

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.**

(The following may contain unintelligible or misunderstood words due to the recording quality.)

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Would everyone please have a seat? We're going to start our meeting in about a minute. Yeah. Let's see. Where is Mr. Guyton? Okay. Welcome, everyone, to the City of Riviera Beach. Tonight we have a Riviera Beach Council Meeting. Madam Clerk, roll call, please?

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Present.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chairperson Dawn Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Present.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pro Tem Terence Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Here.

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

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Here.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson KaShamba Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Present.

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

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Here.

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

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Present.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Pamala Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Present.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. We have a quorum. I'd like to invite everyone to stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge led by Mayor Masters.

### **INVOCATION**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

(Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Mayor Masters).

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Do we have any disclosures by council or staff?

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

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, Madam Chair. What you do have in front of you is a copy of what was e-mailed to you yesterday as it relates to the Housing Authority item.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Do we have a motion to adopt the agenda?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

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

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** We need to pull --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No, we're just adopting the agenda.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So is there a motion?

### **DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL**

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, I have a disclosure. Item 13 for the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy. My bus company does transportation for this school as it has been for the past 10 years.



**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Anyone else? All right. Miss Jones, do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions to the agenda?

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Second?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Consent agenda.

**Comments From the Public on Consent Agenda (Three Minute Limitation)**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCILPERSON SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Do we have a motion to accept consent?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

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

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I'd like to pull number 4, 6 and 8.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Number 4, number 6 and number 8, we will pull. Anyone else? Okay. Do we have a motion to accept consent with 4, 6 and 8 pulled?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Item 4.

### **MINUTES**

- 1. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JULY 13, 2015.**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD JULY 13, 2015.**
- 3. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 15, 2015.**

## RESOLUTIONS

4. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPT A POLICY GIVING THE RIGHT OF EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG) WHEN THEY BECOME AWARE OF MISMANAGEMENT IN ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Okay. Miss Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Isn't it already established where the elected officials, city managers, attorney and all of the staff are required, since they're registered voters in Riviera Beach on November 2010 adopted this by the -- for the Palm Beach County Inspector General ordinance to report the fraud and waste? Wasn't this done already back in November 2010?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The policy was not established internally.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** What -- what was done?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** All that was was the vote. And this is a policy that the Office of the Inspector General has asked each municipality to also adopt.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. So we're just doing it now. That was back in 2010. Was there a reason why we didn't -- we couldn't do it then or no?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, we really didn't get the request until the --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Or we could?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- new attorney general came and he came last June, I believe.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** He was the one insisted on doing this.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. What about the Utility Board city manager or city attorney? Aren't they required, as well? Everybody in all the other CRAs and Utility District, as well?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Required to --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** To report. And what, they didn't have the resolution for that, either?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** They do not have -- well, there's some question about the CRA.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** That they did not have jurisdiction over the CRA but they do as it relates to Utility.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. Now, even though the vote went through, was there any ways in which we promoted or educated everyone on how they could report the waste, if there was some wasteful spending or just being able to make a report?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, we made individuals aware of what the vote was of the residents of Palm Beach County, as well as initially. For at least the first few years there was a link on our website that employees could get that information from, as well as the public.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. Can you give me the amount of reports that may have been made? Do you know offhand how many?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Oh, I have no idea.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Attorney, do you know?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I have no idea.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. Can we look into getting that?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We can ask --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Reports? The number of reports?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** As opposed to -- because they have listed --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** The -- both. Those that were reported and those that were, you know, found to have reasonable --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We can ask the I -- the IG's Office to provide the information.



**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. Thank you. Would you do that for me, please?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Sure.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, ma'am.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Is that it? Anyone else? All right. So we had a motion and a second. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Item 6?

**5. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING TOTAL SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER OF ROGER WORTHY V. CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH AND APPROVING THE TOTAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNT OF \$48,000 AS COMPLETE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF INDEMNITY COMPENSATION, FURTHER LIABILITY FOR FUTURE MEDICAL CARE AND REHABILITATION TO THE CLAIMANT, INCLUSIVE OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS; FURTHER, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE CITY'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT NUMBER 602-0539-513-0-4508 TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE INSURANCE CARRIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**



6. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH ARCHITECTS DESIGN GROUP TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX BY INCREASING THE CONTRACT VALUE BY \$421,043; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO 10%; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 310-0203-521-0-6251; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. We have one public comment card. Norma Duncombe?

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Norma Duncombe.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** I'm trying to find out if -- this is the new complex that -- in terms of moving over on 13<sup>th</sup> Street, is this --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- what we're talking about? And I'm still -- I -- I've always been against moving over there. And number one, I -- I think maybe -- and nobody else paid attention but I thought it was such a bad deal to buy that property. We paid much more than what it was appraised. We also did not take in consideration -- and I do have an e-mail somewhere that I pulled where the City Manager did say it would cost a fortune to redo that place that was given to the Council, and I forgot to bring it tonight. But why are we getting designs on this thing? What we probably need to do is rethink this whole project before you go forward. Now, I do not think that we have money to throw away. I don't know if anybody else is concerned about the entire city. We need to put in place those things that will stabilize the entire city. And right now we don't seem to be working in that direction. I -- I'm just asking you to really think this through before you put any more money into it. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you very much, ma'am. All right. So who's doing the presentation here?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Danny Jones, Deputy City Manager.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** What you have before you is an amendment to the agreement originally signed with ADG in 2013 to pay for additional services. As you may recall, the original budget for the project was roughly 6,050,000, and during the process of trying to bring the project to fruition, several items were included in the project, to include a citywide facility for -- gym for everyone to use in the city; City employees, that is, as well as the IT Division was added to this project. And in the end, the project budget was different than the original budget. And our contract with ADG outlined a 6.5 percent design fee based on the value of the project.

As indicated in the backup, that fee, based on the 6.5 percent, was roughly \$540,000. But in negotiating with ADG and his team, we came up to agree on a figure of \$351,000. So we're here tonight to ask for a contract amendment based on the value of the project.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. So I have a question for you.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. So where are we going to get the additional \$11,091,685 from to complete the project?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** No. The -- what I -- I'm sorry.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I know. I --

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** What I failed to mention was the project was value-engineered.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** And we made a presentation to you in June.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** And as an additional part of this resolution I'm asking for an additional \$69,000 for -- to -- to redesign out those elements that Gilbane said that we could value-engineer from the project to reduce the actual cost of the project down to roughly 12.5 million.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. But we still don't have all the money for it. So we're going to have all of the plans without the additional funding. Because we went through this at the budget so there's no, you know, trying to run a circle around it.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So it's built out and --

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Some of the financing options that we discussed in June when we made the presentation to you are in the works and as we move forward with



this project. Part of that was to evaluate Avenue L site and to use the proceeds from Avenue L site, as well as the lease payments from the current port center lease to help cover the cost and generate capital to pay for this project.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So did you go out and do a new appraisal for Avenue L? Remember, I told you, you had forward the appraisal and it wasn't a good appraisal because they -- they appraised the entire property. And we -- or staff had told us that we're keeping the fuel tanks on the property.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** We --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** But --

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes. Yes, ma'am. We --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- there was no mention of that in the appraisal.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. And the -- the appraisal company is re-evaluating their appraisal, because we initially had it appraised in 2012 for 2.4 million with the fuel tanks outside of that appraisal. And it was re-appraised in 2015 for \$2 million in an economy that's much better now than it was in 2012. So we didn't just accept that appraisal. That was presented to us, and at the time we're still re-evaluating and talking with the company that performed that work for us.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. And I would think part of it is going to be because we've had the fuel tanks there for a long time. So we're going to have to --

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** No, ma'am. We have not. The fuel tanks --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. So you don't think that there's any -- anything underneath? Well, let's wait for the appraisal to come back.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay. All right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Well, everyone knows where I stand. I've, you know -- I haven't supported this from the day that you purchased it and I -- I won't support it.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Exactly.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** We could have had a police department and Public Works could have been built already. But whatever.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And might I also note that this recommendation is coming from the chief of police, that we do move, and I, for one, am going to take the professional's

suggestion and support what his desire is. This has been controversial from the beginning, even before I got here. Stopping and starting would definitely not be financially wise. We already started this motion to do this project. We know that we have the lion's share of the - all of the funds needed. We've been told that whether we do it here or do it at the new location, we're still going to have to come up with about 4 million, so I am in full support of moving forward and it's my hope that we go ahead and consummate this and let's keep it moving.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

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

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. I did pull this item so I -- I would like to say something about it. I do not recall us making a vote. It was a consensus that we made regarding this item several meetings ago. So we're going with -- forward with these plans even though we have not voted officially on which way we were going with this?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The original vote was in 2013 to move forward.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** But when we came up with those different options, we didn't need to vote on those options that we -- that were presented to us?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** If you wanted to change the vote from 2013 it would have required a vote. But if you --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** So what it was consensus for?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** The consensus was whether you wanted to sell the property or whether you wanted to stay the course and go forward. There was a majority that said stay the course. If the decision had have been to sell the property, a resolution would have been on the next agenda for the vote to change the 2013 vote.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** So we didn't have to have an official vote for whether to keep it or get rid of it?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** 'Cause you already had a vote in 2013.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. All right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Anyone else?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Jones, come back to the mike. Maybe you can answer this. By us moving over there, that building would come off the tax roll; is that correct?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, sir. It would become --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. If we decided to stay where we are, which is a central location on Blue Heron Boulevard, it is also -- most police departments are on the main street and easily accessible. But if we chose to sell that building, then it would be money coming in. It would be on the tax roll then; is that correct?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, sir. But the Avenue L property, we anticipate adding back to the tax roll, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. But on that property, if we sold it, do you have any idea how much or what -- what has the tax bill that we have received from it in the past -- do you -- can you tell us that, when the other people were in there, in that building? Can anybody tell us that?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** I can't recall. I think roughly \$126,000, Mayor. But I -- that's a --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Miss McKinney, do you have any idea?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** I don't have that information here.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Anybody in Finance have that? But that's your approximation?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So are you saying that we would lose \$126,000 a year by moving there? Because we wouldn't gain anything.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** We would gain if we continue with the project and sold the Avenue L site, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Avenue L site meaning what?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** The current location for the Public Works facility.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. But now, with -- with the Public Works, the -- what about the gas, the -- the gasoline? The tanks?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** When we had the property originally appraised, we had it parceled out, and the gasoline would remain the property of the City and we will continue to use that facility.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So we can't sell it, then, if we're going to continue to use it. Right?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** The appraisal that we had completed in 2012 did not include a parcel -- a -- a small parcel that would allow us to access the gas pumps only.



**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, I guess my question is, are we going to sell that -- the L site with the pumps instead of use it?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** It was an option to create -- to create the financing mechanism to continue with this project, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I don't understand the answer but that's okay. Thank you.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Anyone else? All right. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion fails with Councilpersons Pardo, Davis and Miller dissenting.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Since we seem to want to keep starting and stopping this, it was voted on and it's still voted on to move forward this building. What you just did is say we don't want to do the plans with that building. And let me just say just for the record, however you want to go with it, that's fine. But you can't decide on something and then drag your feet and just because certain people feel like it on certain days say, We're not going to do it. We invested millions and millions of dollars. If we did every item like we're doing this item, this city will go absolutely nowhere. And that -- that -- that frightens me that we're doing this. Just because it's a few people -- we have three-two votes up here all of the time

and have controversial stuff all of the time. If we're not going to do it, then decide what we're going to do with it. But we've been telling Police and Public Works that we're going to do this.

And for years that money has sit -- set there. This money has been over 10 or 11 years. The money was sitting there for this stuff before I got on council. And we keep kicking this down the road and buildings keep falling. You know, buildings keep falling. And you can say -- or whoever can say whatever. You can say whatever you want to say. Everybody's not going to agree. You can have a few people say, Well, I want to go over there. Either we salvage the -- the project or we sell it. But either way, you know we have a \$4 million issue. And this does not help it. All this does is kick it down the road a little bit more. And the police building is going to become sicker and sicker. And the -- the -- the Public Works building, I mean, it's ridiculous. It's ridiculous.

We can't do the same things for the money. So we've spent money to value-engineer. We spent money and we spent money and we spent money. And now you just voted down doing the architectural plans so you're not going to get it. So what is it that we're going to do? And -- and I don't really want to discuss/debate back and forth who wants what. We know what wants what. What are we going to do to move forward with where we're going to be? A vote was taken and it should have been acted on, period. A vote was taken. It should have been acted on. And we're saying, Well, why don't people trust what's going on? Because of shenanigans like this. So we -- we lose votes on sides every time. It's going to be several more down this agenda.

If we're not going to do it, just say it. Tell all these people, all the residents, tell those cameras that are back there, Hey, we're not going to do it. And then also tell them what are we going to do. So we're going to take the money and do what with it? Do what? Wait till after March to another election to see if you can find somebody to say that you want to sell the building? What are we going to do with it? Period. And that's a board discussion. It's not just a Miss Pardo or Mr. Thomas discussion. It's a board discussion to say, What are we going to do. This money's been out there for over a decade. And it keeps getting smaller and smaller and smaller. And then sooner or later, you're going to be saying, Take this money, fix some of the other issues around the city and the police department and the Public Works will never get built. We need to quit kicking it down the road and do something with it today.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Well, I'd like to give the public some history on this. When I came in in 2008, I was presented with plans. I was presented with this ADG contract. And the plan was to rebuild the police station and the plan was to rebuild Public Works. And we were using Stormwater money to rebuild Public Works. And we were moving forward with the plans. We have the plans for Public Works. The plans were moving along for the police station, and then the next thing we know, we have a recommendation from staff saying, There's a warehouse on 15<sup>th</sup> Street. We should buy the warehouse and move everything over there.

Meanwhile -- so there was the vote. I was against it from the beginning just for the record. We the City decided to spend the money for the warehouse. I believe it was \$6.6 million. And they told us that we were going to be saving \$2.2 million if we moved forward with it.



So they took the vote and moved forward. However, we couldn't move forward because the previous owner had a tenant. And we allowed the tenant to stay there and the previous owner to collect the rental income. So the owner left. Some repairs had to be made, and then we decided to move forward with the plans. Let's complete the plans for the police department. And this is, you know -- this item before us is allowing them to complete the plans.

But meanwhile we find out that we don't have enough money for the project, and we had a meeting on Monday and we went through capital. We're still short about \$2 million for the project. What I would like, what my solution is, someone make a motion to sell it.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I make a motion to sell the property.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Let's sell it and let's move forward. Well, there's a motion. Is there a second?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam -- point of order.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, sir.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair, this item has already been voted on. We should not be pertaining to any discussion till the end of the -- the agenda.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** We -- that's -- we've already voted on it so if you want to make a motion it should happen at the end of the -- the agenda.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You can make a motion at any time.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** At any time.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** During -- at any time.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And Mr. -- right. And Mr. Thomas brought it back --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** But I don't --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- to discuss it. He had made the comment. So I think at this point there's a motion. Is there a second on the floor? All right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I -- I will ask -- go ahead.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So it dies for a lack of a second. But anyway, that is, you know - - so what do we do?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So Madam Chair, if you say sell it --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So what do we do?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- you just had a motion and it dies for lack of a second. So what do you do now?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** What do you do? What do you do?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You have plans already to move forward with Public Works. Public Works could be built and everyone be in there by this time next year.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, sir.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I would just like for us to go through the agenda. Anything -- if we want to discuss this matter at the end of the agenda, but we need to continue this meeting in a proper order.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Well, do a second to the motion.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Uh-huh. (Inaudible).

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Am -- am I correct, Attorney Ryan? Am I correct?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well --

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

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- yeah, we can.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** We really should move on.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** We can. All right. So we're going to move on.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And get back to this (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** We will revisit that. So stay tuned.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We can make a motion to discuss whatever we want to discuss.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. But no one put a motion on the floor to discuss it.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I put -- I -- I -- I move that we discuss it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** There was no -- is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So now we're back at the discussion.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I mean, you can --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Of course this is --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So anyway --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- that was my recommendation. Let's sell it and let's move forward. We have the plans already for Public Works.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Hold on. Hold on. There was a motion to discuss it and there was a second. You need to vote on --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Madam Clerk?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Thank you.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilperson Davis dissenting.



**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So anyway, so that's what I say. That's --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- you know, you wanted my opinion, that's my opinion. Yes, sir?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** What really concerns me is not so much of which way we go, it's starting a project and stopping it, starting and stopping it. We have the politics intertwined in it, and what's most concerning to me is that we have people with absolutely no -- and no disrespect to anybody -- no law enforcement background, zilch. Just emotions. That's all they have. We had the law enforcement professionals come and tell us or suggest to us that new location would be best for the operations. We have a lot of satellite offices. We're paying, like, 3 to \$400,000 a year, because we can't house everybody in one spot. So we have a location where we can. They said that building would -- would -- would -- would suffice and it would do what we need it to do. In addition to that, they said, We'll even leave a satellite office over here on this campus. They're saying, Well, we're moving every -- no, we're not. The suggestion was to move over there in that building, keep a satellite office here and they can bring everybody under the same umbrella. That will save us almost 3 to \$400,000 a year. Politics got involved. People start persuading, pressuring. Good decisions are not made based on strictly politics.

Data, documents and evidence. The chief has provided that to me to make me comfortable. I'm not trying to be a law enforcement expert. I set policy. If my chief come to me and says, Bruce, this is what we think is best, and if it's not hazardous or putting our community in jeopardy, I'm going to support it. It appears that we have decided to take a different direction with the Fire. You know why? Because that's what many of the Fire recommended. But we're sitting up here. We're going to override the experts now. Some feel that they know more than they do and never worked one day in law enforcement. That concerns me.

It's holding our community back, and at some point we need to stay in our lane unless we have good reason to veer out. I have not heard a good reason other than I just don't like it over there. It's not on the main thoroughfare. What I'm looking at, Chief -- and I asked him this question: Are you still going to be able to meet your industry standards? Yes, I am, Mr. Guyton. Chief, why -- what is the benefit? It's going to be cost-efficient because we have storage, and we have other locations outside of here that we're paying a lot of money for. It makes no sense of -- the -- the arrangement that we have now.

Okay. Now, all of this is making sense. We're talking substantive issues. We're talking about saving money, bringing everybody under the same umbrella. He's saying, We can still meet our industry -- industry response standards. It's not going to put the community in jeopardy. And so I'm looking at substantive issues when I make my decisions. When I listen to the opposition, I don't like it. It's not on the main thoroughfare. I never supported it. Please give me more. Please give me something with substance. Something. To me, that is not enough. If you have something I would entertain it. I make objective decisions.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But -- but -- wait, let me finish, Miss Chair. But the chief is bringing me data and documents and evidence.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's for the (inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And up here I'm getting emotions. And I just can't roll like that. I can't make my decisions based on emotions. So it's my hope that those who don't support it put something on the table that is substantive other than just, No, no, no. No means no progress. That's what it means. That means that we're not going to move in whatever direction being recommended. So we're not going to do that, put the option on the table what we're going to do now.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair? As soon as he's done.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Hold on a second. Is he done? Are you done, sir?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Right now we're at a stalemate. There was no vote to sell the property. We need new design plans. Architectural plans. We have to do one or the other. And at some point we have to bite the bullet and make a decision and those who are opposing this, please give me something substantive. Please. I'm begging you. Because I've heard nothing but emotions. I've heard that, you know -- and some people didn't support it from the beginning.

I know all that. When I got on the -- the council, decision was already made. And my position is I'm not getting on the council trying to stop anything. If that's the direction that y'all decided, let's see how to make it work. I -- I'm not trying to reverse a decision. I'm not trying to stop it. Whether I agree with it or not, that is not, in my opinion, good planning. Because planning is long term. And -- and if we change positions every time a council is elected, we would never go anywhere. And that what has happened to us for years. The politics interject and we get stalemate as we are now, and people get caught up in their emotions, most of whom have no experience in what they're talking about. That's all I have to say, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead, Miss Miller.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Is someone here from the police department? Officer or Chief?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is the chief here?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Assistant, oh, okay, Madden. I know some years ago, as Chair Pardo stated, the original plan was to rebuild here. What would be some disadvantages to rebuilding here? Or I mean, would it lower your proficiency, your effectiveness? Tell me what would be the disadvantage to rebuilding here.

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** Mike Madden, Assistant Police Chief. One of the disadvantages of building on this site was that -- well, it's the footprint that the building would



have to maintain. There isn't -- with all the setbacks and property restrictions, we wouldn't be able to have the things we need like a gun range. We wouldn't be able to park all of our assets. We wouldn't be able to eliminate our evidence warehouse that we pay 20 plus thousand dollars a year for across town. Things, I mean -- that's a crucial part of the police department that, you know, it's not the most secure way to keep it. We'd rather have it on our property where we can keep eyes on it and see it.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Do most -- do most police departments have all of that that you just named on their property in one location? Most that you may be familiar with?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** The ones I'm familiar with, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Well, with -- like what? Which ones?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** City of West Palm Beach Police Department has their gun range in house. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office obviously has all of their resources centralized.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And so with it -- with it not being -- are you saying mainly it's the saving money for not having to pay for the off storage for the evidence? That would be one of the benefits to moving over and having it all in one?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** Yes. And the efficiencies of -- when you have these off-site locations, you have to get in a car and make a ride across town versus, you know, within the same building that you're located in.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. Now, Madam Manager, I don't -- maybe you can answer this. If that was the situation back when we originally planned to do it here on site, why weren't those things brought up?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** They were.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And what happened? And we still went forward to --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. We didn't have the footprint.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Say that again.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We didn't have the footprint here so those things were brought up.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And the decision was to go out and look for an off-site building?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** No. There wasn't -- no. That wasn't the order.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** How did we get away from that? From --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Away from --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** -- building here. Rebuilding here.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- from building here? The opportunity presented itself over on 13<sup>th</sup> Street that could accompany all of the things and accommodate them, like the -- like the gun range.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** So originally we were going to go ahead with this. We were not thinking about looking elsewhere until this one property came across?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Till the opportunity presented itself. And it didn't so --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And so at that time we were okay with staying here until then?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We were --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We need to give her the whole story.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** (Inaudible).

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- doing -- going down that -- the --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Somebody give me the whole story.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- the council had elected to go down that path.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. Some -- you --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** -- Mr. Thomas know or have a story that you don't?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. Let's hear it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Prior to Miss Jones even coming here --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I was going to say, this is long before my --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- they were -- the --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- it's older than me.



**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- money had stopped getting peeled off of this. So a million dollars got peeled off this project from the beginning to do Bicentennial Park.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Everybody seems to want to leave off the entire history of what happened. That wasn't -- that wasn't it. Once they pulled off that million dollars, it really wasn't enough to do it here. Then they have footprint issues where part of it is encroaching on the Utility District. The -- the way that they wanted the building to sit just didn't work. So there were some flaws in it from the very beginning. The plan came where it was an opportunity to get more club for your buck in sort of the speak. After it set for another year or two, the price got out of hand and it couldn't do everything then. But we did purchase the building. So it's either, Okay. Try to build there or not. Bottom line, building it over at where we have purchased the building on 13<sup>th</sup> Street gives them a much better building, much more effectiveness, efficiencies, and the major part of us was doing that is to bring back in the 400 plus thousand that we're spending over at the port center for Code Enforcement and the Detective Bureau. That was the major part of doing that.

All I'm saying, Miss Miller, is whatever we decide on, it needs to happen. Even if you decided to sell the building and an election takes place and another group comes in and says, We don't want to sell that building anymore. We want to keep it, it's going to just keep continuing to go years and years and years. Fine, you say, Let's not worry about police, is basically what you're saying. Let's just worry about Public Works.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** No, that's not what I'm saying.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No, hold on.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah, that's not true.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm just --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** That's not true.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Excuse me. Madam Chair, you cannot do that in the meeting just because you're the chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well, that's -- that's fine.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You cannot do that. You must let us have the floor and we can speak.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's fine. Don't throw me under the bus.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You cannot do that. So this is the issue. There is enough money for you to peel off enough and just build Public Works right where it is. But then you have an even greater gap to build the police department. Both of them are equally, equally



horrendous to be operating inside. The -- the best option is to go over there where we can build both of them. Both of them. And we can start the building process.

Even right now you probably 18 to 24 months away from doing either one of them. Either one of them. So the issue is if -- I mean, and I wish you would do something -- if you're going to vote to sell it, then vote to sell it. But don't just say, Well, we're not going to do anything with it. You know, we've -- we continue to spend money. We have carrying costs. We have all those things, you know, that are going on. But I do not think that you're going to be able to get the same value for this, because now you're going to have to go ahead and redo plans for the other stuff that you got to do, with the exception of Public Works.

You're going to have about 4 or 5 million left and the police department will never get built. I would never, ever, ever, ever support that because the police department will never get built. We have a chance to go over there and get both departments built. So I mean, let's do that. If not, make your -- make whatever motion you're going to do and let's move on and then go on about the rest of the business of the City instead of doing this. By not doing the plans tonight, all you're doing is saying, Let's just sit on the building some more. Let's just pay for the upkeep. Let's just pay for whatever insurances, whatever we need to do to - to cover it. Let's just make a decision and move on. That's all I'm asking.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Anyone else?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Chief, come back, please. You -- you have -- you -- you mentioned West Palm Beach Police Department. You visited several times, correct?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** Correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Where is it located?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** Rosemary.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. Centrally located downtown area. It's not in a remote area away from service; is that true? Would you say that, where it's located now?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** I'm not completely familiar with West Palm's jurisdiction but it -- it does travel way west of the turnpike. That's --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** But it is in the downtown area?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** It is in the downtown area.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Where most of the businesses are?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** Right.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Correct?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** Correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** North Palm Beach Police Department is on the main thoroughfare; is that --

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** U.S. 1.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- is that correct?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** Correct.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Palm Beach Gardens, and the list can go on and on and on. I'm not going to quiz you because I -- I think you know where I'm going that 90 -- 90 percent of the police departments that I'm aware of are located on the main avenues and boulevards of the city. I don't know any that are located in a semi-residential area. I don't. Do you?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** If I may -- if I may, we did look at the location of this building and it was something that we paid a lot of attention to. When you -- when you are at Blue Heron Boulevard and Avenue R, you can see the proposed Public Safety building from Blue Heron Boulevard. It's difficult to see the police department from Blue Heron Boulevard now. It's, you know, less than a quarter mile off of Blue Heron Boulevard. It is, in fact, more centrally located than this building to the entire city. It's actually -- east and west, it's right in the middle.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I guess what I'm -- I guess what I'm saying, Chief, is that of the police departments that I know, like West Palm, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Delray, Boynton, Miami, Fort Lauderdale -- the list goes on and on and on -- are strategically located. Let's -- let's just say that. And none of them that I know are in areas that are that far, that -- from the main boulevards and avenues. But that's -- that's okay. I think Mr. Thomas makes a very good point, and I agree with his point, that this has been going back and forth, elections, you know, new council. Fortunate or unfortunately, the people who made this decision, who voted -- yeah, I -- thank you. You can -- may be seated -- that voted this are gone.

Okay? So I knew from day one that this could happen. I ran a campaign and I ran a campaign on this issue, because it was very important to me. But the campaign that I ran was this one issue to keep it from being political, from this council, that council, that council. I really felt and I still feel that the best way to have handled it then, now, henceforth and forever more, was to take this issue to the people. And I tell you why. Because we're talking about -- this was a monumental change. I'm not saying take every little thing to the people. But when you're talking about moving fire stations, your number one fire station or your -- your main police department, I thought the way to handle that is to see how the people who you serve and protect feel about it. I took it to the people on a petition because I wanted to know. And as of this day I still have that petition, over 2,000 -- over 2,100



people signed to keep the police department, the fire department, the City Hall and the library at its present location.

So what am I saying? I'm saying that when you -- democracy to me is at its best when it's government by the people, for the people and of the people when the people speak. And the people have spoken on the issue. And I think to rise above the politics of this one winning and this one losing and new council and another council, if the people decide this issue, then it's a done deal. If they decide to move, then we move. If the people say stay, we stay. That was the exact reason why I took it to the people and got the signatures. But I never did move forward on the signatures. But we have them and -- and they're still good signatures. So that's -- and I have been consistent. I think someone said that, Someone may not have been consistent or change, but Chair Pardo and I both, before the others have come aboard, we were consistent and we were consistent before the elections. We were consistent during the elections, and we were consistent after the election about this location and about this building.

But I still propose that because we are divided -- three-two vote, that's -- that's the -- that's -- that's pretty much -- if it's -- if you count the mayor it would just be equally probably divided. So why not let the people speak and be done with it? Why not? I think it's a good idea and I still support that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Great idea.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Yes, Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Sure. Why don't we do that? Why don't we go ahead and put it on the ballot and let the people decide what they want to do with it? Maybe everybody will respect that and go ahead. And if they put it on the ballot, then you will have to go one way or the other. You wouldn't have to worry about it. But I'm going to say this. We bring up this stuff about other cities. It's not apples to apples. So if by chance that the people say that they do not want the building over there and they want to sell it, I want to see immediately that money that's going to just be sitting there for the next 10 years -- because that's probably how long it's going to take to get the rest of the money to -- to build it. I want to see it bringing all employees up to the salaries where all these other communities that you're saying, that you -- that -- that's out there. So I want our police paid like West Palm Beach, like North Palm Beach. I want our fire paid that way. I want our general employees paid that way. Don't play those games. If you're going to play those games, then let's -- let's -- let's go ahead and do it all the way.

Say since we're not going to use the money, we're -- we're not going to be able to do it, build the -- build the Public Works with what you can. Take the rest of the money and put it in everybody's salary and at least they can have a decent salary while they're waiting to -- to do it. So let's do it that way.



**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair, just one -- one last thing.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go right ahead, Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** When -- when I spoke before, I asked for one simple thing. I said the professionals are making the recommendation. Those who oppose it, please give me something substantive to say that I'm not going to take the professional's recommendation. I'm going to take a different recommendation. I still have not heard anything that would suggest to me that I should not listen to the people that we hire to give us these recommendations. Some want to put it in the politics. Let's go out and have a referendum, and that's fine. I don't oppose it. But I am saying that our professionals have made a recommendation and because those who don't practice law enforcement don't like it, they want to make it political.

They're saying that it should be on the main thoroughfare. Our city is only eight square miles. You can throw a pebble from Silver Beach Road to First Street. I -- we're -- we're not talking like we have a hundred-square-mile city. So we are not in a situation where people are not being impacted. Our employees are working in sick buildings. These buildings been here since the '70s. Over at Public Works, deplorable. While we argue on the dais if we're going to do it or not we have human lives at stake. Personally, if -- if the professionals say that it was best to stay here, that's what I'd support. They're not saying that. And you're telling me, I want you to go with the politics. Don't go with a professional opinion. I never do that. My life is not centered around politics. This is my home. I love it. I want to see it grow and get better.

For us to do that, we have to listen to the people who have been trained and educated in this. Not just people who have these emotions politically. I am still waiting for the opposition to tell me or produce some documents of why we should do this, of why we should keep it here. I mean, the politics of let's go to a referendum, let the people -- that sounds good because that's the buzz word. We -- we got the people now and they'll decide and -- and everything will be okay. We still have the challenges that the law enforcement have told us that we would have. We don't have a good footprint here. Who -- show me a better footprint. That's the -- I'm looking for something substantive.

They want to do the politics. I -- I'm not really going there. Can we give our people and residents and our employees the best situation that the professionals feel are best? That's all I'm saying. So we need to make a decision one way or the other. They throw the politics out thinking that that'll -- I don't know, persuade or put fear -- but that's not going to do anything with my position. I'm still going to have the same position.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm still going to ask to give me something substantive. I'm still going to make my decision based on data, documents and evidence.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I -- I -- I don't --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- I don't serve by the fear of politics. So we need to make a decision one way or the other, and we need to ensure that whatever we do, we need to stick to that decision and make it happen. 'Cause we're not doing that now. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Well, I just want to make a --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And I -- Madam -- oh, go ahead.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- hold, yeah, one second.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I just want to make a comment. You know, I hope the comment about emotions getting in the way wasn't toward me because there is nothing emotional about how I feel about this. And then the comment about, you know, let the professionals handle this, these people are the professionals. Yeah. If you recall, it's the professionals that told us we were going to save \$2 million and told us to delay this for 18 months and let the buyer of the building continue to get rent while we owned it. We didn't get anything off of it for 18 months. And then we watched all the costs escalate, and now we don't have the money to do everything that staff promised that we were going to be able to do. What I would suggest is, you know, if you want data, documents and evidence, ask for the original plans. And back then everything was going to work. And they were going to have a community room or center or something hooked on to the building, also.

So you know, if the professionals really thought that we needed something much larger than the footprint over there, they should have come to that council and told the council. But they didn't. And everything was going smoothly until you had the landlord of the warehouse, the owner of the warehouse decided that he couldn't get his solar thing moving and now it was time to sell it. And then, Hey, Riviera Beach, I know that you have a lot of money. Why don't you give me the money and you can do something even better over there. So he had - he got his \$6.6 million, 18 months' worth of rent and where is he now? Where is he? And here we are arguing over this.

So this is nothing emotional with me. This is all the facts and I would like to get this built as soon as possible. Show me how we're going to get the money. Where's the money for it? So I would suggest ask ADG and whoever else, ask the police department where the original plans are. And how come they were able to make it work before the solar guy came to us with his little song and dance. So, you know, I -- and you know what? I respect your opinion, Mr. Guyton, and I respect your opinion, Mr. Thomas. But please respect my opinion. I have been consistent on this. And there is -- there's no swaying me because I still believe that we can buy -- we can find a buyer for this warehouse sooner than later. We have less than what, a half a million square feet of industrial space left in this city.



**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Put a motion on the floor to sell it. Vote on it. That's all you have to do. Vote on it and then let's --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- go.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I make a motion to sell it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a second?

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Pass the gavel and make a second.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I'm not -- I'm not doing that.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You're not going to pass the gavel to second it?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I am not. I'm not. I'm not.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. You know why?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Because then I'm not getting it back.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, here.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I would --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- I -- I've -- I've heard two people state that they thought the referendum was -- they had no problem with it. It was a good idea. I heard two of my colleagues say that. And let me just say this. I don't think Mr. -- that any councilperson think that I'm here to play games. I'm too old to play games, number one.

Number two, I'm not paid to play games. I've been consistent what I have said about it from day one, that it's best to resolve this issue by letting the people speak. Get a vote. Let the



people vote it up or let them vote it down. Here's the other thing. The professionals don't get it right all the time. Sometimes they get it wrong. And sometimes the people that say they want this and that are -- or come up with a plan and then you look up and they're gone. And we're still here. Or they're transitioning to go. And we're still here debating this.

There have been times that the professionals -- even our staff, has -- the Planning & Zoning or the -- Miss McKinney's staff has stated, Let's do this. They're professionals. They've given their expert -- and this council has reversed their opinions, their expert opinions several times. Even where the 7-Eleven building could have been down there on Broadway and Blue Heron, the professionals and the experts said, This is the greatest thing. Let's do it. But the council decided differently.

So I think that we -- we're all adults and we're all mature and we all have different opinions. And I respect everybody's opinion. I still feel that to rise above the politics, rise above the experts that could get it right and get it wrong or partly right, partly wrong, just let the people decide where they want their police department, where they want their Public Works and we're done. And if -- if there's anyone else who feels that this is a good way to resolve it and we don't have to go back and forth, I would like for someone to make that motion. Let's put it on the ballot and be done with it. Is there any support up here for that?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** To put it on the ballot?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Sure. I mean, if we need to move forward some kind of way to make a decision.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Is that a motion?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I can't make a motion but --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No. We -- we understand that, Mayor. I'm asking --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- Miss Miller.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Well, I've got a question.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I just want to know if that was a motion.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go right ahead, Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** As -- as we prolong this more, putting it on the ballot and then going through that process to get it on the ballot, what are we going to do about our employees in those buildings getting sick? We're way -- we -- that seem to elude us that --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** We can take --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We're waiting for lawsuits.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Ced, come on.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** They got to stay where they are. They've got --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** He's saying wait for lawsuits.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's what's going to happen.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** They've got to stay where they are anyway.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I -- I -- I mean, but -- but --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Hire you some more attorneys 'cause you're going to need them.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- I'm saying we have --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** (Inaudible) out.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- at -- what -- what I consider an inhabitable condition in many of these buildings. And -- and -- and we seem to think that the politics are going to resolve it and it's not. It's my opinion that we have to make the hard decisions. Either you make a decision to sell it or you make a decision to move forward.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Let's do that.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That -- that -- I mean, you know?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** It -- that's -- that's what it is now.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I agree. Yes. I -- I --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** City Manager, are we unable to build up to achieve what we're -- what we need, all of the things that the assistant chief just mentioned?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** No. It costs too much.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Oh, I'm --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Who? Who, the chief?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Who can -- can anybody answer it?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You could -- I'm not an architect. I'm not sure.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** We thought you were, Miss Manager.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** For a minute.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I would think.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** But was that considered? I mean, was that ever brought up at any point? Anybody think about that?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Wasn't it a couple --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** You could go up.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Somebody had to have thought about it.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You could always go at least two stories 'cause we got two stories here.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** But is that -- could that be an option?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You could probably go up.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Could that be an option?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** You could probably go up.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** You could go up five.

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** At that time we had a limited budget that we were working with and limited amount of space. You would have -- you would have to build a parking garage and reconfigure all the parking on the complex to additional space.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And where would you house them while that was being done? Is anybody thinking about that?

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah. It was an additional cost to move and come back.



**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** We get trailers for everything else, I don't know.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Either way it goes they have to be housed.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Not if they're building over there, they can stay there until they finish.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** But when we were going to do this years ago, what we were going to do then?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I don't know. I wasn't here.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Do it in phases.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Well, somebody should have known.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Like everybody else. They put trailers out till they build that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. So maybe we should get those plans.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Unless Kimley-Horn took them. Then we're --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair? I move that we reconsider our architectural decision that we just made.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It's -- it's a second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro -- Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion fails with Councilpersons Pardo, Davis and Miller dissenting.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. At this point we're going to move on and if there's time attend we can come back and revisit this. All right. So item 8.

**7. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID NO. 544-15 TO SHAMTEC, INC. OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE RENOVATION OF FOUR CITY HALL RESTROOMS AND FOUR LIBRARY RESTROOMS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,300; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TWENTY PERCENT (20%); AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,360 FROM FUND BALANCE TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 305-0202-519-0-5202; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 305-0202-519-0-5202; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**8. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDED RFP #482-15 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH PROPERTYWORKS OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA TO PROVIDE LOT CLEARING, CUTTING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a second? Second?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Second. Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Miss -- we have one public comment card. Norma Duncombe.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Norma Duncombe, and I'm -- I -- I would like to address the fact that is this cutting vacant lots? Vacant lots, right?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, ma'am.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Okay. And is there a controlled amount that's going to be charged for these vacant lots? I mean, what -- I -- I didn't see that in the -- in the book in terms of

how much it would cost. And -- and the reason I'm concerned -- the reason I'm concerned, is that there are people who are losing their properties because there were, you know -- and -- and I -- I know we want to bring the City up to snuff, but they're losing their properties because of the City not giving them relief when they built up a -- a cost because the property was, you know, out of shape and you had to do -- clean it up or whatever. And in many cases I don't think it's deliberate. I think sometimes there are people who, with limited income and with their age, they were not able to clean up their properties. And when you bring in somebody to do this work, they end up with a charge to the property and over the years, it builds up to thousands and thousands of dollars.

And I do not remember the City ever wiping off those charges for private citizens. I could remember a few months ago when you wiped off two-point something million dollars for somebody up there on Broadway in terms of, you know, violations that were on the property. So I'm concerned about that.

How much is it going to cost? How much is this company going to charge? I'm also concerned -- and -- and -- and it's not anything personal because I'm not going to cut any property. I -- I don't have a business. I don't want any work. But I saw it's from West Palm Beach. If we're trying to give work to people in the city, there wasn't anybody here who, you know, put in a bid for that business? I -- I'm just wondering. Because I -- I'm -- I'm concerned in terms of we say we're bringing jobs and we're bringing this for the people of this city. And I see this is a company -- and I don't even know who it is. So don't -- don't take it personally. But I -- I just like to see, when I look at something on here that it's somebody that's in this city that's going to make that money. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Do you -- do you want to answer that?

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** I still need to know what --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** This structure as it -- the proposal is for lots that are up to 5,000 square feet, it's \$65 a lot. Lots over 5,000 square feet up to 7,500 square feet, it's \$75. And for lots over 70 -- 7,501 square feet, it's \$85. There --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** So -- so -- so is that broken down --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- were three --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- in 50 feet or --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No, no, no, no.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** This is not the way we handle -- come --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. Miss Duncombe, we can't do this.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** There were --



**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Oh, go ahead.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- there were three companies that responded to this solicitation and one of those companies is housed in the City of Riviera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Miss Miller, this was your item.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Miss Jones, with the \$110,000, about roughly how many single-family home lots are we going to be able to clean out between now and -- and next year, based on what we have?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, I'd have to -- 'cause it can go up to \$85 a lot so they're not going to be --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Eighty-five a lot?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** -- there -- there's three different ranges depending on size of the lot, as well as if they have to remove mattresses, there's a cost. If they have to remove other debris there's a cost. So it's difficult to just take one figure and get an average cost.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Do we know how many lots we're looking at having to clear?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Oh, we do -- well, and realize that this is for a year.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Right.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And we run out of money every year.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Right. Right. Which is my concern.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** 'Cause there's a whole lot more that needs to be done, and particularly now when we've had the rainy season.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Uh-huh.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And grass is really very tall. And what we do if the owner does not cut the lots, then we have a process through code where they're cited and we move forward with that.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. Well --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** But they are generally residential lots.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. When was the last time we contracted services for something similar as this?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We've always -- at least since I've been here, there's always been a contract to do this.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. And so have we had one that was in effect at this time and it expired, then we started a new one?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** It expired. We went back on the street.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. How many of those lots are currently bank-owned?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** I would have to go -- because --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** It was not something we would have already looked up or --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Not that who owns that particular lot.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Do we try to go after those people?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Oh, yes. That's what I say, they go through the magistrate and we find them and we contact them. There -- we have to follow a process.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Is it someone from Code Enforcement that may have that answer, if they've already gone through the process of identifying whether or not they're bank-owned or owned by -- by a person? Does anybody have any information on that?

**ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MADDEN:** No. We can get it for you. We wouldn't have it available tonight.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. I would like to get that. How much to date has the City collected for bank-owned properties such as this?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** We would have to go back and pull that data for you.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** All right. Is the City currently accepting applications for the Code Enforcement Amnesty Program?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes, ma'am.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. All right. Those items I do think we should have some sort of idea. I mean, I -- I do understand I'm asking these questions, but that was probably something we should have known as we were going through this whole process so it shouldn't be foreign with me just asking it right now. So I -- I would definitely want those answers. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Okay. Anyone else? Okay. So we had a motion and a second. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilperson Miller dissenting.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. That's the end of the Consent Agenda. Petitions and Communications for Filing?

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING**

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** None.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Awards and Presentations, item 9.

#### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **9. PRESENTATION REQUESTING CONSIDERATION FROM THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES FOR CONTINUED FIRE RESCUE SERVICES.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Who do we have?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** The mayor.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Mayor Workman, welcome.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Welcome, Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Thank you. Mayor Masters, Chair Pardo, honorable members of the council, greetings this evening from the small town of Palm Beach Shores.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Welcome.



**MAYOR WORKMAN:** I'm here this evening to --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Please state your name for the record.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Sure. John Workman, Mayor for the Town of Palm Beach Shores.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** First and foremost I'm here to express our appreciation on behalf of the town and our residents for our positive relationship that we've enjoyed over the number of years and for the many ways in which Riviera Beach provides services to our residents. More specifically, over the last couple of years, our town has benefited from a relationship, a -- an agreement between the City of Riviera Beach, for EMS services. I, along with many, many others in our town have had nothing but praise for the excellent service that Riviera Beach has provided to our community and we're very grateful for that.

I have a simple request this evening, and that is as we move forward, both of our municipalities currently have a temporary extension agreement for EMS services, and my request this evening is to respectfully ask the council this evening to authorize staff to negotiate with our community for a long-term agreement for EMS service. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Yes, Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mayor Workman, how are you, my friend?

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Great, Councilman.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Good. This is no secret to you. You know I've been a little sensitive based on the relationship that we've had and -- and how this all came to this particular point. You are our neighbors. And I definitely would like to do something to work this situation out.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Be it that I'm a little bit bothered how we were treated, but we're professionals. We can get -- we can get over that. What exactly are you requesting? Because at this point I think that you're getting billed at the same rate that we billed our own residents.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** I would probably disagree with that assessment. We're obviously wanting to --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, okay.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** -- pay our fair share. But I think when staff got into some negotiations, it was -- when the calculations were performed --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** -- from my understanding -- and my Town Manager Cindy Lindskoog is present.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** I believe that your fire chief potentially didn't allot for the revenue as well that you bill to our residents covering the total cost for your --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I get that. I -- what --

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** -- municipality to our municipality.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- what I'm asking is at the -- not the revenue that is generated by the transports or whatever, I'm asking you --

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- how is it that you're asking to be billed? Are you saying that you want a rate that our residents pay?

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** We want a fair rate for EMS services.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Okay, Mayor. Hold on. Let me -- let me -- so I can get clarification. Chief Duren? Would you -- would you -- would you come up for a minute -- for a second, please? Let me get the -- get the -- the -- the answer that I need so what -- we can fairly deal with the Town of Palm Beach -- the Town of Palm Beach Shores.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Mr. Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Chief?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Can I get some clarification, too?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Are you asking for what we're currently doing through September 30<sup>th</sup> as it relates to a rate, or the rate -- the new rate we'll negotiate?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Give -- give me both.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Well, we haven't had authorization to negotiate.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's why I just asked him what is he looking for. And I wanted to make sure. So what I need to understand is do they get charged the same thing that a Riviera Beach resident gets charged?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Not in the past.

**FIRE CHIEF DUREN:** Currently, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** The new contract --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** And there's an increase.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm not interested in having the Town of Palm Beach Shores pay the same thing that the Riviera Beach residents are paying. I'm interested in them paying --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Fair share.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- more. So -- now, remember, now, let's -- let's not act like we don't have any history. And I just need to make sure. Do we not have a lawsuit from the -- or a judgment from the Town of Palm Beach Shores stating that they must pay the same water rates that our residents pay?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That is correct.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I need to make sure that I can -- that everybody can hear you, Miss Ryan, please.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes. That is correct.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So the town thought it enough to take us to court some years back and say, We need to -- you -- they -- they need to pay the same thing that our residents are paying. So I'm telling you right off, that's not going to happen again. I'm more than happy to do the -- do the service, but we charge Gramercy Park more. We charge whoever else we provide service to, we charge them a little bit more. I don't see the -- I don't see doing this at the same rate that you're charging our residents. These vehicles must be maintained. They're very expensive. I think that you should pay some type of percentage. Now, I'm not saying we have to get crazy. But some type of percentage more. This City needs to bring in revenue and I just don't think that we -- you should be paying the same rate. I mean, are you okay with paying more?

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** I would -- obviously I'm here to represent the Town of Palm Beach Shores and our residents.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** By evidence you are the man.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** And obviously I am interested in a fair rate for the services provided.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** What is fair?



**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Well, I believe now's probably not the best time to negotiate down to numbers. I think staff needs time to crunch those numbers.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. So you -- you don't have to give me a number. Are you saying you want to pay more, the same or less?

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** I want to pay what is fair and equitable and I'm not sure what that number is.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. That's all.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** I'm not asking to pay less at all from what the residents of Riviera Beach are paying. But I'm certainly not going to sit here and advocate that, Hey, Palm Beach Shores wants to pay more. We want to pay a fair rate for EMS service, period.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I got it. That's all for me.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Well, thank you for coming.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And I am sure the city managers and our chief will all be sitting down very shortly, because the contract expires September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** I think it's the 30<sup>th</sup>, right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. So they really need to get moving on this. Is there anything else from the council?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah, Madam Chair.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Can we decide if we want to continue the relationship?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Wait. Wait. That's -- that's your -- can I have --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead, Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** There was a question from the Mayor or inquiry or request that we give the staff the authority to sit down and negotiate. And I -- that's all that I understood this presentation to be. And in those negotiations, the details can be discussed --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Sure.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- as it relates to what rates would be fair. What we think may be fair may be slightly different from Palm Beach Shores but that's what negotiations are about. So as it relates to sitting down with them, I have absolutely no problem with that, authorizing staff to sit down and negotiate and bring us what they consider to be something reasonable.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So do we have a consensus from the council to have staff move forward with negotiating a contract with Palm Beach Shores and bringing it back to us prior to their contract expiring on September 30<sup>th</sup>?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I just have a question.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Please.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** These are public vehicles, public employees.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Sure.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** What is the problem with me saying, Do you want to pay -- to the public? What is the -- what is -- what is the problem with that? Are you going to go behind closed doors and say what's different? 'Cause I'm -- when you bring it back I'm just going to ask the same questions. I'm just trying to be up front with you. You know? So I mean -- and listen, you know, everybody tries to hide the stuff when it's ugly. This was very ugly. You all tried to go and get your own fire department. You did not want us any longer. You went out and got all kinds of bids and everything. When you found out that we were treating you fairly and you didn't get a chance to get the -- the -- the -- the requisites that you need to get this, now you're back. And everybody's supposed to be like, Okay. Let's just play nice. We like Riviera. They did such a good job. That -- that doesn't sit well with me.

If it's business it's business. Period. So it's enough people up here to say, Okay. Fine. Go ahead and negotiate. But I'd rather you tell the people right now, Hey, we understand it's a business. You have to provide it for us. You -- Palm Beach Shores is not making the investment that the City of Riviera Beach is and we understand that and we do want to pay our fair share, period. That -- that's what I would rather, you know, see you -- see you say. If not, then, I mean, you've gotta get the consensus from -- from the rest of the board.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Well, I think the Town of Palm Beach Shores is willing to pay its fair share. That's what I'm requesting, that your council this evening would authorize staff and our staff to -- to commence with negotiations because that September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline is upon us. Again, at no time has the Town of Palm Beach Shores requested cut rates anywhere below what the City of Riviera Beach is -- is paying for its residents. That has never been a part of our communication or our thought process. I'm just asking for us to sit down,



negotiate a fair rate and come to an agreement so that we can continue to have a positive relationship with -- with your city.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Mayor, I -- I understand the comments and the feelings of my fellow councilman. But in the spirit that what -- in the spirit that you're coming tonight, I think you're really coming in the spirit of repentance and atonement. So we're going to allow to have a committee of atonement and repentance and see if we can move it further. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So again, do we have a consensus to have staff move forward with negotiating a contract with Palm Beach Shores and the contract coming back to us prior to the expiration on September 30<sup>th</sup>?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Are we good? Yeah. Go ahead.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** How soon would they be coming -- how long -- the very -- maybe --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It'll be by the second meeting in September.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second -- second meeting?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay. Yeah. Excuse me.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right? So we're good?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes? Yes?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Well, what happens if we don't agree?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well, Palm Beach Shores needs to -- they have Palm Beach County sitting there right in front of them.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh. Now we're going to talk about it now, huh? Okay.



**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Let me -- obviously I came this evening with a humble heart.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh. Oh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And a contrite spirit.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Because pride goeth before a fall.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Oh, all right.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Always does.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** So --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. That -- that's all I needed to hear. I'm -- I'm okay with going ahead and negotiating with Palm Beach Shores.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** -- but for me to walk away from the podium and to think that I am approaching the council with a contrite spirit as if we have done wrong is wrong. In a quick summation --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Here we go.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** -- here we go. In a quick summation --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** -- the Town of Palm Beach Shores, being our own municipality, has had a fire department for many years. Many have jokingly referred to us as the thriving metropolis because we're really about that size in terms of space and -- and number of residents. For many years our town had a volunteer department. And over the years we've done our best to grow our fire department to where it's currently staffed with certified firefighters that actually receive stipends. But they are certified -- certified firefighters. And we have two engines. We have grown and developed our level of service to the point that we thought it in our best interest to assume fire on our own. So we communicated with the City of Riviera Beach for a number of years. You have graciously provided fire backup to our -- our municipality.

We just simply stated that we no longer need that service. It was costing us \$100,000 a year and we would call Riviera Beach out maybe twice a year to back our municipality up, and typically it was a small kitchen fire and something we could handle on our own. But \$100,000 to our municipality is a chunk of change. So we simply communicated that we no longer wanted the fire backup portion. Riviera Beach responded and said, That's fine. Here's the new agreement for EMS and, by the way, we're just going to add the \$100,000 to your EMS contract. Well, we were trying to find a way to save money because we've made

some significant investments in our fire department and we were trying to cut a hundred grand into our budget. Well, Riviera Beach came back and added that hundred grand to our EMS contract so we, as the town said, Well, how much would it cost us to run our own ambulance service? We crunched the numbers, went through that process and we believed that we could have done it; however, Riviera Beach still holds our COCPN license and does so until those renewals are up, not this coming December but the following December.

So we've decided, based on some conversations that took place, that Riviera Beach would possibly be willing to provide EMS service for the cost that it would take our town to run our own ambulance service. And so here we are this evening, just coming back because we believe that's in the interest of both of our municipalities to work together, and we believe that the City would be willing to provide us and continue to provide us quality EMS service at that same rate that it would cost our town to mount up that program, buy all the expensive equipment, etc., etc. So I'm here before you tonight. There was never any malicious intent. Maybe miscommunication occurred at the staff level, but I've -- I have nothing but respect for this municipality. We've had a great relationship with council, Chair Pardo, Councilperson Cedrick Thomas; and want to continue -- and Mayor Masters -- and I want to continue in that direction. But there was never anything to ever undermine or take advantage of any relationship or contract with the City. Ever.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** You've done a great job --

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- of explaining. Now, don't say anything else. Just stand there.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So we should --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And let us move on. Don't say anything. We -- we've heard your full story.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** I couldn't leave with --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Just stand right there and be quiet for a minute.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Right. Next time bring your armor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Let's -- let's get this done.



**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Body armor next time. Okay. So we look forward to negotiating with your staff and hopefully we'll be able to see you again the second meeting in September.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Perfect.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I just heard him say that he want us to do it at the cost --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- that it would take their town to do it. While their town can hold their millage rate or lower it even further, we're not able to do that. So I am not in favor and I just want to say it. He is a friend of mine. And we're -- we're very good -- as long as we're not talking about city issues we're very good. But I am not willing to do it for the cost that it would take their town to do it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And let me tell --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm not. I'm not. So be upset with Cedrick Thomas, but Cedrick Thomas is not.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** So you're on the record tonight as stating that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** So we need to negotiate at staff level and --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Staff needs to negotiate it.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And bring it back. I've already talked to my staff so they know where I am on this.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And once it comes back, then it'll become public. So --

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** So is it -- can staff negotiate on consensus or does it require a council motion to --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No, consensus. We're good.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Okay. All right. Great. Thank you.



**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right? So we look, you know -- I'm sure you guys are all going to be getting together in the next couple of days.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And that needs to be brought back to us.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It has to --

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Well, it has to be.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- because it's a contract.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. I just want to make sure that y'all don't think that y'all negotiations are final.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. All right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Good to see you, Mayor.

**MAYOR WORKMAN:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mayor, thank you. City Manager, thank you, also. Okay. We're moving on now. Item 10.

**10. PROCLAMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2015 AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm -- this is quite a bit to read. Miss Duncombe, come help me out. Okay? You're right here. Come and read some of this stuff. You're a former schoolteacher so I know you can probably do a better job. Come on. Proclamation, Office of the Mayor as it relates to Hunger Month. Action -- right there and I'll just do this one.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** "Whereas, after struggling to secure financing to establish a small business in 1969, Frederick E. Jordan achieved considerable success at the helm --" come on.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** That's not -- that's not the one. I'm sorry.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** So you stay there and you read it.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** This is it. No, no. It's this one. Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Debbie Isaac is going to read it 'cause she gave me the wrong one.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** No.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** She's got to repent and read it. Thank you.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** "Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Florida, Palm Beach County, proclaiming September 2015 as Hunger Action Month. Whereas hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States and South Florida, thus it is vital to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger in every part of the country and to provide additional resources that citizens may need. And whereas the City of Riviera Beach is committed to working with Feeding South Florida, which educates people about the role and importance of food banks and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues. And whereas almost 800,000 individuals in South Florida rely on food provided by Feeding South Florida and its network of hundreds of nonprofit partners agencies annually; and whereas Feeding South Florida distributed more than 40 million pounds of food and grocery products in 2015 through its numerous food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; and whereas food banks across the country, including Feeding South Florida will host several events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in the efforts to end hunger in their local community."

**MAYOR MASTERS:** "Now, therefore, be it a resolve that I, Thomas A. Masters, the tired Mayor tonight of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the residents of Riviera Beach, I do hereby proclaim September 20 -- 2015 as Hunger Action Month in our city. I call upon the good people of Riviera Beach to join us in highlighting the very important message of humanitarianism being sent during this observance. In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015 A.D., Thomas A. Masters, Mayor, and Claudene --"

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** Anthony.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** "-- Anthony --" sorry, it was just a senior moment -- the illustrious City Clerk. The Valley of Love Ministry person is here who's probably doing the most in our city for combating hunger. Would you come and accept this proclamation and then we'll make copies for the others, as well. Like the one on Avenue E. What's her name? The little place --

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** Yes. Miss Watson.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Miss Watson, yes.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** Thank you. Miss Watson.



**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you very much. Okay? We'll make -- we'll give you one, too. All right, Madam Chair. Thank you for that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you, Mayor. Okay. Stay there. Item 11.

**11. PROCLAMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR THOMAS A. MASTERS PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF AUGUST AS NATIONAL BLACK BUSINESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. You almost said Tommy, didn't you? All right. Miss Isaac's going to read this. I'm -- I've been beaten down today. I'm tired. So let her read it. My mind is on one thing tonight.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** "Whereas, after struggling to secure financing to establish his small business in 1969, Frederick E. Jordan achieved considerable success at the helm of his San Francisco based engineering and construction management company, F. E. Jordan Associates. Now operating out of three offices nationally and having completed more than 1,000 projects, some for major clients like Proctor & Gamble, Bank of America, the Cities of Chicago and St. Louis, the black entrepreneur and fellow business owner John William Templeton of the publishing company eAccess Corp. have since turned their focus on fostering friendlier environments for black-owned businesses within local communities."

"And whereas Jordan and Templeton's goal is to get local governments, community leaders and venture capitalists to help create a more finance-access friendly environment where black-owned businesses can grow and to encourage consumers to visit at least one black-owned business on each of the 31 days of August annually. And whereas, according to the latest U.S. Labor Department data where -- while the national unemployment rate has steady -- has held steady at 7.6 percent, the African-American unemployment rate rose from 13 and a half percent in May to 13.7 percent in June of 2013. Those were the latest statistics. Jordan maintains that supporting black-owned businesses is the best way to lower that statistic."

"Templeton noted in an article in Black Enterprise Magazine, "If you look at the black and white unemployment disparity, the essential idea is the only way we're going to get the level of employment we need is to support black businesses." Whereas progress is being made, according to the survey of business owners conducted every five years by the U.S. Census Bureau, the most recent figures released in 2011 show that between 2002, 2007, the number of black-owned businesses increased by 60 percent to 1.9 million, more than triple the national rate of just 18 percent. Over the same period, receipts generated by black-owned businesses showed over a 55 percent increase to \$137.5 billion."

**MAYOR MASTERS:** "City of Riviera Beach is certainly delighted to join the National Recognition of Black Business Month and to encourage entrepreneurship and to promote entrepreneurship among the African-American community. Now, therefore, be it resolved



that I, Thomas A. Masters, the elected mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the residents of this city, I do hereby proclaim the entire month of August, which was also proclaimed nationally as the National Black Business Month in our city, in the City of Riviera Beach, in recognition of the progress black entrepreneurs and business owners are making in this county, I tip my hat off to you and encourage all residents to patronize at least one black-owned business within our community for -- for the remainder of the 31 days of August; and witness, therefore, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, Thomas A. Masters, Mayor, Claudene Anthony, City Clerk." We are recognizing some of the African-American businesses in the city. Ricky Wade, for "B"ing the Best, Inc. For being an outstanding African-American business in Palm Beach County, Mr. Wade owns at least eight to 10 --

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** No. He owns 13 --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- 13 McDonald's.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** -- in Palm Beach County. And there's --

**RICKY WADE:** Along with a Church's.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Oh, Mr. Wade?

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Come on up.

**RICKY WADE:** I had to spot some more (inaudible). I figured I'll spread my wings in different cities, Mayor Masters.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**RICKY WADE:** Thank you very much.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Take 10 seconds and (inaudible).

**RICKY WADE:** I just love the way you debate the subject.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Congratulations, Mr. Wade.

**RICKY WADE:** Thanks. (Inaudible).

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mr. Joe Anderson, J.D. Construction, for the construction company for being out -- for being an outstanding African-American business in Palm Beach County, a certificate of recognition to Mr. Anderson. I saw him earlier.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** He's right here.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Give him a hand, if you will. Thank you. Cynthia Ware of the Yasmine Unisex Salon, for being an outstanding African-American business in Palm Beach County in the City of Riviera Beach. Is Miss Ware here? If not, we'll get it to her. Zara Jazz Cafe . Michael Johnson, certificate of recognition for serving and feeding the residents of Riviera Beach in first-class -- in a first-class restaurant. Michael and Richard Roberts. Thank you. Would you take 30 seconds and tell us where you're located and make it quick.

**MICHAEL JOHNSON:** First of all I'd like to thank you for inviting us. I'd like to thank the Mayor. I didn't expect the meeting but -- it was kind of draining but I'm here. I didn't expect all this but I appreciate it and I learned a lot for being here. And Mr. Thomas, I'd just like to amend you for just being on top of your city. I really got a whole lot of respect for you. You and Mr. Guyton, as well, and also you, Bishop. Zara is an upscale restaurant on Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida. And we've been around about eight months now. And we're a new establishment and we'd like to thank everybody for coming out and supporting us. And just to let you know, we're there seven days a week. And after church every Sunday we do soul food Sunday buffet and we do live jazz every Friday night. And we done want to welcome you guys out Friday night. We start about 7:00. So I just want to just -- I got -- I got a couple of fliers here just to give you information and let you know. So I thank you again.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you. Thank you, Mike.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you for those kind words to Mr. Thomas, who's also running for office again, I hope. National Black Business Month Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ann Marie Sorrell, the Mosaic Group, along with Sophia Nelson from the Mosaic Group for doing all kinds of things in the African-American and other communities, as well. Two youngsters.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Well, thank you so much, Mayor Thomas Masters, for this honor. We are really honored and we're really happy that the City of Riviera Beach is proclaiming National Black Business Month as the month of August. We have been bringing awareness to National Black Business Month for the past six years and so we're really happy that Riviera Beach is recognizing and participating this year. We do want to invite everyone out to a celebration for Black Business Month next Thursday at the City of West Palm Beach Waterfront Pavilion, and it's free and open to the public. We'll have live entertainment, opportunities that the City of West Palm Beach staff has for businesses, as well as food and drink. So please come out, celebrate with us. That's next Thursday at 5:30. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And you will also have staff from Riviera Beach there where we provide businesses in our city, as well, right?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Absolutely. We do invite --



**MAYOR MASTERS:** You just forgot -- you just forgot to say that.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** No. I did forget to say that. So any opportunities that Riviera - that the City of Riviera Beach and the City of Riviera Beach CRA has for minority businesses, we welcome you to please come out and learn about those opportunities, as well. Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you. Madam Chair, just quickly, three more. Doctor Karen Reid, African-American dentist that has her own business at Riviera Dental. I don't know whether the doctor is here but we'll certainly get that to her. And Herman McCray, Jr., at the McCray's BBQ on Wheels, who has an outstanding African-American business right around -- right across the street. And we call him Little Herman. Give him a hand if you will. Take 30 seconds, please.

**HERMAN McCRAY, JR.:** Thank you very much, City of Riviera Beach. This is truly an honor to have the privilege to accept an award here. You guys have been doing a great job in the community. Mr. Guyton, Mr. Thomas, classmate Mr. Davis, Miss Anthony, Miss Ryan, Miss Pardo, Miss Jones -- I've heard so much about you all and I'm truly honored to accept this award. I used to always say, I work hard around here. I work hard around here. And a lot of people tell me, they say, Well, you got the name Herman McCray. You should just run with it and do this or do that. I said, No, my duty is to protect the name. So thank you very much and I'm truly honored. Reverend Masters, it's been great. Thanks, City of Riviera Beach.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Keep those ribs coming. And then -- is this the last one?

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Do we -- okay.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** That one.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Last but not -- but --

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** Candace Smith.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- Andrew Hill from Days Inn. Is Andrew Hill here? Mr. Hill? Okay. Last but not least -- thank you, Madam Chair, for obliging me here. National Black Business Month Certificate of Recognition awarded to Candace Smith. I'm going to try to pronounce this word. I'm going to let her come and explain what this is. But we are blessed to have it in our city. Roll --

**LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT ISAACS:** Rollology.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- Rollology and Zumba Fitness. Come and take the last 30 seconds and tell us about your new business in the city and roll -- roll whatever. Rollology and Zumba Fitness.



**CANDACE SMITH:** Thank you. Thank you, everyone. I am Candace Smith and I am a licensed Zumba instructor here in West Palm Beach and Riviera. And Rollology, it's basically a Pilates fitness that has been designed to help those that are suffering from lower back pain develop a strong core and also to help you roll out tight muscles and cellulites. So it's the holistic way of treating your body therapeutically.

And I would like to encourage you to come and try my classes. I have been teaching this for, like, a year now and Zumba, I've been teaching for six months. And I teach at different locations. I would like to invite you to my free classes at Mandel Library downtown Clematis. That's where I am. And I also teach Zumba there on Thursday nights from 6 to 7. Come and shake what your momma gave you. And also I am very much willing to start teaching Zumba in Riviera. I have to find a location. I'll keep you posted. And I just have some fliers to give out to you where my locations are. And I thank you for this honor and it's my pleasure. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's great. Thank you.

**CANDACE SMITH:** My location in Riviera Beach is 2826 Broadway. My little studio. So I'll leave you some fliers so you can get my information, my number, and you can call and schedule your appointment. Health to you. Health to me. Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you, Madam Chair. And then after the vote tonight on Mr. Malachi Knowles' golf thing which will be the only one in Riviera Beach, he will -- he will get a certificate all by himself, as well. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Thank you, Mayor. Item 12.

**12. PRESENTATION BY CARON SHAPIRO OF GURNEY PRODUCTIONS TO DEVELOP A LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY SERIES FOR THE DISCOVERYCHANNEL.**

**JOSHUA PUGO:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening. Please state your name for the record.

**JOSHUA PUGO:** Joshua Puga from Gurney Productions.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Welcome.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Hi. I'm Caron Shapiro, also.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Welcome.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** And we appreciate this opportunity tonight. This is an initiative that we've worked with Police Chief Williams and Assistant Chief Madden to bring to you, and of course the Mayor. I -- I guess the whole background of this is that when President Obama was voted in some years back, he did a few things that were revolutionary. For one thing, he got himself elected. Very wonderful thing for the country. I think we would all agree.

The other thing that was a very important thing to him -- it didn't get as much attention in the media as a lot of things, but he is a very big supporter of technology. And in police departments that are smaller in the United States, what's called a Force Multiplier. So he really encouraged a lot of the communities with smaller police departments to go out and raise taxes, tax monies, to get grants, to do a lot of stuff to look at the new technology and see how it could be applied. And of all the places in the United States, I would have to say that the Riviera Beach Police Department is, as far as we're concerned -- and I've spent, since January looking into this -- the number one place in the United States of representing a relatively small police department that has done incredible things with the technology.

In the years that they have used the technology -- and of course, this is -- this is being done in conjunction with excellent community outreach to the people and police accountability and a lot of really important things, but putting the technology in, as well, we understand that there has been a reduction in crime of a whopping 52 percent. And I really think you guys should pat yourself on the back 'cause this is an incredible thing. So that's the historical thing.

Now, I'm a television producer and I've worked many, many years. I worked for "CBS News." I worked for "ABC News." I worked for "NBC News." I worked for the Science Channel. I have three Emmys and a Columbia duPont Award. And I'm interested in kind of upping the ante of a lot of the stuff that we just see on TV. I have a 14-year-old son in love with science and technology. But of course, in the world we have now, there's a lot of junk on TV. I'll put it just plainly out there. As we know, there's a lot of stuff we don't want our kids watching.

And we have a lot of great opportunities on cable stations nowadays to put in stuff that we would want our kids to watch, something they can be proud of. So I have been interested for a number of years in trying to find something that is technology-based, as well as putting proper heroes on TV. My idea of a hero is not the people on the Jersey Shore, you know, getting drunk in their beach house or naked people running through the -- you know -- the jungle or a lot of -- lot of garbage on there.

My idea is putting police officers and community members out there doing important things for the community and trying to help the people do good things in the community and -- and doing the kinds of things that you do here in addition to using the new technology. People are really fascinated by the new technology. Unfortunately, a lot of what we see is the latest app for something stupid. The latest game that we have to upgrade. Or, you know, we just bought our kid an Xbox two years ago. It's now obsolete. The kid has to have another one for \$200. I don't think I got \$200 worth of toys my entire childhood. And now we're expected to pay all this money for these various things.

And I would like to demonstrate to the viewers, viewing public, the families, positive uses of technology and proper heroes. So this is why we've come to Riviera Beach. We want to do a show -- and we've gotten some initial funds. Not a lot. Like, a little stuff for sort of a pilot show from Discovery -- that would be put on Discovery Channel, in order to do a series about police departments using technology and fighting crime in that way.

You're one of the three we picked out of the entire United States. We've got approval from Savannah, Georgia, and also Plainfield, New Jersey, which is a similar size and they've done great stuff with their technology. But we absolutely adore your place because, A, you have more technology than even the bigger departments. And you've managed to be very together about writing grants and getting this funded. And B, you have such an incredibly beautiful place here. I mean, you know, wow. You've got the beach. You've got the boats. You've got everything.

You also have a really diverse community. My uncle, in fact, he -- his -- his wife recently passed away and he did a few years ago, but he lived on Singer Island and I grew up coming to Singer Island so I knew the area. And, of course, that's people who have, you know, done good in the world and retired there. And then you also have people who are just coming to these shores as immigrant people. And in -- in this small area of eight miles, it's, like, amazing to me how much you got going and how -- what a wonderful job the police department has done in these last few years with the community in terms of reaching out to them and in terms of using the technology and -- and really making some fantastic things happen here.

So what we're trying to do is we're trying get approval. We -- I know we can't take vote tonight 'cause we've just managed to put the contract in there for your approval. But we'd like you guys to take a look at what we're proposing. It's not long and involved. You know, like, Josh, who's one of the executive producers with the production company can tell you more about it. It's a very -- very, very good production company. Not a huge big one but a tremendously impactful one. They have eventually -- some of their series have gone on to reach 11 million viewers, which is a record for -- for cable TV. And they have a lot of family-friendly stuff and technology-based stuff. They run the gamut. They're really great people. And you know, I --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I know that you're giving a great presentation. I just want to make sure that you're going to leave some time for some questions.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Yes. We definitely will.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. No --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.



**CARON SHAPIRO:** So shall I just stop and you can ask some questions?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- I mean, but, you know -- I -- I mean --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Now, what I would suggest -- wait.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You know, I -- I wouldn't have said it like that but --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** What I would suggest -- give us the bottom line. Give us the bottom line. When are you going to start? Is -- you know, does the City of Riviera Beach have to do anything? Are you asking us for funding for this?

**JOSHUA PUGO:** Absolutely no funding.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You're going to give us some funding.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Bottom line.

**JOSHUA PUGO:** Depending on when the contract start, we could -- we want to move as fast as possible. The money's there from Discovery. And when the money's there you go after it and production --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Can you speak in -- could you speak in the mike?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Into the mike.

**JOSHUA PUGO:** Oh, I'm sorry. I talk really loud.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah. You was talking about the money and how much of it you was going to give us?

**JOSHUA PUGO:** Yeah, so it'll be -- there'll be -- well, that hasn't been discussed yet but --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, okay.

**JOSHUA PUGO:** -- but I'll give you some money. There is money --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** We appreciate it.

**JOSHUA PUGO:** -- there actually is money. There is money. I'm not sure when the contract -- I'm not sure in the contract that is yet. But we can go as fast as possible as soon as the contract's done.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. And you've been talking with our police chief or the --

**JOSHUA PUGO:** Our legal departments have, yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- assistant chief?

**JOSHUA PUGO:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So --

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Actually, let me tell you about the monetary aspect if you --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Wait. Hold on. Wait, wait, wait, wait.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Would you like to know about the money?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. No.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** No? Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah, wait till -- I think it's -- you know, shouldn't we wait until the contract comes? There's no contract.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** It's -- it's here. It's -- it's here.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I -- I get it but if she wants to talk --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And if we could talk to Madden about it?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- about money coming to the city, I want to hear it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It's preliminary. All right. Go ahead.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** We -- we --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Or should we hear from our chief?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** He's not giving us the money. Ma'am, please tell us what you want to give us.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Okay. So first of all --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** (Inaudible), please.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** -- we have a contract. It's in place and we just want you guys to look it over. And we hope -- and we're hoping that you guys can vote on it by the next session because we're on a deadline. They -- they -- they -- Discovery --

**JOSHUA PUGO:** (Inaudible).

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Hang on a -- Discovery's giving us some preliminary funding just to get it done. And they will take it off the table if you don't get it done.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I -- I get it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Sure.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Anyway, it's really just a stipend at this point. But you get the highest stipend of all three of them. Most of the time they'll give you, like, a thousand, two thousand. We've allocated -- 'cause the assistant chief has negotiated so we're going to give you \$7,000 just for a few days of hanging out with the police department. We are hoping that it becomes a real series. Then there's a line in the contract, when it becomes a real series, we'll give you more. You know?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Okay. Okay. And you're not going to be trying to display our city in any negative light and any of that?

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Opposite. We really want to make you guys look like the heroes that you are.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Okay. And do we get final say-so of whatever you're going to put out there into a -- nationally?

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Yes. On the -- in the contract, as -- thanks to the chief and the mayor and the assistant chief, there's a line that says you have the right to cut any kind of stuff out of there that you -- that you want, you know?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And when did we get this contract?

**CARON SHAPIRO:** It should be there.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** At the next meeting.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** It -- no, no, you should vote for it --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** When did we get it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** You should have it there now, I think. Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'm saying but when did you send it to us?

**CARON SHAPIRO:** June.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Say what?



**CARON SHAPIRO:** Yeah. We sent it in June. But it just made it through, you know, now. So -- but you should have it now. But anyway, it arrived in June. We negotiated a little bit with the Chief Williams and Chief Madden. And they -- and they -- yeah, it's been a while. But -- and I came down. I came and visited and -- in June.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Okay. Madam Chair, can we just make sure that that gets on the next agenda, please?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. And I already said it was going to be on the next agenda.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Well, no problem.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay? All right. So --

**CARON SHAPIRO:** If you have any questions for --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. Does anyone have any questions quickly? If not, we will see you --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No, I'd just like to thank them for --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- at the next meeting. Go ahead.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- choosing Riviera Beach. You made a very good selection.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And our technology. And -- and you know, I told you, if you're looking for another show --

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Yeah, that was a good one.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- council meeting reality show.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** We'll be cutting that footage, I think.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. Okay.

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Okay. Thank you so much.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And -- and -- and -- and I'd just like to commend the police department for being on the cutting edge of technology. And it's being recognized nationally now so our police department should be commended.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. Madam Chair?

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. And you know what would be nice, too? You know, if you could do a clip with Alcee Hastings, Congressman Hastings, because he's the one that continues to get us the funding for all of this great --

**CARON SHAPIRO:** We'll throw him in there. Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- technology. So --

**CARON SHAPIRO:** We will. Thank you much.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- you know, he needs to be part of it, too. Okay. Mayor and then we're going to move on.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, just quickly, I just want to thank both of you for -- for coming from my home state, California, and doing all the great things that you're doing with Discovery in California. So if anybody wants to ask the question can any good thing come from California, look at us. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Absolutely. Okay. Thank you. Appreciate it. And --

**CARON SHAPIRO:** Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thank -- thank you very much, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- we'll see you soon. Okay. We're moving on. Public hearings. Item 13.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**13. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVIERA BEACH MARITIME ACADEMY CORPORATION COMMENCING AUGUST 30, 2015 UNTIL AUGUST 30, 2016; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a motion? Is there a motion? Last time. Is there a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I have to abstain from this.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Correct. Is there a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Move.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Excuse me?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** So move.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a second?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. We have one public comment card, Miss Duncombe.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Norma Duncombe. And first of all, I would like to say when it comes to education, we cannot do too much in terms of education. But what I would like to address here is the agreement that is before you tonight. It is that you will receive -- you have it for one year and you will receive \$500 a month. Am I correct? For the lease.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** We'll answer those questions at the end.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Okay. I just want to make sure that I'm -- I read this correctly. And the only thing that I would like to say is that I feel that's a very low amount. And I want to admonish you that if you approve this for the Maritime Academy, because there are a lot of other schools that are in the city, and in terms of their paying rent for a lease, I'm pretty sure it's never that low. What I'd like to remind you of -- and I'm not telling you how to do this and I respect your position on it -- is that every child that is enrolled in school, whether it be public or the school like the Maritime, they receive 7,000 -- every student receives 7,000 -- I think it's \$200 per year. So in other words, the monies in terms of their education is given to them just the same as if they were in a public school. I'm not telling you that you should not help them out. But I just want to remind you that when the other groups come to you, that you give them the exact consideration and that you understand at -- because I -- I always have a problem when I -- I -- I don't see things being done fairly in terms of if you do something over here, it should be the same that you do over here. That it should not be something that's done differently. They receive 7,000 -- and I might be wrong about the 200 -- for each student that is enrolled in that school. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you, Miss Duncombe. Okay. Who's doing this?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, ma'am.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Mary McKinney, Director of Community Development. And this is a request from the Maritime Academy Corporation for an amendment to the lease for one year for \$500 a year, and I'll give you a little brief history.

In August of 2006 the City entered into a two-year lease agreement with the Maritime Academy for the charter school on the property on 13<sup>th</sup> Street -- 12<sup>th</sup> Street -- 13<sup>th</sup> Street and between that and 11<sup>th</sup> Street. And next to the Maritime Academy is the Boys & Girls Club right there. In November 2008 the lease agreement in -- from 2006 expired and the City established a new one-year lease at \$500 a month with the Maritime Academy. And the new lease agreement created a term from November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, to October 2009. Then in



2009 to June 2011, the Maritime Academy operated on a month-to-month lease at \$500 a month. In June 2011, the City executed a two-year lease agreement with the Maritime Academy which extended the lease from June of 2011 to August of 2013. And that was the first amendment to the new agreement.

Then in August of 2013 the City extended the lease for two additional years at \$500 a month, which would -- went to August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. So now the Maritime Academy is requesting the City authorize a new one-year lease extending the term from August 30<sup>th</sup>, '15, to August of 2016. And the one-year is -- they're not -- they're asking for a one-year and not more than that because the City has gone out for the public private partnership for that piece of property. And there may be other applicants for that piece of property. So this one-year would carry them through any kind of proposals that anyone else may come in with. And at the end of the lease term, if it's not the Maritime Academy, the City would be negotiating with someone else. And if it's the Maritime Academy, then the City would negotiate the new lease with them 'cause it would be at the end of the one-year period. So thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. So they -- all right. So this current contract expires at the end of the month?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. But did they start their school year?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** I believe they did.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So if we don't --

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** George Carter here?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. Sure.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** To the mike.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So then if we don't renew it, then you don't have a place for the kids for the year.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** They can go month to month.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Uh-huh. Okay. And when did we get this contract?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** (No audible response).

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I'm just curious. Did we have this for a while?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** It was several weeks ago. No, it wasn't a long period of time. It was --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Two weeks ago.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Two weeks ago?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. It was after we had the discussion about the -- going out for RFP. We -- we just --

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Public private partnership.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right. We talked to them and said that the current agreement needed to be -- lease needed to be renewed if they wanted to continue with the academy, because it terminates at the end of the month.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, ma'am?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Back in 2006 is when we established the 500 per month. And it's 2015. And we're still only charging the same amount? Isn't it usually where we increase at some point?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** I don't think the City has a lot of leases with school facilities. As a matter of fact, I can't think of another one besides this one. We have a lease with the Boys & Girls Club. And so the \$500 -- dollars -- \$500 was established by the council and it just carried through. It was never discussed as being raised, at least as -- that I can recall unless someone else can recall something different.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yeah. I think that over the years we've talked about it but the -- the bottom line has been it's really kind of a token amount because they're benefiting the City by having the school so the councils have never really been inclined to increase it from the \$500 per month.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And how many Riviera Beach students are we -- benefiting from that?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Could you come up, please? Thank you.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Eight?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It would be more now.

**TONYA HICKS:** Greetings, Council. Tonya Hicks, principal of the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**TONYA HICKS:** Hi. And Miss Miller asked the question -- Council Miller asked the question with regard to Riviera Beach residents. When -- when I last addressed the council I let them know that the number of Riviera Beach graduates has been rising over the last several years except for 2014 when we reduced in anticipation of hopefully being able to -- to build. But as far as graduates in the last school year there were five Riviera Beach graduates from the last school year. 22 percent minority graduates, if that will help you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And how many students?

**TONYA HICKS:** We have a small student body. We have this year, for example, enrolled 160 students, roughly. It was made mention that we receive 7,000 something per student. But our costs far exceed that \$7,000 per student because we are vocational-oriented, as well as professional. So there's technology. There's, you know -- when you start building boats and working with marine mechanics and things like that, there are a lot of costs that go beyond the normal classroom where there's just books and, you know, perhaps some technology and, you know, a teacher. You know, we go far beyond that with hands-on education and it costs. So we -- we far exceed that -- that amount that we -- that we receive in terms of FTE.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Wait. Hold on. Are you done, Miss Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Oh.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** For now, yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead, Mr. Guyton.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'm sorry. I just had a brain clog. What's your name, dear? And I know you.

**TONYA HICKS:** TONYA HICKS-Brown.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Miss Hicks.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Hicks.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Miss Hicks.



**TONYA HICKS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That's what I was -- I knew your first name. The efforts I know over the years have been very assertive when trying to recruit Riviera Beach kids.

**TONYA HICKS:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But it's their choice. No one is required to go to your academy. Is that correct?

**TONYA HICKS:** That's correct. It is a school of choice. You do have to apply to get in in order to be directed towards maritime, science and technology careers.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And you all hired someone that I know grew up here in Riviera Beach to assist in your endeavor to recruit.

**TONYA HICKS:** Yes, we did. We -- we employed a number of people over time to help reach --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I know. Over the years.

**TONYA HICKS:** -- Riviera Beach residents. But right now, Steve White is working with us in terms of recruitment, yes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And -- and Steve has been -- and as most know, he's been working with young people in the education arena for years.

**TONYA HICKS:** Absolutely.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And -- and -- and the point I'm making is that we as a community need to understand that we have a valuable source right here to educate our kids, to prepare them for careers right here at home. We're on the water. It's a maritime industry community because of that. And unless we as adults impart upon our kids the opportunities that exist, we're still going to have low numbers. For whatever career many kids choose, oftentimes it's an adult that explain to them what the opportunities are down the road.

**TONYA HICKS:** That's correct.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So we have a responsibility to convey very clearly, This is your opportunity to get an education that would allow you to stay home if you wish and work in the maritime industry. So it's my hope that we start encouraging our kids as some -- one point somebody said when the last time I said that, I was trying to tell the parents what to do. No, no. We as adults know that we have to educate our kids and inform them of what careers are out there. So -- but in our economy being on the water, in the discipline of economic development, there's an area called Workforce Development.

**TONYA HICKS:** That's correct.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** That school is an opportunity for us to develop our workforce to take part of the jobs that we're now creating with our building down on the water. So it's my hope now that with the assistance of Mr. White, Mr. Carter, the contribution by the Healeys, that we as a community understand that this can be a long-term benefit to our community if we encouraged our kids to get those skill sets. So I want to thank Maritime for being in our community and I appreciate everything that you're doing.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**TONYA HICKS:** Thank you, Council Guyton.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Uh-huh. Go ahead, sir.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yeah. This -- Madam Principal, good evening and how are you?

**TONYA HICKS:** How are you doing, Bishop?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good. What is the -- well, let me just say I concur with Mr. Guyton that certainly there is a need for maritime economy in our city since we have the boating industry and all the kinds of things that's close by. What is the diversity -- and -- and you know, I've always been pushing diversity as much as I can.

**TONYA HICKS:** Absolutely.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** From the Office of the Mayor. What is the diversity first of your staff? We heard about the population.

**TONYA HICKS:** Well, that --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Or the --

**TONYA HICKS:** -- that varies from year to year.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Now. What is it now?

**TONYA HICKS:** We have an -- in terms of African-Americans --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes. And minorities.

**TONYA HICKS:** -- within the school?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** With the staff.

**TONYA HICKS:** Obviously I am African-American on staff and I have a --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, you look like you're African-American, yeah. I think you are.

**TONYA HICKS:** Yeah. Yeah. Most days. And we have an African-American reading instructor who led us to excellent numbers this past year in terms of pass rate on the Florida Standards Assessment and the old FCAT, those who are retaking it.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So of the total staff you have two?

**TONYA HICKS:** Out of -- we don't have but 13 teachers. So we have a small --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So out of -- two out of 13?

**TONYA HICKS:** -- very small staff, yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. And, you know, we had a discussion the last time you were here, and I was concerned about diversity as far as your -- as far as the board. At that time you did not have any African-Americans on the board. Do you have any now?

**TONYA HICKS:** We have not had the opportunity since coming before you again to add a board member. But we will -- we do have someone. Mr. Carter just spoke to me a few moments ago, as a matter of fact. There is someone in mind that everyone would know within the City that would like to sit on the board.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.

**TONYA HICKS:** And we -- we're --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I just wanted to know you're working towards it.

**TONYA HICKS:** -- yes, we are. Yes.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** There's a good person right there. Behind you, Miss Duncombe.

**TONYA HICKS:** Absolutely.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Retired schoolteacher right there.

**TONYA HICKS:** Okay. Take that under advisement.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. All right. Anything else from the board?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Real briefly, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go right ahead, sir.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Miss Hicks, could you explain to us the process on how charter schools was -- is -- are funded? Where does the money come from?



**TONYA HICKS:** Well, it trickles down from -- from the State level to the -- to the County and the County disburse -- we're -- we're -- we're a public school.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**TONYA HICKS:** We're just privately managed. That's how charter schools operate. So we -- we come under the auspices of Palm Beach School District and receive dollars just like any other public school.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** And --

**TONYA HICKS:** However --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** -- okay.

**TONYA HICKS:** -- because we are of a vocational nature, it takes us a lot more money to run even though we're a small school, because of the nature of what we do with owning a boat and, you know, working with mechanics and a shop and these kinds of things. So the -- the cost per student is much more than \$7,000 per student. We have the potential -- the bottom line, Council, is to have a world-class school here in our community.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Uh-huh.

**TONYA HICKS:** And to produce students that will be the leaders in the maritime, science and technology fields. We've been successfully operating in this site for 10 years and we would like to continue to do so. It costs quite a bit of money to -- to produce, you know -- to -- to -- to -- to educate those students in the manner that we do, in a hands-on manner.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. All right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** How -- how much do you -- how much do you --

**TONYA HICKS:** Dr. DuPont does sit on our board, as well, Mr. Carter was pointing out.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**TONYA HICKS:** Who is a former assistant superintendent with Palm Beach County School District, and she is African-American.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So --

**TONYA HICKS:** We are moving forward at some point with a middle school that would service the local community and obviously pull from the surrounding communities, as well. But our focus would be on, you know, being able to reach students at a younger age to expose them. And we would -- our focus would be on Riviera Beach and the surrounding communities.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So -- so is your budget adjusted as you open up a middle school program, as well?

**TONYA HICKS:** Obviously, yes. We would -- we would have to first recruit the students and then, yes, we would -- we would then be funded based on the number of students that we have, as well as any outside funding that we can draw from.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** How much -- how much money does the Palm Beach County School District distribute to your -- your academy, to your --

**TONYA HICKS:** So it would be 160 times 7,000.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** 1.12 million.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Seven -- 7,200 per student.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is it 700 --

**TONYA HICKS:** No, 7,000 --

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Thousand.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**TONYA HICKS:** -- 200 per student is --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So over --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** 7,200?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** That's for administrative costs, as well?

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** No, no, no. The -- the monies --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No, Miss Duncombe, please.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** No, no, no. She's --

**TONYA HICKS:** No, that does not --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I'm -- I'm talking about for all operation and administrative --

**TONYA HICKS:** That's it. That's it.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** -- costs. So you don't -- oh, so you have a --

**TONYA HICKS:** That's it, yeah.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Wow.

**TONYA HICKS:** Yeah. So every -- every -- the gap is made up, obviously, through, you know, fundraising, through private support, etc., etc.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Who has been some of your support?

**TONYA HICKS:** Well, obviously Viking Yachts has been a major supporter of the school, and we've -- at -- you know, prior to the economy doing what it did several years ago, Palm Beach County and others, you know, were involved. When I say Palm Beach County, the Board of County Commissioners --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**TONYA HICKS:** -- and others did help us in terms of, you know, some funding. MIA, Marine Industry Association.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**TONYA HICKS:** MIEF, Marine Industry Education Foundation. So these are -- these are some of the primary funders of the school.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I have no further questions. Thank you, Miss Hicks.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**TONYA HICKS:** Okay. Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** The only thing --

**TONYA HICKS:** Madam Manager, Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- the -- hold on a second. The only thing that I'll mention, I've always been a supporter of the school.

**TONYA HICKS:** Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You know, people forget about it. And when I was up in Tallahassee the last session, we met -- I was with Tony Brown and we met with the Office of Economic Development.

**TONYA HICKS:** Uh-huh.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And we spoke about the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy, and there was funding available because you guys are considered -- you're teaching the kids a skill.

**TONYA HICKS:** Correct.



**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** But the last we heard we had reached out to see, you know -- and I told Mr. Healey and he was supposed to pass it along -- you know, they were looking forward to working with you guys. But from what I heard --

**TONYA HICKS:** Right. We will -- we will continue to seek out the --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- you did not -- right. No one -- right.

**TONYA HICKS:** -- those sources, yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No one reached out to them. So you're missing an opportunity. Especially, you know, we have a new school supervisor who is focusing -- he finally gets it. Someone gets it.

**TONYA HICKS:** Correct.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Not every kid is going to college. But if you teach them a skill in high school or even like they're doing up in Jacksonville. They target these kids in middle school. And they go through a manufacturing curriculum.

**TONYA HICKS:** Curriculum, correct.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And then once they get to high school they're still in that curriculum. When they reach junior year, then they go to work for several of -- you know, there's a bunch of corporations up there. Johnson & Johnson is one of them. They sponsor it. So it would -- you know, and then they get out of school and they get a job paying very --

**TONYA HICKS:** Correct. And we operate in a very similar manner, as you know.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- right. Good -- good money.

**TONYA HICKS:** Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** But I would just suggest to you -- because up there they're taking advantage of the state funding. So I would suggest to you guys, there's a lot of money up there. But you have to go and, you know, reach out.

**TONYA HICKS:** Absolutely. And -- and we do. We -- we -- we make every effort.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. Well, but this time you didn't.

**TONYA HICKS:** Yeah. Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So Miss Miller and then we'll call the question.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I -- I do want to commend you all for bringing Mr. White on. I know that he did have a very successful summer camp program.

**TONYA HICKS:** And you were there to --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And I was there, as well.

**TONYA HICKS:** -- at our closing exercises. I really appreciate that.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Exactly. And -- and I'm hoping that, you know, with doing that and getting the word out a little more, it will increase our Riviera Beach resident population over there at the school. Madam Manager or Miss McKinney, what is the current market rate for that space? Market rent for that space at this time?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** I couldn't tell you what the market rate would be. I'd have to -- I'd have to look into it. It --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** It's gonna be more (inaudible).

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** -- right. It's more than \$500, of course.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** 700, 1,000, 10,000?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** It's probably at least \$25 a square foot.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And how many square feet is that?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** They just have portables there so they don't have any permanent buildings. So it's -- it's just really the value of the land.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And how big is that area?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** It's like four -- four acres so that's four times 43,560 to come up with square footage.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Wow.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** All right.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** And you've got -- I'm guessing. I think 25 might be a good approximate ballpark.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**TONYA HICKS:** Let me -- let me point out that --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Well --

**TONYA HICKS:** -- that the school district, you know -- when -- when you're dealing with schools, the school district for -- for most other public schools, say Suncoast or, you know, Mary McCleod Bethune, their -- their -- their facilities are funded by, you know, County dollars. You know, so they don't have those costs of being, you know -- operational costs of running a school in terms of building space or land space. Charter schools do have that unique debt, if you will, or -- or operational costs that we have to be concerned with. Transportation. Building space. You know, land. All of that goes -- goes against us in terms of cost. It's -- all of those are part of our operating costs in doing business.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Anything else from the board? All right. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Absolutely.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilperson Miller dissenting and Councilperson Thomas abstaining.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Thank you. Item 14.

**14. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA; APPROVING AN APPLICATION FROM INNER CITY YOUTH GOLFERS, INC., REQUESTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL TO DEVELOP 0.24 ACRES (10,454 SQUARE FEET) OF VACANT LAND ON PCN: 56-43-42-33-06-012-0061, 56-43-42-33-06-012-0051, 56-43-42-33-06-012-0032, 56-43-42-33-06-012-0021, AND 56-43-42-33-06-012-0011, WHICH ARE LOCATED SOUTH OF W. 13TH STREET, NORTH OF W. 12TH STREET, AND WEST OF AVENUE 'E' FOR A SINGLE STORY 3,046 SQUARE FOOT INNER CITY YOUTH GOLF MUSEUM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Do we have a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.



**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Good evening, again, Miss McKinney.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Okay. Mary McKinney. This is an application from the Inner City Youth Golfers requesting site plan approval to develop about a 10,000 square foot piece of property on -- west of U.S. 1 on old 13<sup>th</sup> Street. And you can see on the aerial this is the old street here and this is the proposed -- this is the lot where they propose to build the building and this is the new 13<sup>th</sup> Street here. And this is Avenue E right here.

So on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, the CRA authorized the execution of a purchase option agreement between the CRA and the Inner City Youth Golfers for parcels for \$12,000 subject to submittal of architectural rendering for CRA review and comment, of evidence of site plan approval from the City, and evidence of construction funding for the proposed project. And on February -- February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, the agent for Inner City Youth Golf Museum submitted the official site plan application to the City. City staff reviewed the site plan and provided corresponding comments to the applicant. All comments were addressed and city staff has no objections to the site plan.

Then on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the City's CRA board -- I mean, the City CRA Agency recorded a unity of title on the subject parcels with the Inner City Youth Golfers, and a copy of the unity is included in this agenda item. And on July 8<sup>th</sup>, the City CRA Board approved the site plan. On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, the City's Planning & Zoning Board approved the -- there'll be a right-of-way abandonment with this site plan. In order to -- for them to build this golf facility, part of this right-of-way that's on here -- let me see if I can show you. Yeah, you could see it there. In the aerial you can see there's a little cul-de-sac there. Part of the right-of-way there has to be abandoned. And we have the corresponding ordinance abandoning the part of right-of-way a little further on the agenda.

So the Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval of the site plan application. And they also recommended when we get to the ordinance for abandoning the right-of-way, they also recommended approval of that. So the Community Development Department reviewed the abandonment and site plan for compatibility and consistency with the City's Comp Plan, the City Community Redevelopment Plan and our Land Development regulations, and staff recommends approval of the site plan subject to a two-year landscaping performance bond. A hundred percent of the value of the landscaping irrigation be required before the certificate of occupancy is issued. Construction must be initiated within 18 months of the effective date of this resolution. All future advertising must -- excuse me -- that the development is located in the City of Riviera Beach and construction of the facility must be completed, that is received a certificate of occupancy within five years of the date of this resolution. That's the end of my presentation.

Oh, I'm sorry. I have a couple of graphics here you might want to see. You probably already saw these at the CRA meeting but this is what the elevation looks like of the building. And the lot is 10,000 square feet so it is fairly small, although they have been able to put what parking they need on the lot so they do meet all of the requirements as far as

parking goes. But it's -- it is a small building. It's about 3,000 square feet on the 10,000 square-foot lot so they'd be able to meet what parking demand there is. And I know the applicant is here this evening if you have any questions for him. And that's the end of the presentation.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. We have two public comment cards. Norma -- I'm sorry, Margaret Shepherd and Mrs. Brabham.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** This is a great day for us. Mr. Malachi Knowles, who is a Washington man with HUD who came to this city and helped Mr. Bobbie Brooks secure this building, and Mr. Knowles have dedicated himself strictly with taking care of inner city -- intercity youth with teaching them how to play golf. I commend him. I commend him for taking up time with our children. Even over in Ivy Green they were preparing to have some of the children from that day care go out to some of the -- you know, to the different sites to learn how to play golf. And I -- I thank Mr. Knowles have stepping up his game to take care of our children. Because many of them don't know too much about golf.

And I think this would be an excellent facility for him to house different things at the museum. I'm sure he's going to give them one-on-one and I'm sure he just loves children. He loves people. So I commend you and I hope that you all would pass this particular agenda item. I look forward to seeing him out on the golf course. I tried it a couple of times and a little bit too hot for me and I'm going to try it again if he give me a chance. I don't know how long I'll stay out there but I would try it again because I love golf. I really do. And I think children, seeing them out there -- they're young. They're youthful. Another Tiger Woods or whomever. We need to bring this to our city. And with that I thank this board.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Mrs. Mary Brabham? Oh, you still recovering?

**MARY BRABHAM:** Yeah. But I'm walking.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Miss Brabham, you're walking much better than --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Without the walker.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. Without the walker.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Without the walker. I ain't racing but I'm -- I'm here. Good evening, Chair Pardo.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening. And welcome back.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Vice Chair Davis, all of the commissioners and the city manager. Mr. Malachi Knowles, this is his passion. This is his passion. And I'm proud of what he's -- he's



-- it -- he's instituting in this city here. And it's -- it will be a great benefit. Not just for the youth but for the city, adults as well. For the entire -- the entire city.

I'm a firm believer that we must prepare our -- our kids, the youth for other careers. Basketball and football is fine. But what about astronauts, lawyers, doctors? Educators. We used to have a bowling lane over on Broadway. Hopefully that we can get something established back there again so that if we are a city to be on the horizon and move, we must incorporate our city with the things of family oriented. So I'm -- I'm glad that -- that this is on the -- on the agenda. I -- I was given a call a couple months ago and they asked me how I felt. And I was elated. Not just that, it was -- it would be across from the Boys & Girls Club.

See, all of these aspects here incorporates what we are about. And -- and giving accolades to the other programs that are -- that -- that are in the city. Now, everybody knows Miss Brabham. I advocate for the good of the cause. And I love my city and I love my children. And -- and the Riviera Beach Scholarship Program, keep marching.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** That's right.

**MARY BRABHAM:** The Boys & Girls Club, come on, kids. Be the greatest. Be better than we are. The Youth Recreationer with Mr. Calloway, Calloway, keep doing your thing. The Maritime Academy. The issue came up about them. As long as our kids -- we are doing something positive -- when we look at on the horizon and see what's happening now, we can never do enough. The Peace & the Feast on last Saturday, the assistant city manager made mention about the Youth Empowerment, how that program empowers with the worst of the kids that comes out great. And then -- and our own youth recreational department, the swim team and the football team. Come on. We can never do enough. So I say that, you know, let's -- let's stop butting heads. Stop butting heads and do what's right for the City. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you, Miss Brabham. All right. Do we have anything from council? Okay. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.



**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Ordinances on Second Reading, item 15.

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Madam Chair, the following ordinance was published in the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 edition of The Palm Beach Post:

**15. ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 4068, WHICH AMENDED ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 14, ENTITLED "PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT PROGRAMS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH BY REMOVING POLICE OFFICERS FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Properly moved and second. Okay. So --

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** This is the same thing.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. So this is just the same ordinance that we had?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Correct. Yes.

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Does anyone have any questions on it? This was before us the last time.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Correct.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Ordinances on First Reading, item 16.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**16. ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA, ABANDONING A PORTION OF WEST 13TH STREET AS SHOWN ON A PORTION OF LOTS 3 AND 4 INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 12 OF THE PLAT OF RIVIERA AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 90-91, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE INNER CITY YOUTH GOLFERS, INC. SITE PLAN APPLICATION TO DEVELOP 0.24 ACRES OF VACANT LAND ON PCN: 56-43-42-33-06-012-0061, 56-43-42-33-06-012-0051, 56-43-42-33-06-012-0032, 56-43-42-33-06-012-0021, 56-43-42-33-06-012-0011 FOR A SINGLE STORY 3,046 SQUARE FOOT INNER CITY YOUTH GOLF MUSEUM; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Do we have a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Miss McKinney?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Yes. This is first reading of the ordinance that would abandon the piece of right-of-way that would make it available to the Inner City Golf facility here. And it's City public right-of-way and it's abandoned by ordinance. It's been properly advertised and it did go before the Planning & Zoning Board. It went before the CRA on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2000 and -- it says '14 but I thought that was '15. It went before the Planning & Zoning Board on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and they recommended approval,

and the City staff recommends approval and that's in order for the golf facility to be able to proceed.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Any questions?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes, Madam Chair. Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go right ahead, sir.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Attorney, I actually spoke with the gentleman Mr. Knowles and I wanted to bring this question up to clarify, that the reverter clause is in the agreement?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I don't believe there's a reverter in this document.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** No. We didn't put a reverter clause in this.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I don't mind supporting this item but I -- I think it'll only be fit that we -- we get the support to have a reverter clause in this -- on this item.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Okay. We have to do the reverter clause as a separate item. So we could do it on the next meeting when we come back with the second reading of the ordinance. I believe that's how we did the one for 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So Mr. Thomas --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- you made the motion to approve the ordinance as is. Would you like to amend it or we could have discussion.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well, let me just see what this reverter clause -- what -- why do you -- what -- why do we need a reverter clause?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Let's say 10 years from now someone tries to sell the property and do something else with it and it should -- I'd like to see it come back.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** No, if they -- if they're going to build the facility --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yeah.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.



**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** -- you can't -- that would -- you wouldn't be able to take it back.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's -- that's what I'm -- that's what I'm about to say. They --

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** It would be only if no one builds anything that you could put that kind of take-back.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That -- right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So -- so there's nothing else can be done on that property?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Well, if they build a facility, then they'd be able to sell it for something else that the facility could use.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** That's -- that's -- that's -- that's what I'm -- oh, so that facility could never be changed. Is that what you're telling me?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** No. It can be changed.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** That's my question.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** But you're giving that right-of-way as the property to be developed.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** It's no -- it could no longer be reverted back to the City as right-of-way because it would be developed.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** It would be one entire development parcel.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You -- you understand? We -- we're saying, Hey, listen, this is some remnants. Here you go, to develop --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** For the rolls, right. Right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Right. So it -- if we were -- you can't take something back that's got something on it already. It's going to belong to them. It's going to be something on that property there.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I think, Mr. Davis -- I think what you're --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. It's a right-of-way right now.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- what you're asking for is some kind of an agreement from the Golf Association that they will operate as a golf association for a period --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Correct. Thank you.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- of years.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** To make sure that you are abandoning this property for --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** For these purposes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- for those purposes.

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

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Oh, okay. Well, that's different from a reverter clause.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I mean, even if they didn't -- let me just ask this. Even if they didn't operate, what would we be able to do?

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** You mean if the facility isn't built?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No. The facility's obviously going to be built.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Are these -- okay. Facility gets built.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** If it -- if it's not built I understand that.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Uh-huh.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But the -- the facility's going to be built.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So if they decide to build a facility with their own money --

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- just like they bought their own land --

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- if they decide to -- to build something and then sell it, I mean, what do -- what can revert back to us as? I mean, do you want the City to have first right of refusal to buy it or something like that? I don't -- I don't understand that.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** I guess we could sit down and try to figure out --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yeah. See.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** -- what would come back. I mean, that's, I guess, a possibility.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It would be -- it would be a cloud on the title, for sure.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Sure. Just -- just what you just stated just now.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Uh-uh.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- I'm -- I'm really -- I'm really not interested in doing that. We have sold land and we have given land before.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And we didn't put any type of these parameters on it. We just sold a big piece on -- on -- on Congress. Nobody said anything even remotely like this and it went up for sale two weeks later.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** For a million two more than what we sold it for two weeks later.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm definitely going to do that.



**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair, well, there's a reason I brought this up, 'cause I was very formal with speaking with the gentleman, Mr. Malachi Knowles, and he understood my position. He had no problems with my position. As a matter of fact, he thought that position was -- actually was in the -- in the contract. So this is nothing foreign.

Unless he misunderstood what I was discussing with him earlier, that was my purposes. You know, if someone try to sell it, why shouldn't the City have a position? You don't know what the market has to offer. You don't know what's going to happen with the development on that street. We have to be in position to be -- to have site control if things change. So who wouldn't want that? I mean, if you don't, I mean, I can understand your position. But I'm just trying to give the -- put the City in a good position to have its options open in the future. That's all. I mean, he may -- might not never sell the -- sell the building.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I just don't understand --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- if a building is on it --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- how -- how do you take it? I don't -- how does it revert? If it was just vacant land and they're going to use it and there was nothing being built on it, then fine. It can revert back to the City. But I don't -- I don't get how do you say a whole building reverts back to the City when they really purchased it? We -- it's nothing that we're going to be able to do with that particular land that we -- that we're -- we're giving that -- there's nothing that we're going to be able to do. He's already got two of those things. The -- the -- just a little -- half of that area that you can't building anything on it, you can't do anything. The only thing that you can do with it is support this -- this type of -- or something like this. He owns the land that's adjacent to it so --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** My -- my -- my thing -- I'm not going to spend a lot of time on this item because it's an item I'm going to support.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. Let's --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** But I'm not --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** -- a professional architect engineer so who knows what -- what those type of professionals can do. So I just will not relieve those options. I just wanted to have the discussion about being in position so if it does sell, that we have the first rights to that.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** You know, that piece of -- that little piece of right-of-way is only 3,000 square feet.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I know. Somebody needs to show him exactly what we're talking about.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** No. Listen. I'm not -- listen. We don't need to waste a lot of time. If staff's saying there's not a whole lot you can do with it, there's no reason to even have any more further conversation. Thank you, Miss McKinney.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** My motion -- my motion --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Does anyone else have any comments?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- still stands.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Your motion stands. Anything else? Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Item 17.

**17. ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2-176 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER BY CLARIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S SPENDING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR SPENDING SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Do we have a --



**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. We have one public comment card. Bonnie Larson.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, while Miss Larson is coming --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- those who are here to speak on item 18, which is the next item, you need to fill out the card now before the item comes up. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I'm just trying to keep on.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I know. Well, trust me, we have a lot of cards. Okay. Miss Larson, good evening.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Hi, there. This is an ordinance pertaining to the powers and duties of the city manager. And I see what you've done, gone through here and you've replaced "he," because it always said "he" so you're replacing it with "he or she," but someone didn't read the whole thing because item number 6 still says "he" only. Item number 7 says "his jurisdictions." So we didn't read this all the way through. Number 8 -- let's see here. Okay. I have a revised way of wording this. Item number 8. It says, "Attend all meetings of the city council."

Here's a suggested rewrite, and you just change the words a little bit. "Attend all city council meetings unless excused." Now, it doesn't say excused by whom. That's important. "And all other meetings at which City and/or CRA matters are discussed if council requests his/her presence." So I'm suggesting that change. And there's some things in there that need to change. But that's very important, excused by whom? Line number 9, you have here some things that you're keeping in, some new wording and some things that you're taking out. Line -- excuse me, item 9, line 3, that should be a new sentence there right in the middle of the page. It's just a run-on thing. No, right after "Ordinance" it needs a period and a new sentence. "The city manager's spending authority for contracts agreements." Okay. So now it's talking about her spending authority. And it says up front that this is to clarify things, but it really doesn't clarify it because it doesn't mention the dollar amount. It used to mention the dollar amount, but now it refers you to another document. So if this is the clarification document, let's mention the dollar amount so you don't have to look at this and then go find some other document, see what it says.

I have a question about some things that have been taken out of here. Taken out was that - "operation (inaudible)." Okay. Is taken out here that, "The city manager will not now



receive sealed bids for purchases or contracts in excess of \$1,500 and present them to the city council for approval and advice. The city -- advise the city council on the advantages of contract and bid proposals." I'm wondering why that's being taken out of her line of duties. She should be doing that, it seems like. "No purchase shall be made -- no purchase shall be made, contract let or obligation incurred for any item or service which exceeds the current budget appropriation without a supplemental appropriation by the city council." That also was taken out. Why was that taken out? "No contract in excess of \$1,500 and to contract for new construction shall be let except by the city council." Why was that taken out? Those are things that I think are important and they're being taken out of her duties and I'm wondering why, because she is in charge of all the different departments. So she leads our city. Those seem like important items to me. So I'm wondering, why now they're being taken out. Okay. (Timer beeps). Can't finish.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

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

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Or Attorney, can you provide an explanation to that question that -- those questions that she just talked --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I'll let the manager make her presentation on this first.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** All right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It may clarify some questions.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Miss Jones?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** As you will recall, one of the items that was cited in the IG report went back to an ordinance that was written in 1957. Although we had changed our procurement ordinance on how we purchase, how we bring contracts to council, all of that is in the procurement ordinance. So in order to be in compliance and to make sure that we have the corrected recommendations from the IG, we have recommended change in this particular ordinance.

As she mentioned, a lot of the places said "he," 'cause we're talking about an ordinance that was written in 1957. Also, you will see that we are referring now to a procurement code. It's easier to change your codes than to change your ordinances. And so many of the areas like you can't issue a contract unless it's brought to the -- to the council, all of that is in the procurement ordinance. Thus the recommendation to remove those from my duties, because they're in another document that has already been approved by this council. So

this is a recommendation to change the ordinance in order to comply with the OIG report and so that we can be current in our verbiage as to how we word things.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Do we have anything else? Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilman Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Unanimous vote.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Regular agenda. Item 18.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC -8:30 PM Non-Agenda Item Speakers (Three Minute Limitation)**

Public Comment should be restricted to issues, matters, or topics pertinent to the City of Riviera Beach. Please be reminded that the City Council has adopted "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 Council Chair may have any disruptive speaker or attendee removed from the podium, from the meeting and/or the building, if necessary. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Public Comments shall begin at 8:30 PM unless there is no further business of the City Council, which in that event, it shall begin sooner. In addition; if an item is being considered at 8:30 PM, then comments from the public shall begin immediately after the item has been concluded.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Bonnie Larson. Not happy about two minutes so I'm just going to stick to the subject none of you are going to like. I went to the -- I'm not going to say the other good things. I went to the budget meeting the other night and I was very,

very disappointed because the question was asked to the council, Do -- the council makes \$20,000 a year. Do you want to have an increase of \$12,000 a year or do you want to have an increase of \$18,000 a year? We just received 7 million in unexpected money but that's already gone away. So now we're asking the council, Do you want to get an extra -- you make 20. Do you want to make an extra 15 or do you want to make an extra 18?

I think that's a real slap in the face of the people in Riviera Beach, because also on the agenda, which we didn't get to, was the council wants to increase our stormwater fees and increase our water fees. Employees in the City maybe made 3 percent after years and years. Who makes a 60 percent increase in their salary? We talked about, Mr. Guyton, you said that 20 percent of residents are below the poverty level. We've said many times that the residents make maybe \$30,000 a year.

This is not a full-time job. This is -- who gets a 60,000 -- 60 percent raise? I really think that's wrong and I really would like you to consider it. It was an interesting meeting. I think people need to go to budget meetings. I've never been to one before. But there's going to be another one Monday night. It's not on the agenda. It's not on the Internet so you won't know about it. But it's Monday night, I understand. I don't know the time. I'm thinking maybe 5:30. Correct me if I'm wrong. But people need to know what's going on and how we're spending our money.

I just -- I really think it's wrong to increase our cost of living here and people who work part-time get a 60 percent wrong. I really think that's wrong. I really think it's wrong. Are we going to a full-time position? If we are, the people need to be sitting in those offices 40 hours a week, which would prohibit anybody who works from being on the council. That's not right, either. But that, I just -- I thought that was outrageous. I think people need to know about it. I think you need to reconsider it. And for people to know about the budget meeting. If you can't make it here, then watch it on TV. Watch how your dollars are being spent.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**BONNIE LARSON:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Frederick James and then Julia Drayton.

**FREDERICK JAMES:** Good evening, Frederick James, 1082 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Riviera Beach, Florida. I am the founder and CEO of the United People Corporation, which is a grassroots campaign to create more living wage careers for our service sector employees, but also unite our working men and lower-class citizens to provide solutions to our economic and poverty issues through a united effort.

We also have the only nonprofit geared towards urban and regional redevelopment and infrastructure repair in the City of Riviera Beach but also in the United States. We're asking that the council consider taking our nonprofit organization and -- and supporting it so that we can take on this deficit we're facing in our water utilities



industry to keep our working class citizens' lifestyles cost of living low, but not only our working class citizens, our senior citizens.

Just graduated with my Bachelor's in Sociology, born and raised in Riviera Beach. I'm coming back home to represent my city and be used in any way that I can to actually get involved and move our city forward. We're licensed. We're ready to go. I've -- I've turned in my proposal a month ago. I've spoke with Miss KaShamba Miller. She got back with me. Mr. Bruce Guyton. I've left messages. I had people call in to ask why wasn't my proposal put -- placed on the agenda with -- given -- given with that amount of time. Dawn Pardo returned some of these phone calls and told people I asked too late. I got the proposal in too late, which was not the truth.

I'm only trying to do the right thing. I'm stepping up to the plate. I'm asking my representatives to support our initiative. You all say you -- you want young people to step up. Well, I'm -- I want to be the pioneer for this example. I'm honest, trustworthy, and I want the opportunity to represent my city full-heartedly. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. Thank you. I'd like to set the record straight to my colleagues here. This gentleman approached me -- first I received this --

**FREDERICK JAMES:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- one -- sir, you can sit down -- this page and a half, okay, in my mailbox. And then he approached me at one of the council meetings and said, "I'd like to come into the office and talk to you." And I said to him, "Well, I would like to see before we sit down and talk -- I would like to see a business plan and I'd like to see a budget." Okay? And that's all I heard.

Monday night someone approached me and said could we put this gentleman on the agenda. And I said, "We have a full agenda and can't do it this meeting but we can do it the next meeting." He never approached me. I asked the city manager. We never got anything in writing asking to -- for this gentleman to be put on the agenda. He then was all over Facebook and, you know, I got calls from some of my colleagues about things that were being said about me. All right? Meanwhile, you know, they want me to give a million dollars. And -- and then, listen -- and then so I didn't appreciate that. He had people calling me and I told the person who called me -- and I returned their call -- exactly what happened. And then the next thing you know he's on Facebook again saying that I'm lying and he gave me this and -- and I -- he had asked me. You know, there's a process to get on the agenda and I think we all know what that process is. With that, we have Julia Drayton and then --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- Alphonso Clark. Yes, sir?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. James, you have -- if you have a presentation that you want on the agenda, there's a process to get it on the agenda. If you don't know

what that process is, go to the city manager's office and they'll explain that to you, the process.

**FREDERICK JAMES:** I did.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It's no problem about us entertaining it. But I gotta say, you know, if it's happening to one of us, it's happening to all of us. If -- if you're having some frustrations about it, getting on Facebook and blasting is not the correct way to do it. Just say, Hey, listen. I'm a little bit, you know, confused on how I can get this on the agenda for -- the agenda for the remaining council members to be able to hear. Everybody has talked to you. Every -- you've talked to each and every one of us, I believe, 'cause I've seen you around doing that. You've talked to me. You -- you've told me about it. I've looked at it. You're going to need to be able to explain to us why you're asking for a million dollars.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Wow.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I -- I'm just saying no problem. If it's a good idea, then the council needs to make a decision on it. I -- I get it. You said your piece. I'm just saying back to you no problem. If you want to get on the agenda, fine. We'll get you on the agenda by the next meeting. No one's trying to not support you. I've supported you many times from this dais and I like what you're trying to do. But the way that you're going about it, I'm a little disappointed. Because it's Miss Pardo today, but it'll be me or somebody else tomorrow. And I'm -- and listen, I respect you, young man, I do. I respect you. So it can get on the agenda. It -- it -- it -- the -- the energy you took to -- to do that on Facebook could have been the same energy you took to come up to the City and say, Listen, I'm just a little bothered that I'm not getting on the agenda. How can I do it? So this is just as easy to do. Please put Mr. James on the agenda for our next meeting so he can give us a presentation. Would -- would -- would -- would that satisfy you, Mr. James?

**FREDERICK JAMES:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You know, we really don't have time tonight.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I just want to ask him, Miss Pardo.

**FREDERICK JAMES:** Yes, sir. But I would like to clarify that everything -- my proposal wasn't just for that but everything was in the proposal.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mr. James. Mr. James. Mr. James, you're on the agenda for the next meeting. Then just make your presentation then.

**FREDERICK JAMES:** Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay, sir. That's how you do it.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay.



**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Julia Drayton and then Alphonso Clark.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, while -- while he's coming, I missed a little bit about Mr. James' thing. But I am expecting to hear your proposal because we all can learn and we all can grow. So I'd like to hear what you have to say, in order. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Is Miss Drayton still here? Alphonso Clark?

**ALPHONSO CLARK:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, sir.

**ALPHONSO CLARK:** My name is Alphonso Clark. I feel like I've sat here so long that I'm -- I've got stiff.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Pull the -- yeah, pull the mike down. There you go.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** You have to see us when we try to do --

**ALPHONSO CLARK:** Yeah, listening -- listening to all the goings on and stuff. I have an issue. And first I want to say I live at 2513 Avenue E. I have some property there behind the store. And I've dealt with Code Enforcement on a couple of occasions, but I want to start out by saying that Code Enforcement dictates to property owners what they need to do in reference to bringing your property up to code or whatever. You know, with -- when you're looking at aesthetics and so forth.

So in essence, you know, a while back some years ago, we had to spend a lot of money to put shrubbery down, grass, you know, tar. Paint the buildings, paint the fences and so forth. So the other day I went to Code Enforcement and I was really -- I don't know if I should use the word pissed but I'm going to say it anyway. When they come and tell me -- now here it is -- now, I've been spending money. So I have a problem with the store next door. So you have these people from somewhere else -- and I don't have a problem that they are from somewhere else. Okay? But they come in the neighborhood and they think that they can -- because they operate a store -- that they can treat the neighborhood like they want to treat it.

And it -- and it -- and it bothers me that Code Enforcement and the City of Riviera Beach doesn't do anything about it. For instance, you got Walgreens on the corner of Blue Heron Boulevard and U.S. 1. Walgreens is lit up all the way around. Okay? I mean, completely. But you got this store here that I got people having sex behind the store. I got drugs behind the store. I got people defecating behind the store. And you -- it -- it's like you're going to make me go to the extent -- now, let me say something else.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right, sir.



**ALPHONSO CLARK:** Stand your ground does not --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I know. Is Danny Jones here? The assistant city manager is going to take you outside and talk --

**ALPHONSO CLARK:** They're here now?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- uh-huh. And he'll talk to you.

**ALPHONSO CLARK:** Okay. Okay. That's fine.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay?

**ALPHONSO CLARK:** That's fine. I don't want to prolong --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Danny, can you come back in the chambers, please? Okay. Sir, thank you. He's going to talk to you.

**ALPHONSO CLARK:** Okay. All right. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Margaret Shepherd and then Somer Shepherd. Our little Somer.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes, our -- our youth spokesperson for the young people.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach. Mayor, it's not that I did not want to talk about Barak --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** -- but for the first time in my life I'm like Mrs. Duncombe and Miss Pardo. Barak, President Barak Obama, he deserve way better. But I understand what you're talking about, cleaning up the street. No, I understand. But I do support the initiative. But I -- I think we just need to go a little bit further with that. I agree with Mrs. -- in fact, I agree with everybody. I want you to know that on record.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** I'm here because on Friday we will have our first football game over at Inlet Grove. And we're asking you all to come over and support us. I know Mr. Thomas and Mr. Davis always come over, and the Mayor. But we're looking for you guys to come and support us on our first home game. We're doing a lot of surprises over there. And also, they have reached out, I think, to Mr. Thomas to take us down to the different places to support the games, you know, away. So we're looking for a big time this year. Mr. Terry Bradden young. He's not a bunk baby; he's a Riviera Beach baby. And we have to support our own. So I thank you for that.

Mrs. -- Mrs. Jones, they always say you never get back. You never get back. I want to say to the public, every time I've even asked Mrs. Jones for something, I always got it at least five, six days after I ask. And I thank Mrs. Mitchell and your receptionist and -- and I think your -- your -- your auditor did an excellent job. Excellent job. I want to make sure that every parent get it because it just raised some concerns about us and we wanted to clear the air about money. I have a very small feeling when you take the citizens' money and use it unwisely. So I thank you for that. And I want to thank the City of Riviera Beach for Somer coming back home and if you see my car going through the city, it's not me. Somer is now driving.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Oh, Lord. Oh, Lord. All right. Somer? And then --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Somer, you have to sit on a pillow when you drive?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- Norma Duncombe.

**SOMER SHEPHERD:** Good evening. Yes, Mayor, I do have to sit on a pillow. My grandma's car is very big and I'm short. So my name is Somer Shepherd Thomas. I am like everyone said, a spokesperson for the youth. I would like to thank everyone for helping me with my mom. My mom is well now. She's walking. She's driving.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Great.

**SOMER SHEPHERD:** So I thank God for that. While I was up there with her, I was helping her. I was driving her around, also. I am now 15. I'm trying to get my permit but by 16 I hope to have a car. OMG. And I would like to also ask you guys to come out to the football game on Friday. I'm no longer a cheerleader but I will be out there supporting and doing my little cheers on the side. So thank you and good night.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. And welcome home, Somer. Norma Duncombe?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** She's gone.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Marie Jean-Pierre?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Gone.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Willis Williams.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Here.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Of course.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Miss Somers, when you get ready --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And then Mrs. Brabham.



**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- as he's coming, when you get ready to get your car, I'm going to give you personally from out of my pocket your first \$100 on your car. Just remind me of it.

**WILLIS WILLIAMS:** Since we -- Willis Williams, 1690 W. 26<sup>th</sup>. Since we only have two minutes, you guysicker back and forth about the -- the property over here on 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Let me give you a suggestion. 'Cause I know we spent \$400,000 over in the port center. If anyone thought about just transferring the people in this building -- 'cause I know this building -- I -- 'cause I just took some pictures years ago of the police department and there was mold growing in there years and years ago.

But has anybody thought about taking everybody, just move them over there in that building and stop spending the 400,000, and when we get the money to build this building over here, we build this building back over here and then we move everybody back over here and then sell that piece of property over there. Just a thought, you know? And the other thing is, Miss Miller, I mentioned about the food truck the other week and we were supposed to get some e-mails and stuff. Mrs. -- Mrs. McKinney, who just left, gave me this memo that she passed through council about the ordinance and stuff before she left. I don't know how helpful this may have been to you guys but she either -- either gave it to the city manager, what have you. But I'm -- I'm -- still want to get on top of that to find out what's going on so we can get that situation taken care of. And I trust the rest of you have a good week. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Mrs. Brabham and then Clementine Butler.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Miss Brabham, Riviera Beach. I -- I concur with -- with a lot what has been said here. And Miss Pardo is right. We need to take this to another level here. We need to put in that park President Barak Obama.

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

**MARY BRABHAM:** She stated it tonight. So that's another initiative.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** That's right.

**MARY BRABHAM:** MLK down there, I'm proud of that board. If you all visit that MLK Memorial down there, you'll see Miss Mary Lars Brabham name on that, along with other greats, the late Mary Hooks.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** All right.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Yes. On Eighth Street -- I mean, on Blue Heron where the Barracuda Bay, for those who do not know, that was designated to be Dr. Martin Luther King Park. Am I right, Bruce Guyton? Back there in the day. But they built that -- that water park over there. So see, it has been spaces. But somehow it was so overwhelmingly turned down. So yes, we can do something in that marina. And as an elected body, we named these streets. It's up to you all to make these streets work.



I have a gripe here from Australia -- to Congress to Australian, every palm tree on that street there is dead. And they -- whoever responsible for those streets, our foliage is not there. We as residents, we want that problem corrected. If you ride down from Congress to Military Trail, you see nothing but green palms standing firm. Something is wrong there. So we want that corrected.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Miss Brabham, where did you see? Australian?

**MARY BRABHAM:** Yeah. From -- from Congress on up to Australian where they -- where they planted all those palm trees there.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It -- it's on -- it's --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well, Mr. --

**MARY BRABHAM:** I want you all to ride --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- right. Mr. Thomas has been all over that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I've already -- I've already been addressing it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** He's all over it.

**MARY BRABHAM:** I want the rest of you all to ride there.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Because this is what we're talking about.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**MARY BRABHAM:** If we're going to name these streets, it's up to the elected body to clean them up.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Sure.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Because we as residents, we are upset about that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. And --

**MARY BRABHAM:** And we want the foliage as we were promised.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. We need to get going.

**MARY BRABHAM:** So -- so we do. We -- we -- we want that done.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**MARY BRABHAM:** And get those peoples from out of the police department.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Clementine Butler?

**MARY BRABHAM:** (Inaudible) to work. Thank you.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** She's gone.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** She's gone.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Erekel [phonetic] Edmonds? Helen Dolland? Steve White?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Gone.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. He's still here.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** He's so quiet. That's why I thought he was gone.

**STEVE WHITE:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**STEVE WHITE:** Steve White. I -- I really wasn't planning to come before you, but I did want to come and just address some of the things that was brought up earlier about the Riviera -- Riviera Beach Maritime Academy. It is an oasis in the City of Riviera Beach as far as the educational opportunities. It's one of the few schools that offers a curriculum in marine studies and science technology, engineering and math. It's one of the few schools that has a four-day school week.

And I agree, Mr. Guyton, parents and students need to take advantage of the educational opportunity, but I also understand your question, Miss Miller, and that is that the school has to do more to bring in students from Riviera Beach. And -- and I think that now more than ever the school really gets it and understands that it does have to just really, really focus on that. And it's something that we have been doing for the last few months since I've been officially affiliated with the school. And we're going to continue to do that.

Now, the school has a very rigorous curriculum and also a very rigorous admission policy. But I also know that oftentimes even with colleges, they do what's called a conditional acceptance. And so sometimes you give students an opportunity to come in. And so one of the things that we're going to do is we're going to reach out to some of those students who GPA may not necessarily be right where it needs to be. But give them an opportunity to come into the school. We're not going to reduce the -- the

curriculum, but we are going to bring some of those students in and give them the additional support so that they can be successful at the school. So we are going to make that effort.

Also, to what the Mayor said, we really are going to ask Miss Duncombe to serve on the board because there does need to be more diversity on the board and there needs to be more diversity on the teaching staff, as well. And so like I said, we're really going to make an effort to do that because the school does have an obligation to serve the residents and the students of Riviera Beach. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you, sir. Wow. Okay. So that's the end of Public Comment. Let's continue with the regular agenda. Item 19.

### **REGULAR**

**18. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RENAME OLD DIXIE HIGHWAY, SPANNING THROUGH THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, TO "BARACK OBAMA HIGHWAY"; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Do we have a motion?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So move.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Miss Manager?

**CITY MANAGER JONES:** Didn't know whether you were gonna do the cards first. This is --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. You know what? Let's go to -- let's -- we all know what this is. Let's go to Public Comment. Dorothy Gay and then Jeanette Williams -- Wilson, excuse me.

**DOROTHY GAY:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**DOROTHY GAY:** Dorothy Gay, 720 W. Sixth Street. In reference to the naming, I support it. I feel that definitely a time and place for everything, and it's definitely time. Whether you agree or not -- and some probably will say that Old Dixie Highway should stay. However, if you're in the present time as now, you should all agree that it is time for us to move forward. It is time for us to reclaim some things that we haven't



reclaimed or to claim which really is definitely ours. So as for the naming, I think we need to make sure that it becomes effectively passed, effectively done. It should never be a question of why it is needed. It should never be a question of when should we do this. When the time is now, it should be done. So I support it. I will always support it. Whether I'm here or not or whatever. It should become Barak Obama. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Miss Wilson?

**JEANETTE WILSON:** Hi. My name is Jeanette Wilson.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And then we have -- and then Margaret Shepherd. Go ahead. Good evening, ma'am.

**JEANETTE WILSON:** President Obama deserves a more prominent street location to be named after him than one running alongside railroad tracks for a mere few blocks. President Reagan has the turnpike. President Kennedy has an airport. President Bush has the boulevard that ends at the ocean. How about the Port of Obama? How about something grand for him?

President Obama deserves more than to be parting with the railroad tracks.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Margaret Shepherd? And then Dan Ivory.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** I'm sorry, Miss Pardo. Is this Public Comments or --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. This is the item on Old Dixie. Old Dixie Highway.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** Oh, I -- okay. I -- let me refrain from that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Okay. Thank you.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** I thought --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Dan Ivory and then Mary Brabham.

**REVEREND IVORY:** Thank you, the Council.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, sir.

**REVEREND IVORY:** Reverend D.P. Ivory, Jr., resident of Riviera Beach, Florida, President/CEO of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Palm Beach County, Inc. We're in favor of the change of the Dixie Highway to Obama Highway. We favor that. And we think it's in time with the times. There should be a recognition of the first black president of the United States. We think it's proper to have some type of symbol in the city to recognize him. And we the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Palm Beach County, Inc., are in favor of the change. We ask the council would you please do that immediately. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you, sir. Mary Brabham and then Willis Williams.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Mary Brabham, Riviera Beach. Good evening again.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening again.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening.

**MARY BRABHAM:** Chair Pardo, Vice Chair Davis, all of the commissioners, as well as the city manager. I come here as a resident with hope and faith. Hope that tomorrow will be better than today. And in faith, believing that it will. I am reminded back in 1962 of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy when he said, "Ask not what your country can do for you but ask what you can do for your country." This is symbolic to me because this country includes our cities, our neighborhoods, our homes, streets, youth, schools and our government. And the constitution bears "for the people and by the people." Up-building and uplifting each other so all can rise in this great city of Riviera Beach and our country.

I am also reminded of the great Dr. Martin Luther King words of wisdom, "We have been dealt the hand of racialism, bigotry, oppression, and America has been given a blank check that has not been written to this day." We are still facing fair housing, job market that has included and excluded the health market for all poor and rich. Hunger and violence is rampant all in our cities, as well as all over our country. We are a stressed society here and when we are stressed, we're edgy. So I don't want no butting heads here. Let's be on one accord and let's do what's right.

Then I am reminded of the late Ronald Reagan when he spoke the words to the people of the -- and the Prime Minister Mikhail Gorbachev. And he said, "Tear this wall down" that divided his people. We have a street here. It's a highway. It's no other than any other president I think one speaker had made mention about, that it's -- it's no different whether or not you agree or disagree. This is an eight-mile stretch city here. When we wanted the MLK on Blue Heron here, it was such an uproar. Everything had to be changed. We as the -- you as elected officials, you have a chance to right the wrong and make a new chapter for the history. Not just for the city of Riviera Beach, for everybody. So I ask you to do what's right, because of the airports, bridges, parks, libraries, museums, a name for other great presidents, as well as elected officials. We come asking for nothing less so I expect for you, Cedrick, Bruce, Miller, Davis, Miss Pardo, you all get on board. We only are an eight-mile stretch so this recognition is deserved. Thank you and God bless you in all of your endeavors and good speed to you. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you, Miss Brabham. Willis Williams and then Joe -- Joseph Anderson.

**WILLIS WILLIAMS:** Good evening, Willis Williams, 1690 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Court.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.



**WILLIS WILLIAMS:** I definitely concur with Miss Brabham. I remember back some time ago when we tried to get Blue Heron changed to Martin Luther King and it was such a bad, bad vibe all over the community. They talked about how -- how it affected our stationeries and how much it would take from their businesses. And somewhere in that gloop we -- we lost continuity. So at this time here's a strip of -- of -- of -- of -- of our city in which we are trying to rename. And Mr. -- Mayor Masters, the only problem I -- that I have with this is just the other speaker saying about running upside the railroad track. I wish you'd have took Blue Heron. But definitely this should happen. We all should be on one accord on this. It's nothing no different than around a -- the world.

I visited Savannah 'cause I have relatives there. And it's a little restaurant down on Duffy Street. And my God, they -- they had the Obama breakfast that you could go in and eat. And I said, This is amazing. People can all -- everywhere around the country people embraced this young man and embraced him and put him where he needs to be. And we -- we -- we want to fumble with the situation. We want to make it a fumble. But let's -- let's do the right thing here. And we all get on the same accord and make sure that we do this without any more bickering from one side to the other. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Joseph Anderson and then Kendra Williams.

**JOSEPH ANDERSON:** Good evening. Joseph Anderson.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**JOSEPH ANDERSON:** 331 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Way, Riviera Beach.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Good evening. Good evening.

**JOSEPH ANDERSON:** Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, sir.

**JOSEPH ANDERSON:** Co-chair, city staff and the rest of the council. I am, too, in favor of this resolution. I have -- on the behalf of my father, I have spoken to many residents, also social media. And I've all -- seen an overwhelmingly, you know, definitely acceptance of this change. But also I just want you to -- to be reminded that it's just not a change. It's also the quality of life for our residents and business owners that actually reside on this street. As you look at MLK when that change took place, you know, there was some controversy, whether it's Blue Heron, whether it's MLK.

But then also, too, is for ML, and I just want us to learn from these name changes. When MLK was changed, it took some time for the street to come up and imitate and emulate the legacy of MLK. So what I'm saying is with this change, let's not forget about also enhancing the quality of life of our individuals on this street. So I want you to continue to work with the port, to galvanize and make sure that we can see some aesthetic changes along Old Dixie, as well as work with our FP&L, County and FCC



so far as buffering around the railroad tracks so we can also enhance the quality of life of our citizens as well as our business owners. And hopefully we don't make and actually continue to also have it reflect the legacy of Barak -- President Barak Obama as we have done. And we've done a good job so far.

We've still got to clean up Australian from Eighth Street to Old Dixie. We need -- that has to, you know, catch up with his legacy, as well. So if we can actually look at the quality of life for the residents in this name change, as well. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Kendra Williams.

**KENDRA WILLIAMS:** Good evening.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Evening.

**KENDRA WILLIAMS:** I -- when this was brought up --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Can you just state your name for the record?

**KENDRA WILLIAMS:** Hi. Kendra Williams. Kendra Williams.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you.

**KENDRA WILLIAMS:** Thank you. When this proposal was brought up, I went on the Internet because I -- I said I'm very interested to see what people are posting. That's -- a lot of times when I go on YouTube, I don't even look at the video. I just want to see what people are saying, what their reaction is. And some of the reactions from people not even in Florida, from around the country, were so hateful. Some of them are hateful. A lot of the comments were hateful. There were a few people who said, Oh, sure, why not. But people who are not even in Florida saying some of the most bitter things.

So it's not really just about Riviera Beach. It's about being an example for our nation. It just takes one -- one -- a journey begins with one step and I think this would be a great step. Here it is, it's 2015. It's over 50 years after the Civil Rights Movement and we still are seeking racial/social equality. And this is a very pivotal time. Very pivotal time. I think even -- I would -- I hope to see better things come out of it. I know that the Civil Rights Movement was huge, and I wasn't alive at that time. But I do know -- I do not -- well, I mean, I'm not that young. But I do know that in my own home state of Mississippi -- I went to the University of Mississippi. First of all, when I was growing up we didn't even get out of school for Martin Luther King Day, but we got out for General E. Lee Day. Okay? And the University of Mississippi, they stopped at a football game -- they stopped flying the flag and the band stopped playing Dixie. They asked the band to stop playing Dixie.

So I love where I'm from. I love the South. But I do not like the representation of Old Dixie. Nothing about it represents any minority, nothing. And -- and some shameful things for some of my -- my white friends. They're shameful of some of the associations that they have. But not to be shameful. Let's just move forward and move on, 'cause it's time. The name Old Dixie does not align in any way with the goal of racial and social equality. And it's time to move forward and celebrate our first black president. Why not? Like you said, a railroad track? No, this is more than just naming a street. It's just to be a beginning of an example that we're moving forward and that's it. Thanks.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Great.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you very much. Appreciate that.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mayor?

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** I had a card in (inaudible).

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Oh, I'm sorry.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. Come on, Miss Duncombe. Miss Duncombe?

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** Oh.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And that's the last card we have.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** I thought I had one. Okay. Norma Duncombe. And, Mayor Masters, you -- I know that this means a lot to you. I know it means a lot. I agree totally with you because for the first time we have a president who is at the top of the list in terms of anything that you can say positive about a human being. So I think that your thinking was excellent in terms of making this move. However, I have to say I disagree with that particular street. Is there any other street --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** That's right.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- that we can use --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** That's right.

**NORMA DUNCOMBE:** -- to do the exact same thing? And the reason I disagree with the -- let me explain to you why I disagree with it. Number one, have you been down there lately to see all those huge -- I guess it's FPL has put -- you allowed CRA to buy up all those businesses and the place looks horrible. It looks horrible. Then you can't go across because you -- they gave -- they privatized the street with the port. Then the port has all those huge carry -- the junk that they have piled up that you look at. Is it any way possible that we could have another street? Can we have Congress?

Congress is excellent. I mean, and -- and I'm just making suggestions. And I'm saying to reconsider.

When I -- it -- it makes me want to cry when I ride down Dixie, Old Dixie, because that is a historic neighborhood. I'm -- many of you are not old enough to know that when that community came up, it was the first time that veterans could buy new homes and, you know, the -- the professional people had homes down there and what have you. And now it has just deteriorated and it has -- it -- it makes you want to cry. Because it could be better than what it is. It -- when I look to the east when I'm passing there, I try to just turn my head. I'm driving but -- and I have to look straight. I don't want to look over there because it -- all that junk that the port has, it looks horrible. So what I'm saying to you, I think you came up with an excellent idea. It does not have to be done tomorrow.

But let's investigate and see if we can come up with a better street. And I'm saying Congress. Congress is beautiful. And it will serve the same purpose. I'm not telling you to give up on the idea. If you did, I would be angry with you like I don't know what. But find another street.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, we have -- thank you, Madam, Madam Duncombe. We have a short presentation of the people who own property on Old Dixie, businesses, property owners. It's very short. It's important, very important that the people who live on the street -- and they have made some commitments and we'll talk about it later. Miss Duncombe, I think, will answer some of your concerns. (Video shown). Thank you, Madam Chair. Herman had a little --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you, Mayor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- had a little humor there. There's a lot to say. I'll try to keep it brief. First of all, I want people to know this is not about Mayor Masters and what Mayor Masters want. I do want it. But this is about hundreds, thousands of people who have sickle -- signed -- sickle? No, signed their support of --

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Sickle cell.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Oh, be quiet, guys. I'm going to start preaching in a minute if y'all don't leave me alone -- their support of this street. Not just only in Riviera Beach residents, but throughout Palm Beach County. Elected officials: Alcee Hastings, Jeff Clemens, Bobby Powell. Even some of our people right here that work with us like Chief Clarence Williams and Rose Anne Brown and others. From the committee, two people who serve on the Committee of Social Justice signed their support of changing the name, as well. Pastor Dr. Drayton and Mr. Bob Sloser.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mike.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Huh?



**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mike Sloser.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Mike Sloser. I'm sorry. I've heard a lot about -- about this from day one. First people were saying, Wait until the President is out of office before we change the name. However, that may have been the thinking many, many years ago but that's not the thinking now. In Orlando, you have President Barak Obama and they call it that. You can Google it and you'll see. It's come right -- a beautiful sign -- President Barak Obama in Orlando, Florida. Someone mentioned about the train. Well, in the few months or however long it will take, we'll have on board Florida 30 some trains, passenger trains from Miami to Orlando will travel up and down on that street.

People will be able to look out of the window when they come into Riviera Beach and they will see, hopefully, Barak Obama Highway. They'll -- that's to the left. They'll be - to the right, see the side of Wells gymnasium, City Hall, maybe. I believe that naming this street will enhance economic development to the street. Economic development as well as redevelopment. I was concerned as Mrs. Duncombe, my friend, on some of the buildings that I was not proud of on that street. I have spoken the -- the first guy that you saw, he has agreed to chair a committee to help, immediately help small businesses and residents on that street to bring their property up to a standard that will certainly -- that we can be proud of, that will represent a presidential highway.

And I'm personally -- I'll be personally involved and make sure that that happens. This street will also intersect with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. People will not be able to get to the hospital from Riviera Beach without driving down Barak Obama Highway. As you know, there was a lady 87 years of age that I wasn't aware of until a couple months ago who witnessed the first cross burning on this street, Sister Dora Johnson. She is still traumatized today about it, and other elders, as well. Now, I agree with people when they say, You don't just ride down the street and think about slavery when -- when you see Old Dixie and the -- no, you don't. However, when you do think about it, Old Dixie is worse than Dixie.

Old Dixie means cross burning. Old Dixie means slavery. Old Dixie means KKK. Aren't we better than that? Some may say this is divisive. It doesn't have to be. I don't agree with everything President Obama says. I don't agree with everything President Obama does. But it's about a presidential highway. I didn't agree with everything President Reagan said but there's an airport. There's streets and -- and whatever.

So I'm asking you, my fellow colleagues, to rise above any of those thoughts and let's take that sign like they did with the confederate flag, take it down, put it where it's supposed to be, in some type of museum on archive. Get rid of it and let's unify our city. You've seen people who lived on the street 55 years, who have businesses. And the first guy has the largest business on that street, three buildings. Not just one. So I ask you to let's do it and recommend to the County to vote for it. We're not voting to rename the street. We're just voting for a recommendation to the County because

they cannot vote on it. If it dies tonight, they will not have an opportunity to vote. They have to have a resolution from the City Council. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Mayor, I'd like --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Hold on. I'd like to say something because I've been getting a lot of calls on this. You know, I look at this resolution as being brought before us clearly to remove the name Dixie. And I've heard it from the audience. And I can support that. I can support removing the name Dixie from that street. But like some people in the audience said, does that street -- should that street be named after the first black president of the United States? It took 220 years for a black man to be elected the president of the United States. When you drive down Dixie Highway now, on the east side -- depending on which way you're going, on the east side of the street you have the railroad tracks. On the west side of the street you have commercial. And that's it. There's a couple of homes on the, you know -- further down on the north side.

This is what I would like to see. If you want to find another street, I am more than happy to discuss it. But I don't think that the first black president of the United States deserves his name on that highway, that, you know, several blocks. What I would suggest -- and this is my suggestion -- we go down to West Palm Beach. West Palm Beach has a beautiful section of the waterfront with flags, a reflecting pond, dedicated to Martin Luther King. And in Riviera Beach we have Eighth Street, Martin Luther King Boulevard. And I even questioned that. Is that fitting for Martin Luther King Boulevard?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** You're right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It's a blighted Street. This is what I think we should consider. We are in the process of rebuilding the Riviera Beach Marina. We have a park that's currently named Bicentennial Park. We are investing millions of dollars into that park. Why can't that park overlooking the water, why can't that park be renamed from Bicentennial to the Barak Obama Park? In addition to that -- and Mayor, if you're on board with this, I will help you. Why can't we put a committee together and raise money and build something reflective of Martin Luther King, Barak Obama and all of the past leaders, black leaders? We are a predominantly black city. All right? And we -- we need to celebrate that. And I think it would be more fitting to do something like that. We can find a space down at the marina, down by the waterfront where people can go and have a good time and reflect and see a monument or something. That's something that the community, we're all going to have to work on.

But we can do something like that and celebrate the people. Celebrate the past black leaders. We have leaders in this community. You know, we talk about Mr. McCray and what he did. You know, making sure that people -- that black people in the City of Riviera Beach, were able to get to the polls and vote. We should celebrate that. We spoke earlier about Congressman Alcee Hastings. People say what they want to say

about him, but you cannot take away the fact that that man has been fighting for this city since he was elected.

The majority of the money that comes down from Washington to the city comes down because of Congressman Hastings. We had that Discovery Channel here today. They want to tout our, you know -- all of our police technology. That all came from Congressman Hastings. So I would -- that -- so basically that's what I would like to see. We're going to have Newcomb Hall. And even maybe inside Newcomb Hall. We've been talking about this with the CRA, how, you know -- are we going to name the names -- how are we going to name the names of the -- the different rooms there?

So I -- I really think that we have an opportunity to do something great. If we are all in favor of doing something for the first black president of the United States after 220 years, let's do something more grand than renaming Old Dixie Highway. Because what's going to happen? Are people going to get out of their cars and, like, stand next to the sign and take a photograph? You know, here I am on Old Dixie Highway. You know, now it's Barak Obama Boulevard. Or will they go and celebrate his life and the life of black leaders down at the marina, looking at the water? So that's how I am. That's -- that's my feeling.

And I've thought long and hard about this. And Mayor, I told you, I was praying on this. And this is what came to me. So that's how I am. And like I said, I would be willing to chair this committee, go out and find the funding. But Barak Obama and the rest -- Martin Luther King and all of the, you know, black leaders deserve more than a name on Old Dixie which is blighted and Martin Luther King which, you know, Eighth Street, which is looking a little better but it's still not there.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** They deserve better, especially in a predominantly black city.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** When you're done.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I'm done.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. Were you up? Did you call?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** The chair recognized you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead. I'm sorry, ma'am. Go ahead. Oh --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** I think I did hear you. Go ahead.



**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- yes. I'm sorry. It was Mr. Thomas.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** She'll yield to you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Mr. Thomas, I'm sorry.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No, I -- the Chair recognizes who she chooses and that's who speaks.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No, I had -- no.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** It's okay. You can go.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** When I started I heard you. Go right ahead and then Miss Miller.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Sure. No problem. A couple different things here. And I'm -- although this conversation is moving, I recognize that there's a real sense in some of the things that we haven't addressed. This resolution will ask the Board of County Commissioners to rename the road that's a county road. I understand that. Some of the things that the City could have done is we've never taken down that wall that separated -- through Monroe Heights that separated one neighborhood from another neighborhood.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Amen.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** That's what we can do that we don't need anybody's permission to do or raise any dollars. We can say, You know what, Public Works? You spend the next week and tear that wall down that we pass by every day. Now, we could do that without the Board of County Commissioners.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (Inaudible) right. That's right. (Inaudible).

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** What we can do is the -- the name Old Dixie does need to come down. No doubt. I'm 100 percent in support of that. But what I'd rather see is President Barak Obama down Blue Heron. That is the -- that is the -- the street that we've -- that the DOT has put the most money in now. I would like to see that. And if we're going to ask that they change one county road, that's another county road. We can ask for them to change that one, as well. That's just my point of view.

On the -- on the Bicentennial Park change, I have no problem doing that but we can do that in addition to, you know-- I -- I have no -- no problem with that. If you're saying that we're going to do something like what West Palm Beach has as the monument for Dr. Martin Luther King down there, now, I'm all on board for that. I'm -- I'm all on board for that. And we don't need to say we're going to put together this -- no, we need to put our money up and say, This is what we are supporting. I support the -- the

initiative that the Mayor is doing. What street it goes on, I mean, that's something that I guess everybody needs to -- to discuss. But what I would like to see in the spirit of supporting that is take that wall down through Monroe Heights and that'll make me feel better right now. That's all.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Hey. Hey.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Miss Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Well, I'm -- kind of concur with much of what was said up here. I grew up on Blue Heron Boulevard, actually 1160 W. Blue Heron Boulevard, and I was a child at the time when the discussion came up to put -- make Martin Luther King Boulevard -- change Blue Heron to Martin Luther King. And I do recall the issues that came up about the stationery. The businesses didn't want it. There are a number of reasons as to why they did not want to change the name. I think it was touched on that -- and in some kind of way we're kind of getting away from it. I'm understanding that Dixie Highway, we're trying remove that name. So to look at other streets, yeah. I -- I would prefer Blue Heron, as well. You know? But I'm sure I'm -- well, I'm not sure.

Have we come that far that we won't have those same issues that we had years ago with Blue Heron? Most of those businesses are still there so I'm not certain if they'll be okay with it being Barak Obama. I mean, it -- we're pretty much talking about the same type of people, Martin Luther King, Barak Obama. I'm not really sure that they would be okay with that, either. That is a -- a -- an area that's much more beautified than Old Dixie. But I think it's incumbent upon us as citizens, as residents, as city council, to improve that area. If we have an issue with it, we need to do something about it.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** So you don't run away from the street because it -- it's not living up to its potential. We need to do something about it to make it live up to the potential. Same thing with Eighth Street when Eighth Street was in its heyday. We made it Martin Luther King Boulevard and everybody knows that, you know, the -- the little saying that people say, Well, you know you're in a black town if you come across a Martin Luther King Boulevard. People say that all the time. But you know what? It is up to that city to make sure that that is not the stereotype that we're going to follow. We need to improve it. We're allowing that blight to occur.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Exactly.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** So if -- if we're going to do the names, it doesn't matter what -- what street you use. If you want that area to improve, we need to do something about it. I -- I understand and I totally support it being Dixie Highway that we remove, because as -- as someone stated, we are in that time. It -- it's the timing. Right now is the time to make that change, and we're just deciding to -- making a

motion or agreeing for a resolution be taken to the County for them to make the deciding factor.

But if we keep in mind that we are talking about removing the word Dixie off of that street, that's -- that's what we're talking about. It's not about which street looks the best 'cause we could make all the streets look the best if that's what we want to do. So I -- if we just take that away from the equation, we would probably all agree that Dixie Highway at this time, which is not representative of our community at all, would be the place to put that name. I fully support what Chair Pardo stated, and I think that is something we need to do regardless of where we put the name Barak Obama. So I would be more -- more than will be to be on board with that with you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. That's great.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And I do support, again, Dixie Highway -- changing the other names, Congress, yes, that's a very highly trafficked area but so is Dixie. Dixie Highway, you gotta go through there if you're trying to get to 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Many people travel that highway. People coming through Blue Heron are going to travel that highway. So it will be seen by many people. But again, I think if we're going to be concerned about what it looks like, we need to do something about that. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Mr. Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Thank you, Madam Chair. To say that I'm elated to hear the discussion up here would be an understatement. I was on the council 20 years ago when the discussion came up about Blue Heron Boulevard. And needless to say, there was two people that supported it on that council at that time. That was me and Miss Cinthia Becton, to rename Blue Heron Boulevard. We did not have enough support at that time to get it done.

But all of the suggestions that have been made tonight, I don't want to reiterate them. They've been said very eloquently. I support definitely what Chair Pardo has suggested with our Bicentennial Park and the areas down there. Chair -- I'm calling you Chair -- Councilman Thomas with the wall in Monroe Heights where I live. Councilwoman Miller with her suggestions about eliminating the remnants of those days where they were not so fun for those of us in the African community. So I -- I don't need to reiterate what everyone has said. They've covered all of the bases.

And we just need to narrow down what we're actually going to do and where there are funds needed, we need to allocate those funds to do it. Let's not talk about it and not make it happen. So it's my hope that this can be done expeditiously. And we as a community can still come together not based on a racial divide, but based on progress that has been made over many, many years. We still have a long way to go. A long, long way to go. And changing names of streets and naming parks really not going to get to the underlying movement that needs to happen, and that's people hearts changing and treating each other fair. That's where the real substance of the issue takes hold, is when people in their heart begin to treat each other as Martin Luther King said, not based on the color of their skin but of the content of their character.



And that goes both ways. Black folks, how we treat white folks and how white folks treat black folks. That need to be reciprocal. And -- and there is room for both sides to grow. And I'm in support of that. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Mr. Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Thank you. First of all, I want to thank everyone for being positive at this time. To the Mayor, I want to say to you, you started this initiative a long time ago and I told you then how I felt about this opportunity to be a part of the block of history and to discuss history and -- and educate people in this whole process. And I'm going to tell you why I'm really focused on the Old Dixie.

The Old Dixie has a true history to it. In the late 1800s there was a conversation start sparking up in the North between Indiana, Ohio and Detroit. And in the nine -- in the late 1800s and early 1900s, they was having this conversation about how can we create a big boom with the auto industry and the bicycle industry. It was a gentleman by the name -- I did a little research -- his name was Carl G. Fisher. And Carl G. Fisher was sitting on the committee, and he wanted to make some money along with these people from up in Ohio. And they were trying to find out how can they get these bicycles and these automobiles from Detroit through Indiana and Ohio to the South, because at the time the South was controlled by the farmers' agriculture market. Tourism was very slow at that time so what they did was, to get ahead of the game, to become millionaires, they all took a trip down to South Florida which is Miami and they started acquiring a lot of land down in Miami before this boom happened.

And around 1905, 1906, during this boom, they went to pass a bill before Senate. And the Senate did not support it in states like Virginia, Mississippi and Arkansas. So they had to find a way to get the South to buy into what the North was -- was talking about. And so what they did was they created the name Old Dixie and they understood the South at the time was very racially divided. And that's where the name Old Dixie came from. At that time that was the big boom, as you know, with transportation and economic development. President Obama has been sparked about economic development and turning this country around, as he sent stimulus money to California for the transportation. He also sent money to the State of Florida for transportation but we all know what happened with that.

As you look at Old Dixie as it hits the rail and it hits the port, that's what Old Dixie was truly about, getting those who were racially divided, who was the majority, which we all knew whether whites at that time to buy into the North's image by creating a culture by name or image, which was the Old South. And then 19 -- I'm going to say 1916 is when the Senate bill was passed and all throughout the South when they -- they named it Old Dixie in the Senate Bill in the state of Tennessee. So when that bill passed, all these federal dollars went through all these different states in the South to attach and build all this rail.

And when that rail was built, you had bicycles, you had -- it was a company -- what's the name of that company? Carl Thomas was representing a company that had -- that were building lights for cars. And he was selling all these lights to Ford and all these

cars in Detroit and that industry. And to also bicycles and became -- made millionaires. So I would like to stay short and to say that President Obama, having this name, is not about the way the street is. It's about economic development and the -- and the progress. And I support the fact that you want to do all these great things around the city for him, and I think we need to continue to take that in consideration. But we do need to take in consideration that the Mayor jumped out a long time ago and he had this initiative. And I -- Mayor, I just want to let you know tonight just like everyone else, you have my support. But we need to make sure we do not lose what the history about, Old Dixie was about. It was about getting the South to buy into the North for economic development to get transportation from the North to the South. That will be all.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right, Mayor?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair, thank you, Councilman Davis, for your loyal support from day one. And thank every councilperson for their comments. And I think there's common ground here. And that's important. I want to see the council united on this issue and not divided. The main issue for me was to get rid of Old Dixie Highway, the name Old Dixie. And I think everyone up here agrees to that. We may not agree that it should be renamed Barak Obama or whatever, but as long as we get rid of it and then rename it whatever.

I like the idea of Congress and I'll tell you why, because Congress is a county -- it's already a county highway. And I'm not for sure we can get the kind of support to try to tackle Blue Heron, which is a state highway. It will probably be much -- it probably would be more difficult to change Blue Heron. I -- I like that idea, as well. But on county -- on Congress, you do have a Herman McCray Bridge that is symbolic of civil rights. On Congress you would also intersect with Dr. Martin Luther King. And I'm just not for sure if we can get the majority of property owners on Blue Heron all the way from the east to the west as we did on Old Dixie. But I'm pretty sure we can get -- it's -- we still have to get the majority of property owners once it gets to the county.

So in -- in the spirit of unity, I'm willing to accept the Congress -- I mean, I accept whatever because I don't have a vote, obviously. But Congress, I think, sounds good and also Chair Pardo's recommendation that we do something recognizing the -- the black leaders, including -- and I'll add that, the first black mayor of -- of Riviera Beach, Bobbie Brooks, who we've been saying we was going to do something in his honor and we haven't, even renaming this complex. Hopefully that will happen.

So if we can agree, then my labor, my work will not be in vain because I've already spoken to our county commissioner and they are expected to come to them and they're prepared to move as the City moves. So I would propose to this council Congress. It is a better street. There's no -- there's no question about that. Forget the railroad. It's not there. And I don't -- not -- we will worry about the Florida train because it's going to be moving so fast folk probably won't see an Obama sign anyway. So Madam Chair, I would like to see us get rid of the Old Dixie Highway sign and rename Congress Barak Obama.



**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Are -- are you -- Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, sir.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- are you trying to do all of this in one action or, I mean, what is going to be our focus? Is our focus going to be right now to get Dixie removed or is our focus gonna be to get Congress renamed? What -- what -- what are you trying to do at this point?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Both.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Both.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Both.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Get rid of the name. We -- we've all agreed -- we have a consensus that we want to get rid of Old Dixie and that -- and the wall.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I think we can do that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No, the wall got to come down.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Fine.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I'll be out there with a sledgehammer tomorrow.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, and I'll be like Joshua. We'll march around the wall but Congress --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But listen. Listen, what -- what I'm saying is you -- you did some legwork for Old Dixie.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You -- you -- have you done that same legwork for Congress?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** No. But I think it's transferable. I mean, it's not the legwork.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You mean the people on Old Dixie gonna be able to transfer their feelings to the ones on Congress without asking people on Congress?

**MAYOR MASTERS:** The people -- well, the people on Old Dixie want to get rid of Old Dixie. And they wanted to go with Barak but I don't seem to have the support up here unless do you support renaming it? I mean, if we get -- if we got three votes, I made it --



**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I -- Mayor, Mayor, I'm -- I'm just asking a question. 'Cause I can support --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** If we have three votes I'm ready to go with Old Dixie. But if we don't have the three votes I'm --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mayor, all I'm saying is I don't want -- I want you to do the same legwork for Congress if that's the way you want to go with it. You showed us the people have supported on Congress -- I mean, on Old Dixie. That's all good. I mean, we can go there if we need us to. But if you want to -- if you want to do it on Congress, then I just would prefer you get some of that same support so that this board knows that there's support for that.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, let me just say this, Mr. Thomas. I've done a lot of work on -- on the Old Dixie, and you are right. I don't think there's a need for me to do the same -- I didn't really need a petition. All we needed was a resolution from this council to rename any street. I did it to show support, the support I -- I don't feel we'll have a problem. And -- and if so, you know, we'll deal with it. But I believe that we can get support from the community on any of the street be renamed Barak Obama. I don't think it's a problem. We just need a consensus or a vote that we will rename -- recommend to the County that we rename Congress in the City of Riviera Beach Barak Obama. You know, it's not a State. I've already done the work with the County. The people just want to get rid of Old Dixie. That seems to be the main thing.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Uh-huh.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And we still have the intersection of -- of Barak Obama and Martin Luther king. So everything that I've been fighting for, I still get. We get rid of the name and we can do that. I mean, that's -- we -- we do that ourselves and still recommend it, you know, changed. But I'd just like to get a resolution that Congress tonight -- that we rename Congress to Barak Obama and that we can deal with the Old Dixie issue later.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. But -- no. No. We're not going to deal with the -- I don't think we should deal with the Old Dixie later.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** All tonight?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Because -- absolutely.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Fine. Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Because that's what came in front of us first.

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

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** But what I would suggest -- just because of what Old Dixie is, a railroad track on the east --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. I'm fine with that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- and commercial on the west, you know, I don't want to sit here tonight and try to rename it. All right? We should seriously think about what the name should be, will the name spur development. You know, I've been working with West Palm Beach since I was elected almost eight years ago, you know, trying to spur development from 25<sup>th</sup> Street on Broadway down to Blue Heron Boulevard. And we've been talking about possibly renaming that street Marina Mile. So if someone in Palm Beach County wants to know, Where can I, you know, get some kind of marine things, right? Boats or whatever, and someone says, Oh, go to Marine Mile, they're going to know it's in the north end of Palm Beach County.

And I think we should try to do something like that along the Old Dixie corridor. You know, if it was a -- a highway with just residential, then it would be a totally different story. But since it is across the street from the -- from the port, you -- you're going to have 34 trains a day in addition to freight trains continuing to run down that highway and then all of the commercial on the west side, we should think about a name or maybe, you know -- have the community give us some thoughts about it. We have the O'Donnell Marketing Agency as a consultant. So --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** I don't mean to cut you off. But we do have a resolution on -- on the floor. It's been moved and --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I know. But -- right, but I'm just saying --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- it's been moved -- no, I understand. But it's been moved and second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- we need to -- right. But -- all right. But I had the floor.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Okay. And I'll stick with the resolution.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So we just need to -- so we need to -- right. But if we pass that resolution we're going to pass it as Barak Obama Boulevard. And I think the consensus was do we really want to put his name on a -- on, you know, a blighted area? And I thought the consensus was, you know, let's try to do something better than that. So you know, we can have the discussion at another time. And if you want to or if someone wants to make a motion to modify the resolution and remove Old Dixie and put in Congress Avenue, someone can make that motion.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mayor, who is the maker of the motion?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So -- the original was Miss Miller and Mr. Davis.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Miller made the motion?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** No, Mr. Davis.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I'm -- I was the motion maker.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** And Miss Miller second it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So that can --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I just want to -- I just want to ask the maker of the -- well, first of all, let me make sure. Are we within the guidelines of our policy? I know we -- we passed one about renaming streets. Are we within those guidelines by doing this?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** It's really making a recommendation.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** The County --

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** Yeah. Okay. The County --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I just want to make sure that we --

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY:** -- it's a County road so our policy wouldn't apply to it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But Madam -- Madam Chair?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes, Miss Ryan.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** If I may, if the council were inclined to do that, we would have to bring that back because this resolution is tailored to Old Dixie Highway.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Correct.



**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Uh-huh.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So the Whereas clauses -- and you want it to be a nice document.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Sure.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Correct.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So it -- there needs to be some work put into by the Mayor's Office, by Community Development -- they have nothing else to do -- to make it, you know, a document that will stand up and -- and be a good document for the County. So you know, if you all decide not to do this, then it needs to come back at the next meeting so you can see the document that's going to be presented.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well -- well, Mayor, let me ask you a question. I know you like for the people to speak on stuff. Is this something that you think maybe we ought to take to the people and let them speak on it?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yes, I agree with you.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** So are you suggesting a referendum?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No. We can just say we'll put it on the ballot and see what the -- what the people want, what the residents, you know -- the City want to do about it.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** If it fails tonight, then -- then we will go to the people to change. But I don't think we have to do that. If there are three people up -- there's a resolution that's been moved and second.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Right.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** And all we need at this point --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Mayor, it's --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- is the vote -- well, let me ask --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- Mayor, everybody --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** -- to vote it up or vote it down.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- okay. No problem.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** The resolution as is and then if we vote it down, then we move on. I've done what I could do.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah, go ahead.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I signed the petition to support this and it was symbolic due to the history of it, of Old Dixie, that was stated. After doing the research before signing the petition. And Mayor, if you want to -- to stay consistent what -- what your heart was and what you want to do and what you petitioned at that time, I think it's only fair you stick to your guns and then go from there.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Thank you.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Because if it gets voted down, then you have another -- you know, then you have to figure out what you want to do and you go another way -- another street if you choose to or whatever is it you choose to do.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Well, I think -- I think Councilman Thomas made a point, that I did a lot of work on it. I did go to those businesses, I did get their buy-in.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yeah.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Even to help redevelop and bring economic development to the street, to change the face of Old Dixie. So I will stick with the resolution and I think four of us have signed the -- the petition to support it. So I -- I'm willing to gamble. Let's -- let's go.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. So there was a motion and a second on the floor to support a resolution asking the County to rename Old Dixie Highway through the City of Riviera Beach to Barak Obama Highway. All right. Madam Clerk?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No, is it going to say President Barak Obama?

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** President.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** The resolution says Barak Obama --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Barak Obama

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- Highway.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I would rather it say President Barak Obama.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** That's right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** People don't give him the respect now. So I mean, I'd rather say President Barak Obama. And if it can't say -- if the maker of the motion doesn't want to -- to -- to make it that way, then I'll -- I'm not going to support it.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** President Barak. Then go ahead.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So -- so you're asking me to -- to change my motion?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** If you're the maker of the motion --

**MAYOR MASTERS:** To Barak -- President Barak --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- you choose to -- to take my -- my -- my suggestion -

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I'm good with that.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- I would like for you to.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Do you really think I'm going to oppose that? I'll amend that motion.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Is the second --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- amended? Okay. Madam Chair?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No.



**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilperson Pardo dissenting.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** All right. Whoo.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. At this time we're going to Public Comment. We have over an hour worth of Public Comment cards. The council meeting is to end at 10:00. So you know what? I'm going to give two minutes and let's see if we can get through it. If not we'll see what happens. Okay. First comment card, Bonnie Larson and then Frederick James and then Julia Drayton.

**19. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING A \$50,000 GRANT TO THE RIVIERA BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NON-ELIGIBLE COSTS UNDER THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAM, REPLACEMENT HOUSING FACTOR FUNDS (RHF) TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN ACQUIRING THE EXISTING APARTMENT COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE BLUE HERON APARTMENTS LOCATED AT 1500-1596 WEST BLUE HERON BOULEVARD, RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA 33404 (PCN: 56-43-42-29-04-005-0010) TO INCREASE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CITY FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOME NOT GREATER THAN 80% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY FOR THE GRANT AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Do we have a motion?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So moved.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a second?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Who was the second?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second. Davis.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. One public comment card, Dorothy Gay.

**UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** She's gone.

**MAYOR MASTERS:** Gone.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. All right. Miss Ryan?

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** I have a card, Mrs. -- I (inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No, not on this one but come on up.

**MARGARET SHEPHERD:** (Inaudible). I got so excited about Somer being here. Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach. I thank you all for allowing me to speak on behalf of the Riviera Beach Housing Authority. This is a great board, as you heard me say once again. In fact, this is the best board that I have seen since they have been back in action. How do I know? I sat there in the Housing Authority, I think, since 2003 until I had them abandon it with the Marshals coming in and closed it down.

And now I thank Mr. Hurt who is an honorable man, who I think is doing well by this city. I ask you all to please partnership up with them. The blue housing apartments, I think, is a great set of apartments that will go on line. How do I know so much? It's because I've moved back into the umbrellaship of the Riviera Beach Housing Authority. And I ask you to please make it feasible that people will come back into this city. A lot of them have left. A lot of them have left and we're asking you, this board, to do what you can to make it feasible for the residents to afford public housing to come back. I think Mr. Hurt and this board is doing all that they can. They're working in overdrive to make sure that this come into compliance. I thank you very much. Thank you, Mrs. Pardo.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you. Okay. Miss Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. Madam Chair, the City Council asked staff to work with the Housing Authority and get some documents together. We presented a grant agreement and an escrow agreement to them and Mr. Hurt is here to talk about it. But he has approved it in -- in theory. He has not had a -- a board meeting himself to actually vote on it. But this is a document that gives the Housing Authority the \$50,000, but it will not be disbursed from their escrow agent until the closing. So they have to close on the actual property before they can receive -- before they can disburse the City's \$50,000. And if they don't close on the property, the funds come back to the City.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Miss Ryan, what's going on with the FRS situation?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, I sent the council an e-mail that I received from Mr. Hurt. As you know, as the council knows, FRS --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** What, Madam --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Did -- did this -- that had something to do with this issue?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, it kind of does. It doesn't but it does.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. That's what I'm saying.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No, it doesn't.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** It doesn't.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But we can discuss that but could we resolve this issue?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well, I have a question. That's my question.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** First? Yeah. 'Cause I don't want to be here all night.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. And that's all part of it. Before I make my decision -

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Well, no it's not, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** For me.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Well, for you.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** For -- right. I want -- right. Before I make my decision I want to know what's going on with FRS.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. All righty.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** (Inaudible).

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Miss Ryan?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Okay. I -- I sent an e-mail to council. I -- yeah. Regarding the Housing Authority's -- well, let me go back a little bit. As I've said before, FRS, Florida State Retirement System, requires that our dependent special districts give them information so that they can determine whether or not their employees are subject to FRS deductions and payment. Mr. Hurt is a part-time executive director for the Housing Authority and has stated that he is not an employee, and he's been very good about providing the documentation that FRS has asked him for regarding his employment status. What we are trying to do is to help FRS along in making their determination because they will not invite or allow general employees to join FRS until they have that issue resolved.



The second thing they asked for was that the document that Mr. Hurt filled out that the chairperson of the Housing Authority filled that document out, as well. They don't want to just hear from the employee. They want to hear from the head of the board. We have made a request, staff has, and the Department of Human Resources has made direct requests to the chairperson of the Housing Authority and through Mr. Hurt, as well. And Mr. Hurt advised me at the -- advised me -- yeah, I think it was me or Miss Irvin. I can't remember -- via e-mail that the board would not vote to allow him to make any -- well, would not allow to have the chairperson to sign off on any documentation. In their opinion they felt as though Mr. Hurt's form was good enough and that was all that they would provide. Unfortunately, that is not what FRS -- we're - - we forwarded that e-mail to FRS with the hope that they will accept it.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But they have not as of yet.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** It's my understanding that --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- and I won't speak for the Authority -- that that issue has been readdressed. Their Authority went back and voted on it and they have agreed to provide that information. I got an e-mail.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Wait. I --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I don't know if you all got that e-mail.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. We need something in writing.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. And -- and the Authority is here. They can address that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** They -- the board reversed that position and they're ready to move and cooperate and make sure that whatever the City needs, they're willing to provide.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Thank you. Miss Ryan, I have another question. I don't know. There's so many documents that we received. There was a document where there was an option clause. Okay? And it said something about them doing a second mortgage. It was on page 3 of the -- I guess it was the option agreement. And it said that they, I guess -- I don't know. Something about \$300,000 to the seller. Do you know anything about that?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Can I find mine?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I'll have to ask Mr. Hurt to address that. I -- I received the same documents that you have. And --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Do you recall seeing that? I don't --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- you --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- I can't find it right now.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yes. It's -- you're talking about -- I don't know what I did with my documents, but you're talking about the --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. They were going to do a second mortgage. And I believe it was page 3, the option clause and something about the \$300,000.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I'll let Mr. Hurt address that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Good evening, sir.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** Good evening. John Hurt, the Executive Director of the Riviera Beach Housing Authority. I believe that Madam Chair is referring to one of the addendums.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** In our commercial contract.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** And it's a financing clause where the owner is taking back a \$300,000 second mortgage.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Can you repeat that, please? What's happening with it?

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** The owner is taking back a \$300,000 second mortgage in this transaction.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. All right. And then the last thing, can you just tell me -- I am -- you know, I pulled up the Property Appraiser, and it looks like in 2004, did he purchase it for \$3 million and now -- and then in 2015, in April, there was some kind of transaction for 1.3 million? 1,348,812. So I'm just wondering why the price increased by four and a half million -- the -- by two and a half million dollars in four months.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** Well, I can't speak for the owner, Madam Chair. However, I could say to you that it was purchased 10 years ago for \$3 million and the owner had to refinance the property because we were unable to

close in our transaction over the past year. His mortgage became due and he refinanced. I do know -- I do not know the particulars of his refinancing transaction.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. And then the last thing, are you changing the dates for your deposit? Because if you look at the documents, the dates are not correct. The dates in the documents, they say June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Effective date deadlines. Are they being amended? Because we're past that date.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** We are in process of negotiating some of the contingency dates as we speak.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. That's all I have. Anyone else?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead, Mr. --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Miss Ryan, I just want to make sure that I heard you say that this is not earnest money. This is going to go with the closing, and if they don't close we get this money back? And what is the -- what is the escrow's -- the name on the escrow account?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** It's -- their escrow agent is Matthew Russell.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So it -- are we on that, as well?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So how do we know that we get this money back?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, he has to sign the escrow agreement, as well.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And that escrow agreement says?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well -- well, it says that he will hold the -- the money until the closing and he's signing it. He's the escrow agent. He's signing that document and if he breeches that, then we'll sue him.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay. But that doesn't mean we're going to get our money back.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Why -- why is it that we didn't set up an escrow agent, you know --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well, neutral.



**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- a neutral escrow agent that we -- people can throw their hands up all they want to. I'm going to protect the City's money.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** As a matter of fact, no problem. You don't even have to answer that question. I'm not comfortable with that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well, no --

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** Was -- was that a question directed at me?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I was actually talking to my attorney.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No. To the city attorney. Anyone else? Anyone else?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** So what's the problem?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** What Mr. -- I -- well, I -- I don't need to speak for Mr. Thomas, but I think he does not want it to be with their escrow agent.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** What -- what is your legal position? Is it -- is something wrong with it?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, no, just --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Hold on a second. It's 10 p.m. so --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Well --

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- I need a motion to extend this meeting.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** For how long do you want to do it for?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Someone make a motion and put some time out there.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Well, Madam Chair, we have -- if we look at number 20, I'm sure that's not going to be done in two minutes. And number 22 probably is not going to be done in two minutes. I don't see how we're going to get through the rest of those so I'm -- I would make a motion that we extend just to finish 19.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** And bring the others back?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And bring the others back.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Is there a second?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I -- I --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Second.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I'll second that.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. Anyone else? Madam Clerk?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilperson Thomas dissenting.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Let's finish this item. All right. So Miss Ryan, the question was on escrow.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** May -- may I make a comment?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Please let him.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** Escrow agents have a fiduciary responsibility to maintain that escrow account per the conditions of the sales

agreement. Most escrow agents are attorneys, as Matthew Russell is. And he would have a fiduciary capacity --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** He is the -- he is your attorney, though, correct?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Correct.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** So all I'm saying is why wasn't there an independent escrow company to hold the money? That's all I was saying.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** I know he's your attorney. I just wanted somebody independent to hold the money. That's all.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** He -- he -- he's not -- he's not only our attorney. He's the escrow agent for this transaction, as agreed to by the buyer and the seller.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** And -- and like I said, I just want to make sure. So, okay, fine. Miss Ryan, if they don't close or they -- we have no way of getting our money except for suing and then getting a judgment. Doesn't mean we're going to get our money back.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** That's correct. So I don't think they're opposed to having an independent escrow agent hold the City's money. I mean, I -- I did not get the impression that that was the direction of the council, otherwise we would have done that initially. I was just --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Well --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- I was given the impression that you wanted to make sure I had an escrow agreement in place.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** That's all we was talking about, yeah.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** So that's what I did. But if they're not opposed to it, I'm sure we can find an independent escrow agent.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Are you opposed to that?

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** I would have to get an agreement from the other party to this transaction. Okay? I -- I --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** You have to get an -- you --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Wait.



**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** This is a buyer and seller transaction. Okay?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** But you're asking for our money.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** Well, I'm telling you, sir, that --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It's -- this is what bothers me. If this was a clean, aboveboard deal, you wouldn't care who had the money; as long as you closed, you got it. And all I'm saying is --

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** I -- I'm saying --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** -- what difference does it make? You --

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** -- I don't have a problem with it, Councilman. I just said I would want agreement from the other party to this transaction. I don't have a problem with it.

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And I think, you know, I would be --

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** This is -- this is a --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- willing --

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** -- this is a -- a contract between two entities of which I'm a party. And so --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair? We can just make --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Let -- Miss Ryan had something to say.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yeah. I -- I -- I've spoken with Michael Haygood about this 'cause he does a lot of real estate. And I know that if we asked him he would be happy to be the escrow agent to hold the 50,000.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. And -- and -- and -- and -- and --

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** It works.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- and Mr. Thomas said this works. Mr. Hurt is saying he needs to approach the seller, but we can approve it based on it being an

independent escrow. And if your party does not agree, then the deal goes south. But this is how to get a third vote.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** Right.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** It is what it is.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** Yes.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So if we read the tea leaves --

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** I -- I -- I just --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- we understand you got to go back.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** Well, now --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But I'm saying that if --

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** -- I don't have a -- I don't -- representing the Housing Authority --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** You don't have a problem.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** -- I don't have a problem with it.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I understand.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** To answer -- yeah.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Go ahead.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I'd just like to know outside of that, is there any other concerns that may come up that you all need to state today so this item comes back clear, this issue? Nothing else pops up from the board?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** But it doesn't have to come back if we put that condition on it. This is going to be it.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Well, I know we've been talking about a lot of conditions. This --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** I know. But I'm saying if we talk too much it'll go down again.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Okay.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** So let's -- let's move on it with the conditions. That's all I'm saying.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** I understand.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** When you get three votes, keep it moving.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** So Miss Ryan --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** And we'll restate this condition?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** 'Cause I'm confused now.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Right.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** I'm going to talk to Michael Haygood, but even if he says no, it will be with the condition that --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Condition that there's an independent --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- there's an independent escrow agent who's holding the --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- if it's not, it's not a deal. That's all --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- the City's money and not the Housing Authority.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** -- and that's -- that's -- that made the third vote comfortable and that's how we're going to roll.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** So we're voting tonight or we're not voting?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** We're voting tonight.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Right. Any other comments?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** After you speak to Haygood?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** No.



**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** No, because if he says no, we're just going to -- you all are just voting on an independent person and --

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- you're -- I'm -- it will probably be Mr. Haygood, because I've seen on some of his documents he's always the escrow agent for the CRA.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** So we're not voting on what this says?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** You are voting on that except that it -- the -- you're not going to vote on that document because I'm going to take out Matthew Russell's name and put in the new escrow agent.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Okay. So somebody's going to re --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And -- and I made the motion so I amend my motion.

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** -- you did, okay.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Wait. I --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** To include the independent escrow agent that is required in order to consummate this deal.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. I --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** The second still stands.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. That's fine. I have a question. How come the City can't be the escrow agent? Since we're going to keep it; you know, it's our money. Why can't we just do it?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** It's not independent, though.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Mike Haygood is the City. He work for the CRA.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** I'm just asking.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, I think because --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Riviera Beach CRA.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- they already have a -- you -- what you're saying is not to have it as an escrow. You -- you're basically saying that just -- we'll write you a letter and say that we have the money in a separate account waiting for them. We could do that. But I don't know if that makes them comfortable. But we could definitely do that. We'd be happy to hold the money and put it in a special -- I don't see Mr. Sherman.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam Chair?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** He's probably not here.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** But --

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** We've done made a decision.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** -- am I waiting? I know. I won't say it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** All right. So --

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Well, let's -- so, I mean, we could do that.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Madam -- Madam Chair?

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** And that won't cost anybody anything.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Wait. Can I -- right. Haygood's going to charge us. Yes, Mr. Thomas -- or Mr. Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** We made a decision. It's time that we move forward on what we're going to do. I don't want to keep bouncing around and changing our mind as you -- after we make a vote. It's very clear that we support it with an independent person.

**CITY ATTORNEY RYAN:** Yeah.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Let us move forward with that as the vote is already taken. Because if you're going to keep taking votes and changing our mind, which means our vote doesn't mean anything -- if you want to keep changing your mind. Let's just stay consistent. We got -- everyone supported it. Let's just move forward.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Well, let's call the vote.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** And -- and it was -- I amended my motion to include an independent --

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** An independent --

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yes. And with -- with Mike Haygood.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** -- no affiliation with them. All right?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Okay. Ready to call it.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Let's go.

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** My second stand on that -- on the motion.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Let's go.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Miller?

**COUNCILPERSON MILLER:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Guyton?

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Absolutely.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Councilperson Thomas?

**COUNCILPERSON THOMAS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Pro Tem Davis?

**CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS:** Yes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** Chair Pardo?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** No.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY:** That motion is approved with Councilperson Pardo dissenting.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Okay. Since this item is through --

**HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HURT:** Thank you, Council.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Yeah. Good luck.

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Since this item is through and there is no more business, this motion -- this meeting is adjourned.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON PARDO:** Thank you all for staying with us.

**COUNCILPERSON GUYTON:** Yeah. That's it.


**There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

**(CONCLUSION OF COUNCIL MEETING)**

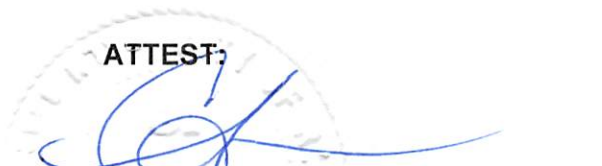



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# FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

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CITY COUNTY Riviera Beach, Florida 33404 Palm Beach		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED August 19, 2015		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: City Council	
		MY POSITION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

## WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies equally to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing the reverse side and filing the form.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which inures to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also is prohibited from knowingly voting on a measure which inures to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

### ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN** by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

**WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS** by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you otherwise may participate in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

**IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:**

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### APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

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I, Cedrick Thomas, hereby disclose that on August 19, 20 15 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- ☒ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, by  
whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which  
is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

On August 19, 2015, the City of Riviera Beach City Council voted to approve a one year lease amendment with the Maritime Academy, a Charter School that my company, C Squared Transportation, has an agreement with providing bus transportation for its students. I abstained from discussing and voting on the measure.

8/24/2015  
Date Filed

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