

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 WE'LL 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 QUAIN T 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 QUAIN T 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. MESSER.  
09:17:06 >> THANK YOU.  
09:17:07 GOOD MORNING.  
09:17:09 MY NAME IS RODGER MESSER.  
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 EDESEL 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.  
09:44:34 >>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 ON 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 HEREFTER 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.  
 11:30:00 >>Erik Arroyo: WHAT IS THE COST OF SOMEONE BUILDING A  
 11:30:04 RESIDENCE FOR APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE?  
 11:30:08 A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL BUILDING IT ON THE BARRIER ISLANDS OR,  
 11:30:11 LET'S SAY, JUST EVEN IN THE MAINLANDS OF SARASOTA CITY, THEY  
 11:30:15 PAY SIGNIFICANTLY LESS.  
 11:30:17 THERE SEEMS TO BE A PREMIUM WITH GOVERNMENT WORK.  
 11:30:20 WHAT IS THAT ATTRIBUTED TO?  
 11:30:22 >> PART OF IT IS THE BUILDING CODE THAT WE HAVE MORE  
 11:30:24 CONSTRAINTS ON HOW WE HAVE TO ENGINEER THE BUILDING.  
 11:30:27 THIS ALSO HAS A COMMERCIAL KITCHEN IN IT.  
 11:30:30 IT'S GOT, FIRE SPRINKLED.  
 11:30:33 THINGS YOU SEE IN A HIGH END HOME YOU MAY NOT SEE HERE SUCH  
  
 11:30:37 AS THE FIRE SPRINKLING OR THE AMOUNT OF -- THE OCCUPANCY OF  
 11:30:43 THE BUILDING PUTS US INTO DIFFERENT CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
 11:30:46 DIFFERENT ENGINEERING AND FIRE RATING OF THE DECKING BETWEEN  
 11:30:51 THE CART STORAGE AND THE DINING AREA THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE  
 11:30:54 THAT IN A RESIDENTIAL HOME.  
 11:30:58 >>Erik Arroyo: ALL RIGHT.  
 11:30:59 LET THE COMMISSIONERS ASK FURTHER QUESTIONS.  
 11:31:01 THANK YOU.  
 11:31:03 >>Mayor Battie: THANK YOU.  
 11:31:04 VICE MAYOR ALPERT.  
 11:31:08 >>Vice-Mayor Alpert: WELL, I HAVE TO SAY IT'S DIFFERENT THAN  
 11:31:11 I ENVISIONED IN MY MIND, BUT I REALLY LIKE THAT YOU TOOK THE  
 11:31:16 THEME FROM THE ORIGINAL CLUBHOUSE FOR THE BOBBY JONES GOLF  
 11:31:23 COURSE.  
 11:31:25 THIS IS DEFINITELY AN OLD-FLORIDA DESIGN AND THE MORE I LOOK  
 11:31:32 AT IT, I REALLY LIKE IT.  
 11:31:34 MY QUESTION IS, A COUPLE OF THEM, ON THE DECKING, WHERE THE  
 11:31:42 RESTAURANT WILL BE, BECAUSE I WANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR A LOT  
 11:31:46 OF OUTDOOR DINING, ARE THERE GOING TO BE -- CAN THEY DO BOTH  
 11:31:54 SIDES OF THE BUILDING WITH OUTDOOR DINING SO THE RESTAURANT  
 11:31:59 WOULD HAVE ACCESS?  
 11:32:03 I LIKE THE WOOD THAT YOU HAVE ON THE CEILING THERE BECAUSE  
 11:32:10 IT HELPS CREATE SOME WARMTH.  
 11:32:14 THE TABLES ARE A LITTLE COLD LOOKING, BUT I FIGURE THAT'S  
 11:32:21 JUST A REPRESENTATION.  
  
 11:32:22 I SORT OF LOOK AT IT AS IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS  
 11:32:31 WHERE YOU HAVE A REALLY NICE CLUBHOUSE, I THINK THAT'S GOING  
 11:32:36 TO ATTRACT MORE PEOPLE TO USE THIS COURSE BECAUSE IT REALLY  
 11:32:42 MAKES IT LOOK LIKE A WORLD-CLASS COURSE THAT THEY ARE GOING  
 11:32:48 TO WANT TO COME TO AND NOT A RUN-DOWN MUNICIPAL COURSE.  
 11:32:54 SO I THINK THAT IS A BIG FACTOR IN WHETHER IT WILL BE  
 11:32:58 PROFITABLE OR HAVE LESS LOSSES THAN WE'RE ANTICIPATING.  
 11:33:04 I LIKE IT.  
 11:33:07 I THINK IT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING WE SHOULD DO BECAUSE OUR  
 11:33:10 IDEA WAS ALSO TO BRING IN PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT NECESSARILY  
 11:33:14 PLAYING GOLF, PEOPLE WHO ARE USING SOME OF THE SPORTS FIELDS  
 11:33:18 THERE, THE PLAYGROUND, THE WALKING TRAIL OR JUST THE GENERAL  
 11:33:23 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?  
11:44:14 >>Susan Martin: WE HIRED A MANAGEMENT COMPANY TO OVERSEE THE  
11:44:17 OPERATION AND I BELIEVE THEY ARE GOING TO OPERATE IT TO THE  
11:44:21 BEST ABILITY TO MAKE REVENUE TO BRING IN THE REVENUE.  
11:44:25 SO IT WOULD BE AFTER EVENINGS AND WEEKEND-TYPE EVENTS.  
11:44:30 YOU ALSO HAVE GOLF-RELATED EVENTS.  
11:44:32 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.  
11:45:02 >>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.  
11:45:30 >>Debbie Trice: I WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF NOISE COMPLAINTS.  
11:45:35 >>Susan Martin: NO, NO.  
11:45:36 IT'S A DISTANCE.  
11:45:39 >>Marlon Brown: COMMISSIONER, ALSO BE REMINDED THAT THE  
11:45:41 COUNTY IS ALSO CREATING A RECREATIONAL SPACE ON BOBBY JONES  
11:45:47 AS WELL AS THE MASTER PLAN FOR THEIR RECREATIONAL AREA.  
11:45:50 SO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THIS AS WELL.

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.  
11:49:03 >>Mayor Battie: YOU SAID THERE IS A MANAGEMENT TEAM THAT'S  
11:49:06 GOING TO MANAGE THE RESTAURANT AND SO ON AS WELL?  
11:49:09 >>Marlon Brown: THE SAME COMPANY THAT IS MANAGING THE GOLF  
11:49:12 COURSE.  
11:49:14 >>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.  
11:50:12 >>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?  
11:50:23 >>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.  
11:50:41 >>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.  
11:51:05 >>Susan Martin: GIVING A LITTLE EXTRA SPACE.  
11:51:06 >>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.  
01:50:56 >>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.  
02:10:12 >>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.  
02:10:29 >>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?  
02:11:25 >>Ken Waters: FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, WE HAVE AN ARPA  
02:11:29 DEADLINE TO COMPLETE CENTRAL GARDENS BY 2025.  
02:11:34 >>Marlon Brown: WE HAVE ENOUGH TIME.  
02:11:35 >>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.  
02:12:17 >>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.  
02:12:30 >>Marlon Brown: IF IT IS THE COMMISSION DIRECTION.  
02:12:35 >>Jen Ahearn-Koch: THAT'S IT.  
02:12:36 >>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. CHAPDELAIN 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.  
02:50:48 >>Debbie Trice: WILL WE HAVE TIME MAYBE TO DISCUSS IT AT A  
02:50:51 WORKSHOP BEFORE IT GOES ON COMMISSION AGENDA?  
02:50:55 >>Robert Fournier: WELL, IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT SUBJECT TO  
02:50:57 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.  
02:51:32 >>Debbie Trice: YOU JUST SAID SOMETHING ABOUT BEING ASKED TO  
02:51:34 SPEAK TO SPD ABOUT IT.  
02:51:36 DID YOU AND --  
02:51:36 >>Robert Fournier: I DID.  
02:51:37 I HAVE TO LET THEM SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES ON THIS.  
02:51:42 I UNDERSTOOD THEY WANTED TO SPEAK WITH COMMISSIONERS ABOUT  
02:51:44 IT, WHICH THEY HAVE, I THINK, MORE THAN ONCE, IF I'M NOT

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 DISCUSS 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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