

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012, AT 5:00 P.M.**

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CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. The meeting will now come to order. Close the door, please? We'll get someone to close the door. Appreciate it. Okay. Ready for the roll call, please? The meeting will now come to order. Please. Roll call?

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Billie Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro-Tem Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Present.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Judy Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member -- Board Member Cedrick Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Shelby Lowe? City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Executive Director of Utilities Louis Aurigemma?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Here.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Deputy District Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. District [sic] Attorney Pamala Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: District Finance Director Randy Sherman?

DISTRICT FINANCIAL DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Present.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Um, probably let's silence our cell phones, please. We'll now stand for a Moment of Silence for the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairperson Brooks). Okay. We now need, um, a motion for the agenda. By the way, are there any additions, deletions, or substitutions?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: No, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I need a motion now --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Motion to approve agenda.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Roll call.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Davis.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. We have the consent agenda. All matters listed on 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 Councilperson so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence, and we do have one under the, um, consent agenda.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Move consent.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Roll call, please.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Davis.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you. We do not -- do we have any comment cards? Okay. Great. Uh, now down to the regular order of business. Resolution, please.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: A resolution of the Board of Directors of the City of Riviera Beach Utilities Special District, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the District to release the request for qualification to retain professional engineering

consultant's services for Phase C of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Project, to coordinate the relocation of underground utilities which are in conflict with the proposed road widening project.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Director Aurigemma?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes. Roll call? Um, excuse me. You see I'm really trying to roll this. Okay. Uh, presentation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Uh, this item is for Phase C of the Martin Luther King Boulevard construction. Yesterday, Phase B, or Phase 2, started construction, so we're looking at the future design. Today the -- the portion that started was between Australian and Congress.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Then this is Phase C, which is from, uh, Australian eastward, so --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Australian east to, uh --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: To Dixie Highway.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- Old Dixie? Uh-huh.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yeah. So that will be Phase C, and what we want to do is get a consultant on board for our utility relocation, so we're planning ahead. It is in our capital budget, and we're asking for the authorization to go out for a request for qualifications for a consultant.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any comments from the Board? Questions from the Board?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Are you gonna --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes, ma'am. You going out for the engineers?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yes, an engineering consultant through the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act process.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: We don't have engineers that, uh, we've already brought on?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: This -- this amount is going to be above the threshold of the CCNA, the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act process. So because of that, we're going out on a separate, uh, request for qualifications.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. What -- what's been -- what's been the amounts of money that have been paid to these two firms that we have on now?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Uh, approximately if -- if I recall, about \$750,000 each they've already earned in their two plus years of, uh, contract with the City.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. And, um, what's the threshold for the CCNA?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: This is, uh, uh, uh -- the consultant amount is about 200,000, and construction amount is about 2.5 million, and this is right near that threshold and I'd rather be on the safe side and go out for a consultant.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Well, um, what is the threshold, is the question I asked. My mike wasn't (inaudible).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yeah. The threshold is \$200,000 in consulting fees or a construction cost of \$2.5 million. Once you're at that level and above, then you have to go out.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Well, if the two other firms have already been paid 700,000 apiece, that wouldn't have made them above that threshold?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Sir, those were done on individual work orders or contract basis. It wasn't a cumulative portion, but they went through the process for the smaller jobs. They went through the CCNA process to obtain that work.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. So we do -- do we still have them on -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm missing something.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yes, they're still there. They're still there, yes.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: And why do we still retain them if we're not gonna use them?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Oh, they're being used for other projects.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. So are they -- are they allowed to do this work?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: They -- they can compete for it, yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Could they do this work if we allowed them to do this work?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: If -- if this was a project that was under \$200,000 in consulting fees, then we would have assigned it to one of the firms, yes.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Well, please help me understand it. If somebody can help me understand, I -- I don't get the reason to retain a company if one we've already paid each one of the companies 700,000, and they're still on, why are we still retaining them if we're going out to bid for this particular piece of work?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: They are a -- a continuing consulting engineer, so they -- they are assigned projects as needed, and they've been assigned a number -- each firm has been assigned a number of projects over the past

couple of years. One of them, for instance, was the, uh, consumptive use permit, the -- the assistance in that. So, you know, they've been given various assignments, and cumulatively they've been each given 750,000 -- they've earned \$750,000 in fees.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Is it -- maybe I'm not explaining it properly.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: So what you're saying -- so what you're saying, then -- and I -- I understand where you're coming from -- if -- we have people under retainer. I mean, we've already paid them. I think what Mr. Thomas wants to know is whether or not what we already have under contract with them would allow them to work on this project. But I'm also hearing you say, or it sound as if you're saying they've already pretty much utilized those dollars on other projects, and that might --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: That we -- we have used other funding for other projects. This is a specific project that is above the thresholds of the state statute.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: You -- and you saying the state statute is 200,000?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yes, in engineering fees. Uh-huh.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: And -- and --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Per project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yeah, per project.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. And they have already received 200,000 -- I mean, 700,000. And we still have them on retainer. Why are we now going out for bid again if they have not done anything with this project yet?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: It is a separate project and under the Section 287 of the Florida Statutes it -- it allows us -- it -- it basically tells us we need to go out for Competitive Negotiation Act.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. I understand that, sir. I'm just trying to find out, why do we still retain the two companies that we have, then, if this is what we do. What -- what was the purpose of retaining -- of retaining those companies --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: There are -- there are --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- if we're not going to utilize them.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: -- other projects that are of a smaller value that we use them for.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So because of the larger values --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- we don't want to use those companies?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: No, it's not that we don't want to use them. We're going out for a competitive request for qualifications.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Uh, and -- Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I think if this was -- if this was 199 instead of 200,000, could you not have used the company, one of the companies for this?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am. But again --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: All right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: -- it's not a bid situation. It's a request for qualifications, and because the cost of the construction is going to be in the \$2.5 million area, the cost of the consulting fee is going to be approximately 200,000. I can't guarantee it would be under 200,000. I would rather side safely and go with the process of the request for qualifications.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I think that's a safe thing to do. I'm not asking about whether it's a safe thing to do, and I believe it is. I want to know why are we still retaining this -- these -

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: They have a three --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- companies.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- year contract.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: How -- so how does this not violate them being able to do the work? I thought that's why you compete, so when the company has work, you're already retained to do the work.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Again, for the smaller projects, yes, you're absolutely correct. It's for the large projects. And as we go forward, you'll be getting a lot more requests like this for the larger projects.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: And what is the trigger for a small project or a large project?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Well, I -- I just mentioned the -- the thresholds, the \$200,000 in consulting fees, or \$2.5 million in construction costs. Those are your limitations.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Any further discussion? Miss Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I just want to make a comment. Um, this is the -- the project taking place. I understand this is just engineering and -- and that type of thing. But Miss Jones, my -- my comments are to you, um, a few years back, um, when we discussed the widening, um, of State Road, um, MLK. Um, what Council decided, um, and told FDOT that we wanted, with all the traffic going up and down this roadway, uh, kicking up a lot of dust and all of that, that we wanted a wall built and trees that would, you know, cut down on some of the dust getting to homeowners.

Now, I know FDOT has trimmed their budget and everything, but at the time everything was fine. It was in their budget and it was agreed upon. Okay? So, uh, Riviera Beach did not have any, um, thing to do with them deciding to chop this project up and do it piecemeal. So I would like our position to be, if Counsel agrees and -- and, you know,

that we still press hard to, uh, hold them to do what they said they were gonna do back then. Those are -- that's all for me.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes. And let me be clear, Miss Davis. What was it that they were committed to do or had promised to do?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: The wall was going to be on the, um, on the south side of the street, um, and foliage along the wall. There is a document. There is a plan around here somewhere that shows exactly, um, what we discussed. So, you know, because of the economy or -- or whatever the reasons, you know, they decided to chop it up and do it, you know, piece by piece by piece. And you know, I'm still saying that, you know, we want it to be as it was.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: With the wall.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: With the wall and the trees.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Who would the wall go -- it would be on the south side of MLK.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Extending from what, north/south?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I -- like I said, I don't remember the exact, you know, from where to where, but there is a plan, and I'm sure Miss McKinney or somebody, uh, um, has it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Is this a wall that's similar to what National Village has?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That kind of --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Is that -- excuse me. Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Lowe.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: That wall was mentioned during, uh --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And by the way, let the record show that Mr. Lowe is here. Okay.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: That's right. I'm here.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: All right.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Um, that wall was brought up during the, uh, negotiations we had with TMR. That was part of, um, uh, the negotiations with TMR. They were gonna construct a wall to shield the neighborhood from, um --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: True.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, okay.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I remember.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: -- from all the traffic and stuff from the industrial use at TMR. So they were gonna do the wall.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: TMR, not FDOT.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Right. Right. No. It was not FDOT, and that was going --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, okay.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: -- to be -- that was going to be on the --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: No, FDOT --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: -- north side of --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: -- was going to do the wall. Right?

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: No.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Oh, TMR?

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: FDOT never (inaudible).

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: But I'm talking about -- I'm talking about a few years past that, yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: We'll look at the plan.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yeah, you'll see the plan.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Yeah. We'll do research on that.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: If they can (inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Any other further questions?

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: -- good.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Ready for the vote, please.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro-Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Lowe?

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Brooks?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And next we're down to discussion by the Executive Director of Utilities?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yes. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Items 3 and 4, which we are gonna workshop, but I know you want to give some explanation here.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And for the benefit of the colleagues, when I did see this on the agenda, and discussed it with Miss -- Miss, uh -- Miss Jones, and later with Dr. Aurigemma, we know that it's gonna be quite a lot of detail here, uh, so it would be better to be work-shopped at our next workshop. But, however, sir, please give your explanation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yes. Thank you. And the next workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28th, is what I was told, and these two items will be on there, but I just wanted to give you a very brief synopsis of what's happening with the water, wastewater master plan. We're approximately 90 percent done with it. Uh, there will be a lot more discussion on the 28th. Uh, I can tell you the -- the number one priority that I have is the disinfection facility, and we'll -- we'll talk about it more that evening, but we're --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: -- moving right along and, uh, we should have this completed in early December, and I will have an item on the agenda. The Utility District Board agenda for, um, uh, December, uh, 5th, I believe, to -- uh, to basically get this master plan moving with -- with some of the projects that we have.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: That date, the 28th, did they run that by anybody?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It's proposed. He's -- that's proposed. We're gonna talk about it at our regular meeting to see --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Well, that -- that is the --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- if that is a good date for everybody.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: That is the date of the NLC, um --CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh, in Boston?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Oh.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So, um --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Okay.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I haven't made any preparations yet. I want to, but it's been kinda busy. But that -- that is just -- so everyone knows, that is the date for the, uh --CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Okay.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- the, uh -- the NLC.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: How many people going to the NLC?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I'm probably going ahead.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: If I can get it done.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I'll be there.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, we'll have to look at another day for the workshop. Was that a Wednesday?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh, what about -- what other day might look good? Have you all --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I'm not -- um, if it's that Wednesday, I'm not leaving until Thursday, so I mean, but I'm sure everybody wants to be here, so --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes. Everybody wants to be here. Everybody needs to be here. Okay. Well, we'll have to look at the calendar.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: (Inaudible) here on the day on Wednesday, and maybe we can catch a later --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Monday or Tuesday would be fine. When is Thanksgiving? What day is Thanksgiving?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: The week before.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: We can't meet on Thanksgiving. I'm a little busy with a bird on Thanksgiving.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, Monday or Tuesday is good with me. When are you leaving?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Uh, probably --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That Tuesday?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- the 28th.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. So that Monday or Tuesday?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Uh, you know, I don't foresee that being -- not Monday, maybe Tuesday.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: But Tuesday?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Tuesday, the 27th.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: (Inaudible) for everyone.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Tuesday, the 27th?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Tuesday, the 27th. How is that?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Lowe?

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Miss Pardo?

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: So this is for the workshop for this wastewater master plan, no?

CITY MANAGER JONES: It will be --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It will be our workshop for our, uh --

CITY MANAGER JONES: There will be the --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- City side agenda, the items too.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. One -- one City item and these two utility items.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh. Okay. So then that's confirmed, the 27th, Tuesday.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: For the workshop?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: For the workshop, yes, sir. Okay.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: On this item.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Thank you so much.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: And one --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And then --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: -- other item.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Uh --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Number 4?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Uh, uh, regarding the ECR and, uh, just to give you a brief synopsis of what's been happening, I'm going to bring up, uh,

the Assistant Executive Director, Mario Loaiza, who also happens to be the Chair of the ECR Board, and within a couple of minutes he'll just give you that brief.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Right. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Okay.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Hello. Um, before you there should be a memorandum, um, that I -- that should have been in your chairs, um, previous to this meeting. I know we're gonna workshop this later, so we can leave some of the more detailed, uh, discussion for that day. Um, but because it's been sort of in the press lately, and there's been some questions, and some -- um, some folks have called me about it, I wanted you to be aware of sort of a brief history of the improvements to the East Central Regional wastewater treatment facility and, um, some of the movements recently between West Palm Beach and Lake Worth.

Uh, so what you have before you is a memorandum dated today that gives you a brief history. I won't go through it, you know, item by item, but, um, some of the highlights would be -- excuse me -- that the, um -- there is no do nothing option. We have -- there is improvements that are required that we've been talking about for many years. Um, as far back as when Weldon Financial, uh, did our study in 2008. Um, it just -- you know, now it's four years later and so we're -- we have more recent numbers, so we have -- oh, sorry about that. Uh, how did that happen? Here. Here's your book. Um, so we'll skip to the end here. Uh, basically, we've got -- uh, in the last --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, my God.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: -- couple of, uh, last month or so, last month and a half, uh, what has occurred is we have finished our final study at the ECR with, um, the consultant and they have, um, in effect, given us a plan of action for improvements that are required at the East Central Regional wastewater plant. Um, about a fifth of the project consists of what's known as a pelletizer.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: What they do is they -- they take, uh, the biosolids portion -- when you have a wastewater plant, there's water and there's solids, and at the end of the process you have to deal with -- with both of those. Um, and on the biosolids side what is typically done currently is we take those -- the ECR, um, plant takes those items. They, uh, take them to the Solid Waste Authority, and they're used in a composting operation.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: The long and the short of it is, the composting operation is going to cease in September of 2014. We've known that for many years. Uh, right now we get -- we have a very, uh, favorable pricing that we're charged, and when I say "we," Riviera Beach is one of five municipalities that own the ECR.

We own about 11 and a half percent interest in that. Um, so any capital costs or anything associated with operating, uh, we pay 11.5 percent of as Riviera Beach. The other municipalities, uh, Palm Beach County, West Palm, have about a 33 percent, 32 percent ownership each. Uh, the third would be Lake Worth at about 18 percent

ownership. We're in fourth place at 11 and a half, and then you have the town of Palm Beach, uh, with the remainder, about eight percent.

So those are the five entities that comprise the ECR, and each one of those has a, um -- a Board appointee, and I'm yours. So in this, uh, this new endeavor, currently, uh, solid waste handles our biosolids, using the composting operation. When that is no longer, uh, valid, they went -- there's a couple of different options we can do. There's three that were identified.

We can either, uh, join the on-site pelletizer. What that is, is they literally dry it and make fertilizer out of it. There's currently an operation at the Solid Waste Authority that does that. We could use a third party vendor to, uh -- that we would -- and, uh, we can get into a business relationship with them. They would haul it away, make their own fertilizer, and we would, uh, get into an arrangement with them. Or we can build our own on-site pelletizer of our own and run our own operation and have our own fertilizer that we can market and what have you.

Uh, all those options were -- were looked at by the consultants over the last couple of years. And, uh, we negotiated contracts or attempted to negotiate a contract with Solid Waste, uh, the terms of which were not favorable to us, were not as most economical. The best and most economical approach, um, as of earlier this year was to build our on-site -- our own on-site pelletizer at the ECR facility.

So what's happened recently is, um, West Palm Beach, they -- for reasons unknown to me -- uh, requested that it be looked at again. And so, um, they requested a joint meeting. If you look on the second page of the memorandum that I gave you, uh, there's a title that says, "In the last few weeks," and that's real recent history. And the first bullet is speaking to the fact that West Palm Beach requested a special meeting. Um, Miss Brooks, do you have yours? I'll give you mine, if it -- okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yeah. I don't have a copy.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Okay. So, um, the bottom line is they base -- they decided for their own reasons that they felt differently, and they wanted to -- they wanted for the ECR to join, um, the existing pelletizer facility at Solid Waste Authority. Um, so we -- they requested a joint meeting between the ECR board and the city commissioners for West Palm Beach. They were -- they attended our meeting, our regular ECR Board meeting. They came to that meeting, um, and we sat down together and in effect, instructed their -- their board member to, uh -- they voted 4 to -- 3 to 1 to, in effect, reverse their position, and so what you basically have is the County and West Palm Beach currently wanting us to -- the ECR to join the existing pelletizer, as opposed to -- to constructing our own facility. Um --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Excuse me. What do you see is wrong with that?

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Uh, it depends on how much it -- it's more expensive.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: It's more -- okay. That's -- that's --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: For Riviera Beach that's more expensive.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Well --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: And I represent Riviera Beach, so

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CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: -- for us, that's the most costly option.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Madam --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I -- I have a couple of questions, and I know we're -- um, well, first, this is the first time that I've seen this, when I got here.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Um, and if there was a situation like this -- let me speak for myself. I don't get very much correspondence with what you're doing, representing us, at that particular board. I have heard that there have been two cities that have been against this, for whatever reason. And I don't have all of the information to make an informed decision here. So --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Right.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- um, I haven't gotten minutes from the meetings that you attend. I mean, I -- I haven't gotten any of that.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Did you -- did you give some of those --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- meet -- those minutes out and --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Where?

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: I'm sorry if you haven't received them, sir. But yes, sir, I have, uh --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: And you -- where did you -- how did you get them to us?

CITY MANAGER JONES: They were mailed in a -- in a packet. 'Cause they don't meet every month.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Oh. Um, uh, maybe once a month we meet. Sometimes we don't have a meeting, but it's typically once a month. Yes, sir, I've copied the meeting minutes and Miss Jones has been on record to state if

there's any questions, you know, please call me directly and so I -- if I -- I apologize if you haven't received them, but --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: -- yes, sir. And this is to be work-shopped, so you will be getting more information.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Well, I would like the same, you know, ability to -- to have our -- a joint meeting with the ECR board --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Absolutely.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- as well as our board, to see what our interests, um, are in this. Um, I'm not sure what the terms was of the first negotiation, so I'm not sure -- I just heard you say it's more expensive for Riviera Beach, but I haven't heard what it costs and, you know, what's the pros and cons --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Yes, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- um, to it. Um, these meetings go very quickly, which need to probably stop, these 30-minute meetings, since we have some very valid issues here. We need to start an hour early, but I don't want to be rushed every meeting, you know, trying to get the information.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: This is going to be work-shopped. This is -- this is a workshop.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Yeah, we will workshop this one.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: He's just giving you a briefing of it right now.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: I actually agree with you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: This -- this will be on the workshop.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: These two. You have a (inaudible) --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Well, at the same workshop that we just planned on the 20 --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, yes.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: So we can -- I can give you any additional information then and make sure you get those minutes that you haven't received. I'll make sure you get those.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Before that date, please

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Absolutely.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Mr. Lowe.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Um, I know you probably don't know this, but --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: I'll give it a shot.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: West Palm Beach and the County --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: And maybe I won't.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: -- what's going on with them?

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Uh, okay. I can -- I can answer your --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: West Palm Beach is a part of the ECR, so --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Yes, sir. Um, what I can tell you is that for Palm Beach County, they initially voted against, uh, us building our own pelletizer at the facility.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Yeah.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: At the ECR.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Well, I can see that because they want you to come through them.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Right. Because they own --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: At their price.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: -- they own the other one.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Yeah.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: And it makes -- uh, for them, uh, if you look at the -- at the economics of it, uh, they basically -- they'll make money if we go to the ECR, if we go to their pelletizer at Solid Waste Authority. It behooves them. So they -- you know, their own business, because their -- their -- they -- they're in a tough spot, because they're on both sides of the fence. You know? They own Solid Waste Authority and their facilities, and they're part owner, a majority -- uh, them and West Palm Beach will be majority owners of the ECR, so that way they're kinda paying themselves but they benefit the most if we join.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: And the plant is in West Palm Beach.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: West Palm Beach switched.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: And they operate the plant.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: They operate the West Palm Beach plant. So --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Okay.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Like I said, uh, my -- I don't, um, with all due respect, um, it doesn't matter to me what benefits them. It's what benefits Riviera Beach is what I'm concerned with.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: And so --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: So, um, if the Board votes for it, then West Palm Beach doesn't have it. If Lake Worth --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Right. Right now, so, yeah, so the last little bit of it is -- I know we're kinda pressed, but, uh, so what's currently happening is that, um, you know, our position has been, and, um, uh, from -- from all the information we've looked at for the last couple of years, that the best solution is to build our own facility. We -- and the town of Palm Beach agrees with us, so right now we've got the town of Palm Beach and Riviera Beach on the same page, which I don't know how often that happens, but we're on the same page on this one. That tells you something.

So if we think it's the right way, and then also Lake Worth also believes it's the right way, um, it's just this recent, you know, I would say political reasons. I'm not exactly sure, and I don't want to guess, but for their -- whatever their political reasons at West Palm Beach, they've decided to switch, and so Lake Worth is now asking -- there's new folks at Lake Worth who have -- maybe haven't been given the information.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: That's right.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: So right now it's -- they're -- they're being work-shopped, as well. I believe their date -- I had it, but -- December 3rd. They're meeting December 3rd to discuss it a little bit further. Um, and the -- the ECR consultant, um, is -- is looking at a new, um -- you know, to rerun the numbers and make sure they're okay. We can certainly do that here, as well, but -- uh, and whatever the pleasure of the Board, we'll make sure happens.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, we want to get more into details on this --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- at the workshop, because I knew that we -- there would be a lot of questions, and if we get information prior to our meeting -- when we get the information prior to our workshop, we'll be prepared.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Uh, the next CCR Board is, uh, Wednesday, November 14th, a week from today, and Mario is the chair of that, uh, so more information will come to, uh, us at that time, and then when we workshop it on the 28th, we'll have as much information --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: 27th.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: -- as everyone else at that time.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: What time you said that meeting was, the ECR meeting?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: 9:00 in the morning it starts.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Nine? Where -- where at?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: It will be at West Palm Beach City Hall.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: At 9 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: All right.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: On which date?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Wednesday, November 14th, one week from today.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: So with that being said, did you -- I heard you say you wanted to go before the ECR Board, also? I mean, did you want them to come here or --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Well, I mean, we can set it up whichever way. I just want to make sure that we know what we want our representative to do. I don't want it to just be a few people in there saying that you representing the whole board, if we don't exactly know. So I just want to make sure that we know what the pros and cons, and what the fight is all about.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Right. And Mr. Thomas, on -- at the workshop on the 27th, those answers will be -- those questions will be answered and then as a -- as a board, you can instruct us which way to decide.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Well, since we're gonna have that meeting, can --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: The workshop?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: That workshop, can we have the ECR Board come to our workshop?

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: We can -- we can -- we can request that the ECR Board -- uh, other board members, you mean? The other four board members and myself? Is that what you're asking?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Okay. We would have to -- I could ask them to, certainly. So we can do that. Uh, we'd have to be notified as a meeting of the ECR Board, though, and we would have to convene an ECR Board meeting. But we could certainly do that. We could do it here on the 27th is what --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Or we could -- sorry.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Why -- why do we have to do that?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: But if we're inviting them to do a presentation, why would we need to, um --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Because when you have more than one ECR Board member, uh --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: It has to be noticed.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yeah, it has to be noticed.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: -- it has to be noticed and it has -- it's a public meeting.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Okay.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Sunshine Laws and --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: You follow the same rules as we do.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Well, I --

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- I heard you. My issue is, I don't remember, and if -- if it has happened, I just want to know the Board giving you a position to actually represent. So I just want to know how we got to Riviera Beach and Palm Beach on the same page and West Palm Beach and the County are not.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Well --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: We -- we voted on this a long time ago.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: We said yes, yeah.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: That we were going to --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Are we changing our position? We're not, or --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: We voted --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I -- I -- I don't -- I don't remember. That's what I said

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BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- make me aware of --

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- of what is what.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Some time ago this issue was brought before us.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Yeah.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And, um, you know, there was a lot of questions, you know, and you asked a lot of questions, why are we spending this kind of money, and -- and why it had to be done. This was when the previous Executive Director was here, and we voted --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Yeah, that's right.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: -- or directed them to go ahead and move forward.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: How long --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: And we factored --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: -- ago was that?

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: -- in the money and everything. All of this has been done, so --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Well, that (inaudible)--

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yeah. But we were --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: -- if we're trying to change --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- given totally different information.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: -- our position, why are we having a workshop?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Mr. Lowe?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Well, part of that--

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Mr. Lowe, did you finish?

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: I was saying that, you know, we budgeted for this. We discussed it. If we're gonna change our position we should have a workshop, but if we're gonna keep the same position, then what's the -- what's the purpose of the workshop?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Pardo has a question --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Uh, Mr. Lowe, there is a --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- so maybe you can answer both.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: There is a counter-proposal by the Solid -- Solid Waste Authority that's coming forth to the ECR which may change some of the dollars.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: And that is really the purpose of the workshop, so that you get any new information. If that number goes lower, maybe --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Will they be discussing that, um, on the 14th?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yes, they will.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Okay.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Yeah. And we need to have --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. If you show up on the 14th--

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: -- a -- we need to have --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Just a minute. You -- you finished, Mr. Lowe?

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. I just want you to get yours out.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: And they need to be here at the workshop. We need to hear from them. And I remember two years ago or so when we approved this we were given different information. We were told that everyone on the Board was in favor of it. There were no alternatives. We needed to move forward with it, and that's why we moved forward. And I know, and I recall that, um, this Council had a lot of questions, and we were basically told there were no other alternatives.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: And (inaudible) --

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: And that's why we moved forward with it.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Yeah, I -- I can help you with that. Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: So we can bring it back.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOAIZA: Real quick, I know (inaudible).

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: We can bring it back in the workshop, but I think --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yeah, we'll bring it back in.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: But I think it's imperative that we have SWA here. We need to hear from them. We need to hear directly from them what their proposal is.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: All right?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: We hear you.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Well, that was just --

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Is that what you recall?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: -- for deliberation.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Legal discussion? Any legal issues?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I have nothing, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Any, um, discussion by any Board Members?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes, ma'am. I'll go first, if you will allow it.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Yes, yes, Mr. Thomas.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Um, the -- this Board decided some time ago in reference to our disinfected, which way we were going to go and what we were going to do. I haven't heard anything back from that. I'd like for you to tell me what's going on with that.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Well, as -- as I mentioned, uh, the -- the first item on our workshop will be the water, wastewater master plan, and number one item is the disinfective alternative, which is the bleach, and we will give you, uh, a more comprehensive update on where we are and where we're going with that.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: But where are you now?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Oh, we're 90 percent -- we're -- we're ready to put out a -- a bid for, or -- or a request for qualifications on the engineering design on the core facility on the disinfectant building.

CITY MANAGER JONES: That was his question, I think.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, (inaudible). That was what we wanted to know.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOUIS AURIGEMMA: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, Miss Davis.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Yes. Um, I -- the only reason I'm -- I want to announce this now is because our meeting may get delayed and people -- our City meeting may be late, and people won't hear it, but, um, I will be bringing forth an initiative in partnership with the City and the, uh, CRA, to present a housing, uh, workshop explaining HARP, Part 2, and, uh, this is predominantly -- this -- this is mostly for people who are underwater, um, who are doing the right thing, paying their mortgage even though they are underwater, uh, and if you want to take advantage of it, you know, we have some, um, fliers back there in the back.

Uh, there will be, um, representatives from various banks, HUD, uh, and other organizations, um, to assist the residents with moving through the process. Um, and, um - - so if you are in need of some assistance to -- to -- to -- to get refinancing, please come out on December the 13th, from 4 to 8, at Newcomb Hall.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Would you repeat that date again, Miss Davis?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: December 13th, from 4 to 8.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: And what day of the week is that?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: That's on a Thursday.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: On a Thursday. Okay. It's important that people know that. Okay. Any other? Mr. Lowe, any matters?

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Uh, I just, um, was curious about, you know, we discussed this issue about the water bills, and we were gonna set up a committee or something like that to look at the, um, water bill issues?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Yes, we will be working --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: It's on -- it's on --

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: There's a resolution on --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: -- tonight's agenda?

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: -- the City side tonight. It's Phase 1 for that.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: Okay. All right.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: No. I'm good. Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: One of the persons of interest just walked in.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. All right. Okay. There being no further discussion, then we can --

BOARD MEMBER LOWE: That's it.

CHAIR PRO-TEM PARDO: Motion to adjourn.

CHAIRPERSON BROOKS: Okay. Yes. You want to take a five minute or go right into the meeting. About five minutes. Okay. So everyone who's here for our 5:30 regular meeting, we will -- um, we're gonna recess right now. Well, actually, take a break and start at 10 minutes of. Thank you for your patience.

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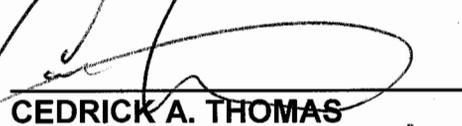
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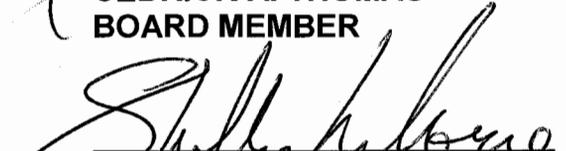

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