

SARASOTA CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

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09:01:24 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
09:01:27 >>Mayor Battie: GOOD MORNING AND HAPPY MONDAY.
09:01:29 WELCOME TO THE REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF
09:01:36 MAY 15th, 2023.
09:01:39 I WOULD LIKE TO START THIS OFF BY WISHING ALL THE WONDERFUL
09:01:42 MOTHERS OUT THERE HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.
09:01:44 AND HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU ARE NOT ONLY TO US
09:01:50 BUT TO SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.
09:01:52 THANK YOU ALL.
09:01:53 WELL START OFF WITH OUR INVOCATION BY OUR CITY AUDITOR AND
09:01:58 CLERK, MS. SHAYLA GRIGGS.
09:02:05 >>Shayla Griggs: HEAVENLY FATHER, WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN
09:02:08 THEE.
09:02:08 WE SEEK YOUR DIVINE STRENGTH, WISDOM, AND GUIDANCE IN THE
09:02:11 DELIBERATIONS THAT AFFECT THE LIVES OF EACH OF THE CITIZENS
09:02:13 OF OUR COMMUNITY.
09:02:14 IN THY NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.
09:02:16 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU.

09:02:16 LEAD US OFF IN THE PLEDGE.
09:02:27 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
09:02:37 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU ALL.
09:02:38 MRS. GRIGGS, CAN YOU PLEASE READ OUR PLEDGE OF PUBLIC
09:02:44 CONDUCT, PLEASE?
09:02:45 >>Shayla Griggs: WE MAY DISAGREE, BUT WE WILL BE RESPECTFUL
09:02:47 TO ONE ANOTHER.
09:02:48 WE WILL DIRECT ALL COMMENTS TO ISSUES.
09:02:50 WE WILL NOT ENGAGE IN PERSONAL ATTACKS.
09:02:52 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
09:02:53 THANK YOU, MA'AM.
09:02:54 I'LL ASK IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE DAY.
09:02:57 >>Shayla Griggs: YES, MAYOR, THANK YOU.
09:02:59 PLEASE ADD UNDER NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 12.4,
09:03:03 APPROVAL RE: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY AUDITOR AND CLERK
09:03:06 TO EXECUTE A PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SARASOTA
09:03:09 AND BRADEN RIVER UTILITIES, LLC, AND LAKEWOOD RANCH
09:03:14 STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT PROVIDING THE CITY FOR ASSIGNMENT OF
09:03:19 THE CITY'S TRANSMISSION AND USE OF RECLAIMED WATER AGREEMENT
09:03:22 WITH BRADEN RIVER UTILITIES, LLC FROM BRADEN RIVER
09:03:26 UTILITIES, LLC TO LAKEWOOD RANCH STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT PER
09:03:30 THE REQUEST OF CITY MANAGER BROWN.
09:03:31 PLEASE ADD UNDER NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM 12.5, DISCUSSION

09:03:35 RE: REQUEST TO FLY THE PRIDE FLAG AT CITY HALL PER THE
09:03:40 REQUEST OF VICE MAYOR ALPERT.

09:03:41 THAT'S ALL, SIR.

09:03:43 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. GRIGGS.

09:03:44 HAVE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED AGENDA SCHEDULE.

09:03:47 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SO MOVED.

09:03:48 >>Mayor Battie: SECOND?

09:03:49 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: SECOND.

09:03:50 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH
09:03:53 AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT.

09:03:56 COMMISSIONERS, CAN WE HAVE YOUR VOTE PLEASE?

09:04:00 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?

09:04:04 >> YES.

09:04:05 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.

09:04:06 MOTION PASSES 5-0.

09:04:08 GETTING ON WITH OUR PREVENTION.

09:04:10 IF COMMISSIONERS COULD PLEASE JOIN US UP FRONT?

09:04:44 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL DOWN THOSE HERE FOR THE PRESENTATION.

09:04:47 GUN VIOLENCE IS ALL TOO PREVALENT IN OUR SOCIETY THESE DAYS.

09:05:23 IT'S ALWAYS A SAD OCCASION THAT WE HAVE TO BE HERE TO SPEAK

09:05:27 ON IT.

09:05:30 WE MUST DO EVERYTHING IN OUR CONSCIENCE TO BRING AWARENESS

09:05:33 TO IT, AND THAT'S WHAT THESE LADIES ARE HERE TO HELP US DO.

09:05:37 SO GET ON WITH THE PRESENTATION.

09:05:41 THE CITY OF SARASOTA J.

09:05:48 WHEREAS, EVERY DAY, MORE THAN 100 AMERICANS ARE KILLED BY

09:05:51 GUN VIOLENCE ALONGSIDE MORE THAN 200 WHO ARE SHOT AND

09:05:54 WOUNDED AND ON AVERAGE THERE ARE MORE THAN 16,000 GUN
09:05:59 HOMICIDES EVERY YEAR; AND WHEREAS, CITIES ACROSS THE NATION,
09:06:04 INCLUDING SARASOTA, ARE WORKING TO END GUN VIOLENCE WITH
09:06:10 PROACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION; AND WHEREAS, IN
09:06:14 JANUARY 2013, HADIYA PENDLETON WAS TRAGICALLY SHOT AND
09:06:21 KILLED AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 15.

09:06:25 ON JUNE 2, 2023, TO RECOGNIZE HER 26th BIRTHDAY, PEOPLE
09:06:32 ACROSS THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZE GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS
09:06:36 DAY AND WEAR ORANGE IN TRIBUTE TO HADIYA PENDLETON AND OTHER
09:06:42 VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE AS WELL AS THE LOVED ONES OF THOSE
09:06:45 VICTIMS.

09:06:46 ORANGE IS A COLOR THAT SYMBOLIZES THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE.
09:06:53 AND WHEREAS, WE RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE
09:06:56 AND PLEDGE TO DO ALL WE CAN TO KEEP FIREARMS OUT OF THE
09:07:02 WRONG HANDS AND ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERSHIP TO HELP
09:07:06 KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

09:07:07 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THIS GREAT CITY OF
09:07:12 SARASOTA, FLORIDA, ON BEHALF OF ITS GREAT CITIZENS OF OUR
09:07:16 COMMUNITY, TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN RECOGNIZING JUNE 2, 2023, AS
09:07:20 NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY, A DAY OF SPECIAL
09:07:24 IMPORTANCE AND WORTHY OF THE RECOGNITION OF THE RESIDENTS OF
09:07:29 THIS GREAT CITY.

09:07:30 THANK YOU.

09:07:36 [APPLAUSE]

09:07:36 IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU ALL WOULD SAY SOMETHING.

09:07:44 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MAYOR.
09:07:46 THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS.
09:07:47 AND EVERYONE WHO JOINED US IN SUPPORTING THIS PROCLAMATION.
09:07:52 I'M JUST GOING TO MENTION ALL OF THE GROUPS WHO SIGNED ON TO
09:07:56 THIS AND WHO JOINED US IN THIS PROCLAMATION.
09:08:00 ALSO YOUTH, BRADENTON ALUMNI CHAPTER, DELTA SIGMA THETA
09:08:07 SORORITY, INC.
09:08:08 BRADY SARASOTA.
09:08:10 FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, LEAGUE OF
09:08:13 WOMEN VOTERS MANATEE COUNTY, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
09:08:17 SARASOTA.
09:08:17 MANATEE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP, MODERN MARIMBA,
09:08:23 MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA, THE MANATEE
09:08:26 LOCAL GROUP, NAACP MANATEE, NEWTOWN NATION.
09:08:30 PEACE EDUCATION AND ACTION CENTER.
09:08:32 QUEENS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS.
09:08:35 RESILIENT RETREAT.
09:08:38 RECESS EDUCATION.
09:08:39 STREETS OF PARADISE.
09:08:41 THE MANASOTA REENTRY PROJECT, AND WOMEN'S VOICES OF
09:08:45 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.
09:08:46 WE RECEIVE THIS PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF ALL OF THOSE WHO
09:08:51 HAVE BEEN KILLED BY GUN VIOLENCE AS WELL AS THE SURVIVORS
09:08:56 AND EVERYONE WHO IS AFFECTED BY GUN VIOLENCE.
09:08:59 WE KNOW THAT GUN VIOLENCE IS PREVENTABLE, AND WE CAN

09:09:03 CONTINUE TO WORK TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER FOR ALL.
09:09:06 PLEASE SPREAD AWARENESS THIS JUNE, ESPECIALLY THE FIRST
09:09:10 WEEKEND OF JUNE, BY WEARING ORANGE AND ENCOURAGING YOUR
09:09:14 LOVED ONES TO DO THE SAME AS WE HONOR THE VICTIMS OF GUN
09:09:16 VIOLENCE AND WORK TO SPREAD AWARENESS ABOUT GUN SAFETY AND
09:09:20 VIOLENCE PREVENTION.
09:09:21 THANK YOU SO MUCH.
09:09:23 [APPLAUSE]
09:09:24 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU.
09:09:25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
09:09:27 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU ALL.
09:10:44 MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 3, CITIZENS' INPUT CONCERNING CITY
09:10:50 TOPICS.
09:10:51 I WILL CALL YOU DOWN FIVE BY FIVE.
09:10:54 YOU WILL BE GIVEN THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK WHICH THERE WILL BE
09:10:59 A BUZZER.
09:11:01 SHOULD YOU NOT BE FINISHED, I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE SECONDS OR SO
09:11:04 TO WRAP IT UP WHAT IT IS YOU ARE TRYING TO CONVEY.
09:11:07 PLEASE KEEP THE COMMENTS TO THE TOPICS AND NOT AT ANY
09:11:13 INDIVIDUAL.
09:11:14 ALL RIGHT.
09:11:15 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
09:11:15 FIRST UP TO BAT, MR. JOSE FERNANDEZ.
09:11:20 MR. RODGER MESSER.
09:11:24 WILLIAM CARNES.

09:11:33 GARRY BROOKS.

09:11:35 KATHERINE LINDAMAN.
09:11:39 ALL RIGHT, GENTLEMEN.
09:11:54 WE'LL HAVE THE LADIES START FIRST.
09:11:57 >> THANK YOU.
09:11:57 GOOD MORNING.
09:11:58 MY NAME IS KATHERINE LINDAMAN.
09:12:00 1255 NORTH GULFSTREAM AVENUE.
09:12:02 I AM A YEAR-ROUND RESIDENT OF DOWNTOWN SARASOTA.
09:12:05 I WORK, LIVE, AND PLAY AND CALL NORTH PALM MY NEIGHBORHOOD.
09:12:09 MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN PLAY AND GO TO SCHOOL
09:12:11 DOWNTOWN.
09:12:12 I OWN AND OPERATE A PRIVATE SCHOOL DOWNTOWN.
09:12:14 I'M A WEEKLY ATTENDER AT A CHURCH DOWNTOWN.
09:12:17 I AM A DOWNTOWN CONSUMER.
09:12:18 I SUPPORT BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN BY MAKING MY PURCHASES.
09:12:22 I EAT, GO TO SHOWS AND I HAVE MY BEAUTY SALON AT THE
09:12:25 PROPOSED SITE AT 1260.
09:12:27 I AM COMMITTED TO BEING A FOREVER RESIDENT.
09:12:30 MY LIFE IS HERE.
09:12:31 I BELIEVE IN THE CITY AND I ONLY WANT THE BEST FOR ITS
09:12:34 DEVELOPMENT.
09:12:35 MY INPUT IS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND
09:12:38 CITY MANAGER.
09:12:39 NORTH PALM AVENUE, THE ARTS DISTRICT HAS ITS OWN DISTINCT

09:12:44 CHARACTER.
09:12:44 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT LOOKS OUT OF PLACE, DISJOINTED,
09:12:48 DOES NOT COMPLY WITH ZONING CODE 4-506 WHICH STATES MUST BE
09:12:52 COMPATIBLE WITH ADJOINING PROPERTIES.
09:12:54 IT VIOLATES THE VISUAL INTEGRITY.
09:12:58 CURRENTLY, THE ADJOINING PROPERTIES HAVE SHOPS, CAFES,
09:13:01 GALLERIES, SHOPPING ON PALM AVENUE.
09:13:03 JUST WHERE DOES THIS PROPOSED BUILDING FIT IN?
09:13:06 CHURCH BELLS RINGING DOWN THE STREET.
09:13:07 WE CURRENTLY HAVE A EUROPEAN FLAIR THAT RESONATES WITH
09:13:10 VISITORS, SNOWBIRDS AND YEAR-ROUND TAX PAYING CITIZENS.
09:13:14 GREEDY DEVELOPERS, IT'S ALL ABOUT MONEY.
09:13:16 IF THIS MONSTROSITY IS APPROVED, IT WILL SET A PRECEDENCE
09:13:20 THAT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR BELOVED CITY.
09:13:23 WE WILL BE HEADED TOWARDS TALLER, TALLER STILL, NO MAX OUT
09:13:27 THE HEIGHT ALL AT WHAT COST?
09:13:29 WE MUST BE GOOD STEWARDS.
09:13:30 IT WILL DIMINISH THE QUAINT CHARM OF OUR BELOVED CITY, NOT
09:13:34 WORTHY OF A DOWNTOWN SARASOTA AND ITS IMAGE OF PRESERVATION
09:13:37 OF HISTORIC AND QUAINT NEIGHBORHOODS.
09:13:39 INSTEAD, WE WILL BECOME AN OVERCROWDED, CONCRETE JUNGLE OF
09:13:43 ONE TALL BUILDING AFTER ANOTHER, A CLIMATE OF WHERE BUILDERS
09:13:46 COMPETE TO BE THE TALLEST, A MINDSET OF OVERTAKING EVERY
09:13:49 INCH OF SPACE ON A LOT WITH CONCRETE, HAVING NO REGARD FOR
09:13:53 CREATING A DESIGN WITH PLANTS AND TREES.

09:13:55 THE PSYCHOLOGICAL BENEFITS OF GREENSPACE SHOULD BE
09:13:59 RESPECTED.
09:14:00 INSTEAD, IMAGINE BIG GREEN RESIDENTIAL TRASH CANS LINING

09:14:03 NORTH PALM AVENUE.
09:14:04 OUR QUALITY OF LIFE WILL BE DIMINISHED.
09:14:06 IT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT.
09:14:07 THE PROPOSED BUILDING'S DESIGN IS A STRUCTURE PLOPPED INTO A
09:14:11 SIGHT LOT.
09:14:12 IT WILL NOT ENHANCE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
09:14:14 THIS IS NOT WHAT THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY WANT.
09:14:17 LOOK AT THE PETITIONS, THE LETTERS, THE OPPOSITIONS ARE
09:14:20 ENDLESS.
09:14:21 THE EXISTING ADJOINING PROPERTY AT BAY PLAZA HAS OVER 100
09:14:24 RESIDENTS.
09:14:25 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR ONLY 14
09:14:29 UNITS.
09:14:30 I OPPOSE THIS DEVELOPMENT.
09:14:32 ASK THAT IT GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND CREATE A DESIGN
09:14:36 THAT WILL ENHANCE THE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD ALONG NORTH PALM
09:14:39 AVENUE.
09:14:39 LOOK CLOSELY AT SECTION 4-506, ZONING CODE APPENDIX D AND
09:14:43 THE SARASOTA DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN REGARDING HEIGHT, LOT
09:14:47 COVERAGE, SETBACKS, MASS, SCALE, AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND
09:14:51 COMPATIBILITY.
09:14:51 YOU HAVE BUT ONE CHOICE: REJECT IT.

09:14:54 I GAVE YOU EACH PICTURES.
09:14:57 I DON'T KNOW IF THAT -- THAT'S THE BUILDING THAT WE'RE GOING
09:15:02 TO BE TALKING ABOUT TODAY AND A LOT OF US HERE WILL BE
09:15:04 TALKING ABOUT.
09:15:05 THANK YOU SO MUCH.
09:15:05 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM.
09:15:06 MR. FERNANDEZ.
09:15:14 >> DID YOU CALL ME, MAYOR?
09:15:15 >>Mayor Battie: YES.
09:15:16 >> GOOD MORNING.
09:15:17 MY NAME IS JOSE FERNANDEZ.
09:15:18 I'M A RESIDENT OF SARASOTA.
09:15:20 ONCE AGAIN I'M HERE TO REGISTER MY DISPLEASURE WITH THE
09:15:24 PARKING SITUATION AT DI HALL CREATED BY THE ELIMINATION OF
09:15:27 THE EMPLOYEE LOT ACROSS 2nd STREET AND ADDITIONAL
09:15:30 DIFFICULTY PLACED ON CITIZENS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE SINCE
09:15:33 YOU'VE DECIDED TO KEEP 9 TO 5 HOURS.
09:15:36 THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE COME BEFORE YOU ON THIS SUBJECT.
09:15:39 I PROVIDED YOU WITH MULTIPLE OPTIONS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE
09:15:41 TO NO AVAIL.
09:15:43 OBVIOUSLY, CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN FRONT OF THIS COMMISSION
09:15:46 IS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE TO THE CONVENIENCE OF
09:15:48 COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES.
09:15:49 A NORMAL PERSON WOULD PROBABLY GIVE UP AT THIS POINT, AND I
09:15:53 MAY DO THAT, HOWEVER, THIS IS A SUBJECT THAT I'LL CONTINUE
09:15:56 TO ADDRESS FROM TIME TO TIME.
09:15:57 NEXT I'M GOING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE VAN WEZEL AND
09:16:00 SPECIFICALLY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE THAT YOU ARE
09:16:02 APPOINTING TO LOOK AT FUTURE VIABLE USES FOR THE VAN WEZEL.
09:16:06 ALTHOUGH THE SPAC FOUNDATION HAS AGREED TO REMOVE THE

09:16:09 PROVISION THAT THE VAN WEZEL NOT COMPETE WITH THE NEW SPAC
09:16:13 FROM THE CONTRACT, HOW SIGNIFICANT IS THAT REALLY?
09:16:15 DO YOU THINK THE VAN WEZEL WILL BE ABLE TO COMPETE WITH A
09:16:19 SHINY NEW MODERN SPAC?
09:16:20 OF COURSE, NOT.
09:16:21 NOTHING HAS BEEN CONCEDED.
09:16:23 THERE IS ALSO THE ISSUE OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE BLUE
09:16:25 RIBBON COMMITTEE.
09:16:26 ON MAY 3rd, I ASKED THAT YOU APPOINT PEOPLE WHO ARE
09:16:30 RESIDENTS OF SARASOTA AS WELL AS BEING AGNOSTIC TO THE
09:16:33 FUTURE OF THE VAN WEZEL.
09:16:35 YOUR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS INDICATED THAT YOU INTENDED TO
09:16:38 APPOINT NONRESIDENTS AS YOU VIEW THE SKILLS REQUIRED AS
09:16:42 OUTWEIGHING THE NEED FOR FISCAL RESTRAINT.
09:16:44 YOU ALSO DISCUSSED THE TIME FRAME FOR THIS COMMITTEE AS
09:16:46 BEING ONE TO TWO YEARS.
09:16:48 I SENT AN E-MAIL TO EACH OF YOU, BUT I ASK YOU NOW PUBLICLY,
09:16:51 WHY WOULD A SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT WITH NO CONNECTION TO
09:16:55 SARASOTA AGREE TO SERVE FOR A YEAR OR MORE ON THIS COMMITTEE
09:16:58 IF THEY DON'T ALREADY HAVE AN AGENDA.

09:17:00 THANK YOU.
09:17:02 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, MR. FERNANDEZ.
09:17:04 MR. MESSEY.
09:17:06 >> THANK YOU.
09:17:07 GOOD MORNING.
09:17:09 MY NAME IS RODGER MESSEY.
09:17:11 I'M A RETIRED ARCHITECT.
09:17:12 MY WIFE AND I HAVE LIVED DOWNTOWN AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS FOR
09:17:17 SEVERAL YEARS.
09:17:17 WE WERE FIRST INTRODUCED TO THIS AREA WHEN WE BROUGHT OUR
09:17:20 DAUGHTER TO A COLLEGE VISIT AT NEW COLLEGE.
09:17:22 OUR DAUGHTER DECIDED TO ATTEND ANOTHER SCHOOL, BUT WE LOVE
09:17:27 THE SARASOTA AREA AND ENDED UP MOVING HERE.
09:17:29 THIS IS A COMMON STORY.
09:17:30 WE OFTEN ENCOUNTER PEOPLE WHO CAME FOR A VISIT, LOVE THE
09:17:35 COMMUNITY AND STAY.
09:17:36 PEOPLE CHOOSE TO MOVE TO SARASOTA BECAUSE THEY LOVE IT HERE.
09:17:39 AND WHY NOT?
09:17:40 THE CONSTANT STREAM OF FESTIVALS, THE RESORT-LIKE
09:17:43 ENVIRONMENT, THE ARTS, MUSEUMS, PARKS, SO MUCH OF THE LIFE
09:17:46 OF A LARGE CITY BUT IN A SMALLER, LIVABLE ENVIRONMENT.
09:17:49 AS A DESIGN PROFESSIONAL, I CAN TELL YOU THAT SARASOTA IS
09:17:53 UNIQUE AND A SPECIAL COMMUNITY.
09:17:55 WOULD BE HARD-PRESSED TO NAME ANOTHER CITY IN AMERICA THAT
09:17:59 REALLY COMPARES.

09:17:59 A KEY TO OUR SPECIALNESS IS THE WALKABLE RETAIL.
09:18:02 THE STREETS ARE ALIVE WITH VIBRANCY AND ACTIVITY.
09:18:06 IT'S A JOY TO EXPERIENCE.
09:18:07 THAT IS ONE REASON WHY THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AT 1260
09:18:10 NORTH PALM AVENUE IS OF SUCH CONCERN.
09:18:14 IT'S GROUND LEVEL AS PROPOSED WILL DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE
09:18:17 AMOUNT OF RETAIL.

09:18:19 REPLACE 6500 SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL AND 7 SHOPS WITH ONE
09:18:22 SMALL SHOP OF 880 SQUARE FEET.
09:18:25 THAT WILL ESSENTIALLY END THE VIBRANT STREET LIFE AT THAT
09:18:29 PART OF NORTH PALM AVENUE.
09:18:31 WHAT IS BEING KILLED.
09:18:34 WELL, THERE IS A SHOP.
09:18:36 THE OWNER'S WIFE IS A STYLIST AT YET ANOTHER SHOP IN THE
09:18:39 SAME CENTER.
09:18:40 TOGETHER, THEY ARE FRIENDS WITH A YOUNG COUPLE THAT OPERATE
09:18:42 THE LITTLE ITALIAN RESTAURANT, AND THAT OWNER SHARES AN
09:18:45 ESPRESSO EACH AFTERNOON WITH THE OWNER OF THE ART STORE.
09:18:48 THIS NEIGHBORHOOD EXPERIENCE IS SO VERY HARD TO CREATE AND
09:18:52 ACTUALLY VERY EASY TO DISRUPT.
09:18:54 THE PROPOSED PROJECT AT 1260 NORTH PALM AVENUE WILL
09:18:59 ELIMINATE THIS NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL ENVIRONMENT AND REPLACE
09:19:01 IT WITH WHAT?
09:19:02 ONE SMALL SHOP LOCATION.
09:19:04 BUT PUT ANOTHER WAY, THERE WILL BE 85% LESS RETAIL SPACE,

09:19:09 62% THIS RETAIL FRONTAGE.
09:19:12 WHY DOES THIS MATTER?
09:19:14 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CODES REQUIRE FULL RETAIL FRONTAGE AT
09:19:16 THE STREET LEVEL BECAUSE THE CITY MASTER PLAN SAW TO
09:19:19 ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF EXACTLY THE TYPE OF RETAIL
09:19:21 ENVIRONMENT THAT EXISTS TODAY IN THAT ONE SMALL RETAIL
09:19:24 CENTER.
09:19:24 MY DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORS AND I ASK YOU TO RECOGNIZE THE
09:19:27 IMPORTANCE OF RETAIL FRONTAGE IN THE MASTER PLAN AND DO YOUR
09:19:30 UTMOST TO PROTECT IT.
09:19:32 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WILL REPLACE A VIBRANT RETAIL AREA
09:19:36 WITH A RETAIL DEAD ZONE ALONG THIS PORTION OF NORTH PALM
09:19:41 AVENUE.
09:19:41 THE VISITORS AT THE ART OVATION AND THE CITY PARKING GARAGE
09:19:44 WILL STOP VISITING THIS AREA BECAUSE THERE'S SIMPLY NOTHING
09:19:47 TO SEE OR TO DO.
09:19:48 WHY GO THERE ANYMORE?
09:19:50 PLEASE PROTECT OUR SPECIAL WALKABLE DOWNTOWN.
09:19:53 PLEASE ASSURE THAT THE RETAIL FRONTAGE SECTION OF THE MASTER
09:19:56 PLAN IS ENFORCED, AND PLEASE ASSURE THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS IN
09:20:00 GROWTH REINFORCE THE UNIQUENESS OF OUR SPECIAL COMMUNITY.
09:20:03 PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW PROJECTS TO ERODE THE SPECIALNESS OF OUR
09:20:07 UNIQUE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT.
09:20:08 THANK YOU.
09:20:10 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, MR. BROCK -- MESSER, EXCUSE ME.

09:20:13 MR. BROCKS.
09:20:15 BROOKS.
09:20:16 I APOLOGIZE.
09:20:18 >> HANDWRITING.
09:20:19 MY NAME IS GARRY BROOKS.
09:20:22 I AM A FULL-TIME DOWNTOWN RESIDENT.
09:20:24 I COME HERE AND I'M VERY CONFUSED.
09:20:28 I'VE READ THE STATEMENT OF INTENT FROM THE CODE OF THE CITY
09:20:32 OF SARASOTA, SECTION 25.2 WHICH SAYS IT IS THE INTENT OF THE

09:20:38 CITY COMMISSION IN ADOPTING THE CURRENT SARASOTA CITY PLAN
09:20:41 TO PRESERVE, PROMOTE, AND PROTECTION THE PUBLIC HEALTH,
09:20:45 SAFETY, AND WELFARE TO ENCOURAGE THE MOST APPROPRIATE USE OF
09:20:51 LAND, WATER, AND RESOURCES CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC
09:20:55 INTEREST.
09:20:56 TO FACILITATE THE ADEQUATE AND EFFICIENT PROVISION OF PUBLIC
09:21:02 SERVICES.
09:21:04 AND THEN I READ THE SARASOTA CITY PLAN GOALS.
09:21:10 IT SAYS MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CITIZENS TO HAVE
09:21:14 MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT IN THE DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR
09:21:18 NEIGHBORHOOD.
09:21:19 ENSURE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE.
09:21:23 PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND ENHANCE NEIGHBORHOOD AESTHETICS,
09:21:27 IDENTITY, AND NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES.
09:21:30 THE PROPOSED BUILDING IS SUPPOSEDLY 18 STORIES TALL, MORE
09:21:36 THAN DOUBLE THE HEIGHT OF THE 14-STORY BUILDING NEXT DOOR

09:21:39 AND OCCUPIES 120th OF THE LAND.
09:21:43 THIS HUGE OUT-OF-SCALE BUILDING FOR PERHAPS 28 SEASONAL
09:21:47 RESIDENTS DOES NOT MEET ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CRITERIA
09:21:50 FROM THE STATEMENT OF INTENT OR THE PLAN GOALS.
09:21:55 YES, I AM CONFUSED.
09:21:57 WHY ARE WE HERE DISCUSSING THIS?
09:21:59 IT SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN CONSIDERED.
09:22:01 THANK YOU.
09:22:02 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
09:22:04 THANK YOU, SIR.
09:22:05 MR. CARNES.
09:22:11 >> THANK YOU.
09:22:12 I'M WILLIAM CARNES.
09:22:16 I'M A TEN-YEAR RESIDENT OF SARASOTA, AND I'M A PROFESSIONAL
09:22:19 ENGINEER REGISTERED IN FLORIDA.
09:22:20 I'M HERE TO REGISTER MY STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE SKYSCRAPER
09:22:27 PROPOSED AT 1260 NORTH PALM AVENUE.
09:22:29 THIS RECKLESS DEVELOPMENT WILL LEAD SARASOTA DOWN THE PATH
09:22:32 TO EXCESS BUILDING SIZE THAT WILL HURT THE QUALITY OF LIFE
09:22:34 IN SARASOTA FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.
09:22:36 THE DEVELOPER OF THIS 12-UNIT SKYSCRAPER HAS PROPOSED A
09:22:41 STRUCTURE THAT IS TWICE THE HEIGHT OF NEARBY BUILDINGS ON A
09:22:44 PARCEL THAT IS ROUGHLY ONE-QUARTER OF AN ACRE.
09:22:47 THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THE EXTREME HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING IS TO
09:22:50 CRANK UP THE HEIGHT TO ALLOW POTENTIAL RESIDENTS OF THE

09:22:53 UPPER 10 TO 9 UPPER LEVELS TO SEE OVER THE BAY PLAZA
09:22:57 BUILDING FOR VIEWS OF SARASOTA BAY.
09:22:59 THESE UPPER LEVELS COULD SELL FOR UPWARDS OF \$10 MILLION
09:23:04 EACH.
09:23:05 DEVELOPERS HOWEVER DO NOT CONTROL THE AIR RIGHTS OVER BAY
09:23:07 PLAZA.
09:23:08 THE SKYSCRAPER WILL BE A BUILDING THE LIKES OF WHICH NOBODY
09:23:12 HAS EVER SEEN BEFORE IN SARASOTA.
09:23:14 THE TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION WILL BE UNUSUAL FOR THIS AREA.
09:23:16 THIS BUILDING WILL BE EXPOSED TO CATEGORY 5 HURRICANE WINDS
09:23:20 AND SEISMIC LATERAL LOADS.

09:23:23 TO RESIST LOADS, DESIGN STIFFENED WITH IMMENSE SHEAR WALLS.
09:23:27 TO KEEP THE BUILDING FROM TOPPLING OVER, THE SHEAR WALLS
09:23:30 WILL HAVE TO BE ANCHORED WITH DEEP DRILLED PIERS AS MUCH AS
09:23:35 THREE FEET IN DIAMETER.
09:23:36 MOST LIKELY, THESE LARGE DIAMETER DEEP HOLES KEEP FROM
09:23:39 COLLAPSING AND UNDERMINING BAY PLAZA WILL PRESENT ADDITIONAL
09:23:42 CHALLENGES ON THIS QUARTER-ACRE LOT.
09:23:44 THIS CONSTRUCTION, WITH ITS EXTREME HEIGHT, TRANSFER BEAMS,
09:23:49 SHEAR WALLS AND DEEP FOUNDATIONS COULD PUT ALMOST 1,000
09:23:52 TRUCKLOADS OF CONCRETE ON PALM AVENUE TO CONSTRUCT A
09:23:55 BUILDING FOR 14 UNITS.
09:23:57 BECAUSE THIS BUILDING IS SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY THE
09:24:01 BAY PLAZA PROPERTY, THIS BUILDING WILL NOT HAVE AN ALLEY.
09:24:04 THIS BUILDING WILL NOT EVEN HAVE A BACK DOOR.

09:24:07 THE BUILDING IS ZONED TO BE LIMITED TO 18 LEVELS WILL BE 342
09:24:13 FEET HIGH.
09:24:14 THIS IS ROUGHLY AT A HEIGHT OF EQUIVALENT 30-STORY BUILDING
09:24:18 AND IS MORE THAN TWICE THE HEIGHT OF THE 14 LEVEL BAY PLAZA.
09:24:22 HOW THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVE SUCH A HEIGHT WITH 18
09:24:27 LEVELS?
09:24:27 IT WAS DONE BY PUSHING THE STORY HEIGHTS TO 20 FEET, BY NOT
09:24:31 COUNTING THREE LEVELS OF PARKING, BY ADDING 70 FEET OF
09:24:35 QUESTIONABLE INTERSTITIAL SPACE AND NOT COUNTING A ROOFTOP
09:24:39 AMENITY LEVEL WHICH INCLUDES A LOBBY, KITCHEN, DINING AREA,
09:24:43 BATHROOM, TWO POOLS AND TWO HOT TUBS.
09:24:45 THE RESPONSIBLE LEADERS OF SARASOTA SHOULD SERIOUSLY
09:24:48 CONSIDER REVIEW WHY SUCH AN OBSCENE DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE
09:24:52 ALLOWED. THIS BUILDING VIOLATES THE INTENT OF THE MASTER
09:24:55 PLAN.
09:24:55 THIS BUILDING SHOULD TAKE POSSIBLY TWO YEARS TO CONSTRUCT.
09:24:58 THIS BUILDING WILL PUSH THE LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION, HEIGHT,
09:25:01 MASS, SCALE, LOT COVERAGE, COMPATIBILITY, AND QUALITY OF
09:25:04 LIFE FOR THE BENEFIT OF A FEW WELL-OFF TENANTS.
09:25:08 I URGE THIS BE DENIED.
09:25:12 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.
09:25:13 CALL UP THE NEXT FIVE.
09:25:18 DONNA LERNER.
09:25:19 MICHAEL SCHNEIDERMAN.
09:25:26 MR. PAUL HESS.

09:25:31 ELKE LANPHAR.
09:25:31 CAROLE KLEINBERG.
09:25:45 YOU CAN LEAD US OFF, MS. LERNER.
09:26:01 >> GOOD MORNING.
09:26:03 IS THAT THE RIGHT PLACE?
09:26:04 GOOD MORNING.
09:26:06 MY NAME IS DONNA LERNER.
09:26:08 AS A 50-YEAR, YEAR-ROUND RESIDENT OF SARASOTA, I AM PROUD OF
09:26:15 THIS CITY.
09:26:16 MY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ELSEWHERE CAN'T BELIEVE I LIVE IN
09:26:19 SUCH A COOL PLACE.
09:26:20 THE WATER, THE BEACHES, THE WEATHER, THE ARTS, THE PUBLIC
09:26:24 ART, THE NEW BAY PARK, THE BAY RUNNER TROLLEY AND THE

09:26:29 BEAUTIFUL PARKING GARAGE AND ALL OF DOWNTOWN AND AN AIRPORT
09:26:33 THAT'S ONLY 15 MINUTES UP THE ROAD FOR ALL OF THIS WE THANK
09:26:37 YOU.
09:26:38 WE THE VOTERS HAVE ENTRUSTED YOU, OUR CITY GUARDIANS WITH
09:26:43 THE JOB OF KEEPING IT DESIRABLE.
09:26:45 GOOD FOR LIVING IN.
09:26:46 GOOD FOR INVESTING IN.
09:26:48 SO FAR DEVELOPMENT HERE AS, FOR THE MOST PART, FOLLOWED THE
09:26:53 PLAN, THE DREAM.
09:26:54 PLEASE DON'T SCREW IT UP.
09:26:57 1260 IS A MISTAKE.
09:27:01 IT FITS NO GRAND PLAN, NO VISION, EXCEPT THAT OF THE

09:27:07 DEVELOPER TO MAXIMIZE PROFIT FROM EVERY VALUABLE CUBIC INCH
09:27:12 OF GROUND AND SUNSHINE.
09:27:14 NOTE THE SHADOWS THAT THE BUILDING CASTS UPON OUR BUILDING,
09:27:20 BAY PLAZA.
09:27:21 IT IS AS WE HAVE BEAUTIFUL BAY PLAZA AND OUR NEIGHBORS HAVE
09:27:26 BEEN SAYING, THE WRONG BUILDING FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
09:27:29 IF YOU LOOK AT THE DEVELOPER'S MODEL, WHAT STRIKES YOU NOT
09:27:33 IS ITS ELEGANCE OF DESIGN.
09:27:35 IT IS ITS PLACEMENT ON A TINY PIECE OF LAND.
09:27:39 ITS PROXIMITY TO ITS NEIGHBORS AND THE LONG SHADOW IT CASTS
09:27:44 ON THOSE NEIGHBORS ON ALL SIDES.
09:27:46 IT LOOKS LIKE A PREFAB THAT WAS LOWERED INTO PLACE.
09:27:50 WE ARE MOSTLY CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY DURING CONSTRUCTION AND
09:27:55 THE EFFECT OF A STRONG WIND AFTERWARDS AND, GOD FORBID,
09:28:01 DAMAGE TO OUR FOUNDATION.
09:28:02 NEIGHBORHOOD CONTINUITY IS EXEMPLIFIED IN THIS CASE FROM THE
09:28:08 GENTLE WAVES IN THE BAY THROUGH THE ICONIC WAVE OF BAY PLAZA
09:28:12 OVER TO THE WAVES OF THE PARKING GARAGE AND THE ART OVATION.
09:28:16 WHERE IS THE VISION HERE?
09:28:19 WHERE IS THE PLAN?
09:28:20 FINALLY, NEW DEVELOPMENT OUGHT TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY
09:28:26 VALUES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
09:28:28 IN OUR CASE, BEAUTIFUL NORTH PALM AVENUE.
09:28:31 WE KNOW ALREADY THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE.
09:28:33 1260 HAS HAD JUST THE OPPOSITE EFFECT BEFORE IT'S EVEN BEEN

09:28:38 DECIDED UPON.
09:28:39 IN JUST A FEW YEARS, SARASOTANS, OR PROSPECTIVE SARASOTANS,
09:28:44 WILL SAY, WHO APPROVED THAT MONSTROSITY?
09:28:47 DIVERSITY OF DESIGN MUST STILL FOLLOW A PLAN, NOT SHOCK THE
09:28:53 SENSES.
09:28:54 PLEASE DO YOUR JOB, THE ONE WE ELECTED YOU TO DO, AND ENSURE
09:29:00 THAT THIS POORLY CONCEIVED PROJECT IN OUR -- YOUR BEAUTIFUL
09:29:06 CITY BE DENIED.
09:29:08 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
09:29:11 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU.
09:29:12 LANPHAR.
09:29:16 >> ELKE LANPHAR.
09:29:26 I'VE LIVED YEAR-ROUND AT BAY PLAZA SINCE 2000.
09:29:32 SARASOTA WAS VOTED ONE OF THE WORLD'S 100 GREATEST PLACES BY
09:29:35 TIME MAGAZINE.

09:29:37 LAST WEEK, WE WERE VOTED ONE OF THE EIGHT BEST CITIES ON THE
09:29:40 GULF OF MEXICO, PLUS OUR ICONIC PALM AVENUE IS ON THE BOARD
09:29:48 OF THE SARASOTA MONOPOLY GAME.
09:29:51 IN THE GAME, PALM AVENUE CAN BE BOUGHT.
09:30:00 IN REAL LIFE, PALM AVENUE AS A DOWNTOWN AVENUE IS NOT FOR
09:30:06 SALE.
09:30:06 IT IS A PUBLIC ASSET, PRIVATE PROPERTY ON PALM AVENUE CAN BE
09:30:13 BOUGHT.
09:30:13 LIKE 1260 NORTH PALM AVENUE WAS PURCHASED BY THE APPLICANT,
09:30:19 YET PRIVATE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO THE ZONING CODE AND

09:30:24 BUILDING CODES.
09:30:25 THAT'S WHY WE HAVE CODES.
09:30:27 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PART IN MAKING THIS A WONDERFUL PLACE
09:30:32 TO LIVE.
09:30:33 WE HOPE TO KEEP PALM AVENUE THE WALKABLE SHOPPING AND DINING
09:30:38 ATTRACTION IT IS NOW.
09:30:40 BUT, AS YOU KNOW, THE COMMUNITY IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
09:30:45 PROPOSED HIGH-RISE AT 1260 NORTH PALM AVENUE, EXTREMELY
09:30:51 CLOSE TO BAY PLAZA.
09:30:52 THE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED VIA PETITIONS FROM AT
09:30:57 LEAST SIX DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS.
09:30:59 THE HERALD TRIBUNE, SARASOTA OBSERVER, RADIO PODCASTS,
09:31:06 NUMEROUS EDITORIALS, AND OTHER OUTLETS.
09:31:09 EVERYONE, INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTS, ATTORNEYS,
09:31:15 ENGINEERS, CONTRACTORS, FORMER COMMISSIONERS, ET CETERA, ARE
09:31:20 BAFFLED THAT THE PROPOSED HIGH-RISE IS STILL BEING
09:31:25 CONSIDERED.
09:31:27 THERE ARE MANY VALID SAFETY CONCERNS.
09:31:30 FOR EXAMPLE, THE SOIL SHIFTING AND DAMAGING BAY PLAZA AND
09:31:34 THE SURROUNDING AREA WITH THIS HUGE BUILDING.
09:31:39 PLEASE GOOGLE THE BOSTON HANCOCK BUILDING ALMOST DESTROYING
09:31:48 THE TRINITY CHURCH BECAUSE THE WEIGHT OF THE NEW BUILDING
09:31:52 IMPACTED THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH.
09:31:53 WE KNOW YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANOTHER
09:31:57 SURFSIDE COLLAPSE.

09:31:58 SARASOTA DOLPHIN TOWER DAMAGE, BECAUSE IT COULD HAVE BEEN
09:32:03 AVOIDED.
09:32:04 OTHER CONCERNS ARE THE SWAYING OF THE PROPOSED TOWER, E.M.S.
09:32:10 AND FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS, BUILDING ACCESS ONLY FROM PALM
09:32:16 AVENUE, WIND TUNNELING SO THAT THE ONLY DOORS FROM THE BAY
09:32:19 PLAZA WALKWAY CANNOT BE OPENED.
09:32:22 WE ASK THAT THE PROPOSED 1260 NORTH PALM AVENUE BE DENIED AS
09:32:27 SOON AS POSSIBLE.
09:32:31 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, MA'AM.
09:32:32 MRS. KLEINBERG.
09:32:36 >> MY NAME IS CAROLE KLEINBERG.
09:32:38 I'M A FULL-TIME RESIDENT OF SARASOTA.
09:32:40 I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT FOR 24 YEARS, FULL-TIME AND A HOMEOWNER
09:32:44 HERE FOR 35 YEARS.
09:32:46 MY FAMILY HAS LIVED HERE SINCE 1948.
09:32:49 I AM A SARASOTAN FULL-TIME, FULL BORE.
09:32:54 IN 2020, I WAS DRIVEN OUT OF WHAT I THOUGHT WAS MY FOREVER

09:32:58 HOME ON LIDO KEY BECAUSE OF THE PROLIFERATION OF HOTEL
09:33:03 HOUSES WHICH WERE TOTALLY UNREGULATED AND WHICH DESTROYED
09:33:09 THE QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD THAT I LIVED IN.
09:33:11 SO I MOVED DOWNTOWN TO BAY PLAZA.
09:33:15 ONCE AGAIN, A DEVELOPER WANTS TO DESTROY MY LOVELY
09:33:18 NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A SKYSCRAPER THIS TIME, ONE THAT DEFIES
09:33:22 LOGIC FOR THE LOCATION, COMPLETELY IGNORES THE BASIC
09:33:27 ELEMENTS OF THE SARASOTA MASTER PLAN, COULD CREATE A

09:33:29 DANGEROUS SITUATION, AND WOULD ERADICATE EVERYTHING THAT
09:33:33 MAKES NORTH PALM AVENUE A BEAUTIFUL, WALKABLE STREET.
09:33:38 BAY PLAZA IS L-SHAPED.
09:33:40 IF THE SKYSCRAPER WERE CONSTRUCTED, IT WOULD CREATE A WIND
09:33:45 CANYON BETWEEN OUR BUILDINGS.
09:33:47 ON A WINDY DAY, THE WIND WOULD HAVE NO OUTLET.
09:33:50 IT WOULD SLAM AGAINST OUR BUILDING WITH NO EXIT, CREATING A
09:33:54 SIGNIFICANT SAFETY ISSUE.
09:33:56 FRANKLY, I AM TERRIFIED OF BEING TRAPPED INSIDE MY BUILDING
09:34:01 WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO OPEN MY CONDO DOOR ON A WINDY DAY.
09:34:04 IN ADDITION, IN A HEAVY RAIN, THE WATER WOULD HAVE NOWHERE
09:34:10 TO GO.
09:34:11 THE COURTYARD WOULD BECOME A SWIMMING POOL.
09:34:13 THERE IS ALREADY A CANYON BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS ON COCOANUT
09:34:16 AND IN THE PAST YEAR IT FLOODED SO SEVERELY THAT IN A STORM
09:34:21 THAT WAS NEITHER A HURRICANE NOR A TROPICAL STORM, PALM
09:34:26 AVENUE FLOODED SO BADLY THAT IT HAD TO BE CLOSED BY THE
09:34:29 POLICE, PALM AND COCOANUT WERE BOTH CLOSED.
09:34:33 I STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING STUDY
09:34:37 BE COMPLETED BEFORE THINGS GO ANY FARTHER IN THE APPROVAL
09:34:40 PROCESS.
09:34:41 IT IS IMPERATIVE TO DETERMINE IF THERE WILL BE DETRIMENTAL
09:34:45 CONSEQUENCES FROM THE IMPACT OF THAT CONSTRUCTION AND THE
09:34:48 IMPACT OF WIND AND RAIN.
09:34:50 TWO OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO ENFORCE THE RULES OF THE

09:34:54 CITY AND TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS.
09:34:58 THIS IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO FULFILL THOSE
09:35:02 RESPONSIBILITIES.
09:35:04 MANY PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE ARCHITECTURAL GEM
09:35:08 THAT WAS THE LIDO BEACH CASINO HAD BEEN TORN DOWN INSTEAD OF
09:35:15 REPAIRED.
09:35:16 "OOPS, SORRY, WE MADE A MISTAKE" DOESN'T FIX THE DAMAGE THAT
09:35:20 WAS DONE BY DEMOLISHING A MAJOR ASSET FOR THIS CITY.
09:35:22 I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY, "OOPS, SORRY,"
09:35:27 IF THIS CONSTRUCTION GOES FOR AND PROVES TO BE THE MISTAKE
09:35:29 THAT I KNOW IT IS.
09:35:30 PLEASE LET US BE SAFE AND NOT SORRY.
09:35:33 WE ALL LIVE HERE BY CHOICE.
09:35:35 WE DID NOT CHOOSE TAMPA.
09:35:36 WE DID NOT CHOOSE MIAMI.
09:35:37 THIS REMARKABLE CITY IS UNLIKE ANYTHING IN THE COUNTRY.
09:35:43 PLEASE, DON'T MAKE IT "OOPS, SORRY" WHEN YOU REALIZE
09:35:47 EVERYTHING WE CHERISH ABOUT SARASOTA IS GONE.
09:35:49 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

09:35:50 THANK YOU.
09:35:51 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN.
09:35:55 >> MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION, MY NAME IS
09:36:00 MICHAEL SCHNEIDERMAN.
09:36:02 I HAVE PRACTICED CITY PLANNING AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT IN A
09:36:07 MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREA FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS.

09:36:10 DURING THAT TIME, I HAD NEVER SEEN A PROJECT EXPLOIT ZONING
09:36:18 CODES IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO HEIGHT LIMITATIONS JUST TO SELL
09:36:24 14 EXPENSIVE UNITS AT PRICES RANGING FROM 5 TO 8 MILLION
09:36:29 DOLLARS OR MORE.
09:36:31 I DOUBT THAT THERE ARE OTHER CITIES THAT WOULD TURN A BLIND
09:36:36 EYE TO THIS LIKE SARASOTA HAS.
09:36:39 PLEASE BLOCK THE APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE IT
09:36:46 BLOCKS OUT EVERYTHING GOOD THAT HAS OCCURRED IN THE AREA
09:36:51 OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES, INCLUDING OPENING OF MORE RETAIL
09:36:58 ESTABLISHMENTS, EATING PLACES, PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY, LIVE
09:37:03 THEATER, AND RECOGNIZING LANDMARKS LIKE THE BAY PLAZA MIXED
09:37:09 USE PROJECT.
09:37:12 THE AREA IS BUSTLING WITH PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY FEEL
09:37:16 COMFORTABLE WITH THE SCALE OF THE SURROUNDINGS THAT ARE IN
09:37:21 PROPORTION TO THE INTIMACY OF A RELATIVELY SMALL CITY.
09:37:27 THE DEVELOPMENT ABOUT TWO -- THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TO
09:37:28 THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SQUARE -- TALL WITH A MASSIVE
09:37:34 SIX-STORY GARAGE WILL DO NOTHING TO ENHANCE THE BEAUTY AND
09:37:41 PRESTIGE OF DOWNTOWN OTHER THAN TO ENCOURAGE MORE UNSIGHTLY
09:37:47 SKYSCRAPERS TO COMPETE WITH MIAMI.
09:37:50 AND I DON'T THINK ANYONE WANTS TO SEE THAT.
09:37:55 PLEASE CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZE THIS PROJECT TO MAKE CERTAIN
09:38:00 THAT IT DOESN'T REQUIRE AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
09:38:05 IN TERMS OF TEXT CHANGES, MAPPING, NEIGHBORHOOD
09:38:08 COMPATIBILITY, CONSTRUCTION STAGING, AND ZONING TWEAKING.

09:38:14 IF IT DOES THAT, IT WILL BE ANOTHER REASON TO DENY IT.
09:38:19 THE LIVELIHOOD OF 14 BUSINESSES IS AT STAKE IF THIS PROJECT
09:38:29 GOES THROUGH.
09:38:31 THERE IS AN 11-UNIT TOWN HOUSE PROJECT ON 2nd STREET
09:38:35 CALLED THE LIBRARY MEWS.
09:38:38 THE DEVELOPER OF 1260 BUILT THIS PROJECT JUST INCHES AWAY
09:38:44 FROM THAT LIBRARY MEWS, TOWERING OVER THE MEWS JUST AS THE
09:38:52 1260 PROJECT WOULD DWARF BAY PLAZA.
09:38:55 HE CALLS 1260 THE ROLLS-ROYCE OF DOWNTOWN CONDOMINIUMS.
09:39:02 I THINK A BETTER NAME WOULD BE THE EDSEL OF THE DOWNTOWN.
09:39:07 >> Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, SIR.
09:39:08 APPRECIATE IT.
09:39:08 THANK YOU.
09:39:09 [LAUGHTER]
09:39:10 THAT WAS GOOD.
09:39:15 MR. HESS.
09:39:19 >> GOOD MORNING.
09:39:19 MY NAME IS PAUL HESS.
09:39:21 I'M A RETIRED LAWYER AND FORMER HEALTH CARE EXECUTIVE.
09:39:24 MY WIFE AND I MOVED TO SARASOTA TWO YEARS AGO BECAUSE WE
09:39:29 WANTED TO LIVE IN DOWNTOWN, A NICE DOWNTOWN IN THE CITY OF

09:39:36 SARASOTA.
09:39:37 WE SELECTED BAY PLAZA BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO RETAIL AND
09:39:42 THE ARTS DISTRICT.
09:39:43 WE OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS BUILDING, JUST LIKE MY
09:39:49 NEIGHBORS HERE.
09:39:50 FOR FOUR REASONS.
09:39:51 ONE, IT WILL VIOLATE THE 18-STORY HEIGHT RESTRICTION BY
09:39:56 SEEKING TO USE OVER 70 FEET, FIVE STORIES, OF INTERSTITIAL
09:40:02 SPACE.
09:40:03 IT WILL BE MORE THAN TWICE THE HEIGHT OF ANY OF THE NEAREST
09:40:06 BUILDINGS.
09:40:08 SECOND, IT WILL BE BUILT ON A VERY, VERY SMALL LOT.
09:40:13 SO THERE WILL BE INSUFFICIENT SETBACK SPACE AND INSUFFICIENT
09:40:19 SPACE FOR REFUSE, RECYCLING, ET CETERA.
09:40:22 THIRDLY, IT WILL ELIMINATE SEVEN RETAIL BUSINESSES, TWO OF
09:40:28 WHICH ARE MINORITY OWNED.
09:40:30 AND THEN FOURTHLY, IT WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE RESIDENTS
09:40:35 AND OWNERS IN BAY PLAZA AND OTHER NEIGHBORING UNITS.
09:40:40 BAY PLAZA SPECIFICALLY IT WILL THREATEN THE STRUCTURAL
09:40:46 INTEGRITY OF OUR BUILDING BECAUSE WE WILL BE LOCATED INCHES
09:40:50 AWAY FROM THIS 342-FOOT TALL MONSTROSITY.
09:40:55 IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE CHARACTER OF THE ARTS DISTRICT
09:40:59 AND WITH OVER 580 OTHER RESIDENTIAL UNITS CURRENTLY BEING
09:41:05 BUILT AND IN THE APPROVAL PROCESS THIS 14-UNIT BUILDING IS
09:41:10 UNNECESSARY.
09:41:11 THANK YOU.
09:41:12 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.
09:41:13 THANK YOU ALL.
09:41:16 >> WOULD YOU EXCUSE ME WITH ONE NOTE.
09:41:19 SEEMED TO ME THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE NOT PAYING ATTENTION
09:41:21 TO WHAT WE WERE SAYING.
09:41:22 IT'S VERY UPSETTING.
09:41:28 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU ALL.
09:41:29 THANK YOU FOR THE CITIZENS' INPUT.
09:41:37 MOVING ON TO ITEM 4.1, THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.
09:41:42 >>Shayla Griggs: WE HAVE ONE ZOOM.
09:41:43 I'M SORRY.
09:41:43 MARY CINER.
09:41:46 >>Mayor Battie: I APOLOGIZE.
09:41:47 WE HAVE ONE PERSON ON ZOOM.
09:41:48 MS. MARY CINER.
09:41:52 ARE YOU WITH US?
09:41:53 >> MARY CINER, CITY OF SARASOTA RESIDENT AND TAXPAYER.
09:41:55 A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO I RECEIVED A FLYER ABOUT SARASOTA
09:41:58 COUNTY STARTING ON MAY 1st, 2023, THAT THEY WILL NOT BE
09:42:03 ACCEPTING PLASTIC BAGS FOR YARD WASTE, ONLY PAPER BAGS,
09:42:07 PLASTIC CANS AND TIED BUNDLES.
09:42:09 I WONDERED WHY WE THE CITY RESIDENTS WERE NOT GIVEN THE SAME
09:42:14 OPPORTUNITIES.
09:42:14 I KNOW WHEN THE HURRICANES CAME THROUGH LAST FALL I DID NOT
09:42:18 HAVE ENOUGH 30-GALLON PLASTIC CANS TO PUT OUT ALL THE LEAFS
09:42:22 AND SMALL TWIGS.

09:42:23 HAD TO BUY PAPER BAGS AND FILLED ALL OF THEM AS I DID NOT
09:42:28 HAVE SPACE TO PUT LOOSE LEAFS NEXT TO THE CURB WITHOUT THEM

09:42:31 BLOWING ONTO THE ROAD.
09:42:33 I WATCHED AND LISTENED TO THE WORKSHOP ON SOLID WASTE ON
09:42:35 MAY 9 WHERE I GOT TO SEE AND HEAR SOME SUGGESTIONS ABOUT
09:42:38 WHAT TO DO WITH UNWANTED FURNITURE.
09:42:41 I WILL TELL YOU, WHEN I TRIED TO DONATE FURNITURE, FOUND OUT
09:42:45 THEY HAD TO BE PERFECT, NO STAINS OR WORN SPOTS.
09:42:49 RESALE STORE I CALLED CAME OUT AND LOOKED AND SAID THEY
09:42:51 COULD NOT TAKE THE FURNITURE.
09:42:53 I THEN ASKED THEM TO PUT THEM OUT TO THE CURB FOR ME.
09:42:56 BY THE NEXT DAY THEY HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY ANOTHER.
09:42:59 THAT SAID, IF FURNITURE IS STILL THERE AFTER A COUPLE OF
09:43:02 DAYS, MEANS NO ONE WANTS THEM.
09:43:04 I THINK IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER OF THE
09:43:06 PROPERTY, OR THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY TO DISPOSE OF THE
09:43:11 FURNITURE, ESPECIALLY IF THE TENANT HAS BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE.
09:43:13 ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT COMPANIES WHO RENT THEIR
09:43:16 HOMES SHOULD BE NOTIFIED THAT IT IS ONE OF THEIR
09:43:20 RESPONSIBILITIES TO ENSURE ALL FURNITURE AND SO FORTH THAT
09:43:22 IS LEFT BE DISPOSED BY THEM.
09:43:25 EITHER CALL THE CITY FOR SPECIAL PICKUP AND BE CHARGED OR
09:43:29 FIND ANOTHER WAY TO REMOVE THE WASTE BY TAKING IT TO THE
09:43:31 LANDFILL THEMSELVES.
09:43:32 AM PRETTY SURE THIS IS THE PROPERTY OWNER OR MANAGEMENT
09:43:35 COMPANY THAT HAS PILED WHAT IS LEFT AT THE CURB.
09:43:38 NOW WE ARE BEING TOLD THERE WILL BE A RATE INCREASE TO

09:43:42 \$28.59 PER MONTH FROM THE \$24.55 PER MONTH.
09:43:47 MAYBE IT IS TIME TO MERGE OUR SOLID WASTE FOR RESIDENTIAL
09:43:51 PROPERTY OWNERS WITH SARASOTA COUNTY WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN
09:43:54 PAYING THIS FISCAL YEAR \$19.46 PER MONTH.
09:43:59 WE DID NOT MERGE YEARS BACK AS WE HAD TWICE-A-WEEK PICKUP,
09:44:04 BUT NOW IT IS THE SAME AS THEIRS, ONCE A WEEK.
09:44:06 THANK YOU.
09:44:08 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, MA'AM.
09:44:09 EXCELLENT.
09:44:11 MOVING ON TO ITEM 4.1, APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.
09:44:14 ASK IF THERE ARE ANY CORRECTIONS TO THE REGULAR CITY
09:44:17 COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2023.
09:44:20 JEN AHEARN-KOCH.
09:44:25 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: I DID SUBMIT SOME NON-SUBSTANTIVE
09:44:28 COMMENTS TO THE MINUTES.
09:44:30 AND WITH THAT, I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 17, 2023,
09:44:34 MINUTES.
09:44:38 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH AND
09:44:37 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
09:44:38 COMMISSIONERS, CAN WE HAVE YOUR VOTE?
09:44:40 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
09:44:47 >> YES.
09:44:47 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
09:44:48 MOTION PASSES 5-0.
09:44:49 MOVING ON TO 4.2, APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

09:44:54 I'LL ASK IF THERE ARE ANY CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE
09:44:56 SPECIAL SARASOTA CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2023.
09:45:01 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: MR. MAYOR, I HAD NO CORRECTIONS.
09:45:03 I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OTHER COMMISSIONERS DID.
09:45:04 IF THEY DIDN'T, I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2023,
09:45:08 SPECIAL SARASOTA CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.
09:45:10 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH AND
09:45:12 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
09:45:14 COMMISSIONERS, MAY I HAVE YOUR VOTE?
09:45:16 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
09:45:22 >> YES.
09:45:22 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION PASSES 5-0.
09:45:24 THANK YOU.
09:45:25 MOVING ON TO ITEM 5.1, DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD.
09:45:29 THIS IS TO ANNOUNCE THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
09:45:32 REPORT, RECOMMENDATION, AND SIDEWALK CAFE PERMIT AMENDMENT
09:45:38 REQUEST.
09:45:39 CALL UPON DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT CHAIR RUBEN AND
09:45:44 DISTRICT MANAGER RYAN TO MAKE A PRESENTATION.
09:45:50 >> GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR.
09:45:51 GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS.
09:45:52 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING.
09:45:54 MR. BROWN, MR. ROBINSON.
09:45:55 WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE
09:45:58 DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

09:46:00 WE'VE BEEN A GREAT PARTNER AND A GREAT BOARD FOR THE CITY.
09:46:05 AS YOU KNOW, WE SPONSOR THE TREE LIGHTS, THE FLOWER BASKETS.
09:46:11 WE'RE A PARTNER WITH THE CITY ON THE BAY RUNNER.
09:46:13 WE PROVIDE THE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AT CHRISTMASTIME.
09:46:18 PARTNER IN FRESH FRIDAYS WITH YOU, SERVICE IN-KIND PROVIDER,
09:46:22 AND WE PUT UP \$10,000 PER EVENT TO HAVE THE FRESH FRIDAY
09:46:28 EVENTS WHICH HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS DOWNTOWN AND
09:46:30 APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION WITH THAT.
09:46:32 WE'RE ALSO A PARTNER IN YOUR ALLEY CLEANING PROGRAM AND ALSO
09:46:35 THE SIDEWALK CLEANING PROGRAM.
09:46:37 ON APRIL 4th AT OUR D.I.D. BOARD MEETING, WE VOTED TO ASK
09:46:41 YOU TO CONSIDER IN THE CAFE PERMITS A CHANGE.
09:46:45 AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ADDITIONAL SQUARE FOOTAGE FEE
09:46:48 PUT IN FOR CLEANING OF THE SIDEWALKS.
09:46:52 PRESENTLY, THE CITY WE SPEND RIGHT NOW OF OUR D.I.D. BUDGET
09:46:56 THIS YEAR \$92,700 A YEAR, AND WE CLEAN THE SIDEWALK SIX
09:47:01 TIMES A YEAR AND WE CLEAN THE ALLEYS SIX TIMES A YEAR.
09:47:04 IS THAT CORRECT?
09:47:06 FOUR TIMES.
09:47:07 PARDON ME.
09:47:07 FOUR TIMES A YEAR WE HELP CLEAN THE ALLEYS.
09:47:10 I KNOW ALLEYS IS A BIG CONCENTRATION OF YOUR BOARD NOW BASED
09:47:14 UPON YOUR LAST BOARD MEETING.
09:47:16 WE SUPPORT ANY IMPROVEMENT TO THE ALLEYWAYS AS WELL BECAUSE
09:47:20 A LOT OF THE GREASE EMANATES FROM THE ALLEYWAYS.

09:47:24 WHEN THEY CLEAN THE MATS AT CLOSING, IN THE ALLEYWAYS,

09:47:27 THAT'S WHAT WINDS UP ON THE SIDEWALKS, ALSO GREASE IN THE
09:47:29 KITCHEN WINDS UP ON THE SIDEWALKS CREATING THE BLACK
09:47:32 UNSIGHTLY LOOK.
09:47:33 JUST BY REFERENCE, THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, WHICH WE HAVE
09:47:36 A COPY OF THEIR CAFE PERMIT, REQUIRES MAINTAIN A NEAT AND
09:47:41 ORDERLY APPEARANCE.
09:47:42 WE DON'T HAVE THAT LANGUAGE IN OUR CAFE PERMITS.
09:47:44 WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THAT AND FACILITATE
09:47:47 THAT.
09:47:47 IF YOU PUT IN A \$3-SQUARE-FOOT FEE IN ADDITION TO
09:47:52 \$2-SQUARE-FOOT FEE IN THERE RIGHT NOW, IT IS STILL A VERY
09:47:55 MANAGEABLE NUMBER.
09:47:56 WE HAVE PRESENTLY IN THE CITY, THERE ARE 78 ACTIVE SIDEWALK
09:47:59 CAFE PERMITS.
09:48:00 49 ARE DOWNTOWN, 23 ARE AT ST. ARMANDS CIRCLE AND 6 OTHERS.
09:48:05 THE EXISTING SIDEWALK CAFE PERMIT FEE IS \$274, THE BASE FEE
09:48:12 PLUS \$2 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR THE CITY.
09:48:14 SO I THINK IT'S A GREAT AMBIENCE THAT IT CREATES IN THE
09:48:18 CITY.
09:48:18 A WONDERFUL FEEL THAT WE ALL ENJOY, AND WE'D LIKE TO HAVE IT
09:48:23 LOOK BETTER.
09:48:23 IT'S THAT SIMPLE.
09:48:24 TO HAVE OUR SIDEWALKS BE PROUD AS WE ARE OF THE CITY OF
09:48:28 SARASOTA.

09:48:28 SO WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND RELOOKING AT OUR SIDEWALK
09:48:32 CAFE PERMIT AND SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE WITH THAT.
09:48:36 DID I MISS ANY HIGHLIGHTS AT ALL?
09:48:40 ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL THAT I CAN ANSWER ON THAT OR ON THE
09:48:42 D.I.D. BOARD?
09:48:44 >>Mayor Battie: SHOULD WE CALL UPON THOSE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK
09:48:47 FIRST?
09:48:47 >>Shayla Griggs: I WOULD.
09:48:48 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
09:48:49 THANK YOU ALL.
09:48:49 NOW WE'LL CALL UPON THOSE THAT ARE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK TO
09:48:52 THIS ITEM.
09:48:53 THAT IS MR. JONATHAN VAN DYKE.
09:48:56 IF YOU CAN COME JOIN US, PLEASE.
09:48:58 >>Marlon Brown: MAYOR, IF I MAY, WHILE HE COMES UP, THERE
09:49:00 ARE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE PROVIDED.
09:49:03 EITHER WE HAVE THE OWNER OF THE RESTAURANT CLEAN IT
09:49:08 THEMSELVES OR WE TACK ON AN ADDITIONAL FEE IF THEY WANT THAT
09:49:14 AS AN ALTERNATIVE.
09:49:14 SO THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER.
09:49:17 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, MR. BROWN.
09:49:18 MR. VAN DYKE.
09:49:20 >> GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS, JONATHAN VAN DYKE.
09:49:23 GENERAL MANAGER OF DUVAL'S FRESH LOCAL SEAFOOD.
09:49:26 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO.
09:49:28 THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE, THE OPINIONS YOU HAVE TO BALANCE,
09:49:31 THEY ARE NOT EASY.
09:49:32 THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO DO.

09:49:33 THERE IS A LOT THAT YOU DO.
09:49:34 SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT.
09:49:36 THERE IS A PHILOSOPHY THAT A ONE PERCENT IMPROVEMENT EVERY
09:49:41 SINGLE DAY LEADS TO A 32 TIMES GREATER OUTPUT AT THE END OF
09:49:45 A YEAR.
09:49:46 AND I SEE THAT IN THE INCREMENTAL WORK THAT YOU ALL DO.
09:49:49 YOU DON'T MAKE BIG DRASTIC CHANGES ON A DAILY BASIS.
09:49:53 YOU CONTINUE EVERY MEETING EVERY WEEK.
09:49:56 SOMETIMES OUTSIDE OF THESE MEETINGS, IN YOUR MEETINGS WITH
09:50:00 CONSTITUENTS TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE YOUR CITY.
09:50:02 AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I LOVE ABOUT SARASOTA.
09:50:05 AS A RESTAURANT, WE SEE ENHANCED SIDEWALK CLEANING AS A
09:50:08 GREAT BENEFIT TO THE CITY OF SARASOTA.
09:50:10 IT'S GOING TO IMPROVE THE AMBIENCE OF SARASOTA AND IT WILL
09:50:13 IMPROVE THE OVERALL LOOK.
09:50:15 SARASOTA SEES MORE PEOPLE NOW, BOTH RESIDENTS AND VISITORS,
09:50:19 THAN IT DID IN YEARS PAST, AND THAT IS A PHENOMENAL THING.
09:50:24 NEEDING ADDITIONAL SIDEWALK CLEANING IS A GOOD PROBLEM TO
09:50:26 HAVE FOR SARASOTA.
09:50:27 IT MEANS WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE COMING TO OUR COMMUNITY TO
09:50:31 LIVE, TO SPEND MONEY, TO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL SARASOTA.
09:50:35 THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT HAVE BROUGHT THIS INCREASED FOOT

09:50:40 TRAFFIC THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ON SIDEWALKS FROM THOSE
09:50:42 FRESH FRIDAYS THAT ARE AN ABSOLUTELY AWESOME EVENT DOWNTOWN
09:50:45 TO THE WINTER FESTIVAL OUT ON ST. ARMANDS, TO THE CINCO DE
09:50:48 MAYO BLOCK PARTIES THIS YEAR, TO THE FARMERS MARKET IN
09:50:52 ADDITION TO OUR GROWING POPULATION AND THE GROWING NUMBER OF
09:50:55 VISITORS WE HAVE.
09:50:55 IT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT WHAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY IS
09:50:59 CLEANING THE SIDEWALK FOR A PLETHORA OF BUSINESSES.
09:51:03 AND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS FINDING A FUNDING SOURCE THAT
09:51:05 MAINTAINS CLEANER SIDEWALKS WITHOUT PUTTING THE BURDEN ON A
09:51:10 FEW RESTAURANTS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO HAVE OUTDOOR DINING.
09:51:13 IN THE D.I.D.'S IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTIONS, THE FEE ONLY
09:51:16 APPLIES TO RESTAURANTS WITH OUTDOOR DINING, WOULD ONLY
09:51:20 REQUIRE RESTAURANTS WITH OUTDOOR DINING TO HAVE PROFESSIONAL
09:51:22 CLEANING ON A WEEKLY BASIS.
09:51:24 IN FACT, IT'S EVERY BUSINESS WITHIN OUR CITY THAT SHARES THE
09:51:29 NEED TO MAINTAIN CLEAN SIDEWALKS.
09:51:31 IT'S EVERY BUSINESS THAT SEES INCREASED FOOT TRAFFIC ON
09:51:33 THEIR SIDEWALKS AS OUR CITY GROWS.
09:51:36 WE ALL CAN AGREE, AS WE AGREE WITH THE D.I.D., THAT CLEANER
09:51:41 SIDEWALKS ARE THE RIGHT DECISION FOR SARASOTA AND
09:51:44 MAINTAINING THEM HELPS TO BEAUTIFY OUR CITY.
09:51:47 WHAT WE'RE URGING THIS COMMISSION TO DO IS FIND AN EQUITABLE
09:51:51 FUNDING SOLUTION THAT DOESN'T UNDULY BURDEN ONLY RESTAURANTS
09:51:54 WHO HAVE MADE THE CHOICE TO HAVE OUTDOOR DINING.

09:51:57 THANK YOU.
09:51:57 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.
09:51:58 I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
09:51:59 IF YOU CAN JOIN US, MR. RUBEN.
09:52:05 MRS. RYAN.

09:52:07 THANK YOU.
09:52:07 OPEN IT UP FOR COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS.
09:52:10 COMMISSIONER TRICE.
09:52:20 >>Debbie Trice: I APPRECIATE MR. VAN DYKE'S COMMENTS BECAUSE
09:52:24 THE FIRST QUESTION I WAS GOING TO ASK IS WHAT YOU HEARD FROM
09:52:28 THE OUTDOOR RESTAURANTS IN TERMS OF FEEDBACK ABOUT YOUR
09:52:35 RECOMMENDATION.
09:52:35 SO HAVE YOU HEARD -- WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD FROM THE OTHERS AND
09:52:39 OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA?
09:52:42 >> IN SPEAKING WITH MANY RESTAURANT OWNERS, THEY THINK THE
09:52:45 FEE IS A MODEST FEE AT THE MOMENT.
09:52:48 THE ADDITIONAL FEE -- I DON'T WANT TO PICK OUT ONE OF THE
09:52:51 RESTAURANTS -- BUT THEY GO FROM WHAT NORMALLY WOULD HAVE
09:52:53 BEEN \$720 PERMIT FEE TO 1080 BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION AT
09:53:00 \$3 A SQUARE FOOT FOR CLEANING FEE.
09:53:02 THEY CAN CERTAINLY DO THEIR OWN, AS WAS SUGGESTED.
09:53:05 AND THAT'S ALSO FINE.
09:53:07 WE WANT TO SEE THAT THEY ARE CLEAN AND TAKEN CARE OF BECOME
09:53:09 AN ENFORCEMENT SITUATION.
09:53:10 HOW DO YOU TAKE A LOOK, CODE ENFORCEMENT OUT THERE --

09:53:14 >>Debbie Trice: I WAS LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK FROM THE
09:53:16 BUSINESSES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED.
09:53:18 HAVE YOU GOTTEN FEEDBACK?
09:53:21 >> NO, I DON'T HAVE ANY NEGATIVE FEEDBACK AT THE MOMENT.
09:53:24 >>Debbie Trice: OKAY.
09:53:24 I WAS INTERESTED IN WHAT MR. VAN DYKE SAID BECAUSE THE TWO
09:53:29 OPTIONS YOU WERE RECOMMENDING, EITHER THE OUTDOOR CAFE BE
09:53:34 RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING THEIR AREA OR THE FUNDS WOULD BE
09:53:40 USED TO CLEAN THE GENERAL AREA, AND I'M THINKING THAT
09:53:46 THERE'S NO DELINEATION OR NO BORDER THAT DIRT AND SOIL WON'T
09:53:52 GO PAST THE AREA THAT'S RENTED BY THE RESTAURANT.
09:53:56 SO I WOULD FAVOR THE ENTIRE AREA HAVING THE MORE FREQUENT
09:54:01 CLEANING, BUT THEN WE GO BACK TO MR. VAN DYKE'S CONCERN THAT
09:54:07 WHY SHOULDN'T THE COST BE SHARED AMONG THE OTHER BUSINESSES.
09:54:12 SO I'M WONDERING, HAD YOU CONSIDERED AN ALTERNATIVE WHERE
09:54:16 THE COST WOULD BE SHARED BY MORE THAN JUST THE OUTDOOR CAFE
09:54:22 RENTAL INCREASE IN THE RENTAL?
09:54:24 >> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.
09:54:25 SO THEY ARE ACTUALLY SHARED BY THEM.
09:54:27 SO THE D.I.D. FUNDS ITSELF THROUGH TAXATION OF THOSE
09:54:32 BUILDING OWNERS.
09:54:33 SO THAT INDEED IS, OF COURSE, A PARTICIPATION BY ALL THE
09:54:37 BUSINESSES ON THOSE STREETS ARE PAYING ALREADY.
09:54:40 SO WE'RE ASKING AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE IN FEE JUST IN THE
09:54:43 CAFE PERMIT AREA BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THE AREA NEEDS TO BE

09:54:47 CLEANED.
09:54:47 IF THEY CHOOSE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN, THEN THERE'S NO
09:54:50 INCREASE IN FEES FOR THEM, IF THEY WOULD POLICE THEIR OWN
09:54:54 DINING AREAS.
09:54:56 >> I THINK THE THOUGHT PROCESS IS A SIDEWALK CAFE PERMIT
09:54:59 ISSUED BY THE CITY IS IN ESSENCE A PRIVILEGE, IT'S AN
09:55:04 OPTION.

09:55:04 RESTAURANTS DON'T HAVE TO COMMIT TO PAYING THE CITY'S FEE TO
09:55:09 USE THAT SIDEWALK, SO IT IS A BENEFIT.
09:55:13 SO THE INCREASED FEE IS -- WOULD RELATE TO THEM HAVING THE
09:55:19 PRIVILEGE OF BEING ON THE CITY SIDEWALK AND HAVING TO SHARE
09:55:23 IN THAT RESPONSIBILITY OF ENSURING THAT IT IS MAINTAINED AND
09:55:27 CLEANED AT ALL TIMES.
09:55:28 >>Marlon Brown: COMMISSIONER, JUST ONE MORE OBSERVATION, IF
09:55:31 YOU LOOK IN THE AGENDA PACKET, IT SHOWS THAT THE CITY AND
09:55:33 THE D.I.D. IS PARTNER IN CLEANING OTHER AREAS OF SIDEWALK,
09:55:38 AND WE'VE DOUBLED THAT OVER THE LAST YEAR.
09:55:41 SO THOSE -- AND I WILL ENCOURAGE ALL THE COMMISSIONERS TO
09:55:45 TAKE A WALK DOWNTOWN AND YOU WILL SEE FOR YOURSELF WHERE
09:55:48 TRULY THE DIRT AND THE GRIME IS ACCUMULATING.
09:55:52 AS MR. RUBEN MENTIONED, IT IS THAT WALK BACK AND FORTH FROM
09:55:55 THE KITCHEN AREA, OBSERVE FOR YOURSELF.
09:56:00 INDEED, THERE IS MORE CLEANING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH
09:56:03 CAFE PERMITS.
09:56:04 WE'RE NOT REALLY FOCUSING ON RESTAURANTS.

09:56:06 IT'S WHERE YOU HAVE A CAFE PERMIT.
09:56:08 YES, MORE RESTAURANTS TEND TO HAVE A CAFE PERMIT THAN OTHER
09:56:12 AREAS.
09:56:12 BUT I WILL ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO TAKE A WALK DOWNTOWN,
09:56:15 OBSERVE FOR YOURSELF, AND YOU'LL SEE THE NEED FOR WHAT IS
09:56:18 BEING PROPOSED TODAY.
09:56:21 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU.
09:56:23 COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
09:56:24 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: MY QUESTION FOR MR. RUBEN IS HOW DID YOU
09:56:31 ARRIVE AT THE SUM OF \$3 A SQUARE FOOT?
09:56:34 IN OUR BACKUP MATERIAL IT SAYS 5.
09:56:38 WE CHARGE NOW 2 AND YOU JUST MENTIONED 3.
09:56:42 >> IN LOOKING AT THE QUOTES FROM I THINK IT IS GORILLA
09:56:45 CLEANERS, THE CITY VENDOR AT THE PRESENT TIME.
09:56:49 NO.
09:56:50 I'M SORRY.
09:56:51 >> NO.
09:56:52 \$5 WAS THE 3 PLUS THE 2 SHOULD BECOME THE 5, IF THAT WAS NOT
09:56:57 CLEAR IN THE AGENDA PACKAGE, I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.
09:57:00 WHAT WE DID DO IS BASED UPON AN AVERAGE OF WHAT WE'RE
09:57:04 PAYING CURRENTLY IN THE DOWNTOWN ALONE, IF YOU JUST LOOK AT
09:57:08 THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES WITH THE REVENUE, THAT WOULD BE BY
09:57:14 THIS, WE COULD GET UP TO AN ADDITIONAL FOUR CLEANINGS AS
09:57:17 WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL ALLEY CLEANING.
09:57:20 CURRENTLY, THE CITY'S STANDARD OF SERVICE IS NOT TO CLEAN

09:57:24 THE ALLEY.
09:57:24 THE D.I.D. DOES THAT FOUR TIMES.
09:57:26 WE CAN PROBABLY MAKE THAT UP TO FIVE TIMES, AND WE COULD
09:57:29 PROBABLY ADD IN ADDITION, ADDITIONAL FOUR CLEANINGS TO THE
09:57:34 SIDEWALK, WHICH WOULD BRING A TOTAL OF UPWARDS OF 16 TIMES A
09:57:39 YEAR OPPOSED TO NOW IT'S ONCE A MONTH OR 12 TIMES.
09:57:42 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: OKAY.
09:57:43 I ATTENDED THE D.I.D. MEETING WHEN THIS WAS BEING DISCUSSED,
09:57:50 AND I'M STILL UNCLEAR ON THE PREFERENCE OF THE CITY.

09:57:53 I KNOW THAT THE DISCUSSION IS ABOUT WHETHER THE RESTAURANT
09:57:56 DOES IT OR WHETHER THE CITY DOES IT AND COLLECTS A FEE.
09:58:00 I BELIEVE THE CITY'S POINT OF VIEW WAS THAT IF THE CITY DOES
09:58:04 IT AND COLLECTS A FEE, THERE WILL BE CONSISTENCY.
09:58:07 IF YOU LEAVE IT UP TO THE RESTAURANT, WELL, THEN, IT'S UP TO
09:58:10 THE RESTAURANT TO DO IT THEMSELVES.
09:58:12 I WAS CURIOUS, MR. BROWN, WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION?
09:58:17 WHAT'S STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION AND WHY?
09:58:19 >>Marlon Brown: I THINK THE LATTER IS OUR PREFERRED.
09:58:23 I WON'T SAY OUR RECOMMENDATION, OUR PREFERRED BECAUSE, AS
09:58:25 YOU MENTIONED, CONSISTENCY.
09:58:27 AGAIN, AS MR. VAN DYKE MENTIONED, I DON'T WANT TO AS THE
09:58:33 CITY MANAGER, I DON'T WANT THIS TO LOOK AS ADDITIONAL TAX OR
09:58:36 BURDEN OR FEE ON A RESTAURANT.
09:58:38 IF THEY HAVE THE ABILITY, THEY MAY HAVE THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT,
09:58:41 THEY CAN DO IT THEMSELVES.

09:58:43 SO, AGAIN, IT'S JUST ENSURING THAT CONSISTENCY IF THE
09:58:48 COMMISSION IS GOING TO CONSIDER THIS AND APPROVE IT.
09:58:51 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SO THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO CHARGE THE
09:58:54 \$3, EXTRA DOLLARS, AND HAVE THE CITY DO IT SO THAT IT'S
09:58:58 CONSISTENT.
09:58:58 >>Marlon Brown: CORRECT.
09:59:01 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: OKAY.
09:59:02 I THINK THOSE ARE ALL MY QUESTIONS.
09:59:03 THANK YOU.
09:59:03 >>Mayor Battie: ALL RIGHT.
09:59:04 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
09:59:04 COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
09:59:06 >>Erik Arroyo: THANK YOU.
09:59:07 IS THIS AN EXTRA \$3 ON TOP OF THE \$2?
09:59:11 >> YES.
09:59:12 >>Erik Arroyo: SO THE FEE THAT YOU'RE CHARGING FOR CLEANING
09:59:14 THESE SIDEWALKS IS MORE THAN THE FEE THAT THEY ARE PAYING
09:59:17 FOR ACTUALLY USING THE SIDEWALK OR THE PARKING SPACES?
09:59:25 >> YES.
09:59:25 THERE IS A BASE FEE OF \$2 PER SQUARE FOOT FEE, AND THIS
09:59:30 WOULD ADD \$3 PER SQUARE FOOT.
09:59:32 >>Erik Arroyo: WHAT IS THE AVERAGE SIZE OF THE SPACES
09:59:36 USUALLY THAT ARE TAKEN UP BY BUSINESSES?
09:59:38 >> WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SIDEWALKS.
09:59:40 JUST THE SIDEWALKS.
09:59:42 >>Erik Arroyo: WHAT IS THE AVERAGE?
09:59:44 AN AVERAGE FEE FOR A SIDEWALK WITHOUT THIS \$3 ADDED AND WITH
09:59:48 THE \$3 ADDED?
09:59:51 >> IF WE TAKE ONE THAT IS 173 SQUARE FEET, A CAFE PERMIT,
09:59:56 DOWNTOWN, EXISTING TODAY, THE BASE FEE IS \$274.
09:59:59 THE ADDITIONAL FEE WOULD BE \$966 IN COSTS FOR THE CLEANING
10:00:07 PURPOSES.
10:00:09 >>Erik Arroyo: 966.
10:00:11 THEY ARE GOING FROM PAYING 274 TO PAYING 966 OR AN
10:00:15 ADDITIONAL 966 --
10:00:17 >> AN ADDITIONAL, YES.

10:00:23 >>Erik Arroyo: I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER TRICE.
10:00:24 >>Marlon Brown: COMMISSIONERS, GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY --
10:00:28 >>Erik Arroyo: TIME IS RUNNING.
10:00:29 >>Marlon Brown: JUST GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY REWORK THE
10:00:31 NUMBERS.
10:00:33 I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS CLEAR AS TO WHAT WE ARE
10:00:35 CHARGING.
10:00:37 MR. PATELLAR, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH ANY OF THIS?
10:00:40 WE NEED TIME TO LOOK AT THE NUMBERS.
10:00:42 >> WE'RE HAPPY TO MEET AND DO THAT, SURE.
10:00:52 >> JUST ANY BLOCK.
10:00:58 FOR EXAMPLE, SOMEBODY ON MAIN STREET, 153 SQUARE FEET, THEY
10:01:09 ARE PAYING TOTAL FOR THE BASE FEE AND THE \$2 FEE IS 580.
10:01:19 THEY WOULD GET CHARGED AN ADDITIONAL 459.

10:01:23 SO IT WOULD BE \$3 TIMES 150 FEE.
10:01:26 SO THEY WOULD BE PAYING OVER A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THAT
10:01:30 PARTICULAR INSTANCE.
10:01:36 >>Erik Arroyo: ELEMENTS CURRENT FEE, THEY CURRENTLY PAY
10:01:39 4,000.
10:01:40 IS THAT WHAT IT IS?
10:01:41 >> YEAH.
10:01:41 >>Erik Arroyo: AND THEY WOULD GO TO \$7,300.
10:01:44 I THINK OUR CHOICES ARE MUCH MORE THAN JUST AT THIS POINT
10:01:49 THAN EITHER CHARGING BOTH -- YOU KNOW, HAVING THEM HAVE AN
10:01:52 OPTION TO CLEAN OR CHARGE THEM A FEE.
10:01:54 I THINK WE HAVE MANY OTHER OPTIONS HERE.
10:01:57 FOR EXAMPLE, THE D.I.D. PAYS \$92,600 TO CLEAN X NUMBER OF
10:02:06 TIMES PER YEAR, BUT THERE ARE MANY AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY.
10:02:11 I KNOW THE D.I.D. ALSO PAYS ALMOST HALF A MILLION DOLLARS A
10:02:14 YEAR TO MAINTAIN THOSE FLOWERPOTS THAT THEY HAVE AROUND THE
10:02:18 TREES THERE.
10:02:18 SO WE SPEND OVER FOUR TIMES AS MUCH, MAYBE FIVE TIMES, ON
10:02:25 MAINTAINING THESE FLOWERS, DECORATIVE FLOWERS THAN WE DO ON
10:02:30 ACTUAL CLEANING OF SIDEWALKS AND ALLEYS.
10:02:33 WE WANT TO INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE TO HAVE BUSINESSES IN DOWNTOWN
10:02:40 SARASOTA.
10:02:41 WE WANT TO INCENTIVIZE THEM TO HAVE AN OUTDOOR PERMIT FEE
10:02:46 AND CONTRIBUTE TO THAT EXPERIENCE.
10:02:49 AND SOMETIMES THESE FEES JUST HINDER THAT AND PREVENT PEOPLE

10:02:54 FROM WANTING TO EXPAND THEIR BUSINESS, COME TO SARASOTA, AND
10:02:57 IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE PENALIZING THE RESTAURANT OWNERS ALMOST
10:03:02 TO A DISPROPORTIONATE LEVEL -- LARGELY DISPROPORTIONATE
10:03:07 LEVEL.
10:03:08 ARE THERE ANY BARS ON THIS LIST, JUST STRAIGHT BARS THAT
10:03:20 HAVE AN OUTDOOR PERMIT?
10:03:24 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: I DON'T THINK THEY CAN.
10:03:25 >>Marlon Brown: BARS ARE NOT ALLOWED.
10:03:29 YOU HAVE TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF FOOD AS PART OF IT.
10:03:32 >>Erik Arroyo: YOU MAY AGREE THAT BARS I THINK ALSO
10:03:34 CONTRIBUTE SOMETIMES TO THE SIDEWALK AND THE CLEANING THAT
10:03:38 NEEDS TO BE DONE.
10:03:39 >>Marlon Brown: NOT THAT WE'VE SEEN, UNLESS SOMEONE COMES UP

10:03:45 AND -- YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
10:03:48 SERIOUSLY, COMMISSIONER, THE ISSUE HERE IS YOU TALK ABOUT
10:03:51 BUSINESSES AND THIS IS A BENEFIT TO OUR COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO
10:03:56 WE WANT TO HAVE A CLEAN CITY.
10:03:58 WE WANT TO HAVE A CITY THAT IS WELCOMING, THAT HAS A HIGH
10:04:03 QUALITY OF LIFE.
10:04:03 AGAIN, IT IS EITHER THE CITY PAYS OR THE D.I.D. PAYS OR
10:04:07 SOMEONE PAYS.
10:04:09 >>Erik Arroyo: CAN I SEE THAT CHART ONE MORE TIME?
10:04:12 >> ONE THOUGHT ON THIS, ALSO INEXPENSIVE SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR
10:04:16 THE RESTAURANT COMPARED TO THEIR INDOOR RENT.
10:04:19 THEY ARE OUTSIDE FOR DE MINIMIS AMOUNT COMPARED TO INSIDE
10:04:23 SPACE RENT.
10:04:24 IT IS A FRACTION OF IT.
10:04:24 >>Marlon Brown: CORRECT.
10:04:26 >>Erik Arroyo: AND THIS IS PER YEAR THIS FEE?
10:04:29 >> YES.
10:04:31 >>Erik Arroyo: AS LONG AS -- LOOK, I WOULD BE IN SUPPORT OF
10:04:33 THIS IF THEY WERE GIVEN THAT OPTION TO JUST EITHER PAY OR
10:04:38 CLEAN IT UP THEMSELVES BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT THE GREASE,
10:04:42 ESPECIALLY IN THE BACK OF RESTAURANTS AND ALLEYS IS A
10:04:45 PROBLEM AND DOES NEED TO GET ADDRESSED SOMEHOW.
10:04:47 I THINK MAYBE A COLLECTIVE RESERVOIR OF A UNIFORM WAY OF
10:04:54 GETTING RID OF THE GREASE WOULD BE HELPFUL.
10:04:57 THANK YOU.
10:04:58 THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.
10:04:59 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10:05:00 VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
10:05:03 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: A LOT OF MY QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED
10:05:06 BECAUSE I ALSO THOUGHT ABOUT, WELL, WHAT ABOUT THE
10:05:10 BUSINESSES WHO NEED CLEANING IN FRONT OF THEIR SIDEWALKS,
10:05:16 THAT THEY ARE NOT RESTAURANTS THAT HAVE A CAFE PERMIT BUT
10:05:20 ANSWERED THAT QUESTION IN THAT IT'S PAID THROUGH THEIR
10:05:23 D.I.D. FEES.
10:05:24 AND IT MAKES SENSE THAT THE AREA WHERE THERE IS A CAFE
10:05:31 PERMIT WOULD NEED MORE CLEANING.
10:05:36 IF THEY HAVE THEIR TABLES INSIDE, THEY HAVE TO CLEAN INSIDE
10:05:42 BECAUSE THEY HAVE PEOPLE EATING FOOD, SPILLING FOOD,
10:05:45 SPILLING DRINKS, YOU KNOW, CARRYING FOOD BACK AND FORTH.
10:05:49 I THINK IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE TO CHARGE AN EXTRA FEE SO THE
10:05:54 CITY CAN CLEAN IT.
10:05:56 I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE CONSISTENT THAT WE CHARGE THE FEE AND
10:06:01 THE CITY MAKES SURE IT'S ALL DONE, BECAUSE IF WE THEN SAY,
10:06:06 WELL, LET'S LEAVE IT UP TO THE RESTAURANTS TO DO IT, THEN
10:06:10 WE'VE GOT TO THEN HAVE SOMEONE ON STAFF MAKING SURE IT'S
10:06:15 BEING ENFORCED AND MAKING SURE THEY ARE DOING IT CORRECTLY.
10:06:19 IT IS THE PRICE OF DOING BUSINESS.
10:06:22 IF THEY HAD TO PAY FOR IT THEMSELVES, THEY PROBABLY WOULD BE
10:06:27 SPENDING MORE PER YEAR IF THEY HAD TO CLEAN IT EVERY MONTH
10:06:31 OR EVERY COUPLE OF WEEKS THAN THEY WOULD BE SPENDING BY
10:06:33 PAYING A FEE TO THE CITY TO MAKE IT CONSISTENT, MAKE SURE IT
10:06:37 GETS DONE.

10:06:38 SO I'M FOR DOING THAT.
10:06:41 I WOULD HAVE FELT DIFFERENTLY IF THAT WAS A MONTHLY FEE THAT
10:06:45 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THERE ON THE CHART, BUT AN ANNUAL FEE,
10:06:53 COMPARED TO WHAT THEY ARE ABLE TO EARN BY HAVING THE CAFE
10:06:57 PERMITS I THINK IS NOT GOING TO BE TOO ONEROUS TO THEM AND
10:07:03 ACTUALLY, IT BENEFITS THEM AND BENEFITS ALL OF THE CITY.
10:07:06 SO THANK YOU.

10:07:09 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
10:07:10 I CONCUR WITH ALL THE SENTIMENTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS
10:07:13 REGARDING THIS.

10:07:14 MORE QUESTIONS?
10:07:17 NO.
10:07:19 EXCELLENT.
10:07:19 THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.
10:07:21 THANK YOU.
10:07:22 I GUESS WE'LL HAVE A MOTION FOR THIS.
10:07:28 >>Shayla Griggs: I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT --
10:07:30 >>Mayor Battie: THE DIRECTION.
10:07:32 >>Marlon Brown: -- THE REPORT AND TO ALSO DIRECT US TO BRING
10:07:35 BACK AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE TO EITHER INCREASE
10:07:39 OR TO ALLOW THE CAFE OWNERS TO DO IT THEMSELVES.
10:07:43 AGAIN, I'M HEARING THE MAJORITY OF COMMISSIONERS SAYING TO
10:07:45 HAVE THE CITY DO IT BY AN INCREASE IN THE CAFE.
10:07:50 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: THAT IS THE MOTION I WAS GOING TO MAKE.
10:07:54 >>Marlon Brown: IF YOU DON'T MIND, COMMISSIONERS, IF WE CAN
10:07:57 BREAK IT INTO TWO MOTIONS TO ACCEPT THE D.I.D. REPORT AND
10:07:59 THEN ANOTHER MOTION TO DIRECT US TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE.
10:08:02 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: OKAY.
10:08:03 MAKE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE FEE BY \$3.
10:08:07 >>Marlon Brown: TO ACCEPT THE REPORT FIRST.
10:08:09 TO ACCEPT THE D.I.D. REPORT FIRST.
10:08:11 THE FIRST MOTION.
10:08:12 THEN THE SECOND ONE IS TO DIRECT US TO BRING BACK AN
10:08:15 ORDINANCE.
10:08:16 >>Mayor Battie: EVERYONE IS CLEAR.

10:08:17 WE HAVE TWO MOTIONS.
10:08:18 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: MOVE TO ACCEPT THE D.I.D. REPORT AND
10:08:21 RECOMMENDATION.
10:08:23 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SECOND.
10:08:24 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
10:08:24 MOTION MADE BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT AND SECONDED BY
10:08:28 COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
10:08:30 COMMISSIONERS, CAN WE HAVE A VOTE, PLEASE?
10:08:31 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
10:08:36 >> YES.
10:08:37 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
10:08:37 MOTION PASSES 5-0.
10:08:39 MOVING ON TO OUR SECOND MOTION.
10:08:42 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: THE SECOND MOTION IS TO INCREASE THE
10:08:46 FEE PER SQUARE FOOT BY \$3 AND BRING BACK AN ORDINANCE
10:08:54 ALLOWING FOR, I GUESS -- BRING BACK AN ORDINANCE.
10:09:02 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SECOND.

10:09:06 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: SENIOR MOMENT.
10:09:07 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT AND
10:09:10 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
10:09:13 COMMISSIONERS, CAN YOU PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTES?
10:09:16 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
10:09:31 >>Marlon Brown: YOU CAN'T ABSTAIN.
10:09:35 >>Shayla Griggs: I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HIT IT ACCIDENTALLY OR
10:09:38 NOT.

10:09:38 I'LL RESET.
10:09:40 HIT YOUR BUTTONS AGAIN.
10:09:41 GO AHEAD.
10:09:47 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
10:09:48 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
10:09:50 >> YES.
10:09:51 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION PASSES 4-1.
10:09:53 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10:09:53 MOVING ON TO ITEM 5.2.
10:10:00 THIS IS THE INDEPENDENT POLICE ADVISORY PANEL.
10:10:04 THIS IS A REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE ADVISORY PANEL
10:10:08 REPORT.
10:10:08 ON CANNABIS CIVIL CITATION PROGRAM.
10:10:16 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON CITY MANAGER BROWN, INDEPENDENT
10:10:20 POLICE ADVISORY PANEL CHAIRPERSON LACHMAN, SALZMAN, CITY
10:10:29 ATTORNEY POLZAK, PATROL CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG AND CIVILIAN
10:10:35 INVESTIGATOR MOTAFCHES, TO MAKE A PRESENTATION.
10:10:39 EXCUSE ME, EVERYBODY.
10:10:47 >>Marlon Brown: MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS, DR. SALZMAN WILL DO
10:10:51 A MUCH BETTER JOB IN INTRODUCING THE ITEM THAN I CAN.
10:10:53 I'LL PASS IT ON TO DR. SALZMAN TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM.
10:10:57 >> FOR THE RECORD, DR. SALZMAN.
10:10:59 I'M THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE ADVISORY
10:11:02 PANEL.
10:11:02 I HAVE HERE WITH ME DR. LACHMAN, WHO IS OUR CHAIRPERSON.

10:11:08 CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG, MIKE MOTAFCHES, AND JOE POLZAK.
10:11:15 ACTUALLY, I BELIEVE DR. LACHMAN IS GOING TO LEAD THE
10:11:17 PRESENTATION TODAY.
10:11:19 >> GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY.
10:11:20 MY NAME IS DR. VICKY LACHMAN.
10:11:26 I AM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE ADVISORY
10:11:29 PANEL AS OF MARCH OF THIS YEAR.
10:11:31 I HAVE BEEN ON THE COMMITTEE SINCE SEPTEMBER OF 2020.
10:11:35 THE CHAIRPERSON WHO WAS LEADING THIS DISCUSSION OVER THE
10:11:41 TIME DID LEAVE HIS POSITION AS OF MARCH AND I TOOK OVER THAT
10:11:48 POSITION.
10:11:48 THAT WAS STANLEY DOUGHERTY WHO WAS THE CHAIR THEN.
10:11:53 WE AS THE INDEPENDENT POLICE ADVISORY PANEL WAS ESTABLISHED
10:11:58 TO ASSIST THE CHIEF OF POLICE WITH DEVELOPING POLICIES IN AN
10:12:03 EFFORT TO MAINTAIN TRUST IN THE DEPARTMENT.
10:12:06 UNDER THE FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE
10:12:11 PANEL IS THAT, QUOTE, THE PANEL SHALL ADVISE AND MAKE
10:12:15 RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU, THE CITY COMMISSION, ON MAJOR POLICY
10:12:19 ASPECTS OF POLICING WITHIN THE CITY.

10:12:23 WE CONSIST OF SEVEN CITY OF SARASOTA RESIDENTS, AND OUR
10:12:30 INTEREST HAS REALLY BEEN LOOKING AT HOW DO WE MAINTAIN THIS
10:12:34 TRUST BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE SARASOTA POLICE
10:12:37 DEPARTMENT.
10:12:37 THIS PRODUCT THAT I WANT TO PRESENT TODAY IS REALLY THE
10:12:43 RESULT OF MANY HOURS OF DISCUSSION OF THE PANEL IN BOTH

10:12:47 WORKSHOPS AND IN THE MEETINGS TO LOOK AT THE ISSUE OF THE
10:12:53 CIVIL CITATION.
10:12:55 THE CITY OF SARASOTA CANNABIS CIVIL CITATION PROGRAM THAT
10:12:58 YOU CREATED UNDER ORDINANCE 19-5286.
10:13:03 IN SEPTEMBER OF 2019, YOU CREATED THIS ORDINANCE AND IT
10:13:14 PROVIDES THIS ORDINANCE, THE CIVIL CITATION, TO LOOK AT THE
10:13:20 POSSESSION OF 20 GRAMS OR LESS OF CANNABIS THAT IS NOT
10:13:26 INTENDED ONLY FOR CONSUMPTION AND THE POSSESSION OF CANNABIS
10:13:30 PARAPHERNALIA.
10:13:31 THAT IT BE PUNISHABLE BY A CIVIL PENALTY RATHER THAN A
10:13:38 MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL OFFENSE.
10:13:41 NOW, THIS IS FOR ADULTS ONLY.
10:13:43 SO LET ME START THERE.
10:13:45 THIS DOES NOT AFFECT JUVENILES.
10:13:48 SO YOU HAVE TO BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.
10:13:51 IT HAS TO WEIGH LESS THAN 20 GRAMS OR LESS.
10:13:54 AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT INGESTING, INHALING, VAPING,
10:14:00 SMOKING, CONSUMING, OR OTHERWISE INTRODUCING THE CANNABIS
10:14:04 INTO THE HUMAN BODY OR IS IN POSSESSION OF BURNT CANNABIS ON
10:14:09 ANY PUBLIC PROPERTY OR PRIVATE PROPERTY HELD OPEN TO THE
10:14:12 PUBLIC.
10:14:12 FINALLY, THIS POSITION OF CANNABIS AND THE PARAPHERNALIA WAS
10:14:16 NOT IN A FORM OR BEING POSSESSED IN A MATTER WHICH
10:14:20 CONSTITUTES A FELONY UNDER STATE LAW.
10:14:22 MOST OF THE TIME WHEN THESE CIVIL CITATIONS HAVE BEEN IN

10:14:28 EXISTENCE IS THAT THERE'S BEEN SOME OTHER, THEY ARE EITHER
10:14:32 DOING IT IN PUBLIC OR THAT THE POLICE ARE STOPPING THEM FOR
10:14:36 ANOTHER REASON AND THEY DISCOVER THAT THEY HAVE MARIJUANA.
10:14:40 SO OUR ROLE WAS TO RELOOK AT THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT OFFICE
10:14:46 RESULTS IN A DOCUMENT.
10:14:49 AND SO WHAT WE FOUND WAS THAT WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE KEY
10:14:56 FINDINGS THAT WERE ON PAGE 5 OF THE 67 PAGES THAT YOU
10:14:59 RECEIVED TO LOOK AT WAS THAT FROM JANUARY 2020 TO FEBRUARY
10:15:09 4th, 2023, THE SARASOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 251 CIVIL
10:15:16 CITATIONS AND OF THOSE 32 WERE PAID.
10:15:23 AND ONE COMPLETED COMMUNITY SERVICE.
10:15:26 THAT IS A COMPLIANCE RATE OF 13%.
10:15:30 SO IN OUR DISCUSSIONS, WE BEGAN TO LOOK AT HERE YOU HAVE AN
10:15:36 ORDINANCE THAT'S NOT BEING ENFORCED.
10:15:38 AND WHEN YOU HAVE A LAW THAT'S NOT BEING ENFORCED, THEN
10:15:42 THERE IS NO CONSEQUENCES TO THE VIOLATION, WHAT ARE YOU, IN
10:15:47 FACT, CREATING?
10:15:48 AND WE BECAME REALLY TROUBLED BY THIS, BUT WE DECIDED TO
10:15:51 COLLECT MORE DATA OVER THE YEAR, AND WE NOW HAVE COMING TO
10:15:56 YOU WITH THE DATA WE HAVE COLLECTED TO LEAD TO THAT
10:15:59 STATISTIC.

10:16:02 SO IN OUR DISCUSSIONS BECAUSE OF THIS, WHAT WE ARE ASKING IS
10:16:07 THAT WE WILL ALLOW OFFICERS THEIR DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER
10:16:12 TO ISSUE A CANNABIS CIVIL CITATION.
10:16:16 BECAUSE AS YOU MIGHT RECOGNIZE, THE MOVEMENT IN THIS COUNTRY

10:16:19 HAS BEEN TO LEGALIZE MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN 39 STATES FOR
10:16:27 MEDICAL PURPOSES, AND IN 21 STATES IT HAS BEEN LAWFUL FOR
10:16:32 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA.
10:16:34 SO YOU CHOSE TO RIDE THE HORSE IN THE DIRECTION IT'S GOING,
10:16:38 WHICH IS TO NOT PENALIZE PEOPLE WHO HAVE 20 GRAMS OR LESS.
10:16:43 WE BELIEVE THAT THE POLICE OFFICERS ON THE STREET ARE THE
10:16:47 ONES TO DETERMINE WHAT, IN FACT, SHOULD BE DONE.
10:16:51 BUT AS YOU WILL SEE THERE, WE WOULD CONTINUE TO INCLUDE IN
10:16:55 THE LANGUAGE OF THE CITY ORDINANCE THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY
10:17:01 AVAILABLE WITHIN THAT DISCRETION IS THE CIVIL CITATION.
10:17:05 SO THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO INCREASE IT MORE.
10:17:08 WHAT WE BELIEVE FOR THIS CHANGE, WE BELIEVE THE EDUCATION OF
10:17:15 THE PATROL OFFICERS COULD, IN FACT, BE DONE IN SHIFT
10:17:20 BRIEFINGS.
10:17:21 IT WOULDN'T REQUIRE MORE TRAINING THAN THAT.
10:17:24 THE PENALTIES, AS YOU SEE THERE, IS THAT THE PENALTIES WOULD
10:17:29 STAY THE SAME EXCEPT FOR ONE.
10:17:32 REMEMBER, THE PENALTIES ARE \$100 FEE OR 10 HOURS OF
10:17:39 COMMUNITY SERVICE OR THEY COULD APPEAL WITHIN 10 DAYS TO IT
10:17:46 FOR A HEARING.
10:17:47 SO WHAT WE WANT IS ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW YOU PUT ON THE
10:17:52 BOOKS.
10:17:53 AND THAT THE PENALTIES LISTED IN THE ORDINANCE WOULD STAY
10:17:57 THE SAME.
10:17:58 UPON ISSUANCE OF THE CIVIL CITATION, WE'D ENFORCE THESE

10:18:04 PENALTIES THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF A COLLECTION AGENCY AND
10:18:11 CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FEES OR BY UTILIZING INTERNAL
10:18:14 MECHANISMS.
10:18:15 WHEN WE LOOKED AT OTHER CITIES, MIAMI, ORLANDO, KEY WEST --
10:18:18 AND YOU WILL SEE THAT IN YOUR PACKET -- ALL OF THEM -- AND
10:18:22 ACTUALLY I HAD A FUNNY CONVERSATION WITH THE LAWYER IN
10:18:28 ORLANDO.
10:18:28 HE SAYS, WAIT A MINUTE, YOU DON'T ENFORCE THIS?
10:18:31 I SAID WE WERE BEFORE A CIVIL COURT.
10:18:35 SO THE IDEA THAT YOU HAVE A LAW ON THE BOOKS THAT IS NOT
10:18:38 BEING ENFORCED IS THE PROBLEM WE SEE.
10:18:42 WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PAYMENT OR
10:18:47 COMMUNITY SERVICE IS THAT THE PENALTIES SHALL INCREASE TO
10:18:51 \$200 WITH ANY KIND OF SUBSEQUENT CIVIL CITATIONS.
10:18:56 THAT IS TRUE OF ALL THE CITIES I JUST NAMED.
10:19:00 EVERY CITY WE CONTACTED HAD AN INCREASE FOR SECOND, THIRD
10:19:05 CIVIL CITATION.
10:19:06 AND THEN THE LAST THING YOU SEE THERE, IT'S ON YOUR PAGE 5,
10:19:11 NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A CIVIL CITATION IF
10:19:18 THE PERSON HAS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A CITATION AND FAILED TO
10:19:23 PAY THE REQUIRED PENALTY OR PERFORM THE REQUIRED COMMUNITY
10:19:27 SERVICE OR CHALLENGE THE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED CITATION.
10:19:31 SO BASICALLY WHAT WE'RE ASKING IS THAT YOU AS THE CITY

10:19:37 COMMISSION CHOOSE TO ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU BELIEVE
10:19:43 IS THE APPROPRIATE THING FOR OUR CITY, WHICH IS THE CIVIL

10:19:47 CITATION.

10:19:48 BUT LEAVE IT TO THE POLICE'S DISCRETION, AND THAT IT WOULD
10:19:54 GO TO \$200 FOR A SECOND VIOLATION, BUT IT WOULD ALSO BE THAT
10:20:01 THE ENFORCEMENT WOULD MORE LIKELY, ACCORDING TO THE OTHER
10:20:05 CITIES THAT WE TALKED WITH, ALLOW THEM TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT
10:20:16 THE ORDINANCE.

10:20:16 I AM NOW OPEN AS WELL AS I HAVE ALL MY COLLEAGUES HERE READY
10:20:23 TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE FROM
10:20:27 WHAT I SAID, AND I CAN ANSWER THEM OR I WILL TURN IT OVER TO
10:20:33 ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE, IF IT IS A SPECIFIC QUESTION.

10:20:36 >>Mayor Battie: ALL RIGHT.

10:20:37 THANK YOU.

10:20:37 NO ONE IS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

10:20:39 NO ONE IS SIGNED UP VIA ZOOM.

10:20:41 I'LL OPEN IT UP TO COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS.

10:20:45 COMMISSIONER TRICE.

10:20:46 >>Debbie Trice: THANKS.

10:20:47 I DO NOT ENVY YOU THIS ISSUE BECAUSE IT'S VERY COMPLEX AND I
10:20:55 CAN SEE THAT YOU WENT THROUGH A LOT TRYING TO COME UP WITH A
10:20:59 RECOMMENDATION.

10:21:00 MY FIRST QUESTION -- AND IN GENERAL FROM LOOKING AT SOME
10:21:06 OTHER SITUATIONS, I THINK WE HAVE A GENERAL PROBLEM WITH
10:21:10 CIVIL CITATIONS, NOT JUST THE CANNABIS ISSUE.

10:21:15 BUT I FIRST WANTED TO ASK, I GUESS TO CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG, I
10:21:20 NOTICED ON THE SPD GENERAL ORDER WITH THE CANNABIS CIVIL

10:21:24 CITATION PROGRAM, ON PAGE 3, WITH JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE
10:21:32 CITATIONS, IF THE INDIVIDUAL REFUSES TO PROVIDE THEIR NAME
10:21:37 FOR IDENTIFICATION, THE CITATION IS JUST GIVEN TO JANE DOE
10:21:43 OR JOHN DOE.

10:21:44 IS THAT AUTOMATICALLY UNENFORCEABLE BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW
10:21:47 WHO THE PERSON IS.

10:21:48 >> YES, MA'AM.

10:21:49 >>Debbie Trice: IS THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES OF WHY THESE
10:21:54 AREN'T ENFORCED?

10:21:56 >> YES, I THINK BECAUSE THE IDENTITY IS NOT REQUIRED.

10:21:59 THEY REALLY DON'T HAVE TO GIVE US THEIR INFORMATION AT ALL.

10:22:02 SO WE'RE BASICALLY GIVING THEM A PIECE OF PAPER THAT THEY
10:22:05 DON'T EVEN HAVE TO PAY.

10:22:13 >> I GO THROUGH ALL THE CITATIONS.

10:22:15 WHEN THERE'S BEEN NO JOHN DOE OR JANE DOE CASES, HOWEVER WE
10:22:19 DON'T KNOW THAT THE IDENTITY THAT THEY DID PROVIDE WAS
10:22:21 CORRECT OR ACCURATE.

10:22:23 IF THEY DID NOT HAVE AN ID.

10:22:26 >>Marlon Brown: JUST REINTRODUCE YOURSELVES FOR THE MINUTES
10:22:30 WHEN YOU ARE RESPONDING FOR THE FIRST TIME.

10:22:32 PLEASE REINTRODUCE YOURSELF.

10:22:34 >> MIKE MOTAFCHES.

10:22:37 I AM A CIVILIAN INVESTIGATOR WITH THE SARASOTA POLICE
10:22:40 DEPARTMENT.

10:22:44 >>Debbie Trice: I GUESS MY QUESTION IS OF THESE WHERE THERE

10:22:47 IS NO COMPLIANCE OR NO ENFORCEMENT, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THEM
10:22:51 WERE BECAUSE WE REALLY DIDN'T KNOW WHO THE PERPETRATOR WAS?
10:22:59 >> ALL I KNOW IS WHO DID NOT PAY OR WHO DID PAY.
10:23:03 THAT IS THE ONLY THING I THINK WE REALLY GO BY.
10:23:06 AND WE DON'T KNOW THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION THAT THEY
10:23:09 PROVIDED TO US.
10:23:10 THERE'S NO FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE BECAUSE IT'S
10:23:14 NOT REQUIRED.
10:23:15 >>Debbie Trice: THANK YOU.
10:23:17 JUST IN GENERAL, IT SEEMS TO ME IF I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU WHO I
10:23:21 AM, I'M NOT GOING TO PAY THE FINE AND BYE.
10:23:26 SO THE OTHER THING, I GUESS IT WAS A LITTLE BIT CONFUSING TO
10:23:32 ME WITH THE FIFTH RECOMMENDATION, DID I READ THAT CORRECTLY
10:23:38 THAT IF AN INDIVIDUAL HASN'T PAID THE FINE OR COMPLIED IN
10:23:45 THE PAST, WE'RE NOT GOING TO ISSUE A CITATION FOR A
10:23:50 SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION?
10:23:53 >>Vicky Lachman: YES, THAT IS THE CASE.
10:23:54 IF THEY FAIL TO PAY THE FINE, THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE
10:23:59 QUALIFIED TO HAVE THE CIVIL CITATION.
10:24:02 THERE ARE OTHER MECHANISMS IN OUR STATE -- JOE, COULD YOU
10:24:09 ANSWER THAT QUESTION?
10:24:10 WHAT WOULD BE THE NEXT STEP FOR A POTENTIAL PERSON?
10:24:15 >>Marlon Brown: INTRODUCE YOURSELF.
10:24:17 >>Joseph Polzak: JOE POLZAK, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY.
10:24:19 IF THEY DON'T PAY THE SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, IT DEPENDS

10:24:25 WHETHER WE'RE KEEPING IT UNDER THIS ORDINANCE SCHEMATIC.
10:24:28 IF SO, IT WILL BE THE PENALTIES AS PROVIDED IN THERE.
10:24:31 OTHERWISE, THERE ARE OTHER PROGRAMS.
10:24:32 I THINK THIS MAY BE WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO WITH THE 12th
10:24:35 CIRCUIT STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE RUNS A PROGRAM CALLED ADULT
10:24:38 PRE-ARREST DIVERSION, APAD.
10:24:42 NORMALLY, WITHOUT THIS ORDINANCE, THESE OFFENSES WOULD
10:24:44 QUALIFY FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THAT PROGRAM.
10:24:48 AN ADULT GETS -- THERE'S NUMEROUS QUALIFICATION CRITERIA,
10:24:53 BUT IF THEY DO QUALIFY FOR APAD, THEY GET TWO CITATIONS
10:24:59 UNDER APAD AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE MISDEMEANOR MARIJUANA
10:25:03 POSSESSION.
10:25:03 >>Debbie Trice: OKAY.
10:25:04 JUST TO CLARIFY, THE RECOMMENDATION OF THIS BOARD IS THAT IF
10:25:10 A VIOLATOR HASN'T PAID OR COMPLIED WITH THE PAST VIOLATION,
10:25:19 THAT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE CITED AGAIN FOR A VIOLATION?
10:25:22 THAT'S YOUR RECOMMENDATION.
10:25:27 >>Vicky Lachman: THAT THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BE CITED
10:25:30 UNDER THE CIVIL CITATION ORDINANCE, THAT THERE WOULD BE A
10:25:33 NEXT STEP THAT JOE WAS TALKING ABOUT IS THAT IT WOULD BE --
10:25:37 UNDER THE STATE, THERE IS ADULT PRE-ARREST ORDINANCE.
10:25:47 >>Debbie Trice: IS THAT SOMETHING THAT YOU, CAPTAIN, WOULD
10:25:50 THINK IS A GOOD IDEA RATHER THAN ANOTHER CIVIL CITATION TO
10:25:55 ESCALATE?
10:25:58 >> CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG, PATROL DIVISION, SARASOTA POLICE.

10:26:01 WITH THE APAD, BECAUSE THE APAD CAME IN AFTER THE CIVIL

10:26:03 CITATION PROGRAM, SO IT'S A VERY GOOD PROGRAM.
10:26:06 IT'S CONNECTED TO THE STATE ATTORNEY, SO IT HAS SOME
10:26:08 FOUNDATION.
10:26:09 IT HAS BACKING.
10:26:10 WE CAN TRACK IT BETTER.
10:26:11 I DO THINK THAT THE APAD PROGRAM IN PLACE NOW SINCE JULY OF
10:26:15 '22 IS A GOOD PROGRAM FOR THESE OFFENSES, IF THAT'S WHAT
10:26:19 YOU'RE ASKING.
10:26:20 >>Debbie Trice: YES.
10:26:21 THANK YOU.
10:26:21 I'M SORT OF LIKE OUT OF TIME.
10:26:26 I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT BEFORE GOING TO A COLLECTION
10:26:32 AGENCY.
10:26:33 IS IT POSSIBLE TO REMIND THE INDIVIDUAL THAT COMMUNITY
10:26:39 SERVICE IS STILL AN OPTION?
10:26:43 I JUST WANT TO THROW THAT OUT.
10:26:47 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10:26:49 COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
10:26:50 >>Erik Arroyo: COMMISSIONER TRICE MENTIONED A COLLECTION
10:26:53 AGENCY.
10:26:53 IS THAT WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE UNPAID FINES?
10:26:57 >>Joseph Polzak: I BELIEVE THERE'S EXISTING, WITHIN THE
10:26:59 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT IT WOULD FILTER THROUGH FOR
10:27:02 COLLECTION, LIKE THROUGH THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND WHATNOT.

10:27:07 WE WOULD WORK THAT OUT.
10:27:13 >>Erik Arroyo: THE DATES PROVIDED WERE JANUARY 2020 TO
10:27:16 FEBRUARY 4, 2023, FOR ANALYZING THIS.
10:27:19 BUT I RECALL, I THINK IT WAS A YEAR AGO, YEAR AND A HALF
10:27:23 AGO, THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CAME BEFORE THIS BOARD AND
10:27:27 SAID THAT THERE WERE VERY -- THERE WAS VERY LITTLE
10:27:30 ENFORCEMENT UP TO THAT POINT.
10:27:31 WHAT DAY WAS THAT?
10:27:32 DO WE HAVE THAT DAY?
10:27:36 >>Vicky Lachman: IT WAS JANUARY 2021.
10:27:41 >> HEATHER SALZMAN, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE
10:27:43 ADVISORY PANEL.
10:27:44 THROUGH 2020, ONE CANNABIS CIVIL CITATION WAS ISSUED.
10:27:50 >>Erik Arroyo: '21 IS WHEN YOU ALL CAME BACK.
10:27:54 SO IN TWO YEARS WE'VE DONE 241 CIVIL CITATIONS.
10:28:00 I THINK THAT'S GOOD.
10:28:03 I THINK IT SHOWS US BEING PROACTIVE.
10:28:06 I THINK WE NEED TO ADD CONSEQUENCES TO FAILURE, FOR PEOPLE
10:28:10 NOT IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES, FOR PEOPLE NOT PAYING THE FINES,
10:28:13 PEOPLE NOT DOING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS.
10:28:15 AND, OF COURSE, GIVE OUR OFFICERS SOME DISCRETION AS WELL,
10:28:21 SOME INDIVIDUALS DON'T -- MAY BE HABITUAL INDIVIDUALS THAT
10:28:28 MAY NOT JUST NEED TO PAY A FINE OR TO DO SOME COMMUNITY
10:28:34 SERVICE.
10:28:35 THEY NEED SOME OTHER KIND OF MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL HELP OR
10:28:40 SOME OTHER SORT OF SERVICES THAT ARE OFFERED IN THE CITY OF
10:28:43 SARASOTA.
10:28:44 THAT'S MY TWO CENTS.

10:28:45 THANK YOU.
10:28:46 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
10:28:47 COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
10:28:49 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THANK YOU.
10:28:49 YEAH, I ATTENDED BOTH MEETINGS WHEN YOU HAD THIS DISCUSSION.
10:28:54 FRANKLY, I WAS REALLY SHOCKED THAT YOU CAME TO THE UNANIMOUS
10:28:57 VOTES THAT YOU DID AT THE VERY END OF EVERYTHING BECAUSE YOU
10:29:00 REALLY TURNED THIS OVER AND PROVIDED A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND
10:29:04 INFORMATION AND REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THAT.
10:29:10 THAT LEADS ME TO -- I'M LESS CONCERNED -- I KNOW YOU HAD A
10:29:15 DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT, ABOUT COLLECTING THE FINES.
10:29:17 I'M LESS CONCERNED WITH THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU DID PROVIDE A
10:29:21 SOLUTION.
10:29:21 I'M MORE CONCERNED WITH THE OVERALL POINT OF WHAT THIS WAS
10:29:25 FOR.
10:29:25 IT WAS TO DECRIMINALIZE THE SMALL AMOUNT OF CANNABIS.
10:29:30 SO MY BIG QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH THE DISCRETION POINT.
10:29:34 WHY IS THAT PART OF THE RECOMMENDATION TO LEAVE IT TO THE
10:29:40 DISCRETION OF THE POLICE OFFICER AS OPPOSED TO MAKING IT
10:29:43 ACROSS THE BOARD?
10:29:48 >> CAN I GIVE AN EXAMPLE?
10:29:50 IF AN OFFICER ENCOUNTERS SOMEONE WHO IS ARRESTED FOR DRUG
10:29:55 TRAFFICKING, FIREARM OR FELONY OFFENSES AND THEY ALSO HAVE
10:29:58 MARIJUANA ON THEM, THEY DON'T HAVE THE OPTION TO JUST MAKE
10:30:01 AN ARREST OR USE APAD WHICH THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T QUALIFY.
10:30:04 THE ONLY THING THEY CAN DO IS GIVE THE CIVIL CITATION TO
10:30:07 SOMEONE WHO MAY HAVE -- MAY ALSO BE ON PROBATION FOR FELONY
10:30:12 PROBATION.
10:30:13 THAT IS THE ONLY OPTION THEY HAVE.
10:30:15 THERE IS NO DISCRETION.
10:30:15 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: BUT THE OTHER CRIMES WOULD STILL PERTAIN,
10:30:18 THOUGH, RIGHT?
10:30:20 >> YES, MA'AM.
10:30:21 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: IT JUST MEANS IT WOULD LESSEN IT ONE
10:30:23 MORE, RIGHT?
10:30:24 >> YES.
10:30:27 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: AND I THINK THAT ONE OF THE REASONS WHY
10:30:32 THE PENALTY -- I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE COLLECT AND
10:30:37 WORD DOESN'T GET AROUND, OH, NO BIG DEAL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO
10:30:40 PAY, OBVIOUSLY.
10:30:41 IT'S NOT THE POINT TO COLLECT THE FINE, BUT I THINK THE
10:30:46 EFFICACY OF THE PROGRAM IS EVIDENT ON PAGE 9 AND 10, BOTH
10:30:55 TIMES WHERE IT'S MENTIONED, THAT THERE WERE ONLY FOUR TIMES
10:30:59 CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE SOMEONE WAS GIVEN A CITATION TWICE.
10:31:03 FOR ME, THAT MEANS THE CITATION IS ACTUALLY DOING WHAT IT'S
10:31:08 INTENDED TO DO, IF I UNDERSTAND THOSE NUMBERS.
10:31:12 WOULD YOU AGREE TO THAT?
10:31:19 >> DR. SALZMAN.
10:31:22 THOSE NUMBERS ARE DIRECT AS FAR AS I'M AWARE.
10:31:26 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: I THINK THE ONLY QUESTION I HAD WAS ABOUT
10:31:28 THE DISCRETION PIECE OF IT.
10:31:30 THE REST OF IT I REALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR DISCUSSION AND

10:31:33 YOUR WORK ON THIS.
10:31:35 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10:31:36 VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
10:31:40 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.
10:31:42 NUMBER ONE, THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE FAILURE TO COMPLY.
10:31:47 I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED BY THAT BECAUSE IN THE ONE HAND IT
10:31:51 SAYS IF THERE IS A SECOND VIOLATION, THEN THEY ARE NOT
10:31:54 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A CITATION, THAT THEY GO THEN TO SORT OF
10:32:00 THE NEXT LEVEL UP.
10:32:01 BUT THEN IT SAYS THE SECOND VIOLATION, THE FEE, IF THE FEE
10:32:08 GOES UP TO OR THE FINE GOES UP TO \$200, WELL, IF YOU CAN'T
10:32:13 GIVE THEM A SECOND ONE, THEN HOW CAN THE FINE GO UP TO \$200
10:32:18 SO YOU'RE NOT DOING A SECOND?
10:32:21 SO IS THAT AN EITHER-OR RECOMMENDATION?
10:32:27 CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT --
10:32:29 >>Vicky Lachman: I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR CONFUSION.
10:32:30 THAT'S ONE OF THE WAYS WE REACHED CONSENSUS BECAUSE WE WERE
10:32:33 SPLIT ON THIS ONE AS A PANEL.
10:32:37 THERE WERE THOSE OF US WHO BELIEVED THAT IF THEY DIDN'T PAY
10:32:41 THE FIRST FINE, WHY WOULD THEY PAY THE SECOND FINE?
10:32:44 SO IT WAS A COMPROMISE ON THE PANEL OF CHARGING A \$200 FINE.
10:32:53 BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION BECAUSE IF THEY DIDN'T
10:32:56 PAY THE FIRST ONE, THEN THEY DON'T GET A CHANCE TO HAVE THE
10:33:00 SECOND CIVIL CITATION.
10:33:03 BUT THEY CAN STILL BE CHARGED A FINE.
10:33:06 JUST WOULDN'T BE UP TO THAT ORDINANCE.
10:33:08 I'M ASSUMING THAT'S WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.
10:33:10 IT'S NOT AN EITHER-OR.
10:33:12 WE BELIEVED.
10:33:16 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: SO THEY CAN BE CHARGED A FINE EVEN
10:33:19 THOUGH THEY ARE NOT GIVEN THE CIVIL CITATION?
10:33:21 IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME?
10:33:25 IS THAT TRUE?
10:33:27 >>Joseph Polzak: WE WOULD HAVE TO REWRITE THE ORDINANCE AND
10:33:29 SUBMIT IT TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.
10:33:30 I THINK THE WAY IT WOULD HAVE TO BE WRITTEN IS YOU'RE NOT
10:33:33 ELIGIBLE FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT CIVIL CITATION IF YOU HAVEN'T
10:33:36 COMPLIED WITH THE PREVIOUS ONE.
10:33:38 SO THEN YOU JUST WOULDN'T GET A SUBSEQUENT CIVIL CITATION.
10:33:42 IT WOULD DEFER TO SOME OTHER METHOD OF ENFORCEMENT.
10:33:44 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: BUT THEN THE \$200 IS NOT --
10:33:48 >>Robert Fournier: TO CLARIFY, IN ADDITION TO THAT, ARE YOU
10:33:50 SAYING IF YOU ARE CITED ONE TIME AND YOU PAID THE \$100 AND
10:33:53 CITED THE SECOND TIME IT WOULD BE 200.
10:33:55 >>Joseph Polzak: YES.
10:33:57 YES, SIR.
10:33:57 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: AH, OKAY.
10:33:59 ALL RIGHT.
10:33:59 I GET THAT.
10:34:00 IT WAS KIND OF THROWING ME OFF.
10:34:05 SECONDLY, I GUESS I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DON'T HAVE TO
10:34:12 GET THEIR IDENTIFICATION.

10:34:16 THAT'S NOT IN THE ORDINANCE.
10:34:17 DOES THAT GO ALONG WITH A CIVIL CITATION?
10:34:21 THE PERSON DOESN'T HAVE TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES?
10:34:25 >> JOE, CAN YOU SPEAK ON THAT, THE PREVIOUS HEARING WHERE
10:34:28 THAT WAS PUT IN THE POLICY?
10:34:29 >> Joseph Polzak: I DON'T KNOW IF THE CITY ATTORNEY REMEMBERS
10:34:31 OR ANY COMMISSIONERS REMEMBER, THERE WAS SPECIFIC DIRECTION
10:34:33 FROM THE COMMISSION THAT -- THE CITY MANAGER IS NODDING.
10:34:37 >> Marlon Brown: IT WAS A COMMISSION DECISION NOT TO REQUIRE
10:34:43 IDENTIFICATION.
10:34:45 IF YOU'LL RECALL A PREVIOUS COMMISSIONER WHO BASICALLY
10:34:49 ADVOCATED FOR THIS WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN TERMS OF HELPING THE
10:34:53 COMMISSION TO MAKE THIS AS LESS SEVERE AS POSSIBLE.
10:34:57 AGAIN, REALLY AND TRULY COMMISSIONERS, YOU CAN SEE THAT
10:35:00 RIGHT NOW, THAT ORDINANCE IS RIGHT FOR AMENDING AND
10:35:05 REVISING.
10:35:06 IT REALLY NEEDS WORK.
10:35:07 >> Vice-Mayor Alpert: RIGHT.

10:35:09 I THINK THAT'S LUDICROUS THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO IDENTIFY
10:35:17 THEMSELVES.
10:35:18 AND IT'S NOT IN THE ORDINANCE.
10:35:20 WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE THAT CHANGE?
10:35:21 DO WE NEED TO MAKE A MOTION TO SAY THEY DO HAVE TO IDENTIFY
10:35:26 THEMSELVES?
10:35:26 OTHERWISE, HOW ON EARTH COULD IT POSSIBLY BE ENFORCED?
10:35:31 >> Marlon Brown: WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKING COMMISSIONERS
10:35:33 IS TO ALLOW STAFF TO BRING BACK AN ORDINANCE AND THEN THAT
10:35:36 DISCUSSION, WHAT INFORMATION YOU WANT TO SEE AS PART OF THAT
10:35:40 ORDINANCE, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AS WELL AS THE
10:35:42 PUBLIC TO BE ABLE TO GET INPUT ON THAT.
10:35:47 >> Vice-Mayor Alpert: THANK YOU.
10:35:47 ALL RIGHT.
10:35:48 THOSE WERE ALL MY QUESTIONS.
10:35:52 >> Mayor Battie: THANK YOU.
10:35:53 I THINK THE VICE MAYOR ASKED ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT I WAS
10:35:55 CONFUSED ABOUT MYSELF.
10:35:57 THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.
10:36:00 NO MORE COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS.
10:36:02 I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
10:36:03 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND CLARIFICATION.
10:36:05 MOVE ON TO A MOTION.
10:36:11 >> Marlon Brown: TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND THEN A
10:36:13 RECOMMENDATION.

10:36:17 >> Vice-Mayor Alpert: I'LL MAKE A MOTION THAT WE ACCEPT THE
10:36:20 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE POLICE ADVISORY PANEL.
10:36:26 >> Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
10:36:27 MOTION MADE BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT AND SECONDED BY
10:36:30 COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
10:36:31 COMMISSION, CAN WE HAVE YOUR VOTE, PLEASE?
10:36:34 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
10:36:40 >> YES.
10:36:40 >> Mayor Battie: MOTION PASSES 5-0.

10:36:44 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: THE SECOND MOTION IS TO BRING BACK A
10:36:46 REVISED ORDINANCE BASED ON THIS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
10:36:52 AND INCLUDING THE VIOLATOR HAVE TO PRODUCE IDENTIFICATION.
10:37:00 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SECOND.
10:37:01 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
10:37:02 MOTION MADE BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT AND SECONDED BY
10:37:05 COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
10:37:06 COMMISSIONERS, CAN YOU PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE, PLEASE?
10:37:09 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
10:37:13 >> YES.
10:37:13 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
10:37:14 MOTION PASSES 5-0.
10:37:17 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: CAN WE HAVE A BREAK?
10:37:19 >>Mayor Battie: I THINK WE COULD USE A BREAK.
10:37:21 I HEAR IT COMING FROM THE RIGHT EAR.
10:37:23 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10:37:25 LET'S COME BACK -- WHAT TIME IS IT?
10:37:28 LET'S TAKE FIVE MINUTES.
10:37:30 A QUARTER TILL.
10:37:34 [FIVE-MINUTE BREAK]
10:50:56 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
10:51:00 >>Mayor Battie: ALL RIGHT.
10:51:01 WELCOME BACK FROM BREAK.
10:51:03 MOVING ON TO ITEM 6, CONSENT AGENDA NUMBER 1.
10:51:08 I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE IF THERE ARE ANY ITEMS TO BE
10:51:10 PULLED.
10:51:11 >>Shayla Griggs: YES.
10:51:14 I BELIEVE ITEMS NUMBER 7.7 AND 7.8 ARE TO BE PULLED.
10:51:21 ONE BY COMMISSIONER TRICE, 7.7 AND 7.8 BY COMMISSIONER
10:51:25 ARROYO.
10:51:25 IS THAT CORRECT?
10:51:26 I'M SORRY.
10:51:27 6.
10:51:28 6.8.
10:51:29 SORRY, SORRY.
10:51:30 6.8 AND 6.7.
10:51:36 >>Erik Arroyo: THAT'S CORRECT.
10:51:37 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
10:51:38 NO PERSONS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
10:51:43 MOTION TO APPROVE THE BALANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA NUMBER 1.
10:51:47 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SO MOVED.

10:51:49 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
10:51:50 SECOND?
10:51:50 MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH AND SECONDED BY
10:51:55 COMMISSIONER TRICE.
10:51:56 COMMISSIONERS, CAN WE HAVE YOUR VOTES, PLEASE?
10:52:01 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
10:52:07 >> YES.
10:52:08 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT, MOTION PASSES 5-0.
10:52:10 GO BACK TO ITEMS THAT WERE PULLED 6.7, COMMISSIONER TRICE.
10:52:18 6.7.
10:52:26 >>Debbie Trice: THANK YOU.

10:52:28 THIS IS REALLY AN IMPORTANT PROGRAM, OFFICE OF HOUSING AND
10:52:36 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTERS IMPORTANT FEDERAL AND
10:52:40 STATE GRANTS TO IMPROVE HOUSING FOR LOWER INCOME INDIVIDUALS
10:52:47 IN OUR CITY, AND I WANT TO GIVE MS. EMSHOFF AN OPPORTUNITY
10:52:52 TO BOTH PUBLICIZE THESE PROGRAMS AND ALSO I WAS A LITTLE
10:52:58 DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE WAS LITTLE PUBLIC INPUT TO THE PLAN
10:53:03 THAT HER DEPARTMENT DEVELOPED DESPITE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
10:53:08 PLAN.

10:53:08 SO TOO OFTEN THOSE WHOSE INPUT WE WANT WE DON'T WEIGH IN
10:53:16 BECAUSE THEY ARE UNAWARE.
10:53:17 SO I WANTED TO GIVE MS. EMSHOFF AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT
10:53:23 HOW SHE IS SOLICITING PUBLIC INPUT AND ALSO FOR PEOPLE WHO
10:53:27 ARE WATCHING TO SAY, AHA, WE STILL HAVE TIME TO COMMENT.
10:53:34 >>Cindy Emshoff: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10:53:35 GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND COMMISSIONERS.
10:53:37 CINDY EMSHOFF, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND
10:53:42 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
10:53:43 SO PREVIOUSLY, WE HAVE ALWAYS PUT AN ADVERTISEMENT IN A
10:53:49 PUBLICATION FOR THE GENERAL POPULACE.
10:53:51 THAT HAPPENS TO BE THE SARASOTA HERALD TRIBUNE.
10:53:54 AND I'M VERY PROUD TO TELL YOU OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE
10:53:58 IMPLEMENTED.
10:54:00 FOR ONE THING, EVERY YEAR I HAVE THE I.T. DEPARTMENT CREATE
10:54:04 A VERY SPECIFIC E-MAIL TO WHICH ANYBODY IS ABLE TO RESPOND,
10:54:09 AND THAT IS REALLY THE METHOD THROUGH WHICH WE DID GET OUR
10:54:14 COMMENTS, AND WE HAVE THUS FAR.
10:54:18 ALSO, WE HAVE IT ON OUR OHCD WEB PAGE.
10:54:22 OHCD WEB PAGE APPEARS ON BOTH THE CITY OF SARASOTA'S SITE
10:54:26 AND THE SARASOTA COUNTY SITE, AND ANYBODY CAN READ THAT.
10:54:31 AND MANY PEOPLE DO.
10:54:32 THAT'S HOW WE OFTEN GET PEOPLE TO ASK FOR HELP THROUGH THE
10:54:37 HOME REHAB PROGRAM AND IT'S BECAUSE OF OUR WEB PAGE.
10:54:42 WE DO FEEL THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE READ THAT.
10:54:45 ALSO, WE REACH OUT TO NONPROFITS THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY
10:54:51 RECEIVED FUNDING, AND THEY ALWAYS COMMENT, AND WE ALSO HAVE
10:54:56 THE SUNCOAST PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS DISTRIBUTE THIS
10:55:00 NOTICE THROUGH THEIR E-MAIL.
10:55:03 THEY HAVE A BROAD ARRAY OF AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO
10:55:06 RECEIVE THEIR E-MAILS.

10:55:08 SO WE ARE DEDICATED TO BROADCASTING THIS.
10:55:14 >>Debbie Trice: I NOTICED, THOUGH, THAT YOU HAD A COUPLE OF
10:55:18 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS WITH NO ATTENDEES.
10:55:22 >>Cindy Emshoff: YES.
10:55:23 AND THAT IS RATHER TYPICAL FOR THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.
10:55:29 AT THE TIME WE DEVELOPED THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN, WHICH OCCURS
10:55:33 EVERY FIVE YEARS, WE HAD QUITE A FEW ATTENDEES, BOTH IN THE
10:55:37 NORTH SARASOTA MEETING AND THE SOUTH SARASOTA MEETING.
10:55:41 >>Debbie Trice: THANK YOU.
10:55:42 AND YOU'RE STILL ACCEPTING INPUT UNTIL WHAT DATE?
10:55:48 >>Cindy Emshoff: WELL, THIS IS THE MEETING AT WHICH ALL FIVE
10:55:51 OF YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE THIS ANNUAL ACTION
10:55:57 PLAN, AND THEN THERE IS A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

10:56:02 AND AS A MATTER OF FORMALITY, I'LL COME BACK TO YOU AND ASK
10:56:06 YOUR FORMAL APPROVAL IN ADVANCE OF OUR DEADLINE OF
10:56:10 SUBMITTING THIS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
10:56:12 DEVELOPMENT.
10:56:13 >>Debbie Trice: THANK YOU.
10:56:14 THANK YOU.
10:56:17 >>Mayor Battie: NO QUESTIONS.
10:56:19 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. EMSHOFF.
10:56:21 REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
10:56:22 WE HAVE TO MAKE A MOTION FOR THIS.
10:56:32 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT ANNUAL
10:56:34 ACTION PLAN, ITEM 6.7.

10:56:38 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SECOND.
10:56:39 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT AND
10:56:42 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
10:56:44 COMMISSIONERS, CAN WE HAVE YOUR VOTE PLEASE?
10:56:50 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
10:56:54 >> YES.
10:56:55 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION PASSES 5-0.
10:56:57 THANK YOU.
10:56:58 MOVING ON TO ITEM 6.8.
10:57:03 THIS WAS PULLED BY COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
10:57:10 >>Erik Arroyo: HELLO.
10:57:12 >>JULIE RYAN, BUSINESS DISTRICT MANAGER.
10:57:16 >>Erik Arroyo: FOR THE SECOND TIME TODAY WE'RE DISCUSSING
10:57:21 PLANT PARENTS.
10:57:21 DID THEY CHANGE THEIR NAME OR BOUGHT OUT?
10:57:25 >>Julie Ryan: THEY DID BOTH.
10:57:27 MANY OF THE STAFF IS THE SAME, THOUGH.
10:57:33 >>Erik Arroyo: ARE RATES GOING TO GO UP?
10:57:37 >>Julie Ryan: NOT FOR THE FIFTH YEAR.
10:57:38 IT IS THE SAME.
10:57:39 I WILL HAVE TO REBID IT NEXT YEAR AND POTENTIALLY THE RATES
10:57:42 WOULD THEN GO UP.
10:57:43 BUT FOR THIS YEAR THEY STAYED THE SAME.
10:57:47 >>Erik Arroyo: COMMISSIONERS, I WANTED TO HAVE A DISCUSSION
10:57:48 ABOUT THIS BECAUSE WE PRIORITIZE CLEANING OUR STREETS AND

10:57:51 WE'RE SPENDING 94, 96 THOUSAND DOLLARS ON STREET CLEANING,
10:57:55 YET WE'RE SPENDING OVER 400 NOW, ALMOST 500,000.
10:58:00 THERE IS PROBABLY A HIDDEN CHARGE SOMEWHERE.
10:58:02 PROBABLY OVER \$500,000, I WOULD GUESS TO HAVE THESE
10:58:06 ORNAMENTAL PLANTS.
10:58:08 THE DISCUSSION IS, SHOULD WE HAVE THIS?
10:58:10 IS THIS SOMETHING WE SHOULD SCALE BACK ON?
10:58:15 IT SOUNDS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO CLEAN OUR
10:58:18 SIDEWALKS WHICH I THINK SHOULD BE A PRIORITY.
10:58:20 I WANT TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT.
10:58:26 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
10:58:27 COMMISSIONER JEN AHEARN-KOCH.
10:58:30 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THANK YOU.
10:58:31 I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
10:58:35 THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT'S BEING SPENT HERE.

10:58:37 I DID WANT TO CLARIFY THAT THEY DO TAX THEMSELVES FOR THIS,
10:58:43 AND THEY DISCUSS HOW THEY WOULD WANT TO BEST SPEND THE
10:58:47 MONEY.
10:58:47 I HAVE HEARD A LOT HOW PEOPLE REALLY APPRECIATE THE PLANTS
10:58:54 AND THE FLOWERS DOWNTOWN, THAT IT REALLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE
10:58:58 ENJOYMENT AND THE BEAUTY OF OUR DOWNTOWN.
10:59:00 I DEFER TO THE D.I.D.
10:59:05 THEY ARE THE ONES WHO PAY THIS.
10:59:07 THEY ARE THE ONES WHO DISCUSS THIS AD NAUSEAM, AND I DO HEAR
10:59:13 A LOT ABOUT HOW MUCH PEOPLE ENJOY THE FLOWERS AND THE PLANTS

10:59:18 DOWNTOWN.
10:59:19 >>Mayor Battie: ALL RIGHT.
10:59:20 COMMISSIONER TRICE.
10:59:23 >>Debbie Trice: I WANTED TO CONCUR WITH COMMISSIONER
10:59:28 AHEARN-KOCH'S COMMENT.
10:59:29 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I SEE AS VERY IMPORTANT IN THE
10:59:34 DOWNTOWN AREA, AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO DENY IT, IT IS
10:59:41 URBAN, LOTS OF CONCRETE, AND WE NEED TO ADD GREENERY.
10:59:48 NOT ONLY FOR THE BEAUTY, BUT THE HEALTH REASONS AND
10:59:52 EVERYTHING ELSE.
10:59:52 I THINK THAT THE D.I.D. IS DOING US ALL A FAVOR BY HAVING
10:59:58 THE PLANTS, AND THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL, AND THEY GET GOOD CARE.
11:00:04 >>Mayor Battie: ALL RIGHT.
11:00:04 VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
11:00:08 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: I'M TRYING TO SEE WHERE THE 500,000 A
11:00:14 YEAR FIGURE IS COMING FROM.
11:00:17 >>Erik Arroyo: PAGE 43 OF 44.
11:00:22 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: THE BACKUP SAYS AN ANNUAL COST OF ABOUT
11:00:28 130,000.
11:00:30 >>Erik Arroyo: LOOK AT THE BOTTOM.
11:00:32 >>Julie Ryan: THAT IS THE CUMULATIVE OF THE FIRST THREE
11:00:34 YEARS OF THE CONTRACT WHEN IT WAS INITIALLY ISSUED.
11:00:42 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: THAT FIGURE IS THREE YEARS.
11:00:46 ABOUT 130,000 A YEAR, NOT 500,000.
11:00:54 >> IT'S A LITTLE MORE THAN THAT.

11:00:56 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: OKAY.
11:00:58 >>Erik Arroyo: HOW MUCH DID WE SPEND IN YEAR ONE, TWO, AND
11:01:02 THREE?
11:01:02 IN THE BUDGET I SAW IT WAS A SIMILAR NUMBER TO THE 471,000.
11:01:08 >>Julie Ryan: I DON'T HAVE WITH ME WHAT WE SPENT IN ONE,
11:01:11 TWO, AND THREE.
11:01:12 ACTUALLY, YEAR THREE WOULD BE THE SAME.
11:01:16 THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE, LIKE, THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR, THE
11:01:19 LAST TIME IT COULD BE EXTENDED.
11:01:21 IT IS A BASE PRICE OF \$10,764 A MONTH FOR ANNUAL COST JUST
11:01:28 FOR THE HAND-WATERING OF THE 300 PLUS BASKETS IS 129,168.
11:01:36 IN ADDITION TO THAT, THEY DO DO THE SUPPLEMENTAL PLANTINGS.
11:01:42 WE HAVE SWITCHED OUT SOME OF THE PLANTINGS TO BE MORE
11:01:46 DROUGHT TOLERABLE THAT WERE NOT CONSTANT REPLACING FLOWER
11:01:52 PLANTS.
11:01:52 THE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL PLANTS HAS GONE DOWN TO
11:01:55 ABOUT 75,000.

11:01:56 WE ANTICIPATE FOR THIS CURRENT YEAR THAT WE'RE IN ABOUT
11:01:59 190,000, AND I WOULD ANTICIPATE THE SAME FOR THE NEXT FISCAL
11:02:03 YEAR.
11:02:07 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: THANK YOU.
11:02:09 >>Mayor Battie: ALL RIGHT.
11:02:11 COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
11:02:12 >>Erik Arroyo: IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET JUST A BREAKDOWN OF HOW
11:02:14 MUCH WE ACTUALLY SPENT?

11:02:17 I KNOW YOU GAVE US A GOOD ESTIMATE JUST NOW, BUT ACTUAL
11:02:21 NUMBERS BASED -- BECAUSE I SEE THE FLAT RATE THAT THEY ARE
11:02:24 CHARGING US AND THEN THEY ARE CHARGING US, BECAUSE WHAT I'M
11:02:28 HEARING, YOU KNOW, NOT THAT WE CAN'T KEEP IT.
11:02:30 OF COURSE, THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL.
11:02:31 EVERYBODY LOVES FLOWERS.
11:02:32 THERE IS CONSTANTLY SOMEONE ON MAIN STREET BLOCKING OFF A
11:02:39 TWO-LANE STREET.
11:02:42 AND THERE IS A CONSTANT REPLACEMENT OF THESE THINGS AND
11:02:47 CONSTANT WATERING, WHERE THERE MIGHT BE A BETTER WAY OF
11:02:50 GOING ABOUT THIS IS WHAT I'M SAYING.
11:02:52 >>Julie Ryan: 100% CORRECT, AND IT IS SOMETHING I LOOKED AT
11:02:56 WHEN I FIRST STARTED HERE ALMOST A YEAR AGO TO SEE MEANS OF
11:03:01 HOW THEY COULD TIGHTEN UP THEIR BUDGET AND LANDSCAPING IS
11:03:04 ONE OF THE BIG ONES THAT I'M TRYING TO TACKLE FOR NEXT
11:03:07 FISCAL YEAR.
11:03:08 >>Erik Arroyo: THANK YOU FOR THAT.
11:03:10 THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.
11:03:10 >>Julie Ryan: AND I CAN GET YOU THOSE NUMBERS.
11:03:12 >>Erik Arroyo: THANK YOU.
11:03:13 NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.
11:03:14 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
11:03:15 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
11:03:16 MOVE APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY AUDITOR AND
11:03:23 CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SECOND EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT

11:03:26 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SARASOTA AND SUNRISE PLANTS,
11:03:29 INCORPORATED.
11:03:30 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: SO MOVED.
11:03:31 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT AND
11:03:34 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRICE.
11:03:36 COMMISSIONERS, CAN WE HAVE YOUR VOTES, PLEASE?
11:03:41 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
11:03:46 >> YES.
11:03:46 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION PASSES 5-0.
11:03:48 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
11:03:48 MOVING ON TO ITEM NUMBER 7, CONSENT AGENDA NUMBER 2.
11:03:56 ANY ITEMS TO BE PULLED?
11:03:57 >>Shayla Griggs: I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY TO BE PULLED.
11:03:59 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
11:04:00 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON OUR CITY AUDITOR AND CLERK, THE
11:04:03 GREAT MS. SHAYLA GRIGGS.
11:04:05 MOVE THE TITLES, PLEASE.
11:04:09 >>Shayla Griggs: THANK YOU, MAYOR.
11:04:10 YOU GUYS CAN HEAR ME GOOD WITH THESE MIKES.

11:04:14 23R-3183, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
11:04:18 SARASOTA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR
11:04:21 AND ATTESTATION BY THE CITY AUDITOR AND CLERK ON BEHALF OF
11:04:24 THE CITY OF SARASOTA OF THE LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT
11:04:27 BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
11:04:30 AND THE CITY OF SARASOTA; PROVIDING FOR READING OF THIS

11:04:34 RESOLUTION BY TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
11:04:36 DATE.

11:04:36 RESOLUTION NUMBER 23R-3184, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
11:04:40 COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE
11:04:43 BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, BY
11:04:46 PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNTS
11:04:49 IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT A; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY IF ANY
11:04:52 OF THE PARTS HEREOF ARE DECLARED INVALID; PROVIDING FOR
11:04:55 READING BY TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11:04:58 ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-5478, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
11:05:03 SARASOTA, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND RESTATING PREVIOUSLY
11:05:06 APPROVED ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-5167 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE
11:05:11 NUMBER 21-5362, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR COMPLIANCE WITH
11:05:17 A CONDITION OF APPROVAL; ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-5167 AMENDED
11:05:22 THE FUTURE LAND USE CHAPTER OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE
11:05:25 CITY OF SARASOTA, AKA THE SARASOTA CITY PLAN 2030, TO CHANGE
11:05:30 THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP CLASSIFICATION OF AN APPROXIMATELY
11:05:33 7.8780-ACRE PARCEL OF PROPERTY LYING ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE
11:05:39 OF FRUITVILLE ROAD AND THE EASTERLY SIDE OF AUDUBON PLACE
11:05:43 WITH STREET ADDRESSES OF 2211 FRUITVILLE ROAD AND 300
11:05:48 AUDUBON PLACE FROM THE URBAN EDGE FUTURE LAND USE MAP
11:05:51 CLASSIFICATION TO THE DOWNTOWN CORE FUTURE LAND USE MAP
11:05:54 CLASSIFICATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
11:05:57 AMENDMENT APPLICATION NUMBER 15-PA-02; AND ALSO
11:06:02 CONDITIONALLY AMENDED THE TEXT OF THE FUTURE LAND USE

11:06:05 CHAPTER OF THE SARASOTA CITY PLAN 2030, ACTION STRATEGY
11:06:09 1.10, SITE SPECIFIC FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT
11:06:13 LIMITATIONS TO ADD THERETO A NEW SUBSECTION 4 APPLICABLE TO
11:06:17 SAID PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE PARTS
11:06:21 HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR READING BY TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING
11:06:24 FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11:06:25 ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-5483, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
11:06:30 SARASOTA, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE 97-3975
11:06:35 WHICH PROVIDED FOR THE HISTORIC DESIGNATION OF THE MAIN
11:06:38 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE AND DETACHED GARAGE LOCATED AT 2319
11:06:41 IXORA AVENUE SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SAID STRUCTURES SHALL
11:06:45 HEREAFTER BE KNOWN AND REFERRED TO AS BERKET'S BUNGALOW.
11:06:51 PROVIDING FOR READING BY TITLE ONLY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN
11:06:54 EFFECTIVE DATE.

11:06:58 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, MRS. GRIGGS.

11:06:59 ROLL CALL VOTE.

11:07:04 >>Shayla Griggs: NEED A MOTION.

11:07:06 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: MOVE APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA NUMBER 2.

11:07:10 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: SECOND.

11:07:11 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH AND
11:07:13 SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT.

11:07:14 COMMISSIONERS, CAN WE HAVE YOUR VOTE AND ROLL CALL VOTE
11:07:17 PLEASE, MRS. GRIGGS?
11:07:18 >>Shayla Griggs: YES, THANK YOU.
11:07:19 AHEARN-KOCH?

11:07:20 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: YES.
11:07:21 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: YES.
11:07:22 >>Erik Arroyo: YES.
11:07:23 >>Mayor Battie: YES.
11:07:23 >>Debbie Trice: YES.
11:07:27 >>Shayla Griggs: I NEED COMMISSIONER ARROYO TO HIT YOUR
11:07:29 BUTTON, PLEASE, SIR.
11:07:30 THANK YOU.
11:07:30 >>Mayor Battie: COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
11:07:32 >> YES.
11:07:32 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION PASSES 5-0.
11:07:34 EXCELLENT.
11:07:36 MOVING ON TO ITEM 8.1.
11:07:38 THIS IS BOARD APPOINTMENTS.
11:07:41 RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SARASOTA
11:07:43 COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY AND RECREATION COUNCIL.
11:07:47 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON OUR CITY AUDITOR AND CLERK,
11:07:50 MS. SHAYLA GRIGGS.
11:07:51 >>Shayla Griggs: THANK YOU, SIR.
11:07:52 THE COUNTY IS SEEKING A RECOMMENDATION FOR A NEW MEMBER TO
11:07:55 SERVE AS A CITY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COUNTY ADVISORY
11:07:58 COUNCIL FOR THE TERM OF MAY 30th, 2026.
11:08:02 MS. DEBORAH PASTEUR, A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE CITY PARKS
11:08:05 RECREATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PREP ADVISORY BOARD,
11:08:09 HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE, AND THE PREP BOARD

11:08:12 DISCUSSED THE RECOMMENDATION AT THEIR APRIL 20th, 2023
11:08:15 REGULAR MEETING AND UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED HER.
11:08:21 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, MRS. GRIGGS.
11:08:22 NO ONE IS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
11:08:25 COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION.
11:08:26 COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
11:08:27 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: IF THERE'S NO DISCUSSION, I WOULD
11:08:30 RECOMMEND WE APPOINT MS. PASTEUR, REAPPOINT MS. PASTEUR.
11:08:35 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: SECOND.
11:08:39 >>Shayla Griggs: DO WE HAVE A CONSENSUS?
11:08:40 >>Mayor Battie: YES.
11:08:41 CONGRATULATIONS, MS. PASTEUR.
11:08:46 EXCELLENT.
11:08:47 MOVING ON TO ITEM 9.1, UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
11:08:54 THIS IS REGARDING BOBBY JONES GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE
11:09:00 CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND PRESENTATION.
11:09:03 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON GENERAL MANAGER MARTIN, VICE
11:09:07 PRESIDENT JUSTIN WILLIAMS, MR. JON F. SWIFT, INCORPORATED
11:09:13 AND VICE PRESIDENT STEVE PADGETT, FAWLEY BRYANT
11:09:16 ARCHITECTURE, TO MAKE A PRESENTATION, PLEASE.
11:09:19 >>Susan Martin: GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, VICE MAYOR,
11:09:22 COMMISSIONERS.
11:09:22 WE ARE BACK IN FRONT OF YOU WITH A SUGGESTION FOR THE

11:09:28 PERMANENT CLUBHOUSE AT BOBBY JONES.
11:09:31 BACK IN JANUARY OF 2022, WHEN WE BROUGHT THE ORIGINAL

11:09:36 AGREEMENT WITH JON SWIFT TO THE CITY COMMISSION -- FIRST,
11:09:43 I'LL INTRODUCE EVERYBODY.
11:09:44 I'LL START OVER HERE.
11:09:45 WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF, PLEASE?
11:09:48 >> NICK BOSMAN.
11:09:48 I'M AN ARCHITECT AT FAWLEY BRYANT ARCHITECTURE.
11:09:50 >> YOU NEED TO SPEAK UP.
11:09:56 >> NICK BOSMAN AT FAWLEY BRYANT ARCHITECTURE.
11:10:00 I'M AN ARCHITECT.
11:10:01 >> JUSTIN WILLIAMS, JON SWIFT CONSTRUCTION, PROJECT MANAGER.
11:10:04 >> I AM CHRIS CIANFAGLIONE WITH KIMLEY-HORN, CIVIL
11:10:05 ENGINEERING AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FOR THE PROJECT.
11:10:15 >> Susan Martin: CHRIS WAS AN ADD-ON AT THE LAST MINUTE.
11:10:16 AND STEVE COULDN'T MAKE IT.
11:10:16 SO IN JANUARY OF 2022, WE DID PRESENT -- WE HAD A CITY
11:10:22 COMMISSION MEETING FOR THOSE -- I THINK ONLY ONE
11:10:24 COMMISSIONER THAT WASN'T THERE, THAT WAS EVERYTHING BOBBY
11:10:27 JONES.
11:10:27 AND ONE OF THE ITEMS WAS THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR THE
11:10:32 VERTICAL STRUCTURES AT BOBBY JONES AND THE PROJECT.
11:10:35 AND THAT VERTICAL STRUCTURE INCLUDED THE PERMANENT
11:10:38 CLUBHOUSE.
11:10:38 THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT THAT WE THOUGHT WE WOULD HAVE FOR THE
11:10:43 CLUBHOUSE WAS ABOUT \$2 MILLION AND WHAT WE PRESENTED BETWEEN
11:10:48 2 MILLION, 2.5 MILLION IS WHAT WE BELIEVE WE HAD FOR THE

11:10:52 CLUBHOUSE.
11:10:53 THAT DAY WE DID PRESENT --
11:10:54 >> Marlon Brown: LET ME CORRECT, MS. MARTIN.
11:10:57 WE DIDN'T BELIEVE.
11:10:58 THAT'S WHAT WE HAD.
11:10:59 WE ACTUALLY HAD 2 TO 2.5 MILLION.
11:11:04 SO IT'S NOT A BELIEF.
11:11:05 >> Susan Martin: YES, WE HAD.
11:11:07 THIS IS WHAT WE PRESENTED AT THAT MEETING.
11:11:13 THIS WOULD BE THE CLUBHOUSE AND THE CART BARN COMBINED.
11:11:16 SO YOU CAN SEE THAT THE CLUBHOUSE WOULD HAVE BEEN
11:11:22 APPROXIMATELY --
11:11:22 >> ROUGHLY A THIRD OF THAT SPACE AND TWO-THIRDS CART BARN.
11:11:25 >> Susan Martin: SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT ABOUT 6,000 SQUARE FEET
11:11:30 FOR THE CLUBHOUSE AND THE REST WAS GOING TO BE CART BARN.
11:11:32 DURING THAT MEETING, INDIVIDUAL CITY COMMISSIONERS SHARED
11:11:38 THEIR VISION OF WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT THE PERMANENT
11:11:41 CLUBHOUSE, WHICH WE TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION.
11:11:43 TOOK IT BACK TO SWIFT AND FAWLEY BRYANT, AND THEY PUT
11:11:47 TOGETHER THIS SLIDE SHOW TO SHOW YOU WHAT THEY CAME UP WITH,
11:11:55 INCLUDING ALL THE DIFFERENT VISIONS THAT THE CITY
11:11:57 COMMISSIONERS HAD.
11:12:06 >> THANK YOU, EVERYONE.
11:12:09 AS SUE NOTED, WE HAD -- THE DESIGN WE INITIALLY BROUGHT TO
11:12:14 YOU WAS MOSTLY BUDGET BASED.

11:12:16 IT WAS VERY BARE BONES.
11:12:19 WE TOOK THE INPUT WE GOT FROM THE LAST MEETING AND WE ADDED
11:12:22 SOME OF THE ELEMENTS THAT WERE ASKED FOR, SUCH AS BEING TWO
11:12:25 STORY, HAVING MORE DINING SPACE, AND HAVING GREAT VIEWS OUT
11:12:29 TO THE SITE.
11:12:31 THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE HERE.
11:12:34 WHAT WE ARE PRESENTING TODAY IS A 15,000-SQUARE-FOOT AIR
11:12:40 CONDITIONED SPACE BUILDING.
11:12:41 LARGE VERANDAS AROUND EITHER SIDE.
11:12:44 WE HAVE NOT PUT A DETAILED ESTIMATE TOGETHER YET BECAUSE
11:12:47 WE'RE NOT THERE WITH THE PROCESS.
11:12:49 WE SEE THIS BUILDING COMING BETWEEN 500 AND 600 DOLLARS A
11:12:53 SQUARE FOOT, WHICH IS 7.5 MILLION TO \$9 MILLION IN
11:12:56 CONSTRUCTION COST.
11:12:57 NICK COULD GET INTO THIS IN A LITTLE MORE DETAIL.
11:13:02 WE DID MEET WITH STAFF AND WERE ASKED TO HAVE A MORE RUSTIC
11:13:07 FLORIDA LOOK.
11:13:08 NICK, IF YOU WANT TO EXPLAIN THAT.
11:13:10 >> WHAT YOU'RE SEEING ON THE PAGE RIGHT NOW IS BASICALLY OUR
11:13:12 INSPIRATION FOR THIS DESIGN.
11:13:13 FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE ORIGINAL GILLESPIE CLUBHOUSE
11:13:16 BUILDING YOU SEE ON THE TOP LEFT RIGHT THERE, INCLUDING THE
11:13:19 USE OF THOSE DORMERS AND THAT CUPOLA ON TOP AS WELL AS THE
11:13:23 VERANDA GIVING YOU A VIEW ON THE OUTSIDE.
11:13:26 WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT OTHER IMAGES SHOWING THE GABLE ROOFS
11:13:28 AND THE MATERIALITY FOR THE ROOFS AND THE EXTERIOR WALLS
11:13:33 THAT WE WANTED TO UTILIZE IN THIS PROJECT AS WELL.
11:13:37 THE NEXT PAGE, YOU CAN SEE THE DRIVE UP AND ENTRY TO THIS
11:13:41 BUILDING, A FAMILIAR LOOK WITH THE PROPORTIONS THAT WE'VE
11:13:44 OWN ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE SHOWING THE ENTRY AND HAVING A
11:13:47 DESIGNATED AREA WHERE PEOPLE WOULD WALK IN.
11:13:51 >> IN THIS SCENARIO, IF YOU ARE PLAYING GOLF, YOU'LL WALK
11:13:53 INTO THE FIRST FLOOR AND THAT WILL BE THE PRO SHOP.
11:13:56 THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE ENTRANCE IS THE STAFF OFFICES TO
11:13:59 SUPPORT THE COURSE.
11:14:00 THE BUILDING YOU SEE ON THE RIGHT, VERY HARD TO SEE, BUT
11:14:04 THAT WHITE BLOCK, THAT IS THE STARTER BOOTH.
11:14:06 I DO WANT TO NOTE REAL QUICK, THE TREES YOU SEE TO THE LEFT,
11:14:15 THOSE ARE EXISTING GRAND TREES.
11:14:17 WHICH ARE GOING TO BE PRESERVED.
11:14:21 >> JUST A LITTLE BIT FURTHER SOUTH ON THE SITE LOOKING AT
11:14:24 THAT ENTRY BUILDING, LIKE HE HAD MENTIONED, THERE IS THE PRO
11:14:27 SHOP ON THE BOTTOM LEVEL.
11:14:28 THE TOP PORTION IS GOING TO BE THE OFFICE AREA.
11:14:31 YOU CAN START TO SEE THE EXTENDED BACK SIDE OF THE
11:14:35 STRUCTURE, INCLUDING THE REST OF THE PROGRAM THAT WE WANT TO
11:14:37 INCLUDE IN THE PROJECT.
11:14:38 YOU CAN ALSO SEE THE CUPOLA I MENTIONED EARLIER FROM THE
11:14:42 ORIGINAL GILLESPIE BUILDING, THE MATERIALITY ON THE ROOF AND
11:14:46 EXTERIOR WALLS AS WELL AS THE REPETITION OF THE COLUMNS ON
11:14:48 THE SIDE.

11:14:49 THIS IS A BIGGER OVERALL VIEW FROM THE NINTH HOLE AS YOU CAN
11:14:54 SEE WITH THE FLAG LOCATED ON THE RIGHT OF THE SLIDE.
11:14:58 YOU CAN SEE THE PASS-THROUGH THAT WE WANTED TO INCORPORATE
11:15:00 BETWEEN THE TWO PORTIONS OF THE BUILDING.
11:15:01 ON THE LEFT PORTION, AS WE HAD MENTIONED BEFORE, THE
11:15:04 PRO SHOP AND THE OFFICES ON TOP, ON THE RIGHT PORTION, ON
11:15:07 THE BOTTOM INCLUDES THE CART STORAGE FOR THE PARKING AS WELL
11:15:10 AS SOME RESTROOMS AND CONCESSIONS FOR THE PEOPLE PLAYING.
11:15:13 SO WHEN YOU'RE ON NINE, PLAYING ON NINE AND WANT TO GO
11:15:17 THROUGH TEN, YOU CAN HIT THE CONCESSIONS, YOU CAN GO TO THE
11:15:20 RESTROOMS, TAKE A LITTLE BREAK BEFORE YOU HIT THE TEES ON
11:15:23 THE OTHER SIDE.
11:15:24 AND ON THE SECOND STORY THERE, YOU CAN SEE WHERE THAT
11:15:26 VERANDA IS, THE DORMERS THAT WE INCORPORATED.
11:15:29 THAT ALL IS A SPACE DESIGNATED FOR DINING AND RESTROOM AND
11:15:33 BAR AREA OR RESTAURANT AND BAR AREA.
11:15:36 >> THE SIZING OF THE SPACE ON THE RIGHT IS REALLY DICTATED
11:15:39 ON HOW MANY CARTS WE WANT TO STORE.
11:15:41 THE CART STORAGE IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR.
11:15:44 GOING TO BUILD THAT OUT FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CARTS AND
11:15:47 THEN THAT WILL GIVE YOU YOUR DINING AND CAFE SPACE ABOVE.
11:15:50 IN ADDITION, THERE IS THE SEATING ON THREE SIDES ON THE
11:15:55 SECOND FLOOR AS WELL REALLY OFFERS A LOT OF OUTDOOR DINING.
11:16:00 >> A BIT FURTHER TO THE EAST YOU CAN STILL SEE THE DORMERS,

11:16:03 REPETITION OF THE COLUMNS AND EXTERIOR VERANDA GOING AROUND
11:16:06 THE OUTSIDE.
11:16:09 >> THIS IS FROM THE HIMALAYAN GREEN PRACTICE AREA.
11:16:15 >> GOING TO THIS SIDE, YOU CAN SEE THE USE OF SYMMETRY WE
11:16:18 WANTED TO INCORPORATE ON THIS BACK PORTION AS WELL AS THE
11:16:20 ENTRY PORTION THAT YOU SAW EARLIER.
11:16:23 SEEING THAT VERANDA, SEEING THE COLUMNS, SEEING THOSE
11:16:26 DORMERS THAT WERE INCLUDED ALL FROM THE ORIGINAL GILLESPIE
11:16:29 BUILDING.
11:16:30 >> FROM THIS VIEW, THE 10th TEE IS TO YOUR RIGHT.
11:16:36 >> THIS VIEW IS SHOWING YOU THE ELEVATED SORT OF CENTER AREA
11:16:40 BETWEEN THOSE BUILDING PORTIONS.
11:16:41 YOU CAN START TO SEE THE WARMTH INCLUDED WITH THAT WOOD
11:16:44 SOFFIT YOU SEE ON THE TOP THAT WAS ALSO AN INSPIRATION FROM
11:16:47 THE IMAGES WE SAW EARLIER.
11:16:49 THESE VIEWS GOING AROUND THE OUTSIDE ON THAT VERANDA SHOWING
11:16:58 YOU THE SAME USE OF THE UNDERSIDE WOOD SOFFIT AS WELL AS
11:17:02 THAT FIBER CEMENT LOOKING SOFFIT EXTERIOR OR SIDING EXTERIOR
11:17:07 ON THE EXTERIOR WALLS.
11:17:09 THIS IS A GOOD OVERALL VIEW TO SORT OF ORIENT YOU ON THE
11:17:22 SITE.
11:17:22 YOU CAN SEE ON THE BOTTOM OR ON THE SOUTH PORTION RATHER OF
11:17:25 THAT BUILDING, YOU CAN SEE THE 9th HOLE.
11:17:28 ON THE NORTH PORTION IS THE STARTING OF THE 10th TEES AND
11:17:31 THE PRACTICE GREENS AROUND IT AND THE DRIVE-UP AS WELL WITH

11:17:35 THE EXISTING PARKING.
11:17:36 ALSO MENTIONING THE TEMPORARY CLUBHOUSE THERE IN THE WHITE.
11:17:41 >>Marlon Brown: BEFORE YOU LEAVE THAT IMAGE, IF YOU SEE IN

11:17:44 THE BACKGROUND, THAT'S THE NATURE PARK.
11:17:51 >> JUST TO BRING IT BACK TO THE ORIGINAL GILLESPIE BUILDING,
11:17:53 WHICH WAS OUR MAIN POINT OF INSPIRATION FOR THIS, YOU CAN
11:17:56 SEE THE USE OF THE DORMERS AND MATERIALITY, THE REPETITION
11:17:59 OF THE COLUMNS AND EVERYTHING WE WANTED TO TRY AND
11:18:02 INCORPORATE TO MAKE THIS PAY HOMAGE TO THE ORIGINAL
11:18:06 BUILDING.
11:18:10 >>Susan Martin: THAT ENDS THE PRESENTATION THERE.
11:18:12 WE'RE OPEN FOR QUESTIONS OR WHAT DO YOU THINK?
11:18:17 >>Marlon Brown: AGAIN, MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS, IF YOU
11:18:18 RECALL IN THE JANUARY MEETING WE STARTED OFF AT A BUDGET OF
11:18:21 2 TO 2.5 MILLION, A MUCH SMALLER CLUBHOUSE, MUCH SMALLER
11:18:26 OFFICE SPACE AND CART BARN.
11:18:28 THE DIRECTION FROM THIS COMMISSION WAS TO REALLY MAKE THIS
11:18:32 MORE OF A BLEND INTO THE GOLF COURSE, THE NATURE PARK, GIVE
11:18:38 IT ELEVATION SO INDIVIDUALS CAN VIEW EVERYTHING FROM ABOVE,
11:18:43 CREATE MORE -- MUCH MORE OLD-FLORIDA FEEL.
11:18:47 AND AGAIN, WE PUT THE TEAM BACK TO WORK AND AGAIN BASED ON
11:18:51 THE DIRECTION FROM THE COMMISSION AT THAT MEETING, THIS IS
11:18:54 WHAT WE ARE PRESENTING.
11:18:57 OBVIOUSLY, AS MENTIONED, THERE IS AN INCREASED COST TO THIS
11:19:02 THAT THE COMMISSION WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER.

11:19:05 I WOULD TELL YOU THAT THE FUNDING FOR THIS, IF THE
11:19:08 COMMISSION DESIRES TO MOVE FORWARD, WE WOULD HAVE THE
11:19:11 FUNDING, BUT IT IS GOING TO DELAY THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF
11:19:16 THIS TILL THAT FUNDING COMES INTO PLACE.
11:19:19 BUT WE'LL TALK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW.
11:19:21 WE HAVE THE 2 TO 2.5 MILLION IN THE CURRENT BUDGET, IF THE
11:19:24 COMMISSION IS SO INCLINED TO SUPPORT THIS, WE'LL DELAY FOR
11:19:29 ANOTHER PROBABLY 18 MONTHS FOR US IN TERMS OF CONSTRUCTION,
11:19:32 BUT WE WILL HAVE THE MONEY AVAILABLE.
11:19:35 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, MR. BROWN.
11:19:37 THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.
11:19:39 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON THOSE THAT ARE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
11:19:42 MR. JOSE FERNANDEZ.
11:20:07 >> GOOD MORNING.
11:20:38 MY NAME IS JOSE FERNANDEZ.
11:20:40 I AM A RESIDENT OF SARASOTA.
11:20:41 ANNUAL LOSSES AT BOBBY JONES HAVE BEEN A TOPIC BEFORE THIS
11:20:46 COMMISSION SINCE I BEGAN PARTICIPATING IN 2018 AND LIKELY
11:20:49 MUCH BEFORE.
11:20:50 IN JULY OF 2019, YOU ENGAGED THE NATIONAL GOLF FOUNDATION TO
11:20:56 CREATE BUSINESS PLANS FOR RENOVATED COURSE THAT WOULD
11:20:58 ELIMINATE THESE LOSSES.
11:21:00 YOU HAD TWO ITERATIONS.
11:21:06 OH, WAIT A MINUTE.
11:21:07 YOU HAD TWO ITERATIONS.

11:21:14 THE FIRST WAS FOR 45 HOLES AND WOULD HAVE REQUIRED
11:21:17 \$16.5 MILLION WITH LOSSES OF 800,000 TO A MILLION DOLLARS
11:21:21 PER YEAR.
11:21:21 THIS WAS DEEMED UNACCEPTABLE.
11:21:24 SO THE SECOND ITERATION WAS FOR 27 HOLES, \$12.5 MILLION

11:21:32 CAPITAL COST AND LOSSES OF SIX TO EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND
11:21:36 DOLLARS PER YEAR.
11:21:36 THIS WAS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THE THEN CURRENT LOSSES,
11:21:38 BUT YOU CHOSE TO PURSUE THIS OPTION ANYWAY.
11:21:41 UNBELIEVABLY, IN ONE MONTH, WE WENT FROM WE CAN'T CONTINUE
11:21:44 WITH THESE LOSSES TO THIS IS AN ESSENTIAL AMENITY.
11:21:47 MOVING FORWARD IN TIME, IN JANUARY 2022, YOU APPROVED A
11:21:52 CAPITAL COST OF \$18.8 MILLION WITH AN ANNUAL LOSS OF 750 TO
11:21:57 900,000 DOLLARS PER YEAR, WHICH WAS OVERSTATED BY A COUPLE
11:22:01 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR.
11:22:02 WITH THE NOT-TO-EXCEED \$20 MILLION LOAN.
11:22:06 THIS REQUIRED \$1.6 MILLION PER YEAR OF DEBT SERVICE WITH AN
11:22:10 OPENING IN THE FALL OF '22 SO WE COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A
11:22:13 2023 SEASON.
11:22:14 CLEARLY, THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.
11:22:16 WHERE ARE WE TODAY?
11:22:19 WELL, I CAN'T BE 100% SURE AS MY OPEN RECORDS REQUEST IS
11:22:23 STILL IN PROGRESS, BUT ASSUMING PRIOR ESTIMATES ARE STILL
11:22:25 VALID, WE'RE SPENDING \$12.5 MILLION ON THE COURSE ITSELF,
11:22:29 ANOTHER \$5.3 MILLION ON PARKING LOTS, ANCILLARY BUILDINGS,

11:22:33 ET CETERA, AND SINCE THE COURSE DIDN'T OPEN, I'M ASSUMING WE
11:22:36 PAID ANOTHER \$1.6 MILLION TO SERVICE THE LOAN WE TOOK OUT TO
11:22:40 PAY FOR THIS FOR A TOTAL OF 19.9.
11:22:43 BUT THAT'S NOT ALL, BECAUSE TODAY YOU'RE ASKED TO APPROVE A
11:22:46 CLUBHOUSE FOR ADDITIONAL 7.5 TO \$9 MILLION, BUT THIS IS ONLY
11:22:50 FOR VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION.
11:22:51 PRIOR ESTIMATES FOR FIXTURES, FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT AS
11:22:55 WELL AS LANDSCAPING ADD ANOTHER \$2.5 MILLION TO THIS FOR A
11:22:58 NEW TOTAL, ASSUMING NO FURTHER SCOPE INCREASES, WHICH IS
11:23:01 DOUBTFUL, OF 29.5 TO \$31 MILLION.
11:23:05 THIS REQUIRES AT LEAST ANOTHER \$10 MILLION OF CAPITAL AND AT
11:23:09 LEAST ANOTHER \$800,000 OF DEBT SERVICE FOR A NEW ANNUAL LOSS
11:23:13 OF OVER \$1.5 MILLION PER YEAR.
11:23:16 I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'VE GONE FROM UNACCEPTABLE \$800,000 PER
11:23:19 YEAR LOSSES TO ACCEPTABLE \$1.5 MILLION PER YEAR LOSSES TO
11:23:23 CASUALLY.
11:23:24 STOP THIS MADNESS.
11:23:25 DO NOT APPROVE THIS CLUBHOUSE.
11:23:27 IF YOU CHOOSE TO APPROVE THIS, I SUGGEST THAT YOU RENAME THE
11:23:30 GOLF COURSE LIFT STATION 88.
11:23:32 THANK YOU.
11:23:34 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.
11:23:35 MOVING ON TO -- I CALL BACK UP MS. SUE MARTIN.
11:23:49 MR. JUSTIN WILLIAMS.
11:23:57 MR. STEVE PADGETT.

11:23:59 NOT MR. PADGETT.
11:24:03 THANK YOU.
11:24:03 COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS.
11:24:07 START WITH COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
11:24:09 >>Erik Arroyo: THANK YOU.
11:24:10 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.
11:24:11 OFFER YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THE COMMENTS

11:24:17 THAT WERE JUST MADE.
11:24:18 I'LL ASK.
11:24:25 IS THIS GOING TO BE OVER \$29 MILLION WHEN THIS IS ALL SAID
11:24:28 AND DONE?
11:24:31 >>Marlon Brown: YES, COMMISSIONER, IT COULD BE.
11:24:33 AGAIN, AS WAS MENTIONED BY MS. MARTIN AND MYSELF, WE STARTED
11:24:38 OFF WITH A CLUBHOUSE THAT WAS 2 TO 2.5 MILLION.
11:24:41 THAT WAS WITHIN BUDGET.
11:24:42 IF THE COMMISSION DOES MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS, IT WILL REACH
11:24:51 29.
11:24:51 WE DON'T INTEND TO BORROW MONEY TO BUILD THIS AT THIS POINT
11:24:54 IN TIME.
11:24:54 WE'LL HAVE TO ADDRESS THAT IF THE COMMISSION DECIDES TO MOVE
11:24:58 FORWARD.
11:24:58 >>Erik Arroyo: WHEN IS THE FIRST BOND PAYMENT DUE?
11:25:02 >>Marlon Brown: WE ARE PAYING IT RIGHT NOW, I BELIEVE.
11:25:05 >>Erik Arroyo: WHAT IS THE MATERIAL THAT YOU'RE USING FOR
11:25:08 THE EXTERIOR IN THIS?
11:25:10 >> THE CURRENT CLADDING IS SHOWN AS A HARDIE BOARD,
11:25:16 ESSENTIALLY, A CEMENTITIOUS BOARD, BUT IT WOULD BE A BLOCK
11:25:19 CONSTRUCTION BUILDING WITH SOME STEEL ELEMENTS AS WELL.
11:25:23 >>Marlon Brown: AGAIN, COMMISSIONERS, THE REASON FOR THIS IS
11:25:26 TO HARDEN IT.
11:25:27 I THINK WE ARE BUILDING IT TO A CATEGORY --
11:25:30 >> IT'S GOING TO MEET THE CODE, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE AROUND
11:25:33 A CATEGORY 3.
11:25:37 >>Erik Arroyo: WITHSTAND A CATEGORY 3?
11:25:39 WE JUST HAD ONE LAST YEAR THAT WAS A CATEGORY 4, ALMOST A 5.
11:25:45 WHAT'S THE ROOF GOING TO BE MADE OF?
11:25:48 >> WE ARE CURRENTLY PROPOSING A METAL ROOF THAT WILL HAVE A
11:25:51 METAL SUBDECKING.
11:25:58 >>Erik Arroyo: I RECALL AT OUR LAST MEETING WE TALKED ABOUT
11:26:01 A PANORAMIC VIEW AND A LOT OF GLASS.
11:26:07 BUT I SEE YOU HAVE SOME SLIDING GLASS FULL-SIZE DOORS, BUT I
11:26:11 DON'T SEE A LOT OF GLASS, A LOT OF VIEWS FROM THE INSIDE.
11:26:18 >>Marlon Brown: WE'LL TRY TO BRING UP THE IMAGE AGAIN.
11:26:23 >> SO PART OF THAT -- AND WE'VE DONE SEVERAL ITERATIONS OF
11:26:28 THIS BUILDING.
11:26:30 THEY ARE IN THE APPENDIX OF THIS PRESENTATION.
11:26:34 THE PANORAMIC GLASS -- AND NICK CAN PROBABLY EXPLAIN MORE
11:26:38 THIS -- WHEN YOU GET INTO THAT, IT'S MORE OF A MODERN STYLE,
11:26:41 IS THAT RIGHT?
11:26:42 >> YOU ADD TOO MUCH GLASS IT WILL CHANGE THE WHOLE FEEL OF
11:26:45 THE BUILDING.
11:26:45 WE HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF GLASS IF YOU TAKE A LOOK ON
11:26:48 THE OUTSIDE AROUND THE VERANDA PORTION, PAGE 8.
11:26:53 WE DO HAVE WINDOWS ALL AROUND THE UPPER DINING AREA, BUT
11:27:05 WITHOUT -- IF THOSE WERE WALL-TO-WALL WINDOWS, IT WOULD
11:27:10 CONFLICT WITH THE REST.
11:27:11 >> AND COST MORE.
11:27:13 >> WE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE THERMAL PROPERTY OF
11:27:15 THE WINDOWS AND THE AMOUNT OF GLAZING AND THE AMOUNT OF SUN

11:27:18 THAT WILL GET INSIDE THAT AREA.
11:27:23 >>Erik Arroyo: WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED LIFE SPAN OF THIS
11:27:25 BUILDING?
11:27:25 HOW MANY YEARS?
11:27:28 >> TYPICALLY AT LEAST 50 YEARS, BUT MUCH LONGER THAN THAT
11:27:33 WITH PROPER MAINTENANCE.
11:27:35 >>Erik Arroyo: UNLESS IT GETS HIT BY A CATEGORY 4 HURRICANE.
11:27:38 >> WELL, JUST BECAUSE IT IS NOT RATED NECESSARILY FOR
11:27:40 CATEGORY 4 HURRICANE, DOESN'T MEAN IT COULDN'T WITHSTAND IT.
11:27:43 WE HAVE TO DESIGN IT TO THE WIND LOADS THAT ARE SET BY THE
11:27:46 BUILDING DEPARTMENT.
11:27:49 >>Erik Arroyo: MR. BROWN, \$1.6 MILLION DEBT SERVICE AND THEN
11:27:52 IF THIS COMMISSION -- WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE DEBT SERVICE
11:27:56 WITH THAT?
11:27:58 >>Marlon Brown: THIS WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL BORROW BASED ON
11:28:02 -- I HAVE NOT YET CALCULATED THAT NUMBER, BUT WE'LL BRING

11:28:05 THAT BACK TO YOU, OBVIOUSLY, COMMISSIONERS.
11:28:09 >>Erik Arroyo: I AGREE WHAT HAS BEEN SAID.
11:28:11 ALREADY AT \$1.6 MILLION DEBT SERVICE.
11:28:13 WE'RE TRYING TO SOLVE A \$1.9 MILLION LOSS PER YEAR.
11:28:17 NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT \$1.6 MILLION AND A LOSS, WHICH HAS
11:28:22 BEEN CALCULATED BY THE GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT COMPANY PLUS
11:28:26 AN ADDITIONAL DEBT SERVICE IS WHAT WE'RE CONTEMPLATING HERE.
11:28:31 IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE A REVENUE BOND?
11:28:35 >>Marlon Brown: IT IS.
11:28:36 AGAIN, MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS, WE HAD THAT CONVERSATION
11:28:39 WHEN WE MOVED FORWARD WITH THE GOLF COURSE.
11:28:42 THIS COMMISSION MADE A DECISION THAT PROVIDING GOLF IS A
11:28:51 BENEFIT TO THE CITY OF SARASOTA GIVEN THAT THERE WOULD BE A
11:28:54 LOSS.
11:28:54 AND WE DO ANTICIPATE THAT OBVIOUSLY THE LOSS WOULD GET LESS
11:28:59 AND LESS DEPENDING ON HOW SUCCESSFUL THE GOLF COURSE IS.
11:29:02 AGAIN, WE'RE NOT OPEN YET.
11:29:04 WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION WOULD BE
11:29:10 LIKE.
11:29:11 I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE AND TELL YOU THAT -- ONGOING LOSS.
11:29:16 >>Erik Arroyo: WOULD A BRICK BUILDING HAVE A LONGER LIFE
11:29:19 SPAN THAN THIS ONE?
11:29:22 >> IN MY OPINION, I DON'T THINK SO.
11:29:23 WHAT DO YOU THINK?
11:29:25 >> THERE ARE PROS AND CONS TO BOTH.

11:29:27 THE BRICK IS GOING TO BE -- THE SHELL OF THE BUILDING IS
11:29:30 GOING TO BE THE SAME, WHETHER CLADDED WITH BRICK OR WITH
11:29:32 HARDIE SIDING.
11:29:34 BRICK DOES NEED LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE.
11:29:36 YOU DO HAVE TO REPOINT IT.
11:29:37 YOU HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR EFFERVESCENCE AND THOSE SORT OF
11:29:42 THINGS.
11:29:42 HARDIE BOARD WILL NEED PAINT AND CAULKING THROUGH THE YEARS
11:29:46 BUT PROTECTED BY THE WEATHER WITH LARGE OVERHANGS.
11:29:50 THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL UPCHARGE FOR BRICK INITIALLY, AND IT
11:29:53 IS A SPECIALTY.

11:29:54 YOU DON'T SEE A LOT OF IT DOWN HERE, SO IT IS A SPECIALTY
11:29:58 LABOR CONSTRAINT THAT WE RUN INTO.
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>>Erik Arroyo: WHAT IS THE COST OF SOMEONE BUILDING A
RESIDENCE FOR APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE?
A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL BUILDING IT ON THE BARRIER ISLANDS OR,
LET'S SAY, JUST EVEN IN THE MAINLANDS OF SARASOTA CITY, THEY
PAY SIGNIFICANTLY LESS.
THERE SEEMS TO BE A PREMIUM WITH GOVERNMENT WORK.
WHAT IS THAT ATTRIBUTED TO?
>> PART OF IT IS THE BUILDING CODE THAT WE HAVE MORE
CONSTRAINTS ON HOW WE HAVE TO ENGINEER THE BUILDING.
THIS ALSO HAS A COMMERCIAL KITCHEN IN IT.
IT'S GOT, FIRE SPRINKLED.
THINGS YOU SEE IN A HIGH END HOME YOU MAY NOT SEE HERE SUCH
AS THE FIRE SPRINKLING OR THE AMOUNT OF -- THE OCCUPANCY OF
THE BUILDING PUTS US INTO DIFFERENT CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR
DIFFERENT ENGINEERING AND FIRE RATING OF THE DECKING BETWEEN
THE CART STORAGE AND THE DINING AREA THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE
THAT IN A RESIDENTIAL HOME.
>>Erik Arroyo: ALL RIGHT.
LET THE COMMISSIONERS ASK FURTHER QUESTIONS.
THANK YOU.
>>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU.
VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
>>Vice-Mayor Alpert: WELL, I HAVE TO SAY IT'S DIFFERENT THAN
I ENVISIONED IN MY MIND, BUT I REALLY LIKE THAT YOU TOOK THE
THEME FROM THE ORIGINAL CLUBHOUSE FOR THE BOBBY JONES GOLF
COURSE.
THIS IS DEFINITELY AN OLD-FLORIDA DESIGN AND THE MORE I LOOK
AT IT, I REALLY LIKE IT.
MY QUESTION IS, A COUPLE OF THEM, ON THE DECKING, WHERE THE
RESTAURANT WILL BE, BECAUSE I WANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR A LOT
OF OUTDOOR DINING, ARE THERE GOING TO BE -- CAN THEY DO BOTH
SIDES OF THE BUILDING WITH OUTDOOR DINING SO THE RESTAURANT
WOULD HAVE ACCESS?
I LIKE THE WOOD THAT YOU HAVE ON THE CEILING THERE BECAUSE
IT HELPS CREATE SOME WARMTH.
THE TABLES ARE A LITTLE COLD LOOKING, BUT I FIGURE THAT'S
JUST A REPRESENTATION.
I SORT OF LOOK AT IT AS IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS
WHERE YOU HAVE A REALLY NICE CLUBHOUSE, I THINK THAT'S GOING
TO ATTRACT MORE PEOPLE TO USE THIS COURSE BECAUSE IT REALLY
MAKES IT LOOK LIKE A WORLD-CLASS COURSE THAT THEY ARE GOING
TO WANT TO COME TO AND NOT A RUN-DOWN MUNICIPAL COURSE.
SO I THINK THAT IS A BIG FACTOR IN WHETHER IT WILL BE
PROFITABLE OR HAVE LESS LOSSES THAN WE'RE ANTICIPATING.
I LIKE IT.
I THINK IT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING WE SHOULD DO BECAUSE OUR
IDEA WAS ALSO TO BRING IN PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT NECESSARILY
PLAYING GOLF, PEOPLE WHO ARE USING SOME OF THE SPORTS FIELDS
THERE, THE PLAYGROUND, THE WALKING TRAIL OR JUST THE GENERAL
PUBLIC SAYS I WANT TO HAVE DINNER AT A PLACE WHERE I CAN

11:33:27 LOOK OUT AND IT'S REALLY PRETTY AND A NICE ENERGY.
11:33:32 THAT'S ALL I HAVE.
11:33:35 >>Marlon Brown: VICE MAYOR, I BELIEVE JUST ONE COMMENT AND
11:33:39 THEY CAN CORRECT ME.
11:33:40 I THINK THE VERANDA IS WRAP AROUND.
11:33:42 >> YES.
11:33:43 >>Marlon Brown: IT'S THREE SIDED, ALMOST FOUR SIDED BECAUSE
11:33:45 YOU HAVE THE BREEZEWAY IN THE MIDDLE AS WELL.
11:33:47 >> CORRECT, CORRECT.
11:33:49 >>Mayor Battie: ALL RIGHT.
11:33:50 THANK YOU, VICE MAYOR.
11:33:51 COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.

11:33:53 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THANK YOU.
11:33:54 I WANTED TO SAY THAT I THINK THAT YOU -- I REALLY APPRECIATE
11:34:01 THE TIME YOU TOOK INTO CREATING THIS OLD-FLORIDA LOOK.
11:34:05 I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN THAT PORCH IN THE FRONT AREA
11:34:11 OF IT AND MORE OF THOSE KINDS OF DETAILS.
11:34:14 IT SAYS DOWN HERE OPTION A.
11:34:16 IS THERE AN OPTION B, C OR D?
11:34:18 >> THERE ARE SOME OPTIONS IN THE APPENDIX THAT WE'VE WORKED
11:34:21 THROUGH TO GET TO THIS.
11:34:23 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: BUT NOTHING OTHER THAN --
11:34:31 >>Susan Martin: ONE OF THE OPTIONS IS THE ONE THAT WE
11:34:33 PRESENTED AT THE COMMISSION MEETING.
11:34:58 >> THAT'S CLOSE -- WHAT YOU ARE SEEING HERE, THIS IS CLOSE
11:35:01 TO THE ORIGINAL.
11:35:02 IT DOES HAVE SOME ITEMS -- THAT IS THE ORIGINAL.
11:35:08 I APOLOGIZE.
11:35:09 THIS IS AN OPTION WE CAME UP WITH WHICH WAS TWO STORY,
11:35:16 LITTLE MORE MODERN.
11:35:18 YOU CAN SEE THE BIG GLASS COLUMN WE HAVE THERE.
11:35:22 THIS IS I THINK A LITTLE BIT LARGER, BUT IT IS DEFINITELY
11:35:25 MORE MONEY THAN WHAT WE HAVE PRESENTED TODAY.
11:35:29 >>Marlon Brown: MS. MARTIN, COULD YOU TURN FOR HIM SO HE
11:35:32 DOESN'T HAVE TO GET UP EVERY TIME?
11:35:37 >> AND THEN THIS IS KIND OF THE TOP GOLF OPTION WE'VE
11:35:42 UNOFFICIALLY NAMED IT.

11:35:44 THIS WAS SOME VERY EARLY ON, THIS WAS 30,000 SQUARE FEET.
11:35:49 YOU COULD DO ANYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO IN THIS BUILDING,
11:35:53 BUT FAR MORE EXPENSIVE BUT IT IS MORE OF A MODERN TAKE ON A
11:35:57 DRIVING RANGE -- NOT A DRIVING RANGE BUT A CLUBHOUSE
11:36:00 BUILDING.
11:36:00 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: WELL, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I MUCH PREFER
11:36:03 THE OLD FLORIDA.
11:36:04 IT IS AN HISTORIC COURSE.
11:36:07 IT IS NOT A NEW ONE.
11:36:08 I THINK WE HONOR OUR HISTORY BY STICKING WITH THAT THEME OF
11:36:13 OLD FLORIDA.
11:36:13 HOWEVER, I DO HAVE TO SAY I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
11:36:18 AMOUNT AND THE COST OF THIS.
11:36:19 IS THERE NO WAY WE COULD DO THIS, MAKE THE BUILDING INSTEAD
11:36:23 OF 15,000 SQUARE FEET, 4,000 AND DO THE CART BARN SOMEWHERE

11:36:27 ELSE?
11:36:27 BECAUSE THAT WOULD STAY WITHIN THE \$2 MILLION RANGE.
11:36:32 >>Susan Martin: ACTUALLY, THE CART BARN IS A SEPARATE
11:36:35 BUILDING FROM THIS.
11:36:36 THE ONLY THING CONNECTING IS THE BREEZEWAY.
11:36:38 I KNOW WE PUT THE RESTAURANT ABOVE THE CART BARN, BUT YOU
11:36:42 WOULD STILL NEED THAT SIZE OF A CART BARN.
11:36:44 YOU STILL NEED THE AREA FOR THE OFFICE SPACE AND EVERYTHING
11:36:48 IN THAT BUILDING WE WOULD STILL NEED.
11:36:50 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: YOU COULDN'T DO LIKE A SEPARATE REALLY

11:36:55 SCALED-DOWN CART BARN BUILDING AND THEN SCALE THIS ONE DOWN
11:37:00 TO JUST A CLUBHOUSE.
11:37:03 I'M SAYING THIS BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO SIDES OF THIS COIN.
11:37:06 ONE SIDE IS THAT IF IT WAS A REALLY NICE FACILITY AND LARGE
11:37:12 ENOUGH, THEN THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HAVING CATERED EVENTS
11:37:16 WOULD BE THERE, WHICH WOULD BRING THE REVENUE.
11:37:18 ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN WE SAT THROUGH AND I SAT THROUGH
11:37:24 LOTS OF MEETINGS WITH THE GOLFERS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
11:37:28 THEY PLACED LOW ON THEIR PRIORITY LIST WAS A FANCY
11:37:32 RESTAURANT OR CATERING OR ANY OF THAT.
11:37:34 THEY WANTED US TO FOCUS ON THE GOLF COURSE AND MAKING THAT
11:37:40 GOLF EXPERIENCE THE BEST IT CAN BE.
11:37:42 THEY REALLY DOWNPLAYED -- AND MS. MARTIN, YOU CAN CORRECT ME
11:37:47 IF I'M WRONG -- THEY REALLY DOWNPLAYED THE IMPORTANCE OF
11:37:51 FANCY DINING SPACE OR ANY OF THAT.
11:37:55 SO THE NUMBERS REALLY CONCERN ME, AND I WAS HOPING WE COULD
11:37:59 STAY WITHIN OUR BUDGET OF \$2.5 MILLION FOR THE CART BARN.
11:38:06 IN THE ORIGINAL VOTE, I THINK I WAS NOT SUPPORTIVE OF THE
11:38:09 TWO STORY.
11:38:11 I WAS SUPPORTIVE OF KEEPING WITHIN THAT BUDGET AND KEEPING
11:38:13 IT SMALL.
11:38:14 I STILL FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD STAY WITHIN OUR
11:38:19 BUDGET.
11:38:20 WE SPENT SO MUCH TIME ANGUISHING OVER IS IT GOING TO BE 12
11:38:25 MILLION?

11:38:25 IS IT GOING TO BE 17 MILLION?
11:38:27 IS IT GOING TO BE 22 MILLION?
11:38:29 IS IT GOING TO BE -- WHAT THAT NUMBER WAS GOING TO BE AND
11:38:32 WHAT WAS THAT BREAK-EVEN POINT AND WHERE WE WOULD GO, HOW
11:38:36 MANY YEARS BEFORE IT COULD BE SUSTAINABLE.
11:38:39 AND IT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT PART OF THE DISCUSSION.
11:38:41 I THINK THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS HANDICAP BOBBY
11:38:45 JONES, INVEST ALL THIS MONEY INTO REDOING THE COURSE.
11:38:47 WE SCALED IT DOWN.
11:38:49 WE'VE ADDED A NATURE PARK, AND I WOULD REALLY HATE TO SEE
11:38:53 THE ARGUMENT SAY, WELL, LOOK WHAT YOU DID.
11:38:55 YOU SPENT ALL THIS MONEY AND WE'RE STILL HAVING TO SUBSIDIZE
11:39:00 IT AT X NUMBER OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, WHICH LENDS THE
11:39:04 ARGUMENT TO WHY YOU EVEN HAVE MUNICIPAL GOLF IF YOU CAN'T BE
11:39:08 SUSTAINABLE.
11:39:08 I THINK IT'S AN INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY AND OUR PARKS.
11:39:11 I THINK IT'S A HUGE VALUE, BUT IT WOULD BE NICE IF THAT GAP,

11:39:15 THAT DELTA BETWEEN COST AND REVENUE WERE REALLY MUCH CLOSER.
11:39:20 I'M NOT SURE THAT THIS WELL-DESIGNED AND SENSITIVE PROPOSAL
11:39:31 IS IN KEEPING WITH KEEPING THOSE COSTS WHERE THEY REALLY
11:39:34 NEED TO BE.
11:39:34 I WOULD JUST HATE TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THIS AND THEN MAKE
11:39:39 THE ARGUMENT THAT WE SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS ANYWAY BECAUSE
11:39:42 IT'S NOT WHAT THE GOLFERS WANT AND IT'S NOT, THAT DELTA IS
11:39:46 TOO MUCH OF A SUBSIDY.

11:39:49 SO I'M STRUGGLING WITH THAT, AND I KNOW THAT THE
11:39:54 COMMISSION'S DIRECTION WAS NOT TO KEEP IT SMALL AND KEEP IT
11:39:58 SCALED DOWN, SO I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE EXPLORED
11:40:02 ANYTHING LIKE THAT, BECAUSE THAT WAS NOT THE VOTE OR THE
11:40:05 DIRECTION, BUT THAT IS WHERE JUST ME PERSONALLY WHERE I WAS
11:40:09 HOPING TO SEE THAT THIS COMMISSION COULD SAY, WHAT CAN WE
11:40:13 SEE FOR TWO AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS AND STAY WITHIN OUR
11:40:18 BUDGET?

11:40:19 >>Marlon Brown: WE SHOWED YOU WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR
11:40:21 \$2.5 MILLION.

11:40:23 >>Susan Martin: SINCE THE TIME WHEN WE FIRST PRESENTED WHAT
11:40:25 WE HAD FOR TWO, TWO AND A HALF MILLION, THE COST IS -- THE
11:40:31 COST OF INFLATION HAS REALLY HIT HARD IN THE BUILDING
11:40:34 INDUSTRY.

11:40:36 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: YES, YES.
11:40:37 I JUST, YOU KNOW, THE COST CONCERNS ME.
11:40:46 IT IS A GREAT CONCERN TO ME, BECAUSE THIS IS OUR HISTORY.
11:40:53 A PIECE OF OUR HISTORY IS THIS GOLF COURSE.
11:40:55 IT MEANS A LOT TO THE CITIZENS AND TO WHO WE ARE AS A CITY.
11:40:59 IT'S ONE OF THOSE DEFINING THINGS THAT MAKES US WHO WE ARE.
11:41:02 I WOULD REALLY LIKE IT IF WE COULD HONOR OUR HISTORY THERE,
11:41:08 RESPECT WHAT THE GOLFERS VALUE WHICH IS AN INCREDIBLE
11:41:12 MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE.
11:41:15 SECOND TO THAT, A NICE EXPERIENCE IN A CLUBHOUSE, BUT IT
11:41:17 DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SOMETHING THAT COSTS AS MUCH AS THE

11:41:21 COURSE ITSELF.
11:41:21 AND THEN CRIPPLES US AS WE GO ALONG AS FAR AS DEBT, I MEAN.
11:41:28 THAT'S HOW I FEEL ABOUT IT.
11:41:39 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER KOCH.
11:41:41 COMMISSIONER TRICE.
11:41:44 >>Debbie Trice: THANK YOU.
11:41:45 I WASN'T HERE FOR THE PREVIOUS DISCUSSION, SO I'M COMING TO
11:41:49 THIS FROM A LITTLE BIT FROM THE OUTSIDE.
11:41:53 I WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED WITH THE -- WELL, FIRST OF ALL,
11:41:57 BEAUTIFUL DESIGN.
11:41:59 I LOVE IT.
11:42:00 BUT I WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED WITH THE GOLF CART STORAGE AND
11:42:09 RESTAURANT, WHETHER YOU WERE SAYING THAT THE SIZE OF THAT
11:42:13 COULD BE BUILT SMALLER OR BUILT LARGER BASED ON WHAT IS
11:42:19 PROJECTED THE NEED FOR CART STORAGE IS.
11:42:23 >>YES, MA'AM, I CAN TAKE THAT.
11:42:24 WE HAVE TO HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CARTS FOR THE 18 HOLES.
11:42:30 THERE IS SOME PLAY THERE, BUT ONCE WE ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT
11:42:34 OF CART PARKING, SINCE THAT'S GOING TO BE ON THE LARGER SIDE

11:42:37 OF THE BUILDING OVER HERE, THAT WILL GIVE US A FOOTPRINT FOR
11:42:41 THE DINING AND KITCHEN SPACE ABOVE.
11:42:44 SO WE CAN HAVE MORE STORAGE UNDERNEATH, WHICH IS GOING TO
11:42:49 EQUATE TO MORE DINING SPACE, OR WE CAN SHRINK THAT STORAGE
11:42:52 UP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, LESS DINING SPACE BUT YOU STILL HAVE
11:42:55 THE OUTDOOR DINING AS WELL.

11:42:56 >>Debbie Trice: I'M THINKING THEN YOU COULD ALSO DO SOME
11:42:59 CALCULATION ON THE DINING SPACE NEEDS AND IF IT'S SMALLER
11:43:09 NEED, HAVE A SUPPLEMENTAL GOLF CART LOCATION THAT COSTS LESS
11:43:15 AND THE OVERALL PRICE WOULD BE LESS.
11:43:18 BUT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT, IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE THREE
11:43:25 DIFFERENT USERS OF THE FACILITY.
11:43:30 YOU'VE GOT THE GOLFERS.
11:43:32 YOU'RE LOOKING AT NATURE PARK VISITORS USING THE EATING
11:43:36 FACILITIES AND RESTAURANT-GOERS.
11:43:40 I'M THINKING THAT THE GOLFERS AND THE NATURE PARK VISITORS
11:43:45 WOULD MOSTLY BE INTERESTED IN THE SNACK BAR AND NOT THE
11:43:51 RESTAURANT, SO THEN -- BUT I'M ALSO THINKING THE IDEA WITH
11:43:55 THE RESTAURANT IS THIS IS GOING TO BE REVENUE GENERATOR.
11:44:03 IS THE INTENT FOR THIS TO ALSO BE AN EVENT SPACE OR WOULD
11:44:08 THE RESTAURANT ONLY BE OPEN WHEN THE GOLF COURSE IS IN USE?
>>Susan Martin: WE HIRED A MANAGEMENT COMPANY TO OVERSEE THE
11:44:14 OPERATION AND I BELIEVE THEY ARE GOING TO OPERATE IT TO THE
11:44:17 BEST ABILITY TO MAKE REVENUE TO BRING IN THE REVENUE.
11:44:21 SO IT WOULD BE AFTER EVENINGS AND WEEKEND-TYPE EVENTS.
11:44:25 YOU ALSO HAVE GOLF-RELATED EVENTS.
11:44:30 YOU HAVE TOURNAMENTS AND OUTINGS.
11:44:35 BUT PART OF WHAT WE WERE ASKED TO DO IS TO MAKE THE SPACE
11:44:39 EXPANDABLE, AND IT'S KIND OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE WITH THE
11:44:42 OUTSIDE BALCONIES.
11:44:43 IF YOU SEE THE SLIDING DOORS THERE, THEY CAN OPEN UP AND

11:44:47 THEN YOU CAN EXPAND TO THE OUTSIDE.
11:44:49 BEYOND THAT, WE COULD ALWAYS BRING IN THE FESTIVAL TENTS
11:44:52 WITH THE SIDES AND THE DOORS.
11:44:54 THERE IS SPACE OUTSIDE AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE WHERE YOU COULD
11:44:59 BRING IN FOR LARGER GROUPS.
>>Debbie Trice: HAS THERE BEEN ANY PUSH-BACK FROM THE
11:45:05 NEIGHBORING NEIGHBORHOODS IF THIS BECAME LIKE THE EVENT
11:45:10 SPACE WITH THE TENTS AND THE OUTDOOR DINING?
11:45:13 >>Susan Martin: NO, WE HAVEN'T.
11:45:16 I DO KNOW THEY WANT US TO KEEP THEM IN MIND WHEN WE'RE
11:45:19 DESIGNING THIS BECAUSE OF THE NATURE PARK, AND THE NEIGHBORS
11:45:23 DO USE THAT A LOT OR THEY DID WHEN WE OPENED IT FOR JUST
11:45:28 TRAILS.
11:45:28 SO THEY ANTICIPATE USING IT A LOT, TOO.
>>Debbie Trice: I WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF NOISE COMPLAINTS.
11:45:35 >>Susan Martin: NO, NO.
11:45:36 IT'S A DISTANCE.
>>Marlon Brown: COMMISSIONER, ALSO BE REMINDED THAT THE
11:45:39 COUNTY IS ALSO CREATING A RECREATIONAL SPACE ON BOBBY JONES
11:45:41 AS WELL AS THE MASTER PLAN FOR THEIR RECREATIONAL AREA.
11:45:47 SO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THIS AS WELL.
11:45:50

11:45:53 THERE WILL BE TRAILS CONNECTED TO BOBBY JONES AND TO THE
11:45:57 RESTAURANT AS WELL.
11:46:00 >>Debbie Trice: BASED ON THE PRICE TAG, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE
11:46:04 A REEVALUATION OF HOW LARGE THAT SECOND WING NEEDS TO BE AND

11:46:12 EVEN IF IT'S, WELL, A SMALLER FOOTPRINT WON'T GIVE US THE
11:46:17 CART STORAGE WE NEED, BUT WE CAN HAVE SUPPLEMENTAL CART
11:46:20 STORAGE IN A LESS EXPENSIVE, LESS ATTRACTIVE BUILDING.
11:46:26 ANYWAY, THAT'S ALL I HAD.
11:46:34 >>Mayor Battie: I THINK ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I HAVE ABOUT
11:46:36 THE DESIGN AND SO ON, WHAT IS THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE
11:46:40 RESTAURANT?
11:46:44 >>Susan Martin: OF THE PROPOSED ONE?
11:46:46 >>Mayor Battie: YES.
11:46:47 >> I THINK IT'S AROUND FIVE TO SIX THOUSAND SQUARE FEET WITH
11:46:49 A KITCHEN.
11:46:51 I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE A FLOOR PLAN IN HERE.
11:46:53 I COULD GET THAT FOR YOU, THOUGH.
11:46:56 >>Mayor Battie: ONLY REASON I'M ASKING -- OKAY.
11:46:58 >> I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT SQUARE FOOTAGE, BUT IT'S A GOOD
11:47:01 ESTIMATE FOR THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN TO BE ABOUT SIX TO SEVEN
11:47:05 THOUSAND.
11:47:05 >>Mayor Battie: SIX TO SEVEN THOUSAND SQUARE FEET WITH LIKE
11:47:07 THE DINING AREA BEING ABOUT WHAT?
11:47:12 >> POSSIBLY 3,000.
11:47:17 >>Mayor Battie: I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT, LIKE, AS A
11:47:20 RESTAURANT BASICALLY COMING FROM HOSPITALITY MYSELF, WHAT IS
11:47:26 GOING TO BE THE FUNCTION OF IT IN TERMS OF TO COMMISSIONER
11:47:30 TRICE'S POINT, WOULD THERE BE BANQUETS?
11:47:33 BECAUSE I KNOW -- I'M ASSUMING THERE WILL BE TOURNAMENTS AND

11:47:36 SO ON OUT THERE ON THE GOLF COURSE AND SO ON.
11:47:39 SO THERE -- SO USED FOR BANQUET SPACE AND SO ON.
11:47:44 >> TO A POINT, YES.
11:47:45 >>Marlon Brown: AGAIN, MAYOR, NOT THE TYPICAL BANQUET THAT
11:47:49 YOU SEE --
11:47:50 >>Mayor Battie: LIKE MICHAEL'S ON EAST.
11:47:51 >>Marlon Brown: IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THAT BIG.
11:47:53 THEY WOULD BE ABLE, IF THERE IS A TOURNAMENT, BEFORE THE
11:47:58 TOURNAMENT HAVE BREAKFAST, LUNCH.
11:48:00 IT'S NOT THIS FORMAL TYPE BANQUET WHERE YOU INVITE
11:48:05 INDIVIDUALS TO COME AND HEAR A SPEAKER.
11:48:08 >>Mayor Battie: WHAT ABOUT THE SEATING CAPACITY IN THERE?
11:48:13 >> I DON'T HAVE THAT OFFHAND, BUT I THINK IT WAS SEVERAL
11:48:16 HUNDRED WITH THE OUTSIDE, I THINK, YEAH -- I WANT TO SAY 40
11:48:21 OR 50 SEATS TOTAL.
11:48:24 >> 200 INSIDE AND THEN HAVE THE OUTSIDE, TOO.
11:48:26 THE PREVIOUS CLUBHOUSE COULD SEAT 125.
11:48:29 SO I KNOW THAT WE WENT BIGGER THAN THAT.
11:48:32 SO I BELIEVE IT WAS 200.
11:48:36 BUT IT DEPENDS ALSO HOW WE DECIDE ON THE STRUCTURE.
11:48:41 WE DID DO A LITTLE BIT OF RESEARCH AS FAR AS DOING JUST A
11:48:44 BANQUET SPACE, AND REALLY IT'S OPEN SPACE THAT'S GOING TO
11:48:48 HAVE TO BE AIR CONDITIONED AND MAINTAINED BUT ONLY USED

11:48:52 OCCASIONALLY.
11:48:52 SO IT'S REALLY NOT BUDGET-WISE TO HAVE JUST A DEDICATED

11:48:57 BANQUET SPACE LIKE SO MANY OTHER PRIVATE GOLF COURSES HAVE
11:49:01 IN THE AREA.

>>Mayor Battie: YOU SAID THERE IS A MANAGEMENT TEAM THAT'S
11:49:03 GOING TO MANAGE THE RESTAURANT AND SO ON AS WELL?

>>Marlon Brown: THE SAME COMPANY THAT IS MANAGING THE GOLF
11:49:12 COURSE.

>>Mayor Battie: OKAY.

11:49:15 I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES TO
11:49:20 BUILDING SOMETHING, THAT SCALE IS 15,000 SQUARE FEET.
11:49:24 I KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER COMPONENTS TO THIS STRUCTURE,
11:49:30 BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE RESTAURANT, I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT
11:49:34 THE SIZE OF IT, WHAT MIGHT POSSIBLY GENERATE IN THE WAY OF
11:49:38 REVENUE WHAT WILL BE OUR RETURN OR WHATEVER FROM WHAT I
11:49:44 UNDERSTAND, IT SHOULD PROBABLY BE ABOUT 5% OR SO, OR
11:49:48 WHATEVER, THE SALES FROM THE RESTAURANT.

11:49:50 YEAH, JUST GETTING AN IDEA OF, FROM MY BACKGROUND OR
11:49:58 WHATEVER, WHAT THIS ACTUALLY IS AND WHAT IT COULD BE AND
11:50:01 WHAT IT WOULD GENERATE, SO ON AND SO FORTH.

11:50:04 I'LL GO BACK AROUND AND LET COMMISSIONERS THROW SOMETHING AT
11:50:08 THE WALL.

11:50:09 VICE MAYOR ALPERT.

>>Vice-Mayor Alpert: I'M WONDERING WHY IT WASN'T DETERMINED
11:50:17 HOW BIG A CART STORAGE YOU NEEDED.
11:50:21 DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT ALREADY?

>>Susan Martin: WE HAVE EXTRA SPACE BUILT INTO IT.

11:50:26 YES, WE DO KNOW, BUT DO WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO EXPAND IF WE
11:50:30 DECIDE THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE GOLF CARTS IN THE WINTERTIME
11:50:33 OR OTHER PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.
11:50:35 WE CAN MAKE IT THE MINIMUM SIZE THAT'S NEEDED AND THEN
11:50:39 YOU'RE LOCKED INTO IT.

>>Vice-Mayor Alpert: NO, I'M NOT SAYING THAT AT ALL.
11:50:43 I'M JUST SAYING IT SEEMS LIKE YOU WOULD ALREADY HAVE AN IDEA
11:50:47 WHAT YOU NEED IN TERMS OF CART STORAGE.
11:50:51 THE RENDERING DONE WITH THAT IN MIND WHAT YOU'RE THINKING
11:51:00 THE CART STORAGE SHOULD BE.
11:51:01 YEAH, BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, YEAH.

>>Susan Martin: GIVING A LITTLE EXTRA SPACE.

>>Vice-Mayor Alpert: YEAH, OBVIOUSLY, YOU SHOULD.
11:51:08 I DON'T THINK THAT IT MAKES MORE SENSE TO HAVE A SEPARATE
11:51:15 BUILDING FOR THE CART STORAGE.
11:51:18 I MEAN, THAT WOULD BE -- IT'S A GOOD USE OF THE FIRST FLOOR.
11:51:26 YOU'RE TAKING UP LESS SPACE IN BOBBY JONES FOR THE CART
11:51:31 STORAGE RATHER THAN BUILDING ANOTHER SEPARATE BUILDING,
11:51:34 USING UP GREENSPACE, WHICH I ALWAYS HEAR ALL THE TIME.
11:51:37 WE DON'T WANT TO USE UP GREENSPACE, TO DO A SEPARATE CART
11:51:42 STORAGE BUILDING THAT YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR AND THEN IF
11:51:45 WE WANT A RESTAURANT ON A SECOND FLOOR, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO
11:51:50 USE THE FIRST FLOOR FOR?
11:51:52 SO I THINK IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE TO DO IT THIS WAY.
11:51:57 AGAIN, I LIKE IT.

11:51:58 I THINK IT WILL ATTRACT PEOPLE TO COME THERE, AND YOU HAVE
11:52:02 TO REMEMBER, WE ALSO, BESIDES THE PARK THAT THE COUNTY HAS
11:52:07 THERE, THERE'S BASEBALL FIELDS.
11:52:10 THEY ARE BUILDING A PLAYGROUND.
11:52:14 THE WALKING TRAIL PEOPLE, BUT WE'RE ALSO GOING TO HAVE A
11:52:19 DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO GET PEOPLE IN TO TAKE LESSONS AND
11:52:26 BRING THEIR KIDS OR JUST TAKE LESSONS THEMSELVES.
11:52:29 AND WE'RE ALSO GOING TO HAVE A DRIVING RANGE.
11:52:32 AND SOMEBODY COMING OUT TO USE THE DRIVING RANGE IN THE
11:52:36 EVENING WOULD BE A PERFECT PLACE THEN TO GO AND GET SOME
11:52:41 DINNER WHILE THEY ARE OUT THERE.
11:52:42 I THINK IT WILL BRING PEOPLE IN.
11:52:46 WE HAVE A REALLY GOOD MANAGEMENT COMPANY.
11:52:49 I THINK THAT WE'LL KNOW HOW TO MARKET THIS AND GET PEOPLE TO
11:52:53 USE IT.
11:52:54 AND THEY ARE MORE LIKELY GOING TO USE IT IF WE HAVE
11:52:57 SOMETHING THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS RATHER THAN JUST A
11:53:00 SCALED-BACK VERSION.
11:53:01 THAT'S MY TAKE ON IT.
11:53:06 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
11:53:07 THANK YOU, VICE MAYOR.
11:53:07 COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
11:53:09 >>Erik Arroyo: THANK YOU.
11:53:10 YEAH, THIS IS DEFINITELY AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.
11:53:14 AND WE'RE TAKING A LOT OF THINGS INTO CONSIDERATION BECAUSE

11:53:17 ON ONE HAND WE DON'T LIKE THE LARGE PRICE TAG BUT ON THE
11:53:21 OTHER HAND, WE ALSO WANT TO SET THIS UP FOR SUCCESS.
11:53:24 WE HAVE THE NEW GOLF PLACE OVER BY UTC, POP STROKE, WHICH
11:53:33 SOME OF US WENT TO THE GRAND OPENING OF, AND THEY ARE JUST
11:53:37 PACKED ALL DAY.
11:53:39 HOW MUCH MORE WOULD THAT OPTION C, YOU'RE SAYING A LOT OF
11:53:45 MONEY, HOW MUCH IS THAT OPTION C?
11:53:48 >> THAT WAS 30,000 SQUARE FEET, EVEN AT \$500 A FOOT YOU'RE
11:53:52 AT 15 MILLION.
11:53:53 AND THAT'S JUST, THAT'S WHERE YOU START IT.
11:53:59 IT CAN EASILY GO UP.
11:54:01 >>Erik Arroyo: IF CONSTRUCTION COSTS GO DOWN, HOW WOULD THAT
11:54:04 IMPACT THE PROJECT?
11:54:06 >> YOU WOULD GET MORE PROGRAM FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY
11:54:08 OR YOU WOULD GET THE SAME PROGRAM FOR LESS.
11:54:12 >>Erik Arroyo: ARE THERE ANY PROJECTIONS ON REVENUE?
11:54:14 HAVE WE SEEN ANY OF THAT?
11:54:16 >>Marlon Brown: JUST WHAT WE SHARED WITH YOU, COMMISSIONERS,
11:54:20 WHEN WE PRESENTED THE CONTRACT.
11:54:25 >>Erik Arroyo: HOW DID YOU WANT TO HANDLE THIS BY PHASE?
11:54:28 >>Marlon Brown: AGAIN, IF THE COMMISSION'S DESIRE IS TO MOVE
11:54:31 FORWARD WITH THIS, YOU WILL GIVE US DIRECTION TO PROVIDE TO
11:54:34 DESIGN.
11:54:35 I AM ASKING THE COMMISSION YOU GIVE US ABOUT 18 MONTHS FOR
11:54:39 THE NEXT PENNY TO COME INTO BEING.

11:54:42 THAT'S WHAT WE WILL USE, AND THEN WE'LL BORROW AGAINST THAT

11:54:45 PENNY.
11:54:46 THERE'S MONEY SET ASIDE FOR BOBBY JONES IN THAT PENNY AS
11:54:50 WELL AS OUR PARKS AND REC HAS SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDING JUST
11:54:54 FOR GENERAL USES.
11:54:55 SO THERE IS FUNDING THAT WE CAN USE TO BORROW AGAINST TO GET
11:55:03 US TO THE DELTA BETWEEN THE 2.5 AND WHATEVER THIS COMES UP
11:55:07 TO.
11:55:08 >>Erik Arroyo: AS COMMISSIONER ALPERT MENTIONED, WE ARE
11:55:10 TALKING ABOUT GETTING A DRIVING RANGE THERE, AND THAT THIRD
11:55:14 OPTION PROVIDED THAT ABILITY, LIKE YOU CALLED IT THE TOP
11:55:20 GOLF OPTION.
11:55:22 I THINK THAT WOULD BE SO POPULAR IN THAT SPACE, I WOULD LIKE
11:55:28 TO JUST DO IT FOR LESS -- I DON'T THINK WE NEED 30,000
11:55:31 SQUARE FEET, BUT JUST SOMETHING ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS, JUST
11:55:37 TO ALLOW MORE RECREATION.
11:55:39 A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T LIKE BEING IN THE SUN.
11:55:41 THEY LIKE WALKING UP AND SITTING DOWN AND BEING ABLE TO
11:55:46 PLAY.
11:55:47 >>Marlon Brown: IT IS A TOP GOLF OPTION, BUT YOU WOULDN'T BE
11:55:50 ABLE TO DRIVE ON THAT UPPER DECK.
11:55:53 IT'S JUST THE LOOK.
11:55:55 >>Erik Arroyo: THE ABILITY TO SIT OUT THERE AND DO THAT.
11:55:58 IT'S VERY NICE.
11:55:59 VERY NICE DESIGN.

11:56:00 I JUST THINK PEOPLE WANT TO BE OUTSIDE, NOT NECESSARILY IN
11:56:04 THE SUN, AND HAVE THAT VIEW.
11:56:08 IT MIGHT NOT BE THE MOST PLEASANT FOR SOME PEOPLE.
11:56:12 IS THERE ANY WAY TO MAKE THIS MANAGEABLE IN TERMS OF PHASING
11:56:15 IN THE CONSTRUCTION, LIKE PHASE ONE, PHASE TWO, PHASE THREE
11:56:19 SO WE DON'T HAVE TO COMMIT TO THE FULL AMOUNT.
11:56:22 WE COMMIT TO PHASES AS THEY COME DUE AND STILL MAKE IT SO
11:56:26 THAT ALL THE PIECES GO WELL TOGETHER AS WE TACK ON.
11:56:35 >> TO A POINT, YES, WE COULD PHASE IT.
11:56:37 WE WOULD PROBABLY NEED TO CHANGE THE DESIGN BECAUSE YOU HAVE
11:56:40 THE HEAD AND THE TAIL, IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN CALLING IT.
11:56:43 THE PRO SHOP AND OFFICES HERE AND THEN CART STORAGE AND
11:56:45 DINING ON THIS SIDE.
11:56:47 FOR INSTANCE, YOU COULD DO THE PRO SHOP AND THE OFFICES, BUT
11:56:51 YOU WOULD HAVE NO FOOD PREP AREA.
11:56:54 SO WE WOULD NEED TO, IF YOU WANTED ANY KIND OF FOOD PREP,
11:56:57 WE'D HAVE TO EXPAND THIS BUILDING AND THEN YOU COULD DO WHAT
11:57:00 WE'RE DOING IN PHASE ONE WITH THE CARTS, WHICH I THINK ARE
11:57:03 JUST OUTSIDE BECAUSE THEY ARE RENTALS.
11:57:08 IS THAT RIGHT?
11:57:09 YOU WOULD DELAY YOUR CART STORAGE AND JUST TO ANSWER ONE OF
11:57:13 YOUR POINTS EARLIER ABOUT THE DRIVING RANGE, WE DO HAVE A
11:57:16 DRIVING RANGE BUILDING IN OUR CURRENT GNP WE'RE PUTTING IN
11:57:20 BUT JUST BATHROOMS.
11:57:22 YOU COULD ADD ANOTHER BUILDING DOWN THE ROAD IF YOU WANTED

11:57:24 TO, BUT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH SPACE TO PUT A BUILDING LIKE THIS
11:57:28 AT THE DRIVING RANGE.
11:57:30 >> WETLANDS, THE GRAND TREES.

11:57:32 THE SITE ITSELF YOU CAN KIND OF SEE WHERE THE BUILDING IS
11:57:34 PLACED IS REALLY GETTING THREADED KIND OF BETWEEN THE 9th,
11:57:39 10th, 18th TEES AND GREENS.
11:57:41 SO IT'S A VERY KIND OF TIGHT PLACE TO GET THAT POSITIONED.
11:57:44 THE OTHER THING I MIGHT JUST ADD KIND OF ANECDOTALLY THAT
11:57:47 WE'RE DEALING WITH A LOT OF PROJECTS, WITH A LOT OF CLIENTS
11:57:50 IN THE CITY AND ACROSS THE STATE IS THAT PHASING AND
11:57:57 SEQUENCING.
11:57:58 ALSO, KIND OF INDECISION IS LEADING TO LONG-TERM COST
11:58:03 INCREASES.
11:58:04 SO I WAS COMMENTING EARLY THIS MORNING, THIS IS THE 10th
11:58:07 YEAR THAT I'VE PERSONALLY BEEN THINKING AND TALKING ABOUT
11:58:10 BOBBY JONES.
11:58:12 SO WHEN YOU LOOK BACK TO 2013 AND THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS, WE
11:58:17 PROBABLY COULD HAVE DONE A BUILDING NOT TOO DIFFERENT FROM
11:58:19 THIS FOR THAT BUDGET, BUT BECAUSE WE TAKE BITES AT THAT KIND
11:58:25 OF INCREASED COST BY PHASING IS JUST THE OTHER PART OF IT.
11:58:28 YES, YOU CAN PHASE IT, BUT, NO, THAT FUTURE DOLLARS,
11:58:32 REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CONSTRUCTION MARKET, THE
11:58:34 LIKELIHOOD IS THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE CHEAPER.
11:58:39 >>Erik Arroyo: HOW MUCH DID WE PAY FOR THE TEMPORARY
11:58:41 CLUBHOUSE THE LAST TIME WE AUTHORIZED?

11:58:43 >> THE CLUBHOUSE ITSELF WAS 190,000 AND THEN SOME HOOKUP
11:58:48 COSTS AS WELL.
11:58:48 >>Erik Arroyo: THE TEMPORARY --
11:58:50 >> BUILDING ONE RIGHT HERE.
11:58:55 >>Erik Arroyo: OKAY.
11:58:56 NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.
11:59:01 >>Mayor Battie: JUST THINKING ABOUT COMMISSIONER ARROYO'S
11:59:06 POINT REGARDING DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO MAKE SURE
11:59:09 THAT THIS THING IS SUCCESSFUL AND VIABLE, YOU KNOW, WITH
11:59:14 DIFFERENT COMPONENTS BECAUSE WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT US
11:59:18 COMPETING WITH WHAT'S GOING ON OUT EAST, PARTICULARLY WITH
11:59:24 NOW THIS GOLF COURSE AND YOU HAVE LIKE POP STROKE OUT THERE
11:59:28 AT UTC.
11:59:30 I MEAN, THEY ARE DOING CRAZY NUMBERS OUT THERE.
11:59:34 SOMEBODY TOLD ME HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, CLOSE TO IT A
11:59:39 WEEK, IF NOT MORE THAN THAT.
11:59:43 >> IN THE MIDDLE OF A PARKING LOT.
11:59:44 >>Mayor Battie: IN THE MIDDLE OF A PARKING LOT WE HAVE A
11:59:46 GOLF COURSE OR WHATEVER.
11:59:47 IT'S TOO BAD WE COULDN'T GET THAT TYPE OF COMPONENT OR
11:59:52 SOMETHING LIKE THAT ON THERE TO MAKE THIS MORE RECREATIONAL
11:59:56 FOR PEOPLE TO COME OUT AND ENJOY.
12:00:00 I'M NOT A GOLFER, BUT TO COME OUT THERE AND PLAY AT TOP GOLF
12:00:06 TYPE DEAL OR WHATEVER WITH THIS FACILITY WOULD HAVE BEEN AN
12:00:12 INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE.

12:00:13 THE PRO SHOP, ALL OF THIS AREA, NOW, THAT IS LIKE THE SECOND
12:00:19 PART OF THIS BUILDING HERE.
12:00:22 HOW MANY SQUARE FEET IS THAT?
12:00:23 UPSTAIRS, DOWN STAIRS?
12:00:27 >> SO THE PRO SHOP IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

12:00:31 IF YOU PARK AND WALK UP, YOU CAN WALK RIGHT INTO THE PRO
12:00:34 SHOP, PAY YOUR TEE TIME AND GET YOUR CART FROM THERE.
12:00:37 THE SECOND STORY ELEMENT WOULD BE OFFICES AND SOME BATHROOMS
12:00:41 AND OPERATIONS SPACE, THAT'S ABOUT A THIRD OF THE BUILDING.
12:00:45 >>Mayor Battie: OKAY.
12:00:46 AS FAR AS THE RESTAURANT, I MEAN, I KNOW WE HAVE THIS
12:00:50 MANAGEMENT GROUP THAT'S DOING THE RESTAURANT OR WHAT HAVE
12:00:52 YOU.
12:00:53 ANY IDEAS IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE DOING OR
12:00:57 WHATEVER?
12:01:00 >>Susan Martin: THEY HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN ALL OF THIS ALL
12:01:03 ALONG.
12:01:03 THAT WAS THE ADVANTAGE OF HIRING THEM NOW.
12:01:06 SO WE'VE HAD THEIR INPUT ON THE TEMPORARY CLUBHOUSE AND THEN
12:01:11 ON THE PERMANENT CLUBHOUSE FOR WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE
12:01:14 AND WOULD LIKE TO DO.
12:01:16 THEY AGREE THEY DON'T WANT TO GO BIG CONVENTION CENTER TYPE,
12:01:20 BUT ENOUGH SPACE TO DO SOME PROGRAMMING IN THERE, TO DO
12:01:25 TOURNAMENTS AND SOME OUTINGS AND SOME -- THEY ARE A CREATIVE
12:01:29 GROUP.

12:01:29 AND THEN THE DRIVING RANGE HAS 75 BAYS IN IT.
12:01:32 SO THE DRIVING RANGE IS HUGE.
12:01:34 I'M SURE THEY'LL DO A LOT OF PROGRAMMING OUT THERE.
12:01:40 >>Mayor Battie: I BELIEVE WE CAN GET LOCAL VENDORS OR WHAT
12:01:43 HAVE YOU.
12:01:44 MAYBE DO SOME TYPE OF POP-UP TYPE SITUATIONS OUT THERE WITH
12:01:47 RESTAURANTS AND SO ON.
12:01:48 I THINK THAT WOULD BE GREAT, PARTICULARLY GETTING MORE
12:01:52 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED IN THIS AND TO GENERATE AS
12:01:58 MUCH MONEY IN REVENUE AS WE CAN.
12:02:00 VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
12:02:02 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: I'M READY TO MAKE A MOTION IF NOBODY
12:02:05 ELSE HAS ANY QUESTIONS.
12:02:09 >>Mayor Battie: ONE MORE QUESTION BY COMMISSIONER
12:02:10 AHEARN-KOCH.
12:02:11 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: MR. BROWN, HOW MUCH DID WE ALLOCATE IN
12:02:13 THE PENNY FOR BOBBY JONES?
12:02:18 >>Marlon Brown: JERRY, IF YOU CAN QUICKLY COME DOWN AND
12:02:21 SHARE WHAT'S IN THE UPCOMING PENNY.
12:02:24 I THINK IT WAS SPLIT BETWEEN THE NATURE PARK AND BOBBY
12:02:28 JONES.
12:02:28 >>Jerry Fogle: JERRY FOGLE, PARKS AND RECREATION.
12:02:31 IN FISCAL YEAR '25, '26, '27, AND '28, IT AS MILLION DOLLARS
12:02:37 EACH OF THOSE YEARS.
12:02:38 \$4 MILLION FOR THE BOBBY JONES NATURE PARK.

12:02:43 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: WHERE ELSE DID YOU SAY WE WOULD GET THE
12:02:45 FUNDING FROM?
12:02:45 >>Marlon Brown: ALSO SOME GENERAL FUNDING IN YOUR REGULAR
12:02:48 PARKS AND REC BUDGET AS WELL.
12:02:50 >>Jerry Fogle: WE'LL HAVE A NEW PENNY FOR PARKS AND
12:02:53 RECREATION ALSO FOR THE '25, 26, 27, 28, IT WILL BE 1.6
12:02:58 MILLION FOR EACH OF THOSE YEARS.

12:03:02 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: 2.6 MILLION EACH YEAR.
12:03:05 >>Jerry Fogle: CORRECT.
12:03:07 >>Marlon Brown: SO IF I CAN JUST CLARIFY, SO WE HAVE ABOUT
12:03:10 \$4 MILLION ALLOCATED TO THE BOBBY JONES NATURE PARK.
12:03:14 AS YOU KNOW, COMMISSIONERS, WE'RE BRINGING BACK TO YOU THE
12:03:17 MASTER PLAN FOR THAT.
12:03:18 THERE IS A BELIEF WE DON'T NEED ALL THAT MONEY FOR THE
12:03:21 NATURE PARK BECAUSE WE HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
12:03:23 CONSERVATION FOUNDATION TO ALSO RAISE FUNDING FOR SOME OF
12:03:26 THE ELEMENTS OF THE NATURE PARK.
12:03:29 AS WELL, MR. FOGLE HAS \$1.6 MILLION PROGRAMMED.
12:03:33 WE DON'T HAVE IT YET IDENTIFIED FOR SPECIFIC PARK USE.
12:03:36 SO WE'LL BRING ALL OF THAT BACK TO YOU AT A FUTURE MEETING
12:03:40 TO DISCUSS BORROWING AGAINST THAT TO MAKE UP THE DELTA FOR
12:03:45 DOING THIS, IF THIS COMMISSION IS SO INCLINED. SO THERE IS
12:03:48 ENOUGH MONEY TO FUND THIS IF THE COMMISSION WANTS TO MOVE IN
12:03:53 THAT DIRECTION.
12:03:55 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: WITH THE IDEA IT BEING CAPPED AT 9

12:03:58 MILLION.
12:04:01 >>Marlon Brown: IF YOU GIVE US DIRECTION TO DO THE ACTUAL
12:04:03 DESIGN, AGAIN, WE'LL BRING THAT BACK TO YOU AS TO WHAT THAT
12:04:08 GROSS MAXIMUM PRICE WOULD BE, BUT THIS IS WHAT THEY ARE
12:04:11 ESTIMATING RIGHT NOW.
12:04:12 SO EVERYTHING FROM FURNITURE TO FIXTURES, THE ACTUAL COSTS
12:04:16 WILL COME BACK TO YOU FOR APPROVAL.
12:04:17 SO THIS IS NOT ONE AND DONE.
12:04:19 IT WILL BE COMING BACK TO YOU AGAIN.
12:04:25 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
12:04:26 LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION, VICE MAYOR.
12:04:28 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: OKAY.
12:04:30 ALSO I WANT TO ASK MR. BROWN, WHEN YOU COME BACK, OBVIOUSLY,
12:04:36 THE COST AND HOW WE'LL FUND IT AND HOW IT CAN BE FUNDED SO
12:04:41 WE'LL KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING.
12:04:42 >>Marlon Brown: THAT'S CORRECT.
12:04:43 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: ALL RIGHT.
12:04:44 WELL, THEN, I MOVE THAT WE MOVE THIS FORWARD AND ASK THE
12:04:49 CITY STAFF TO COME BACK WITH AN ESTIMATE OF THE FULL COST
12:04:55 AND HOW IT CAN BE FUNDED.
12:04:58 >>Erik Arroyo: I'LL SECOND THAT.
12:05:00 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
12:05:01 MOTION MADE BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT AND SECONDED BY
12:05:05 COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
12:05:07 DISCUSSION TO THE MOTION?

12:05:13 >>Erik Arroyo: I'LL SPEAK TO IT.
12:05:15 WE HAVE TO BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT CONSTRUCTION COSTS
12:05:19 ARE SKYROCKETING, THE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATIONS IN FLORIDA
12:05:23 ARE NOT ESTIMATING THAT IT'S GOING TO GO DOWN ANY TIME SOON.
12:05:29 THE FEDERAL RESERVE KEEPS RAISING TREASURY YIELDS, WHICH
12:05:33 MEANS CONSTRUCTION COSTS ARE REALLY NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
12:05:38 BUT I WANT YOU TO BE MINDFUL OF THAT.
12:05:41 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A DIFFERENT COLOR.
12:05:44 I LIKE THE DESIGN AND EVERYTHING, I DON'T KNOW WHY WE LIKE

12:05:47 THAT IN CITY GOVERNMENT IS LIKE THAT OFF YELLOW COLOR.
12:05:50 IF THERE WAS A WAY TO MAKE THAT A LITTLE MORE AESTHETICALLY
12:05:53 PLEASING.
12:05:54 BUT WE WANT TO MAKE THIS AS SUCCESSFUL AS POSSIBLE.
12:05:58 WE WANT FAMILIES TO GO THERE.
12:05:59 WE WANT THIS TO BE AN AMENITY FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND I
12:06:04 CONSIDERED A LOT OF THINGS.
12:06:06 IT IS A VERY, VERY EXPENSIVE BUILDING.
12:06:11 THE ALTERNATIVE IS THAT WE HAVE A VERY NICE GOLF COURSE WITH
12:06:14 NO AMENITIES FOR THE PUBLIC, SO YOU ONLY HAVE GOLF COURSES
12:06:18 THERE.
12:06:19 SO IT'S EITHER WE SET IT TO -- SET IT UP TO SUCCEED OR SET
12:06:23 IT UP TO FAIL.
12:06:26 EVEN THOUGH IT'S MORE THAN ALL OF US WOULD WANT, I THINK WE
12:06:31 HAVE TO GIVE IT THE RESOURCES THAT IT NEEDS TO THRIVE AND I
12:06:35 THINK THERE'S A LOT OF POTENTIAL, ESPECIALLY NOW SINCE WE'RE

12:06:37 NOT DOING IT ON OUR OWN.
12:06:39 WE HAVE AN EXPERT COMING IN.
12:06:42 NATIONALLY, INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FIRM THAT MANAGES
12:06:45 GOLF COURSES.
12:06:47 IF DISNEY HAS A MANAGEMENT FIRM THAT ALSO MANAGES GOLF
12:06:50 COURSES, SO THIS IS THE WAY TO DO IT.
12:06:53 AND IF WE'RE GOING TO BE INVESTING IN SOMETHING, I THINK WE
12:06:56 SHOULD DO IT RIGHT.
12:06:57 SO THAT'S WHAT I TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION AND THANK YOU.
12:07:03 >>Mayor Battie: COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
12:07:05 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THANK YOU.
12:07:06 I REALLY APPRECIATE THE DISCUSSION AND EVERYBODY'S COMMENTS.
12:07:10 AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU ALL HAVE PUT INTO THIS.
12:07:13 AGAIN, I THINK IT'S REALLY A SENSITIVE DESIGN THAT LOOKS AT
12:07:17 OUR HISTORY AND HONORING THAT, BRINGING IN AS MANY PEOPLE AS
12:07:22 POSSIBLE AND TRYING TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL WELCOME.
12:07:26 I THINK A LOT OF TIMES IN GOLF COURSES IT TENDS TO EXCLUDE
12:07:30 PEOPLE AND THIS MAKES IT LOOK LIKE PEOPLE ARE WELCOME TO BE
12:07:32 THERE, WHETHER THEY ARE GOLFING OR THEY ARE NOT OR THEY ARE
12:07:35 ENJOYING THE PARK OR THEY ARE JUST AT THE DRIVING RANGE.
12:07:39 I THINK IT ALSO UNDERSCORES THE FACT THAT THIS IS A
12:07:43 MUNICIPAL COURSE.
12:07:45 THIS IS MEANT FOR EVERYONE TO BE THERE AND FOR EVERYONE TO
12:07:50 FEEL WELCOME THERE.
12:07:52 AS WE GO ALONG, THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVE TO CONSIDER, KEEP

12:07:55 AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR MIND IS THAT THIS IS A MUNICIPAL
12:08:00 COURSE.
12:08:00 IT SHOULD BE OPEN TO EVERYONE.
12:08:02 AND WE ARE TASKED BY OUR CITIZENS TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES
12:08:06 THAT THEY WANT.
12:08:07 AND THEY HAVE TOLD US GOLF IS ONE OF THEM THAT THEY WANT.
12:08:12 I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE COST.
12:08:15 SETTING OURSELVES UP TO SUCCEED, I AGREE WITH THAT, IF THE
12:08:20 COST WAS 5 MILLION INSTEAD OF 2.5, THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING I
12:08:24 THINK WOULD BE PALATABLE.
12:08:28 BUT I DO HAVE TO REITERATE THAT I DIDN'T VOTE FOR THE

12:08:34 TWO-LEVEL.
12:08:35 I WOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECTLY HAPPY WITH THE SINGLE-STORY GOLF
12:08:37 COURSE WITH A VERANDA ON ONE FLOOR AND A CART BARN SOMEWHERE
12:08:40 ELSE.
12:08:41 I THINK THE COST OF BUILDING UP IS A MAJOR COST, BUT THAT'S
12:08:47 NEITHER HERE NOR THERE.
12:08:48 THAT'S NOT THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION AND THAT'S NOT
12:08:50 THE DIRECTION THAT YOU ALL WERE TASKED TO GO INTO.
12:08:53 I REALLY SUPPORT THE CONVERSATION AND WHERE THE COMMISSION
12:08:58 WANTS TO GO WITH THIS SETTING US UP FOR PERFECT SUCCESS.
12:09:01 I HAVE TO STAY TRUE TO WHAT I REALLY THINK OF THE VISION OF
12:09:06 THE GOLFERS IN THE GROUP WAS TO HAVE A SINGLE-STORY, PRETTY
12:09:10 SIMPLE RESTAURANT AND KEEP THE COSTS LOW BECAUSE THE GOLF
12:09:15 NEEDS TO BE THE FOCAL POINT OF THIS.

12:09:18 THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS.
12:09:21 THANK YOU.
12:09:24 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH.
12:09:27 THAT WAS A GREAT PRESENTATION, GREAT BUILDING OR WHATEVER.
12:09:29 I JUST SAW AN E-MAIL FROM SOMEONE SAYING THAT IT'S NOT
12:09:33 GOVERNMENT'S JOB TO COMPETE WITH MALLS OR WHATEVER.
12:09:37 MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, EVERYTHING IS COMPETITION.
12:09:42 THIS WILL BE COMPETING WITH OTHER GOLF COURSES OR WHAT HAVE
12:09:46 YOU, BE THEM MUNICIPAL OR PRIVATE OR WHATEVER, COMPETING
12:09:51 WITH KEEPING PEOPLE IN THE CITY AS OPPOSED TO GOING
12:09:55 SOMEWHERE ELSE TO SPEND THEIR DOLLARS AND SPEND THEIR TIME
12:09:59 AND COMPETING WITH FAILURE AND SUCCESS, WHETHER OR NOT THIS
12:10:06 THING WILL BE SUCCESSFUL OR WHETHER IT'S NOT GOING TO BE.
12:10:09 WE'RE ALSO COMPETING WITH THE PAST AND THE PRESENT, WHEN IT
12:10:13 WASN'T SUCCESSFUL AND WE WEREN'T MAKING MONEY.
12:10:15 JUST ME, THERE ARE A LOT OF COMPETITIVE COMPONENTS TO THIS
12:10:20 AND WHAT NOT.
12:10:21 THE MAIN THING IS ABOUT SUCCESS BECAUSE FAILURE CAN'T BE AN
12:10:26 OPTION.
12:10:27 I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET THE MOST OUT OF THIS
12:10:33 AND THAT WE MAXIMIZE THE USE TO MAXIMIZE OUR DOLLAR AND GET
12:10:40 THE MOST OUT OF IT.
12:10:41 MOVE ON TO -- WE HAVE A MOTION ON THE TABLE BY THE VICE
12:10:48 MAYOR.
12:10:49 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ARROYO.

12:10:52 COMMISSIONERS, CAN WE HAVE YOUR VOTES, PLEASE?
12:10:55 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
12:11:01 >> YES.
12:11:02 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
12:11:02 MOTION PASSES 4-1.
12:11:05 >>Marlon Brown: MAYOR, BEFORE YOU LEAVE, I THINK THIS IS
12:11:07 MS. MARTIN'S LAST MEETING BECAUSE SHE IS RETIRING.
12:11:12 SO I JUST WANT TO JUST RECOGNIZE HER YEARS OF SERVICE WITH
12:11:15 THE CITY OF SARASOTA.
12:11:17 SHE'S RISEN THROUGH THE RANKS IN ALL AREAS OF RECREATION,
12:11:21 AND MS. MARTIN, YOU'RE GOING TO BE MISSED.
12:11:25 YOU DID AN AWESOME JOB IN EVERY AREA AND EVERY
12:11:27 RESPONSIBILITY WE'VE GIVEN TO YOU.

12:11:29 I JUST WANT TO KIND OF RECOGNIZE YOU FOR THAT SERVICE TO THE
12:11:32 CITY OF SARASOTA.
12:11:34 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: CONGRATULATIONS.
12:11:35 >>Susan Martin: THANK YOU.
12:11:36 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: YOU ARE TOO YOUNG TO RETIRE.
12:11:39 >>Mayor Battie: SAW FIT TO COME HERE --
12:11:42 >>Susan Martin: -- NEXT FEW MONTHS AND 19 DAYS.
12:11:45 >>Marlon Brown: WHO'S COUNTING.
12:11:47 FINALLY, MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS, JUST ON THIS ISSUE, OUR
12:11:49 CENTENNIAL FOR BOBBY JONES IS COMING UP, SO IT WILL BE
12:11:53 REALLY GOOD AS A GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE THIS
12:11:55 CLUBHOUSE OPEN AND RIBBON CUTTING OPEN ON THE CENTENNIAL OF

12:11:59 BOBBY JONES.
12:12:00 SO WE'LL WORK TOWARDS THAT.
12:12:01 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: WONDERFUL.
12:12:01 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
12:12:02 TOO BAD THERE'S NOT A RETIREMENT SONG LIKE THERE ARE
12:12:05 BIRTHDAY SONGS.
12:12:06 I JUST SAY WE GO TO LUNCH.
12:12:09 BE BACK IN FIVE MINUTES.
12:12:12 NO.
12:12:12 COME BACK AT 1:15, IF THAT'S OKAY WITH EVERYBODY.
12:12:17 EXCELLENT.
12:12:17 THANK YOU.
12:12:18 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
12:12:19 [LUNCH RECESS]
01:16:35 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
01:16:39 >>Mayor Battie: WELCOME BACK.
01:16:41 HOPE EVERYONE HAD A NICE LUNCH.
01:16:43 GOING TO START OFF WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING.
01:16:48 LIKE TO CALL UPON OUR CITY AUDITOR AND CLERK, MS. SHAYLA
01:16:51 GRIGGS, TO ADMINISTER THE OATH.
01:16:54 >>Shayla Griggs: ANYONE WHO PLANS TO SPEAK AT ANY OF THE
01:16:57 PUBLIC HEARINGS TODAY, PLEASE STAND TO TAKE THE OATH.
01:17:00 DO YOU SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE EVIDENCE OR FACTUAL
01:17:08 REPRESENTATIONS WHICH YOU ARE ABOUT TO GIVE OR PRESENT TO
01:17:11 THIS COMMISSION DURING ANY PUBLIC HEARING HELD THIS 15th

01:17:14 DAY OF MAY, 2023, ARE TRUTHFUL?
01:17:16 THANK YOU.
01:17:19 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
01:17:20 THANK YOU, MRS. GRIGGS.
01:17:21 I'LL OPEN UP THIS PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE
01:17:28 NUMBER 23-5482.
01:17:31 AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON OUR CITY AUDITOR AND CLERK,
01:17:34 MS. SHAYLA GRIGGS, TO READ THE TITLE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE
01:17:37 23-5482.
01:17:39 >>Shayla Griggs: THANK YOU, MAYOR.
01:17:40 ORDINANCE 23-5482, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA,
01:17:43 FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE NUMBER
01:17:46 22-5431, CHAPTER 2, DEFINITIONS, SECTION 202, DEFINITIONS,
01:17:53 AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF MARKET VALUE SO AS TO COMPLY WITH
01:17:57 GUIDANCE OF THE FLORIDA OFFICE OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT,

01:18:00 FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; PROVIDING FOR
01:18:02 SEVERABILITY OF THE PARTS HEREOF IF DECLARED INVALID;
01:18:06 PROVIDING FOR READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PROVIDING FOR AN
01:18:09 EFFECTIVE DATE.
01:18:09 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, MRS. GRIGGS.
01:18:12 I CALL UPON EMERGENCY MANAGER KERKERING, FLOODPLAIN MANAGER
01:18:17 CAHILL, DIRECTOR PANICA TO MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THE DAIS,
01:18:22 PLEASE.
01:18:22 THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY.
01:18:28 GOOD AFTERNOON.

01:18:56 >> GOOD AFTERNOON.
01:18:57 CINDY CAHILL, FLOODPLAIN MANAGER, CITY OF SARASOTA.
01:19:03 >>Todd Kerkering: TODD KERKERING, EMERGENCY MANAGER, CITY OF
01:19:08 SARASOTA.
01:19:09 >>Cindy Cahill: WE ARE HERE TO CHANGE THE FLOOD ORDINANCE
01:19:13 MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL DEFINITION.
01:19:17 CURRENTLY, WE HAVE 20% ADDED TO THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S
01:19:23 BUILDING VALUE IN OUR ORDINANCE.
01:19:26 IT WAS APPROVED BY THE STATE.
01:19:28 HOWEVER, WITH THE HURRICANES, IT CAME TO LIGHT THAT HAVING A
01:19:36 FACTOR PUT INTO OUR ORDINANCES WAS NOT SOMETHING THAT SHOULD
01:19:41 BE, THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SOMETHING IN WRITING FROM THE
01:19:46 PROPERTY APPRAISER EVERY FEW MONTHS BECAUSE PROPERTY VALUES
01:19:50 WILL GO UP OR DOWN AND WE WANT TO GIVE THE PEOPLE THE
01:19:57 CORRECT VALUE, ADDITIONAL VALUE TO THEIR PROPERTY.
01:20:01 AS MOST PEOPLE KNOW, THE BUILDING VALUES LISTED ON THE
01:20:04 PROPERTY APPRAISER'S WEBSITE ARE CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN
01:20:08 WHAT OUR HOUSE VALUE IS.
01:20:11 AND THE ONLY THING THAT THE 50% RULE COVERS IS THE BUILDING
01:20:16 VALUE.
01:20:17 SO THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL
01:20:24 WITH A PRIVATE APPRAISER OR WE CAN USE THE BUILDING VALUE ON
01:20:31 THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND WE CAN ADD AN ADDITIONAL
01:20:35 PERCENTAGE VALUE.
01:20:36 SO NOW WE NEED TO REMOVE THE 20%, WHICH IS IN OUR CODE AND

01:20:42 PUT PER THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S ADJUSTED VALUE.
01:20:50 >>Mayor Battie: IS THAT IT?
01:20:51 >>Cindy Cahill: YES, THAT'S IT.
01:20:53 >>Mayor Battie: NO ONE IS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, VIA ZOOM OR
01:20:56 ANYTHING, MRS. GRIGGS.
01:20:57 OPEN IT UP FOR COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS.
01:21:01 VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
01:21:03 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: MY ONLY QUESTION IS, SO IT WILL BE
01:21:06 EITHER-OR?
01:21:08 OBVIOUSLY, IT HAS TO BE PER -- NOT THE 20%, BUT IT HAS TO BE
01:21:11 THE -- PER THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE.
01:21:15 CAN THEY STILL GET A PRIVATE APPRAISAL?
01:21:18 >>Cindy Cahill: YES.
01:21:20 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW.
01:21:22 THANK YOU.
01:21:22 >>Mayor Battie: COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
01:21:23 >>Erik Arroyo: READY TO MAKE A MOTION IF THERE ARE NO OTHER

01:21:26 QUESTIONS.
01:21:26 ALL RIGHT.
01:21:29 THEN I MOVE TO ADOPT THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE
01:21:32 23-5482 ON FIRST READING.
01:21:36 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SECOND.
01:21:36 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ARROYO AND
01:21:38 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
01:21:40 COMMISSIONERS, HAVE YOUR VOTE, PLEASE AND A ROLL CALL VOTE.

01:21:48 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: YES.
01:21:49 >>Erik Arroyo: YES.
01:21:50 >>Mayor Battie: YES.
01:21:51 >>Debbie Trice: YES.
01:21:52 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: YES.
01:21:54 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
01:21:54 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
01:21:56 >> YES.
01:21:56 >>Mayor Battie: THE MOTION PASSES 5-0.
01:21:58 THANK YOU.
01:21:59 MOVING ON TO LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING 10.2.
01:22:05 THIS IS TO ANNOUNCE PROPOSED ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-5484.
01:22:11 OPEN UP THIS PUBLIC HEARING.
01:22:12 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
01:22:12 PROPOSED ORDINANCE 23-5484.
01:22:16 CALL UPON OUR CITY AUDITOR AND CLERK -- SORRY, CALL UPON
01:22:23 CODE COMPLIANCE MANAGER KENNEDY AND LOCAL BUSINESS TAX
01:22:27 SPECIALIST GADDY TO MAKE A PRESENTATION.
01:22:29 >>Shayla Griggs: LET ME READ THE TITLE.
01:22:31 SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG THERE.
01:22:32 I'LL READ THE TITLE, SIR, AND THEN THEY CAN COME UP.
01:22:35 ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-5484, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
01:22:40 SARASOTA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SARASOTA CITY CODE, CHAPTER
01:22:44 19, LOCAL BUSINESS TAXES, SECTION 19-11, LOCAL BUSINESS TAX
01:22:49 SCHEDULE, BY ADJUSTING THE LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT FEES

01:22:53 FOR ENGAGING OR MANAGING BUSINESSES, PROFESSIONS, OR
01:22:56 OCCUPATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY
01:23:00 OF THE PARTS HEREOF IF DECLARED INVALID; PROVIDING FOR
01:23:02 REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR READING BY
01:23:05 TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
01:23:09 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, MRS. GRIGGS.
01:23:12 NOW I'LL CALL UPON CODE COMPLIANCE MANAGER KENNEDY, LOCAL
01:23:18 BUSINESS TAX SPECIALIST GADDY TO MAKE A PRESENTATION.
01:23:22 >>Marlon Brown: MS. SCHWARZ WILL BE JOINING US INSTEAD OF
01:23:26 MS. KENNEDY.
01:23:28 >> MYRA SCHWARZ, GENERAL MANAGER FOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.
01:23:34 DIANE KENNEDY COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY, SO I'M SITTING IN WITH
01:23:37 HER WITH MR. GADDY.
01:23:39 SO THIS IS A REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESS
01:23:45 TAX RATE BY 5% THROUGH ORDINANCE 23-5484.
01:23:51 HOW A JURISDICTION SETS ITS LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RATES AND HOW
01:23:54 THEY ARE CHANGED IS REGULATED BY FLORIDA STATUTE 205,
01:23:58 SPECIFICALLY 205.0535.
01:24:02 ONCE THE JURISDICTION HAS ESTABLISHED A LOCAL BUSINESS TAX

01:24:05 FEE BY ORDINANCE, ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER
01:24:08 205, THEN EVERY OTHER YEAR THEREAFTER MUNICIPALITIES AND
01:24:12 COUNTIES MAY INCREASE OR DECREASE BY ORDINANCE ALSO THE
01:24:15 RATES OF BUSINESS TAXES BY UP TO 5%.
01:24:18 EVER SINCE THE CITY OF SARASOTA ESTABLISHED THE NEW FEE
01:24:22 SCHEDULE WITH THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 95-3894 IN 1995, THE

01:24:27 CITY COMMISSION HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE TWO-YEAR RENEWAL
01:24:30 CYCLE UP TO AND INCLUDING JANUARY 1st, 2015, TO INCREASE
01:24:35 THE LOCAL BUSINESS TAX FEES BY THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED, 5%.
01:24:39 AN INCREASE WAS PROPOSED IN 2017, TWO YEARS AFTER THE 2015,
01:24:46 BUT CITY COMMISSION DIDN'T APPROVE THE REQUESTED 5% INCREASE
01:24:51 AND NO REQUEST WAS MADE IN 2019.
01:24:53 SO THE CITY'S LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RATES HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE
01:24:57 JANUARY 1, 2015, SINCE THE RENEWAL CYCLE THAT YEAR.
01:25:00 UP UNTIL 2017, REVENUE FROM THE LOCAL BUSINESS TAXES
01:25:04 CONTRIBUTED TO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND.
01:25:06 IN 2017, CITY COMMISSION APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
01:25:10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND WITH RESOLUTION 17-2668.
01:25:15 SINCE THEN, REVENUE FROM THE LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS IS
01:25:17 NOW THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.
01:25:20 LAST YEAR CONTRIBUTING MORE THAN \$850,000.
01:25:24 THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND PROVIDES FOR PUBLIC AND
01:25:27 PRIVATE PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES AS DIRECTED BY CITY
01:25:30 COMMISSION TOWARDS ECONOMIC AND FISCAL IMPROVEMENTS.
01:25:37 EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE FUNDED BY THE
01:25:39 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THUS THE BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS
01:25:43 ARE THE CITY TROLLEY, PUBLIC ART, CULTURAL SPECIAL EVENTS,
01:25:48 GRANTS FOR EVENTS LIKE MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY AND JUNETEENTH
01:25:52 FOR THE LEGACY TRAIL STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS ON MAIN STREET
01:25:56 AND BOULEVARD OF THE ARTS AND MOVING OF THE HISTORIC LEONARD
01:26:00 REID HOME.

01:26:02 STAFF BELIEVES THAT THE PROPOSED 5% INCREASE IS IMPORTANT TO
01:26:05 PROVIDE FOR EVEN MORE INNOVATIVE PROJECTS FOR THE CITY'S
01:26:08 GROWTH.
01:26:09 TOTAL REVENUE FROM LAST FISCAL YEAR LOCAL BUSINESS TAX
01:26:13 RECEIPTS WAS TOTAL OF \$856,447.15.
01:26:18 WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE 5% PROPOSED INCREASE TO GENERATE AN
01:26:23 ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL \$42,823.86 MORE THAN LAST YEAR.
01:26:29 AS A NOTE, CHAPTER 205 DOES REQUIRE THAT AN INCREASE OF THE
01:26:34 LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RATE MUST BE ENACTED BY A SUPERMAJORITY
01:26:39 AND THAT'S A MAJORITY PLUS ONE VOTE, AS YOU KNOW.
01:26:42 STAFF DOES SUPPORT THIS REQUEST.
01:26:45 AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF MR. GADDY HAS ANYTHING
01:26:51 TO CONTRIBUTE OR HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.
01:26:53 >>Mayor Battie: ALL RIGHT.
01:26:53 EXCELLENT.
01:26:54 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. SCHWARZ.
01:26:57 COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
01:26:58 >>Erik Arroyo: WHAT IS THE REASON FOR YOU OR STAFF WANTING
01:27:02 THIS TO BE PASSED?
01:27:03 THIS IS AN INCREASE IN ESSENTIALLY A TAX REASONS.
01:27:15 >> TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE ECONOMIC

01:27:17 DEVELOPMENT.
01:27:19 >>Myra Schwarz: WE FEEL THAT THE 5% IS WARRANTED.
01:27:21 THE CITY HAS TAKEN ON SOME IMPRESSIVE INNOVATIONS IN THE
01:27:26 LAST FEW YEARS.

01:27:27 WE CAN ONLY SEE THAT INCREASING IN THE COMING YEARS.
01:27:32 THIS IS CONTRIBUTORY.
01:27:33 THE CITY HAS NOT INCREASED THE RATE SINCE 2015.
01:27:36 >>Erik Arroyo: IS THERE --
01:27:38 >>Marlon Brown: IF I MAY, THIS IS ONE OF THE MAIN FUNDING
01:27:41 SOURCES FOR THE TROLLEY.
01:27:42 AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, WE HAVE TO MEET THE SHORTFALL OF THE
01:27:47 TROLLEY.
01:27:48 THOSE COSTS WE COULD NOT MEET WITH JUST THE GRANT THAT WE
01:27:52 RECEIVE FROM F.D.O.T., AND THERE ARE OTHER ECONOMIC
01:27:57 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT HAD TO BE SET ASIDE BECAUSE OF THE
01:28:01 NEED TO PUT MONEY TOWARDS THE TROLLEY.
01:28:03 AGAIN, AS MENTIONED, WE HAD NOT INCREASED IT SINCE 2015.
01:28:07 THIS IS A \$42,000 INCREASE OVER THE 2015 NUMBERS.
01:28:12 SO, AGAIN, WE BELIEVE -- AGAIN, I KNOW IT IS A TAX, BUT WE
01:28:16 BELIEVE IT IS A MINIMAL TAX GIVEN THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF
01:28:19 PRESSURE PUT ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR DIFFERENT
01:28:21 PROGRAMS.
01:28:21 >>Erik Arroyo: AND HOW MUCH IS THE SHORTFALL RIGHT NOW FOR
01:28:28 THE TROLLEY IN TERMS OF ALLOCATED FUNDING?
01:28:32 >>Marlon Brown: IT'S ABOUT -- WE GET ABOUT 500 -- JUST OVER
01:28:36 500,000 FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
01:28:38 1.2 MILLION TO 1.5 MILLION, I BELIEVE --
01:28:42 >> YES.
01:28:43 >>Marlon Brown: 1.3 MILLION.

01:28:45 \$800,000 SHORTFALL.
01:28:47 BASICALLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IS --
01:28:50 >>Erik Arroyo: 1.3 MILLION BUT WE GET 500 FROM THE STATE AND
01:28:54 THEN 800 ALREADY BEING GENERATED FROM THIS.
01:28:56 SHOULDN'T IT BREAK EVEN?
01:28:58 >>Marlon Brown: NO.
01:28:59 THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IS FUNDING THE DELTA BETWEEN
01:29:02 THE 1.3 MILLION AND THE 500 THAT WE GET FROM THE STATE.
01:29:06 THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IS GENERATING ABOUT 846,000.
01:29:11 SO WE ONLY HAVE \$46,000 LEFT IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
01:29:14 FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS BECAUSE THE TROLLEY
01:29:17 IS EATING UP ALMOST ALL OF THAT.
01:29:21 >>Erik Arroyo: EVERY YEAR IT IS A RECURRING SOURCE OF
01:29:24 REVENUE.
01:29:24 >>Marlon Brown: YEAH, BUT WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE WITH THE
01:29:27 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND BECAUSE OF THAT.
01:29:28 >>Erik Arroyo: WHAT ELSE DO WE WANT TO DO?
01:29:30 >>Marlon Brown: FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE HAD TO MOVE THE LEONARD
01:29:32 REID, ANY SHORTFALL THAT WE HAVE THAT'S OF ECONOMIC
01:29:36 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT, WE USE THE REMAINING FUNDS FOR THAT, BUT
01:29:40 WE'RE USING OTHER FUNDS, GENERAL FUND, WE'RE USING OTHER
01:29:43 FUNDS THAT REALLY SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR THE THINGS THAT
01:29:46 WE'RE TRYING TO DO THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND SHOULD BE

01:29:49 USED FOR.
01:29:56 >>Erik Arroyo: OKAY.

01:29:57 NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.
01:30:04 >>Mayor Battie: NO MORE QUESTIONS, COMMISSIONERS?
01:30:06 COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
01:30:07 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THANK YOU.
01:30:08 THANK YOU FOR THIS.
01:30:09 AND FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I BELIEVE THAT WHEN WE DID TALK
01:30:13 ABOUT THE TROLLEY, I MADE A SNIDE REMARK THAT WE SHOULD
01:30:18 CHANGE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND TO CALL IT THE TROLLEY
01:30:21 FUND.
01:30:21 >>Erik Arroyo: SHOULD.
01:30:25 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF INITIATIVES THAT
01:30:27 THE BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN WOULD LIKE US TO PARTICIPATE IN TO
01:30:29 HELP WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
01:30:31 SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THIS FUND.
01:30:33 I SUPPORTED THE EFFORT, I BELIEVE IT WAS COMMISSIONER
01:30:36 FREELAND EDDIE AT THE TIME MADE THE MOTION THAT WE HAVE THE
01:30:40 FUNDS DEDICATED SPECIFICALLY TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
01:30:43 AND I REALLY SUPPORT THAT BECAUSE FROM TIME TO TIME WE DO
01:30:49 NEED TO USE THESE FUNDS TO HELP OUR BUSINESSES.
01:30:51 I BELIEVE IN THE PAST WE'VE DONE SOME STOREFRONT PROGRAMS
01:30:55 AND SOME OTHER THINGS.
01:30:56 ALSO DURING THE PANDEMIC WE USED THE FUND AS WELL TO HELP
01:30:59 OUR BUSINESSES --
01:31:00 >>Marlon Brown: FORGOT ABOUT THAT.
01:31:01 YES, WE DID.

01:31:02 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SO IT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT FUND.
01:31:04 I VERY MUCH SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.
01:31:08 I WAS WONDERING, THOUGH, IF WE COULDN'T LOOK AT SOME OF THE
01:31:11 LANGUAGE IN THE ACTUAL ORDINANCE.
01:31:15 VERY SPECIFICALLY SOME OF THE THINGS LIKE ON PAGE 2 WHEN IT
01:31:18 TALKS ABOUT COIN-OPERATED MACHINES, SPECIFICALLY MUSIC, I
01:31:21 DON'T KNOW IF THOSE EXIST ANYMORE.
01:31:24 DOG TRACKS, I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE EVEN ALLOWED TO HAVE
01:31:28 THOSE.
01:31:28 AND THEN ON PAGE 13, TELEGRAPH COMPANY.
01:31:32 IT SEEMS LIKE MAYBE WE COULD UPDATE SOME OF THIS LANGUAGE AS
01:31:39 YOU GO THROUGH IT.
01:31:41 BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.
01:31:43 THANK YOU.
01:31:43 >>Marlon Brown: COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH, MAYOR, IF I MAY?
01:31:47 >>Mayor Battie: YES, MR. BROWN.
01:31:49 >>Marlon Brown: SORRY, MAYOR.
01:31:50 I APOLOGIZE.
01:31:50 TO YOUR POINT, IF THE COMMISSION APPROVES THIS, BRING IT
01:31:53 BACK FOR SECOND READING, WE'LL MAKE THOSE STRIKE-THROUGH AND
01:31:56 UNDERLINE.
01:31:58 TELEGRAPH COMPANIES MAY COME BACK.
01:32:01 A FORM OF COMMUNICATION.
01:32:02 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: AND THE COIN-OPERATED MUSIC MACHINES.
01:32:08 >>Marlon Brown: ARE THOSE JUKEBOXES?

01:32:10 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: I THINK SO.
01:32:11 >>Mayor Battie: COMMISSIONER TRICE.
01:32:12 >>Debbie Trice: LIKE COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH, I ACTUALLY
01:32:15 LOOKED DOWN THE LIST LOOKING FOR BUGGY WHIPS.
01:32:21 I WONDER IF MAYBE THERE NEED TO BE UPDATED NEW BUSINESSES
01:32:26 THAT AREN'T REFLECTED, WHETHER IT'S BITCOIN MACHINES.
01:32:30 I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT BUSINESS TAX WOULD BE USED TO FUND
01:32:41 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
01:32:43 MY QUESTION IS, HAVE WE BEEN SOLICITING INPUT FROM THE
01:32:50 BUSINESSES ON SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO USE THE ECONOMIC
01:32:55 DEVELOPMENT FUNDS JUST LIKE WITH THE D.I.D.
01:32:57 THE D.I.D. SAYS, YES, THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO DO IN
01:33:00 DOWNTOWN, SO HAVE THE SARASOTA BUSINESS TAXPAYERS SAID, YOU
01:33:06 KNOW, WE'D LIKE THIS INITIATIVE?
01:33:08 >>Marlon Brown: AGAIN, COMMISSIONER, WHEN WE FIRST ADOPTED
01:33:10 THIS RESOLUTION AND THE USE OF THOSE FUNDS, IT WAS DONE AT A
01:33:15 PUBLIC HEARING.
01:33:17 WE DID SOLICIT AMONGST THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHAT IT WOULD
01:33:21 BE BEST USED FOR.
01:33:23 I THINK SOME OF THOSE MIGHT BE OBSOLETE BY NOW, BUT THAT IS
01:33:26 SOMETHING THAT WE CAN PROBABLY LOOK AT WHEN WE BRING THE
01:33:28 BUDGET BACK FOR THE COMMISSION TO TAKE A LOOK AT.
01:33:31 BUT RIGHT NOW, AS I MENTIONED, THE MAJORITY OF THE FUNDS ARE
01:33:34 DEDICATED TOWARDS THE TROLLEY.
01:33:37 IF THERE'S SOME OTHER FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE CAN FUND THE

01:33:41 TROLLEY, WE CAN THEN FREE THIS UP TO DO OTHER THINGS THAT
01:33:43 ARE IN THAT RESOLUTION THAT WE'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO GET TO.
01:33:47 I WILL TELL YOU ONE THING THAT I JUST LEARNED FROM THE
01:33:50 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS THAT THEY ARE
01:33:52 WILLING TO CONSIDER FUNDING OF THE TROLLEY FOR ADDITIONAL
01:33:55 THREE YEARS.
01:33:56 THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM.
01:33:59 THE FUNDING IS NOT GOING TO BE AS MUCH AS THEY DID FOR THE
01:34:02 INITIAL THREE YEARS, SO WE'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER FUNDING
01:34:06 SOURCE TO HELP WITH THE SHORTFALL THERE.
01:34:09 RIGHT NOW, IT'S ALL TROLLEY, ALL TROLLEY ALL THE TIME.
01:34:12 I FORGOT TO MENTION AS WELL, BOTH THE D.I.D. AND THE B.I.D.
01:34:17 DO CONTRIBUTE TO THE TROLLEY AS WELL.
01:34:20 >>Debbie Trice: WELL, ANYTIME THERE'S SOMETHING CALLED A TAX
01:34:23 INCREASE, I THINK THAT MAYBE WE CAN MAKE IT A LITTLE BIT
01:34:27 MORE PALATABLE BY SOLICITING FROM THE TAXPAYERS, HOW WOULD
01:34:34 YOU LIKE US TO SPEND THIS MONEY FOR YOUR BENEFIT?
01:34:37 THAT'S MY ONLY THOUGHT THERE.
01:34:41 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
01:34:42 NO MORE QUESTIONS.
01:34:43 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.
01:34:45 I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING.
01:34:48 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
01:34:49 >>Shayla Griggs: NO, NO, NO.
01:34:50 CAN'T CLOSE IT UNTIL YOU HAVE YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

01:34:53 >>Mayor Battie: I APOLOGIZE.

01:34:56 WE DO HAVE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT.
01:34:57 THAT'S BY MR. MARTIN BLACK.
01:34:59 I FORGOT THIS WAS EVEN HERE.
01:35:01 >>Shayla Griggs: THAT'S THE NEXT ITEM.
01:35:03 OKAY.
01:35:03 I'M SORRY.
01:35:06 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
01:35:09 >>Shayla Griggs: SORRY.
01:35:10 YOU CAN CLOSE IT NOW.
01:35:13 YOU'RE GOOD.
01:35:16 >>Mayor Battie: YOU WANT ME TO OPEN IT BACK UP?
01:35:18 >>Shayla Griggs: NO.
01:35:19 >>Mayor Battie:
01:35:20 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
01:35:20 CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND ASK FOR MOTION.
01:35:23 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: MOVE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 23-5484.
01:35:27 >>Marlon Brown: WITH THE CHANGES TO BRING BACK AS WELL.
01:35:29 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: WITH THE CHANGES.
01:35:30 >>Debbie Trice: I'LL SECOND.
01:35:31 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH AND
01:35:33 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRICE.
01:35:37 COMMISSIONERS, CAN WE HAVE A VOTE?
01:35:38 MRS. GRIGGS -- LET'S HEAR FROM MR. ARROYO.
01:35:42 COMMISSIONER ARROYO.

01:35:44 >>Erik Arroyo: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
01:35:45 IF THERE WAS A COMPELLING REASON TO RAISE TAXES ON
01:35:50 BUSINESSES, I WOULD BE ALL IN FAVOR FOR THIS.
01:35:53 I THINK IT'S GENERATING A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT AND WE HAVE SO
01:36:00 MANY OTHER FUNDS WITH SO MANY DOLLARS THAT ARE JUST
01:36:03 RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES, WE NEED TO EASE UP DOLLARS
01:36:06 BY ELIMINATING SOME OF THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS AS OPPOSED
01:36:09 TO JUST RAISING THE RATES THAT WE HAVE ON CURRENT FUNDS.
01:36:15 I THINK WE ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH BY
01:36:18 ATTRACTING MORE BUSINESSES TO THE CITY OF SARASOTA AND NOT
01:36:21 JUST INCREASING TAXES ON THOSE THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE
01:36:25 CITY OF SARASOTA.
01:36:26 I'M GOING TO BE VOTING AGAINST THIS BECAUSE I THINK WE NEED
01:36:33 TO INCENTIVIZE MORE BUSINESSES TO COME TO THE CITY OF
01:36:37 SARASOTA.
01:36:38 A NEW BUSINESS OWNER RIGHT NOW IN FLORIDA NEEDS TO FILE
01:36:43 ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION WITH
01:36:45 THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
01:36:47 IF YOU GET AN ATTORNEY, YOU'RE PAYING CLOSE TO A THOUSAND
01:36:50 DOLLARS, IF NOT MORE.
01:36:53 STATE OF FLORIDA'S FEE IS GOING TO BE ABOUT \$140 AND ABOUT
01:36:57 \$140 IN ADDITION TO THAT.
01:36:59 YOU ALSO HAVE SOME COUNTY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THAT.
01:37:02 YOU ALSO HAVE TO PAY SALES TAX IF YOU SELL ANY GOODS, AND,
01:37:06 OF COURSE, YOU HAVE TO PAY EMPLOYEES.

01:37:10 THAT MEANS IN THE OLDEN DAYS OF HAVING A LEMONADE STAND,
01:37:18 RIGHT NOW IT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO
01:37:20 START A LEMONADE STAND AND SELL LEMONADE BECAUSE OF ALL THE

01:37:24 LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, FEES AND COMPLIANCE MECHANISMS THAT
01:37:29 ARE IN PLACE.
01:37:30 SO I THINK THE WAY WE ACCOMPLISH THIS IS BY ATTRACTING MORE
01:37:33 BUSINESSES.
01:37:34 LET'S GIVE BUSINESSES SOMETHING THAT WOULD ATTRACT THEM TO
01:37:36 THE CITY OF SARASOTA AND NOT BY INCREASING OUR FEES ON THEM.
01:37:39 SO THANK YOU.
01:37:44 >>Mayor Battie: VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
01:37:46 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
01:37:49 I REALIZE THAT THAT CAN BE A HINDRANCE, BUT I THINK THE
01:37:56 AMOUNTS OF MONEY THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE WOULD NOT STOP A
01:38:02 BUSINESS FROM WANTING TO MOVE TO AND DO BUSINESS IN
01:38:07 SARASOTA.
01:38:08 I'M AN ATTORNEY, SO MY FEE WILL GO UP \$5 A YEAR.
01:38:12 THAT WOULDN'T HAVE STOPPED ME FROM HAVING MY LAW OFFICE IN
01:38:15 SARASOTA.
01:38:16 SO I THINK IT'S A RELATIVELY MINOR AMOUNT, NOT THAT ANY
01:38:25 AMOUNT IS MINOR, BUT CONSIDERING WHAT WE'RE USING IT FOR AND
01:38:29 WHAT IT'S NEEDED FOR, I THINK IT BENEFITS THE BUSINESSES
01:38:34 THAT COME HERE WHICH WOULD, I THINK, OUTWEIGH THIS COST TO
01:38:39 THEM.
01:38:41 SO I'M GOING TO BE SUPPORTING IT.

01:38:44 >>Mayor Battie: I'LL BE SUPPORTING IT AS WELL.
01:38:46 COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
01:38:47 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
01:38:50 I'M VERY SENSITIVE TO RAISING FEES AND TAXES ON ANYONE FOR
01:38:54 ANYTHING THAT'S SORT OF RANDOM, BUT I DON'T FIND THIS AS A
01:38:57 RANDOM, UNJUSTIFIED INCREASE.
01:38:59 IT HASN'T BEEN DONE SINCE 2015.
01:39:02 IN ORDER TO CREATE THOSE SORT OF INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AND
01:39:06 THOSE PROGRAMS WHERE WE HELP OUR BUSINESSES JUST TAKE THE
01:39:11 EDGE OFF BY DOING THOSE STOREFRONTS OR CANOPIES OR ANY OF
01:39:15 THOSE KINDS OF THINGS WE NEED FUNDS TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT.
01:39:18 IF WE WANT TO INCENTIVIZE, YOU NEED TO HAVE FUNDS TO DO
01:39:20 THAT.
01:39:21 AND WE'VE DONE IT IN THE PAST.
01:39:23 AGAIN, THE TROLLEY DID TAKE UP THE LION'S SHARE OF THIS
01:39:27 FUND.
01:39:27 I REALLY APPRECIATE MR. BROWN LOOKING INTO OTHER SOURCES OF
01:39:30 FUNDING FOR THE TROLLEY SO THAT WE CAN START HAVING SOME
01:39:33 MORE SERIOUS FUNDS TO DO SOME INCENTIVIZED PROGRAMS SO THAT
01:39:36 WE CAN CONTINUE TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN THE BUSINESSES THAT WE
01:39:39 HAVE HERE.
01:39:40 I'LL BE SUPPORTING IT.
01:39:45 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
01:39:46 NO MORE DISCUSSION.
01:39:49 COMMISSIONERS, CAN YOU PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTES?

01:39:51 MRS. GRIGGS, A ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.
01:39:53 >>Erik Arroyo: NO.
01:39:54 >>Mayor Battie: YES.
01:39:56 >>Debbie Trice: YES.
01:39:57 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: YES.

01:39:57 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: YES.
01:40:00 >>Mayor Battie: COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
01:40:02 >> YES.
01:40:02 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION PASSES 4-1.
01:40:04 THANK YOU.
01:40:05 MOVING ON TO NEW BUSINESS.
01:40:11 THIS IS ITEM 12.1, ANNOUNCE THE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
01:40:17 OF THE TERM SHEET FOR A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE PLAYERS,
01:40:22 INC., CITY-OWNED BUILDING LOCATED AT 2110 ADAMS LANE.
01:40:28 I CALL UPON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER APPLEBEE AND
01:40:34 FACILITIES ASSETS MANAGER SCHANLEY TO MAKE A PRESENTATION
01:40:38 ALONG WITH WILLIAM SKAGGS.
01:40:41 >> THANK YOU.
01:40:42 GOOD AFTERNOON, A PLEASURE TO BE HERE.
01:40:43 MR. WILLIAM SKAGGS, THE CEO OF THE PLAYERS, HAS JOINED US IN
01:40:49 CASE THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS THE COMMISSION MAY HAVE.
01:40:49 SO WHY WE'RE BACK HERE TODAY IS BACK IN THE FALL OF 2022,
01:40:53 THE COMMISSION REQUESTED THAT STAFF WORK WITH THE STAFF OF
01:40:57 THE PLAYERS TO EXPLORE WHETHER OR NOT THE PAYNE PARK
01:41:02 AUDITORIUM COULD BE THE FUTURE HOME FOR THE PLAYERS.

01:41:04 AS A RESULT, STAFFS HAVE WORKED TOGETHER.
01:41:07 DEVELOPED A DRAFT TERM SHEET FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.
01:41:11 SO WE'RE SEEKING FROM YOU TODAY APPROVAL OF THAT TERM SHEET
01:41:14 EITHER AS PRESENTED OR AMENDED AT YOUR DISCRETION.
01:41:18 SOME OF THE KEY POINTS OF THE TERM SHEET INCLUDE AN INITIAL
01:41:22 TEN-YEAR LEASE WITH TWO ADDITIONAL TEN-YEAR OPTIONS
01:41:25 THEREAFTER.
01:41:27 THE CITY WILL COMPLETE SOME ROOF REPAIRS THAT WERE THE
01:41:30 RESULT OF HURRICANE IAN.
01:41:31 THE PLAYERS WILL CONDUCT THEIR OWN DUE DILIGENCE, SO YOUR
01:41:37 MOVING FORWARD TODAY WILL GIVE THEM COMFORT THAT THEY CAN
01:41:40 EXPEND DOLLARS TO DO DUE DILIGENCE.
01:41:42 THEY ALSO NEED TO COMPLETE A SURVEY.
01:41:45 IN THE PACKET WE PROVIDED A MAP HERE TO SHOW YOU WHAT THEIR
01:41:52 DESIRED AREAS FOR THE LEASEHOLD TO BE.
01:41:54 SO THEY'LL HAVE TO HAVE A SURVEY DONE AND A LEGAL
01:41:56 DESCRIPTION DRAWN UP TO INCLUDE THAT AREA.
01:42:00 HOWEVER, THEY HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH US THAT TO PROCEED,
01:42:04 THEY ARE NOT EXPECTING TO CHANGE ANY USES OUTSIDE OF THE
01:42:09 BUILDING ITSELF.
01:42:10 ANY USES THAT THEY WOULD WANT TO CHANGE IN THE FUTURE TO
01:42:13 OUTSIDE GREENSPACES WOULD REQUIRE A SEPARATE PROCESS WITH
01:42:16 THE MAJOR CONDITIONAL USE.
01:42:18 THEY HAVE ALSO PLEDGED A MILLION DOLLARS INITIALLY IN
01:42:25 RENOVATIONS FOR THEIR OWN USE TO RETROFIT THE BUILDING.

01:42:29 THEY'LL PAY AN ANNUAL LEASE OF \$100 PLUS \$1 PER TICKET SOLD,
01:42:35 AND THAT IS A DISCOUNTED, OF COURSE, RATE FOR THE PLAYERS AS
01:42:39 A NONPROFIT, AND THEY WILL THEN ALSO SHIFT AND HAVE THE
01:42:42 RESPONSIBILITY OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE, CUSTOMARY REPAIRS,
01:42:46 CAPITAL REPAIRS, UTILITIES, INSURANCE, AND TAXES AND ANY
01:42:50 IMPROVEMENTS THAT THEY MAKE DURING THE LEASE TERM, ONCE THE
01:42:54 LEASE IS TERMINATED, THAT ASSET WOULD RETURN TO THE CITY.

01:42:57 SO WITH YOUR APPROVAL TODAY, CITY STAFF WILL ENGAGE WITH THE
01:43:02 CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT A LEASE BASED UPON THE TERM SHEET
01:43:06 THAT'S APPROVED TODAY.

01:43:09 AND WILL DEVELOP A PLAN TO EXECUTE THE RELOCATION OF PARK
01:43:13 STAFF TO A NEW LOCATION, AND THE PLAYERS WILL BEGIN TO
01:43:16 CONDUCT THEIR DUE DILIGENCE AND DO THAT SURVEY AND LEGAL
01:43:22 SURVEY, LEGAL DESCRIPTION SO THAT WE CAN RETURN TO YOU ALL
01:43:24 TO CONSIDER A LEASE IF IT'S YOUR INTENT TO HOUSE THE PLAYERS
01:43:28 AT PAYNE PARK AUDITORIUM.

01:43:30 WITH THAT, UNLESS MR. SCHANLEY, I MISSED ANYTHING, WE'RE
01:43:35 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

01:43:37 >>Mayor Battie: ALL RIGHT.

01:43:39 12.1, BEFORE WE OPEN IT UP TO COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS, LET'S
01:43:46 GET PUBLIC INPUT FOR THIS ITEM.

01:43:48 MR. MARTIN BLACK.

01:44:00 >> I'M HERE FOR THIS ITEM.

01:44:01 MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, MR. BROWN, MR. ROBINSON,
01:44:03 THANK YOU ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

01:44:05 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF PLAYERS AND THE CONSORTIUM OF SARASOTA
01:44:08 COUNTY AND SARASOTA CITY PERFORMING ARTS COMMUNITY-BASED
01:44:13 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WOULD LIKE TO ENTER INTO LEASE WITH THE
01:44:16 CITY TO CREATE A LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT
01:44:19 THAT USE AND KEEP THAT CULTURAL ASSET HERE IN THE CITY OF
01:44:23 SARASOTA.

01:44:24 WE APPRECIATE WORKING WITH YOUR CITY STAFF, INCLUDING THE
01:44:26 CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CITY MANAGER, AND PLANNING STAFF TO
01:44:31 BRING BACK A TERM SHEET BASED ON YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO
01:44:34 EXPLORE THIS AS AN OPTION.

01:44:35 WE THINK IT'S A LONG-TERM VIABLE OPTION.

01:44:38 THE PLAYERS HAS BEEN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 90 SOME
01:44:40 YEARS, AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN IN THE CITY OF SARASOTA
01:44:43 IN THIS LOCATION -- AND THIS LOCATION PROVIDES THAT
01:44:46 OPPORTUNITY.

01:44:46 SO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLAYERS BOARD ARE HERE IF YOU HAVE
01:44:49 ANY QUESTIONS TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT.

01:44:52 JUST AS WE HAD PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY, THIS WILL NOT BE LIMITED
01:44:55 TO THE PLAYERS.

01:44:56 THERE WILL BE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL COME ALONG AS
01:44:58 WELL TO USE THIS AS A COMMUNITY-BASED PERFORMING ARTS
01:45:01 CENTER.

01:45:01 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

01:45:02 WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT.

01:45:04 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

01:45:05 THANK YOU.

01:45:06 ANY COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS?

01:45:09 WELCOME BACK, GENTLEMEN.

01:45:19 COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.

01:45:22 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

01:45:24 AND THANK YOU ALL FOR WORKING SO HARD ON THIS AND WORKING
01:45:28 THROUGH ALL THE DETAILS.

01:45:29 AS I READ THROUGH IT, I THINK IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE.
01:45:36 THIS LOCATION MAKES A LOT OF SENSE.

01:45:37 I THINK IT'S HOPEFULLY GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT WORKS OUT
01:45:40 AND IS A REALLY GOOD PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE
01:45:44 PLAYERS.
01:45:45 I KNOW WE PROBABLY ALL FEEL THE SAME THAT WE WANT TO KEEP
01:45:48 THE PLAYERS HERE AND WE VALUE WHAT YOU'VE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR
01:45:51 COMMUNITY OVER THE LAST ALMOST HUNDRED YEARS.
01:45:53 I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS AND A COUPLE OF CONCERNS
01:45:57 ABOUT THE TERMS IN HERE.
01:45:59 ONE OF THEM IS WHEN THERE ARE UPGRADES THAT ARE DONE, I
01:46:04 BELIEVE, AND I'M NOT POSITIVE, THE BUILDING IS HISTORIC
01:46:09 STRUCTURE, AND IF IT IS, WILL THOSE UPGRADES BE DONE
01:46:13 HISTORICALLY WITH THAT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION?
01:46:22 >> ANY CHANGES MADE --
01:46:23 >> Mayor Battie: INTRODUCE YOURSELF.
01:46:25 >> WILLIAM SKAGGS, CEO WITH PLAYERS INC.
01:46:28 ANY CHANGES WE WOULD MAKE WOULD CERTAINLY COMPLY WITH ANY

01:46:31 REGULATIONS THAT EXIST, WHETHER IT BE DEPARTMENT OF THE
01:46:34 INTERIOR OR LOCAL OR STATEWIDE REGULATIONS REGARDING THAT.
01:46:39 I'M NOT POSITIVE THAT IT'S CURRENTLY A LISTED FACILITY.
01:46:44 >> Jen Ahearn-Koch: I'M NOT SURE EITHER.
01:46:46 I KNOW THAT IT'S --
01:46:48 >> Rob Schanley: ROB SCHANLEY, FACILITIES AND ASSETS MANAGER.
01:46:52 I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS HISTORICALLY DESIGNATED AT THE
01:46:55 MOMENT.
01:46:56 >> Jen Ahearn-Koch: LISTED, BUT IT IS ELIGIBLE.
01:46:58 >> Rob Schanley: OH, IT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE, I THINK SO.
01:47:00 >> Jen Ahearn-Koch: MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING --
01:47:03 >> Rob Schanley: IT WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT IN THE '60s.
01:47:08 >> Jen Ahearn-Koch: GO AHEAD.
01:47:10 >> Rob Schanley: IT WAS BUILT IN THE EARLY '60s, EITHER '64
01:47:15 OR '66.
01:47:17 I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE.
01:47:18 >> Jen Ahearn-Koch: IS THAT SOMETHING WE WOULD PURSUE?
01:47:20 TO PROTECT IT?
01:47:23 >> Marlon Brown: AGAIN, IT WOULD BE UP TO THE COMMISSION'S
01:47:25 DIRECTION IF THAT IS INDEED PART OF WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE US
01:47:28 TO CONSIDER, BUT IT WOULD BE THE DIRECTION OF THE
01:47:30 COMMISSION.
01:47:30 >> Jen Ahearn-Koch: OKAY.
01:47:31 AND TYPICALLY THOSE KINDS OF IMPROVEMENTS ARE TO THE
01:47:35 EXTERIOR AND TO THE FRONT.

01:47:36 I THINK PRETTY MUCH ON THE INTERIOR YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU NEED
01:47:40 TO DO, BUT JUST KEEPING THE INTEGRITY OF THE FRONT OF THE
01:47:43 BUILDING.
01:47:44 SO I GUESS WE CAN HAVE THAT DISCUSSION.
01:47:48 MR. SCHANLEY, CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME THIS PIECE HERE ABOUT
01:47:53 THE TENANT IMPROVEMENTS THAT THE INITIAL INVESTMENT WILL BE
01:47:57 FOR A MILLION DOLLARS.
01:47:58 AND IF THEY LEAVE, THEN WE OWE THEM THAT SOME BACK.
01:48:05 >> Rob Schanley: WELL, THAT IS ONE OF THE POINTS WE'VE BEEN
01:48:08 NEGOTIATING THROUGH.
01:48:12 I'LL ASK THE CITY MANAGER TO CHIME IN ON THIS.

01:48:14 BUT I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE OPTION TO DETERMINE IF WE WANT
01:48:18 THAT ITEM.
01:48:19 IF WE FELT THAT ITEM IS BENEFICIAL TO THE CITY.
01:48:23 FOR INSTANCE, LET'S SAY WE DO A TEN-YEAR INITIAL LEASE AND
01:48:28 IT DOESN'T GO ANY FURTHER THAN THAT, AND THEY HAVE IMPROVED
01:48:30 THE SOUND SYSTEM AND WE THINK THAT THAT SOUND SYSTEM IS A
01:48:34 BENEFIT TO THE CITY TO GO FORWARD, YES, THEN WE WOULD COME
01:48:41 UP WITH IN THIS NEGOTIATION PERIOD, IN THIS DUE DILIGENCE
01:48:44 PERIOD, WE WOULD COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF LIKE
01:48:47 STRAIGHT-LINE AMORTIZATION MAYBE OVER A TEN-YEAR PERIOD OR
01:48:52 15-YEAR PERIOD OR WHATEVER, THAT WE WOULD WANT THAT.
01:48:56 HOWEVER, IF IT IS THEATRIC IN NATURE AND WE DON'T REALLY
01:49:00 NEED THAT, FOR INSTANCE, SPECIALTY LIGHTING THAT BENEFITED
01:49:03 THEIR SHOWS, WE ARE NOT NECESSARILY IN LINE TO COMMIT TO
01:49:11 REIMBURSING THEM FOR THAT.
01:49:13 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THAT LANGUAGE IS GOING TO BE IN HERE OR
01:49:15 --
01:49:16 >>Marlon Brown: AGAIN, IT'S UP TO THE COMMISSION IF YOU WANT
01:49:18 THAT LANGUAGE.
01:49:19 COMMISSIONERS, MAYOR, IF I MAY, THE REASON FOR THAT,
01:49:22 OBVIOUSLY THE PLAYERS IS GOING TO BE INVESTING A HUGE AMOUNT
01:49:24 OF MONEY IN REALLY MAKING THAT USEFUL FOR THEM.
01:49:28 YOU KNOW, OUR CONCERN IS DEFINITELY WE DON'T KNOW WHO A
01:49:32 FUTURE TENANT MAY BE DEPENDING ON IF THEY WERE TO LEAVE.
01:49:37 SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE FELT THAT DEPENDING ON WHO THAT
01:49:42 FUTURE TENANT IS, THEY CAN EITHER USE THAT ASSET AND THAT
01:49:48 WILL REMAIN WITH US, BUT BECAUSE OF THE INVESTMENT THAT THEY
01:49:51 ARE PUTTING, WE AGREED THAT THEY SHOULD GET SOME
01:49:54 REIMBURSEMENT BACK FOR THAT INVESTMENT THAT THEY HAVE MADE,
01:49:59 THAT WE WILL USE IN THE FUTURE.
01:50:01 IF WE DON'T NEED IT, IT BECOMES PART OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO
01:50:07 THE CITY.
01:50:08 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SO THAT LANGUAGE WILL BE IN HERE,
01:50:10 SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT.
01:50:11 >>Marlon Brown: IF THE COMMISSION SO DETERMINES.
01:50:13 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: RIGHT, RIGHT.
01:50:14 I CAN SEE THAT WHERE THERE COULD BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD
01:50:17 BENEFIT THE CITY AND OTHER FUTURE TENANT, THAT MAKES SENSE.
01:50:20 I'M OKAY WITH THAT.
01:50:21 BUT SOMETHING VERY SPECIFIC, I DON'T KNOW, GOLDEN LITTLE
01:50:25 CUPS THAT YOU ONLY USE.
01:50:27 THAT PIECE OF IT IS -- YEAH.
01:50:33 >>Marlon Brown: TO THAT POINT, COMMISSIONER, WE'LL HAVE TO
01:50:36 SIT DOWN WITH THE PLAYERS.
01:50:37 OBVIOUSLY, YOU DON'T WANT TO ITEMIZE EVERY SINGLE ASSET THEY
01:50:41 PUT IN BUT PROBABLY SOMETHING WE HAVE TO SIT DOWN AND TALK
01:50:44 TO THEM ABOUT AND MAYBE SOME TYPE OF ADDENDUM COMES BACK TO
01:50:48 THE COMMISSION THAT IDENTIFIES THOSE THINGS.
01:50:50 BUT UNTIL THEY ACTUALLY START TO MAKE THOSE IMPROVEMENTS, WE
01:50:52 WOULD NOT KNOW WHAT ASSETS WE WOULD POSSIBLY NEED IN THE
01:50:56 FUTURE.
01:50:58 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: AS LONG AS THERE'S ROOM FOR THAT

01:50:59 CONVERSATION, IF IT'S SOME SPECIALTY PAINT THAT YOU NEED
01:51:02 THAT COSTS A MILLION DOLLARS, AND WE COULDN'T CARE LESS
01:51:06 ABOUT IT OR A FUTURE TENANT COULDN'T, THAT WOULD BE
01:51:09 SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE SPECIAL TO YOU.
01:51:12 WHATEVER THAT LANGUAGE WOULD BE.
01:51:14 AND THEN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE PARCEL.
01:51:22 IT SEEMS A LITTLE LARGER THAN WHAT I HAD IMAGINED AS FAR AS
01:51:25 THE GREENSPACE GOES.
01:51:30 THIS IS A PARK.
01:51:31 IT'S A PUBLIC PARK, AND THE BUILDING AND THE AREA LEADING UP
01:51:38 TO IT AND CERTAIN AREA AROUND IT I CAN SEE.
01:51:40 BUT THIS FOOTPRINT SEEMS TO BE MUCH, MUCH, MUCH LARGER THAN

01:51:43 WHAT I HAD THOUGHT OF WHAT YOU WOULD NEED.
01:51:46 CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME WHY YOU NEED -- SO I WAS PICTURING
01:51:51 WHERE THE BUILDING IS AND JUST SORT OF AROUND THE BUILDING,
01:51:53 LIKE A SQUARE AROUND THE BUILDING.
01:51:55 THERE IS A SIDEWALK.
01:51:57 THERE ARE A COUPLE OF SIDEWALKS THAT GO THROUGH THE PARK
01:51:59 THERE.
01:52:02 I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOUR JUSTIFICATION IS FOR THAT BIG
01:52:04 PIECE OF LAND.
01:52:05 >>William Skaggs: SURE.
01:52:09 WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, THE FOCUS INITIALLY IS THE BUILDING
01:52:12 ITSELF.
01:52:13 AND THEN IF THERE WERE OTHER CHANGES AND THINGS IN THE
01:52:15 FUTURE, AS MR. APPLEBEE MENTIONED, THOSE WOULD COME BACK
01:52:19 THROUGH MAJOR CONDITIONAL USE.
01:52:20 PART OF THAT WAS ALLOWING THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR THAT
01:52:25 PURPOSE AND ALSO FOR THINGS THAT WE MAY DO OUTSIDE AS WELL
01:52:30 THAT WOULD THEN BE ON OUR LEASED PROPERTY, WHICH WOULD ALSO
01:52:34 MAKE IT A LITTLE EASIER TO OPERATE WITH THE CITY AND NOT
01:52:38 HAVE TO COME TO THE CITY EVERY TIME WE WANTED TO HAVE A
01:52:42 PROGRAM OUTDOORS.
01:52:43 SO THERE ARE A FEW THINGS RELATED TO THAT, WHETHER IT BE FOR
01:52:49 SOME ADDITIONAL PARKING, WHICH HAS BEEN CONVERSATION WITH
01:52:52 STAFF AS WELL TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN TAKE CARE OF ADA
01:52:56 DROP-OFF, VARIOUS THINGS LIKE THAT.

01:53:00 THOSE ARE A COUPLE OF REASONS THAT WE LOOKED AT THIS AS WELL
01:53:04 AS BEING VERY CAREFUL NOT TO EXTEND INTO EXTREMELY DISPARATE
01:53:09 AREAS OF THE PARK.
01:53:10 IF YOU NOTICE, WE EVEN WENT ALONG THAT TREE LINE AND WALKING
01:53:14 PATH AND THERE WAS NO REAL REASON TO GO BEYOND THAT.
01:53:17 SO WE TRIED TO TAKE THE AREA THAT WE SAW AS IMMEDIATELY
01:53:22 CONTIGUOUS, IF YOU WILL, TO THE BUILDING ITSELF.
01:53:28 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: DID I MISUNDERSTAND?
01:53:31 ARE YOU PLANNING ON BUILDING THERE?
01:53:33 >>William Skaggs: NO.
01:53:33 I'M SAYING ANYTHING WE MIGHT BRING IN THE FUTURE, WHETHER IT
01:53:36 WAS CONSTRUCTION OR PARKING OR EVEN AN OUTDOOR VENUE OF SOME
01:53:42 SORT, THAT WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK THROUGH MAJOR CONDITIONAL
01:53:45 USE, BUT TO GO AHEAD AND HAVE THE LEASE TAKE CARE OF THAT
01:53:49 AREA SO THAT, AGAIN, IF WE'RE HAVING AN OUTDOOR EVENT, WE'RE

01:53:55 NOT COMING TO ASK THE CITY FOR PERMISSION EVERY SINGLE TIME.
01:53:59 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT YOU'RE NOT TALKING
01:54:01 ABOUT MAKING A PARKING LOT OUT OF ANY OF THAT LAND, RIGHT?
01:54:04 >>William Skaggs: THERE WOULD BE SOME DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SOME
01:54:07 SORT OF AT LEAST A LOOP BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THAT STREET JUST
01:54:11 DEAD ENDS.

01:54:12 WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH BEING ABLE TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO HAVE
01:54:18 APPROPRIATE ADA PARKING TO BE ABLE TO DROP PEOPLE OFF, THOSE
01:54:21 SORTS OF THINGS.

01:54:22 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: DROP-OFF AND PICKUP AND A PARKING LOT OR

01:54:26 WHAT -- I'M SORRY.

01:54:27 I'M NOT CLEAR AT ALL.

01:54:28 I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE ANY PARKING LOTS.

01:54:32 I DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS PART OF THE DISCUSSION.

01:54:33 >>Marlon Brown: AGAIN, MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS, WE HAVEN'T

01:54:36 HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT ACTUAL PARKING LOTS.

01:54:38 I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT TO THE REAR OF THE BUILDING -- TO THE
01:54:43 NORTH AREA BETWEEN THAT MOST RIGHT -- THAT MOST LEFT WALKWAY
01:54:51 COULD BE USED FOR PARKING, BUT WE HAVEN'T HAD A DISCUSSION
01:54:55 ABOUT A PARKING STRUCTURE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

01:54:59 AS FAR AS SOMETHING WE NEED TO DISCUSS, MAYBE DISCUSS BEFORE
01:55:04 WE BRING BACK AN AGREEMENT TO THE COMMISSION.

01:55:07 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: IF IT WILL HAVE TO COME BACK NO MATTER

01:55:10 WHAT IT IS FOR MAJOR CONDITIONAL USE, WHY DON'T WE CARVE THE
01:55:14 SPACE OUT, NOT HAVE IT INCLUDED, AND THEN WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT
01:55:20 EXACTLY YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, COME BACK WITH THAT AS PART OF
01:55:22 THE MAJOR CONDITIONAL USE AND SAY WE NEED THIS BACK STREET
01:55:26 HERE FOR DROP-OFF AND PICKUP AND WE WANT TO BUILD FIVE
01:55:29 PARKING SPOTS THAT ARE ADA COMPLIANT IN THE BACK AS OPPOSED
01:55:31 TO TAKING A LEASEHOLD THIS MUCH WHEN YOU MAY ONLY NEED THIS
01:55:37 MUCH.

01:55:42 >>Marlon Brown: THAT'S JUST FOR THE COMMISSION.

01:55:46 >>Mayor Battie: YOU CAN ANSWER.

01:55:51 >>William Skaggs: I THINK AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS, TOO, IS
01:55:54 WE'RE BRINGING THE BULLET POINTS AND THE CONCEPT TO YOU FOR

01:55:57 YOUR CONSIDERATION OF MOVING FORWARD WITH THE CONCEPT.

01:56:01 OBVIOUSLY, YOU WOULD BE SEEING AN ENTIRE LEASE DOCUMENT
01:56:04 WHICH WOULD ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT A PLAN.

01:56:08 IN OTHER WORDS, THERE ARE GOING TO BE, AS CITY MANAGER BROWN
01:56:11 MENTIONED, THERE ARE GOING TO BE DISCUSSION ITEMS BETWEEN
01:56:14 NOW AND WHEN YOU WILL SEE A LEASE REGARDING SOME DETAILS.
01:56:18 THIS CAN CERTAINLY BE AMONGST THOSE.

01:56:22 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: OKAY.

01:56:23 THAT'S MY TIME.

01:56:25 >>Mayor Battie: COMMISSIONER ARROYO.

01:56:28 >>Erik Arroyo: THANK YOU.

01:56:29 AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

01:56:31 I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM WITH THE TERM SHEET.

01:56:36 MANY OF OUR LEASES CONTAIN THE CLAUSE WHERE YOU WOULD GET
01:56:39 SOME SORT OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS THAT YOU MAKE ON
01:56:44 THE PROPERTY.

01:56:46 RELATING TO THE HISTORIC STRUCTURE OF THE BUILDING, THERE IS

01:56:52 NO HISTORIC STRUCTURE.
01:56:53 SO I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF NECESSARILY PUTTING ON THAT IF YOU'RE
01:56:56 NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THAT, BECAUSE THAT WILL MAKE IT THAT
01:56:59 MUCH MORE -- WE'RE TALKING ABOUT COSTLY IMPROVEMENTS.
01:57:02 THAT'S ONLY GOING TO INCREASE THE COST FROM THERE.
01:57:06 YOU'RE NOT PLANNING ON PUTTING ANY FENCES THERE, ARE YOU?
01:57:10 WE'VE HAD ISSUES WITH FENCES THERE IN THE PAST.
01:57:13 I JUST KNOW THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL COME OUT WITH

01:57:16 PITCHFORKS, BUT I'M OKAY WITH THE FOOTPRINT.
01:57:20 YOU HAVE TO COME BACK TO US ANYWAY, BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE
01:57:24 SOME OUTDOOR.
01:57:25 I'M GUESSING THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE THINKING OF, SOME SORT OF
01:57:28 OUTDOOR SHOWS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE FOR THE COMMUNITY.
01:57:32 BEAUTIFUL.
01:57:32 I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER PARK THAT WOULD ACTUALLY, PEOPLE
01:57:35 WOULD APPRECIATE THAT.
01:57:36 I'M OKAY WITH THE RATE.
01:57:41 I'M OKAY WITH THE -- THE TERMS ARE FINE.
01:57:46 I'M IN SUPPORT.
01:57:48 THANK YOU.
01:57:50 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.
01:57:52 VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
01:57:56 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: ALL I CAN SAY IS I WISH SOME OF YOU HAD
01:57:59 BEEN ON THE COMMISSION WHEN WE WERE LOOKING AT THE ORCHESTRA
01:58:03 GOING THERE.
01:58:04 AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY HELP
01:58:11 ACTIVATE THAT PARK AND TO KEEP A HISTORIC CULTURAL ASSET
01:58:17 HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY.
01:58:19 SO I THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA.
01:58:23 I WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED ABOUT THE LARGER AREA.
01:58:26 I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SAYING THAT.
01:58:29 I WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE ALL OF IT BECOME PARKING LOT.
01:58:32 I THINK PARKING LOT IS THE WORST USE OF LAND YOU CAN HAVE.

01:58:37 BUT I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, HAVE YOU TALKED TO THE COUNTY
01:58:42 ABOUT BEING ABLE TO USE THE COUNTY GARAGE?
01:58:47 THAT'S WHAT THE ORCHESTRA WAS GOING TO DO FOR SOME OF THEIR
01:58:50 PARKING BECAUSE IN THE EVENINGS, WHICH I ASSUME WHEN YOU
01:58:53 HAVE MOST OF YOUR PERFORMANCES, THAT GARAGE ISN'T BEING
01:58:57 USED.
01:58:58 MAYBE SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT TO PURSUE WITH THEM AS WELL.
01:59:05 I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE LEASE EITHER.
01:59:09 I'LL BE SUPPORTING IT.
01:59:11 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, VICE MAYOR.
01:59:12 COMMISSIONER TRICE.
01:59:14 >>Debbie Trice: THANK YOU.
01:59:17 IT'S REALLY EXCITING TO SEE A COMMUNITY ARTS ORGANIZATION
01:59:22 MOVING INTO THE PARK.
01:59:24 I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT THAT IT'S A COMMUNITY GROUP, NOT A
01:59:27 PROFESSIONAL GROUP.
01:59:29 I DID LIKE THE TERM SHEET IN THAT A LOT OF THINGS THAT
01:59:36 CONCERNED US ABOUT THE PROPOSAL FOR MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
01:59:40 WERE CORRECTED AND ADJUSTED.

01:59:43 AND ONE OF THE THINGS WAS IF AN IMPROVEMENT WOULD BE AN
01:59:49 AMORTIZED CHARGE TO THE CITY IF YOU MOVED OUT.
01:59:53 AND THIS ONE, YOU'RE SAYING THAT WOULD ONLY APPLY IF THE
01:59:56 CITY AGREED UP FRONT THAT THAT WAS AN IMPROVEMENT THAT THEY
01:59:59 WOULD ACCEPT.
02:00:00 SO I LIKE THE FACT THAT YOU DID THAT.

02:00:02 WITH THE AREA IN THE PARK, WHEN YOU ARE NOT HAVING ANY
02:00:10 EVENTS IN THAT SPACE, OUTDOOR SPACE, WILL PARK-GOERS BE ABLE
02:00:16 TO WALK ACROSS THAT LAND, USE THAT LAND, NO FENCES, BUT WILL
02:00:25 THEY STILL BE ABLE TO WALK ACROSS IT?
02:00:28 >> NO FENCES, YEAH.
02:00:30 SO I THINK WE'RE GOOD THERE.
02:00:31 WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING A PART OF THE PARK AND ADDING VALUE
02:00:36 AS WAS MENTIONED.
02:00:37 >>Debbie Trice: GREAT.
02:00:40 A QUESTION I WAS GOING TO ASK UP FRONT AND I GUESS THIS IS A
02:00:43 CITY ADMINISTRATION QUESTION.
02:00:46 PRIOR TO THE DAMAGE THAT IAN CREATED, WHAT KIND OF REVENUE
02:00:52 WERE WE GETTING FROM RENTAL OF THE AUDITORIUM?
02:00:57 BECAUSE THEN THE SECOND PART OF THAT IS WHERE ARE THOSE
02:01:02 ORGANIZATIONS GOING NOW SINCE THE AUDITORIUM HASN'T BEEN
02:01:07 AVAILABLE FOR A YEAR.
02:01:09 >>Marlon Brown: COMMISSIONER, WE ACTUALLY HAVE THE PARKS AND
02:01:11 REC DEPARTMENT THAT WAS LIVING IN THAT SPACE FOR THE LAST
02:01:15 PROBABLY TWO YEARS OR SO, THREE YEARS.
02:01:19 PRIOR TO THAT, WE DID HAVE ORGANIZATIONS USING IT VERY
02:01:22 SPORADICALLY TO THE POINT WHERE WE WEREN'T REALLY GETTING
02:01:27 ANY REVENUE FROM IT.
02:01:31 >>Debbie Trice: SO MAINTAINING THE BUILDING COST MORE THAN
02:01:33 THE REVENUE.
02:01:34 >>Marlon Brown: VERY GOOD POINT.

02:01:35 YES, IT DID.
02:01:36 TO THE POINT WE SAID WE MIGHT AS WELL PUT OUR PARKS AND REC
02:01:39 STAFF IN THERE AND HAVE THEM USE THE FACILITY.
02:01:42 >>Debbie Trice: IT'S EXCITING TO ME THAT YOU ARE SAYING THAT
02:01:45 IT WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN YOU'RE NOT USING IT FOR OTHER
02:01:50 PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS, YOU'RE SAYING.
02:01:52 SO THAT'S VERY POSITIVE.
02:01:54 IT SOUNDS GOOD.
02:01:59 I WILL BE INTERESTED IN SEEING THE FINAL NEGOTIATED PRODUCT,
02:02:04 BUT I THINK IT LOOKS GOOD NOW.
02:02:09 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER TRICE.
02:02:10 FIRST OF ALL, I'D JUST LIKE TO APPLAUD YOU ALL FOR LIKE ALL
02:02:15 THE EFFORT YOU'VE MADE PERTAINING TO PAYNE PARK.
02:02:18 I KNOW WE'RE LOOKING AT OTHER FACILITIES AND YOU ALL JUST,
02:02:22 YOU KNOW, KEPT AN OPEN MIND AND WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO
02:02:27 GO TO PAYNE PARK AND SEE WHAT YOU COULD DO TO MAKE USE OF
02:02:31 THAT FACILITY AND ACCOMMODATE YOUR NEEDS AS BEST YOU COULD.
02:02:39 AGAIN, I THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR BEING OPEN TO THAT.
02:02:43 I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED
02:02:48 POTENTIAL LEASE.
02:02:50 TO THE VICE MAYOR'S POINT, I HOPE WE DON'T GET INTO THE

02:02:55 WHOLE THING AGAIN WITH PARKING AND WHATEVER, AND YOU MAKE
02:02:58 USE OF OR REACH OUT TO THE COUNTY ABOUT THEIR GARAGE
02:03:04 BECAUSE, AGAIN, LAND USED FOR A PARKING LOT IS NOT THE BEST
02:03:10 USE.

02:03:11 AGAIN, I THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WORK AND THE WORK
02:03:13 YOU'VE DONE TO GET US TO THIS POINT.
02:03:16 COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
02:03:18 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THANK YOU.
02:03:19 DO YOU HAVE A PROJECTION ON HOW MANY DAYS YOU'LL BE USING IT
02:03:22 VERSUS IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?
02:03:24 AND WOULD YOU BE MANAGING THAT OR DOES IT GO THROUGH THE
02:03:27 CITY?
02:03:29 >> WE WOULD MANAGE THAT.
02:03:30 WE'RE WORKING ON THE PRO FORMA RIGHT NOW TO FIGURE THAT OUT,
02:03:33 THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR THE PLAYERS VERSUS BEING AVAILABLE
02:03:36 FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.
02:03:37 AND PART OF THAT PROCESS IS ALSO HAVING GOOD CONVERSATIONS
02:03:40 WITH THOSE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO SEE ABOUT THEIR
02:03:43 PREFERENCES ABOUT THE FACILITY, DAYS OF USE, ET CETERA.
02:03:48 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: WOULD THOSE OTHER -- I MEAN, NONPROFITS,
02:03:52 RIGHT, THE OTHER NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS WOULD THEY
02:03:55 HAVE A PREFERENTIAL RATE THAT YOU WOULD EXTEND TO THEM?
02:03:58 >>William Skaggs: OH, ABSOLUTELY.
02:04:00 AS A MATTER OF FACT, WHAT WE WOULD LOVE TO BUILD IS THESE
02:04:02 RELATIONSHIPS TO THE POINT THAT THEY ARE NOT JUST ONE-OFF
02:04:06 RENTALS, THAT WE HAVE LONGER TERM RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM
02:04:09 AND WE COLLECTIVELY ARE WORKING ON AN ANNUAL CALENDAR.
02:04:12 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: OKAY.
02:04:14 ALL RIGHT.

02:04:14 I THINK THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THEM, TOO.
02:04:17 BECAUSE THE CONVERSATION BEFORE WAS ABOUT THIS COLLECTIVE
02:04:19 NONPROFITS HAVING A PLACE TO PERFORM.
02:04:23 AND COST IS ALWAYS A FACTOR FOR A NONPROFIT.
02:04:26 AS LONG AS THAT COULD BE EXTENDED TO THE OTHER NONPROFITS, I
02:04:29 THINK THAT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT PIECE OF THAT PUZZLE.
02:04:32 >>William Skaggs: ABSOLUTELY.
02:04:34 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.
02:04:35 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:04:36 THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH.
02:04:38 THIS IS THE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC THAT THE CITY CAN CREATE AND
02:04:41 ENTER INTO PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.
02:04:44 MR. BROWN.
02:04:45 >>Marlon Brown: JUST FINALLY, COMMISSIONERS, AGAIN, THIS IS
02:04:48 REALLY, REALLY A GAME-CHANGER TO HAVE THE PLAYERS OCCUPY THE
02:04:53 SPACE.
02:04:53 ALSO REMEMBER, WE HAVE A LITTLE MINI-AMPHITHEATER RIGHT
02:04:56 THERE AT PAYNE PARK THAT CAN ALSO BE PUT TO USE AS WELL.
02:05:00 JUST IMAGINE PERFORMANCES HAPPENING AT THE PLAYERS AS WELL
02:05:03 AS THAT AMPHITHEATER.
02:05:05 I LOOK FORWARD HOPEFULLY TO REALLY HAVING A LONG-TERM
02:05:10 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PLAYERS.
02:05:11 >>Mayor Battie: AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL.

02:05:14 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THERE ARE TWO SORT OF LITTLE
02:05:16 AMPHITHEATRES.

02:05:17 THE BIG ONE AND LITTLE ONE.
02:05:19 >>Marlon Brown: CORRECT.
02:05:20 >>Mayor Battie: THE AMPHITHEATER, THE SKATEBOARD PARK.
02:05:23 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: BY THE SKATEBOARD PARK AND ALSO THE
02:05:25 ENTRANCE TO THE RIGHT, WHATEVER THAT IS, SOUTH.
02:05:28 >>Mayor Battie: AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH.
02:05:30 REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
02:05:32 I WOULD LIKE TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF AND CITY
02:05:39 ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE PLAYERS BASED
02:05:42 ON THE TERM SHEET AS PRESENTED.
02:05:44 >>Erik Arroyo: SO MOVED.
02:05:46 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: SECOND.
02:05:46 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ARROYO AND
02:05:49 SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
02:05:51 NO DISCUSSION TO THE MOTION, COMMISSION, COULD YOU PLEASE
02:05:56 CAST YOUR VOTES?
02:05:56 EXCELLENT.
02:06:01 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
02:06:02 >> YES.
02:06:02 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:06:03 MOTION PASSES 5-0.
02:06:05 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
02:06:07 MOVING RIGHT ALONG TO ITEM 12.2, NEW BUSINESS.
02:06:15 THIS IS TO ANNOUNCE THE DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO THE
02:06:18 HOUSING AUTHORITY OVERLAY.

02:06:22 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON MYSELF, MAYOR BATTIE, WILLIAM
02:06:29 RUSSELL.
02:06:31 WILLIAM RUSSELL WON'T BE HERE.
02:06:33 MR. KEN WATERS WILL BE HERE TO SPEAK ON HIS BEHALF.
02:06:39 THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO MAKE A
02:06:42 PRESENTATION.
02:06:42 THIS WAS AN ASK BY MR. WILLIAM RUSSELL TO AN OVERLAY
02:06:50 DISTRICT REGARDING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ASKING THE
02:06:54 COMMISSION TO DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN DRAFTING A ZONING
02:06:58 CONNECTION AMENDMENT THAT WOULD AMEND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
02:07:00 OVERLAY DISTRICT.
02:07:03 THERE IS A MAP ATTACHED.
02:07:04 THIS IS MAINLY FOR PROPERTY AT 22nd STREET AND CENTRAL,
02:07:11 WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE
02:07:14 THERE EXISTING, RIGHT?
02:07:16 EXCELLENT.
02:07:16 I'LL SHUT UP AND LET YOU ALL HAVE AT IT.
02:07:21 >> GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, VICE MAYOR.
02:07:24 I'M KEN WATERS, I'M IN PLACE OF WILLIAM RUSSELL, HERE TODAY
02:07:28 WITH THE SARASOTA HOUSING AUTHORITY.
02:07:30 >> JOEL FREEDMAN, FREEDMAN CONSULTING HELPING THE HOUSING
02:07:34 AUTHORITY OUT.
02:07:34 >>Ken Waters: THE SARASOTA HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD LIKE TO
02:07:36 ASK THAT THE COMMISSION DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT A ZONING TEXT
02:07:43 AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT HOUSING AUTHORITY OVERLAY DISTRICT

02:07:46 TO DO THREE THINGS FOR US.
02:07:49 TO UPDATE THE MAP TO INCLUDE THE LAND PURCHASED ON 22nd
02:07:53 STREET, TO ALLOW FOR FOUR-STORY BUILDING, AND TO ALLOW FOR
02:07:58 UNITS THAT ARE 750 SQUARE FEET AND LESS TO BE COUNTED AS
02:08:02 HALF UNITS.
02:08:07 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:08:08 ALL RIGHT.
02:08:12 NO ONE IS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
02:08:14 I GUESS WE'LL OPEN IT UP TO COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS, IF ANY.
02:08:17 COMMISSIONER JEN AHEARN-KOCH.
02:08:20 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: WHERE DID THE IDEA COME FROM TO DO THE
02:08:23 HALF UNITS?
02:08:26 >>Joel Freedman: THE COUNTY HAS A SIMILAR PROGRAM RIGHT NOW,
02:08:30 WHERE A UNIT IN THE COUNTY, IF YOU'RE DOING A MULTIFAMILY
02:08:33 DEVELOPMENT, 750 SQUARE FEET IS CONSIDERED A ONE HALF OF A
02:08:36 UNIT.
02:08:36 THAT CAME UP -- THE COUNTY COMMISSION THOUGHT THAT WOULD
02:08:39 HELP WITH THEIR AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORT.
02:08:42 THEY OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO DO A LOT MORE, IN MY OPINION.
02:08:44 BUT THAT'S WHERE IT STARTED FROM.
02:08:45 SO WE CAME UP WITH THAT IDEA AS A SIMPLE WAY TO DO THIS
02:08:49 RATHER THAN COMING UP WITH SOME KIND OF CONCEPT OF BONUS
02:08:53 DENSITY, OR WHATEVER, SINCE BASICALLY ALL THE UNITS THE
02:08:55 HOUSING AUTHORITY DO ARE AFFORDABLE.
02:08:56 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: WHY NOT GO FOR JUST A HIGHER DENSITY

02:08:59 INSTEAD OF DOING THE HALF UNIT?
02:09:01 FOR ME IT SEEMS LIKE THAT'S CUTTING RIGHT TO THE CHASE.
02:09:04 YOU WANT HIGHER DENSITY AND JUST DO THAT.
02:09:06 BECAUSE IF IT'S A HIGHER DENSITY ASK, AT LEAST WE CAN
02:09:10 ACCURATELY PLAN ON X NUMBER OF TOILETS FLUSHING AND X NUMBER
02:09:16 OF SINKS BEING USED AND X NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE ROAD,
02:09:19 WHEREAS THE HALF UNIT SORT OF TAKES THAT NUMBER AND CUTS IT
02:09:22 IN HALF AND DOESN'T ACCOUNT FOR THAT FOR US.
02:09:24 FOR ME, I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU WOULDN'T JUST ASK FOR THE
02:09:28 HIGHER DENSITY.
02:09:30 >>Joel Freedman: THAT CAN BE PART OF THEIR STUDY TO SEE WHAT
02:09:32 KIND OF IMPACTS THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE THE WAY THE HOUSING
02:09:35 OVERLAY IS NOW, IT SAYS 25 UNITS AN ACRE.
02:09:38 SO THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE CHANGED.
02:09:40 I'M LOOKING AROUND HERE, PLANNING UP THERE, MAYBE YOU CAN
02:09:44 ASK THEM.
02:09:44 THAT WOULD BE FINE WITH US.
02:09:46 WE JUST NEED MORE DENSITY.
02:09:47 THEY ARE RUNNING OUT OF PROPERTY, AND THEY DO A GREAT JOB
02:09:50 WITH WHAT'S GOING ON.
02:09:51 >>Mayor Battie: DID YOU WANT TO ASK PLANNING?
02:09:53 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SURE.
02:09:54 COME ON DOWN.
02:09:57 >>Marlon Brown: AGAIN, I THINK COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH
02:10:02 MAKES A VERY GOOD POINT.

02:10:03 BUT, AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS REQUIRES A COMP PLAN

02:10:05 AMENDMENT VERSUS A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT.
02:10:08 THAT MAY BE THE ISSUE WITH THE HALF UNIT.
02:10:10 I WOULD PREFER HIGHER DENSITY.
>>Jen Ahearn-Koch: I WOULD PREFER THAT AS WELL.
02:10:14 >>Ryan Chapdelain: RYAN CHAPDELAIN, PLANNING DEPARTMENT.
02:10:16 MR. BROWN IS CORRECT.
02:10:18 IT WOULD HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT IMPLICATION IF
02:10:20 YOU'RE LOOKING AT INCREASING THE DENSITY.
02:10:22 A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE A FASTER PROCESS
02:10:25 THAN AMENDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
>>Jen Ahearn-Koch: I THINK ONLY BY A COUPLE OF MONTHS.
02:10:31 I THINK THAT WE COULD PROBABLY, IF THE COMMISSION WANTED TO,
02:10:32 DO IT VERY QUICKLY AS OPPOSED TO OPENING THIS DOOR TO A HALF
02:10:36 UNIT WHICH COULD GET US IN TROUBLE.
02:10:38 THERE COULD BE FUTURE REQUESTS FOR THAT, AND I THINK THAT
02:10:41 WE'RE REALLY GETTING OURSELVES IN TROUBLE IF WE START DOING
02:10:43 THAT BECAUSE THEN YOU CAN'T ACCURATELY OFFSET THE IMPACT
02:10:47 THAT YOU'RE HAVING ON YOUR INFRASTRUCTURE.
02:10:49 IF YOU JUST COME RIGHT OUT AND SAY WE WANT AN INCREASE
02:10:52 DENSITY, THEN WE CAN MEASURE IT EXACTLY HOW WE NEED TO
02:10:55 MEASURE IT AND WE DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR TO A HALF UNIT.
02:10:58 WE'VE DONE COMP PLAN AMENDMENTS PRETTY DARN QUICKLY BEFORE
02:11:01 IN THE PAST, AND I DON'T SEE WHY THAT WOULD, A COUPLE OF
02:11:05 MONTHS WOULD IMPACT THAT TOO, TOO MUCH.

02:11:10 >>Marlon Brown: LET ME ASK MR. WATERS AND MR. FREEDMAN, WHAT
02:11:14 IS THE IMMEDIACY OF THE NEED FOR THIS?
02:11:17 WITH A COMP PLAN AMENDMENT COMPLICATE THIS?
>>Ken Waters: FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, WE HAVE AN ARPA
02:11:25 DEADLINE TO COMPLETE CENTRAL GARDENS BY 2025.
>>Marlon Brown: WE HAVE ENOUGH TIME.
>>Jen Ahearn-Koch: WE HAVE ENOUGH TIME.
02:11:37 IS THERE ANY REASON WHY WE COULDN'T GO DOWN THAT ROAD?
02:11:43 >>Joel Freedman: THE CYCLE STARTS IN MAY.
02:11:46 >>Ryan Chapdelain: STARTS NOW.
02:11:47 >>Marlon Brown: IF THE COMMISSION INITIATES IT.
02:11:50 IF THIS COMMISSION, DOESN'T START RIGHT AWAY, WE HAVE TO
02:11:58 WAIT UNTIL MAY.
02:11:59 AGAIN, AS PLANNING STAFF, I KNOW YOU ALL HAVE A WORKLOAD.
02:12:05 I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS COMPLICATED THAT IT WOULD --
02:12:09 >>Ryan Chapdelain: HAPPY TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.
02:12:11 AGAIN, IT COINCIDES WITH THE CYCLE.
02:12:14 IT BEGINS THIS MONTH.
>>Jen Ahearn-Koch: IT IS A PRIORITY OF OURS AND PRIORITY OF
02:12:19 THE CITY'S AND PRIORITY OF EVERYONE'S.
02:12:22 IF THIS IS A BETTER WAY TO GO ABOUT IT, I DON'T SEE WHY WE
02:12:25 WOULDN'T PURSUE THAT ROUTE.
>>Marlon Brown: IF IT IS THE COMMISSION DIRECTION.
02:12:30 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THAT'S IT.
02:12:35 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:12:38 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: OTHERWISE I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THE WHOLE
02:12:40 INITIATIVE, THE EFFORT, EVERYTHING.
02:12:43 JUST THE ACTUAL COUNTING OF IT THE RIGHT WAY INCREASED

02:12:48 DENSITY AS OPPOSED TO HALF A UNIT.
02:12:50 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER KOCH.
02:12:52 COMMISSIONER TRICE.
02:12:56 >>Debbie Trice: YEAH, I HAVE DEFINITE CONCERNS ABOUT THAT
02:13:00 SECOND ITEM.
02:13:01 ONE I THINK BY ASKING TO COUNT 750 SQUARE FEET AND BELOW AS
02:13:08 HALF A UNIT SENDS THE WRONG SIGNAL THAT WE'RE TRYING TO
02:13:14 BYPASS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS AND GO FOR A
02:13:19 3-2 VOTE INSTEAD OF A 4-1 REQUIREMENT.
02:13:24 THIS MAY NOT BE THE CASE, BUT IT SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE.
02:13:28 BUT BEYOND THAT, SUGGESTING THAT A UNIT, 750 SQUARE FEET AND
02:13:33 BELOW IS HALF A UNIT SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE TO OTHER PEOPLE
02:13:41 ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY.
02:13:44 THERE ARE PLENTY OF MARKET RATE UNITS THAT 750 SQUARE FEET
02:13:50 FOR A ONE BEDROOM AND THAT IS A REASONABLE SIZE.
02:13:52 AND NOW PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SAY, OH, GEE, IF IT'S 750 SQUARE
02:13:56 FEET, IT'S AN UNDERSIZED HOME AND I SHOULD LOOK ELSEWHERE.
02:14:01 SO THE WHOLE CONCEPT ON THAT SECOND ITEM DISTURBS ME.
02:14:07 BUT THE OTHER TWO I THINK MAKE SENSE, BUT NOT THAT 750 IS
02:14:14 HALF A UNIT.
02:14:17 >>Mayor Battie: COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
02:14:19 >>Erik Arroyo: THANK YOU.

02:14:19 LISTEN, I THOUGHT WHAT THE COUNTY DID WAS ACTUALLY A GREAT
02:14:25 IDEA, COUNTING THEM AS HALF UNITS.
02:14:28 I THOUGHT IT WAS REVOLUTIONARY AND I DO AGREE -- WITH THAT
02:14:35 SAID, I DO AGREE THAT THE CITY HAS DIFFERENT CONSIDERATIONS.
02:14:38 WE HAVE A DOWNTOWN CORE THAT THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE AND
02:14:41 THINGS LIKE THIS, LIKE THE EXAMPLES THAT WERE BROAD DO
02:14:47 HAPPEN.
02:14:47 IF IT IS COMMISSIONER INITIATED I'M ALL IN.
02:14:51 LET'S GET THIS DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
02:14:53 GET YOU ON YOUR WAY.
02:14:54 YOU NEED MORE DENSITY AND THEN YOU SHOULD GET IT.
02:14:57 YOU EXIST FOR THIS PURPOSE, SO I DON'T THINK THE NEED TO BE
02:15:00 VERY -- WE DON'T NEED TO QUESTION YOUR MOTIVES BECAUSE WE
02:15:03 KNOW THAT THE END IS ONE PURPOSE.
02:15:09 I'M ALL IN.
02:15:11 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
02:15:12 VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
02:15:14 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: I'M JUST WONDERING, HOW LONG WOULD IT
02:15:16 TAKE TO DO THE COMP PLAN CHANGE?
02:15:21 >>Ryan Chapdelain: THE CYCLE IS SUCH THAT IT WOULD GET BACK
02:15:24 TO YOU EARLY '24, FIRST QUARTER '24.
02:15:31 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: THERE'S NO WAY TO DO THAT FASTER.
02:15:34 BASICALLY A YEAR.
02:15:37 >>Joel Freedman: I DON'T KNOW.
02:15:37 I KNOW THAT -- I DON'T HAVE IT WITH ME, THE SCHEDULE.

02:15:43 >>Ryan Chapdelain: THAT'S THE SCHEDULE.
02:15:44 PLANNING BOARD TOWARD THE END OF THIS YEAR AND THEN EARLY
02:15:48 NEXT YEAR AND THEN COMMISSION RIGHT AFTER.
02:15:52 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: IF WE DO A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT, WE
02:15:54 COULD GET IT DONE TODAY.

02:15:57 >>Ryan Chapdelain: IT WILL STILL TAKE TIME, BUT MAYBE NOT AS
02:15:59 LONG, CORRECT.
02:16:00 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: HOW LONG WOULD IT BE?
02:16:02 >>Ryan Chapdelain: FOR THIS, AT LEAST THREE ITEMS, JUST
02:16:05 RESTRICTED TO THE HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICT, WE COULD GET
02:16:08 THAT TO YOU I'D SAY EARLY FALL, ASSUMING THIS IS GOING TO BE
02:16:12 THE PRIORITY, WE COULD DO THAT PROBABLY EARLY FALL.
02:16:16 >>Debbie Trice: MONTH DIFFERENCE.
02:16:19 >>Mayor Battie: NOT MUCH --
02:16:21 >>Erik Arroyo: FOUR MONTHS IS A LOT WHEN YOU HAVE A 2025
02:16:24 DEADLINE.
02:16:34 >>Joel Freedman: JANUARY IS THE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC
02:16:35 HEARING AND THEN THERE IS A CITY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING.
02:16:37 SO THAT'S PART OF IT, TOO.
02:16:38 >>Ryan Chapdelain: REALISTICALLY, PROBABLY BY APRIL WITH THE
02:16:42 COMMISSION SECOND READING.
02:16:44 >>Joel Freedman: THOSE TIMELINES IN THE STANDARD SCHEDULE,
02:16:47 AREN'T THOSE MAXIMUM DURATIONS?
02:16:49 COULDN'T IT BE DONE QUICKER IF IT IS A STAFF-INITIATED
02:16:53 SITUATION?

02:16:53 THE REVIEW TIME.
02:16:56 >>Ryan Chapdelain: HAVE TO LOOK AT THE OTHER COMP PLAN
02:16:59 AMENDMENTS ALREADY REVIEWED, PROPOSED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR
02:17:02 AS WELL.
02:17:03 JUST WHAT THE NUMBER OF THEM MIGHT BE CHALLENGING.
02:17:06 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: IF WE EMPHASIZE THIS ONE, IF WE SAY IT'S
02:17:09 A PRIORITY.
02:17:10 >> WHICH IT IS.
02:17:11 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: PUT IT TO THE TOP OF THE LIST.
02:17:13 >>Marlon Brown: LET ME INTERVENE.
02:17:15 >>Mayor Battie: MR. BROWN.
02:17:16 >>Marlon Brown: ONCE THE STATE IS FINISHED WITH THE REVIEW,
02:17:19 DEPENDING ON HOW LONG IT TAKES, HOPEFULLY IT IS QUICK, I
02:17:22 DON'T SEE THE REASON -- I CAN DIRECT STAFF TO EXTRACT THIS
02:17:26 ONE AND LET'S MOVE IT FORWARD.
02:17:27 AGAIN, IF 2025 IS YOUR DEADLINE TO START CONSTRUCTION -- TO
02:17:32 HAVE IT COMPLETED, WHEN WOULD YOU START?
02:17:36 >>Ken Waters: DON'T HAVE THAT.
02:17:38 >>Marlon Brown: I THINK THAT IS THE INFORMATION WE NEED FROM
02:17:39 THE SARASOTA HOUSING AUTHORITY.
02:17:42 ONCE WE GET THIS BACK FROM THE STATE, IT'S THEN UP TO THE
02:17:45 COMMISSION TO REALLY MOVE THIS ALONG.
02:17:48 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: I JUST DON'T KNOW, CAN THEY BUILD IT IN
02:17:52 A YEAR, THOUGH?
02:17:52 AS LONG AS THESE THINGS TAKE?

02:17:56 I DON'T THINK THEY CAN GET IT COMPLETED.
02:17:59 >>Marlon Brown: THAT IS A QUESTION TO ASK THE HOUSING
02:18:00 AUTHORITY IS WHEN WOULD THEY NEED THIS BY.
02:18:04 I THOUGHT YOU MENTIONED 2025 IS WHEN YOU NEED IT BY.
02:18:07 THAT'S WHY I SAW THIS AS --
02:18:11 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: HE NEEDS TO FINISH BUILDING.
02:18:14 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: I HAVE A QUESTION.

02:18:15 COULD YOU START BUILDING WITH THE PRESUMPTION THAT WE ARE
02:18:18 COMMITTING TO APPROVING THIS?
02:18:20 IF THE STATE APPROVES IT, ONCE THEY APPROVE IT AND WE'RE
02:18:23 GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS, COULD YOU START?
02:18:25 >>Marlon Brown: THAT'S RISKY.
02:18:30 >>Joel Freedman: THE WAY THE FUNDING WORKS, THEY HAVE TO
02:18:32 HAVE THE LOCAL APPROVAL.
02:18:33 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: CAN YOU FILE AN EXTENSION ON THAT
02:18:37 DEADLINE?
02:18:37 >>Ken Waters: I'M NOT CERTAIN ON THAT.
02:18:39 I WOULD HAVE TO ASK MR. RUSSELL.
02:18:41 >>Debbie Trice: I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE NEW STATE LAW,
02:18:44 WHICH I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAME OF IT.
02:18:46 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: LIVE LOCAL ACT.
02:18:48 >>Debbie Trice: DOESN'T THAT ADD DENSITY ABOVE AND BEYOND
02:18:52 WHAT THE MUNICIPALITY IS AWARDED?
02:18:55 IS THAT A POSSIBILITY?
02:18:57 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THE PROPERTY IS NOT ZONED FOR IT.

02:18:59 IT HAS TO BE ZONED COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL OR MIXED USE.
02:19:02 I MEAN, FROM MY END, I SEE IT AS BEING A COUPLE MONTHS MORE.
02:19:11 IF WE EMPHASIZE IT AND WE PUSH IT THROUGH AS MUCH AS WE CAN,
02:19:14 I DON'T SEE WHERE IT'S GOING TO TAKE BUT A COUPLE MONTHS
02:19:17 MORE, AND IT IS A MUCH MORE EFFICIENT WAY TO GO ABOUT DOING
02:19:20 THIS.
02:19:22 >>Marlon Brown: AGAIN, MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS, IT'S RISKY
02:19:24 DEPENDING ON, AGAIN, WHAT THE START DATE IS.
02:19:27 IF THE DIRECTION FROM THE COMMISSION IS TO PURSUE BOTH
02:19:31 AVENUES AND DEPENDING ON -- YEAH, DEPENDING ON THE TIMING
02:19:35 THAT THEY NEED TO START, WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE
02:19:39 OR THE OTHER.
02:19:42 I DON'T WANT TO -- IT SEEMS LIKE THE COMMISSION SUPPORTS
02:19:46 WHAT THEY ARE DOING.
02:19:48 I DON'T WANT TO HANDCUFF THE ABILITY FOR THEM TO MOVE
02:19:50 FORWARD WITH THEIR PROJECT.
02:19:53 IF A COMP PLAN AMENDMENT IS GOING TO PRECLUDE THEM FROM
02:19:57 GETTING THE ADDITIONAL DENSITY, THEN I WOULD NOT WANT TO
02:20:01 PURSUE.
02:20:02 I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND PURSUING A COMP PLAN AMENDMENT, BUT I
02:20:05 NEED THAT DATE AS TO WHEN THEY HAVE TO ACTUALLY BREAK
02:20:08 GROUND.
02:20:11 >>Joel Freedman: BILL RUSSELL IS AVAILABLE IF YOU WANT TO
02:20:13 POSTPONE -- CAN WE COME BACK IN A FEW MINUTES AND HAVE THE
02:20:17 QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

02:20:21 >> TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK.
02:20:23 >>Mayor Battie: TAKE A LITTLE BREAK BECAUSE I HAVE TO --
02:20:27 >>Shayla Griggs: PURSUE THAT.
02:20:28 >> THAT WOULD BE FANTASTIC.
02:20:29 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
02:20:34 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
02:20:34 BREAK.
02:20:36 [BREAK]
02:31:03 [SOUNDING GAVEL]

02:31:04 >>Mayor Battie: WELCOME BACK.
02:31:05 SEE WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN SUCH A SHORT SPAN OF TIME.
02:31:10 I GUESS WE'RE STILL AT QUESTIONS.
02:31:19 >>Marlon Brown: MAYOR, IF I MAY, I THINK WE HAVE SOME GOOD
02:31:22 NEWS.
02:31:26 WE BROUGHT THE COMP PLAN AMENDMENT GURU DOWN HERE.
02:31:29 IF MR. SMITH COULD INTRODUCE HIMSELF AND SHARE WHAT OPTIONS
02:31:33 WE HAVE BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR YOU TO CONSIDER.
02:31:35 >>David Smith: DAVID SMITH, MANAGER OF LONG-RANGE PLANNING.
02:31:38 I WAS WATCHING ONLINE.
02:31:39 SO I'M UP TO SPEED HERE.
02:31:42 WHAT THE APPLICANT COULD DO IS CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE
02:31:45 CLASS OR CLASSIFICATION ON THE PROPERTY TO THE MULTIPLE
02:31:51 FAMILY HIGH DENSITY CLASSIFICATION THAT ALLOWS 50 UNITS PER
02:31:54 ACRE.
02:31:54 AND I BELIEVE THAT WOULD TAKE CARE OF THEIR DENSITY.

02:31:58 AS LONG AS THE AMENDMENT IS LESS THAN 50 ACRES, IT WOULD BE
02:32:03 A SMALL-SCALE AMENDMENT.
02:32:04 IT DOESN'T HAVE TO GET SENT TO THE STATE, EVEN AFTER
02:32:07 ADOPTION.
02:32:08 SO IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE COULD DO FAIRLY QUICKLY.
02:32:11 THE APPLICANT CAN APPLY NEXT WEDNESDAY BEGIN THE PROCESS AND
02:32:16 THEN DO THE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP AND GO THROUGH AND WE CAN
02:32:19 PROCESS IT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
02:32:23 >>Mayor Battie: LOOK AT THAT.
02:32:24 >>Marlon Brown: MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS, WHAT WE ALSO
02:32:26 LEARNED IS THAT THE DATE FOR THEM TO BREAK GROUND BY IS
02:32:31 OCTOBER OF '24.
02:32:34 I THINK THAT GIVES US ENOUGH TIME TO GET THIS DONE, IF THE
02:32:37 COMMISSION SO DIRECTS.
02:32:41 >>David Smith: DOESN'T REQUIRE TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE AT
02:32:43 ALL.
02:32:44 IN FACT, AFTER ADOPTION, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO SEND IT TO
02:32:47 THE STATE.
02:32:47 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:32:48 JUST LIKE TO SAY I'M PROUD OF YOU.
02:32:51 >>Joel Freedman: WOULD THIS BE A CITY-INITIATED COMP PLAN
02:32:53 AMENDMENT?
02:32:54 >>Marlon Brown: THE CYCLE STARTS IN MAY ANYWAY.
02:32:58 I LEAVE THAT UP TO MR. CHAPDELAINE AND MR. SMITH AS TO HOW
02:33:02 THEY WOULD LIKE TO PROCESS IT.

02:33:04 >>David Smith: IF YOU WANT IT TO BE A CITY-INITIATED, CITY
02:33:07 COMMISSION COULD AUTHORIZE THAT.
02:33:09 OTHERWISE IT WOULD HAVE TO BASICALLY COME FROM THE HOUSING
02:33:13 AUTHORITY WITH THE FEES AND EVERYTHING.
02:33:16 BUT IF YOU LIKE TO INITIATE IT TODAY IF YOU HAVE THE
02:33:19 OPPORTUNITY, I WOULD LIKE FOR THE APPLICANTS TO AT LEAST
02:33:24 SUBMIT THE PAPERWORK AND ALL THAT INFORMATION.
02:33:28 WE CAN JUST PROCESS IT.
02:33:29 >>Marlon Brown: AND THE FEES.
02:33:30 AND THE FEES.
02:33:34 >>David Smith: HOWEVER YOU GUYS WANT TO WORK IT OUT.

02:33:38 >>Joel Freedman: JOINT APPLICATION KIND OF A THING.
02:33:40 PAID FOR BY THE APPLICANT.
02:33:42 OKAY.
02:33:44 >>Mayor Battie: COMMISSIONER TRICE.
02:33:45 >>Debbie Trice: I JUST HAVE A QUICK QUESTION.
02:33:47 WOULD THIS CHANGE BE ACCEPTABLE AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THE
02:33:51 HOUSING AUTHORITY.
02:33:54 >> YES, IT WILL.
02:33:55 >>Debbie Trice: THANK YOU.
02:33:56 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT.
02:33:57 ONE MORE QUESTION.
02:34:04 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: I JUST WANT CLARITY ON, ALL WE NEED TO
02:34:08 DO IS DO AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE, RIGHT?
02:34:15 >>David Smith: AT LEAST ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

02:34:17 I BELIEVE THERE IS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OVERLAY, WHICH IS
02:34:20 THE ZONING, TO CHANGE THE DENSITY THERE.
02:34:22 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: CHANGE THE HOUSING OVERLAY ZONING
02:34:25 DENSITY.
02:34:25 >>David Smith: YEAH.
02:34:26 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: AND WE CAN DO THAT WITHOUT A COMP PLAN
02:34:29 CHANGE?
02:34:32 >>Ryan Chapdelain: WE WOULD LOOK TO DO IT CONCURRENTLY WITH
02:34:35 THE COMP PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT.
02:34:37 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: AND GO AHEAD AND PROCESS THE ZONING
02:34:39 CHANGE.
02:34:41 >>David Smith: WE COULD MAKE THEM EFFECTIVE BASICALLY THE
02:34:44 SAME DATE.
02:34:45 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: OKAY.
02:34:46 WHAT KIND OF MOTION DO WE NEED TO APPROVE THAT?
02:34:50 >>Marlon Brown: I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE COMMISSION DIRECT
02:34:52 STAFF TO WORK WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A JOINT
02:34:56 APPLICATION PAID FOR BY THE APPLICANT FOR A COMP PLAN
02:35:00 AMENDMENT AND ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE SARASOTA HOUSING
02:35:03 AUTHORITY OVERLAY.
02:35:04 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: SO MOVED.
02:35:06 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: SECOND.
02:35:07 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
02:35:10 IS THERE A SECOND?
02:35:12 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.

02:35:14 COMMISSIONERS, MAY WE HAVE YOUR VOTES, PLEASE?
02:35:26 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: ALSO HAVE TO DO ANOTHER MOTION.
02:35:28 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:35:29 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
02:35:30 MOTION PASSES 5-0.
02:35:32 MOVING ON TO THE SECOND MOTION.
02:35:35 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: DON'T WE NEED A MOTION TO EXPAND THE
02:35:38 OVERLAY DISTRICT AS WELL.
02:35:40 >>Robert Fournier: I THOUGHT THAT WAS INCLUDED.
02:35:42 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: IS THIS INCLUDED IN THIS WHOLE --
02:35:45 >>Robert Fournier: ZTAs AND THEN THE ADDITIONAL FUTURE
02:35:47 LAND USE CHANGE --
02:35:49 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: IF THAT IS THE CASE, THEN WE DON'T NEED

02:35:52 ANOTHER MOTION.
02:35:52 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:35:53 NO NEED FOR A SECOND MOTION.
02:35:54 BEAUTIFUL.
02:35:55 THANK YOU GENTLEMEN VERY MUCH.
02:35:57 PROUD OF YOU.
02:35:57 GOOD WORK.
02:35:58 SHORT SPAN OF TIME.
02:36:01 MOVING ON TO ITEM 12.4, NEW BUSINESS.
02:36:10 THIS IS TO ANNOUNCE --
02:36:12 >>Shayla Griggs: YOU SKIPPED ONE.
02:36:14 3.

02:36:20 >>Mayor Battie: POINT THREE.
02:36:21 OKAY.
02:36:23 MY APOLOGIES.
02:36:25 I GET LOST FROM TIME TO TIME.
02:36:29 MOVING ON TO ITEM 12.3, NEW BUSINESS.
02:36:35 THIS IS REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY WORKSHOP MEETING
02:36:38 ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023, AT 9 A.M.
02:36:44 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON CITY MANAGER BROWN TO MAKE A
02:36:47 PRESENTATION.
02:36:47 >>Marlon Brown: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.
02:36:50 THIS IS WORKSHOP DATE THAT IS NOT ON YOUR CURRENT SCHEDULE,
02:36:53 SO WE ARE SEEKING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THIS DATE.
02:36:56 WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON OUR CAPITAL
02:36:59 IMPROVEMENT MASTER PLAN FOR WATER AND UTILITIES ON THIS
02:37:02 DATE, COMMISSIONERS.
02:37:03 AS YOU KNOW, WE ALREADY HAVE EMBEDDED RATES ALREADY ADOPTED
02:37:08 BY THE COMMISSION, SO WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT A RATE INCREASE,
02:37:12 BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE COMMISSION UP TO DATE.
02:37:15 WE HAVE A NEW COMMISSIONER ON THE CITY COMMISSION AND JUST
02:37:18 GET YOU UP TO DATE AS TO WHERE WE ARE WITH THAT MULTIYEAR
02:37:22 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND WHETHER WE ARE ON TARGET TO
02:37:26 MEET OUR 2030 DATE FOR ALL OF THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE HAVE
02:37:29 SLATED.
02:37:30 I ALSO WOULD LIKE THE COMMISSION TO ALSO NOTE THAT WE ARE
02:37:34 ALSO ADDING AN ADDITIONAL ITEM TO THAT DISCUSSION.

02:37:37 WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH WHO HAS
02:37:41 BEEN DISCUSSING WITH US THE ABILITY TO PUT IN PLACE OUR
02:37:48 VACATION RENTAL ORDINANCE CITYWIDE.
02:37:51 SO WE'D LIKE TO HAVE AN INITIAL DISCUSSION WITH THE
02:37:53 COMMISSION FIRST BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT JUST TO
02:37:57 GET YOUR INPUT ON THAT.
02:37:58 TWO ITEMS FOR THAT WORKSHOP, AN UPDATE ON OUR CAPITAL
02:38:02 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WATER UTILITIES AND A DISCUSSION
02:38:05 ABOUT VACATION RENTALS CITYWIDE.
02:38:08 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:38:09 THANK YOU.
02:38:10 MR. BROWN.
02:38:12 COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS.
02:38:16 NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
02:38:18 ASK FOR A MOTION.

02:38:18 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED MEETING
02:38:21 DATE.
02:38:21 >>Mayor Battie: SECOND?
02:38:22 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: SECOND.
02:38:23 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH AND
02:38:25 SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
02:38:29 COMMISSIONERS, MAY WE HAVE YOUR VOTES, PLEASE?
02:38:30 I LIKE THIS NEW MICROPHONE.
02:38:36 EXCELLENT.
02:38:37 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?

02:38:39 MOTION PASSES 5-0.
02:38:41 MOVING ON TO NOW ITEM 12.4, NEW BUSINESS.
02:38:46 THIS IS REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE MAYOR AND THE
02:38:50 CITY AUDITOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROPOSED AGREEMENT
02:38:53 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SARASOTA AND BRADEN RIVER UTILITIES,
02:38:56 LLC, AND LAKEWOOD RANCH STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT.
02:39:00 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON UTILITIES DIRECTOR RIEBE TO MAKE A
02:39:05 PRESENTATION.
02:39:06 THERE YOU ARE, SIR.
02:39:08 >>Bill Riebe: GOOD AFTERNOON.
02:39:09 BILL RIEBE, UTILITIES DIRECTOR.
02:39:11 SO BEFORE YOU IS AN AGENDA ITEM THAT BASICALLY ASSIGNS AN
02:39:18 EXISTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRADEN RIVER UTILITIES, LLC,
02:39:22 TO A NEW DISTRICT, THE LAKEWOOD RANCH STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT.
02:39:27 THE AGREEMENT IS A 20-YEAR AGREEMENT THAT THE CITY
02:39:30 COMMISSION APPROVED IN 2016.
02:39:32 IT EXPIRES IN 2036.
02:39:34 SO, AGAIN, THIS IS JUST A SIMPLE REASSIGNMENT OF THAT EXACT
02:39:37 SAME AGREEMENT.
02:39:38 NO CHANGES TO THE AGREEMENT.
02:39:42 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:39:43 THANK YOU, SIR.
02:39:44 NO QUESTIONS.
02:39:46 NO ONE IS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
02:39:48 I GUESS WE JUST MOVE ON TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

02:39:55 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT
02:39:57 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SARASOTA AND BRADEN RIVER UTILITIES,
02:40:00 LLC, AND LAKEWOOD RANCH STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT PROVIDING THE
02:40:04 CITY'S CONSENT FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CITY'S TRANSMISSION
02:40:07 AND USE OF RECLAIMED WATER AGREEMENT WITH BRADEN RIVER
02:40:11 UTILITIES, LLC, TO THE LAKEWOOD RANCH STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT.
02:40:18 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT AND
02:40:20 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
02:40:23 COMMISSIONERS, MAY WE HAVE YOUR VOTES, PLEASE.
02:40:25 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
02:40:32 >> YES.
02:40:33 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:40:33 MOTION PASSES 5-0.
02:40:35 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. RIEBE.
02:40:36 THANK YOU.
02:40:36 MOVING ON TO ITEM 12.5, NEW BUSINESS.
02:40:41 THIS IS TO ANNOUNCE THE REQUEST TO FLY THE PRIDE FLAG AT

02:40:47 CITY HALL.
02:40:48 CALL UPON OUR GREAT VICE MAYOR, LIZ ALPERT, TO MAKE A
02:40:52 PRESENTATION.
02:40:53 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: I DON'T HAVE A HUGE PRESENTATION, BUT I
02:40:56 WAS ASKED TO PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA BECAUSE UNDER OUR NEW
02:41:00 ORDINANCE WE HAVE TO VOTE ON THESE THINGS BEFORE WE CAN FLY
02:41:05 THESE FLAGS.
02:41:07 WE'VE FLOWN THE PRIDE FLAG IN THE PAST.

02:41:10 JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH AND FOR THE FIRST SEVEN DAYS OF JUNE
02:41:15 WE'LL BE LIGHTING THE BRIDGE IN HONOR OF PRIDE MONTH AND SO
02:41:20 I THOUGHT IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO FLY THE FLAG, THE PRIDE FLAG
02:41:25 FOR THOSE SEVEN DAYS AS WELL.
02:41:29 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:41:32 >> JASON CHAMPION, PRESIDENT OF PROJECT PRIDE SARASOTA.
02:41:35 I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LGBTQ
02:41:39 COMMUNITY AND A 20-YEAR RESIDENT.
02:41:40 PROJECT PRIDE'S MISSION IS TO BUILD INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES
02:41:44 THAT SUPPORT AND UNITE ALL.
02:41:45 PROJECT PRIDE WISHES TO CONTINUE OUR LONG-STANDING
02:41:49 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF SARASOTA, AND THANK YOU FOR
02:41:51 LIGHTING THE BRIDGE THIS JUNE AND FOR HELPING PUSH THROUGH
02:41:54 OUR ART PROJECT OF PAINTING THE CROSSWALK.
02:41:56 MY REQUEST TODAY IS SIMPLE AND IT COMES FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS,
02:42:00 FRIENDS AND FAMILIES.
02:42:01 WE ASK THAT YOU FLY THE PRIDE FLAG OVER CITY HALL DURING THE
02:42:04 MONTH OF JUNE, NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PRIDE MONTH.
02:42:07 THE RAINBOW FLAG REPRESENTS MORE THAN JUST A PARADE OR
02:42:10 PARTY.
02:42:11 IT REPRESENTS EVERYTHING HUMAN.
02:42:13 RED, MEANING LIFE, ORANGE, MEANING HEALING, YELLOW FOR THE
02:42:17 SUN, GREEN FOR NATURE, BLUE FOR ART, AND PURPLE FOR SPIRIT.
02:42:24 UNDERSTANDING THESE VALUES THAT ALIGN IN THE CITY'S FLAG AND
02:42:28 THE CITY OF SARASOTA'S MISSION ARE HIGH-PERFORMING

02:42:31 ACCOUNTING AND TAKES PRIDE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE THAT ADDS
02:42:33 VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY.
02:42:34 WITH THE RECENT BACKLASH OF THE LGBTQ ANTI-LEGISLATION, THE
02:42:39 COMMUNITY IS IN SHOCK.
02:42:40 PRIDE FLAGS SHOULD BE SHOWN AND BE A BRIGHT SPOT IN DARK
02:42:45 TIMES SHOWING SARASOTA IS AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN OPEN AND
02:42:48 LOVING COMMUNITY.
02:42:49 YOUR SUPPORT SHOWS THAT SARASOTA IS A SAFE PLACE TO VISIT
02:42:52 AND TO LIVE.
02:42:53 THANK YOU.
02:42:53 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.
02:42:55 THANK YOU.
02:42:56 CALL UPON THOSE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
02:42:58 IF YOU CAN JOIN US, MR. KEN SHELIN.
02:43:08 >> THANK YOU.
02:43:08 KEN SHELIN.
02:43:11 I'VE LIVED A THIRD OF MY ENTIRE LIFE IN THE CITY.
02:43:17 ANYWAY, THAT'S A LONG TIME, GUYS.
02:43:20 [LAUGHTER]

02:43:20 83 YEARS.
02:43:22 ANYWAY, MY COMMENTS RELATE TO THE PROCESS THAT YOU'RE USING
02:43:27 FOR APPROVAL.
02:43:28 AND I HOPE YOU'LL TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.
02:43:31 TRUE AND FULL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IS A CONSEQUENCE OF
02:43:34 INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES EMBODIED IN THE AMERICAN

02:43:38 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND CONSTITUTION.
02:43:40 TODAY IN THE UNITED STATES, WE HAVE ACHIEVED THE MOST
02:43:43 RELIGIOUSLY DIVERSE AND TOLERANT SOCIETY IN THE WORLD.
02:43:47 THIS DIVERSITY, THIS TOLERANCE, AND THIS LIBERTY COULD NOT
02:43:51 HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE COMPLETE SEPARATION OF CHURCH
02:43:55 AND STATE THAT HAS BEEN A CHERISHED PRINCIPLE AND PRACTICE
02:43:58 OF OUR GOVERNMENT FROM OUR FOUNDING.
02:44:00 OUR COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON THE NATURAL AUTHORITY OF THE
02:44:05 PEOPLE ALONE AS JOHN ADAMS SAID.
02:44:07 AND THE USE OF REASON AND SCIENCE AS GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR
02:44:12 THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT, RATHER THAN
02:44:17 THE PRONOUNCEMENTS OF A THEOCRACY.
02:44:20 OUR CONSTITUTION PROTECTS THE INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM TO BELIEVE
02:44:24 OR NOT IN A RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE.
02:44:26 IT'S CLEAR THAT THIS CAN ONLY OCCUR IN A SECULAR GOVERNMENT.
02:44:31 SADLY, WE CONTINUE TO FACE PRESSURES TODAY FROM RELIGIOUS
02:44:36 GROUPS, AND YOU HAVE TOO, THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE
02:44:39 INTERMINGLING OF STATE AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.
02:44:42 THIS PRESSURE IS GROWING MORE INTENSE, ESPECIALLY IN
02:44:46 FLORIDA.
02:44:47 JAMES MADISON SAID THAT RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT WILL BOTH
02:44:51 EXIST IN GREATER PURITY THE LESS THEY ARE MIXED TOGETHER.
02:44:55 PARAPHRASING THE WORDS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON AND JAMES
02:44:59 MADISON, IF ALL RELIGIONS ARE TO HAVE FREE SCOPE WITHIN OUR
02:45:04 BORDERS, IF WE ARE TO MINIMIZE COLLISIONS BETWEEN THE RIGHTS

02:45:08 OF RELIGION AND CIVIL AUTHORITY, IF WE ARE TO PROTECT ALL
02:45:13 RELIGIONS FROM TRESPASSES ON THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS BY OTHERS
02:45:17 AND VICE VERSA, IF ALL RELIGIOUS SECTS ARE TO BE ENTIRELY
02:45:23 FREE TO FLOURISH IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL PURITY, THEN WE MUST BE
02:45:27 CONSTANTLY VIGILANT TO ASSURE THAT FULL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY BY
02:45:31 PREVENTING BREACHES IN THE FULL SEPARATION BETWEEN CHURCH
02:45:34 AND STATE.
02:45:35 THEREFORE, I'M ASKING THAT YOU AS AN INSTITUTION SET AS A
02:45:41 STRICT POLICY OF NOT BREACHING THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND
02:45:45 STATE BY NOT ALLOWING THE FLYING OF ANY RELIGIOUS FLAG FROM
02:45:49 OUR CITY FLAGPOLES.
02:45:52 THANK YOU.
02:45:54 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. SHELIN.
02:45:56 NO PUBLIC COMMENT OR COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS OR ANYTHING LIKE
02:46:02 THAT.
02:46:02 VICE MAYOR ALPERT.
02:46:07 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: I JUST WANTED TO SAY OUR ORDINANCE
02:46:10 PROHIBITS FLYING RELIGIOUS FLAGS.
02:46:14 SO WE DID PUT THAT PROCESS IN PLACE.
02:46:19 >> YOU NEED TO GIVE IT PUBLIC VISIBILITY.
02:46:27 >>Mayor Battie: ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

02:46:31 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: MOVE APPROVAL TO HAVE THE PRIDE FLAG
02:46:33 FLY AT CITY HALL FOR I THINK IT'S JUNE 1st THROUGH 7th,
02:46:38 THE SAME DATES THAT WE'RE LIGHTING THE BRIDGE FOR PRIDE
02:46:41 MONTH.

02:46:44 >>Mayor Battie: MOTION MADE BY VICE MAYOR ALPERT AND
02:46:46 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
02:46:48 NO DISCUSSION.
02:46:52 COMMISSION, CAST YOUR VOTES, PLEASE.
02:46:54 COMMISSIONERS, IS THAT YOUR VOTE?
02:47:06 >> YES.
02:47:06 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:47:07 MOTION PASSES 5-0.
02:47:09 THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.
02:47:11 MOVING RIGHT ALONG TO CITIZENS' INPUT, NONE.
02:47:21 WOW.
02:47:25 DON'T THEY KNOW WE'RE GOING ON BREAK?
02:47:28 THEY DON'T WANT TO JUMP ON US BEFORE WE GO?
02:47:32 LET'S MOVE RIGHT INTO REMARKS BY OUR CHARTER OFFICIALS,
02:47:42 STARTING WITH MR. ROBINSON.
02:47:47 >>Pat Robinson: NOTHING, SIR.
02:47:55 >>Mayor Battie: HOW ABOUT THE CITY ATTORNEY, MR. BOB
02:47:57 FOURNIER?
02:47:58 >>Robert Fournier: I HAD TWO THINGS I WANTED TO MENTION.
02:47:59 ONE HAS TO DO WITH A POSSIBLE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT.
02:48:03 AND THE CITY ATTORNEY IS AUTHORIZED IN THE CODE TO INITIATE
02:48:08 ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS, EXCEPT I NEVER DO BECAUSE THEY ARE
02:48:10 MOSTLY ABOUT POLICY, BUT WHEN THERE IS A LEGAL REASON, AND I
02:48:13 THINK THERE IS A MINOR -- RELATIVELY MINOR.
02:48:16 HOPEFULLY IT WILL STAY THAT WAY, ABOUT THE CITY'S INTERNAL

02:48:19 APPEAL PROCESSES.
02:48:20 AS YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU GET AN APPEAL FROM A DECISION OF THE
02:48:22 PLANNING BOARD ON SOMETHING THAT IS APPEALABLE LIKE THAT, OR
02:48:26 FOR THAT MATTER, IF THE PLANNING BOARD HEARS AN APPEAL OF AN
02:48:29 ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION, THEY JUST HOLD A NEW HEARING.
02:48:31 IT IS A BRAND-NEW HEARING.
02:48:32 YOU DON'T REVIEW THE RECORD OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING
02:48:35 AND FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY DID WRONG OR WHAT THEY DID RIGHT OR
02:48:38 WHAT YOU WANT TO CHANGE.
02:48:39 YOU JUST HOLD YOUR OWN HEARING, WHICH IS CALLED DE NOVO, TWO
02:48:44 WORDS, WHICH MEANS TO START ANEW, WHICH REALLY, FOR REASONS
02:48:49 I WON'T GET INTO, IS THE ONLY WAY I THINK LAWFULLY THAT YOU
02:48:51 CAN DO IT.
02:48:52 THE PROBLEM I'VE NOTICED IS IN THE ZONING CODE THERE IS
02:48:55 MAYBE SAY A DOZEN DIFFERENT POSSIBLE APPEALS, AND EIGHT OR
02:48:58 NINE OF THOSE TIMES IT SAYS SPECIFICALLY THE WORDS DE NOVO
02:49:02 ARE IN THERE TO MODIFY THE TYPE OF APPEAL.
02:49:05 BUT THERE ARE SOME INSTANCES WHERE IT HAS BEEN LEFT OUT.
02:49:10 I AM CONCERN, THIS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE PAST THAT IT WILL
02:49:12 COME UP AGAIN, THAT SOMEONE IS GOING TO ARGUE, WELL, THAT
02:49:15 MEANS YOU HAVE TO REVIEW THE RECORD.
02:49:17 PEOPLE SAY, FOR EXAMPLE, WHO SPOKE AT THE PLANNING BOARD WHO
02:49:19 DIDN'T SPEAK, COULDN'T COME AND SPEAK TO THE COMMISSION.

02:49:22 THAT'S VERY IMPRACTICAL.
02:49:24 SO WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO, IF THERE'S CONSENSUS, IS JUST TO GO

02:49:27 AHEAD AND GET THE PERMISSION OF THE COMMISSION TO ELIMINATE
02:49:33 THE NEED HERE TO LET GO TO DRC WITH THIS OR HAVE A STAFF
02:49:37 REPORT AND LET ME TAKE IT TO THE PLANNING BOARD WITH AN
02:49:40 ORDINANCE, FULLY EXPLAIN IT, AND THEN IT WOULD COME TO YOU
02:49:43 AFTER THAT.

02:49:43 I THINK IT'S SOMETHING, IT IS A HOUSEKEEPING THING THAT WE
02:49:46 NEED TO DO AND I DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD BE ANY CONCERN
02:49:49 WITH IT AND I DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT WITHOUT BRINGING IT UP.
02:49:53 THAT WAS THE FIRST THING.

02:49:54 THE SECOND THING IS I'VE HAD INQUIRIES ABOUT THAT SIT-LIE
02:49:57 ORDINANCE THAT WAS ON THE COMMISSION'S AGENDA LAST YEAR AND
02:49:59 WAS READY TO COME BACK IN AUGUST.

02:50:01 AND I WAS ASKED TO WITHHOLD THAT AT THE TIME.

02:50:04 I THINK THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WANTED TO TALK TO THE
02:50:06 COMMISSIONERS ABOUT CERTAIN THINGS.

02:50:08 MAY STILL HAVE CONCERNS.

02:50:09 I HAD NO PROBLEM IN DOING THAT, BUT NOW IT'S SORT OF, I WAS
02:50:13 SORT OF WAITING ON DIRECTION AS TO WHAT TO DO, AND I'M NOT
02:50:16 CERTAIN.

02:50:16 SO WE COULD JUST BRING THAT BACK FOR CONSIDERATION.

02:50:19 I THINK IT WAS SCHEDULED TO COME FOR SECOND READING OR WE
02:50:22 COULD BRING IT BACK FOR A DISCUSSION OR YOU COULD TELL ME
02:50:25 NOW.

02:50:26 I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO BE DOING WITH IT AND DIDN'T WANT IT TO
02:50:31 JUST GO OFF THE CLIFF.

02:50:32 IF THERE'S CONSENSUS, I CAN JUST PUT THAT ON THE AGENDA,
02:50:36 PROBABLY NOT THE FIRST MEETING AFTER THE BREAK BECAUSE THERE
02:50:38 WILL BE A LOT OF OTHER ITEMS, BUT THE FIRST MEETING THAT
02:50:41 THERE'S TIME AND AN OPENING TO DISCUSS IT, IF THAT'S WHAT
02:50:44 THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO DO.

>>Debbie Trice: WILL WE HAVE TIME MAYBE TO DISCUSS IT AT A
02:50:51 WORKSHOP BEFORE IT GOES ON COMMISSION AGENDA?

>>Robert Fournier: WELL, IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT SUBJECT TO
02:50:55 THAT CAVEAT, CERTAINLY, I DON'T SEE WHY NOT.

02:51:00 IF THERE IS A WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE OTHER
02:51:02 COMMISSIONERS TO DO THAT.

02:51:04 OR YOU COULD JUST PUT IT ON FOR DISCUSSION FOR ADOPTION, BUT
02:51:09 IT IS SCHEDULED TO COME BACK FOR SECOND READING.

02:51:10 IT PASSED ON FIRST READING, AND I WAS GIVEN THE DIRECTION TO
02:51:13 LOOK AT A FEW THINGS AND TO COME BACK AND REPORT BACK ON
02:51:17 THINGS LIKE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA AND THE HOURS IT WOULD BE IN
02:51:20 EFFECT, WHICH I CAN DO, BUT I JUST DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING
02:51:24 WITH IT WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH THE COMMISSION INITIALLY.

>>Debbie Trice: YOU JUST SAID SOMETHING ABOUT BEING ASKED TO
02:51:32 SPEAK TO SPD ABOUT IT.

02:51:34 DID YOU AND --

>>Robert Fournier: I DID.

02:51:36 I HAVE TO LET THEM SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES ON THIS.

02:51:37 I UNDERSTOOD THEY WANTED TO SPEAK WITH COMMISSIONERS ABOUT
02:51:42 IT, WHICH THEY HAVE, I THINK, MORE THAN ONCE, IF I'M NOT

02:51:44

02:51:46 MISTAKEN.
02:51:47 PERHAPS YOU WEREN'T ON THE COMMISSION THE FIRST TIME.
02:51:50 >>Debbie Trice: I WASN'T ON FOR THE FIRST READING.
02:51:55 >>Robert Fournier: I DON'T HAVE A RECOMMENDATION.
02:51:56 I'M CERTAINLY WILLING AND ABLE TO DO WHATEVER THE
02:51:59 COMMISSION'S DIRECTION IS.
02:52:00 BUT AT SOME POINT YOU PROBABLY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE IT
02:52:03 UP AGAIN.
02:52:05 >>Marlon Brown: IF I MAY SAY SOMETHING AS WELL, PART OF THE
02:52:08 DISCUSSION WAS GIVING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SPD TO SEE HOW IT
02:52:10 WAS WORKING.
02:52:11 SO THAT SHOULD BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION AS WELL.
02:52:14 I DON'T THINK, MR. ROBINSON, WE'VE HAD ANY ISSUES WITH THE
02:52:18 ACTUAL ORDINANCE AND ITS EFFECTIVENESS.
02:52:26 >>Pat Robinson: I'M GETTING USED TO THE NONDIRECTIONAL MIKE.
02:52:29 SORRY.
02:52:29 I THINK IT'S 30-3, RIGHT, BOB?
02:52:32 >>Robert Fournier: YES, THAT IS THE EXISTING SECTION.
02:52:33 >>Pat Robinson: THE CONVERSATION WAS IF WE HAVE A CURRENTLY
02:52:36 EXISTING ORDINANCE THAT IS IN PLACE AND HAS BEEN IN PLACE
02:52:39 FOR SOME TIME AND IS ACTUALLY FUNCTIONAL, NOT TO ADD
02:52:42 ADDITIONAL LAYERS ON TOP OF THAT THAT COULD RESULT IN A
02:52:45 SIGNIFICANT CIVIL LIABILITY ON BEHALF OF BOTH THE OFFICER
02:52:52 AND THE CITY.
02:52:53 THEY WERE TRACKING NUMBERS.

02:52:54 I DON'T HAVE THOSE ON HAND.
02:52:55 I'LL MAKE SURE THAT THE CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEF SCHEDULE A
02:52:57 ONE-ON-ONE WITH YOU, COMMISSIONER, TO DISCUSSION THE
02:53:00 FINDINGS.
02:53:01 AND ANY COMMISSIONERS THAT WANT A REVAMP, WE CAN MAKE THAT
02:53:04 HAPPEN AS WELL.
02:53:04 JUST LET ME KNOW.
02:53:05 >>Robert Fournier: I'M NOT ASKING FOR A COMMITMENT FOR ANY
02:53:08 PARTICULAR ACTION ON IT.
02:53:09 IF THE COMMISSION DECIDES YOU WANT TO DEFER IT FOR
02:53:11 ADDITIONAL TIME TO SEE IF THE CURRENT ORDINANCE IS WORKING,
02:53:14 NOT TO ADOPT IT OR TO ADOPT IT, THAT'S GOING TO BE UP TO
02:53:17 YOU.
02:53:17 I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE SCHEDULING AND THE DISCUSSION.
02:53:21 >>Marlon Brown: PIGGY BACK ON WHAT MR. FOURNIER IS SAYING, I
02:53:24 KNOW YOU'VE SEEN A COUPLE OF E-MAILS COME IN ON THE SIT-LIE
02:53:27 ORDINANCE, AGAIN, IF WE HAVE AN ORDINANCE WORKING, I KNOW
02:53:30 INDIVIDUALS DON'T LIKE TO SEE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS JUST
02:53:33 SITTING ON THE SIDEWALK OR LAYING ON THE SIDEWALK, AGAIN, IF
02:53:36 WE HAVE AN EXISTING ORDINANCE THAT'S WORKING AND THERE'S NO
02:53:39 NEED FOR THIS, BUT WE CAN HAVE THE CONVERSATION IF THE
02:53:43 COMMISSION IS SO INCLINED OR YOU CAN JUST ALLOW THE EXISTING
02:53:46 ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE WORKING.
02:53:49 I'M SEEING AN IMPROVEMENT IN OUR DOWNTOWN.
02:53:51 I'M SEEING AN IMPROVEMENT BY THE TRANSFER STATION.

02:53:55 AGAIN, YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE REGARDLESS WHETHER YOU HAVE

02:53:59 SIT-LIE OR EXISTING ORDINANCE TO GET E-MAILS OF INDIVIDUALS
02:54:02 COMPLAINING ABOUT INDIVIDUALS SITTING ONLY ON THE SIDEWALK.
02:54:08 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: IS IT SOMETHING WE COULD ADD TO THAT
02:54:10 JULY 10 WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS?
02:54:13 WE WOULD NEED THE INPUT FROM SPD, THOUGH, FIRST?
02:54:17 OR SHOULD WE JUST DO IT AT A MEETING WHERE THEY COULD COME
02:54:21 AND TALK ABOUT WHAT THEIR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN?
02:54:25 >>Marlon Brown: I WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION TO PUT
02:54:27 IT AT A SEPARATE WORKSHOP, BOTH THE UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL
02:54:31 IMPROVEMENT MASTER PLAN AND VACATION RENTAL WILL PROBABLY
02:54:34 TAKE THE TWO HOURS THAT WE NORMALLY HAVE ALLOCATED FOR A
02:54:37 WORKSHOP.
02:54:38 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: OKAY.
02:54:39 >>Robert Fournier: SO JUST WAIT UNTIL AFTER THAT WORKSHOP
02:54:42 AND I GUESS WE COULD PUT IT ON THE AGENDA AS TO WHAT ACTION
02:54:45 TO TAKE, WHETHER YOU WANT IT TO COME BACK FOR SECOND READING
02:54:48 OR WHETHER YOU DON'T AFTER THE WORKSHOP IS THAT THE IDEA?
02:54:51 >>Marlon Brown: PROBABLY SAVE FOR THE AUGUST WORKSHOP OR
02:54:53 SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP.
02:54:55 >>Robert Fournier: THAT'S FINE.
02:54:56 I JUST DIDN'T WANT IT TO BE HANGING OUT THERE AND NOT KNOW
02:54:58 WHAT TO TELL PEOPLE, SO I SAID I WOULD BRING IT UP.
02:55:03 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:55:04 CITY AUDITOR AND CLERK HAS A LOT TO SAY.

02:55:07 NO.
02:55:08 OKAY.
02:55:08 MR. BROWN.
02:55:10 >>Marlon Brown: ONE QUICK ITEM, MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.
02:55:12 AS WE CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE WHOLE ISSUE OF AFFORDABLE
02:55:17 HOUSING, I WANT TO HAVE YOU RECALL THAT WE HAVE AN
02:55:20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.
02:55:22 THAT FUND IS ONLY SLATED TO BE USED FOR OWNER OCCUPIED
02:55:27 DWELLINGS.
02:55:28 WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND THAT TO ALSO INCLUDE RENTALS BECAUSE
02:55:31 WE HAVE A LOT OF RENTALS THAT WOULD BE -- THAT WOULD BE
02:55:36 BUILT, AND THIS FUND COULD ALSO BE USED FOR THAT.
02:55:40 WE WOULD BE BRINGING BACK THAT ORDINANCE FOR THE
02:55:42 COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION TO JUST EXPAND THAT TO ALSO
02:55:45 INCLUDE RENTALS AS WELL AS OWNER OCCUPIED.
02:55:47 THAT'S THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.
02:55:50 THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE IN THE CITY'S BUDGET TO BE USED FOR
02:55:55 AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
02:55:56 THAT'S ALL I HAVE.
02:55:59 PLEASE ENJOY YOUR BREAK.
02:56:01 WE WILL BE WORKING VERY HARD ON YOUR BUDGET.
02:56:05 SO WE WILL BE HERE BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL.
02:56:09 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:56:10 COMMISSIONER TRICE.
02:56:12 >>Debbie Trice: I GOT TWO THINGS.

02:56:14 ONE IS I WENT TO THE MANASOTA NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT ON FRIDAY,
02:56:22 AND IT ROTATES BETWEEN MANATEE COUNTY, SARASOTA COUNTY, AND
02:56:27 CITY OF SARASOTA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, AND THIS YEAR IT WAS

02:56:32 RUN BY OUR OWN NANCY KELLY, AND IT WAS AN EXCELLENT MORNING.
02:56:39 LOTS OF PEOPLE.
02:56:40 LOTS OF INFORMATION.
02:56:45 AND THERE WERE A COUPLE OF IDEAS THAT I E-MAILED THE CITY
02:56:50 MANAGER AND A COUPLE OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS, BUT ONE OF THE
02:56:54 THINGS I DID WANT TO POINT OUT, THERE IS SOMETHING CALLED A
02:56:59 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM, AND THEY REFER TO
02:57:04 THEMSELVES AS THE FIRST RESPONDERS BEFORE THE PROS SHOW UP.
02:57:10 IF THERE'S A HURRICANE OR OTHER KIND OF DISASTER, THESE ARE
02:57:16 THE NEIGHBORHOOD PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP OUT UNTIL THE PROS CAN
02:57:20 GET TO THAT NEIGHBORHOOD.
02:57:21 NOW, I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT AS MUCH AS ONE OF THE
02:57:26 THINGS THEY MENTIONED WAS HAVING A CENTRAL POINT WHERE
02:57:33 PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD COULD GATHER AND FIND OUT WHERE
02:57:37 THEY COULD CHARGE THEIR CELL PHONES IF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD HAS
02:57:40 NO ELECTRICITY, WHERE THEY CAN GET SOME WATER.
02:57:45 AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I RAN INTO WITH IAN IS I WAS
02:57:49 DYING TO KNOW WHERE I COULD GET SOME HOT FOOD.
02:57:52 BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL I MET SOME NEIGHBORS A COUPLE OF DAYS
02:57:56 LATER THAT I LEARNED THAT.
02:57:57 SO I'M JUST THROWING THAT OUT THERE, AND I DID MENTION TO
02:58:03 RICHARD HARRIS OF CCNA THAT THIS MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT

02:58:07 WOULD BE VALUABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL NEIGHBORHOODS TO THINK
02:58:11 ABOUT.
02:58:11 SO THEN THE OTHER THING IS I WENT TO THE NEWTOWN CRA BOARD
02:58:18 MEETING, AND THAT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE AND THAT'S MOVING
02:58:24 ALONG.
02:58:25 SO THAT'S ALL I HAD.
02:58:27 >>Mayor Battie: ALL RIGHT.
02:58:30 >>Debbie Trice: ADVISORY BOARD.
02:58:32 >>Mayor Battie: EXCELLENT.
02:58:33 COMMISSIONER AHEARN-KOCH.
02:58:34 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THANK YOU.
02:58:35 I HAVE A COUPLE OF THINGS.
02:58:40 JUST SOME OF THE MEETINGS I ATTENDED, ONE WAS THE D.I.D. AND
02:58:43 THEY TALKED A LOT ABOUT DECORATIVE LIGHTING DOWNTOWN DURING
02:58:47 THE HOLIDAYS.
02:58:47 THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE AND THEN THE PUBLIC ART PLAN OPEN
02:58:51 HOUSE.
02:58:51 CCNA ON SATURDAY.
02:58:53 I WENT TO AN EVENT BY ARCHITECTURE SARASOTA RECOGNIZING
02:58:57 McCULLOCH PAVILION AND SARASOTA ALLIANCE FOR HISTORIC
02:59:01 PRESERVATION HERITAGE AWARDS CEREMONY AT THE VAN WEZEL.
02:59:04 I ATTENDED THE VISIT SARASOTA COUNTY'S NATIONAL TRAVEL AND
02:59:09 TOURISM WEEK EVENT, THE INDIAN BEACH SAPPHIRE SHORES SEMI
02:59:14 ANNUAL MEETING.
02:59:15 MANASOTA LEAGUE MEETING WAS THIS PAST FRIDAY, AND WE TALKED

02:59:20 A LOT ABOUT SOME OF THE BILLS, WHICH I WILL BRING UP IN A
02:59:23 MINUTE, THAT PASSED.
02:59:24 I ALSO ATTENDED THE CRA MEETING, BUT I HAD TO LEAVE RIGHT
02:59:28 BEFORE IT ENDED.
02:59:29 AND THE TDC, TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING AS WELL.

02:59:34 I ALSO WANTED TO SEGUE THAT INTO A VISIT FROM THE EPA.
02:59:42 SO AS YOU ALL KNOW, I SIT ON THE BOARD OF THE SARASOTA BAY
02:59:45 ESTUARY.
02:59:46 AND EVERY FIVE YEARS THE EPA COMES DOWN AND MONITORS THIS
02:59:49 ESTUARY PROGRAM.
02:59:50 IT'S ONE OF I BELIEVE 28 IN THE COUNTRY.
02:59:53 THEY TOURED SARASOTA FOR TWO DAYS, AND THEN ON THE THIRD DAY
02:59:56 AT OUR MEETING THEY GAVE AN EVALUATION TO THE SARASOTA BAY
02:59:59 ESTUARY.
03:00:01 AND I PARTICIPATED IN A PIECE OF THAT TOUR WHERE THEY TOOK
03:00:04 THE BOARD DOWN RINGLING AND TALKED ABOUT THE BIOSWALES
03:00:09 THERE.
03:00:09 WE WENT TO MARINA JACK PARK WHERE WE HAVE THE LIVING SEAWALL
03:00:14 AND THEN THE LIVING SHORELINE AND A LOT OF OUR EFFORTS.
03:00:16 THEN THEY WENT OFF AND THEY DID SOME OTHER TOURS.
03:00:19 THEY WENT UP TO MLK PARK TO SEE THE INITIATIVE THAT WE'RE
03:00:22 WORKING WITH THE SARASOTA BAY ESTUARY THERE.
03:00:24 YOU ALL KNOW ABOUT THAT, WHICH IS GOING TO BE KAYAK AND
03:00:28 CANOE LAUNCH AREA, PERHAPS A DOCK.
03:00:31 OPENING THAT UP ALLOWS US FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

03:00:34 SO THE SARASOTA BAY ESTUARY HAS MONEY SPECIFICALLY ALLOCATED
03:00:39 FOR DOING PROJECTS LIKE THAT IN AREAS INCREASING THE EQUITY.
03:00:44 SO IT'S REALLY A PERFECT FIT.
03:00:46 THE EPA GAVE THE SARASOTA BAY ESTUARY A STELLAR EVALUATION
03:00:52 WITH SOME MINOR SUGGESTIONS WHICH SOME OF THEM HAD TO DO
03:00:56 WITH DAVE TOMASKO, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IS GOING
03:01:00 TO BE RETIRING IN TWO AND A HALF YEARS.
03:01:02 THEY SAID YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW, ABOUT HOW YOU'RE
03:01:05 GOING TO REPLACE THIS AMAZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
03:01:08 AND ON THAT NOTE, HE HAS GIVEN -- HE SENDS OUT E-MAILS
03:01:12 REGULARLY UPDATING US ON ALL KINDS OF ISSUES WITH OUR BAY.
03:01:16 AND THERE ARE TWO THAT I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL.
03:01:20 HE LIKES TO WRITE A LOT.
03:01:23 THEY ARE VERY LONG.
03:01:24 I TRIED TO SUMMARIZE THEM.
03:01:26 I WILL DO THE BEST I CAN TO SUMMARIZE THEM SHORTLY.
03:01:29 ONE REPORT THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT I THOUGHT I WOULD
03:01:34 SHARE WITH YOU, SO MY NOTES ARE OUR NUTRIENT LOAD MODELS IN
03:01:40 SARASOTA BAY ARE TWO TO THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN 80 TO 100
03:01:44 YEARS AGO.
03:01:45 HUMANS ARE MAKING NATURALLY OCCURRING RED TIDE WORSE.
03:01:50 THE SARASOTA BAY ESTUARY'S APPROACH IS TO FOCUS ON REDUCING
03:01:53 THE WATERSHED NITROGEN LOADS AND INCREASING THE BAY'S
03:01:57 ASSIMILATION CAPACITY.
03:01:59 OZONE IS AN OXYGEN MOLECULE WITH AN EXTRA OXYGEN AT ONLINE,

03:02:05 SO 03 INSTEAD OF 02.
03:02:07 MOTE RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT ADDING OZONE TO THE WATER CAN
03:02:12 REDUCE KARENIA BREVIS.
03:02:14 WHICH IS RED TIDE SUBSTANTIALLY.
03:02:16 THE PROBLEM OR CHALLENGE WITH THIS IS HOW DO YOU SCALE IT?
03:02:21 SO THE SARASOTA BAY ESTUARY IS WORKING WITH MOTE AND ANOTHER
03:02:25 ORGANIZATION TO PRODUCE A QUARTER SCALE PILOT PROJECT TO

03:02:30 OXYGENATE ONE TO TWO THOUSAND GALLONS A MINUTE, AND THEY ARE
03:02:35 WILLING TO BRING THAT PROTOTYPE HERE TO THE SARASOTA BAY TO
03:02:38 TEST IT.
03:02:39 THIS COMPANY WILL PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT AND THE SARASOTA BAY
03:02:44 ESTUARY PROVIDED FUNDING FOR THE TESTING AND THEN THE
03:02:47 SARASOTA BAY ESTUARY IS GOING TO REPORT THESE RESULTS, GOOD,
03:02:52 BAD, OR NEUTRAL.
03:02:53 AND THEN ONCE THEY DO THIS TEST, THEY ARE GOING TO RELEASE
03:02:57 IT TO THE PUBLIC AND ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO DO WITH IT WHAT
03:03:00 THEY CAN.
03:03:01 AND THE KEY HERE IS, IS THIS SCALABLE?
03:03:05 IT REALLY COULD BE SOMETHING, AND IT MIGHT NOT BE.
03:03:08 BUT THE SARASOTA BAY ESTUARY DID PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THIS
03:03:14 INITIAL TEST.
03:03:14 IT HAS TO BE DONE ON THE BAY.
03:03:17 THEY ARE WAITING FOR US TO HAVE RED TIDE THE WAY IT WAS
03:03:22 BEFORE, A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, RIGHT AFTER THE HURRICANE,
03:03:25 THAT BAD, SO THEY CAN DO AN AREA WHERE THEY TEST AND THEN IN
03:03:28 AN AREA WHERE THEY CONTROL AND MONITOR AND THEN RELEASE THE
03:03:31 RESULTS.
03:03:32 THAT'S SOMETHING I THOUGHT REALLY OF SIGNIFICANCE THAT I
03:03:38 COULD SHARE WITH YOU.
03:03:39 THIS THEORY HAS BEEN AROUND FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
03:03:42 THE CHALLENGE, THOUGH, WAS THE SCALABILITY PART OF IT.
03:03:45 AND NOW WE HAVE THE POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT.
03:03:47 SO THAT'S GOOD NEWS.
03:03:50 AND THEN THE OTHER ONE IS THAT THE SARASOTA BAY ESTUARY HAS
03:03:54 A REASONABLE ASSURANCE PLAN WHERE WE IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT
03:03:57 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS TO REDUCE WATERSHED NUTRIENT LOADS BY
03:04:01 20% AND THAT'S AN IMPORTANT NUMBER.
03:04:03 THIS WILL GET US TO A HEALTHIER BAY, KIND OF LIKE THE ONE WE
03:04:07 HAD 10 OR 15 YEARS AGO.
03:04:09 WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF LOCAL PROJECTS THAT WE DO THAT YOU ALL
03:04:12 ARE FAMILIAR WITH.
03:04:13 WE'RE TRYING TO CLEAN UP HUDSON BAYOU AND WHITAKER BAYOU.
03:04:17 THE BIOSWALES ON RINGLING OYSTER REEFS SHORELINE, HABITAT
03:04:21 RESTORATION AND THE LIKE.
03:04:22 BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IMPACTS ON OUR
03:04:26 WATERSHED FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES.
03:04:30 AND THE BIGGEST REGIONAL NITROGEN LOAD TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
03:04:34 COASTAL WATERS IS WHAT COMES FROM THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER.
03:04:38 THEY, TOO, HAVE A 20% REDUCTION GOAL, BUT THIS WILL COST
03:04:44 WAY, WAY, WAY MORE THAN PROBABLY FEASIBLE.
03:04:46 AND THIS MATTERS TO SARASOTA BAY BECAUSE THE CALOOSAHATCHEE
03:04:50 RIVER CONSISTENTLY ENHANCES THE INTENSITY OF RED TIDE IN
03:04:54 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, WHICH MEANS THAT WE CAN DO ALL THE THINGS
03:04:58 THAT WE CAN DO, BUT AS LONG AS THOSE BIG IMPACTS ARE OUT
03:05:02 THERE, WE'RE GOING TO SUFFER.
03:05:04 AND IN ADDITION TO THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER, THINGS LIKE THE
03:05:10 HURRICANE AND PINEY POINT, THOSE CAN OFFSET OUR EFFORTS.
03:05:14 BUT THERE ARE A GROUP OF RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
03:05:16 FLORIDA WHO ARE LOOKING INTO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A

03:05:19 REGIONAL OR STATEWIDE 10% NUTRIENT REDUCTION.
03:05:23 SO IT WOULDN'T BE LIKE SARASOTA BAY.
03:05:27 IT WOULD BE A STATEWIDE PROGRAM IS WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT.
03:05:30 SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN SUPPORT
03:05:37 WHEN IT GETS TO THAT POINT.
03:05:38 AND HIS FINAL WORDS IN THAT E-MAIL WERE WE NEED TO DO MORE
03:05:42 OR LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT DOING ENOUGH.
03:05:45 AND THAT'S KIND OF OUR CHOICE IN A LOT OF THESE EFFORTS.
03:05:49 I THOUGHT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO BRING THOSE ITEMS TO YOUR
03:05:54 ATTENTION AND SHARE THOSE -- THAT INFORMATION WITH YOU FROM
03:05:57 DAVE TOMASKO.
03:05:59 I CAN GIVE YOU THE ACTUAL COPY OF THE E-MAILS IF YOU WANT.
03:06:02 HE HAS GRAPHS AND CHARTS AND ALL KINDS OF SCIENTIFIC
03:06:07 INFORMATION THAT HE SHARES.
03:06:10 I LEFT THAT PART OUT.
03:06:13 OTHER THAN THAT, THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

03:06:15 OH, WAIT, THERE WAS ONE OTHER THING.
03:06:17 THE LIVE LOCAL ACT.
03:06:19 I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ALL ARE AWARE OF THAT AND THE POTENTIAL
03:06:25 IMPACT ON THE CITY OF SARASOTA.
03:06:26 I'M VERY, VERY, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IT.
03:06:30 I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE CAN ACTUALLY DO ABOUT IT BECAUSE I
03:06:34 THINK IT'S GOING TO BE POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING FOR US AS A
03:06:37 CITY.
03:06:38 YOU CAN HAVE A SINGLE-FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD LIKE CENTRAL
03:06:41 COCOANUT AND CONTIGUOUS TO THAT YOU COULD HAVE AN 18-STORY
03:06:47 BUILDING AT 50 OR 200 UNITS AN ACRE.
03:06:54 I'M NOT SURE YET.
03:06:55 I KNOW STAFF IS TRYING TO DO AN ANALYSIS OF THIS.
03:06:58 BUT I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE AS A CITY AND AS A
03:07:01 COMMISSION WE NEED TO BE ON TOP OF BECAUSE ST. ARMANDS
03:07:07 CIRCLE, IT'S THE DENSITY OF ANYWHERE IN THE CITY, SO THAT'S
03:07:11 50 UNITS AN ACRE AT THE MOMENT.
03:07:13 IF THE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT GOES THROUGH, THAT COULD BE 200
03:07:16 UNITS AN ACRE.
03:07:17 AND THE HEIGHT IS TO WITHIN ONE MILE.
03:07:21 WITHIN ONE MILE OF ST. ARMANDS CIRCLE, WHICH IS ZONED
03:07:23 COMMERCIAL TOURISM IS PLYMOUTH HARBOR WHICH I BELIEVE IS 22
03:07:28 STORIES HIGH.
03:07:28 SO YOU CAN ENVISION POTENTIALLY ALL OF ST. ARMANDS CIRCLE 22
03:07:33 STORIES HIGH.

03:07:34 I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO AS A CITY LOOK INTO THIS AND SEE
03:07:39 WHAT WE CAN DO.
03:07:40 AND THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN DO.
03:07:47 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER KOCH.
03:07:49 COMMISSIONER ARROYO.
03:07:51 NO.
03:07:51 >>Erik Arroyo: HAVE A GOOD BREAK.
03:07:53 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU.
03:07:53 VICE MAYOR.
03:07:56 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: JUST A COUPLE OF THINGS.
03:07:58 I ALSO ATTENDED THE PUBLIC ART OPEN HOUSE AND THE CCNA

03:08:03 MEETING.
03:08:03 I WENT YESTERDAY -- YESTERDAY OR SATURDAY -- I GET MY DAYS
03:08:11 MIXED UP -- IT WAS SATURDAY.
03:08:14 OKAY.
03:08:14 TO PRESENT A PROCLAMATION FOR THE ANNUAL PRIDE BE FABULOUS
03:08:22 EVENT.
03:08:22 THE MAYOR AND I INSTALLED THE OFFICERS OF THE BUSINESS AND
03:08:28 PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF NORTH SARASOTA.
03:08:32 AND I WENT TO A CHAMBER WOMEN AT WORK LUNCHEON.
03:08:37 BUT THE MAIN THING I WANTED TO BRING UP IN MY COMMENTS TODAY
03:08:44 IS I HAVE A WOMAN WHO IS MY HAIRDRESSER AND SHE WAS TAKING
03:08:52 THE LEGACY TRAIL AND THE RINGLING TRAIL TO GET TO WORK EVERY
03:08:57 DAY.
03:09:00 LOVED IT.

03:09:00 LOVED IT.
03:09:01 THAT SHE COULD DO THAT.
03:09:03 SHE HAS TO STOP BECAUSE EVERY SINGLE DAY SHE'S ALMOST GOTTEN
03:09:11 KILLED ON THE RINGLING TRAIL AND A LITTLE BIT GOING DOWN
03:09:16 BAHIA VISTA TO GET TO THE LEGACY TRAIL.
03:09:19 I DON'T KNOW WHO IS LISTENING TO THIS OR WHO IS PAYING
03:09:23 ATTENTION, BUT I REALLY WISH DRIVERS WOULD PAY ATTENTION.
03:09:30 WE'VE GOT A BIKE PATH ON RINGLING THAT CAN'T BE USED BY
03:09:35 BIKERS BECAUSE PEOPLE IN CARS CAN'T WATCH OUT FOR SOMEONE ON
03:09:41 A BIKE TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T KILL SOMEBODY.
03:09:45 I JUST THINK IT'S A SHAME.
03:09:48 I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO, MAYBE, AGAIN, MORE EDUCATION
03:09:55 FOR PEOPLE AS TO HOW TO NAVIGATE THAT AND HOW TO -- YOU
03:09:59 KNOW, WHEN THERE IS A BIKE TRAIL, OR EVEN IF THERE ISN'T, TO
03:10:04 MAKE SURE THEY ARE LOOKING OUT FOR BIKERS RIDING DOWN THE
03:10:10 ROAD.
03:10:11 THERE IS A REASON WHY WE ARE THE WORST IN TERMS OF
03:10:14 PEDESTRIAN AND BIKING CASUALTIES IS BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE NOT
03:10:20 PAYING ATTENTION AND WE NEED -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO
03:10:24 DO OTHER THAN JUST MORE REMINDERS OR EDUCATION ABOUT YOU
03:10:30 NEED TO WATCH OUT FOR BIKES.
03:10:33 >>Marlon Brown: DO YOU KNOW IF IT IS MORE AT THE
03:10:35 INTERSECTIONS?
03:10:36 WE HAVE ALONG THE RINGLING TRAIL, WE HAVE THOSE STOPS --
03:10:40 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: IT'S THE INTERSECTION.

03:10:41 >>Marlon Brown: TALK TO BOTH ENGINEERING AND SPD ABOUT MAYBE
03:10:46 HAVING SOME MORE VISIBILITY AT THOSE INTERSECTIONS BECAUSE
03:10:52 THERE ARE THOSE WHERE THE VEHICLE CAN GO TOWARD THE SIDE TO
03:10:57 MAKE A RIGHT TURN, AND THEN THERE ARE THOSE THAT THEY CAN'T.
03:11:00 MAYBE THE ISSUE IS THAT THEY ARE NOT PAYING ATTENTION AND
03:11:06 THEY JUST GO ALL THE WAY OVER.
03:11:07 I THINK IT IS A COMBINATION OF MORE EDUCATION AND MORE
03:11:11 AWARENESS.
03:11:12 SO LET ME GET WITH ENGINEERING STAFF, WITH OUR
03:11:14 COMMUNICATIONS STAFF AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO, AS WELL AS SPD.
03:11:18 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: THANK YOU.
03:11:19 THAT'S IT.
03:11:23 >>Mayor Battie: I AGREE WITH THE VICE MAYOR.

03:11:26 BUT ONE THING THAT, AGAIN, AND I'VE MENTIONED THIS BEFORE,
03:11:31 BICYCLISTS, PARTICULARLY ALONG COCOANUT, RIDING THE WRONG
03:11:37 WAY AGAINST TRAFFIC.
03:11:40 I MEAN, THAT ANNOYS ME TO NO END, PARTICULARLY IF YOU'RE
03:11:45 TURNING OFF OF A STREET AND THE BIKER IS COMING TOWARD YOU
03:11:49 OR WHAT HAVE YOU.
03:11:50 IT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME.
03:11:55 BUT MYSELF, I, TOO, ATTENDED THE MANASOTA NEIGHBORHOOD
03:12:01 SUMMIT WHERE I SPOKE TO THE VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE
03:12:08 DIFFERENT CITIES, CITY OF SARASOTA, BRADENTON, AND SARASOTA
03:12:14 COUNTY OR MANATEE COUNTY.
03:12:16 WORD GOT BACK TO ME THAT IT WAS A GREAT SUMMIT, THAT A LOT

03:12:23 CAME OUT OF IT.
03:12:24 SO THAT WAS GOOD.
03:12:26 I ALSO ATTENDED THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON
03:12:32 WITH MRS. GRIGGS.
03:12:36 HER FATHER IS FORMER MILITARY GENTLEMAN AND THAT WAS
03:12:40 EXCELLENT AS WELL.
03:12:41 MET A YOUNG GUY THAT WAS SITTING RIGHT NEXT TO ME THAT HE
03:12:46 SHOULD BE ON HIS WAY TO THE CITADEL.
03:12:49 I TOLD HIM I WOULD DO WHAT I CAN TO TRY TO HELP HIM BECAUSE
03:12:54 HE'S BEEN CAUGHT IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, BUT SOMEHOW HE
03:12:58 STILL MANAGED TO HAVE THE DISCIPLINE TO FIND HIS WAY TO GET
03:13:02 ACCEPTED TO THE CITADEL.
03:13:04 SO IT'S A GREAT THING.
03:13:05 I ATTENDED SOMETHING ELSE.
03:13:10 SATURDAY I WAS OUT AT THE -- SATURDAY MORNING OUT AT THE
03:13:13 NATIONAL CEMETERY.
03:13:15 GENTLEMAN OUT THERE -- HE'S NOT THERE ANYMORE -- BY THE NAME
03:13:20 OF JACK HOFFMAN.
03:13:21 HE IS A FORMER MILITARY VETERAN.
03:13:23 THIS GUY IS LITERALLY WALKING FROM THE SARASOTA CEMETERY,
03:13:30 NATIONAL CEMETERY ALL THE WAY TO MICHIGAN PULLING 200-POUND
03:13:38 TRAILER BEHIND HIM TO BRING AWARENESS AND TO HELP RAISE
03:13:42 MONEY FOR VETERANS OF PTSD AND THE NUMBER OF ILLS THAT
03:13:49 PLAGUE THEM.
03:13:49 BUT, YEAH -- HE SAID IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT 60 DAYS OR LESS.

03:13:58 THAT'S AN AMAZING, AMAZING THING.
03:14:00 VERY INSPIRING.
03:14:00 AGAIN, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT FOR ME.
03:14:04 I DID HOST TWO MORE MAYOR FOR THE DAY YOUNG MAYORS, JOSIE
03:14:13 AND DANIEL.
03:14:14 DANIEL JUST HAPPENS TO BE DANNY BILYEU'S GRANDSON.
03:14:18 SO THEY WERE HERE.
03:14:19 THAT WAS GREAT.
03:14:20 AND I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING THAT THEY
03:14:23 DID TO BE ACCOMMODATING TO THEM AND WELCOME THEM HERE TO
03:14:29 CITY HALL.
03:14:30 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, EVERYONE.
03:14:32 I CALL THIS MEETING ADJOURNED AND ENJOY YOUR WEEK OFF.
03:14:37 I LIKE THIS MICROPHONE.
03:14:38 SOUNDS LIKE A RADIO VOICE.

03:14:41 WHEN YOU ALL LEAVE, I'LL STILL BE IN HERE TALKING.
03:14:45 >>Marlon Brown: TOO CLOSE.
03:14:47 >>Mayor Battie: NO, MAN.
03:14:48 COME ON.
03:14:49 IT'S THE RADIO VOICE.
03:14:51 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
03:14:52 >>Shayla Griggs: ADJOURNED.
03:14:53 >>Mayor Battie: ADJOURNED.
03:14:54 I'M GOING TO WALK AROUND WITH ONE OF THESE THINGS.

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