

January 24, 2017

Commissioner Manning: Silence In The Room Please. Today Is Tuesday The 24th Of January, 2017. We Have An Extensive Agenda And Service Awards For Our Employees. First, Our Invocation By Reverend Poe.

Good Morning. Bow Our Heads. We'd Like To Thank You For The Opportunity To Come Before You Today. We Thank You That We Have Life And An Opportunity To Live In This Great City, Fort Myers. We Thank You That You've Given Us Our Leaders And People Responsible For Taking Care Of The City And The Things Taking Place. We Pray Wisdom To Govern The Conflicting Interests And Issues Of Our Time. We Pray The Sense Of Welfare For Our People. We Pray For Justice And Righteousness, What Is Good And Fitting. We Pray The Ability To Work Together In Harmony, Even When There's Honest Disagreement. We Pray Personal Peace In The Lives Of Joy In Everyone That Takes Place In All The Proceedings. We Pray That The Agenda Set Before Them Today Will Please You And We Pray Father That You Give Insurance In What Is Needed And Beneficial To All Who Live In Fort Myers. It's In Your Mighty Name We Pray. Amen. (Pledge Of Allegiance)

Commissioner Manning: Thank You. First Order Of Business, Ceremony Presentations. Over To Commissioner Hamman To Recognize Human Trafficking In The County.

Commissioner Hamman: Let's Have Karen Curtis And Anybody Else Who Would Like To Join Her Join Us At The Podium Here. Good Morning.

Good Morning.

Commissioner Hamman: I Have A Resolution I Would Like To Read On Behalf Of The Board. Whereas January 2017 Has Been Designated As National Human Trafficking And Awareness Month And The Lee County Office Continuing To Be Actively Involved In The Fight Against Modern Day Slavery Thru The Human Trafficking Task Force And Florida Is Recognized As One Of The Three States With Highest Human Trafficking And One Of The States Doing The Most To Combat This Crime In Legislation And Victims Treated. And Local Organizations And Local Law Enforcement And Government, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership, Children Advocacy Center, Lee Memorial Health System Are Working Collaboratively To Build Awareness And Programs For Youth. We Proclaim The Month Of January 2017 As Human Trafficking And Awareness Month In Lee County. It's Executed This Day Of January 24th By Our Honorable Chair John Manning. Please Join Us For A Picture.

Thank You For All The Work You Do.

Commissioner Manning: Say Something?

Commissioner Hamman: Would You Like To Say A Few Words?

I'd Like To Introduce A Board Member, We Are Grateful For This Opportunity, Three Years Ago When I First Started, This Was My First Proclamation Here, This Is Memorable For Me. We Are Doing A Lot Of Work. As You Know, It's Something Local Happening Here In Southwest Florida And The Only Way We Can Continue To Do Our Work Is Continuing To Show Awareness, Teach All The Trainings That We Do With The Various Departments, Along With First Responders And The Medical Staff In Our Area. And With Children. We Work With Them Because They're The Ones That Fall Into The Crime Rate And They're The Ones That Are At Risk For Human Trafficking. I Thank You For The Proclamation And Have A Good Day. (Applause)

Commissioner Manning: Next The Presentation Of The Employees Award, Commissioner Mann Will Not Join Us Because He's Highly Contagious With A Flu Bug.

Commissioner Mann: Congratulations To All Of You But You Don't Want To Shake My Hand Today.

Good Evening Commissioners. I'm With A Couple Of The Fine Folks I Work With In Hr And County Manager Roger Desjarlais. We're Here To Present The Length Of Service Awards To The Eligible Employees For The Fourth Quarter Of 2016. These Awards Collectively Represent 805 Years Of Service. For The Employees Present As I Call Your Name, Come Forward And Receive Your Pen From County Manager And Greet The Commissioners. As We Get Started, We'll Start With Five Years, If The Employees Present Can Gather And Then Move To 10 Years. Five Years Of Service Carlos, Transit. (Applause) Bobby Allen, Parks And Recreation. (Cheering) Phillip Bellchammer (Cheering) Casey Combs Utilities. (Applause) Andrew Fortair Parks And Recreation. (Cheering) Brian Kenny, Parks And Recreation (Cheering) And Next 10 Years Of Service With The County. Adrienne Carleton, Utilities. (Applause) Ken Senski Public Safety. (Cheering) Brian Gillman, Utilities. (Applause) Lindsay Hambling Public Safety. (Applause) Michael Jacobs County Attorney Office (Cheering) Leonard Larson, Facilities Construction Management. (Applause) Harry Marshall Public Safety. (Applause) Zach Munez Utilities. (Applause) Jamie O'dell, Parks And Recreation (Cheering) Brian Ought Natural Resources (Cheering) Oscar Perez Solid Waste (Applause) Monna Stump Animal Services (Applause) On To 15 Years Of Service With The County. Becky Hannah Public Safety. (Cheering) Wedge Canter Libraries. (Cheering) Jean Oscuoski. (Applause) Lillian Wagner, Dot Engineering. (Cheering) Next Is 20 Years Of Service With Parks And Recreation, Phillip Pj Butlow. (Cheering) 25 Years Of Service With The Libraries Debbie Ferguson. (Applause) And 30 Years Of Service With Parks And Recreation Doreen Beranski. (Cheering) 30 Years Of Service Derek Danly With Dot. (Cheering) Bruce Restburry, Natural Resources. (Cheering) Mary Zatel, Development Services. (Cheering) And With 35 Years Of Service Keith Kibby, Natural Resources. (Cheering) Congratulations To All The Employees, Thank You. (Applause) (Background Noise) (Background Noise) (Applause) (Background Noise)

Commissioner Manning: On Behalf Of The Board I Would Like To Thank The Employees For Their Length Of Service Awards Today And Please Leave Quietly.

Commissioner Hamman: I Want To Thank Michael Jacobs For A Hug.

A Warm Welcome For An Attorney.

I'm More Afraid What's Going To Happen Five Years From Now.

Commissioner Manning: Stay Tuned.

He's Just A Party Animal. They All Appreciate Him.

Commissioner Manning: Next, Our Recap, Items To Be Deferred Are Continued. Revisions And Corrections, C-14, C-16, C-22, C-24. This Is To Highlight The Actions To The Board's Previously Approved Water Quality Products And If You Can Change It For Public Utilities Enterprise Funds.

Commissioner Hamman: Motion To Change.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Seconded.

Commissioner Manning: Next, Agenda Items, I Have No E-Mails, No Items Submitted. Walk-On And Carry Over, I Have One. We Each Have One Issue And No County Attorney Issues Submitted. Next Is Consent On Agenda Items. First, Peter Duesly Item 32 And Joe Backstoe Is Next On The Same Issue.

Good Morning. I Would Like To Thank The Commissioners For Giving Us A Chance To Speak. Our Development, Item 32 For The Funding And Implementation For The Traffic Signal, Funding Is Already Being Handled. It Is Fully Paid For By The Joining Communities, University Highlands, Germane Arena. This Intersection Has Had Several Accidents, We Consider It A Safety Issue. The Traffic Study Was Done By Debbie Palmer Associates Just Around The Corner In Fort Myers, And The Department Of Transportation Determined A Traffic Signal Is Warranted. At That Point, Led By Glen, We Met With University Highlands And Germane Arena And Reached The Funding On It, The Percentages Are Shown In The Document You Will Be Hopefully Approving Today. It's Fully Funded, It Is Warranted And We Have Actually Kicked Off The Design Of The Traffic Signal With David Crim And Associates. Once The Design Is Completed, It Goes Over To Lead Dot And Then It Will Go Out For The Construction, Insulation And Commissioning Of The Traffic Signal. I Trust That You'll Approve That On Our Behalf. We Thank You For Doing So.

Commissioner Manning: Next, Same Item, Joe.

Thank You For The Time This Morning. I'm President Of The Association And Member Of The Alliance. You'll Hear More From The Group. Every Neighborhood East 75 Corkscrew. Today Is About The Need For Traffic Signal Directly Opposite Germane Arena. If You Have Seen The Design And I Know I Have Talked To A Couple Of You On It. The Dangers Of Making A Left Hand Turnoff Corkscrew Or Ben Hill Griffin Is Taking Your Life In Your Hands. You Have To Edge Out Ever So Slowly To Make A Left, You Can't See The On Coming Traffic. And Also Student Housing In

That Area, And Property Across The Street From Us, A Lot Of Student Housing. It Has Become A Race Track. We Ask Your Support Of This And Move It Forward. Thank You.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Joe. And I Have Steve -- Sorry. Steven Goldfarb Are You Here?

Yes, Thank You. We Have Built, My Company Has Constructed The Multi Family Apartment Complex For The Oaks Parkway And Estero Parkway. This Is Part And Parcel Of The Zoning Request We Did To Rezone The Property And Just The Final Step In Executing. We Are Pleased With Our Leasing. We're About 60% Way Done And We Found It To Be Very Successful In Attracting The Citizens That Are And Surrounding Employees Work Force Housing And This Includes A Lot Of The People Honored Today And Our Demographic Has Been Of The Community. I Just Wanted To Thank You For Approving Our Project And Just Give You Feedback In That It Is Accomplishing What It Needs To Accomplish Because Employees, Teachers, Ems, Healthcare, Folks Seeking Housing And That's Going To Continue To Be A Problem, The Ability To Provide Affordable Housing For Our Work Force. Thank You Very Much.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You. And Lastly John Jenkins On Consent Item 43.

Good Morning. I'm Executive Director Of Utilities. A Five Year Extension Of Our Franchise With Lee County And Bonita Springs. They Approved It On December 6th And I Wanted To Thank You All For Your Continued Support Of Utility And Answer Any Questions You May Have And Thank Your Staff For Their Cooperation In The Process.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You John. Next, The Consent Agenda, Items To Be Pulled By The Board. I See No Items. Is There A Motion To Approve The Balance?

I'd Just Like To -- I Would Like To Publicly Acknowledge What The Board Has Done For The Corkscrew Area, We Have, I Think About Three Months Ago Funded A Study To Look At The Traffic Conditions And Community Impact For The Environment, Traffic And All The Different Pieces, The Economic Issues. We Also Recognize The Bonita Beach And Fort Myers, This Is Prevalent, There's No Undoing Of What Didn't Happen Until Now. We Do Realize We Have To Put In Traffic Lights And Do Things Immediately To Relieve That. Not Even Less Than, We've Had Discussions, I Don't Know What We Can Do In Terms Of Limiting Traffic With The Trucks That Come Down There Which We Know Can Be A Real Problem. Mr. Pendergrass Was Involved In That Last Year. We're Working As Fast As We Can, Funding It And Working Forward, I Think On Behalf To Do This And Few Other Things To Help Your Situation Out There. With That, I Would Like To Offer A Motion To Approve.

Commissioner Manning: Motion To Approve The Consent Agenda By Commissioner Kiker. Is There A Second?

Commissioner Mann: Second.

Commissioner Manning: Motion Carriers. We Have Two Items. First, Adopt Lee County Title 2 Evaluation Report And Commission Plan. Any Discussion On This? Any Public Comment On This Item? Seeing None, Motion From The Board.

Commissioner Hamman: Approval.

Commissioner Manning: A Second?

Commissioner Kiker: Second.

Commissioner Manning: Motion Carriers. Second Item Under Administrative Agenda Accept Funds In 275 Thousand In Grant Support. Is There Public Content On This Item. Back To The Board For A Motion. Motion To Approve?

Commissioner Hamman: Motion.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Seconded.

Commissioner Manning: Motion Carriers. Next Public Hearing Items. John. You Have Two Items Under This Heading.

Good Morning. I Have Your 9:30 A.M. Public Hearing Agenda Number One, Application Of Publication With Respect Of The Item, It Has Been Reviewed For Being Legal Sufficient And I'm Going To Hand It To The Board At This Time. This Is Agenda Item One, Petition To Vacate The Public Interest In The Portion Of Unapproved Easement On Lot Two In The Lakeridge Park Subdivision In Fort Myers.

Commissioner Manning: Questions By The Board. This Is A Public Hearing, Does Anyone Wish To Speak On This Item? Back To The Board.

Commissioner Hamman: Approval.

Commissioner Kiker: Second.

Commissioner Manning: Motion Carriers. John, Go Ahead.

Good Morning Andrea Fraser. I Have The Second Public Hearing This Morning. For 9:30 I Have Reviewed The Affidavit Of Publication And Find It Legally Sufficient With The Public Hearing At This Time And Provide It To The Clerk Of Courts For Incorporation.

Commissioner Manning: Questions By The Board, Referring To The Towing Ordinance Based On State Data. Motion To Approve By Commissioner Hamman.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Second.

Commissioner Manning: Motion Carriers. We Have One Walk-On Item If I Can Find It. Yes. This Is To Authorize Legal Action Versus Marina Town Realty. Any Discussion By The Board. Any Public Item? Go Back To The Board.

Commissioner Hamman: Motion To Approve.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Second.

Commissioner Manning: Discussion? Objection? Motion Carriers. Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Mann: Mr. Chairman We Have Received Notice From The Mosquito Control Board To Rename The Entrance Road To The Service. There's A Process That Is Required Before We Can Let That Happen, And Can I Just Ask Pete To Tell Me What That Is. It Affects About Four Homes, It's Not That Many. But We Still Have To Go Thru This.

Commissioners, We'll Get With Mosquito Control To Find Out The Exact Extent And Then We'll Notify The Property Owners Adjacent And Bring Back A Blue Sheet.

Commissioner Mann: I'd Like To Head In That Direction.

Commissioner Manning: We Need A Motion.

Commissioner Mann: I Would So Move.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Second.

Commissioner Manning: Commissioner Pendergrass, You Have One Item.

Commissioner Pendergrass: We Have A Lot Of Volunteers That Help, Parks And Recs And One We Don't Get To Talk About Every Day, Keep The County Beautiful. Last Year More Than 4,000 Lee County Residents Volunteer, They Picked Up 9.5 Tons Of Trash. 62 People Attended The Awareness, Educating As Far As Recycling And Trash. And They Planted 12,800 Trees Thru The Area. And They Had 21 Students, We All See The Calendars. I Just Wanted To Thank All The Volunteers. It's A Great Program.

Commissioner Manning: Questions?

Commissioner Hamman: I Had The Pleasure Of Emceeing One Of The Contest Award Ceremonies And The Art Work Is Fantastic. To See The Talent That Our Young People Have In The Community Is Overwhelming And Thank You For Acknowledging The Program.

Commissioner Pendergrass: The Parents And The Children Look Forward To It Every Year And They're Looking Forward To Next Year. I'm Sure We're Looking Forward To Keeping The Program Alive.

Larry: I Know We Have Participated In The Golf Funding, You Get A Free Calendar With The Art Work, It's Worthy Of Hanging In Your Office Or At Home. It's Really Good Stuff. That's Where You

Get To See The Teenagers And The Young Folks In Our County That Work Very Hard On A Regular Basis Year Round To Try To Approve What's Going On In Lee County And The Statistics That Mr. Pendergrass Talks About, Doesn't Really Represent The Work They Have Done. Thank You For Bringing It Up.

Commissioner Pendergrass: And Thank You For The Staff And Volunteers And Employees. It Makes A Difference In Keeping Lee County Beautiful.

Commissioner Manning: And Next Commissioner Hamman.

Commissioner Hamman: There Was The Recent By Design Project, It Received A Lot Of Media Attention Of Where We Rank In Terms Of Safety For Bicycle And Pedestrian Facilities. I Had A Chance To Look At The Hot Spots If You Will Where A Lot Of The Injuries And Fatalities Are Taking Place. Some Of The Striping In The Areas Is Worn Out, Maybe Not In The Best Shape And It's Not The Most High Impact Or Current Standards Of Safety When You Look At The Striping. There Are Some Better Levels Of Service We Could Offer In Relation To How We Stripe The Intersection That Bicyclists And Pedestrians Use. My Suggestion Today Look At A Pilot Project In Three Specific Hot Shots, Where We Have Seen A Number Of Accidents And Fatalities To Bring Awareness To What's Going On There. It Seems Like A Low-Cost Way To Address A Serious Problem And I Think We May See A Percentage Change There In The Number Of Incidents That We See In Those Areas. The Third Area Saint Carlos Boulevard. Palm Beach Boulevard And Bay Shore. Unfortunately Two Areas Are In District Four And On The Way Out To District Five. There's A Lot Of Bikers And Walkers In That Area. Looking At High Impact Treatment On The Roads. They Are State Roads But The Committee Is Willing To Talk To The State.

Commissioner Manning: Roger?

Yes, Lead Director Of Dot Says He Would Be Happy To Work With F-Dot To Get Access And Do Enhanced Crosswalks.

Commissioner Manning: Do We Need A Motion Mr. County Attorney?

No, Sir. Consensus Is Fine.

Commissioner Manning: Everybody Agree? Okay. Commissioner Kiker.

Commissioner Kiker: I'm Not Going To Steal Commissioner Hamman's Thunder, The North Fort Myers Library, I Think You Did And Bonita Springs Library, It's A \$15 Million Commitment On Behalf Of This Board And I Believe You Had An Opportunity To Meet With The Folks There. Thank The Staff For All The Work They Have Done On This. It's A 30% Design, There's Still Room For A Lot Of Public Input. It's Good. Some Things We May Have Overlooked Otherwise. I'm Thanking Everyone On Your Behalf.

Commissioner Hamman: And Thank You For Mentioning That Commissioner Kiker. We Had A Fantastic Meeting At The North Fort Myers Community Rec Center There And The Audience Was

Very Impressed And Pleased With The Design. I Look Forward To Seeing The Drawings Become Reality Now.

Commissioner Kiker: This Rides On The Heels Of \$8 Million Investment Already Made On Bonita Springs. This One, This Subject, Edison Farms. I'm Ticked To Bring This Up For The Board To Consider. We've Kind Of Been On A Journey, The Lee County Board Of Commissioners For The Past Two Years, We've All Had Shared Interest With The Community And Community Leaders What To Do With Edison Farms. A Lot Of Conversation If We Should Put In Conservation Or Not. A Couple Years Ago We -- This Board Put It In Our Legislative Initiates, Last Year And This Year Asking The State If There Was Any Way They Could Help Get That Property -- If It Becomes Available, If There's A Way To Fund That. Representative Rodriguez Has Been Very Helpful In The Conversations. Finally We Have An Opportunity To Take Another Look At That Property And Because Of That, It's Going To Take Yet Another Action On Behalf Of This Board To Do That. And If I Could Ask Roger Desjarlais If He Can Walk Us Thru The Process Of What Might Happen And Highlight Why We Can Talk About It Now Versus We Couldn't Two Years Ago.

Mr. Chair, Commissioners, This Is An Exciting Time For The 20/20 Program. With Your Approval Today We'll Move Forward And Probably One Of The Most Important 4,000 Acres You're Ever Likely To Purchase To Put In Conservation Forever For Lee County. A Couple Years Ago, That Property Was For Sale, It Was Intended To Be Developed But During The Real Estate Bust And Recession, The Institution Took That Property Back. They Had A Price Tag Of \$172 Million On It. In 2011 An Application Was Filled Out To Class Act For Evaluation Of The 20/20 Program And Class Act Did Approve It To Move Forward And Ultimately You Approved Two Appraisals Be Conducted For The Property. The Appraisals Were Way Low. Everybody Knew The Price Tag Was Higher Than The Property Was Worth. So The Acquisition Did Not Take Place Two Years Ago. Today, The Owners Continue To Be The Same Group, They Appear To Be Much More Motivated Today To Sell The Property Than In 2011. I'm Going To Ask Glen Seller To Take You Thru The Process To Allow To Get Some Direction Today To Move Ahead As Quickly As Possible With Potential Acquisition.

Good Morning Commissioners. Because The Property Has Been In The Class Act Review Process Before And Because It's Actively Marketed With A Call For Offers Due On March 13th, We Would Recommend We Move Directly To Appraisal Again. Staff Recommends We Go Back To The Previous Two Firms That Conducted The Appraisals, Have Those Updated And Recommend A Third Appraisal As Well, Just In Case The Two Come Back With A Discrepancy Or To Get A Fresh Set Of Eyes On This Thing. We Would Do Our Best To Get It Back Within 30 Days, The Brand New Appraisal With The Completely New Firm That Might Be Aggressive. We Would Attempt To Do That.

Commissioner Manning: Questions By The Board?

Commissioner Kiker: This Is Perfect To The Master Plan, Partial Property With Public Access, 4,000 Acres With Horse Back Riding, Public Use, Get People Out On The 20/20 Land. Thank You, We

Have Been Trying To Bring This Property Forward. So Thank You, It's A Good Day For The Conservation Program.

Commissioner Manning: Go Ahead.

Commissioner Hamman: I Wanted To Offer My Support As Well Commissioner Kiker, With The Three Appraisals, That's A Great Way To Approach This To Expedite The Process. This Is One Of The Pieces Of Property I Believe The Voters Were Thinking About When They Went And Affirmed Their Support Between 20/20 This Year. I Hope We Have Success.

Commissioner Manning: Missioner Mann.

Commissioner Mann: My Support Has Been For This As Long As We Have Been Talking About It. This Would Be A Great Addition To The Program And I Second Everything Said By Commissioner Hamman And Kiker. Just Remind Me If You Would, Glen, Normally We Have Two Appraisals, What Are The Rules And Regulations Regarding The Price We Can Pay And How The Third Appraisal Would Work In This Case.

I'll Ask Robert Clemens To Correct Me If I Make Mistakes. Typically If There's A Variance Between The Two Appraisals Of More Than 20% We Would Get The Third. We're Suggesting The Third In Thought That That Would Happen And To Get A New Firm Involved. You Would Have All Three Appraisals Available To You To Make An Offer. You Can -- The Board Can Offer Whatever It Wants To.

Commissioner Mann: But We Can't Offer More Than What -- The Lowest Of The Three Appraisals? We're Going To Get Three Appraisals, Then What?

The Ordinance Does Not Place Restrictions On You, Your Tradition Is As Practice, We Make An Offer Based On The Two, The First Two Appraisals And If You Have The Opportunity -- You Have The Opportunity If The Parcel Is So Important As A Conservation Piece To Lee County, You Have The Option To Offer More Than The Average Of The Two Appraisals If You So Choose But That Has Not Been Custom. You Have Made Offers Within The Range Of The Two Appraisals.

Commissioner Mann: That's What I'm Asking To Verify. We've Had A Tradition, Perhaps Not In Stone But Based On The Lower Of Whatever Appraisals We Have Is Normally Our Custom. But You're Saying -- Jump In If You Want -- You're Saying Three Votes Here Can Weigh Whatever Factors You Want.

It Is The -- The Offer We Make Is Not Always Based On The Lower Of The Two Appraisals. That's A Place To Start Certainly For The Evaluation Of The Property On Our Part. It Really Depends On The Property Size, The Environmental Value And Any Number Of Factors In That -- Before The Offer Gets Made, We Talk To You First.

Commissioner Mann: I'm Still Not Clear -- If It's Wide Open, Why Have Three Appraisals.

What The Ordinance Calls For, Two Appraisals To Start, If They're More Than 20% Apart In The Estimated Value, Then A Third Appraisal Is Required. Because Of The Short Time Period We're Working With, We'd Like To Get All Three Up Front. It's Not That Large Of Expenditure. It Puts A Fresh Set Of Eyes On The Property --

Commissioner Mann: What I'm Trying To Get At, We're Going To End Up With Three Appraisals And Out Of That, An Offer Is Going To Evolve. To What Extent Is It -- That Offer Tied To The Two Lower, Two Higher, Average, Or Is That Something Staff Is Going To Come Back With Us, Here's The Appraisals And --

Commissioner Manning: That Is Going To Come Back With That. If They Choose Us To Agree With Staff With Respect To The Third Appraisal, That's A New Fresh Set Of Eyes. The Other Two Are Updates Of Appraisals That Have Been Done. Right?

Yes, Sir. One Thing Important To Mention, On The Offer That's Been Made To Accept Proposals To Purchase The Property Includes A Requirement That The Entities Making The Effort Sign The Confidentiality Which We Can't Do And The Original Appraisals Have A Tremendous Amount Of Information On The Property And Then The Fresh Set Of Eyes And We'll Have To Work With The Attorney's Office To See If The Apraiser Can Adhere To The Front End Of The Process And Then We'll Brief You Individually.

Commissioner Mann: The Only Reason I Want To Understand This, The Enormous Difference, 170 Million Was The Previous Asking Price. I Don't Want Any Questions To Come Up. This Is Too Valuable A Parcel. I Hope It Works And I Want To Make Sure Everything Is Transparent, Our Favorite Word Around Here So We Can Make It Work.

They're Not Setting A Price. They're Taking Offers. I Think That's Why It's Important To Follow The Direction Of The Staff That Says Let's Do The Best To Make Our Correct Offer. I Don't Think We'll Run Up Against That Factor, But We May Run Up Against Competition. The Other Thing We Have To Keep In Mind, There Are Certain Things That Might Be Required Depending On The Funding Source We Go For. So In The Case Of Ray Rodriguez For Example, Amendment One, Which I Don't Think Has Been Accessed With This Type Of Purchase Before, Whether Or Not This Thing Will Qualify In Either Case, Our 20/20 Funds Are Sufficient, There's Been Conversation On How Do You Pay For This Property? It May Not Be The General Terms That We're Used To Around Here. It Is A Substantial Amount Of Money. I Appreciate The Support That I Knew I Was Going To Get From The Board Because We've Been On This Journey For Such A Long Time. As Far As Public Input, I Think At This Point In Time, It's Going To Be Important Just To Let These Folks Do Their Work. I Know We Have A Lot Of Organizations And A Lot Of Government Entities That Are Going To Want To Get In In Terms Of Support Or Non Support, I'm Assuming Support On The Project But That Time Comes At The End Of Your Work I Believe. We'll Stay Busy Doing The Work Of The People In Terms Of Trying To Get The Best Application And Come Up With The Price We Can Offer That Everybody Is Comfortable With.

Commissioner Manning: This Will Be Agenda Item For Public Input Once We're Briefed.

Commissioner Hamman: Absolutely. Any Of The Groups Who Want To Speak Of This, Contact My Office And I'll Spend Time With You On That. I Would Like To Move That We Allow Staff To Start The Application Process, The Bid -- Not The Bidding Process, The Application Process For The Property.

Commissioner Manning: With The Amendment That I Would Offer To Have The Two Appraisals Updated And A Third That Will Give Us An Opportunity To Look At All Three. Is That Acceptable?

Commissioner Hamman: Yes.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Seconded.

Commissioner Manning: Discussions? Objection? Motion Carriers. Thank You. Lastly I Have One Item, The Town Of Fort Myers Beach, The Mayor Sends A Letter, It's Not Dated And It Was To Me As The Chairman But It Went To You Roger. Could You Explain What This Is About And Where We Go From Here?

Thank You Mr. Chair. Commissioners, If You Recall, It Was Either The Previous Board Meeting Or One Prior, We Had A Conversation About The Property And The Fact That A Developer Submitted An Application To The Town Of Fort Myers Beach Rezoning And Included The Sea Fairs Property In The Application, Its Was Rejected By The Town Of Fort Myers Beach. As You Know, If You Give Permission To Someone To Include A Parcel Property Owned By Lee County On A Zoning Application For The Purpose Of Determining Entitlements, That's Legal. In This Case, This Developer, We Had Spoken With, A Couple Of Months Ago Now, And Advised Him It Would Be Best If He Were To Submit A Design And Rezoning To The Town Of Fort Myers Based On The Property He Owns, Without Regard For The Sea Fairs Property. After A Quick Discussion, I Have A Recommendation We Do Nothing At The Moment. We Don't Really Know Yet What Is The Most Appropriate Use For The Property. Right Now We're Using It As A Staging Area For The Sterile Boulevard Reconstruction Project. We're Not Prepared Yet To Make A Recommendation To Change The Disposition Of The Property One Way Or Another. The Letter From The Town Of Fort Myers Beach, In Short, The Mayor Is Just Asking The Intentions With The Property As It Relates To Tpi Hospitality And The Submission For Rezoning To The Town Of Fort Myers Beach. I Would Recommend To You Today, That We Maintain Our Existing Position On The Property. That We Not -- We're Not Ready To Make Recommendations Yet About Its Future Use. It's An Incredibly Valuable Piece Of Property With The Beach Right On The Other Side Of The Road. I've Heard Some Conversation About Some Suggesting That That Site Is Causing Blight, And It Is A Legal Term, This Property Does Not Cause Blight According To Florida Statute. It Is A Construction Site Just Like The Whole Boulevard, It's Not A Great Place To Look At But It's Temporary. When We Get Farther Down The Road In The Project And Head South, I Don't Know If We Have Other Staging Areas We're Going To Consider But We're Not Yet Prepared To Abandon The Site For Staging. It's Incredibly Important To The Project. My Recommendation Is To Take No Action.

Commissioner Manning: Questions By The Board?

Commissioner Hamman: Does Anybody Know When The Mayor Sent It?

I Don't Know Exactly. It's Been A Couple Or Few Weeks. It Could Have Been Between Christmas And New Year.

Commissioner Hamman: Chairman, I Assume You'll Respond Back To The Mayor Then?

Commissioner Manning: I'll Be Happy To But I Agree With The County Commissioner.

The Letter You Were Talking About Initially Was November 7th To You. And In That He Was Asking If We Would Join And Also At That Same Time In The Letter, He Reflected On The Opinion Of The Town Manager. I Don't Know That We've Had An Opinion From The Town Manager, I Don't Know That We've Had An Opinion From The Council Yet. And I Suspect That There Are Some Town Property That Would Be Involved In This Application As Well, Is That Correct? Anybody Have Any Right Away Issues?

Commissioner Manning: I Believe There Could Be Some Right Of Way.

Commissioner Kiker: This Is Contentious At Best, And I Think We Should Be Careful We Don't Get In Front Of The Town. This Is Their Application, And I Think They're The Ones That Need To Drive The Process From The Beginning. I Recall Only A Year Ago They Had Elections And This Was The Main Subject And The Folks That Ran Then Were Talking About What Should Be Done With The Tpi Organization And I Think This Is Their Chance To Weigh In On This And Figure Out What They Want To See Happen. It's No Different Than Other Applications In Other Towns. We Don't Generally Get Involved.

Mr. Chair, Commissioner Kiker's Right. Let's Say This Thing Is Not Really Cooked Yet. The State Dot Is There, They Continue To Do An Assessment Of Intersection Improvements. We Are Having Conversations At The Staff Level Of Congestion At Fort Myers Beach And Is There Anything You Can Do To Help With That And We Don't Know The Answer Yet. We're Considering Things, We're About Finished With The Construction Of The Park And Ride Center, Parking For About 200 Cars Or So But That's Not Really The Answer To Traffic Congestion. It's About Getting More Cars Off The Road And Getting People Up And Down The Beach. It May Not Be Trolleys. It May Be Something That Looks Like The Tram System If You Go To Disney World, You Walk To The End Of The Road And You Get Picked Up And There Might Be 150 People That Get On And They Take You To The Gate. We Have All The Pull Off Areas For Public Transportation, That May Be Something We Want To Consider. We Just Don't Know Yet.

Commissioner Manning: Let Me Ask The County Attorney, Do We Need A Motion To Agree Or Accept The County Manager's Interpretation Or Do Nothing?

If The Board's Action Is To Do Nothing, We Convey That Back To The Town.

Commissioner Manning: So Disposition Of Ownership Remains With Lee County. Go Ahead.

Commissioner Kiker: Anybody Last Friday At Mpo Heard My Disappointment With Where We Are On Traffic Conditions On Saint Carlos Island Going Into Fort Myers Beach. What Do We Do With Traffic Coming Off The Beach Would Have Been A Main Thing. That Has To Be Figured Out Before Making Decisions On How It's Going To Look. The Second Thing Which I Think We've Been Consistent On Since The Beginning And Doug, Thank You For Articulating This On Our Behalf, We Made It Crystal Clear The First Time We Had This Conversation And I'm Thinking About A Year Ago In Terms Of Public Interest, In Terms Of Looking At Property That The Public Owns, That We Were Most Interested If Any Project Included What We're Going To Do With Parking, What Are We Going To Do With Traffic And Safety Of Pedestrian And Bicycles. We Made Those Mandatory And We Have Been Consistent From The Beginning. As We Send Our Message Back To The Town, I Would Hope They Include In Their Decision As Well As The Possibilities Of What The F-Dot Study Might Bring And I Believe In The Meeting, The Town Of Fort Myers Beach Stated They Weren't Happy With The Results At This Point In Time. That's An Ongoing Process. It's A \$1.8 Million Study Going On And We Owe It To Ourselves To Find Out How It's Going To Turn Out. It's Not A Good Time To Have This Discussion Without More Information.

Commissioner Manning: Further? Your Dialogue Is Accepted To The Board. Media Appointments, Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Mann: I Have Four. 3 Of Them Street Lining Districts, To The Fort Myers Shore To Lehigh And Advisory.

Commissioner Manning: Seconded By Pendergrass.

Commissioner Pendergrass: None.

Commissioner Hamman: I Have 1 For The Street Lighting And Sidewalk Unit, George Oldenvew.

Commissioner Manning: Seconded Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Kiker: I Have Three Reappointments. Saint Carlos Item Street Light And New Appointment To The Special Improvement District.

Commissioner Manning: Seconded By Commissioner Hamman. Motion Carriers. The Chair Accepts A Motion To Reappoint Oral Kurri To The Panel. Motion Seconded, Motion Carriers. No County Attorney Items.

One Item With Your Indulgence.

Commissioner Manning: Not Written Down.

Michael Will Give You A Hug Later. (Laughter)

Commissioner Manning: No Thank You.

This Came Up Quickly And I Just Want To Make The Board Aware Given Past Interest In The Planning Council, Sarasota Is Going To Provide The 12 Month Notice, They Will Continue To Make Payments In Support Of The Rpc During The 12-Month Period But No Longer Be A Member Of The Rpc.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You. That's Informational Item Purposes Only.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Are They Going To Join The Hillsborough Or Stay Out Of Our Business All Together.

I Don't Think That's Been Made Yet, They Did Not Discuss The Planning Council.

Commissioner Manning: Next, Public Presentations. I Have One Card. Beverly Mulligan. You Still Here? All Right. You Have Three Minutes But For You Two And A Half.

Good Morning. Thank You. My Name Is Beverly Mulligan For The Record. I'm With The Sterile Island Taxpayers Association, Not For Profit Organization On Fort Myers Beach Speaking On Behalf Of All Taxpayers On The Island. Currently As You Will Likely Have Read, We Have About 82.4% Of Taxpayers That Would Add To The Larger Voice Of All Voting Taxpayers So We Can Be Better Represented On The Island. Here I Am Today Quite Specifically To Address One Of Our Seven Principles And That Is Downtown Revitalization. Downtown On The Beach Is Very, Very Controversial, Yes. But It Needs To Be Redeveloped. It Needs To Be Revitalized And I Heard The Discussion Today And I Completely Appreciate And Understand All Of The Issues That We Need To Battle In Order To Get Our Downtown Revitalized. Doing Nothing For Us Is Not An Option. We Must Do Something. Now, I Understand The Infrastructure Project And We Need That Area Quite Possibly To Support That, But Getting This Project, This Tpi Proposal -- I'm Not Saying We Support It And I'm Not Saying We Oppose It, But We Can't Even Get There Because It Is Not -- They Can't Accept It As An Application. So We're Playing A Volleyball Game Here And What We Want To See Is We Want To See Leadership And What That Leadership Means From What I Just Heard Is That We Need To Get You Guys And Fort Myers Beach Representation In A Room And Get This One Figured Out So We Can Move Forward As A Community, An Entire Community. This Isn't Just Fort Myers Beach Town Council Beach. This Is Our Beach And Our Downtown Needs To Be Revitalized. We Really Hope You'll Consider These Words And We'll Do Anything We Can To Support This Type Of Meeting And Process. Thank You.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You. I Have No Further Cards. Anyone In The Audience Wish To Speak? Seeing None, Roger, If You Can Give Us An Update On The Workshop.

Thank You Mr. Chair. This Afternoon At 1:30, We'll Be Having The Work Session On The Beginning Of Your Budget Cycle For Next Year. So We'll Discuss All The Transportation Programs And Funding And Also This Is The Next Additional Topic, The Second Session On Plan Updates, We're Going To Brief You On The Updates Over Time Until We Get To The Final Form. Which Works Nicely, On Monday, Your Day For Strategic Planning, And It Takes Up A Lot Of The Day In Conversation.

Commissioner Manning: Questions By The Board. Seeing None -- Anything Further To Come Before Us?

Commissioner Kiker: Do We Have Anybody Who Wants To Speak From The Public?

Commissioner Manning: I Don't See Anyone Out There. Any Public Input? Seeing None, We're Adjourned.