

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 21, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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CALL TO ORDER

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We will now call to order the March 21, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm walking in but I'm present.

[Chuckles]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Lynne Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Tonya Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Terence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Karen Hoskins?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Present.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Claudene Anthony, City Clerk, is present. City Attorney Andrew Degraffenreidt, III?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Here.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We will now stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilperson Davis Johnson.

[Moment of silence]

[Inaudible audience comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I pledge allegiance...

AL: ...to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED AND REELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Good evening everyone.

MAYOR MASTERS: Sorry.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tonight, we will swear in our newly elected, reelected representatives for City Council District 2 and District 4, respectively. We have the honor and the privilege of having the Honorable County Court Judge Reginald R. Corlew from the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit with us this evening that will perform the swearing in. However, prior to Judge Corlew doing the oat, we will have special comments by Former Palm Beach County Commissioner Addie Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: They didn't tell me to do this but I don't want to speak to you with my back turned. [Chuckle]

MAYOR MASTERS: Good. [Clap]. Good for you.

[Applause]

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Ladies and gentlemen, in 1 Corinthians, we learn no matter how many bodies or how many parts a body has, it is still one body.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Therefore, no matter how many municipalities make up Palm Beach County, it is still Palm Beach County. Therefore, the results of this election was not based on black or white...

MAYOR MASTERS: That's right.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: ...friend or foe...

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: ...but it was based on leadership qualities displayed by the candidates, such as honest, compassion, integrity, inspiration and the ability to win the confidence of the voters of the City of Riviera Beach.

Thank you.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Judge Corlew, you may proceed. We will first have Councilperson-elect KaShamba Miller-Anderson to step forward. [Pause]. As do, elected official representative for District 2 of the City of Riviera Beach.

JUDGE CORLEW: Right.

[Inaudible comments as family gathers around]

JUDGE CORLEW: Okay. Ms. Anderson, I wanna congratulate you for winning the race and I'm honored to give you the swearing in ceremony, so I'm going to proceed. At this time, I'm going to ask that you raise your right hand and repeat after me.

[Councilperson Miller-Anderson raises her right hand]

JUDGE CORLEW: I... State your name.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I, KaShamba Miller-Anderson.

JUDGE CORLEW: Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

JUDGE CORLEW: And of the United States of America.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And of the United States of America.

JUDGE CORLEW: And being elected to represent City Council District 2.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And being. Say it again. Now, you got to...

JUDGE CORLEW: And being...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...break that down a little for me now.

JUDGE CORLEW: [Stammer]. I'mma break it down.

[Chuckles]

JUDGE CORLEW: And being elected.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And being elected.

JUDGE CORLEW: To represent.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: To represent.

JUDGE CORLEW: City Council District 2.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: City Council District 23.

JUDGE CORLEW: In the City of Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: In the City of Riviera Beach.

JUDGE CORLEW: Palm Beach County, Florida.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Palm Beach County, Florida.

JUDGE CORLEW: And a recipient.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And a recipient.

JUDGE CORLEW: Of public funds.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Of public funds.

JUDGE CORLEW: In this capacity.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: In this capacity.

JUDGE CORLEW: Do hereby.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Do hereby.

JUDGE CORLEW: Solemnly swear or affirm.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Solemnly swear or affirm.

JUDGE CORLEW: Under oath.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Under oath.

JUDGE CORLEW: That I will support the Constitution.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That I will support the Constitution.

JUDGE CORLEW: Of the United States.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Of the United States.

JUDGE CORLEW: And of the State of Florida.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And of the State of Florida.

JUDGE CORLEW: And conform.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And conform.

JUDGE CORLEW: To the statutes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: To the statutes.

JUDGE CORLEW: And general laws of the State of Florida.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And general laws of the State of Florida.

JUDGE CORLEW: And do all.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And do all.

JUDGE CORLEW: In my power.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: In my power.

JUDGE CORLEW: To uphold.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: To uphold.

JUDGE CORLEW: Support.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Support.

JUDGE CORLEW: And enforce.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And enforce.

JUDGE CORLEW: The Charter and Ordinances.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The Charter and Ordinances.

JUDGE CORLEW: Of the City.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Of the City.

JUDGE CORLEW: Of Riviera Beach, Florida.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Of Riviera Beach, Florida.

JUDGE CORLEW: And perform the duties.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And perform the duties.

JUDGE CORLEW: For the office.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: For the office.

JUDGE CORLEW: Of City Council.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Of City Council.

JUDGE CORLEW: Upon which.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Upon which.

JUDGE CORLEW: I am about to enter.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I am about to enter.

JUDGE CORLEW: To the best of my ability.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: To the best of my ability.

JUDGE CORLEW: So help me God.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So help me God.

JUDGE CORLEW: Congratulations.

[Cheers and applause and inaudible comments]

[Councilwoman Miller-Anderson and Family, Friends pose for picture]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Debbie, can you take the picture please?

CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS: Yes, I will.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Inaudible chatter and discussions for posing]

CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS: Looking this way please.

[Chuckles]

CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS: Thank you. [Pause]. One more. [Pause]. Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Come up. One more, one more, one more everybody.

CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS: One more.

[Inaudible comments]

CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS: Alright. [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS: [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you, thank you.

[Inaudible discussions]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: If I can get you [inaudible].

[Councilwoman Miller-Anderson sign documents]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Ms. Miller-Anderson, congratulations on your win.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I would like to present you with some tools. In this notebook, you will find Training for the Advanced Institute for Elected Municipal Officials, that will be held sometime in the near future, as well as the Florida Municipal Official's Manual, the Government and the Sunshine Manual, and the Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, as well as compliments of the Office of the City Clerk, Robert's Rules of Order.

[Chuckles]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second book.

[Chuckles]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. This is your Certificate of Election. Once we put the seal on your oath, I will get it to you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: You're more than welcome. Congratulations.

[Applause]

JUDGE CORLEW: I thank you very much. Next I'm gonna call, is Dr. Julia Botel. Please come.

[Applause]

[Inaudible comments and discussions]

JUDGE CORLEW: Okay. You're, you're fine where you are. And, and I'm gonna stand right here where I am. And so, are we all ready?

[Inaudible comment]

JUDGE CORLEW: Okay. Okay. I'm going to proceed and, and so I want you to repeat after me but first, raise your right hand.

[Councilperson Botel raises her right hand]

JUDGE CORLEW: And I want you to repeat after me. I... State your name.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I, Julia Botel.

JUDGE CORLEW: Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Being a citizen of the State of Florida.

JUDGE CORLEW: And of the United States of America.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And of the United States of America.

JUDGE CORLEW: And being elected.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And being elected.

JUDGE CORLEW: To represent City Council District 4.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: To represent City Council District 4.

JUDGE CORLEW: In the City of Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: In the City of Riviera Beach.

JUDGE CORLEW: Palm Beach County, Florida.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Palm Beach County, Florida.

JUDGE CORLEW: And a recipient.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And the recipient.

JUDGE CORLEW: Of public funds in this capacity.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Of public funds in this capacity.

JUDGE CORLEW: Do hereby.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Do hereby.

JUDGE CORLEW: Solemnly swear.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Solemnly swear.

JUDGE CORLEW: Or affirm.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Or affirm.

JUDGE CORLEW: Under oath.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Under oath.

JUDGE CORLEW: That I will support the Constitution.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: That I will support the Constitution.

JUDGE CORLEW: Of the United States.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Of the United States.

JUDGE CORLEW: And of the State of Florida.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And of the State of Florida.

JUDGE CORLEW: And conform.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And conform.

JUDGE CORLEW: To the statutes.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: To the statutes.

JUDGE CORLEW: And general laws.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And general laws.

JUDGE CORLEW: Of the State of Florida.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Of the State of Florida.

JUDGE CORLEW: And do all in my power.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And do all in my power.

JUDGE CORLEW: To uphold.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: To uphold.

JUDGE CORLEW: Support.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Support.

JUDGE CORLEW: And enforce the Charter.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And enforce the Charter.

JUDGE CORLEW: And Ordinances.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And Ordinances.

JUDGE CORLEW: Of the City of Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Of the City of Riviera Beach.

JUDGE CORLEW: Florida.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Florida.

JUDGE CORLEW: And per'...

[Inaudible comment]

[Chuckles]

JUDGE CORLEW: Obviously.

[Chuckles]

JUDGE CORLEW: And perform.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: And perform.

JUDGE CORLEW: The duties for the office.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: The duties for the office.

JUDGE CORLEW: Of City Council.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Of City Council.

JUDGE CORLEW: Upon which I am about to enter.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Upon which I am about to enter.

JUDGE CORLEW: To the best of my ability.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: To the best of my ability.

JUDGE CORLEW: So help me God.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So help me God.

JUDGE CORLEW: Congratulations.

[Applause and cheers and inaudible discussions posing for picture]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Ms. Botel, if I can have you back up here with me please.
[Pause]. If I can have you to sign your oath.

[Councilwoman Botel signs Oath]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Thank you. Ms. Botel, congratulations on your win. I have here for you, your Election Certificate, as well as some reference material.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: A little light reading.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: [Chuckle]. No. Yeah, for when you have insomnia. I want to present you with a complimentary copy of Robert's Rules of Order from the Office of the City Clerk, as well as this beautiful notebook. In it you will find a Training for Institute for Elected Municipal Officials, basic for first time elected officials. You will also find the Florida Municipal Official's Manual, the Government and the Sunshine Manual, the Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. I will provide you with your Oath upon us sealing it.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Congratulations.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Thank you.

[Cheers and applause]

[Pause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Judge Corlew, I want to say thank you.

JUDGE CORLEW: Thank you very much.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: And it was an honor and a privilege meeting you.

JUDGE CORLEW: Thank you very much.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: At this time, I will now open the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Clerk...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Oh wait a minutes, before we do.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Before we proceed. Newly elected officials, please take your seat on the dais.

[Cheers and exclamations and applause as Councilwoman Miller-Anderson and Councilwoman Botel take their seats]

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. Now, I will open the floor for nominations for the Chairperson for the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...to serve 2018 – 2019.

]COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I nominate Councilwoman Tonya Davis Johnson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I second that nomination.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Are there another mo'..., nominations?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Just for the record, I've always, always have stated on the record that whoever is Co-Chair or Vice-Chair should always be prepared to move up and nothing changes with that. I think Tonya Davis Johnson deserves to be Chair 'cause she was second in line. I'd like to see her move up.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. [inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: With there being no further nominations, I now close the floor for nominations for the Chair of the City of Riviera Beach City Council 2018-2019. Being that there are no other nominations, Councilperson Davis Johnson, congratulations. You are now the Chair.

[Cheers and applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: And I gladly give you the gavel.

[Chuckles]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Trailer trash is here.

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I would like to now open the floor for nominations for Chair Pro Tem.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I nominate Councilperson Lynne Hubbard for Vice Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there...

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...a second?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I'd like to make a comment, a statement, at this time as, as it relates to nomination. I believe and I saw that you and Chair, former Chair, Councilman..., Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson did a great job and I think that team ought to continue and I would hope that someone on this panel would nominate KaShamba Miller-Anderson as the Co-Chair.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam...

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'd like to nominate Councilwoman Botel.

[Audience cheers, exclamation and applause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any additional nominations?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'd...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'd take that too.

[Chuckles]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any additional nominations from, from the floor? Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we will take a vote on Councilperson Hubbard as the Chair Pro Tem first. [Pause]. Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: No?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilpersons Hubbard and Davis dissenting. Congratulations, Dr. Botel, you are now the Chair Pro Tem...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Oh no. I'm sorry.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No, no, no.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I'm sorry.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Ms. Hubbard. That motion failed...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No, it passes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It passed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It passes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Okay. I'm sorry. Ya'll got me confused. [Chuckle]. That motion is approved with Councilperson Botel and Councilperson Miller-Anderson dissenting.

Did I say that right? Okay. Alright.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We will take a five-minute recess to reorganize the dais.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: But, she didn't announce who was the Chairperson.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: She, she did.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm not going [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: She didn't announce her being the...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: It was a three...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Did you just not acknowledge her as...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, she didn't say congratulations.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yeah. It was...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh, I'm sorry.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...a 3-2 vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. She..., you didn't give her congratulations. [Inaudible]...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Oh, I'm sorry. Congratulations, Councilperson Hubbard, you are now the Chair Pro Tem for the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach 2018-2019.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Oh, I got butterflies.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: You said the time?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Five minutes.

[Video stops]

[Vide restarts]

[Before reconvening chatter]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We'd like to call this meeting back to order.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHALL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. IN NO EVENT WILL ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A COMMENT CARD AND SPEAK ON A CONSENT AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.**

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam City Manager, are there any additions, deletions and/or substitutions?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Wants me to start.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We still have No. 5 and No. 6. No. 5, Mayor and City Council comments and remarks, and then we have No. 6, special public comments before we get to the Agenda.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. So, we will now go to... [Pause].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Remarks by...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...the Mayor...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The Mayor and City Council.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...and the City Council comments and remarks. We will start with Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I thank you.

First of all, I would like to say congratulations to former Chair, now Councilwoman [pause]...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Miller-Anderson, welcome back. Congratulations on your election. We now also have new, Dr. Julie Botel to the Board, welcome you to this Board. I would also reach out to lend you my arms and my hands to understand that I've always been a helping person to do whatever I can to help this City move forward. [Inaudible] the beginning of my election, if there's anything I can do to provide any services, as far as some of the training resources I've done before and I've given other

colleagues, anything I can be of help on a, on a personal, without discussing City business, it's my job to make sure, from the Office of Councilman Davis, that I make sure I'm the best teammate I can be to help the residents that's in this room, the residents that's part of this community, understand that we're doing, all on one accord, to make this City better. We might not always agree on the issue but let's fight on the issue and never fight personally. But you all have my support, let's move the City forward.

Thank you.

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible]. Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

Mayor and Councilpeople, I wanna also thank KaShamba Miller-Anderson who ran a wonderful race and I wanna thank those people who are here tonight, and those people in the City who voted for me, I appreciate so much the support you've given me. I wanna thank my dear husband without whom none of this could've happened, my fantastic campaign manager, J.B. Dixon, the Mayor who gave me a tremendous amount of support, and so many others. If I started to name names, we would be here until midnight, so I can't possibly do that but I so much appreciate the vote of confidence the City of Riviera Beach has given to me and I promise to do you proud.

Thank you.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Alright.

[Cheers and applause]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. I made sure I wrote this down because I did not want to leave anyone out. I first would like to thank all of the voters for coming out and exercising their right to vote on last week. But, I especially want to thank those of you that voted for me to ret'.., to be retained in the, in the District 2 seat. It is because of you that I'm sitting here today. Secondly, I would like to thank my family, particular, my husband, Joe and mom, Jackie for always being there, near and far.

Being in public office brings about many things, and some are very cruel things at time, but the scriptures that I lean on are Isiah 54:17, 'No weapon formed against me shall prosper...

[Inaudible audience comment]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...and Romans 8:28, 'And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.' This is what keeps me focused during those times, and I know it is hard sometimes for my family to understand why it didn't bother me when blatant lies were being communicated about me during this campaign. I definitely want to thank my

two sons for being there always as well, even when they didn't feel like it. I also wanna thank my father-in-law who is currently in the hospital after suffering a mild stroke last week. I know he would be here if he was allowed but I know the hospital staff have him on lock right now, otherwise he would be here with us. I wanna thank my dad, my aunt, my brothers, cousins, my assistant and other extended family and friends for being there whenever I called on you. I certainly want to thank the Mayor for all of his support during the time of my campaign and throughout the years. One oth'.., a few other people that I want to really thank, are those of you that just felt like.., or maybe I just looked like I needed prayer over the past three years. I would run into people and they say, you know, 'I'm praying for you,' and I definitely appreciate that. Lastly, I wanna thank the organizations that endorsed me, which was the Police Benevolent Association, the SEIU, and the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council, and other campaign contributors. I look forward to continue to work with the organizations that did not endorse me during this past election.

Over my next three years, I would like to continue to advocate for making our City government more transparent, such as increasing our response time to public records requests, deleting and/or withholding documents from the public. I also want to make sure that we participate, and I'll advocate for participating, in the Agenda review with all parties present during the public workshop. One of the other things I'd like to continue to advocate for is, because of our potential shortfall in the budget coming up, I want to advocate for my colleagues to reconsider the Utility District stipend of \$12,000 per year, for the one-hour meeting that we have a month. That was essentially a raise for the Council, that circumvented the voters' approval.

Also, I want to advocate for us to stop fighting the residents with different lawsuits. I, I really believe we could cut out a lotta money if we just make sure that we are not trying to put our money towards fighting our residents.

Hiring a qualified City Manager, as you know, is one of the top things that we need to do as a Council. We wanna make sure that we have someone who's not afraid to hold people accountable and will hire qualified and competent individuals to fill the many vacancies that we currently have. I also expect for our City Manager to be able to do his or her job without the interference of City Council because, as we know as City Council, it is our job to set policy and not to run the day-to-day operations. Lastly, I want to advocate for the continued increased public safety, responsible economic development, infrastructure improvements, educational programs and additional job opportunities for our residents.

I enjoyed meeting residents and those in the business community over the past three years and I look forward to meeting many others. Thank you so much, Riviera Beach residents, for allowing me to serve you for another three years.

[Applause and cheers]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And congratulations, Dr. Botel. I've told her that numerous times, so I'm sure she wouldn't miss this one if I didn't say it but congratulations.

[Pause]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Good evening all. I'd like to first take this opportunity to congratulate you, Councilwoman Davis., I mean, Miller-Anderson, back to the dais. And to congratulate you, Dr. Botel. I look forward to all of us working together to continue to make Riviera Beach the best waterfront City in which to live, work and play. We have had a vigorous election, there were vigorous campaigns and I am glad that we're in a position now to get back to governing, get back to people before politics. This election., this legislative season, this particular year of... I look forward to continuing to work for self-sufficiency within our community, especially economic development, where that we can participate in the wealth that is being generated throughout the City, that our children are our top priority and our families can live in a manner in which they should, and the resources are allocated back to the City, not outside of the City.

The priority that I think that is most at hand right now too, is to get the City Manager seat filled. I think that we're looking at a really unique situation with our children. So, the summer is coming up, so again, I look forward to fighting to get that summer camp., that summer employment up and running. And there are many other things, especially affordable housing and first time home ownership, is significant here in the City of Riviera Beach, a significant need.

So, those are a few things that I look forward to working with my colleagues for, here in the City of Riviera Beach and especially to help to make it look more aesthetically pleasing, working to make it clean and working to make it beautiful. I think that should be a priority for this year as well.

Thank you. And again ladies, welcome.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

I'm the youngest of six children. My third eldest sister, Cora Masters-Barry, Washington, D. C, former First Lady of D.C., tries to run my life as best as she can and tries to tell me what to do and what not to do.

UNK.: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: So., and I appreciate having a sister like that, sometimes. [Chuckle]. But I made the mistake of reading to her my speech, the things that I needed

to say and wanted to say and she told me delete, delete this, delete this, delete this, delete that, so I have what she thought would be more appropriate for me to, to say that she didn't delete. So, I want to first thank God for leading and guiding me every day of this campaign and with.., and I can say this, with KaShamba, with no disrespect, Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson and Dr. Julia Botel. I felt that it was on.., it was a divine mission for me to give them assistance and leadership in the campaign strategies that was needed to win their seats. I have to tell you that KaShamba Miller-Anderson drove me absolutely crazy.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: She knows that, 'cause I would, I would always say to her, every day, 'KaShamba, we gotta get out there. When are we gonna get out there?' She said, 'It's alright, it's alright.' It was almost as if the Lord had spoken to this young lady and said, 'Be at peace, you're gonna win. No matter what the Mayor says about campaigning, you got this.' And I have learned to know that if there's anyone has a divine calling on her life, it is [stammer] Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Ander. Give her a hand.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Amen.

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Many times she was...

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: I want to thank 35 to 40 pastors plus for allowing me to present Dr. Botel and KaShamba, when she could make it, to their congregations and I wanna thank them for accepting my counsel as it related to the opportunity. I want to let you know I appreciate, appreciate you very much and we won't forget you at all. These are not just Riviera Beach pastors but they were pastors from Mangonia Park, pastors in City of West Palm Beach, thank you very much. And, I wanna thank my Pastor who felt the need to pray with me almost every day. I would call him for some advice, he said, 'Oh, let us pray.' I said, 'Okay. Let us pray,' and that was Pastor James Adams. And others. I want to thank.., and they have coined themselves Team Masters, Tekesha, Paulette, and I call the other little girl, I call her Little Girl Shirley, although she's a junior in college, would you stand? These were Team Ma'.., Team Masters. They were on the phone...

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: They were on the phones every day, and I'm sure one of them will speak. But, I want to thank my sister, Cora Masters-Barry. I think Councilwoman Lynne Hubbard knows that she will wake you up at 5:00 o'clock in the morning and giving you marching and divine orders as to what to do and how to do it. She did that every day. 'What are you gonna do today? Are you.., how many doors are you gonna knock on today? What are you doing with Dr. Botel today?' Although she has never met you, Dr. Botel, but I think she feels that she has. And.., so, I want to thank her. And, last but not

least, I wanna thank my former colleague, I think she and I made history, Billie..., Councilwoman Billie Brook. We come from...

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, give her a hand.

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Councilwoman Billie Brooks and I represent two different parties but we were able to bring the best of those political parties and do a radio commercial together and I think because of that radio commercial, we did not only get a landslide with Dr. Botel, but we got a blowout. So, I thank you for it.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: To Dr. Botel, congratulations. Your victory's..., and I'm gonna say what I wanna say and I'm gonna say what I need to say. I'm not as modest as some of my colleagues, I've got to say it the way I say it, your victory is unprecedented. You won almost 80% of the vote against your opponent, Ms. Pardo, even in Ms. Pardo's neighborhood, you won approximately 70% of the vote. And you live there as well. You handed Ms. Pardo the second worst defeat in Palm Beach County. Actually, the first worst defeat of an incumbent. You worked hard, Dr. Botel, knock'..., knocking on doors, at least 50 a day, visiting over 35 to 40 churches, plus speaking before several neighborhood groups and associations on both sides of the bridge...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...and attending, which I appreciate, all of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., events. And I like the fact that you are returning to those churches and congregations to say thank you and to continue your relationship with the reverend clergy. I am indeed grateful, speaking as the Pastor of the New Macedonia, for them, they are very grateful that you are gonna come to New Macedonia first...

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...because they say they loaned their Pastor to you for the last few months.

Let me just say this to those who are witnessing this historic occasion, make no mistake, your victory, Dr. Botel, was predicated on the unjust firing of Jonathan Evans. I witnessed firsthand how the audience would respond to you when you mentioned the unjust firing of Jonathan Evans. They gave you, most times, thunderous applause. Your victory must read as the victory of the people. The people who want their Manager back. And I say that again, the people of this community want their Manager back and that's Jonathan Evans.

[Audience cheers and applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: [Stammer] ya'll calm down. As I've always said, let the people speak. They spoke loud and clear, including the hundreds, if not thousands, who signed the recall petition. I'm wrapping up in about one minute. Ms. Pardo, you hung in there and I personally thank you for your 10 years of service that you have given to this entire City and especially, Singer Island. Let's give Ms. Pardo, Councilwoman Pardo a hand.

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson, as I've always said to you, the favor of God is upon your life. You also made history with little campaigning, you won on your record and almost won..., you almost won every precinct in Riviera Beach, except for one and next time, you're gonna win that precinct. Your record is also highlighted as a true champion who stood up against the unjust firing of Jonathan Evans. Let there be no doubt, in my mind, that the people who voted for you, want their Manager back.

Mr. Golden, I respect you, and you earned it. You were a formidable opponent to Councilwoman Anderson, and I'm sure we have not heard the ending of the Golden Opportunity. You've just begun. Hold your head up high and continue to stay in the ring, you are a man of God and when the Lord is on your side, he is more than the world against you. Let's give Mr. Keith Golden a hand.

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I conclude my remarks by saying, I'm going to ask this Council, the entire Council, to reconsider the reinstatement of Jonathan Evans as our City Manager. You have a mandate.

Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I would like to first thank my colleagues for their belief in my abilities to serve in the capacity of Chairwoman of this wonderful Council. I appreciate your vote of confidence and it is certainly my intention to operate in a policy and procedure and to make sure that we move the business of the City forward. That is first and foremost. The mandate of this City, and certainly under my Chairship. I want to also congratulate Councilwoman Miller-Anderson for her reelection. We are certainly looking forward to continuing the great works that we have started. We are serving on the education coalition, we have a commitment to the children of this community and I appreciate all of the efforts in which you have made leading to this point.

Congratulations, Councilwoman Botel, on your win. I look forward to working with you.

SPECIAL PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We will now take this opportunity to allow the special public comments.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do have public comment cards for this special comment section. And the acceptance of public comment cards for the special comments, is now closed. Charlotte Darville, Thomas Ma'..., Masters.

MAYOR MASTERS: Bishop Thomas Maters. On that one. I didn't write it, but it's okay.

[Chuckles]

MAYOR MASTERS: I am who I am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tradrick McCoy.

MS. C. DARVILLE: Good evening, Council, Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Good evening.

MS. C. DARVILLE: I would like to congratulate Dr. Botel and KaShamba Miller-Anderson..

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MS. C. DARVILLE: I knew you all were gonna win this. I knew.., there was no doubt about that. KaShamba, you've been great here and no one could ever replace you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

MS. C. DARVILLE: And I look forward to the work with Dr. Botel. Congratulations, Tonya on your Chair.

The citizens and taxpayers want to know what the bond money was spent on, how much, how long to pay back, that we are paying on our water bills. Our water bills have gone from 40 to 50% higher since you took out this bond and agreed to take it from our water bills, that we pay for it. So, us, as taxpayers and residents, have a right to know these things. Okay. I am on 20th Street, West 20th Street and I have asked numerous times, for 44 years that I have been there, this street has never [stammer] been repaved. It is in dire need and there are so many long cracks in that road. I did get, when Brent was in, in, uh, working here, he did get the potholes fixed for me and, after so long of asking, we did get our sidewalks repaired. But these streets have never been looked at, this particular street. And, us as residents on that street, running from Avenue H to Avenue E, it needs to be looked at.

Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bishop Thomas Masters, Tradrick McCoy, Shirley Lanier.

BISHOP T. MASTERS: Thank you. I speak as the Pastor of the New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, granted that privilege and opportunity by the City Attorney who said that as the Minister, I can speak like any other reverend clergy. So, I am here to speak and exercise that right and privilege.

I've said mostly what I had to say but I just want to thank the pastors again, the congregations again, for all that you did to help us to win this blowout. And as a pastor, I want to go on record as the Pastor and the Bishop of New Macedonia Baptist Church, I said it as the Mayor but I'm gonna say again as a Minister, I will lead a charge in the community, and I will ask for signatures of the residents... There's been a recall and I don't know what's gonna happen with that, but I am 100% in support of the reinstatement of Jonathan Evans as our City Manager. I think he did a great job, I think he was treated unjustly and unfairly. 2,800 people.., I can tell you at least 2,000 of them that signed the recall, came out and voted for Jonathan Evans. The first time in the history of the City, 25%, 25% increase. First time in the history of Palm Beach County that a newcomer gets almost 80% of the vote against an incumbent. Now, Ray Charles can see this from the grave and Stevie Wonder can see this above the grave, that the people of this City want Jonathan Evans back. And I'm going to ask the Council to do whatever you can to at least reconsider it, reconsider it. It's been rejected in the past, and I don't know what's gonna happen in the future, but I am going to run as the Mayor of this City again for the sixth time and when I do run, I want everybody to know, I'm gonna run on a platform, if it hasn't been done by then, one of the planks of the Mayor's platform will be, to reinstate Jonathan Evans as the City Manager of this City. It doesn't matter what anybody thinks, this is how I feel. I'm gonna run one way or the other because the man was treated unjustly, he was treated unfair and this Council needs to make him whole.

Thank you.

[Applause and cheers]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tradrick McCoy, Shirley Lanier, Tekesha Saffold.

MR. T. MCCOY: Good evening, Madam Chair, congratulations. Congratulations, Ms. KaShamba Miller-Anderson and also Dr. Julia Botel.

I wanted to take the opportunity to come out and publicly extend my congratulations. I know I've spoken to you several times since the election and I've congratulated you but this time is special, even more special because, you know, I just wanna point out, there was mass distribution of a campaign material by individuals in the community that didn't wanna identify themselves and they.., on the back of it, they said some things that I thought was personally insulting and unnecessary. I'm not a candidate for office but I, I will proudly say, as they pointed out in that campaign literature, that Tradrick McCoy is a Julia Botel supporter. That I am. And I'm, I'm glad that I was able to support you and I'm glad that you won, so they did get that right.

[Audience chuckles]

MR. T. MCCOY: I am also a KaShamba Miller-Anderson supporter. So, they didn't mention that part, but I did support you and I'm glad I did. So, I'm really optimistic going forward into the future, but I will caution you, you know, some of these same people who hide under the disguise of being ministers, aren't ministers. You know, they put on suits and jackets and then they hire kids in our community and pay them less than working wage to get out and pass out this literature. And also, another thing that was pointed out inside of that letter, was that Tradrick McCoy turned his back on the people that supported him in his short political career, but I will tell you, my political is not short.

And I'll leave on that. Thank you.

[Chuckles and applause and cheers]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Shirley Lanier, Tekesha Saffold, H. Alan Wells.

MS. S. LANIER: Hello. Good afternoon...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Hello.

MS. S. LANIER: ...Council. My name is Shirley Lanier. I am a, a lifelong resident of the City of Riviera Beach, Federal Garden.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good afternoon.

MS. S. LANIER: I would like to congratulate KaShamba Miller-Anderson and Dr. Julie Botel for the tremendous win that they had at the last election. I want to especially thank Dr. Botel for her platform of transparency and her platform of bringing Mr. Evans back. I also agree with the priorities as expressed by Dr. Botel and Dr. Miller-Anderson, which includes hiring competent and credentialed individuals for the 80 odd positions that we have available. Rebranding the City, rebranding the image of the City. The image of the City has taken a beating. We look incompetent. And, now I think that we have an opportunity with a restructure of this Council to bring about the change that we need in this City and we're almost there. I also appreciate the fact that KaShamba and.., I'm sorry, Dr. Miller.., I mean, Dr. Botel and KaShamba Miller-Anderson, Councilwoman, are developing policies that are centered on responsibility and transparency and also, public safety for the City of Riviera Beach residents. The election clearly showed that there was an overwhelming mandate.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

MS. S. LANIER: A mandate for change and redirection in this City. And I hope that each member of this Council understands that. That votes equal voices and that if people come out the way they have come out during the recall, during this election and up, as the Mayor said, 25% that we can also do it again and that we want you to understand that we do want Mr. Evans to come back to the City. We do want his name to be cleared, that he was treated like someone...

MAYOR MASTERS: Unjustly, that's right.

MS. S. LANIER: ...that... It was, it was outrageous, and we looked incompetent in this City, the way we treated this gentleman. So, I hope that for the sake of the image of the City, that we bring back Mr. Evans and at least clear this man's name so that we can move forward, and rebranding and rebranding the image of the City.

Thank you very much.

[Applause and inaudible audience comments]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tekesha Saffold [pause].

MAYOR MASTERS: Why?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Tekesha Saffold, H. Alan Wells and Keith Gold.

MAYOR MASTERS: While Ms. Saffold is coming, just note that she's totally blind and worked very hard in Dr. Botel's campaign.

MS. T. SAFFOLD: Alright. Thank you, Mama.

Alright. Good evening to everyone in their respective places. First and foremost, I would like to thank Councilwoman KaShamba Miler-Anderson and Dr. Julia Botel for the opportunity of working for their campaign, especially the Mayor, Mayor Thomas Masters, for extending the experience of being able to work with those individuals. The experience that I had was just phenomenal, being a part of the process and how things are done when you're running a campaign, the strategic planning that was put in place. With the huge assistance of the Mayor, that's the way we got things done, being a team, having effective communication, staying on top of things. There was no, no, you know, breaking or fumbling around, especially with the Mayor around, we had to stay on top of being on the phone, picking up.., or just.., really just being informative to all of the residents and their concerns. So, it was more than a pleasure to work for you all to be a part of the process and to have such a huge win is unbelievable. I'm still sort of off the whole hype of the, the win and the energy that we all felt after the numbers came in.

So again, thank you Mayor Thomas Masters for extending the experience to me. I got so much out of it, working with everyone. My...

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

MS. T. SAFFOLD: ...co-workers, Charlene and Paulette, it was also a pleasure working with them and now, you know, like the Mayor said, we're kinda, like, Team Master here. So, I plan to continue to work with the Mayor and also with the Council, as well. And hopefully, the teamwork that we did have, hopefully, we can have that as a City. Our communication, the positive energy that we had, hopefully that's something that can be brought to, to everyone here where we can all work together and have that same positive energy that I got from out of campaigning.

So, thank you all for giving me the opportunity to speak.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

[Applause.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: H. Alan Wells, Keith Golden, Lloyd Brown.

MR. H.A. WELLS: Good evening. I welcome all the new City leaders...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. H.A. WELLS: ...we have all attained. I, I keep hearing about all the things about aesthetically pleasing and making the neighborhood better. For the last 15 years, I buy properties that are neglected and fix them up and put new businesses in there, that are in the community, local businesses, black businesses, black owners, black workers and help the community. I just purchased a building about eight months ago at 315 Barack Obama Highway, which was neglected, let go, fully occupied, no issues, came to the City, no violations, no open permits, no expired permits, no problems whatsoever. I have a perspective tenant that moved here from the flea market in Mangonia Park up 45th Street, they were to'..., he was told that his business would be okay, to put a barber shop in there, which there was a barber shop for about 40 years in a 60 year old building. For the last six months, they have denied his business, business permit, we've gotten no notices of what we can do to cure or why he has not been able to open his business. He has a beauty salon there. He would love to be here tonight, unfortunately, putting all the money into three new businesses, barber shop, salon and beauty supply store, now he has problems paying his mortgage and they're all working because they have three businesses set up ready to go and they wanna be issued a Business Tax Receipt. And the reason for the not being issued a Business Tax Receipt, will not be given to us other than a form that says for the last 30 years, we have not inspected the property. We want you to give us a list of all the work that's been done illegally on..., for the past 30 years on this property, then you have to file permits for all that work that's happened and then, we can talk about giving him a license to open his business. So, he has followed the law, not opened his business. He's about to go bankrupt right now and they have not given us any way to cure this and I have not..., I've not been charging him rent. I have my lawyer with me. I've spent tens of thousands of dollars fighting this and it'd be nice to have the community try to help people that grew up here and don't want a job and they wanna actually own their own business. It'd be wonderful to have the City help those people do that 'cause I'm doing that in the City of Riviera Beach and Fort Pierce over Avenue D. So, if you know those areas, then you know the type of work that I do.

And I've got some gentlemen here that live here. There's about 20 people that wanted to come out and everyone said, 'Our voice doesn't matter. We go there and nobody gives a [pause] hoot about what we have to say.' So, I'm hoping that there's gonna be change in this City and that we can do whatever is gonna be legal to get stuff done per the City Code. I had three inspections. I've been refused documentation on all three of them. I have not been able to get any documentation from those inspectors

because of Mr. Boville Richards and some other people that I've met with in the City, who told me they knew nothing about it but they're on the email chain for the last seven months and I have signs that have been rejected for eight months to put up, for businesses [stammer], for a coin laundry that's been there for 51 years and J., and, and P&P Liquor, uh, P&P Jamaican store who's been there for 36 years, they are refused signage.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

MR. H.A. WELLS: And, they have been in the business.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Madam City Manager, will you please look into that? Was that 315...

MR. H.A. WELLS: Three...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...President Barack Obama Highway?

MR. H.A. WELLS: Yes. And it [stammer] it does have about five addresses with all the changes under Old Dixie Highway on 4th Street...

UNK.: 315.

MR. H.A. WELLS: 315...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is it 315...

MR. H.A. WELLS: ...is the main address.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you, sir.

MR. H.A. WELLS: [Inaudible] multiple addresses within the City.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. We'll have the City Manager look into this.

MR. H.A. WELLS: Thank you so much. I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

MR. H.A. WELLS: ...appreciate you...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Keith Gold, Lloyd Brown.

MR. K. GOLDEN: Hello everyone.

MAYOR MASTERS: Hello, sir.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Good evening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. K. GOLDEN: First and foremost, I just wanna say congratulations to Julia Botel and KaShamba Miller-Anderson. I'm humbled and honored to stand before you today. Riviera Beach residents, they showed up and they showed out. Whether they voted for me or for you, I know that the..., their votes were not wasted.

I really just wanted to say that we ran a great campaign, but the fun and games are over now, you know, let's get back to governing the City. Start with a couple of things, the permitting process is a big issue that I've noticed in the City during my canvassing of the City. So, I definitely want to start looking into that. Another thing is managing the minutes of the meeting, as far as, you know, the three minutes go. I do have a recommendation. If we put the manage'..., the time management and the clock..., I mean, time management and the mic management at the same, or with the person's hands. So, right at three minutes, they kill the mic, they kill everything and we're able to keep the minutes mo'..., I mean, the meetings moving forward.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mm.

MR. K. GOLDEN: And lastly, I just pray to God to continue to guide your guy's path.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, yes, yes.

MR. K. GOLDEN: You know, give us the victory while we're keeping our police, our firefighters and residents safe. I know you guys are gonna make great decisions and I'll be here to help you every step of the way.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you so much.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Lloyd Brown.

MR. L. BROWN: How ya doin', Ms. Botel and whoever's new here. You know, it's good to see you here, anyway. But anyway, what I got...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MR. L. BROWN: ...to say is it disgusts me to hear ya'll listen to this man talk about inspections over there and they didn't even do anything [inaudible] the ones in my house and I can't insurance or nothin' but nobody came to be yet. I mean, you know what? That suck, that really suck. And let me just say this, change, that's a big word. You know what I mean? It could be a lotta little words. I heard this for many years, maybe almost a decade. Change what? You already changed this City; you people removed the only area where the last of our black businesses were. You're taking our taxes from us and those black businesses and all you got to show is speed humps and City markers telling

us that we who've been here, already know about these places. You let stores sell just... Like restaurants in our neighborhoods but you never invite the media to come in and say, 'Why don't you check out our stores, see if we got dirty diners.' No, you give our contribution to various groups, to me, you know, that ain't no different than a bribe. You take advantage of the City taxpayers. I mean, you black politicians, you disgust me. I ride through Riviera Beach, crime in the neighborhoods and you wanna blame it on the young guys. That's everybody I see, they wanna blame it on the young guys, use 'em as scapegoats. I mean, don't you think that we have been scapegoats all our lives, long enough? I mean, look into this like I see it, you know, if you think them young brothers are doing wrong, take them by the hand and walk 'em across the street, tell 'em to look both ways, you know? Show 'em how to do it. Don't criticism 'em. Don't you know what prisons are full of who? Those same black guys, prisons are full of 'em. And me, I never see anybody in here can tell me.., is there anybody in here who live here can tell me that those black guys made this City like it is now? Well, if you can, okay, let's get back to religion. Now, you come up here and you throw the first stone 'cause everybody in here made that mistake and everybody got something to do with what's going on in Riviera Beach but it's just the idea that nobody wanna look at it. You gotta get rid of the snakehead. These guys don't have money to bring drugs over here. They're only doing what they know how to do and if you don't teach 'em how to walk across the street, you ain't got nothin' to say to 'em. You ain't got nothin' to say about 'em. Give 'em a hand, you know, and walk with them.

And then another thing, I'm so pissed about you telling this man you're gonna talk to the City Manager about what's going on and nobody's never gotten back to me. You know, that really suck. That suck, suck, suck.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Chair? I'm sorry...

[Clapping]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Madam City Manager...

MR. L. BROWN: You ain't gotta clap, I'm serious.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...who is the next speaker? Madam City Manager? Has there.., I don't know what Mr. Brown's address is, but I would like to suggest that we.., I'd like to know what his address is and what work has been done. I remember when I came onboard, there was a request for services and I believe that the Cit'.., that the City did reach out to him, so if you would please provide an update to this Council as it relates to Mr. Brown's property?

[Inaudible comment]

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair? May...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I just wanna shed some light on that, Madam Chair. The county..., the county project, it was a county project and Manager Verdenia Baker had staff go out on several occasions to try to rectify the problem. They were ran off the property, they weren't allowed to do what they were supposed to do. We then asked her to reconsider and send staff back out there. They came, they came back and they were met with the same resistance. Our Staff went out there, also met with resistance. I even said to Mr. Brown, 'Please let..., help me help you. Promise not to run the people off. Ms. Verdenia Baker's gonna send other people back out there,' and after they were met with such resistance, they, you know, the peo'..., they stopped going and said that we could deal with it, you know, on a City, on a City basis and that's where, and that's where it left off because she really gave us as much help as we would accept with that problem.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Who is our next speaker? Did that conclude...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, that concludes the special comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alright.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam City Manager, do we have any addit'..., any additions [chuckle], additions, deletions, or substitutions?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am. Under community benefits requests on Consent, Item No. 3A, addition, Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County and Treasure Coast, Inc., in the amount of \$700 from Councilwoman KaShamba Miller-Anderson to support the fundraising event of the 29th Annual Eva W. Mack Luncheon. Community benefits, Item No. 3B, Inlet Grove Community High School, \$3,000, Mayor Thomas Masters for school safety program. Under discussion and deliberation, Item No. 9A, City Manager recruitment process update and job description, added by Councilwoman Julia Botel. Under regular, Item No. 10, a Resolution recognizing March 30, 2018 as Nealia B. Cunningham and Don R. Wilson Children's Fun Day in Riviera Beach.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: I'm passing it down.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I need to add...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Let [stammer]...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...something, please?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: As soon as she..., let her...

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, I thought she was finished.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: That's all, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: That's what I thought. I need to add...

[Inaudible comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...we're giving \$3,000 to Inlet Grove. I need to add \$400 on to that. To make it \$3,400.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That was your Item.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. But it was only for \$3,000. I need to add \$400. Just want the Council to be aware, that it's gonna be \$400 'cause they needed a little bit more money and that's all I have.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: On the additions and deletions, where we added 9A, that could.., I just.., for points of clarification, I want to be clear that that can only be at, there can only be a possible discussion about, about this because that would have to come back as one of the persons prevail'.., on the prevailing side, number one. And, number, number two, we're, you know, in the middle of this process. So, so an update and a discussion would be the only thing that would go without a point of order being called.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, the discussion and deliberation is the recruitment process update and job description discussion, not a...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No further action. That's the request, and that's just to talk about the recruitment process and the job description only. Is that correct?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Correct. I have a concern because the timeline, as it now stands, requires that we...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We're not...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...provide

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...taking up the Item at this...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Okay. Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...time. I just...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: That's correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...wanted to clarify. Thank you. Okay. So, Madam Clerk, do I need to read again the statement?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I would suggest that you...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...do so.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alrighty.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHALL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. IN NO EVENT WILL ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT SA COMMENT CARD AND SPEAK ON A CONSENT AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam City Manager, you are done with your additions, deletions?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any additions or deletions from Council?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I just had a question about this. Where..., what was the number for the Cunningham Wilson Day?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Number 10.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: 10? Okay.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Under regular.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright.

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That's, that's it? [Pause].

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I would like to request a motion to adopt the Agenda.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly second. Madam Clerk.

DISCLOSURES BY COUNCIL

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Cahir, before we call for the motion, can we get any disclosures by the City Council, if there be any, please?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I have a concern about something on the Consent Agenda.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Disclosures.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Okay.

[Inaudible dais comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No disclosures.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Other., only, from in the past, for Item No. 2, for the [pause], the Alpha Educational Foundation. I have not had any meetings but previously had conversations with the representatives for the organization and I disclosed that some time ago. But nothing since then.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I would have the same disclosure.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Same.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Thank you. Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Now, let me be clear, are we voting to accept what's on the Consent Agenda?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Then I have.., then, no.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: To acc'.., adopt the Agenda, right?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We are adopting the Agenda.

[Inaudible dais comments]

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Then, I have a concern with what's on the Agenda. At what point can I express that concern?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, I...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The Consent Agenda, if it's about the Items that's on the Consent Agenda, Councilperson Botel, you will be given the opportunity at that time to...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: To pull an Item.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...pull an Item for discussion.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: That's what I wanna do.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We're...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We're [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Let me know.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We're not there yet.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: This is for the adoption as.., for the Agenda in totality.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Okay.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Did you have public comment cards?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: When we get to the Consent Agenda...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alright.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Alrighty.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: 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...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Would the Mayor or any Member of Council like to pull an Item from the Consent Agenda?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes. I'd like to pull the Item regarding the Alpha... Let's see, that would be Resolution...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Two.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Two..., three.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Two.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Two.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Anything further from any Member of the Council? [Pause]. My Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: No, no, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'd like to entertain a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That's right?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we have two public comment cards.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: The acceptance of public comment cards, for the Consent Agenda, is now closed. Tradrick McCoy, Bonnie Larson.

[Inaudible dais comments]

MR. T. MCCOY: Good evening again, Members. Madam Mayor, I don't think I had a chance to say hello and.., Madam City Manager.

I would ask that you pull Item [pause] Item No. 2, the Resolution. There's many problems that I've seen with this contract and also, the MOU. First off, I find it interesting that you chose not to renew the lease agreement with the Maritime Academy, which if I understand correctly, was yearly leases, to enter into something that's a five-year lease and there's not even a business plan. You know, I was, about December, I was interested in the grant program that was offered by the CRA and I think I mentioned it to a couple Members of the Council that what was required just to do this grant application was pretty intrusive and I personally didn't think it was a good fit for me because I didn't wanna divulge stuff like payroll and my finances and all this other kind of stuff, and it just startles me that we're gonna commit to giving somebody \$1,200.., or accepting \$1,200 for an entire year when they haven't so much as included one business plan, or even.., any of those services, or those programs that's offered, are all hypotheticals and they also have the option to sublet. Now, that doesn't make sense that we would only accept \$100 a month and give these people unfettered access to do whatever.

Additionally, the Code of Ordinances also requires that any improvements to any City owned property must first also go through the Planning & Zoning Board. So, you know, I would hope, at some point, there's a lot more participation and you don't pass something that's gonna tie the City hands for five years, well beyond everybody's term up there on Council, with this kind of agreement. It's just a bad agreement.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MR. T. MCCOY: It needs to be pulled and needs to go through this because, if I can remember correctly, there were people from the public that came out and expressed

interest in this property. And, you know, I inquired and I think I heard that there wasn't any responsive bidders but I don't think that actually went far enough. I think it was tailored to keep people shut out. And, you know, about two years ago, there was a thing going around Council where people used the idea that the climate wasn't right, but certainly, the climate wasn't right for the Maritime Academy but apparently, it's good for the Alphas. This seems like a personal favor for somebody, so please pull it and make sure they give you all of the data, documents and evidence.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bonnie Larson.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson.

Certainly, leasing out City owned property, or CRA owned property, is not a normal routine activity, it should never have been on the Consent Agenda. Also, it should be..., this Item should be separated into three issues. You have the issue of who to rent the property out to, you have the issue of a lease and you have a issue of renaming the property which you never heard of that before and now it's on the Consent Agenda. As Mr. McCoy said, where is their business plan? Every business must submit a business plan. They're asking you to give 'em property for five years, where's the business plan? We can't...

[Inaudible comment]

MS. B. LARSON: ...just let 'em go and say, 'Do whatever you want.' I, I tried to look up Alpha Education Foundation DDL, Inc. I tried to look it up a number of ways, I couldn't find it on the state listing. Couldn't find it. There's another group out of state with a similar name but it's not the same, I just couldn't find it. The address 3618 North Shore Drive, West Palm Beach, that's a home, a private home of James and Yolanda Fields. Maybe you know them...

[Inaudible comment]

MS. B. LARSON: ...maybe you don't. I don't know who those people are. We don't know who the members of this society are, have they ever worked together before, what is their...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MS. B. LARSON: ...track record. I know nothing about it. I try to come to all the meetings, I don't know anything about these people but we're willing to give them a five year lease. No. Viking could not make that Maritime...

[Inaudible comment]

MS. B. LARSON: ...Academy work. George Carter was in charge of it but now, suddenly, George Carter's in charge of it again and it's gonna work. Now it changed from

an educational thing, now they're talking about..., you're, you're talking about having in there, ex-felons come in and learn a trade or learn whatever. That's a wonderful thing. That's a wonderful thing. However, the location is right across from the boys and the girl's club. Those are very vulnerable young children. Do we want them in the same proximity as people who have been in prison before? [Inaudible].

MS. B. LARSON: I'm gonna leave that discussion to KaShamba Miller-Anderson and to Dr. Botel, they're both in education but, to me, that's a real bad idea.

Oh, Mr. McCoy talked about the lease. Absolutely right. Who wrote that lease? It was not Mr. Degraffenreidt, because it is not written in the favor of Riviera Beach, it's written in their favor.

[Applause]

MS. B. LARSON: Now, when Mr. Degraffenreidt signs all of our leases but all he's signing is saying this is a legitimate lease, he's not saying it's good, bad or ugly. You ask him if this is a good lease and let's see what he says. Absolutely not. They can sublease to anyone without your approval, they don't have to ask you. \$100 a month, they even want a grace period on the \$100 a month? Give me a break.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MS. B. LARSON: We don't know anything about these people, we don't know who they are, what they're gonna do, what they're gonna teach, we have nothing. A business plan...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MS. B. LARSON: ...it's an abso'... Excuse me. It's an absolute necessity, for a business plan before you can make any decision about this. This needs to be split into three separate discussions. I never heard anything about naming anything over there. Also, let's not piecemeal it. They want a portion of the property. I heard some lady come in one day and said she wanted to daycare. Let, let's have a master plan ourselves, let's not just piecemeal it out.

Thank you.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, that concludes public comments.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'll just reserve my comments until after Dr. Botel shares her issues.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you. I, I don't really know what this group wants to do there. I applaud the notion, I applaud some of the ideas that I've heard about what they want to do, I think it's admirable, but I too am concerned about the length of the lease, I'm concerned about how we measure their success. I wonder if there's some kind of a matrix in place, what criteria are we going to use. If we gave them, for example, a one-year lease and then had someone in the City Staff monitor their progress, see what kind of success they had and then see, do we wanna go forward? I think giving them an opportunity to prove themselves would be a great step forward, it would give them a chance to prove that they're doing something valuable for the community, it would give us, us a chance of one year to measure that success and I think that, that would be the route that I could take and that I could support, giving them a one-year lease and seeing how it goes.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Just to rollback this discussion and how it began, once the Maritime school, unfortunately, was voted not to renew their lease, that property went kind of vacant and dead. There was so many folks who came to this microphone and stated that they're tired of the things that were taking place on that property, prostitution, drugs and all types of things. The property was just left there. No one came to the mic and came to their safety saying, 'Hey, let's support those families who live adjacent to that property.' Now, Alpha Phi Alpha did come and show some interest. No one showed interest until Alpha Phi Alpha made a public comment about what they wanna do in their proposal.

Now, it was stated about Mr. Fields. One thing I know about Mr. Fields, who's a deacon over at Mount Olive Church, he has two young men that he raised up in our community, even though he lives in West Palm Beach. One graduated from Notre Dame, one graduated from West Point. And I'm thinking about our kids. They put a program in place, all these young professional men that are taking time out of their day, money out of their own personal pocket and didn't ask for a dollar and said, 'We wanna do something to partner up with you until you make a decision on what you wanna do long-term with the property.' And they're talking about the long-term plan and saying, 'Until you make a decision as a Board, we wanna do something to help the City. Those that do know about Alpha Phi Alpha, when you think about MOT, all the different young men and women's live they touched to go off to college and are very successful with a graduation rate, it's unpeccable. We're gonna have to try to do something. Now, I can.., I heard what Dr. Botel stated about the one-year lease to give 'em a chance to perform and see how they do, they're asking for a five-year lease, ya know?'

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Pardo me. Pardon me, Mr...

[Inaudible audience comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Point of...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What's, what's go'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...order, please.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Point of order, please. I would like to... We need to pause in the discussion because we have not approved the Agenda with..., approved the...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Consent Agenda.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, I would like to have Madam Clerk take the roll call on that and we can enter back into the conversation.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We're approving...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible]...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...the Cou'... We're approving...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: They started discussion.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...the Consent Agenda with Item No. 2 pulled.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Pulled. Right. For a...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We have...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...discussion.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: I did not do the roll call vote for the approval of the Consent Agenda.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Before they.., yeah.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I thought we did. I thought...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Understood.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...we did.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I thought we did.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Understood.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I did too. No?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

MAYOR MASTERS: What are we doing?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: They said they...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I thought we did.

UNK.: We didn't.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The Clerk has asked.., there was not a formal roll call on the acceptance of the Consent Agenda with Item 2 pulled. So therefore, she is now calling the roll to take the vote on the acceptance of the Consent Agenda with Item 2 being pulled. That's what we're doing.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I see.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We may continue the discussion.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Hold on, Madam Chair. Let me read the Resolution heading into the, the record.

[Inaudible comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That's okay, we all got butterflies this evening.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

2. CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 21-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT AT \$1,200 PER YEAR WITH THE ALPHA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR USE OF PARCEL ID NO. 56-43-42-33-06-030-0010, ALSO KNOWN AS RIVIERA BEACH MARITIME ACADEMY, LOCATED AT 251 WEST 11TH STREET AND HERE FORWARD KNOWN AS THE JUDGE EDWARD ROGERS COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT CENTER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...moved and properly second.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Davis, please resume your comments.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. I will be very brief from the ending of the last comment. So, back.., basically back to MOT, Alpha Phi Alpha, those are separate entities that, that operate independently but there are some of the same professionals who work with the same young men of those organizations. I think they can present themselves better than I could and I would like to at least allow them to, to, before I say anything else, before they can come and say some of the things and ideas, so they can address some of your concerns.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Please.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Before we do that, we should continue... Did they..., they didn't put in a public comment card?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's their Item.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Well, because this Item does affect them, I believe, unless Mr. Attorney, you can tell me differently, it would be appropriate to allow them to speak?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Please.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Yes, ma'am. I think they can best address the issues of concern on the dais and in the [inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you. [Pause]. [Inaudible] say anything about our [inaudible].

MR. A. FIELDS: Good evening, Council.

[Inaudible dais comment]

MR. A. FIELDS: Congratulations to Dr. Botel and Ms. Miller-Anderson...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

MR. A. FIELDS: ...and your reelection. Again, thank you for the opportunity to stand before you. At this point, I'm gonna let Mr. Lockhart speak with you in reference to some of the things that we talked about in the past and what we...

[Inaudible comment]

MR. A. FIELDS: We're gonna..., I'm gonna have Mr. Lockhart speak with you in reference to some of the things that we've discussed in the past in reference to what we..., our plans are, as well as try to address any questions that you may have at this time.

DR. G. LOCKHART: Good evening, Mayor...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening son.

DR. G. LOCKHART: ...Madam Chair, Councilpeople, Councilpersons. I'm Dr. George Lockhart.

Seven months ago we entered into this agreement, September the 16th. Since then, it's been a rollercoaster ride for us. Presented.., we have presented a PowerPoint, have done many things to try to exercise the idea of what we're going to do with the facility. We're back here again to try to do that... We do not have a PowerPoint because we thought that this would be, again, something that we could move forward and start to exercise. Again, we are not for business. It is strictly voluntary. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is not a fly-by-night company actually, it's the oldest of the black fraternities and sororities, founded in 1903, uh, 1906. The tenets are [inaudible] scholarships in love for all mankind. We're trying to purport that with the community by having different ideas using the Army veterans that come out, they do not have a job and they're not.., they don't have the faculties to work initially, especially here in Riviera Beach. Also, those who have been incarcerated, I heard someone say that the children will be dealing with those who have been in prison. Well, Riviera Beach is not that large, wherever you're gonna go you're gonna be dealing with someone that's out of prison. Someone mentioned about the blacks. We try not to mention any color or race, I think we're all, all the same race, that is human kind. The fledgling businesses also we're trying to help with, websites, dealing with the different finances. Again, that's something that we're trying to help them in Riviera Beach, we're not trying to go outside of that capsule and so that [inaudible], based on those optics, you know, the more [inaudible] that they may have. Again, we rehearsed that over and again. And again, it's not for profit, uh, businesses, things of that nature. However, it has to run. We have to pay the water bill, so if we have to sublease for some monies, things of that nature, unless we can get a grant [chuckle], from the City, that would work, and we would move forward with that.

So, that is pretty much what we're trying to do and, based on the sign at, you know, again by Emma Lazarus, that's written on the Statue of Liberty, 'Bring me your tired, your poor, your,' you know, 'huddled masses,' that's what we're trying to do here. Send them to us, that's really where our focus is for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

MR. A. FIELDS: And, I also wanna add that we are not looking to take on this task alone. We are looking to partner with other non-profits in the area, as we believe in unity and strength in numbers. And so, we have and we reached out as we said we would, to other organizations in the community and which we've started conversations with an we're looking forward to them coming on and being a part of this project. We got the blessings from the Maritime Academy. They actually met with us and they've spoken with us and plan.., they, they were planning to continue to work with us and, and making sure that we do what we say we're gonna do.

At this point, not to belabor the point, but Judge Rogers has been a major backer of this project as well. He ha'.., he's one of the bir'.., brains of this project and he, he's, he's still involved and we, we look forward to working with him still. He's a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. And so, as we've said in the past, this is not a journey alone and we don't plan to make it alone, but we plan to make it with you and the citizens of this community. Everything we do is voluntary, there's nobody paid in this organization. There's nobody on salary, nobody will take a salary. And so, every ounce of work that we do is volunteer work. And so, as with you, I, I applaud for the efforts that you put forth because I know it's not easy to sit and try to lead when people are shottin' and throwing

darts at you, not knowing that your work is, is valuable and you can spend your time somewhere else. And the same with us, we're, we're volunteers, but we've chosen to try to put some of our energy back into our communities, which we come from.

And so, we look forward, again, to working with you, as well as the citizens of this community.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA REPRESENTATIVE: And I'll just make a few brief comments. It's a bit déjà vu because we were approved unanimously here, just recently. But I want to address a concern regarding the Foundation. It is an active not for profit corporation. I'm looking on the Sunbiz site, Alpha Educational Foundation – DDL, Inc., Doc. No. N97506685. And the status active, it was filed back in '97. So, that should, hopefully, do away with any concern about the bona fides of the organization. We've obviously made presentations to this very Council through PowerPoint slides, so that is, in fact, a business plan for what we intend.., and how we intend, to use the property.

Just wanted to make those comments. Thank you.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Now, this Item was discussed on December 13th, December 20th, January.., around January 3rd or 4th, and February 15th. On February 15th, the City Count'.., the City Council voted [stammer]... I can't...

[Inaudible comments]

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Sorry. To give the lease to the Alpha Foundation. The, the purpose of this Item is just to memorialize what you did on February 15th, the action that you took on February 15th.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One moment, please. Mr. Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: In the process of the decision that I need to call to your attention one of the unique factors that impact this. Please recall when the Maritime Museum personnel were leaving the problem at the end of the lease, there are a number of structures that were on the property that needed to be removed. Based upon the City's commitment to support that project, the prior Maritime Museum owners deeded all of those structures by bill of sale, uh, by bill of sale to the Alphas. So, you're in a situation where the land, which would be [inaudible] is occupied by structures that they own. That was the issue when we went to public bid on it because they substantively own the real value on the land already, based upon the conveyance from their

predecessors. So, it's kinda locked.., like a lock at this point. Nobody [chuckle] can really use it without them.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I was next.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I... I believe I heard Hubbard, Davis and then Botel..

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair, my comments are this. It's [stammer], while we did vote unanimously for the Alphas to use it, some of the concerns that, that, that are being, being raised bother me to the extent that, when you have a volunteer organization, men of their stature, an organization as old as this is, that has come to give to our community, not asking for anything in return, not making money from subleases. The sublease part of it is to allow the partnership of other non-profits so they won't be the, the only one in their offering things. So, I think it's quite disingenuous to try to flip and turn the ideal situation when we're here looking out for ourselves, trying to provide for ourselves, then we have people saying that, that, that this not what we should be doing. One minute the community is accused of looking for a handout, and in the next minute when men who have made it, step up and step to the plate to offer services, we also accuse them of trying to, to get something for free. It was explained over and over and over how this came about. And for those who don't understand, it was Mr. George Carter who was left to dispose of all of those [stammer] buildings on that property, who ran into Judge Rogers and they con'.., they came up with this idea. Judge Rogers said, 'I will take it to my meetings and see if the fellows of Alpha organization was interested in doing this and providing services.' He got them to do it, to buy into it and that's how it came about. Nobody was looking to get anything for free. People who have come and made it, paid their dues, are trying to give back to our community. Some of the services that we need, as opposed to sitting back, waiting for others to tell us what's best for us, what we need, they'll bring it to us. When we have men that grew up, raised their children in our community and saying, 'Hey, we did it for our families, we did it for our communities, we can continue to do it here.' Nobody is gonna get rich, nobody is going to be any wealthier than they are other than the people that they serve, other than the people that the provide services for. We can't always be so scared of each other getting something for nothing that we will bite off our nose to spite our face. We don't need anybody to come in here to collaborate and tell us about the character of our men and to put them down or to, to, to suspect what they're doing. As they said, they presented their business proposal. They presented their ideas, they offered cooperation and collaboration with other non-profits to come in with their ideas. They're not saying the ideas they have are the only ones that we need, they're saying, 'Other non-profits, please come in. Tell us what you can offer too and we're willing to work with you.'

There's nothing wrong with us working together and building our community together. There's nothing wrong with that. That's what we have to do and that's what we continue to do. So, the buildings are there, the no'.., the land is there, Mr. Carter has

continued to give support to the organization. He.., it was his brainchild that he took to Judge Rogers, and that's where we are today.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman.., I'm sorry, Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Stammer]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It was... You had...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Botel and then...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Excuse me.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I, I heard and I said it a moment ago, it was Hubbard, Davis and then Botel, and now you, Councilwoman.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are you...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I'm fine.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you. First of all, let me set the record straight, by no means would I ever denigrate the work of Alpha Phi Alpha. This is a venerable organization, good men, Alphas are good women [chuckle], and I respect the fact that you've come forward to try to help our community. Please believe me, this has nothing to do with disrespecting you at all. I respect you completely. I wanna say that George Carter and I have had conversations, maybe I should've disclosed that earlier. I'm learning about what, what things I have to disclose. However, Mr. Carter and I have had conversations about the work that you want to do. I wholeheartedly support developing an academy for young men and women, to learn skills to support the marine industry in this community. It's a valuable thing that you want to do. My concern is that this is a five-year lease and we're not sure how we're gonna measure your success. I would only like to suggest that you perhaps take a one-year lease, measure your success, see how it's going. I would be happy to work with you to try to get grants to turn your water on, keep your electricity going, I wanna work with you, not against you, but I wanna be sure that we're doing the right thing for the community. If we give you a one-year lease, would that be acceptable to you, would whoever made the initial Resolution.., initial proposal be

willing to amend it such that we could do that for a year, establish some kind of a criteria for measuring your success and then see how it goes. You might decide after a year, 'You know what, this was a nice engagement but I don't wanna get married.' So, you might decide after a year, 'You know, we're, we're really not gonna do this anymore, we, we would like to back out,' and then you'd be stuck in a five-year lease.

So, all I'm saying is, could we please consider a shorter term and consider how we will measure the success of the program?

[Inaudible audience comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One second. Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Degraffenreidt, did you do this lease or drafted up this lease?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I think it was drafted by the Alphas. We reviewed it line [inaudible].

UNK.: That's not true. That's not...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

UNK.: That's not true.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Oh.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Who drafted [inaudible]?

[Inaudible comments]

MR. A. FIELDS: The, the lease was a, a copy of the lease that the Maritime Academy had and they had a 10 year lease, and we took that lease and we, basically, massaged it a little bit with our information but it's pretty much the same lease that the Maritime Academy used. And the lease period, if I'm not mistaken, the lease I read that they had, was a 10 year lease. And I don't know, once that expired did it go to a one.., a one year lease? It may have after the first 10 years but it was a 10 year lease. And for the amount of effort that it's gonna take for us to put into this project, one year would not be acceptable and I would not spend my time on it. I'm just gonna be upfront and honest with you. It's cost me a lot already. And the rest of my fraternity brothers, it's cost us a lot being here, the time that we've been spending doing other things and trying to meet with others, it's too much of an effort to put into something to only give it a one year. So...

[Inaudible audience comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Point of order, please. Audience.

UNK.: [Inaudible].

UNK.: Shh.

DR. G. LOCKHART: In math, there's something called reflective symmetry. You take one part and you measure it against another part, that's two parts. Then, the third time you take a look at it, as comparison, what did you see on those first two parts? So, for us to do one year, it's just not enough data to build anything. You need to create a baseline.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Okay.

DR. G. LOCKHART: And so, with that piece, we can definitely go.., two years, someone asked that question all the time, two years and then another two years to measure that, and then the third year, which will be the fifth year, would be [inaudible], you can take snapshot. You have a baseline date, you have enough to grow and give some type of projection based on that. You can't.., I mean, one year, two years, really is, is not enough to do anything with that based on... You need fresh data, ya know? To be able.., to make that reflective symmetry.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Alright. So, Mr. Degraffenreidt, so you looked it over, signed off on it.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I think you all voted to approve it. We brought...

[Inaudible audience comment]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...this back to you...

[Chuckles]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...based upon...

[Inaudible dais comments]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...the unanimous decision you made at the last meeting.

[Inaudible audience comments]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: This is just the formalization of that unanimous vote.

[inaudible comments]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Are we serious?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: With the... I understand Dr. Botel's.., Councilwoman Botel's concern being that she just got on the Council. The decision was

made back in February, prior to her coming to Council. In the lease, isn't there a, a clause in there that talks about being able to revoke the lease prior to the five years or being able to get out of it before the five years, if they should choose to?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I don't recall that provision, but I will look for it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So, there's mothering.., when we lock in for five years, it's five years?

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: What about in the Memorandum of Understanding?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: The contract is the control, not the Memorandum [inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Is it in there though?

[Inaudible discussions]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I don't see anything about the terms of the lease in the Memorandum of Understanding.

[Inaudible dais comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We only have.., if I may, on the.., in the agreement, under lease term, there is nothing that specifies [pause]... Right to terminate.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA REPRESENTATIVE: I, I don't have a copy of the lease in front of me, but, but I believe it does provide for us using it for a charitable purpose. So, I'm speaking as an attorney, if we weren't using it for the purposes that we specified...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA REPRESENTATIVE: ...that could be a, a material breach.

[Inaudible comment]

ALPHA PHI ALPHA REPRESENTATIVE: Of the lease. So, that should provide protection on your side.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: But there is no specific language that gives us the ability, that I have found just yet, that gives us the ability as the City to decide that we want to terminate the agreement. There's no language that speaks to that. And, it doesn't give you.., there's nothing that I've read that gives you the right to.., should you decide that you no longer wish to continue on.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Hold on, I'm still...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...I have the floor. Hold on a second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Hold on. I didn't see..., let's see. [Inaudible – reading to self]. No? [Pause]. [Inaudible – reading to self].

MAYOR MASTERS: We're having...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, trying to see... Is it., so, Mr. Degraffenreidt, pretty much five years is five years and there's no...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Correct.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...getting out of it?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Hold on. [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Um...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: You know, I think it should be appreciated that as part of the initial infrastructure for negotiations and the agreement, when we ended the Maritime contract, we did not have any plans for its use. It was lying fallow. There was an obligation to remove the structures on it and there were complaints from the public about people being in those structures.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: They were, by offering this, creating an opportunity to do social programs and eliminate a social problem of the vagrants and the people on the site. We did not have any plans to do anything with it.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Let me just state, in Item 20, landlord remedies upon default by tenant. So, that just speaks in terms of if they should default on the agreement that we do have the right to cancel or terminate the lease and dispose and dispossess the tenant?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Right. But, a material breach would be them not meeting the commitment of...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...from the social service non-program...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...that they intend to initiate and permit other non-profits to participate in.

[Inaudible dais comment]

UNK. AUDIENCE: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: If I'm understanding it correctly.

[Inaudible comments]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mr. Degraffenreidt, in looking at this lease, is there something that you feel, being that you're to protect the City, is there something in the lease that you feel that needs to be corrected?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: No, I do not. And I think a five-year term is the minimal amount they need...

[Inaudible audience comment]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...in order to recruit..., recoup the initial investment.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Is that the best interest of the City though?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Ma'am?

[Inaudible audience comments]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Would that put the City in the best..., is that in the best interest of the City?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I believe so, but if I'm missing it, somebody in the room tell me what the detriment is.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No, I'm just asking you the question because you're the legal...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I'm talking [inaudible]...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...advisor here. Don't...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Stammer].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Don't worry about them, just let me know. Are...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: My answer was no, I don't see a detriment to the City based upon this lease.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there any further questions or comments from...

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes, Madam Chair?

[Inaudible dais comments]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I can wait. The Mayor hasn't gone yet. I can wait.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh. Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Dr. Lockhart? I think, I, I'm not for sure whether you or the other gentleman said that you were following the.., basically, following the lease the Maritime Academy had?

DR. G. LOCKHART: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right?

UNK.: Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: And, in, in what ways were you following that? The previous lease?

DR. G. LOCKHART: Pretty much, we took the, the language from the previous lease and used the same language in drafting this, this, this particular lease.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Was there any reason why.., I think someone said that the previous client or, or tenant had had a 10 year lease.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Inaudible].

DR. G. LOCKHART: Right. That was the term of the lease.

MAYOR MASTERS: Right.

DR. G. LOCKHART: And we...

[Inaudible dais comment]

DR. G. LOCKHART: ...we didn't ask for [inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: You didn't as for a 10, you asked for a five?

DR. G. LOCKHART: We asked for a five.

MAYOR MASTERS: Why did you..., if you took everything else..., but why didn't you ask for a 10 year, based of..., rather than five?

DR. G. LOCKHART: The reason for that, because...

[Inaudible dais comment]

DR. G. LOCKHART: ...of the discussion that we had..., were informed of that was taking place by the Council, that they were looking possibly to do some type of low income housing there or, or something, affordable housing in the future and we looked at the, the time period in which we needed and the..., what the City was looking to do with the land, so that's what we presented in, in, in the way of [inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS: So, on, on...

DR. G. LOCKHART: ...time period.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...on the advice of the Council, or [inaudible] what the Council was saying, you felt it would be in the best interest of both parties to limit that to five years? Rather than to 10 because of the housing?

DR. G. LOCKHART: Well, because of some of the discussions that we think that was taking place, yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And, I think, Dr. Lockhart, I think you were saying that two years or three years, um, I got a little confused. Were you suggesting that you're open to, because, although it's here, as Councilwoman Hubbard said earlier, if you're on the prevailing side, anybody can bring back anything, on the prevailing side and it was unanimous. So, in listening to you, I was trying to understand, were you suggesting that you would accept a lesser time than five years, like a three year? You said something about two years or three years, what, what were you trying to say?

DR. G. LOCKHART: Well, this is what I said.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

DR. G. LOCKHART: First of all...

MAYOR MASTERS: Help me out here.

DR. G. LOCKHART: Yeah, sure. Five years, you know, is what we were looking for. What I was saying was, you need something, a baseline, you need something to measure it from. So, if we took the first two years and measured another two years, then take that third year of the first two years, then two years, and then the third year to look at what did you do those first...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

DR. G. LOCKHART: ...two years. You know, that's what is called a reflective symmetry. You can see what measure of growth that you had, and you need to be able to have some type of data to be able to do that. One year would not do it. That was really what I was saying [inaudible]...

MAYOR MASTERS: But, would three years...

DR. G. LOCKHART: ...[inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: So, are you s'..., are you saying that you would not accept any changes or any amendment to this Resolution or...

[Inaudible comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...whatever it is, less than five? Is that what...

DR. G. LOCKHART: It's been set...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...is that...

DR. G. LOCKHART: ...at five. That's what...

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. But my question is, would you accept anything less than five?

DR. G. LOCKHART: No. No.

MAYOR MASTERS: Would the Alphas accept anything less than five?

DR. G. LOCKHART: No. No.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And that's because you feel that you need three years to really see how you're going, how well the program is going and two years to...

DR. G. LOCKHART: Well sure, after five years, we can give you a definite answer of how we're doing.

MAYOR MASTERS: So, that's based upon the time work or the timeframe that you need?

DR. G. LOCKHART: Right.

MAYOR MASTERS: But is.., I just wanna be clear that you would not accept less than three? Or, or less than five, rather.

The other thing I wanted to say, I guess this is to the City Manager or the City Attorney, Mr. Tradrick McCoy asked did.., was this presentation ever made before the

zoning, Planning & Zoning, you said that something.., it has to go before, before it comes to us. Was that done? Does anybody know?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I don't believe it was done but I didn't...

UNK.: [Inaudible] not required.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...think it was required. The use is still the same...

UNK.: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...as the prior use, so I didn't think there was a zoning issue.

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, do you all know?

DR. G. LOCKHART: Well, these same questions that you're asking now, when it was voted unanimously last month, our assumption is that you all would have done those things. Again, September the 16th is when we first deployed...

[Inaudible comment]

DR. G. LOCKHART: ...all of this. You know...

MAYOR MASTERS: So, basically...

DR. G. LOCKHART: ...I myself...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...it came here? It didn't go be'.., you didn't go before anybody else...

DR. G. LOCKHART: We...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...you just...

DR. G. LOCKHART: ...did not.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

[Inaudible comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: That's fine. And, last but not least, the, the Pastor Reverend, I think, Easley.

DR. G. LOCKHART: Yes, sir.

DR. G. LOCKHART: I think you all were willing to.., you worked something out with the.., what's the name of his.., that organiza'...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: The Life Center.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...Life Center, I think?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

MR. A. FIELDS: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Help me to understand, has that been worked out, that arrangement because I know they wanted it and you wanted it and both of you all are doing.., I, I'm sure would do a great, great job working together and we are proud of the fact that you are reaching out to the young men and women of our community. I, I.., you know, no one is taking issue with that. Can you address the, the relationship between you and Life Center?

MR. A. FIELDS: We did get a chance to meet with Pastor Easley and other persons with their group and had discussions about the.., their desires and what they were looking for. They are in support of us moving forward with this and, and we'll come back and have further discussions about coming and moving into the site with us. There's nothing been finalized or formalized at this point, as they are aware that there are probably four or five other groups, at this point, that has interest, that we are talking with and we are going to have to devise how we use the space with all the other groups and the services that we provide. So, there is.., and, and they chose not to put a bid in through the RFP because of the, the conversation and the meeting that we had with them and so they, they decided that they will support us in moving forward with this.

MAYOR MASTERS: And that's commendable but I would say to you and, and to them, that I'm.., I hope and pray that you, you all will be able to work something out, that they will a partner because they were kinda, like, first, I, I would think to, to kinda... Not, not meaning first as far as you are, but first as a non-profit in the community that wanted to do something as well, that, that I know. So, if that can be worked out, that would be a good thing. Just don't forget about them and make sure they don't forget about you too.

MR. A. FIELDS: Last month, when we got the unanimous vote...

MAYOR MASTERS: I remember.

MR. A. FIELDS: ...they were one of the first groups I reached out to.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good. Thank you. And that's all of my, all of my line of questioning.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam.., Mr. Mayor. Are there any additional questions or comments?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I only wanna say that I.., while I support your efforts completely and look forward to working with you because I think that you probably will be working over there, I will probably vote no.., I will vote no simply because the length of

time is of concern to me. I know that the Maritime Academy had one-year leases for the time that they were there, after their initial ten-year lease and somehow they were able to come back every year and, and eventually, of course, as well know, they're..., they met their demise. So, I will be voting no but I look forward to working with you.

MR. A. FIELDS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: You know, I, I just wanna say this much, a lot's been said with this Item but as long as [sic] take into consideration of the veterans that they will be servicing, the unemployed they will be servicing, the mental health issues in our community that we'll be servicing, our community. Any organization needs about three years, like stated upon statistics, they're gonna need a year just to get the property and the facilities together. They're gonna need the second year to recruit folks to the organization, you're gonna..., within the second and third year, you're gonna have to implement the structures and the program they have in place. That's year three. So, you won't see the data until about year four and year five and this is an organization, the only organization, that came out when we put out..., 'cause they..., it was a dead issue. Then folks, other folks complaining about the drug use that was going..., and the prostitution that was going on in those trailers. And people got tired of hearing the noise and their children experiencing the things that were going on. So, we gotta remember those folks that we're serving, you know, when we get out and say we're running for office on all those issues, they came here, they're gonna invested. In three years, we will start to see the implementation. Year four and five, we can probably see the results that, when it comes back before'..., and, only thing I will suggest, you know, if it makes everybody comfortable, comfortable, their..., you know, we implement a review at year three of this contract. Come before the Board, discuss this plan and then we can discuss that, but to have someone implement three years of finances and time and then just..., or two years, and you don't get a chance to really get to see the true, raw data and the success rate is unfair to those who go to attempt to try it and be a part of and to improve their lifestyle and those that are there to service them. So, year three, to add that to the contract to say, 'Hey, let's come back for a review before the Council,' or this is something we can just talk about every year, just come before the Council and just tell us where you are and make sure we can implement that, so that, Dr. Botel, that you can see where we're going. You can implement some of your ideas in place and ask those questions every year, as we move on for those five years, so that they can know that, we all that, we ha'..., we can know what's going on versus waiting until year three because at year two, they may wanna say let's discuss a, a change of direction one way or the other and we can discuss that. But, there's no way that no organization can come in, whether it's a small business or an institution, which is already zoned for education, to really..., we just wanna do..., we can't go wrong for trying to help our community. You know what I mean? Everybody, you know, can talk about out City, but everybody's not willing to go out there and doing that grunt work, and just grunt work and just give back. And I can just say thank you, gentlemen for taking time away from your families and your lives for just trying to give us,

and our community, our veterans, our young people, all of our community, a chance to get something different and working with all of our non-profits and not pushing everyone out.

And I just wanna commend you just for those..., just for those efforts and thank you so much. That's all I wanna state.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Ch'...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk. Madam Clerk, do we have any public comments cards? [Pause].

UNK: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair? I just wanted to ask Mr. Degraffenreidt regarding the, the request of being able to require them to come back every year or every [stammer] on the third year, is that something we need to modify in, within the contract, so that it happens or...

[Inaudible comments]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...do we just, we just...

[Inaudible discussions]

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Is that something that can..., we can add on to it just to give..., provide an update?

[Inaudible comments]

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: If it's going to be a part of the contract, it would need to be a little more specific than the general conversations we've been having concerning what they would be required to do on an annual basis. If the concern is to review their success on an annual basis or have a report on what they perform on an annual basis, I don't see why that has to be scripted into the contract. But, if you desire that...

[Inaudible audience comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Audience please.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...then we have to be more...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Audience please.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: ...specific about your requirement to come and report on. Because it's part of a contract now.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: It has to be concise in its terms.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

MR. A. FIELDS: Madam Chair...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I [inaudible]...

MR. A. FIELDS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

MR. A. FIELDS: If I could. We would be more than happy to come back starting on year three to give a report to this Board, this Council, every year following the third year.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

MR. A. FIELDS: Starting on the third year, without...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: That's [inaudible]...

MR. A. FIELDS: ...without any doubt or hesitation, we would be more than happy, and would love to come back and give a report on what's going on and review on what's happening.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One moment, Mr. Masters..., Mayor Masters. Mr. Lockhart.

DR. G. LOCKHART: Yes. And we say year three because, again, that's, as Councilman Davis said, you..., that's when the data starts to grow. You need to grow a model. The first year, the only thing we can report on is what we did to the physical plan. We'll be happy to report on that sort of thing but we're not imploding any of the [inaudible] some programs that we would like to do. The second year, then we maybe can look at some of the other type of structure, but when you start looking at the..., again, you know, this particular growth model, you need to have, uh, our baseline won't start until about that year, about..., as I said before, two years, two years and then that third year. We can look at that, sort of thing, of that nature.

But, you all can feel free to come through at any time anyway. You know? To come and see what we're doing, and to volun'..., help us volunteer. [Chuckle]. You know? I think that would be more advantageous to the City of Riviera Beach than just say Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and seeing what we're doing, don't peer out and help us do something of that nature. We have plenty to do. For you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Ms. Anderson, you..., were you finished?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. I'm finished for now.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. When will you become operational?

DR. G. LOCKHART: We're trying to get this approved. [Chuckle].

MAYOR MASTERS: No, if it's approved tonight...

DR. G. LOCKHART: [Chuckle].

MAYOR MASTERS: Or, it's been approved, when will you become operational from this point on?

MR. A. FIELDS: Based on the condition of the property and the things that need to be done and renovated, we're looking at about six months. But, we have a, another non-profit group that has been operating a summer program out of there for the last three years, I believe it's been three years, or this is the third year, that we are on the crutch now because we haven't been able to get in there and get things done to have it prepared for them to get in there by the time school is out. So, that group, we're, we gotta have it done because their, their contract dictates that they can't change the location at this point. So, the more we are held up here, before we can fully get in there and get engaged and getting it prepared, the first group of people will be there by the summer.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I, I don't think you're gonna be held up here anymore. I think it's been a process ongoing and I think you have the support of the majority here. Would you agree to an evaluation from six..., after six months, starting from the six months to a year? From that six months, for the public would know what you have accomplished? Not the first six months because, like you're saying, you've got some stuff to do, but after that six months, would you be willing to start a year..., give us a year report from the time that you actually start operate'..., operating?

MR. A. FIELDS: I would be more than happy to come back and, and, and give a report but, as far as an evaluation, to start looking at some type of evaluation, we would need to have at least...

MAYOR MASTERS: I, I...

MR. A. FIELDS: ...three years...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...will withdraw that word and say report. [Chuckle]. Okay?

MR. A. FIELDS: I'll be more than happy to come back...

MAYOR MASTERS: That's fine.

MR. A. FIELDS: ...and give a report.

MAYOR MASTERS: I think that's what Mr. Davis...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Let...

MAYOR MASTERS: ...just said.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Let me say this, I think that it would be appropriate to have deliverables. Just simple deliverables placed in your Memorandum of Understanding so that we are clear what you plan to do at..., you know, what..., at what juncture are you opening the doors, at what juncture are you bringing in additional people? So, I think that having those deliverables put in place should solve the concern about the progress that will be made by the organization.

MAYOR MASTERS: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Do you find that a reasonable request?

[Inaudible discussion]

MR. A. FIELDS: [Stammer] it would be hard to address that unless we're saying when would these deliverables start because the first..., as I'm saying, the first six months to a year, we're still..., we still don't know the in's and out of this property at this... So, if we were talking about starting in..., on month 18, and then we're looking at deliverables coming from that point, then yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: So, we wouldn't be setting your deliverables, you would be setting your [stammer] deliverables and you would be putting it in a time. I'm aware that we are past the 7:30 hour and that public comments will come up. We want to resolve this issue and then move into public comments, but you will be creating your deliverables as to your intent and what it is that you intend to do within the scope of the year, the second year, the third year. You would put those deliverables in place and provide that to us, as a Board, so that we are clear where you're intending to take this organization and this particular program.

DR. G. LOCKHART: Is, is that separate and apart from the five-year lease?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's a part of. You know, it's what this Board decides tonight but it would be a part of you explaining or sharing with us what your intent is and the, the, the way that you would actually measure it.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA REPRESENTATIVE: Yeah. I would, I would just go back to what the City Attorney said that, that, in terms of, we can provide those deliverables outside of the lease. I mean, I've negotiated many leases. I think that, that type of a language wouldn't really belong in a, in a lease.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Any further comments from the Board? [Pause]. Madam Clerk. Thank you, gentlemen. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilpersons Botel and Miller-Anderson dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. [Pause]. Any person who would like to spe'...

MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2018.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY (561) 845-4090

3. RESOLUTION NO. 22-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY TO ACCEPT VOUCHERS FROM THE COUNTY'S DROWNING PREVENTION COALITION PROGRAM FOR REDEMPTION FOR PAYMENT OF SWIMMING LESSONS PROVIDED BY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERIM DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: RICHARD BLANKENSHIP (561)845-4070

COMMUNITY BENEFITS REQUESTS ON CONSENT

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I'm sorry. That ends our Consent Agenda.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That does, Madam Chair.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Petitions and communications, do we need to do that or can we.., we can pause now for...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: We can pause.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...public comment?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay. Any person who would like to speak on an Agenda Item, please fill out a pink public comment card located in the back of the Council Chambers and give it to the Staff prior to the Item being presented to the City Council for discussion. Members of the public will be given three minutes to speak on each regular Agenda Item.

I'm in the wrong place.

[Chuckles]

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - 7:30 PM Non-Agenda Item Speakers (Three Minute Limitation) Public Comments shall begin at 7:30 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 7:30 PM, then comments from the public shall begin immediately after the item has been concluded.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO ISSUES, MATTERS OR TOPICS PERTINENT TO THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I will get this together.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: 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.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, the acceptance of public comment cards for public comment, at this time, is now closed. Ernestine Gordon, Dr. Phillip Dukes, Bonnie Larson.

UNK. AUDIENCE: I didn't fill out a card. I was...

[Inaudible dais comment]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Ernestine Gordon, Dr. Phillip Dukes, Bo'...

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

UNK. AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Dr. Dukes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Dr. Phillip Dukes, Bonnie Larson and Worley.

[Inaudible audience comments]

DR. P. DUKES: Dr. Phillip Dukes, 1217 Avenue U, Riviera Beach, Florida. And once again, congratulations, KaShamba, congratulations, Dr. Julie Botel. KaShamba, you prove that an old negative political system can be defeated. Dr. Botel, your, your victory shows a true hands across the bridge concept for unifying our City.

Our next rally at Operation Restore will be at 1:00 p.m...

[Inaudible audience comment]

DR. P. DUKES: ...May 19, 2018. I'm gonna invite everyone to come out.

I wanna..., also wanna acknowledge you, Councilperson Davis Johnson, that you're the Ch'..., Pro Chair now. Sorry about that, I'm trying to read my notes without my glasses.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Chuckle].

DR. P. DUKES: I still wanna do this workshop on how we can change our community atmosphere on the westside. When you hear all these things about helping the felons and our young people, all this is tied to the negative community atmosphere that we ha'..., have that's bred by the drug retail market. And this workshop is very important so we can get rid of some of this negative propaganda that, that's..., we're still operating in from the 1960's and Operation Restore was designed to deal with these issues [stammer] in Riviera Beach. Let me give you a little brief history of Operation Restore. We started in 1996 in, in the Federal Gardens neighborhood, 1998 we were incorporated. In 2002, we

helped arrest and convict one of the most notorious crack dealers in Palm Beach County, according to the DEA. In 2004, we stopped all drug dealing in one of the major hot spots, which is the Jiffy Store, which is now George's Store in Riviera Beach, but I got sick with my heart condition so I had to stop. We can change our community atmosphere on the westside. We have all these beautiful things that's going on in our City, but the westside community atmosphere is not changing. We talk about we love our youth. Well, let's dig up the community atmosphere that's causing all this negative behavior. As I've said before, it's 2018, what make' these boys killers between 10 and 18? We don't wanna deal with that. And so, at this workshop, I'm gonna explain that to you, all the psychological things that some psychologists don't wanna look at, but I got experiences and so I know what I'm talking about. So, I'm asking you to let's do this workshop. Any one of you up there can decide that you wanna do this workshop and help us sponsor this so we can get this information out.

Also, every Friday and Saturday, you can get some of the best ribs and conch fritters in town.

[Laughter]

DR. P. DUKES: At 1217 Avenue U, this is part of our fundraiser. And I wanna thank the Merck Foundation, Mandy Shoemaker and Margo Stevens, they gave us \$30,000 in 2001 and that's how we got that Moore case going, that's how we got influence. We spent every dime of that money in serving the people in Riviera Beach.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Dr. Dukes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we have a resident that wanted to turn in a public comment card. She stated that she had just walked in.

[Inaudible audience comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Public comment is closed.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Thank you, Madam Chair. Bonnie Larson, and we have a public comment card here with the name of either Wesley or Worley on it, and then Lloyd Brown.

MS. B. LARSON: Bonnie Larson.

Just a few things tonight. Ms. Hoskins, thank you for the.., we got our clock back, now we need to get our new ceiling fixed. We still need to get that done. And what happened to our slogan which used to say, 'Best waterfront City in which to live, work and play.' I know we haven't lived up to it recently but we need to strive towards it and I'm just wondering, it's, it's missing from all the, all the signage, since they were replaced.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MS. B. LARSON: I disagree.., I respectfully disagree...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: One moment, Ms...

MS. B. LARSON: ...with...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Ms. Larson. Please... Would you please...

MS. B. LARSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...take your comments outside? [Pause]. Thank you. Continue.

MS. B. LARSON: I respectfully disagree with our Attorney, Mr. Degraffenreidt. That contract was not favorable to Riviera Beach at all and we must absolutely stop having the people that want our property and want... Mr. Davis, I have a right to say what I think.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: 'Didn't say anything to you.

MS. B. LARSON: Okay? I have a right to say. We have to stop having the people who want our property and want things from us, even though it'll be beneficial to us, writing the contract for us. It's our property, we need to write it, we can't be asking them, 'Well, could we do this or could we do that?' And we need to put that in there. And that review... that was a good suggestion, to have a review and to have the deliverables. You see, that was turned down, no. And that should be in the contract, that should be written there. Don't do anything verbal like that again.

The cards outside. Having the comment cards outside and the book outside, very, very inconvenient. What happened having them here again? That's so inconvenient to have to run outside every time we do that. It's also..., it was wonderful when we had the directors sitting along the wall, we could ask them any kind of questions we want because, last time when I mentioned that you said, 'Well, they're in the back.' When I looked in the back, and two people waved at me, that was our Librarian and a resident, they waved at me. And I saw the Fire Inspector there, but it really was nice to have them sitting there, alert, paying attention and then we could ask them questions and they could come right..., it was just, it was much more efficient.

The voting, 25% more voters voted this time in the election because we're concerned citizens. It's not just Mr. Jonathan Evans, that wasn't the only issue. Although we love him in a City Manager way, we love Jonathan Evans. And, um, you know, he's...

[Applause].

MS. B. LARSON: He's working elsewhere now, we have to respect that but, you know, the future comes along...

[Inaudible audience comment]

MS. B. LARSON: ...and.., but, it wasn't just that, it was that people on the Council, certain ones who are maybe now not here, or hoping to get in, they wouldn't listen to us. You're not listening to us, you walk out during the meetings, during public comments or other times, people just get up and walk out. So, it wasn't just Mr. Evans, although that was a big factor. So, you know, I think people come here because they're concerned about things and that, that played a big factor also. So, I hope that's something that they will consider when you're running again, when people are running again.

Also, Mr. McCoy mentioned a, a, a very, I don't even know how to call it, propaganda and it was stuck in our mailboxes. For all future people, it's illegal to stick things in your mailbox, so certainly don't do it yourselves...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yeah.

MS. B. LARSON: ...and don't hire kids to do that. That's an illegal [inaudible]. So, let's not do that again.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Ms. Larson.

[Pause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Wesley or Worley.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Continue.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Lloyd Brown, Doretta Paulk and CC Holloman.

MR. L. BROWN: Hi. My name's Lloyd Brown, you know where I live and all that, so, let me just say this to the lady that said that..., she said the people said that I ran 'em away, well, you know, if you were in court, that wouldn't be admissible. Whatever, I don't if I got the word right, that's just hearsay. She don't know what she' talkin' about. She never asked me any questions. I mean, we're out here..., she never came by my house. First time I saw her by my house was on election. She never came through to see anything, she didn't do nothing, she didn't do anything, nothing, nada, nothing at all. Then, she gonna get up here in front of ya'll and talkin' about I ran 'em away, well, if you wanna cover up something, you know, you could cover it up but I'm not gonna sit there and watch you watch up taxpayer money that was being used. Okay. Tell this then, show me where those permits, the ones who pulled them, you could come over there now and you could see that if they pulled these permits, they didn't do nothing so where did the money go? So, where did it go? And then for one thing, there's not a ship program in the world. I looked that up to where an individual who live at a place have to do something. See, they screwed up several times, they screwed up so many times, that they had to use the money to do it over and over. I was there watching. You can go right to your own library over here and you could look up the things that you do to build a house. I'm not a dummy. When I was in the Air Force, we ra'.., we did, it was called the Code of Military Justice, everybody knew what to do. And then, we had tech orders to show you

how to build things, do things, I built jet engines. I was in.., I was a test and a operator at Pratt Whitney, but you went by, you by rules and regulations. They didn't go by rules and regulations, she never came over, saw anything that was done. I was there when they were building it. I read everything you're supposed to do, they didn't do density tests, they didn't pull revisions. I don't even wanna hear what you're talking about, I turned 'em away. That's hearsay. You didn't see me turn them away, you heard what somebody else said. You sound like Ms. Taylor down there from Palm Beach County when I went to her, the Commissioner and she gonna tell me.., first person she go to is the lady who's over her. She didn't come to me and find out what the situation was, forget the field negro, let me go up here and ask the man that's in the, in the place up here, the boss, whatever. You didn't come to me, you found out from somebody else. You don't know if I ran them away or not, that's hearsay, you're just talking a bunch of b.s. [Pause].
And that's all I got to say, you're full of it.

UNK. AUDIENCE: Oh.

[Inaudible audience comments]

MR. L. BROWN: And you know what, don't slander me. I'm not running, I'm not running for no position yet, but I will be.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Doretta Paulk, CC Holloman.

[Inaudible audience comments and clapping]

MR. L. BROWN: [Inaudible comments]

MS. D. PAULK: Good evening.

MR. L. BROWN: [Inaudible comments]

MS. D. PAULK: Good evening. My name is Doretta Paulk. I'm a...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. D. PAULK: ...a citizen here and reside in the City of Riviera Beach. I wanna congratulate Ms. KaShamba Anderson and also Dr. Botel. Very good, very good. We definitely needed both of you still here, and I'm glad you were elected also, Dr. Botel. And I wanna also thank Mrs. Hoskins for doing such a fine job as City Manager. We really appreciate you coming aboard.

And, what I wanted, uh, bring the attention to, is that Chair Pro., Councilwoman Tonya Johnson, stated the last meeting about the contractors [inaudible].., if.., the concerns of the citizens on 20th Street, they wanted to, I guess, block off part of the 20th Street and will a letter be coming to us that, that live on that 20th Street? I haven't heard anything about it and I was just concerned about why would they wanna block that off and what is their initiative of doing that?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No, ma'am. What you heard me mention was the work on MLK.

MS. D. PAULK: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: From Australian Avenue.., actually, from Avenue O to President Barack Obama Highway.

MS. D. PAULK: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That...

MS. D. PAULK: So, 20th Street was not mentioned? I thought it was.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No. I did not mention 20th Street.

MS. D. PAULK: Oh okay. My...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That may...

MS. D. PAULK: ...error.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...that's in, in Councilwoman..., Chair Pro Tem's...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Hubbard.

MS. D. PAULK: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Councilwoman Miller...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh, it's yours, Miller-Anderson? 20th?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yeah. But I don't know anything about 20th...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I don't know anything...

MS. D. PAULK: Okay. Very...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...about that.

MS. D. PAULK: ...good. Well, that's my error. I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No worry.

MS. D. PAULK: Okay. Another thing, since that's cleared up 'cause I was concerned about my property if they're gonna start closing off, are they gonna try to take the property of citizens that live on 20th, come this..., further in? You know, that's what my concern but I was in error and I can admit that, I was in error. Thank you so much.

And another thing I wanted to talk about, is that some of the citizens of Riviera Beach make comments concerning the Mayor, and, derogatory as far as I can..., felt. We all have to remember what the Mayor has done for all citizens in Riviera Beach, such as bringing HUD from Washington, D.C. for the substance of living of these people, certain..., you know, [stammer] a group..., the people who are living in that complex, he brought it out..., them down to see the conditions. I wouldn't want my dog to live in those conditions and he was able to, to correct that situation and I, I think we could [inaudible] commend him for doing what things that he does. And then, another situation, there was a young man who started a fire, and left his own children in that apartment. Reverend Masters helped get..., facilitate occupancy so those people could live. And I..., we need to remember what all he does, and he does more than that, in regards of what his personal situation with a car or, or whatever, he does do a lot for the citizens of Riviera Beach. [Inaudible] does.

And another thing I wanna bring up, we do...

[Inaudible comment]

MS. D. PAULK: I think the majority of all the citizens do want Mr. Jonathan Evans to be brought back.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Ms. Paulk.

MS. D. PAULK: Thank you.

[Applause]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: CC Holloman.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Ms. Paulk, for your very fine comments. Appreciate it.

MS. CC HOLLOMAN: Hello. I'm CC Holloman. I live in West Palm Beach and I'm considering becoming...

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

MS. CC HOLLOMAN: ...a resident of Riviera Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: Best City to live in.

MS. CC HOLLOMAN: I want to... I know that [inaudible]. [Chuckle].

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

MS. CC HOLLOMAN: But I, I do want to say congratulations to KaShamba Miller-Anderson. I've been a long-time supporter of you. I think you've done a wonderful job and I'm looking...

[Inaudible comment]

MS. CC HOLLOMAN: ...forward to you continuing. And the same thing to Chairperson, Tonya Davis Johnson. I look forward a new day, it's a new day today. It's the spring.., it's the first day of spring and I think the Council is a good Council that can move forward with some real positive things.

I'm not gonna take up a lotta time. I just want to say that, as a lifetime technical assistant advisor, consultant, I have worked with thousands, hundreds of thousands of non-profit organizations and small organizations like the one that came up here, the Alphas. I am willing to provide free technical assistance to them, to help them, because I understand where they're at. I've heard all of the discussion and yes, it is a good thing, it can be a good thing, but it's not gonna be good if it's not done properly and decently, in order. I hear the Chairperson, when you say bring us the deliverables and I'm sitting in my chair and I'm saying, 'I think they don't know how to do what needs to be done, the technical stuff that needs to be done,' and so, I'm willing, and I'm just offering to the Council, that I will work with them and help them to develop what they need to develop so that it is done properly and including some of their fund development because I think it's a good thing. And, I think, if we can begin to put our arms around organizations like this, that are willing to come out and, you know, do some volunteer work and develop it, all they need is a little expertise to really get it going. So, I wanna show the way and provide that service and, hopefully, you'll be able to entertain that concept, whether you voted up or not, at least you'll.., they'll have the resources, the help that they need, usually that's something that non-profits, or young groups like that, they just can't afford it. So, I'm just putting it on the record that I will be working with them and hopefully they can bring it back to you and you can consider it then.

Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The end? That ends our public comment period. We will return back too the Agenda.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FILING

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any petitions and communications for filing, Madam Clerk?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Yes, Madam Chair. To the residents, and the elected officials, City of Riviera Beach, the Canvassing Board met at 5:30 p.m. on this evening, March 21, 2018, and accepted the results of the March 13, 2018. Copies of the results were on the credenza outside, however, it is posted on the City's website. If I can get..., can we get it to come up, please, so I can show them where it's at? [Pause]. Yes, please. If anyone would like to view this, you can view it on the City's website, as well as the..., City's website, by going to the City Clerk's office webpage and then clicking on election information and choosing 2018 election information and there you will see the tab that's labelled election result certification. And there, you will, will be able to view a copy of the election certification.

I just wanna take this opportunity [pause] to say that Ms. Lanier was right and that is one of the quotes that the City Clerk's office has, 'Your vote equals your voice. When you don't vote, you have no voice.' And also, I like the quote that was done by Simon Sinek when he says, 'Leadership is not the next election, it's about the next generation.' I would like to say thank you to the Office of the City Clerk team for standing and working together for the common good in spite of the verbal attacks that were endured. If there be any questions regarding the 2013..., March 13, 2018 election, I'll be happy to entertain at this time.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I just wanted to make comment regarding the..., I know on election day, there were quite a few people concerned, or lost, about their polling location being closed at Hurst Chapel and I did speak with Ms. Hoskins and Ms. Anthony regarding that because people didn't know where to go. I, I..., when I spoke with Mr. Anthony, I know you referenced that they did get a new..., most people should've gotten a new card and it sh'..., the location should've been on their card and, as I indicated, you know, unfortunately, some people, you know, you figure it's a new card, may not look at it. And so, I think that we need to always try to go that extra mile to make sure that we make it as easy as possible for people, so maybe in the future, if any locations are closed like that, to..., for us to send out notification, a separate notification outside of the card being sent from the Supervisor of Election, and then also to, to make sure..., make sure that visible signs are put up at the old locations so people know where to go without having the confusion of not knowing where to go because some people showed up at Washington Elementary, some people were showing up at Lindsey Davis. They didn't really know where to go until after we had the conversation and, and the signs were put up there, but that was almost two hours into the election..., polling locations opening. So, I think we need to try to, you know, be a little more proactive and helpful to the citizens and making sure that there's no issues, at least in regards to them finding their location. Okay?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any other comments? [Pause]. There being none, does that end your presentation?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That ends my presentation, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: On to awards and presentations.

5.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Item No. 5.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: PROCLAMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAIMING APRIL 2018 AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

[Inaudible comments]

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm going to ask the Chief of Staff to read the..., to read the Proclamation.

CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS: Debbie Isaacs, Chief of Staff for the Mayor.

Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need of every living creature; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida water management districts, and the City of Riviera Beach Utility Special District, are working together to increase awareness about the importance of water conservation; and

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school and citizen can make a difference when it comes to conserving our most precious and fundamental resource, water; and

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school and citizen can help by saving water and thus promote a healthy economy and community.

MAYOR MASTERS: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Bishop Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the residents of this great City, do hereby support the Florida section of the American Water Works Association in proclaiming the entire month, the month of April, as Water Conservation Month and the State of Florida, the City of Riviera Beach is calling upon each citizen and business to help protect our precious resources by practicing water saving measures and becoming more aware of the need to conserve water.

Never knew I could read that without glasses but I did okay though.

IN WITNESS THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand, [inaudible], I've caused the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida to be affixed on this 21st day of March, 2018, A.D. Thomas A. Masters, Mayor.

Thank you for all that you have done, all that you are doing and all that you will yet do to make sure that our water stays right. Thank you so much. Madam Chair?

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: Did you wanna say [inaudible]? [Pause]. As I go back to my seat, I want to recognize the presence of Dr. Jean Enright who has stayed the whole session, along with other..., there were two other elected officials, Bobby Powell and Mack Bernard I think were here earlier, but Dr. Bo'..., Dr. Jean Enright is still here and I wanna recognize her presence and all that she does for the Port...

[Applause]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...for the City of Riviera Beach. She fights for us. Thank you, Madam Chair.

6.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk, Item 6.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP, SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018, 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON, MONROE HEIGHTS PARK, 25TH STREET AND AVENUE M

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Who will be offering that...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: It says Councilperson Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes, Madam Chair. On Saturday, April 14th, the Great American Cleanup will, will take place again this year. I want to point out that, in Monroe Heights, it will be held at the Monroe Heights Park on Avenue M. Councilman Terence Davis and I will be assisting the Neighbors United with hosting that particular section. Also, this is a program that's put on by the Palm Beach County Keep America Beautiful, Incorporation. They continue to look for organizations and different communities to help host these events...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...throughout the year. At the same time this year, there will be one in the CRA District, that will start at 7:30. And again, that one will take place on April 21st. However, at the Sadie McCray Park, which is formerly known and also known as, the Firehouse, the Great American Cleanup will start there at 8:00 a.m. And I point these things out to you because we want to encourage the community to take part in this. All of the students will be given four credits, they all need the volunteer hours,

and everybody has to take a vested interest in their own communities to work with these persons that are providing these Great American Cleanups. The women in all of these groups, have done this for year after year, and we hope to continue to spread this out. We're hoping this is a launch for Riviera Beach beautiful and Riviera Beach clean, an initiative that we can take throughout the City all year, making it look more aesthetically pleasing and demanding that it's cleaner and cleaner and that we, as a Council, understand that it's worthwhile investing on that side of the track, in the westside of Riviera Beach.

Also, at this time, I want to let everybody know that they're still accepting volunteers. Please contact Mrs. Dawson on the south end, Mrs. Wooten and Mrs. Rogers up here at the park. So therefore, they can know that they have the commitment of the City of the residents to help with this Great American Cleanup. And as the year continues., remember, April 21st, if you can't participate on the 14th, you'll have another opportunity on the 21st to, to participate.

So also, they will be rolling out other initiatives throughout the year to, to get Riviera Beach clean and Riviera Beach beautiful, for you and by you.

Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair Pro Tem. [Pause].
Comments.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I just wanna state for the record, that these young ladies and men that started this organization over 40 years ago and they have been, up until this day, been the strongest pioneers when it comes to actually going out and, not just participating with the festivities and taking pictures, but really going out, walking in the sun, picking up trash, having a good time doing it and getting the youth involved. They have done a wonderful job. This is something I've been taking part way before even thinking about running for office, and I will continue to do this as long as I shall live. Ms. Rogers and Ms. Wooten, it gives me great pride to see young ladies, of their such youth, get out there and walk and walk and walk. Especially, Ms. Rogers, we be on the way going home and she'd still be out with the youth and we have to tell her, 'Ms. Rogers, you have to let these., those young, young people go so they can go home and eat and take care of their., back to their families.' But, she walk and walk and walk and really takes pride in this community and really do everything she can, and that group, to make this City better and actually give their time and energy. And I think that need to [inaudible] over 40 years.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Over 40 years of commitment and I look forward to hopefully seeing our Staff members. Jeff Gagnon has always been very supportive of that. All of our City Managers have always stopped by. Arthur Johnson and many others, have always been there and just had a wonderful time. You know, even if you're gonna stay for 30 minutes, you know, and, and do some of an attempt but if you got other things, we understand but to them, it's more than a photo-op, to them it's a, a serious commitment and they oughta be commended for their commitment for over the past 40 years, 40 plus years. I just wanna state that for the record. And just to reiterate, it's April 14th from 8:00 to 12:00 in Monroe Heights Park, on 25th Street and Avenue M. And, just like stated earlier, the next day, the next Saturday with Ms. Dawson and, and your community, Madam...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible] 14th.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: The 21st, correct?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: 14th.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: 14th.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So it's the same time?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mhmm.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: There'll be a third...

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...one on the 21st.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh, we're gonna be cleaning for a while.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Chuckle].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Alright. Thank you.

ITEMS TABLED

REGULAR – OLD BUSINESS

7. ITEM NO. 7

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam Clerk, Item 7.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RULES OF DECORUM

CHAIRWOMAN KASHAMBA MILLER-ANDERSON (561) 845-4095

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Are there any public comment cards?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: There are no public comment cards, Madam Chair, and the acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair? So, this was my Item that I placed on here a few meetings ago. I think one of the times I wound up being out sick with the flu and then the last time that it was on there, we only had three Council Members on the Board, so I thought it would be important for us to make sure that we had a full Council before we addressed this.

I am willing to postpone this Item until the next meeting due to us going pretty long with some of the other Items, if that is okay with the rest of the Board. I do wanna make sure that it is addressed early on, and which is the reason why I asked for it to be put on, you know, towards the end of our changing of the guard, or at the very beginning, which is tonight's meeting because I think it's important that we set the rules of decorum off at the very beginning for the Council, and as well as the public. I understand that we have made one change on the Board, but we still want to make sure that in order to move the City forward and do business, we hold ourselves accountable when it comes to the decorum that's being displayed while we're here in Council meetings. So, I'm willing to postpone this Item until the next meeting but I would like for it to be, obviously, at the very beginning of the old business so that it is addressed. I will ask that everyone just look again, or very carefully and if there are some things..., because we already have a policy and a Resolution in place, and a lot of that we have not followed. So, we want to come the next time, to the meeting making sure that if there's something in there that we're going to be willing to modify, what is it that we wanna keep, but the bottom line for me, in bringing this Item forward, was because, obviously, you could see the things that were taking place during the meetings. We just wanna make sure that everyone is being held accountable in following the rules of decorum on both sides, on the dais as well as in the public.

So, being that this was my Item, I make a motion to postpone until the next City Council meeting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly second.
Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

8.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Item No. 8.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 23-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AWARDED BID NO. 930-18-1 TO MAN-CON, INCORPORATED OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AVENUE H EAST AND WEST FROM BLUE HERON BOULEVARD TO SILVER BEACH ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,925,606.20, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%), TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE SHALL NOT EXCEED \$9,818,166.82 WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBERS 311-1127-541-0-6351, ACCOUNT NUMBER 415-1417-536-0-6306, ACCOUNT NUMBER 413-1430-533-0-6301, ACCOUNT NUMBER 312-1123-559-2-6301, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER 461-1127-541-0-6301 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been moved and properly second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we do not have any public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, the pu'..., Interim Public Works Director, Terrence Bailey is here to give you a presentation on the Item. Again, this Item is part of the \$22,000,000 bonds that we received for street projects and some of it is coming from the Utility District and the storm..., no, Utility District and, yeah, stormwater fund.

UNK.: How long's the presentation?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Bailey...

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: I don't have to do...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...your presentation?

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: ...a presentation if, if none is needed. It., this is a standard road project. We have one in each District. We., I come., I've come up for 11th through 14th Sil'..., Singer Island and now this is the third out of four projects. If...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Ma'...

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: If we don't need a formal presentation, it really., I have the map for the location. It is Avenue H east and west, all the way from Blue Heron to Silver Beach, as well as 34th Street from Avenue H west to Avenue F. That's about the extent of the limits of the project. It is a standard road project with rebuilding the roads.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis. I heard Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you. I think it's very important that we be very, um, be very clean and deliver all the information to the public as far as when these roads..., it's actually, potentially it's gonna take place, how the notices are gonna happen because folks, you know, come to the mic and state that we're not doing things on the westside. But this is another project, once again to approve a nine'..., over \$9,000,000, that folks need to know that [stammer] something's about to happen in your neighborhood and where to look for these notices and understanding what redirection, if any, taking place. And I think at least adding that to your presentation, I think is very important because folks really need to hear what's happening with their money because I'm [stammer] I'm disappointed to hear when folks are complaining about nothing happening on the westside when we're., this is Item number two or three that we've approved over twe'..., almost \$20,000,000.. \$20,000,000, this is the first time, in a long time in this community, that we spent this kind of money on the westside and the folks need to know, just like Ms.

Paulk came before, you know, 'What's gonna happen?' We need to make sure that we always give this information, where to look for the information and what is projection when this is gonna happen? Is it gonna be six months from now? You know, with the [stammer], what is the timeline? I think it's only fair.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: Yes, sir. The timeline is immediately. We'll be meeting with the contractor early next week to start setting up the schedule, all of the normal submittal processes. We do, obviously, as you mentioned, need to provide notice to the community with specific dates and times when they can anticipate seeing the contractor out there. We need to get that notice drafted, reviewed by both the Manager and the Councilwoman to make sure it says everything appropriately, that they approve the content. Our goal is to get that notice out toward the end of next week at the latest, so that everybody is fully abreast of the schedule, when, when they can anticipate seeing work begin and things of that nature. So, end of next week, notices will go out and that'll inform everyone in the impacted area of exactly how the project's gonna move forward. We anticipate actually seeing vehicles and equipment out on site the middle of April, so, in approximately one month from now.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So, on what type of document would the notices be on? Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What type of documents and where would they see those notices? Will it be on the water bill, will it be something ...

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: No, sir. We do...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...a separate document?

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: We do doorhangers.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: So, Staff walks around and does actual...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: ...doorhangers with the information, to make sure every door act'.., every resident's door, has a notification.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. I'm done, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: With this kind of money being spent, Mr. Bailey, what..., at what point will you negotiate the level of local participation in this, in this particular project? Or... [Pause]. I'll stop there.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Chuckle].

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: The..., this is a standard hard bid, as required by our Procurement Code, so there is no negotiation component in a hard bid, it is set out by the City's Procurement Code.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. In the City's Procurement Code, in an effort to increase participation for one, local businesses, local subs, persons from the community to participate in this... And we've talked about this a lot, for at least a year and a half now, with..., that, that is something that needed to be put policies and procedures that are going to be put in place so that when people come to take \$8,000,000 out of this con'..., community, that there are policies that would allow for subs to be..., from, from this community but we continue to do this, but I know Mr. Little's got a, a great answer for us.

INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE: Good evening, Council...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Thank you.

INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE: Good evening, Council, Madam Chair.

The answer to your question, Pro Tem, is that currently our policy does not provide us leverage in order to do that, but we are in the process of looking at the policy to see if we can rewrite to actually include that particular requirement in the policy.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE: So, it is coming, it's just a matter of time when it's gonna get here.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay. So, two years deep and we, we just can't seem to include us in anything that we're doing. When we're talking about spending \$8,000,000 and, and, and it all leaves this community, we're just..., I think that, as a Board, as an Administration, as department heads, we have to have the political will, the, the, the desire, it has to be in us to want to take care of us and to make sure that the people of the community are able to take part in this. But, I don't think that we..., I think that we have had enough time in creating the policies and procedures that should come back and should've been presented to us so that we could vote on things of, of that nature. I know we always default to, 'Well, we don't have any suitcase-ready local people to do business.' That's a farce. Local people built this country, this community and they have to pay for all of this so I think that we should find a way to negotiate deals that are gonna allow our contractors, our subs to participate in a \$8,000,000 project. If I..., you know, if we know a \$8,000,000 project is coming down the pike, we should've been on skates trying to get those policies and procedure in place because that's all we've been saying from this dais, is that we want local subs and local contractors to participate, but until it becomes a vested

interested, and until it becomes a priority, we..., it's, it's not gonna happen. And, and I tell ya, I am truly disgusted and saddened by the fact that there's a contract on the street of this magnitude and that we don't have anything in place that's gonna allow us to participate in this.

So, and I..., and again, please nobody tell me that we don't have people that are suitcase-ready, that have bonding capacity, that know how to do business, that can..., that know how to bid, we don't have those people here because I know better, better than that, but basically, I guess, this is just for the record but I'm gonna look more into it to see can our locals participate in a \$8,000,000 contract that's taking place in this community.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I just have one quick question. When I look at 34th Street, as it goes all the way down across Avenue H, when it goes towards Avenue J, is that gonna be a part of a second phase? Why not go all the way to Avenue J? What was the reason for not going all the way to Avenue J?

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: Budget constraint. As you can see, this is already a \$9,000,000 project.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: And really, the project's intent was Avenue H east and west and 34th Street.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Mhmm.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: So, while the picture looks like it's going pretty far to the west, it's really that intersection of 34th and Avenue H west, and just the radius returns a little bit to get just outside of the intersection. So, at..., whatever point you do extend it, you don't have to tear the intersection up again.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: So, it...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BAILEY: ...that was the limits of the project.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Mr. Littles, come back. [Pause]. I want to kinda add on to Councilwoman Hubbard's concerns, which are my concerns, and which is probably everyone's concern as well, 'cause I know that she has been advocating, and others as well, about making sure that we, that we find a way for local participation. You're aware of that, right?

INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE: Absolutely, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Was there any reason why that didn't happen with this project?

INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE: Because it's currently not in the procurement policies that we have on the books. And, like I said, we're in process of trying to rewrite those policies, but once we get 'em rewritten, we gotta bring them before the Board and have Board approval in order for that to go forward. It's not a small task, Mayor, because it's.., a lot of things that has to be changed in order to get to where Ms. Hubbard and yourself would like to go. So.., but, we are in the process of doing that.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. And when do you think that will be completed? And, and to be ready to be brought back [inaudible]...

INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE: I anticipate by the end of this Fiscal Year we should have that in place. Providing we get the corporation of some outside consultants in order to help us finish this task.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Okay. And that's wonderful, but is there any way, on this project, is there any way that.., I know we can't mandate it because it's not...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...we don't have the.., have it ready yet.

INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE: Correct.

MAYOR MASTERS: But, you certainly can have conversation with some... you could ask them to.., if they would go the extra mile to bring in as many local participants as possible?

INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE: I do believe we have that conversation with every contractor that come' in the City, Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. So, you had the conversation? [Pause]. Okay. I just wanted to reiterate that because there's great concern to make sure that it happens. Thank you for your work.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: There were no public comment cards? Are there any further questions from the Board? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

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CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Item number...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 9.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: 9.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 24-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$396,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE TWO B DOCK "E" FINAL MARGINAL DOCK PORTIONED ALONG THE SOUTHERN END BOARDWALK, TO THE FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION, FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND, UPON NOTIFICATION OF AWARD, ACCEPT THE GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERIM DEPT. DIRECTOR: RICKEY LITTLE (561) 845-4081

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Is there a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we have one public comment card on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam City Manager.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible]...

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, this is grant application as stated in the Resolution heading for Dock E and this will..., this is the second portion of the..., of a grant award that we received. We also received a grant for Pier F in the amount of \$1.2M. As stated in the Resolution, this is a continuation of completing the Marina docks and Mr. Littles is here to answer any questions. Also, our consultant, Mr. John Sprague is here to answer any questions, if you have any.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Little?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: ...Chair? He's doing a presentation?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: He is.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Okay.

INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE: This is a Resolution to..., for the City Cou'..., for the, for the City Manager's office in order to approve this particular grant application in the amount of \$396,000 to complete the construction of the docks on the south end at the Marina. Staff recommends approval. I'm here for questions, along with Mr. Sprague, if you need anything.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Commissioner..., Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes. I just had a concern regarding the timing of the grant application coming before us. I think the question would probably be more le'..., more directed to Mr. Sprague. I think it was last Thursday, Thursday and it was brought to be added to the Agenda. I'm just trying to find out, were you aware..., there's some sort of..., it was time sensitive so there is some deadline, of what date is that?

MR. J. SPRAGUE: Yes, ma'am. It has to be in by April 3rd, or otherwise we did get dinged in the selection process.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Mhmm.

MR. J. SPRAGUE: The reason why the delay came in last year, the legislature never funded this particular trust fund, that makes this grant application work. This year, we didn't know 'til, you know, the, the budget was finalized that we, the public, could get to it and see exactly what money. They did put some in it this year, not as much as what we asked for, but that, you know, until we knew if we had money in it, there wasn't much sense in spending the time on the application. So, once we knew funding was there, then I got it in as quick as I could with all the information, for the Resolution to come forward to you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: At what point were you aware that it was available, the funds were gonna be available?

MR. J. SPRAGUE: Um, I wanna say a week from Monday.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: And so, they only gave you, like..., there's only, like, a two week window [inaudible]...

MR. J. SPRAGUE: No. The legislature, I mean, you know, I knew about the grant but if there wasn't any money, the same as last year, there's no sense in applying for a grant that is a trust fund that's not funded by the legislature.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Well, the only issue that I had with it was the fact that it was put on..., it was asked to be put on for last week and I just know in the past, or not just for you but in other situations where we're almost being forced to approve something. I mean, obviously, nobody wants to turn down the application for a grant to get free money, but I just think sometimes we're put in the position, the Council's put in positions where we're being forced to vote on something without... 'Cause I know at the time, Ms. Hoskins had not had an opportunity to really look at everything that she needed to look at and it, it was, you know, 'Should we put it on,' because, you know, it's not fair to the Council to not really have enough time to digest all of it. But, of course, I support the application but I just do not like being put in the position where I'm being forced to put something out there and vote on it, in a matter of days, just because there's a, a due date, especially if we've known about that due date for some time. So, I would ask that in the future, going forward, you know, I understand it may be a waste of your time to apply for something you're not really sure if the money's gonna be there, but we're..., you're never really sure you're gonna get it either, at any point because it's a grant, but I don't want to be put in that position where I have to force vote on something that was kinda thrown in our fa'..., our laps.

MR. J. SPRAGUE: Yes, ma'am. And I totally understand that concern that you have, and I'm sorry for putting you in that position.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further comments? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Bessie Brown.

MS. B. BROWN: After the presentation, I have a better understanding of what is being presented, but my question was, was the City Manager asking to, to put out the application for grant or who's, who's submitting this grant?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: The City is submitting the grant. He's submitting on behalf of the City.

MS. B. BROWN: Who is he?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Mr. Sprague, Consultant. He has a contract with the City.

MS. B. BROWN: That has to do with the Ma'.., [stammer]. My thing was, it has to do with the Marina, right?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes, ma'am.

MS. B. BROWN: So, was he working on behalf of the Marina?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Yes. The.., for the City, yes.

MS. B. BROWN: 'Cause it's saying, you know, it.., that wasn't very clear in the, uh, in the.., the way the Resolution was written up. And that's why, that why I put in a card.

And, I wanted to say, Ms. Miller-Anderson, I, I think you asked about the presentation before, I think, a while back. We put out so many things and we don't get any, any money. And then, um, but we're paying for services and I do really remember that and I, I appreciate you staying on top of that. But, but legislation, the only thing about it is that I'm sure by now they put out enough.., we've solicited for enough grants that you know what time. He should really have a time and not be puttin' in between, you know, forcing... Like, you feel like you're being forced to sign something and, you know, and ask for something that, that goes on every year.

MAYOR MASTERS: [Chuckle].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Any further comments? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

INTERIM PURCHASING DIRECTOR LITTLE: Thank you, Council.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

9A.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Item 9A.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: 9A. CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT PROCESS UPDATE AND JOB DESCRIPTION DISCUSSION

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I know the hour is late and I commend those of you who have hung in here with us [chuckle], but this is a very important issue to me, and I think to all of us. At a recent Council meeting, the job requirements for the City Manager were lowered to accept people who had other than municipal experience and, perhaps, other than a degree from accrediting..., four year accrediting institution. I would like to make a motion that we raise the bar, again. This is the most important position that the City..., that the Council has an opportunity to hire. I would like to see the ICMA standards. The ICMA is the City Managers Association. I would like us to use their standards to hire someone who has that kind of qualification, as well as someone who has exper'...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Point of order, Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So that was...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: State your...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...that's my motion.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, please state your point.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: My point is that we didn't lower the standards, we opened it up and we expanded the standards, so..., and we've already voted on the requirements. People are applying for this position based on the job description and the standards that we set forth. Staff has constructed a timeline that we're working with and

we are receiving those applications now. There was nothing lowered, it's..., lowered about the standards. It was expanded to see what forms..., other forms of administration experience could be added. So, I called the point of order, Madam, because this has already been vo'..., been voted on, this has already been done and we're in the middle..., and it would be very disingenuous of us, right now, to stop this process to start it over when people have been applying based on what we have submitted.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Well, just a point of clarification, the job advertisement is now closed. We are not accepting any new applications at this point.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: The, the process has been closed out, so there would be..., unless there is a desire by this Board to open up the submissions of applications, that process is closed.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I have a desire to extend the timeline. As a new Councilperson, this timeline requires me to provide you with ten candidates for further review, five days from now.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yeah.

JB: I'm just sworn in this evening and [stammer] you would like me to provide you with 10 names five days from now. I think the, the process has to be extended to give me more time to look at the applicants and, in addition, I would like to see the qualifications, the standards, for the person coming in, raised. So, whatever can be done to effectuate that, I would appreciate it.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I, I definitely agree with Ms. Botel regarding her just coming on, the timeline being set, um, pretty much it was set based on the fact that the expectation probably was that Ms. Pardo would still be here and so, therefore, we didn't necessarily need to extend the time for a new person to come in. Being that we have a new person in, I think it's only fair that we try to adjust our timeline to allow her the opportunity to be able to go through those applications. Also, as you all know, I did not..., I was not in favor of, of lowering the criteria, or opening the net wider for people who did not have governmental experience. I was not on the prevailing side, however, I do believe that when we start looking at applicants, if we are unable..., if Dr. Botel is unable to make the motion to be able to raise the bar back to where it initially was, which was you needed to have the governmental experience and the necessarily..., and the necessary years for either Assistant Manager, County Administrator. I believe that we should, in our rating scale or whatever the criteria we're gonna use to select the people, we look at preferred candidates in terms of governmental experience. As I stated before when this was voted in, that it made absolutely no sense to say that the person who will run our City, make day to day decisions, does not need to have governmental

experience. We are a government entity, so it only makes sense that they have some sort of experience.

And so, that, that would be my, may two cents on that. I know I was not on the prevailing side but I totally support what the, um, Councilwoman Botel is saying at this time.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I believe Mr. Davis first and...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...then Chair Pro Tem.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: As we focus on moving forward as a City, with all due respect to Councilperson Botel and what you request...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...with..., as we all review the applications, I know you need a little bit more time. With your campaign I'm probably sure you didn't get a chance to really go through all, all the resumes. I understand that, we've all been there.

[Inaudible dais comments]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It's very difficult to campaign and get that done, but that won't stop you from reviewing a lot of the applicants that are already in place that have those, 'cause I reviewed some of the documents and quite a few of 'em actually have some of the things that you're suggesting. If we need a little more time to allow you to add to the list, but, you know...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...but, you know, to the list, but change the recommendations [inaudible], but I have no problem supporting giving you time to add your 10. I think it's only fair, if you need time to go through the list that's in place, you may see some folks in there from ICMA, some of the things so you can provide 10 to the list so we can really get this decision moving because, while we don't want a rush decision, I think it's only fair to allow you the chance to review all the applicants, look and see, based upon your criteria, from the ICMA, and see those that, that fit suit in the application pool, 'cause quite a few are already in the pool. They already fit the criteria that you're discussing. Now, now, I don't know if they will fit what you are looking for, but I have no problem with allowing you to review it, give you a little more time and then add your 10 based upon that criteria. Now, if there's no one in there that fit' that criteria with the ICMA and those standards, then that's a different conversation. At some point, you

know, we have to do business but, at the same time, we wanna respect you as you come on aboard with your time. So, I'm willing to give you time to review the applications that's already in place and see if there's some folks that meet those standard and then we can wait for you to implement your 10, and we don't need to rush the decision. Now, I'm willing to support giving you another week, two weeks, to sit down and read all those resumes and see if there's.., is there someone that's already in place, and how many, that fit your criteria. If there's some folks that don't fit that criteria that you're suggesting today, then that's another discussion that we can revisit at a later date but I will definitely support, you know, giving you some more time to review all those applications in place, see they fit that criteria.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: First of all, again, it's disingenuous to tell the public that we.., we're trying to expand the net for people that didn't have any government experience. That was never said. If you read the job description that HR put out, you will see that that wasn't.., that that was'.., wasn't the case. And, as a lot of people say, you can go back and listen to the tape. That was just.., that was never the case. Those of us who are in place now, we all have not submitted our 10 names, so there's still plenty of time to submit the 10 names. If there's more time needed that don't affect the timeline, then by all means, take it, take the extra time. I too have no problem with that, but we have the timeline that we have in place and I think that if we can massage it, if we can work it... There was never the development or the design of the timeline because we thought Mrs. Pardo would be coming back. We.., we've al'.., we had already voted on that, so that wouldn't've made any, any difference for, for, for us to try to bank, to bank on that. And again, that's being disingenuous.

Num'.., and, and another, another part of it is that we still have to continue with the business of the gover'.., of the government. We can't be expected to stop and go back, stop and go back, stop and go back. All of us came in having to catch up. No one stopped and held the door for us, everybody had to catch up. So, I think that, you know, with the timeline that we have, if it can be.., any accommodations that we can show, any way that we can massage it and allow Councilwoman Botel to be able to have more time to get her, her choices to the HR Director, of course I'm for that, I would never want to suggest leaving her out of the process, but to change the criteria, start over, go back, no, I think that.., I, I, I.., absolutely, I don't think that that's something that, that we need to do. There's a lot of votes and decisions and choices that have already been made.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you. I feel very strongly about this. I don't think it's a matter of going back and going back and going back, when it's as important a decision as the decision about the City Manager.

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: It does state very clearly here, in this job opportunity, that we would expect someone with corporate experience. I don't think it's sufficient to have someone with corporate experience running our City. I think we need to have to somebody with City Manager experience, somebody with an ICMA certification, somebody who's g'..., who's had a four year degree from an accredited uni'..., institution and I think that we should take the time. We have a very competent, capable City Manager in place right now. There is no need for us to rush into something without taking the time to find the most qualified candidate for this very important position.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem Hubbard.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The..., if that is the case, take the stack of applicants that were given to us, do not choose or submit to HR anybody with corporate experience that did not come from a reputable university, that do not have government experience. All of us have the right to do that. If the people that we choose to kick up the ladder to the HR Director, those should be the persons that have the criteria, that we think are necessary to lead the City. Nothing short of that should be in our batch, that we move forward. If you find someone that has only corporate experience, didn't go to an accredited university, does not have an ICMA certification, by all means, one would not expect that application to be forwarded to the C'..., the, the HR Director or to the City Manager in this process. I can truly agree with that, that we will not expect those applications to be moved forward.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll, I'll wait, since there's this discussion...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: So, I just wanna clarify.

MAYOR MASTERS: ...Madam Chair.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Does that mean that you're accepting this heightening of the bar to only accept candidates who have that IC' [inaudible]...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Absolutely not. What I'm suggesting for...

[Inaudible comment]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: ...you to do, is not to m'.., not to move any...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: You, you weren't recognized.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible] that applies.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Ma'...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: [Stammer].

UNK.: I...

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: After the Mayor, may I...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Sure.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: And the Mayor's after me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Com'.., complete your statement...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Folks won't...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...please.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...apply [inaudible]...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes, ma'am. Thank you. No, sh'.., no, I'm not suggesting that I'm changing anything at all. What I am suggesting is that all of us and any of us, if we do.., if we come across an applicant and we're choosing persons that we're gonna forward and we don't like the criteria that is set forth in their application, that they don't meet the standards that we are looking for, don't forward 'em to the HR Director. Look for the applications that have ICMA, look for the applications that went to what you consider an accredited university, look for the applications that have consistent government experience and those are the applications that you forward and move tow'.., to the pile that you're gonna submit to the HR Director. That's what I'm suggesting.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I [pause]. Hopefully, I can make a comment without the word dis'.., disgenous, [stammer]...

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Disingenuous [inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...coming, coming up. Thank you for helping me, I'm maybe a little [inaudible] a little bit.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Point of order, you two. Please.

MAYOR MASTERS: Dr. Botel made a motion, I think it's a good motion and, and there's been conversation since the motion. It wasn't even.., I don't think it was carried for.., to see if there was gonna be a second. I do feel that, for whatever reason, whatever the standard was set, I, I think that she does have the right to, to make a motion...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...with.., to change something, or to just make a new motion. It doesn't have to reflect the old one, 'cause I do know that you have to be on the prevailing side. I wasn't in the conversation when the lowering of the standard, but I don't know any City in America that would have a standard that would be less, lesser than having a standard that would require City Managerial experience, on that level. There's a big difference between corporate America and city government, so I don't think it's unreasonable for Dr. Botel to make that request. I think that request is in line, whether it passes or not, but I think she should have the right to make the motion and then let's see how it goes, but I, I do support the motion, 100%. I would like to see the standard set without compromise, period, that it should be governmental. Whether or not we wanna kick something forward or.., because we had the option point.., the, the point for me is, we wouldn't have anything to kick if it wasn't, if it wasn't kickable, if it wasn't in, in the ballpark. You can't hit a ball, or not hit a ball if it's not being thrown at you. So, I think that the standard should line up with the same standard that's, that's pretty much universal, that we have throughout the county, throughout the state and throughout the country.

So, I.., if a motion was made, and, and I wanna be clear, maybe it wasn't, but I thought she said she made a motion. I want to know, Madam Chair, can that motion be carried?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: As I stated... I, I think if we're saying we each.., which we know, we each can send out 10 names up, but if only one or two of us have the standards of requiring that they have governmental experience, it won't go very far. So, yeah, we can all send it in but if we're not all on the same page and agreeing to that's what we want, then there will be a chance of people who don't have.., meet that criteria to get into the top five or the top 10 or whatever the number is that we come up with. So, I, I think that would be leaving it up to chance, if we do not set the requirement as a whole when making the.., when all of us make the decision. So, I would like to hear the rest of Councilwoman Botel's motion because if it is in favor of increasing the

standards and, and requiring that we have governmental experience, then I would be in support of that, as I was the first time when we did this before.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Stammer]...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: If I may weigh in on this.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I am not opposed to providing Councilwoman Botel additional time to review the applications that have been submitted and that have closed. I, um, as long as we do not significantly alter the, the process because there's some things that we could probably take a look at revising in order to keep in line with our May date. What I am..., my [stammer], everyone knows what my position was and that was simply to have an Assistant City Manager, a City Manager, Assistant County Administrator and a County Administrator. I don't think that we should negatively reflect the modifications that were made. We may feel the way that we feel but it was simply a modification of the experience. If there is a desire in reviewing these existing applications to modify the experience, that certainly would push out a number of the applicants that were submitted in the pool. So, it would be reasonable, in my mind, if we are going to modify, we're modifying what is..., what's existing and we are giving Councilwoman Botel an additional period of time in which to review the applications and to submit her 10 recommendations.

Now, moving forward, is there any other comment before Dr. Botel returns to her motion?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair? I would like to say with in consideration everything you said, I, I totally agree. One of the things we must take in consideration is that, all of our Staff costs money. You know? And, to continue to have Human Resources to spend infinite amount of time on just this one Item over and over again, [pause].

[Inaudible comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I try to have respect when folks come to the mic...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Continue.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...and say things. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Continue, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: When we have a Human Resource Department, that we're loading up with information over and over again on the same..., they have other issues on the day to day operations that they still have to work on. Now, I support what the Chair has stated, I [stammer], I support Dr. Botel with having more time and implementing some of the things that you wanna have in place. Because we sit on opposition on different issues, don't mean if you recommend somebody that's great for

this City, I will not support somebody because you made a recommendation. I will take in consideration of your professionalism, I will take into consideration that you took time out your day to vet and review these candidates and be open to anything that you propose to this Board. Now, I wanna be clear that, on my position, that my integrity is about the community of Riviera Beach. So, you have my word, go back, whatever time you need, and I will sit back and see, as a Board Member, and take in strong consi'..., and be open. Regardless what people may say, and I've told you this [inaudible], I said, 'No matter what happens,' haven't I always told you, it's this City that we all live in and work in, that I must give and sacrifice and be unselfish with serving. So, whatever it is that you do, [stammer] consideration, I'll be truly, truly open 'em.

And I just wanna state that on the record. So, if you need more time to take that in consideration, then I'm gonna give you my word, in front of everybody in this City, that whatever you do, it's not going in vein, regardless of the practice of what people [stammer] positions because we must be professional, because when we get ready to make a decision, or she or he, whoever that person is, they must understand, be willing to, to even come and take this job with the understanding that we're gonna be team members, regardless of how we feel on our subject of..., or objective views about our position on what we wanna do. But, with all that in consideration, we must be willing, and be unselfish, to operate the City. Not saying that someone is selfish, I wanna be clear on that, I'm only speaking about me. And I'm just saying that, giving you..., looking colleague to colleague, with how much time you need, let us know. I'll be very open, just like anyone else. The Madam Chair on that Board, I have to be open to my Chair because her position that she took was different from mine, but I'm still open to what, what she states. And I have to do that. And I hope that we all do the same for each other because the last thing we need is not being open to nothing. Because, if we're not gonna be open to nothing, we can't make decisions for our people.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Because they're watching us. They're watching us.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Point of order.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: State your point.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: It's over.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: My point? No, I'm just saying, I just...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No, I'm asking...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: State your point.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: That's fine. Go ahead. We're good.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, I call for the previous question. Dr. Botel had a motion, I, I'm ready to hear it, again.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I would like to make a motion that we ask the candidates.., ask the HR Department to review their job posting again, include in the job posting that the candidate would have governmental experience, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, County Manager, Assistant County Manager. I would.., I call that increasing the requirements, call it whatever you want, that's the requirements that I would like to see. I would like to have a 30-day extension on this timeline because that will give the HR Department sufficient time to repost that position.

And that's my motion.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Second.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly second.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: No.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion fails with Councilperson Hubbard, Davis and Davis Johnson dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: I would like to pass the gavel, because I'd like to make a motion. [Passes gavel]. I would like to make a motion that we extend the review period for the 10 candidates that have been.., that, that we rec'.., that we extend the review period to April 2, 2018 and adjust the timeline accordingly. [Pause]. That, therefore, gives Councilwoman Botel an opportunity to review. We understand what the

criteria is and, although the existing criteria is what was used to get us to the applicants, to be able to sort through based on the criteria that we have indicated we wanted.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That's my motion.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Second.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: It's been properly moved and second. Do we have any questions?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes, yes. Madam Chair?

MAYOR MASTERS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: After the Mayor.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: The Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Attorney, Robert Rules of Order book was handed out tonight, and this is a practice that we have done but I've, I've reviewed it several times, I looked at it, I've just never questioned it. But, according to what, what...

[Inaudible dais comment]

MAYOR MASTERS: ...is..., what I'm saying is, according to Robert Rules of Order, can the., is it a common practice, or is it frowned upon that the Chair passes the moti'..., passes the gavel to make a motion? Because that is...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: Pardon me?

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: I'm not, I'm not understanding...

MAYOR MASTERS: My question is, according to Robert Rules of Order, is it acceptable for the Chair, whoever the Chair is to pass the gavel when they just wanna make a motion? Have you...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...seen, have you seen...

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: ...that?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That is permitted.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: It is my understanding is that it's permitted.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: That is permitted.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Well, I've had a different, somewhat of a different understanding. That's just my right to ask a question.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: It's not acceptable practice generally.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Councilwoman Miller-Anderson.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Um...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll show it to you.

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: I do agree with the extension, the amount of extension, the time being extended. As I stated before, I was not, have not, will not be in favor of the criteria that was set to remove the governmental experience from the requirement. So, in my voting, it will be only because in favor of the 30 day, I do not support the.., I don't support the, the remaining of the criteria that we already have set.

Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Are there any other comments?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I have a question.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Is the.., would you please restate the motion with regard to the extension of the timeline? Are you suggesting that the timeline for providing the 10 candidates would be moved to April 2nd, but how does that effect the final date? Does that move May.., what.., to what date does that move May 2nd?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We would.., I would have to have Staff to work that out. I don't have the specific timeline breakout, but I just wanted to be able to fairly give you an opportunity to...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...review and to be able to submit your candidates based on a solid and firm review of the candidates and the criteria in which you are evaluating on.

[Pause]

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Anymore comments? [Pause]. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson?

COUNCILPERSON MILLER-ANDERSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

[Chuckles]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Alright.

[Inaudible dais comment]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: We reached consensus.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Teamwork.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Discussion and deliberation.

[Inaudible dais comment]

10.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, we have...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Oh, Item...

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...Item No. 10.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...No. 10.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: 10. It won't be long.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: It'll take about two minutes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: The presentation. This is what ____.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: RESOLUTION NO. 25-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH RECOGNIZING MARCH 30, 2018 AS NELIA B. CUNNINGHAM AND DON R. WILSON CHILDREN'S FUN DAY IN RIVIERA BEACH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: It's been motioned and properly second. Are there any public comment cards?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Madam Chair, there are no public comment cards and the acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Madam City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: Madam Chair, we have Director Richard Blankenship here to talk about the Nelia B. Cunningham and Don R. Wilson Fund Day, which is scheduled for March 30th and he will give you additional details.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Good evening, Mayor, Council, City Manager. Richard Blankenship, Parks & Recreation Director.

We have been planning the Children's Fun Day, the, the Nelia Cunningham and, and Don Wilson Children's Fun Day for March 30th, which is Good Friday. This event is a combination of some historical activities that used to go on in Riviera Beach, and a combination of some other stuff that, that the kids, and, and adults even, can come out and enjoy. The event is at the Bicentennial Park, at the Marina, and it will go from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It'll involve food, games, entertainment, Digital Vibez will be there doing their thing, we'll have bounce houses, climbing walls, Easter egg hunt, we've got several non-profits that have, or that are coming out to help us., doing stuff for the kids. And then, one of the unique [stammer] aspects of it is, we'll be taking the kids over to Peanut Island for a tour of Peanut Island. You know, it's., there are a lot of our kids, and some

adults too, that have never experienced the Island. So, we will be taking them over there just for a tour and then come back and, and they can do, uh, continue on with their fun. We're providing transportation. We have four different pickup locations, they're advertised at Wells Recreation, Dan Calloway Park, Lindsey Davis Community Center and Stonybrook. And, we'll have buses running all day taking kids to and from the event. We hope..., our goal is to have about 750 attendees and for everybody to have a memorable, memorable day.

There's been a planning group that has been working on this for about six weeks now and, and, and it includes several different folks, including the Cunningham Family, so we, we're looking forward to a very historic day, if you will, in Riviera Beach.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: I wanna say thank you to Staff. Mr. Wilson's son, Pierre, was here earlier. He, he wanted to stay and just come to say thank you to the Board for..., just for the consideration. For those that didn't know who Mr. Wilson was, he was educating the community and a former Councilperson that had, we all can say, had some share, some form of experience in my life at JFK Middle School. A few years ago, former Mayor Michael Brown had this incentive in place for...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...many years ago because Ms. Cunningham, at the time, she had a conversation about never experiencing Peanut Island and he couldn't believe it. And they kinda polled a lot of her friends, and these were adults, about how many of you guys have never experienced Peanut Island? And the numbers came back at an amazing rate of folks that just haven't experienced that, at an adult age. So, they had the conversation and he gave the word years ago that he would do his best to get our youth exposed and years ago they would have a day on Friday night where they would come out, the volunteers only, and do a campout, and then all the kids would come over the next day.

And to Ms. Cunningham, her daughter's credit, they have opened up this day in honor, and adding Mr. Wilson to the, the name of the event. This is an event I felt, just working with Staff, that we should definitely get our youth involved with the marine industry life, on the waterfront. Those jobs pay amazing amounts of money that can change people' lives for many years. And just to get comfortable with, with being near the water, I think is always the, the next step and enjoying and seeing captains and mates and folks working on ships, really happy with what they do. Kids are amazed with just the simple things in life, but to see that you can make 35, \$30 bucks an hour, on these jobs and just this atmosphere, I think is really commendable. I know..., I'm gonna say congratulations to Ms. Franks has been involved with these meetings with Blankenship. We have had Staff members from the Port of Palm Beach in these meetings, we had our Police Chief, our Fire Chief, I have spoken with the Coast Guard about them being more involved with,

with our youth in our community. They have.., gave us assure that they will do everything they can, if they can, to be there. They want to do more. The National Guard has also said they want to do more. So, these are the type of events that we must fight to participate. Don't bring your youth and just drop 'em off. You know, if you have to go to work, we understand that, on Good Friday, but be a part of the experience. You know? Walk with your child, if it's not your child, your niece, your nephew, your grandchild. And we're encouraging the adults to come out with the youth on Good Friday, which is next week. The CRA will be supporting it with their clean and safe team, making sure that we have more bodies. Blankenship hasn't stated but all of our lifeguards will be in place. We are doing all the precautionary measures to make sure that we do everything we can to make sure this is a safe and healthy experience for our youth, because on that day, people are gonna be out of school. So, let's let them come to their waterfront and just have a wonderful time. As I said, it's a hybrid, on the uplands portion and then going over in smaller groups so we can manage and supervise those youth in, in that tour experience.

So, I just wanna say thank you, Mr. Blankenship for you and your Staff, for the time well spent on this Item.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Madam Manager?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Stammer]...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Please...

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: ...Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Please let me not be perceived as the Grinch, [chuckle], because if I'm, if I'm available, I plan to volunteer to make that day as, as much fun as possible, however, I'm a little concerned about our liability. Are we concerned about taking kids over to Peanut Island on boats, and what will we do if you're talking about 750 kids?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Taking small groups.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Oh, in small groups.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Small groups.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Okay. But, I...

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: [Inaudible].

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: ...I just wanna be sure that we're doing everything to protect the kids.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Well, first of all, every participant has to be registered. If they don't register beforehand, they have, they have to register on site. Secondly, if they do choose to go across the Island, we're using the Island ferry service, which is a professional company that ferries thousands of people a week, to Peanut Island. We've taken every precaution with the lifeguards and supervisors. We don't.., we won't throw kids on a boat and...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: [Chuckle].

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...'See ya in a few minutes.'

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: That's good news.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: We take supervisors over with them, we'll have supervision on the Island. We're not doing too much on the Island, other than just touring and...

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Okay.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: ...some static stuff because we want them to experience and get 'em back on the mainland so we can manage them better.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Thank you. I'll be there.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Did you have anything further?

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: No, Madam.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Anything further, Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Ma'am?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Anything further?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: No. I just wanna, just once again, don't just drop the children off. If you're not working, come, sign up and be a part of the experience. That's the most important part. You know, when we do these events, you know, we understand if you gotta go to work and got a doctor's appointment, that's, that's understood, but if you have someone.., don't use this as a babysitting experience, use this as something that you potentially can benefit from and just be there because children like to see folks, they're with them, that care about them, whether if you're not the parent or not, folks like to have some form of representation. You know? At that.., at any event. So, we just

wanna support the community [inaudible]. And I wanna say thank you to Michael Brown for pushing me to do this again. It took..., we, we've been talking about this since 2012. You know, when you talk about running for office, some of the things..., the mission, I said, well, that's one of the one's I would like to piggyback and steal, and say, hey, let's reimplement this and, and really..., just do what we're supposed to do. We're supposed to provide a level of service and experience and that's what Riviera Beach..., when we talk about best waterfront City to live, work and play, these are the examples that..., these are the stories that we like to see the news go and perpetuate and talk about, about the great things that are happening in our City. So, we will continue to..., and I will continue to strive to show these stories in Riviera Beach.

Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you. Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Hubbard?

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Botel?

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Miller-Anderson? [Pause]. Chair Davis Johnson?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That...

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP: Thank you.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: ...motion is approved with Councilperson Miller-Anderson out.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Discussion and deliberation.

[Inaudible dais comments]

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Okay.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Board, Board appointments?

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: None.

DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Discussion by our City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HOSKINS: None.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [Chuckle].

DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Discussion by City Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY DEGRAFFENREIDT: Nothing for your consideration this evening.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: City Council Committee reports?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Nothing at this time.

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Statement by the.., statements by [chuckle] the Mayor and City Council.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: None.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Want me to start?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Real briefly, I just wanna say to, to the Florida Marlins Foundation and to Feeding South Florida, I wanna say thank you, once again, for choosing Riviera Beach today. At Wells, we had an opportunity to feed over 400 families fresh produce and we also had.., made sure that they reserved enough.., to set enough for all of our City employees. I wanna say thank you, I know Councilperson Johnson, you was working, I understood that. I wanna say thank you to Councilperson Hubbard for, for coming out and share some of your personal time and thank you for all the residents. Also, thank you Parks & Rec Staff, Public Works. Who else did we have? I wanna make sure we don't miss... And three's a few residents, what's [stammer].., I gotta say that name. How can I say it right?

[Inaudible dais comments]

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Rudine.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Say it again.

CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Rudine.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Ms. Rudine. Now, she came out, and Mr. Weathersbee, they came out to participate and get some goods and go home, but what they did was, they stopped, and they gave back. And they stayed the entire event and made sure that everyone got what they need, and they gave their day, and I wanna say from, from me personally, thank you for coming and actually participating and, and giving back. And thank you to.., for all those who came out in great smiles and great spirit. On behalf of your community, I wanna say thank you to, to you all.

And once again, look forward to the neighborhood cleanup. I wanna say thank you to Staff for the \$9,000,000 that we're getting ready to put in Park Manor neighborhood of road improvements. That's another celebration that we must continue to push and get that word out in the street. I wanna say thank you to.., congratulations to the Board Members that have been elected and reelected. I wanna say congratulations to our new Vice Chair, Councilperson Hubbard and I wanna say congratulations to our new Chair, Ms. Tonya Davis Johnson, job well done tonight. I felt that the meeting was very clean, very professional. The way you structured the meeting, the way you kept order in the meeting. You just followed the rules that we already had in place and I wanna commend you for starting out the gate right. You know? We got.., we're off to a great start.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And I wanna say congratulations.., thank you to [stammer] Councilperson Botel. We had an issue that we didn't necessarily agree on, but you understood...

[Inaudible dais comment]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: ...at this point, at least my perception, on how important that folks are trying to work with you to get somewhere. Right? And that goes.., that means a lot, at least to me. That.., it shows that we all may not agree on an issue, but we're willing to find some space to help one another out, some way, some other... Right.

[Inaudible dais comments]

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And I just wanna say thank you all who came out tonight and, and, and really with, with your hearts and, and on behalf of Riviera Beach.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: And I will just pause there. Enough has been said from me.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Councilwoman Botel.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I think given the hour, I just say thank you again.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Chair Pro Tem.

CHAIR PRO TEM HUBBARD: I think it's all have been said. Thank you and good night.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: [chuckle]. I have on announcement to make, that on March 28th, I am happy to announce that we have partnered with Living Hungry, we have partnered with South Florida Hunger Coalition, and the Palm Beach County Office of Community Revitalization, we will receive 50 pallets of food that will be distributed on the 28th of March. We will do that out of Barracuda Bay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Please contact my office at 561-845-3687. We will talk about the distribution. We are looking to begin the distribution of those, of those meals at 1:00 o'clock at Barracuda Bay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: This Wednesday?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: On March 28th.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: This Wednesday?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Next week, the 23rd.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: What time?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: 1:00 o'clock at Barracuda Bay.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Maybe after the League of Cities, yeah, I'll come over

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor is not on the dais.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS JOHNSON: Having no further business, we stand adjourned.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON BOTEL: I would like to invite...

[End of video]

City Employees, Public Comment Speakers and Others

FORMER PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER ADDIE GREENE
.....COMMISSIONER GREENE

HONORABLE REGINALD CORLEW.....JUDGE CORLEW

CHIEF OF STAFF DEBBIE ISAACS.....CHIEF OF STAFF ISAACS

CHARLOTTE DARVILLEMS. C. DARVILLE

BISHOP THOMAS MASTERSBISHOP T. MASTERS

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TEKESHA SAFFOLDMS. T. SAFFOLD

H. ALAN WELLSMR. H.A. WELLS

KEITH GOLDENMR. K. GOLDEN

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DR. PHILLIP DUKESDR. P. DUKES

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