility while the streets are being put in -- putting in that, but it is $37,000 whatever the dollars were that you mentioned.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: 831. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yep.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Any other questions or comments? Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member T. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: No.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Board Member T. Davis dissenting.

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, AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO PURCHASE AN ITEM UTILIZING THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH SOLE SOURCE/EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE; AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT FROM THE UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM; AND MAKE PAYMENT FROM SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Miss Jones.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. This item is before you as a sole source procurement and I would like to ask Lou Aurigemma, Executive Director of the Utility Special District, to speak to you about this particular procurement.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Good evening, sir.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: As -- as part of the water treatment process, we have --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Excuse me.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: -- we have three softening units. One of them went down and we need to replace the gear box for the softening unit. Therefore, we -- it's a sole source, gone through Ben Guy in Purchasing and we're asking you for authorization, just under $60,000.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Any questions or comments?

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis.

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: Mr. Aurigemma, what month did this go down?

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: This went down about 30 days ago.

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: Okay. That will be all.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Any other questions? Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member T. Davis?

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. That is the end of our items. Any discussion by the Executive Director?

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DISCUSSION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: Just one -- one comment. Miss Davis, on behalf of the Utility District employees, I'd like to thank you for the recognition and the luncheon that we had a couple of weeks ago.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Oh, you're very welcome.

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AURIGEMMA: You know, and I also want to thank Chair Pro Tem Pardo for attending. The employees really enjoyed you being there and, you know, I just wanted to extend that thanks on their behalf.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: You're very welcome, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It was -- Madam Chair, it was -- it was a very nice event.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So thank you and thank you for inviting me and -- and the rest of the Council.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. Anything from legal?

LEGAL DISCUSSION/REQUEST

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No (unintelligible).

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Anything from the board?

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DISTRICT BOARD

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: Nothing.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Anything?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Motion for adjournment.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER T. DAVIS: Second.

(CONCLUSION OF MEETING)

APPROVED:

JUDY L. DAVIS
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

CARRIE E. WARD
MASTER MUNICIPAL CLERK
CITY CLERK

DAWN S. PARDO
VICE CHAIRPERSON

BRUCE A. GUYTON
BOARD MEMBER

CEDRICK A. THOMAS
BOARD MEMBER

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D. PARDO	AYE
T. DAVIS	AYE

DATE APPROVED: 11/05/14