

## Volusia County Council Meeting – November 19, 2024

>> We will get started in a minute. Carissa, do you know that everything is going okay downstairs?

>> They set that up this morning so everything downstairs should be good to go.

>> There's public speakers down there?

>> We have ushers with the cards from down there to appear. They will be able to speak as well.

>> Okay. Welcome to the November 19 Volusia County meeting. It is good to see everybody here. Which means there's a lot of items on the agenda that you're interested in. Let me make a few announcements before we start with the pledge of allegiance. There will be a line of participation. Because of that, I would ask for everybody to stick to the three minutes. Please direct your comments to the Council on issues that affect Volusia County. We cannot solve everything in the world. I guess we will start with that. We have a lot of Mayors in the room as I look around. Welcome all of you other elected officials around the county. If everybody is ready, we will start with the invocation from Rabbi Paul fault with the congregation. If you would like to stand, we welcome you to do that. While the invocation is open, if you're interested you can send to Kgreen@evolution.org and she will get you set up. Your faith group is welcome. Thank you for coming.

>> Our father in heaven, we come before you 1st and foremost to offer blessings. Blessings that we live in a country where we get to enjoy freedoms. We are surrounded by such incredible, beautiful natural resources. We thank you for the individuals that are here. We thank you for those who are serving us. They stepped up to the role and responsibility in light of all of the individuals. We have the decisions and everything that goes on. We ask the decisions are made about what is best and we know they are going to be and we offer to give you praise and we thank you for all that you do. We offer every decision and everything that goes on and we seek your will for we know it will happen if we seek after it. Amen.

>> I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

>> What a beautiful sound that was. Do we have speaking requests?

>> No, sir.

>> What we are discussing is public information. There is a lot of people downstairs and want to speak. And they're still sending cards up. We will have, she estimated 50 requests for the opening public comment which is an important part of what we do. I am going to give them some time to do that.

>> Do you want me to take the roll?

>> You can take it in just a minute. We're going to move ahead of the agenda a little bit if it is approved on item 1 just to get started and then we will come back to the general public comment as soon as we have all of the cards. Carissa, would you call the roll?

>> Mr. Kent?

>> Here.

>> Mr. Brower?

>> Here.

>> Mr. Johansson?

>> Mr. Robins?

>> Here.

>> Mr. Santiago?

>> Here

>> Mr. Don Dempsey.

>> Here.

>> Mr. Reinhart?

>> On the first item, it is approval of the agenda and we actually have a public comment on that, correct? Not yet. First, let's get a motion to approve the agenda with a slight change that we are making. We will do this on the consent agenda if we need to and then come back to public participation because it is just not ready yet.

>> I think it would be more appropriate if there's a motion to approve or deny the agenda. Let's hear if you allow the public to speak on the one item, let them speak because it may sway some of them to make a motion.

>> Okay. Keith Juster?

>> Keith Jester, DeLand, Florida. The agenda tonight is just too long and there is too much crammed into the agenda. I am a political junkie and I go through these things all the time. The citizens this is too much. It is full and downstairs is full. It is your job to the people's business and it is your job to do it out in the open where we can all hear and see what is going on. Having an agenda like this there are too many mistakes is going to be made and too much is going to be skipped. Let's be honest when \$111,500 was approved for four homes that was an oversight. Because all of you all said it after the fact. It happened because consent agenda. We need to really do a better job. I understand the idea of moving the meetings along, but we are doing the people's business. This is too serious and there's literally millions and millions of dollars and volunteer. And people's lives are at stake and people are hurting. We need to be more thoughtful of what we are going to put on the agenda and how much. If you had to do two meetings that is probably what you should have done to make up for what you had to miss. It is too much.

>> Thank you.

>> Thank you for your comments. In light of that, does someone have a motion? You apparently anticipated that.

>> No, not really. I had no idea what he was going to say. I partially agree with you. Before a motion has been made, I would like to see where the Council lies. I am concerned with item number four on the agenda and whether or not we should proceed with it as scheduled? Primarily because some of Mr. Chester's comments. Too much information and millions of dollars. That is a complex item that unfortunately we have no information on as a counsel. We have zero documentation from staff whether it is from our engineering or the public works department from the legal department. I will speak for myself. I do not have enough information to make a decision on that because of the methodology that was used to put it and the communication that happened. We were not properly prepared for this as a counsel. I know there are new faces here but we normally get a lot of background information. We get statistics, we get all of the reports that we need and we have time as counsel to meet with staff some internally and some externally to discuss and ask questions regarding each topic. We weren't given that privilege here. Several people that want to speak for or against this but I think we

would do a disservice without knowing facts and sharing it with you what are we actually evaluating to make a good decision, as a council member I do not have that. I am very concerned. I would rather that topic be properly prepared and vetted through staff and information disseminated to you all. And us before the meeting that way you all can come prepared and we could be prepared. I would before removing an item from the agenda and scheduling a workshop. [APPLAUSE]

>> Please hold your participation so we can complete the debate here.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have to do good governance. Without information, we cannot operate purely on emotion. It is wrong to you that are for or against it. It is wrong to the other 490,000 residents of Volusia to do it in a methodology that is inconsistent to any way we do anything here. We need information. I am not saying, no, or yes. I'm saying we need to do it the right way. This is not the right way. I did not fan the flames to get a lot of people to come here for this. You can blame the folks that fanned the flames and did not do this the right way. But in order to do this the right way, we need a workshop that we can dedicate specifically to this topic. And have all of the information for everyone that has an opinion on this so we can make a right decision. That is where I am counsel. I just want to do it the right way. I do not know how you all feel but I would like to hear from Mr. Chairman and my colleagues. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Before I speak we have Jake Johansson.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: I share the same thoughts. Unfortunately, I found out the agenda and contacted a lot of professional agencies and engineers, land development people. To do a proficient and talk about the moratorium and what actions need to be taken. I have a ton of information at that point in time and people in the audience were representatives in preparation. Am I prepared? No. But I think there's a lot of people here who can shed some light. I think it will be more beneficial if we did it in a collaborative workshop. Where we can use the engineers and the knowledge out there and come up with reasonable solutions that may involve a moratorium. I would be open to discussing a workshop. Thank you.

>> Councilman Santillo, what time were you thinking? You would think about the date for the timeline, I am hearing the last two speakers and there's some I agree with. The thing I don't like about changing it, so many people showed up today. Many of them want to have this conversation. That being said, when I am here my colleagues say, I need more information in any more time to grasp this huge decision. That weighs heavy on me and I appreciate that you both share that. I'm hoping I will hear the council members because quite frankly I'm going to end it with this. I can do it either way, I can take it up tonight and do this now or if we need more time to let our staff and both sides shared the information with us, I am good with that also. Do we have a time?

>> Yes, you can answer.

>> I would say 30 – 60 days and staff can get more information to us. [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> May I finish?

>> Yes.

>> Thank you very much.

>> David Santiago?

>> I'm cognizant of the fact that the audience is here to speak and some for it and some against it. We do not have any information up here. There's too much rumbling and it is distracting.

>> Let us speak appear without responding.

>> Thank you Mr. Chair. I am not scared for the time. I think we are wasting people's time by talking about a topic. Without having real information, we cannot have any dialogue with any real factual information pro or con. It is more of doing a job and doing the job effectively. Not from hearing from the members of the public because it is important to them they will come back and I encouraged him to come back. Let us have that conversation with good data and then make a decision. That is all it is. It is not denying anybody the opportunity to speak. Let us do it with good information.

>> I agree with Jake and David. I think this last election kinda spoke volumes to everybody here on the dais. I think everybody recognizes that flooding is an issue in our county. Definitely -- on the west side but maybe has a new vantage point. I think we are all interested in fixing the flooding problem. My understanding is we have new studies that are going to be done in all of the cities. They are undertaking the flooding issue I think a few meetings so far so I think we should let them do some more and speed up the process. To me building a moratorium is a very drastic remedy. There is going to be a lot of jobs lost. Obviously flooding is a huge issue but a lot of job losses which is also a big issue we have to look at before we leave into a moratorium. I wish we could do a workshop like Mr. Johansson suggested and have a viable -- viable option. I'm not comfortable with voting for a moratorium or not. We are trying to address the flooding issues tonight. Just because I don't have enough information yet as well. I would rather put this off to a workshop and get more information and get information from experts.

>> Thank you, in a minute, I will give you a minute to make a motion if you would like. I put this on the agenda as the chair for a reason. I have been talking about it for months. While you call it fanning the flames there's no flames to fan there is only floodwaters. It is countywide and the cost and the human cost is incredible. I've read the letters in two of those from attorneys saying about the job lost. I think it is a fear tactic and I believe it is the same thing we hear every time when we are trying to move this item forward with something concrete that can make a difference. The cost to this county if you want to talk about the cost are incredible. It is cost that we can't keep up with now. We cannot solve this problem monetarily. Every day that we delay - it adds cost to the county and the cost of the suffering of the people that you see out here. Some of them have lost everything. We need to drive down the street to see furniture, clothing, and personal belongings that are waiting for the trash. Because the houses had 4 feet of water. We can't keep putting this off and the reason we need to do this is so that we do have information. That is the whole purpose, we are not going to vote on a moratorium. If we have to go back to the county staff because you need to hear the reasons of why we needed and what can be accomplished with it and that is the debate that we need to have. I will oppose putting this off once again. If the best I can get is to put -- postponed this for a workshop, a workshop is not a bad idea. For me it is going to be time if it is February, we need to complete this item today. Apparently, there's enough people -- [APPLAUSE]

There's enough people in the audience that understood this well enough to show up. Every day it continues, I did a tour today with the St. Johns River management District. It never flooded before. Beautiful Lake that you can see 8 feet to the bottom and is a polluted mess because all of the development around it. Pumping water into it from Diamond Lake and St. John's River I asked them, do you have places to put the water? You know what his answer was? We are going to do a study and it will take four -- five years. If we go five years and just build around the

lakes and springs the beauty of Volusia County is responsible for everybody here. We have a responsibility to act on their behalf for the health and safety of the environment and the citizens. I understand but it is a mistake. To send county staff something today that they can deal with. You are put on a workshop, David?

>> Is that a question? We should have that discussion at some point.

>> Let us continue the conversation.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chair. We should see what the public has to say. We have very professional competence staff. He did not talk to anybody in the legal department about this.

>> That is not true.

>> You don't know that. According to the information I have there was a general consultation. I know our staff would start preparing to have dialogue with us and get information. Nobody here said we don't have a flooding problem. We should be responsible and do it the right way, not by emotions. We need more information. The way you went about this was to do exactly what you see here today in the chamber downstairs. You sent an email saying come and fill the chambers. Fill the chambers because I need your help because these guys, I can't speak for everyone but they're going to want to do it in the right way. I respect everybody's flooding issues. You all know what I think. Our jobs are much more responsible than that. We have to take the right road. Let's have a conversation. As a matter fact Mr. Chair, is that we remove item number four and direct staff to talk with members of the Council to prepare for workshop and bring information to us all the potential of a moratorium including where the flooding occurred, missing information that the staff can provide us to make an educated decision to consider a moratorium. That is my motion.

>> May I say something, Mr. Santiago? Your motion within 60 days.[INDISCERNIBLE]

>> I think that is enough time to get the right information.

>> Your motion is to move item number four to a workshop to a date not established but within 60 days of today?

>> 4:00 PM meeting.

>> A workshop or County Council meeting?

>> Workshop.

>> That is a motion, do you have a second?

>> I am going to clear the queue for a second and if anybody wants to discuss this -- I need to do something. You are accusing me of something nefarious. You just did several times. You accuse me of fanning the flames. Of every city telling to fill the chambers. I said, I sent every city a letter and asked for support. The reason I did that is because I want the cities to be on the same side as all of us. I don't propose something on them, I want us to work together. That is only way this is going to work. That is what I sent to all of these, to every city, every councilmember, every mayor that we will work on this together. I did not ask them to fill the chambers. I have asked the public as I am out speaking to them to please come and share your story. Because this is what moves us to action. I'm sorry but is that what we have right now. It is the public demanding that we do something instead of just saying, I'm glad you changed your mind on flooding because you asked me what flooding?

>> I have never said that. Find the videotape and bring it up.

>> I can show you flooding all over the county.

>> Bring the one --

>> We are item number one approval of the agenda with a motion to move item number four? Nobody else want to move something else? Move the item number four out 60 days. When can you get a date if this passes?

>> As you are going to next year, you would have to set your calendars which is the first meeting in January. We can make an approximation and get back here in a few minutes if that what is what you would like to do?

>> We will find the date within 60 days and it will be a 4:00 PM meeting. You mentioned a workshop, you may want to do a special meeting versus a workshop.

>> Then the public can participate and we could actually vote on something.

>> I would amend my motion.

>> I like that better, yes.

>> For debate on that, Jake Johansson.

>> Like George said, I felt it was important for the people. I want to speak on both sides. I don't want them to go home and at the workshop find out they can't speak in terms of issues. Do we even want to hear them tonight?

>> If you have more to say --

>> At this point, I don't think for this session because if item number four then there's nothing to speak to. [INDISCERNIBLE] Unwilling to do a special meeting if it comes to that.

Councilmember Santiago, I know he invited every mayor. {INAUDIBLE} Anybody that is associated with development because I do not want just one side of the story. I want both sides of the story so I can make a logical vote if I have to. That is why they are here and I hope they come back. Thank you.

>> I want both sides to. If this item and anyone is here to speak on the item, they have to speak. If they have anything that affects the county they can speak in open comments. If we pull this off of the agenda, I am going to allow these people that came tonight to speak if they want to talk about flooding. That is an issue that affects our county we have every right to do it tonight and not be asked to come back in 60 days.

>> That is in the opening comments and we are waiting for public participation.

>> We haven't done any public participation yet. We have one on agenda one. Vice chair Kent.

>> For those that showed up today and those that are downstairs, this is why love local government because we show up and you show up. We do work for you. I've said that before and you show up because it is important to you. I had a constituent reach out to me and wondering why is this on the agenda? I said, the chairman has put it on the agenda. I said, he is the chairman. If you look at the rules our chairman can do that. So I respect that you are the chairman. My next comment is 50% happy and 50% upset. I applaud you for bringing the something having this discussion. The last meeting that we had, it was brilliant to listen to the comments and hear the horror stories. We live in this community and these are our neighbors and we see this stuff. We know what people are going through so I am appreciative that we're going to have the conversation. I'm extremely appreciative of Mr. Santiago to bring up the idea of hey, let's get more information about this. Let's get this right and let's not do this on the fly right now when we do not have all of the information that we need. If it was somebody not doing their homework up here then shame on them. That is not the case and that is not what I am hearing. That is why I second the motion because I think we can have a very good healthy

discussion in the very near future which is why I wanted a timeline on it. I did not want it to go on and not happen. I want to make it a special meeting because the public needs to participate. I will tell everybody and they wanted to know where my eye is on this issue? I'm not gonna tell you what I'm going to do before I vote. I know where I am because one of the biggest things is the public input. I hear something from the public and I am thinking one way and it changes my mind. I am calling you out on it because it happens. Chairman, I wanted you to know and I wanted the public to know this is a discussion that we're going to have. I'm glad we got to have it and I'm glad it's going to be at a time where there is more information for all of us to have time to digest. That is where I am, thank you. Councilman down Dempsey.

>> Anything I might add for one right after the last two hurricanes, I set up a town hall meeting. You all are welcome to show up on December 5 right downstairs, where we're going to have a town hall meeting. Overly to answer all of the questions about flooding. It is a district 1 meeting but everybody is welcomed to come. The chair is coming and I hope everybody else will come. I know you're wanting answers from the county government so some of the department heads will be there to answer some of the questions and explain to you what we're going to do. Under the transform allocation the grant money, I was pushing for more of the money to go to office structure. There's a lot of limitations from the Department of Housing that ties our hands. A Republican controlled House and Senate and it is a different dynamic when we are dealing with the federal government. It might pull purse strings to get Milton relief and allow us to move there put towards housing projects. What I'm saying is, I am optimistic there's a lot of creative options that we may have both from the fence all way down to the local budget. I'm sorry 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and a couple of hours meeting and we can answer the majority of you all's questions. I kind of agree on not the biggest proponent of this flooding thing. I don't think anybody doubts your sincerity for trying to fix it. I don't want to do this just because I want to talk about it, with the new Trump administration Howell may deal with this matter and how we can handle it and what we do for hurricane relief. I want to see more of the infrastructure and all of the flooding's of the neighborhoods and how we can use the money for those purposes as opposed to these individual houses that have watered damage and help the neighborhoods. I just think it is a much better idea to have a special meeting like David and Jake proposed and everybody else. I am voting to postpone it for that reason only. I do think you have the best interest of everybody. Thanks.

>> I never thought that, Don. You and a couple people have stated and David obviously wants us to stop. We just had that settled in the elections, David. Michael?

>> Typically, adoption of your agenda is quick action by the Council. Technically, you do not have to have public input but you may. If you have public input on this, the thing to address would be if it is on the agenda tonight or not? I understand the chair's comment if the item is not on the agenda, you're free to do so. You might have more liberty to address what you want to address at that time.

>> We are going to have one more public comment. There was two. I am next called up. I will defer to you. Let's hear from the last member of the public.

>> They called her name.

>> We will let Mr. Santiago make his comments.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chair. I take no pleasure in bumping heads with you, Mr. Chair. Yet, exactly that is how you're acting. You need to behave too as much as I would.

>> Don't call out the public and called them names.

>> That is your job. I take no pleasure with bumping heads with you, Mr. Chair. Just a minute ago, you said that I said I wanted to stop and that never came out of my mouth. You can play the video tape. You said we can work together to get things done and I want to. Never did I say but the way to work together is to work together, Mr. Chair. The way to work together is we don't leave this dais and I get calls from people and I'm telling you maybe it is hearsay. When you're calling the majority of this counsel corrupt and other names, it is difficult to work together when you do that when we leave the chambers. Working together means generally working together. If you were to the committee and the process what about this -- I can recall one time when we talked about an idea we say, no, we don't want to talk about that and we say schedule it. We are on the heels of completion and a lot of things are said on all sides. I want to work on it but I want to work on it the right way. I have a history of working with tons of other elected officials. This is the first time I ever bumped heads like this. But I want to do it the right way, Mr. Chair. Let's just work together. I am willing to do that and I'm willing to participate in it in a professional manner. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> That is how I put it on the agenda so we can discuss it. And so we can work together. So to have you come up and say, that is exactly the opposite. We just went through the entire campaign. Your purpose seemed to be too disrupt this meeting then you can go out and say, Chari Brower is not a leader and he can't conduct a meeting. I am sick of hearing it. Let's work together. That is the reason I put it on here so we can discuss it together and make some decisions that will be hard decisions. You're going to speak on item number one.

>> Ann, Daytona Beach, Florida. This is item number four but I did get the feeling there was going to be a vote on holding a special meeting. I'm a big fan of gathering information. To give staff to gather information, I think it will be good and I'm going to read over my phone notes. Get personal information. [INAUDIOBLE] That way you will know if you're talking about a moratorium. The only thing I would suggest is doing a moratorium, building requirements and other areas that has successfully addressed flooding. Do it with recommendations for future building patterns, community patterns and site plans. Take a realistic look at the frequency and severity. How do the standards need to change to accommodate this? We can't control the increased frequency and severity of the events that are coming. We can barely control and respond to what is already in place. The only thing that you can control is how you develop in the future. And I appreciate that you want more information that is great but make sure you get the right information. Make sure you get information that truly have an impact. I think that starts with doing a survey. How much land are you talking about? How many parcels? I think you need to do a study on what the changes might mean? If you going to do a study do it with some, I don't know I lost my thought. Thank you.

>> All of the things was listed on item for that the Council could have picked to send back to the staff to bring us more information and discuss. There was a long list of solutions. In studies that we had to do an information that we can generate. That is all on the item so to hear that they did not understand is disappointing to me. Danny Robbins?

>> Thank you, chair. We are on opposite sides of the aisle but she is absolutely correct. There's a lot of passion justified in his room. And I do want to make sure that we stop and think of the right solution to this serious issue. Not just the solution like we see time and time again six Myung -- months down the road. Chairman, this is a serious issue and it is an observation. I



do know one council member who would not take this seriously. And we want to dedicate quite a bit of money to this problem and planning. To steal a quote, we do have to apply in math, science and logic to what we are doing so we don't encounter these problems time and time again. We don't have that to make a discussion and to come to a vote or action item at this point will be juvenile. I appreciate it and thank you so much.

>> Two things I want to consider, the first is December 17, a meeting that has been previously removed.

>> If we're meeting on the 17th, they said, no. The 17th is out for me.

>> The date would be January 14.

>> January 14 is perfect for me.

>> Are you still up from the last comment?

>> No, sir.

>> Just to wrap this up before I call for a vote because I am hearing it from both sides, I do not view this as being juvenile. You cannot breathe the air and I have seen the problem in my tour today of the St. John's water district. We can send that back to staff so I'm not going to.[INDISCERNIBLE]. What really got my attention. We are expecting 60 – 90 years from today very wet weather in Florida. Maybe a brief pause in dryness. We have to deal with it as quickly as possible. I do not expect anybody to vote on Morean tonight. There's a list of accomplishments we wanted to see made and created by everyone and not just by me. Hopefully, we will get a chance to do that on January 14. I will call for the vote to move item number 42 as special meeting at 4:00 PM on January 14. Any other comments? All in favor say, Aye. Do you have a comment before I called the vote?

>> If we can set the date, I think the motion within 60 days. I'm looking at my calendar to make sure January 14 works for me. Make the date selection by the end of the night. By the end of the night, I can have that.

>> So you might not be able to make the 14th?

>> I am waiting for a reply from my assistant.

>> Okay. That was not part of the motion. He was kind enough to get the date but January 14 is not accepted as part of the motion.

>> The motion is in place and has been seconded by someone. The motion that you call roll is 60 days. I said that before the end of the night, we can get the specific date within the 60 days.

>> The second is all right with that?

>> I am.

>> That is a motion and I am not comfortable with it. It is sometimes hard to work around your schedule.

>> Chairman, I will tell you why.

>> This is the guy that wants to work together. Jesus Christ.

>> Chairman, as a second, I am okay with it because it is going to happen within 60 days. And we have made that clear to staff. We are agreeing and we're getting ready to vote on that. If it is going to be the 14, 19th but in 60 days we say we're going to have this meeting. I trust Councilman Santiago when he says publicly, I am just waiting to hear back from my assistant and by the end of the night I'll be able to give that to you. As the second, I know I am okay with it.

>> All in favor of a motion which is to move item number four to a special meeting within 60

days at 4:00 p.m. Is that still part of the motion? All in favor say, Aye. All opposed? Moved to a special meeting.

>>.[INDISCERNIBLE]

>> Yes.

>> Do you have the public participation form yet? As I call you please make sure the microphone is near your mouth so we can hear you. You are aware of how that works. Please stick to three minutes. First, we have Tracy Anderson. If you would when you come up tell us where you are from. You do not have to give your whole address but tell us where you're from.

>> My name is Tracy. I love my community. I have been flooded three times. In 2009, 2022, and this last time. I've had to rebuild three times. I bought my property 37 years ago and it is not in the flood zone. I am in a big flood zone. What happened around my house after 2009 which was a 100 year storm that keeps coming every five years. What happened is we decided to build townhouses. My street and the three streets next to me are secondary retention ponds. That overflows because the canal goes into the retention pond becomes dentistry and have a river that comes through the front. I am flooded all the way around. When the water stops going into the one drain I have 20 minutes to leave my street. Think about that. I know you all want to wait so many days to make decisions on things. If Sarah has showed up today like it was supposed to, we wouldn't have 30 or 60 days. I come from a time when we were responsible for our actions. Baby boomers there are a few of us left. Nobody takes responsibility. We have studies. What good are the studies if you're building the townhouses where we are flooding. They don't know what to do. The action speaks. I voted for you because of the one issue. Believe me I go out and talk and baby boomers, we are strong as you can tell. But I'm telling you right now, nobody is going to buy my house. I'm going to be 70 in three years and I can't start over. I cannot start over so please remember that. More than half the people cannot start over. And I don't want to. I love the community and they have great people there. Volusia County why don't you become the leader of something different? This is a County where the citizens.[INDISCERNIBLE]. Please, please when you think about the stuff think about these people. 8 feet of stuff in people's yards, yes you are right, it is horrible and heartbreaking three it all night --. All I am is --

>> Next will be Paul Richeson by John Richardson.

>> January 14 does work for me.

>> Okay.

>> My name is Paul Richeson of DeLand. I would like to say, thank you to Volusia County and the staff.[INDISCERNIBLE]. Volusia and Florida citizens.[INDISCERNIBLE]. I will not be here for item number 10. It has been an honor and a pleasure being on the cultural Council Volusia County. Your representative in that regard and the Cultural Council for a long time to come. I thank you to be serving on the council. God bless Volusia County, God bless the United States.

>> John Nicholson followed by Keith adjuster.

>> On the agenda you have item N. [INAUDIOBLE] I am asking you to make sure they go into that location. Secondly, you're going to be talking about parking. You're going to allow free parking for residents. [INAUDIOBLE] He is the chair and I have been waiting for years and lead a bunch of cats scattering all over the place trying to make.[INDISCERNIBLE]. Give him some respect and ask George. Please talk to him about what is going on and what he's allowed to do and get the rest of you upset. The folks behind me -- if you have somebody go in it is making

everything difficult. We spent one hour deciding whether we were going to delay item number four or not. At this point you have to work with them and you have to leave. Give them some slack to hold them to the fire. Everybody knows about the Holocaust. I am asking you to have something that we will not allow to be discriminated against because of their religion. Thank you.

>> Virginia followed by Keith and Catherine. Virginia had to leave. Keith followed by Catherine followed by Charles. I want to remind you --

>> There's an old saying, by failing to prepare, be prepared to fail. The County and the city and Volusia County have not been preparing. Over a year ago I started saying governmental responsibilities and I started saying, do we need a plan? For now and into our future and how we are going to pay for it? For many decades, I watched Volusia County further and further and it started and I use that yesterday. Let's be honest it was put in place and they did not have a clue of how they were going to pay for it. Now we have \$9 million a year and it is going to be going out that could have and should have been for our needs here in Volusia County like flooding. So everybody in the audience is concerned about flooding because their homes are flooded and traffic and the need for sidewalks. The core governmental needs and responsibilities, they have to understand that so much of their money and money that has come in from the federal government that could've gone to the core governmental needs has been earmarked to handouts, to programs, two things that are not to Volusia County government. Many people have backed this. It gives you the cultural Council, gives you children and families and all of the things sounds good. You're taking money from us by force because if we do not give you the money that we have to give you, they will take our homes and property. And then you are choosing who to give it to. And then you're making our charitable contributions for us. That is not right and that is what nongovernment is intended to be when it was formed. I think the recent presidential election like it or not sent a message. 60% of the voters of Volusia County voted they did not want \$1.7 trillion handout. They did not want \$25,000, they did not want schools being paid off by people who were resting their butts. You were willing to heed the message but 60% decided when they voted against those things. So while this room is packed full of people asking you for more understand there's a lot of people against it.

>> Catherine followed by Charles, followed by Suzanne.

>> Catherine, I live in Orange city unincorporated. I live on the lake that has never flooded. I have no insurance or flooding. FEMA has come out and said, it is a man-made problem so they will not cover any damages. I paid \$25,000 to have dirt put in so my house does not flood. I saw the flooding coming up because, we flooded after Milton not during after. Two weeks after Milton water with two where the road broke. It is still going into it. The water went in and started coming in and the water rose at least 15 feet high and 200 feet in. Water on the drive Lake is now flooded. The dirt that I put to prevent the water from coming in my house is working right now. If Sarah would have come, it would not be working. And I would've been in the house that had black mold. That is a problem because the Orange city Council decided the water did not come from them but it did. St. John's water management, they haven't done anything because they feel like it is not their problem. The congressman that I contacted, he is supposed to be talking to you guys. Because this is preventable. It should not have happened. We have two different ponds now we have a gigantic lake. It is flooding down onto people's property and they are not even lakefront. We are all suffering in this area. What we would like for you to do is

pump the water out. Because it was sneaky when a County person got a permit without advertising in the area. They went to Daytona Beach which is 35 miles away. Since 2017 the water has been seeping and are Lake has gone up. It almost flooded us and then this one afterwards, it was obvious what happened. We found out the problems and it is really the County and the Orange city developed the way it is. They have water on us. We are a private community and we have nothing. We do not bother anyone. But yet we are getting flooded. I foresee the homes that are below me and elevation, they are all flooded. That is terrible because they never flooded before and we don't have flood insurance.

>> What lake?

>> Miller Pond which is now Miller Lake.

>> Charles followed by Suzanne, followed by David.

>> My name is Charles. I live in the West subdivision. I live in DeLand. I am the treasurer of our homeowners association. I'm here representing my homeowners Association tonight. I will talk about stormwater and retention ponds. Our system is a series of three retention ponds and self draining systems. I have pictures which we will not be able to show which would have made this more sense. Two of our retention ponds after the hurricane and they are working as they were designed. Our third retention pond is directly across Blick Avenue from the County retention pond that is at the corner of Blue Lake and Victoria Trails Boulevard. I have a picture of that area so you can visualize it for those who may not be familiar. If you have driven to Blue Lake that is where the roads have been covered with water for a month. The third retention pond was designed to hold the storm water and a few hundred feet of old Pond Road and Wingate cul-de-sac. The county pond and Victoria trails are full. It overflows back to Blue Lake avenue and flows across the West sidewalk and directly into a third Westminster retention pond. When the pond filled up from the overflow water during hurricane Milton, it back flowed through our street drains and flooded Wingate Drive to the point that we had a rescue vehicle that had to come to remove a 94-year-old lady. Water continued to rise as it came across Blue Lake a week after the storm passed. HOA took action to save homes and driveways. The HOA brought in pumps and spent \$12,488 saving seven homes. I am here tonight to ask that the Council reimburse my homeowners Association for that \$12,488. I would like to know how to move forward doing that there that is all of God.

>> Suzanne followed by David followed by.

>> Good evening Suzanne. In November 2023, we pulled water samples from green, blue and De Leon Springs from a chemical study by the University of Florida. In September of this year we received the study results from the UF team. The freshwater springs is published in science of the total environment. The following is read directly from the study to the best of their knowledge this is the first comprehensive study highlighting Porter Springs. P FBS was the most detected across all Springs. The three most contaminated Springs was near Daytona. Seven sites exceeded the MPA's drinking water maximal level for PF OA, P FOS or both. As a summary of the abstract of the study the state of Florida continues over 1000 freshwater springs fed by groundwater that.[INDISCERNIBLE]. Freshwater spring is one of the cleanest water sources on earth. A recent study regarding the stream across the globe has called into question whether it infiltrated the body water. It was analyzed for the presence and the Springs with the highest concentration was green spring, blue Springs and his back flow from the lake for groundwater discharge causing a potential mix that impact systems that inhabit the spring. The

second highest concentration is blue Springs. Located in Blue Springs Park due to the Springs protected area is unclear the potential source is coming from but a likely source is St. Johns River. The third-highest is De Leon Springs. It is a time 10 with high concentration. The summary provides an explanation of consumable water as well as seven Springs exceeding surface water levels and fish consumption, consumption to wildlife. There was some Springs that had no P falls on the test. In 2022 we did a test in a lab draw organization for residents unfiltered tap in Deltona and Lake Helen. The results coincided with the University of Florida results. Thank you for your time and also the study via email. And for the remaining few seconds, we support the moratorium and we want the pollution which is this counsel to look into the pollution of the water of our Springs in our water bodies. Thank you.

>> David followed by Karen.

>> My name is David Hill. I live on Miller Rd. in Orange city, Florida. I am going to talk about Miller Lake. Mirror Lake used to be 250 feet from our property line. I have lost an acre of land. This all started in 2017 with the permit by the professional center that is approved by the County of Volusia. The system allows for storm drain to be across to drain Miller Oaks professional center. Miller Oaks professional center as a system under the parking lot that is designed to take the water in and distribute it out. It hasn't been doing that since the installation of the storm drain. The system is next to the lake and at any given time the system is both low the lake. It is a conduit and all the groundwater traveling underneath the Royal Oaks professional parking lot. This lake in the system is like a water tower. If anybody will go and look at the storm drain across the drive, you would see the water is like a river rolling through it. It has been doing it for seven years. It is taking the capacity of Miller Lake. It will not handle it. In addition to the storm drain across the drive and illegal drain by Fremont Drive. If any deviations is not authorized to.[INDISCERNIBLE]. I pointed out to St. John's, the city and they will not do anything. 17 of the permit says the district will have the permittee to the cause. Please call St. John's and say, that was a bad idea. The County gave a letter of objection to put the storm drain under Fremont Drive. The capacity was taken away. In summary, the drain has taken the capacity to handle the storm vent. We have been flooded 24 hours a day for several plus years. -- Years.

>>.[INDISCERNIBLE]

>> Thank you Council members. My name is Sean Parker. I'm the pastor of the United Church of Christ. I am here with faith fighting against injustice towards humanity. We have 34 congregations of various faith traditions are involved with our network. We're going to talk about flooding and I specifically want to talk about \$400,000 that have been left out of the funding for the shelter in the next year. My understanding is that it was a five year agreement and the five years have expired now. Has been chosen to take the \$400,000 out of the funding from the county to the first step shelter. I understand there may be some difficulty with people having problems with leadership there for example. People were having problems with the way it was run. Taking away money from first step shelter will only hurt the wrong people. It is going to decrease the number of beds that are there which is already low capacity. We take more beds away and makes it more difficult for social workers, pastors and other people were trying to help. It makes us difficult for us to access services at first step shelter. 94% of the people who have been house from first step shelter over two years ago are still being housed. It means if the outcomes are good from first step shelter, we do not need to lose the funding. We have a great need for it. We need to have ways to address the homelessness problem. We have very

few in the county, we don't have nearly enough resources. I'm asking you to put that back into the budget so we can more properly serve the needs of those who need it.

>> Karen Clark followed by George, followed by Pamela Walker.

>> Hello. I want to thank Mr. Lewis. I was one of the potential candidates and I was there until 6:00 p.m. at night. You have a great staff and you have nothing but kudos on that. I want to thank the people that are stationed out of the West Volusia over by the Humane Society for doing a great job. The guys were going way too fast and the next day all the vehicles was going slow the way they were supposed to be. I want to thank them for that. The word discussion is the description of item four. I know it went off on a tangent but on the special meeting, will we be able to speak as well? That is what I want to know. I know certain places you cannot speak you can only hear it. And why wait 60 days? I would like you to also think about not now about an animal shelter in Orange County. Because when the shelter get a contract, used to be animal control delivered animal to the shelter and they took care of it for three days because that is what the requirement was. I think I got changed because now they have to adopt out. That is the part of the contract that is a little worrying the shelters that already got the contracts. Just to let you know. You already have the vet, you already have the staff and it can be used as on the job training. For animal care, shelters just in the whole animal industry. You can take advantage of that. Not so much taxpayer dollars there's a lot of grants and businesses out there that would gladly fund. I have the property. You can take in the horses and somebody took horses into another area just to be safe. It was available so think about that. I know there's a group of people we can help. I feel sorry for you guys. Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> Good afternoon and thank you for the time Mr. Chairman. Congratulations on your election. This man has a mandate and the entire community of politicians recruited a Democratic sheriff to go after him. The public spoken to give him a mandate. We expect you all to surround him with support and show him some respect. He is a good man. I'm here to talk about flooding. I am a nice guy. Here's the problem, my children and my grandchildren live near a septic tank. My son was trapped in his house and I said that before. I do not want anybody to lose their job. I used to be on the consulting and engineering in construction site. My comments are not aimed at these people. Fixed the flooding. I know you have a project underway. I know how projects go. 18 months, nine months and another year to design them and then financing and is five years before you have anything. Please, George let's make the process go faster. The faster you find a solution, we can stop talk about moratoriums and things like that. Just be aware all this flooding, you will have a liability for this. If somebody gets bit by a coral snake, they are going to come after you as well. I'm not trying to lecture you. There's one last thing I want to talk about, I am disappointed with one of your staff members. His name is Mr. Bartlett. When I first came three years ago -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. He did not return my calls. He got belligerent and aggressive with my wife and I did not appreciate that. He said why did you ghost me? I said we had nothing to talk about. I've lost confidence in Mr. Bartlett and I don't know if he is a fair judge. [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> Pamela Walker? [APPLAUSE]

Followed by Kathy Thompson, followed by.[INDISCERNIBLE].

>> Yes, I am here to talk about animal control. I have been here since two years ago and I have emotional support animals. They do not do my job and they harass me. I complained to

the sheriff department and they are trying to put me in jail about my animals. I am doing everything I can to keep them. They adopted them out. They are more concerned about money. When you see homeless people out here with their animals, take care of their animals and the animals eat before they eat. This is an issue with animal control and their officers. The officer was harassing people.

>> Kathy Thompson, Donna McDowell, followed by JC.

>> Kathy Thompson resident of Ormonde Beach. I just wanted to come today to personally update you on our second project. A little bit of headway in 2013 we got letters from lawyers saying that we will be receiving a request from a volunteer. We heard it was going to be about \$35,000 and it turned out to be \$350,000. I can assure you and the 78 year history, we have never had a donation of that size and maybe never again. That allow us to apply for our first echo. We wanted to renovate the entire building with the money. Unfortunately, the cost was going to be \$400,000 more than we had. We broken into two phases. We addressed first what was most important to our patrons. To give them updated bathrooms and still original bathrooms were built in 1955 along with other amenities. A live to allow for easy wheelchair access. It got approved to do things and then -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. We continue to work on it. As soon as we could we apply for the second echo and we were approved in December 2022. The cost for just for phase 2, it shows you how much cost of construction has increased. The echo application was approved thanks to you. We completed our.[INDISCERNIBLE]. The project was to be completed in December 2023. We started our season late that December. But there is lots of challenges. Supply chain issues, worker shortages etc. We were determined to do our best and remain open. We ran a full season while the construction went on. At the end of June I will construction project was actually completed. We now have an elevator, new dressing rooms, it is an absolute wonderful facility particular for the children who are the first to get to use the new dressing room and rehearsal hall. I want to thank Jim echo advisor committee etc. Thank you to the citizens of Volusia County.

>> Donna, Jason and David.

>> I am standing in for Donna McDonald. I live in Port Orange. Lots of what I came to talk about how to do with the moratorium. Congratulations on the elections everyone. I wanted to say now that the elections are done can we please work together and get things done for us. People in Volusia County including those in the city spoke loud and clear on election day. The moratorium I felt was good and it was stop the building until the flooding issues was solved. The most important thing is to stop building on the wetlands. It filters the waters down into the aquifer which is the drinking water. If we keep retention ponds in the water washes away and here we are with the water shortage because we are in the wetlands because everybody's building on what -- wetlands. Our wetlands are our greatest asset in Florida and we need to protect it. The next thing I am aware of is the resolution authorizing deferral of impact fees for single-family homes. I can't believe this is being considered. I know it sounds good like maybe the individual that is going to build a home is going to benefit. What I see is developers are going to benefit. They will put infrastructures like roads and sidewalks and leaving the taxpayers to play for repairs. Town West is a good example. Development is still the same. I think maybe there should be ponds put by the developers and if there's a problem the roads are falling apart and the sidewalks are falling apart. It happens over and over. We the people of Volusia County get stuck with that bill because we have to pay the taxes that cover it. I'm not

even sure why the Council is even considering that. It only benefits the developers in my opinion. It is under the guise of a strategic rule of increasing effectiveness of government operations. The next item I would like to speak on is the K – 12 development.

>> JC followed by David.

>> George, I left you and a half a dozen messages. I want to talk about access driving side-by-side or a large truck. We need some help. First, I would like to ask that we revisit the FEMA money that was allocated towards HUD and low income housing repairs. I know can be used for infrastructure and stormwater management. I think that conversations need to be brought up an address. Second, Mr. Santiago, you pulled up a picture after I walked out of the room and it was very inaccurate. I'm asking today if you have any information or anything else that you do it now and we have the conversation. I brought you facts and I brought facts. [INDISCERNIBLE]. Let's pull the picture up and talk about it and review it. Three hurricanes happen within the moment -- months. 40 days after the hurricane, I still have a river flowing into my backyard which is flowing into the front yard and flowing into my neighbor's pasture. That is seepage from improper elevations being set area that is water being pumped into the retention ponds to maintain our pond heights for beautification and irrigation. In another neighborhood next to us they have a deep water float switch that was set at 6 feet over the water elevation. That ran -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. It is lateral infiltration and irrigation and we call St. John's to get verification on the verbiage that they use. The water was seeping through the pond. It was set over the predevelopment findings in the report by 6 feet. Within the last two months before the storm brought in \$200 million of reclaimed water to maintain irrigation. So when you say I don't bring the facts let's talk about the facts. Thank you.

>> David, Pam, Elizabeth.

>> Dave Kramer I also live in Miller Lake. I am flooded and I have lost 90 acres of land. My wife and daughter had to move out of the house because it is overran by water. You can see the water coming up through the vents. It is uninhabitable. We have had 14 inches of rain and that turned into 7 to 10 feet of water and that should not happen. This is my first time being here physically. I was here for the same issues for water being pumped and drained into Miller Lake. Each time Volusia County was, they specifically said, we are not going to do anything. A few years ago the St. John's River Authority -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. St. Johns River and they all agreed they can pump the water out and get it to the Barry. A few years ago to get out of the problem Volusia County was the only entity that refused to do it. They said we will not provide a pump and we will not provide resources. I was told by Ben Bartlett that I can buy the pump myself and then they would look into it. It also another time one of the County engineers David came onto our property and said that we are going to stop the pumping and stop the drainage. The County knew about it and it has been around since 2017. What has been done since on Miller Road they have built a temporary one lane Rd. And I am on the Shady Lane side on the other side of the lake. It is extremely dangerous and unsafe. The Volusia County and has also, have been told they had put a stick in the road and that is how they are monitoring the lake. I would expect a little bit more to be done than to say we don't see note water rising because we put a stick in the road. What are my expectations? They have been met over the last 10 years. I expect nothing to be done, expect good solutions to come forward and the County not to do anything. So I am going to do what the county has done to me for years. I am going to shut up and turn my back to you and I'm going to walk away. [APPLAUSE]



>> Pam, Elizabeth and Donnie Hall.

>> I don't think there's a lot I can add to the flooding. I do want to put a face to the severe problem that the county has. I bought a home in July after moving from North Carolina. We had no idea what awaited us. The retention pond located beside our home begin to overflow before the hurricane arrived. We were blindsided by this issue. Who would've thought that flooding would be a regular occurrence. In the last hurricane, we had to rely on friends to have a place to stay. Driving an hour and a half each day. As we struggle to clear up and repair our home we have to wonder if it is in vain? We have been told there isn't anything that can be done. I appreciate the plan have actual steps and a date to begin -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. Do you have any idea how hopeless and helpless that makes us feel? Unless you experience this trauma over flooding event, you can't imagine. As you go home today and you prepare to sleep in your bed think of those of us who can't do that. As you prepare for the upcoming holidays and you gather around your table at Thanksgiving think of those who can't do that. As you put your Christmas decorations in your home please think about the rest of us that will not have an opportunity. Please work on this problem now. Please address it for those of us who are suffering on a daily basis. You want our tax dollars and I paid \$10,000 next year.[INDISCERNIBLE] I am asking you as a face of trauma before you, please, please help us. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

>> Elizabeth you spoke for somebody else? Ronnie and Pat Nicholson?

>> Good evening and thank you for allowing me to be here. My name is Ronnie Hall and I live in New Smyrna Beach. I'm here on behalf of the Board of Directors, we like to thank the county counselor, administration, staff and employees for helping us after the hurricane so we can have over 4000 youth in this county display their projects. Thank you again for all you do. I know you have a lot going on but thank you. [APPLAUSE]

>> Pat Nicholson, followed by Tyler.

>> Pat Nicholson in the room? We will go to Thomas Rutledge followed by Tyler, followed by Fred Cleveland. Come on down, you are next.

>> There was an issue last year and I've watched each of you and have to say, I am really disappointed. You would have to be deaf and dumb to not see how people are suffering. [INDISCERNIBLE] Our tax dollars are paying your salaries. You are not following your oath of office. Look around you -- [INDISCERNIBLE] None of you should be paid. You should be ashamed of yourselves. When the federal government has already given the money, don't ask the taxpayers to bear the burden.

>> Thomas Rutledge followed by Tyler, followed by Fred Cleveland.

>> Sorry, I was downstairs getting through security. Thank you for your service to our community and congratulations to Chari Brower to your election victory. You've seen me before when I was at the end result of the election. I was speaking from the electrically ignorant. I have no idea what Mr. Brower was up against. Many rely on the guided did not understand the process that eliminated Mr. Brower from Paris when he found out that outrage was uncontained. In my opinion unless there was a change in leadership in this committee comes to alignment with the expectations, it will remain discredited and unreliable. The word is out and the process will continue. The shoe in for off presidential candidates that allow endorsements are a thing of the past. It will be easy going forward for Republicans and district races for far less voter needing education on the subject. This is indicated where a candidate a life long Republican

almost 1. He was so wounded he switched parties. Had he not done that, he likely would've won easily. Another thing we learned is endorsements for office. Working polling locations, never heard or any other volunteer ever heard say it was brought up when voters have plenty to say. On the subject which you heard from you before, the southern end is gone. They were gone before the one foot surge hit from the latest storm. The southern end by the sea, they are missing. The northern one are further west. Listening to developers and chambers of commerce complain about job losses from a moratorium is like listening to defense contractors argued about stopping wars. Thank you very much for your time. [APPLAUSE]

>> Tyler, is Tyler still here? Tyler? Fred Cleveland? Is Fred Cleveland still here? Followed by Ava Castellano followed by Kathleen.

>> Good evening Mr. Chairman. Councilmembers, first of all thank you for your service. It is not voluntary but it is pretty close. Based on what you are paid and thank you for taking a breath. I can only tell you, I have heard the stories that you heard tonight from new Smyrna residents about flooding. The human cry to do something to act. Please unite our city, please save the cooperation of our counties on this one I call a regional or statewide issue. Leverage County managers contacts, the Army Corps of Engineers, are U.S. Congress, and our governor's office to get the billions of dollars that it is going to take to remedy this and the time is going to take to get it right the first time. Measure twice and cut once. We have a community of low-lying areas and one of them is Corban Park where homes get flooded. Your generosity and wisdom for the Doug Corbin Park project. Lastly, it is the only surviving evidence that now culture will have for future generations. Please remember that when it comes to your budget vote for a couple reasons, it is economic engine times five when people attend. It is a worthy government service to the residents and citizens in the area. Thank you for your time, thank you for your consideration and thank you for your commitment tonight. You have and an enviable job. I am glad to serve with you, thank you.

>> Catherine followed by.[INDISCERNIBLE].

>> Hello. I am Ava Castellano and I am speaking to item number 10. I'm 15 years old and I am in high school. I remember of the program and over 4.5 GPA and the class secretary. Have -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. I've also been improv for the majority of my years. On top of a that I am in high school band. The impact of this has been immense. I have experience more creativity, focus and social awareness. I'm not the only one to experience such things from participating in the arts. The arts have an impact on the -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. It would be even more disappointing to see someone like me who continue is being an active member of the program not being able to participate because of budget cuts. I'm also a junior counselor of the youth Academy. This is a been a fulfilling experience get to see younger kids who looked exactly like me and be fully immersed in the arts. It has been an incredible experience to watch the kids learn and grow in the arts. The arts have built a strong community for me and has given me a safe haven where I can truly be myself. I have built so many incredible friendship and I'm excited to see -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. It has given me the confidence to participate in many other endeavors outside of the arts. In fact, I have the confidence to be here in front of you today if it was not for the arts. The arts are an incredible thing but should be kept alive for everyone. When deciding on this grant, I implore you to think about everyone especially the children that it will have a large impact on. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

>> Before I call the next person, even -- Ava it was good to hear from you. Please come up for

public participation for items not on the agenda --.

>> Catherine, Daytona Beach. Good evening counsel. Our County Counsel minutes are not accessible to all Volusia County residents. Especially those who reside in the county. In addition residents.[INDISCERNIBLE]. The taxpaying residents sit at the table to hear the voices heard. Our charter grants to move the location of the meetings as long as it is advertising a newspaper one week prior. The county owns the ocean center so there's no place, space and costs are not an issue. Accessibility for all residents of the County Counsel who one of the two meetings at the ocean center that has plenty of space. We should have a evening meeting starting no later than 5:00 PM as people do have day jobs. I asked this because the outat-large Councilman where the meeting should be held during daytimes hours. Daytona Beach regional chamber of commerce proposition to the county one moratorium. Many folks and I was one of them who cannot hire a contractor or roofer to put our house back together pull storm because people are backed up for months with work. It's at 1 and a half years from my delectable my child hood home back together. It was lost revenue for the county. Just while as all of these people think about pumping half a million to take out the one councilman who really hears us and wants to address our counties issues. What about the thousands of dollars Volusia County residents have lost in the flooding? The increased cost of insurance that many cannot afford to have. What about our neighbors who have to file bankruptcy? Not once did they mention the safety of our residents. Pure greed at the loss of billions in revenue to the chamber essay how about you reach out to your business partners instead of creating gentrified parts of concrete to the infrastructure needs in the county. We are doing 100-year-olds storm drains and a whole lot of construction jobs. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

>> Carla black, Pat, followed by Stephanie Cox.

>> Good evening Councilman. I am Carla Black from Orange City. I am here to discuss our public safety and the protection. I have been following the stories of her residence, our family farmers and small businesses that had never been in a flood zone prior to the construction over a watershed that popped up in and around their proximity to them. I find the retention ponds and ineffective at doing their jobs. I find some other the residents are stuck in continuous standing water that has never been addressed. They have no drive path to their homes, nowhere for children to play, nowhere for animals to graze and they are at risk for deadly bacteria and mold. We also have residents that previously were not in a flood zone who are flooding during not only named storms but also typical summer storms. Then we don't have the appropriate insurance coverage because it is difficult to obtain an extremely costly. There are at great risk to their health and well-being. For public safety, we should stop six and 8 feet watershed development projects. We should require low impact development policies, implement requires of the county and Melissa policies to a great storm water management. The flooding is not in my backyard and incorporated city. I do care about the county. To quote a favorite artist, with compromise or pride and sacrificed our health. We must demand more now from each other but from ourselves. Let us think of this before rushing to approve another 250 home project over watershed. I stand Mutilated and am satisfied with that. I'm going to come back and stand with it. I thank you for your time. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

>>.[INDISCERNIBLE]

>> My name is Pat and I live in DeLand, Florida. They close the road because it was flooded. It was up to my knees Mr. Santiago if you have not been out there. They have not come so

what I can to say today, I don't think I can say. It wasn't bad but I listen to Glenn Beck and Glenn Beck says, do the next right thing. Do the next right thing. All of you sitting up here. The only person that has only been to our place is Mr. Brower. Mr. Brower has been there multiple times to check on us and make sure we are okay. Nobody else has. He checked on our neighbors. I'm going to cry. Our business have suffered because of Victoria reserve, they build up six – 8 feet. Go out and look at the neighbors and rocking him in the road that is not finished in the reserve. There's a 8 foot wall of sand. You guys have been listening to JC for years and you have done nothing. It is time to get off your butts. Approve the moratorium. The infrastructure that should have been before they started building, it should not have happened to us. X elevation except for Victoria Park and all of the subdivisions were 8 feet up. All of you guys that are against this, straighten up as my mother used to say. The other thing I would like to say is, I think you should ask the community to be on these committees. You need to allow us to be on the committee. Because only government people on the committee is not going to work. And when is 5 December Mr. Dempsey? We did not know that. All of us can get in today we had no idea that she was having a town hall.

>> Stephanie Cox followed by Rev. Anthony Stearns followed by Joe. Is Stephanie Cox here? Going twice. Rev. Anthony Stearns? Is Rob here? Chelsea? Is she here? Robert are you speaking? Rob you were ahead of her if you want to come down and speak first? It was Rob, Chelsea and Missy.

>> Thank you for the opportunity. I am Rob -- [INDISCERNIBLE] [INAUDIBLE] [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> Chelsea?

>> Good evening everyone, I'm Chelsea, I live in Farms Village. Owner congratulates Mr. Brower and Mr. Reinhart on their election. Camaraderie with new counsel and new outcomes. It is for school responsible services for the health, safety and quality of life for Volusia County. For generations to come -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. I'm here to speak on a couple of topics. The first one is going to be, I support the moratorium. I don't know why we can't have discussions on things. When Milton came through we had 5 feet of water on Halifax Drive on the west side. The only access to the properties was by kayak or boat. My children can even not stand out there. The expanded public facilities that were directly addressed by the development. We the people need help not another savings for developers that are set to make a profit. Think of the people. The final item I want to cover is regarding something call city rights church. It is located -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. This restriction has been known about for at least 15 years. Overall there is infrastructure that needs to be upgraded before anyone consider something like this. We have multiplications and I emailed you all the water management from 2009 where the big to get items were done. More building is not the answer. The 415 is a 2 Lane Hwy. And traffic cannot support it. Together we stand divided we fall. Thank you.

>> Missy followed by Yvonna followed by Tim.

>> I love to see those kids staying past their bedtime to participate. People really care about what is going on. Thank you for having a meeting at 4:00 PM, it is nice for residents who works to be able to participate and that is essential for our community. Everybody said they want to work together tonight and that is really moving. I have been here on and off for the last four years and I have seen unprofessional behavior that undermines and we all lose when you guys can't find a consensus. We take for granted the right for homes to be protected from adverse

effects and Trent -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. The people behind the scenes want to talk about this current problem and how it is affecting our residents and have been pulling a lot of strings of what is happening. Our roads are overwhelmed and our schools are overwhelmed. I talked to a neighbor and she is 37 kids in her class. Our households are overwhelmed and not bring a family to the local ED and how overrun the staff and facility art. There are limited beds. An even more unfortunate to have a family member in hospice care there's a shortage there. We need to take care of our residents before more development and calm -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. The engineers with the education that they have present their plan of how to contain the water. None of the discussion there's no responsibility on how it's going to affect the existing residence. That is a piece that needs to be change in how we look at developments. Thank you for your time.

>> Tim followed by Earl Hunt.

>> Good afternoon. My name is Alina Kraft, I live in Ormonde Beach. I like to take my time today to highlight some of the details that were conveniently forgotten about today's agenda item. Which Mr. Brower did invite to everyone. To start there was a specific time in today's agenda item and that word was, discussion. Negligence not to discuss real solution to the devastation many Volusia County residents have experienced over the past two years. Controversial is the word for the moratorium. There's nothing controversial about the environment to ensure future developments meet specific conditions to prevent -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. I have learned the following conditions to list the temporary moratoriums. There's three of them. The first one is to acquire impact developments. By definition it provides a sustainable approach to land development and natural water cycles reducing stormwater runoff and mitigate flooding. That is not controversial. In fact it sounds like the only responsible and humane thing to do. Developers should not be in the discussion but should be held to a higher standard. We have to suffer the consequences as a profit driven tunnel vision. I can assure you the overwhelming majority of Volusia County residents was to put up initiatives that put a temporary and developers are to build responsibility. That is why everybody is here. The second condition was included in the proposal is the practice of draining wetlands. The main purpose of wetlands is to storm floodwaters. There's nothing controversial about prohibiting wetlands. Volusia County has a page dedicated to instructing developers on how to obtain a wetland alteration limit is quite shameful. The counties website and I quote, if the application meets the requirements of this division, the wetland alteration is issued. There should be a requirement that justifies wetlands in Volusia County. Again, not controversial. The third one was Fisher that everyone has to reevaluate the storm water management practices and maintenance. There's nothing controversial about that. The counties and the cities pause developments until they update the master plans. Rational solutions to prevent flooding, you have plenty of time to review them prior to the meeting. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

>> Tim Palmer followed by Earl Hunt, followed by Debbie.

>> I only need a minute. I want to thank him for his quick response to the concern we had. I want to thank Jeff for what they are doing. By the way, I'm Tim Palmer. What they are trying to do and cooperate with you on this concern. I just want to say, I am astounded that councilmembers will come here unprepared to talk about a problem that has existed for over a decade. [APPLAUSE]

I am not going to use the whole time. I appreciate the need to consult with experts. But you

don't work for the expert, you work for us. Thank you for giving time for we the people to speak. [APPLAUSE]

>> If you hold your applause we can get through a lot more. Debbie and Eric Polson? Is Earl still here? Debbie? Eric? Is it Eric Olson?

>> I'm Eric Olson. On this six -- I'm raising six generations. I say that to impress upon you that I care about my community. My great-grandfather came into this town a long time ago. We have seen a lot of things happen over the years. Flooding is a nightmare. It has changed. I have seen flooding 35 years ago, you have areas that did not flood 35 years ago and the changes of patterns happen. We have had a lot of rain. We are in this room talking about how we were in a drought and did not have enough water to have clean water for our kids. So we started spending hundreds of millions of dollars and we did all that because we need the water. Now we are here talking about we have so much water we don't know where to put it. I took pictures this weekend on the house where the river is 12 feet above the power line. I have never seen that in my life ever. We have a restaurant that on Saturday had 10 inches of water in the building. We feel for the people that are flooding. It is very important that we don't go on emotion. Unique critical thinking and disparities. I will say things that will make some people happy. I feel for the flooding because I been flooded before. It is a horrible feeling and I can't explain the nightmare during a storm. Much less after the storm. You can't understand the -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. I have depended on it in my life. A family of carpenters and builders and farmers. We have to find an answer for it. It was caused by people before you. The bad apples and the people who were not making the right decisions. Exchanging the sadness that we have for flooding for foreclosure signs, bankruptcies and loss of jobs is disgusting at best to hear those words. [APPLAUSE]

>> Jim? Or John followed by Gigi Galloway.

>> Good evening everybody and thank you for giving us a couple minutes. I have been born and raised here 59 years and I've been doing this my whole life. Have a lot of employees here and there's a lot of people who left. I would love for you guys to hear the tip of the iceberg. We went through flooding ourselves and my family went through just as last month. The moratorium -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. What happens then? Talk about having a special meeting and discussing these things, I am a building developer. I have to get my piece to build the new houses for folks. I'm not here to make a ton of money on one house. A lot of folks from our group are here. Whenever the folks we employ from here, they are not from out-of-state. We are here and the money stays in circulation. We have way too much to learn. There are things that we are forced to do as a developer. There is so many things I rather not do in the rules are and regulations that we are forced to do. We need the time to talk about it. We need education, we need studying, and we need laws. We understand that and we would love to sit down and talk about it. I know I have done a lot to contribute. I heard you call a couple of names and there's a lot of folks you need to hear from you and I understand that. The last thing I'll say is, I thought we postponed this and I am only here because we pulled it off of the agenda. I said through 50 people and they are in support of the moratorium. And again emotions are high and we understand that. We need time to talk about it from both sides before you make a decision that could possibly make the situation worse. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

>> Allison followed by Gigi Galloway.

>> Allison I live in DeLand. I've been living there and we built the house 30 years ago. They

hadn't paved Taylor from MLK to Blue Lake. Every time they keep adding and keep adding the flooding gets worse and worse. To start with, I have called three of y'all to try to get appointments for the last few months. The only one person that called me back is Mr. Brower. I called you, and I called you my representative over there. I did not know anything about having a town hall meeting until you just said it. I've been calling you and try to set up meetings. What is the deal, you can't call anybody back? We have flooding out there and all of these people are hurting and had to shut down Taylor Road and they shut down Blue Lake. It is about to have a big sinkhole there and is anybody doing anything? You talk about having a workshop, what are you going to study? There's one common denominator. Do I need to tell you what is going on? The only thing you have done today is kick the can down the road another 60 days, typical politicians. You all have a good day. [APPLAUSE]

>> Gigi Galloway.

>>.[INDISCERNIBLE]

>> Who just spoke?

>> I am Alex. Am I good? I'm going to keep it short because we haven't gone through the first thing on the agenda. I would like to take the time to say thank you to the County counselor for extending the time. The moratorium should -- shouldn't be taken lightly. It should never be a knee-jerk reaction. There will be jobs lost. There are people who moving to Volusia County to work in construction. The southern portion of the county is one of the top 10 for construction workers in the nation. The statistics are out there. To say that it will not affect, I'm going to guarantee you is going to affect. We are encouraging our children to take construction, electrical and all the programs that the school board is dumping money into. For what? They can't work here. If you moratorium, where the going to go? I just want to thank you guys for taking an opportunity for the impact that would have on the residence in Volusia County. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

>> Gigi Galloway followed by Prince, followed by --.

>> Mr. Chairman, commissioners first off I want to thank you very much for being the Mike Tyson and the guy that has to stand up and take all of these punches. I just want to tell you is a former athlete I want you guys to be my sports team and win the national championship. I challenge you to learn how to work together and work better together because we need you all. We need you to show true leadership. I have lived here 42 years there's a part where I live that has been flooding 42 years ago. Let's realize that nova canal was built in the 40s or 50s and there's only a few ways the water can get out. I feel the pain and my house flooded twice in 42 years. My partner just had 2 feet of water. It was next to the nova canal. I challenge each of you all, we brought in \$1.1 billion with money, where is our pumping systems? I grew up as a kid in Texas and we had massive pumps. New Orleans, massive pumps. Go back and look at photos when the airport wasn't a naval airport. The other branch, the DH, the creek was dug out 20 feet deep and 20 feet wide. There are trees this big in there. My tax dollars and somebody supposed to be taking my tax dollars to clear the creeks out. Have property that has flooded three times in the last four years. DOT covered the road and award has nowhere to go. Did anybody check DOT? FDOT put a row there. It doesn't goes to the east side and maybe that is where the 5 feet of water came from. I think we need to do is take and the reason I say pump the brakes on the moratorium is when you take a slow process and look at all of the people involved, it is not developers find our -- out what DOT has done. Thank you.

[APPLAUSE]

Works --

>> Jane followed by Joni Gonzales.

>> Good evening counsel, want to say thank you all for being here tonight. My name is Prince, I reside in South Daytona. I'm the governor of the association for realtors. I received a letter on proposition this afternoon. The Daytona Beach Association of realtors moratorium specifically a countywide moratorium on residential development will have a harmful impact on the local account to me and housing. From an economic perspective there are many negative repercussions with the moratorium. A reduction of over 20,000 Volusia County residents in the construction and building industry they potentially harming property values disrupting development projects, creating uncertainty for investors and addressing the underlying issues successfully the clear plan and timeline for resolution are not implemented successfully. Is that you become a residential development could interrupt economic progress while not providing long-term solution for flooding in our area. Economic progress can directly reduce tax revenue that is used to fund central public services. Like much of the us there United States, we have a housing deficits. A residential moratorium the existing housing shortage for the foreseeable future. Prospective homeowners and renters will be forced to seek housing an already overburdened market. This area desperately needs housing units that County to investigate alternative solutions for smart growth and responsible development. For example infrastructure and rather than outright development. The Daytona Beach Association of realtors is a resource to the Volusia County Council on all state matters. We are ready to participate in discussion that were while keeping sociability and prosperity of our community meaningful. We appreciate you all scheduling a special meeting to further discuss and we look forward to being there at the table. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

>> Jane? Followed by Joni Gonzales, followed by Nancy Riviera. Rivera?

>> Hi, my name is Jane and first of all I would like to thank Jeff Brower for coming out and looking at our lake. I'm a resident and I have owned the property for over 20 years in natives DeLand. I wanted to do something different because we have a lot of people that were here left because we were all here for the moratorium that we are in favor of. The flooding around the lake is horrible. The crosswind, Victoria all of it is around us and has become a big cesspool. What was once a clean lake is now murky. Ever since Milton, I have a sludge not phosphates, we had that before fertilizer and everything that comes over. At first I thought it was pollen because it was just a brown film that did we didn't have before. It is all on the west side of the lake which means this comes from the east side because of the breeze that comes from the coast. It fills the west side of the lake with all of that junk from everywhere else. There are some other ladies following me will show some pictures and tell you how bad that Victoria Hills and we are in favor of a moratorium until something can be done. As a gentleman said today, the landfill has put everything above the lake. The natural drainage is nonexistent anymore. I was supposed to be last but anyway I'm first. I just want to thank you for your time and thank you for coming out just. I really appreciate it and St. John's water district management hopefully will find some kind of resolution. We will be here again for the moratorium.

>> Joni Gonzales, followed by Nancy, followed by Jack. You know who you are from DeLand in Westchester.

>> I would like to start out today by making Brower Executive Director Mike register along with



Chief of Staff from St. John's water management for coming out today. I've been a property owner for 30 years. I volunteered with Jane who just spoke. We took them to approve those developments in the city to let water properties overflow into the lake. Martin Luther King the new development liquid states have two ponds that directly overflow into Lake diamond. Black Diamond directly overflows into the lake. DOT allows it into the lake. On the east side of the lake, we have the new +1 development, the crosswind development you almost had everything. We get dirty runoff into the lake. Recently crosswind had pumps with 12 inch hoses directed to the lake. Each pump has 30 gallons of water per minute. They are running 24 hours a day and I can hear them from my home. At the time the pond and crest wins one was almost empty. They directed the dirty water to us. They move the pipes now but who are supposed to watch for these things? The properties around Lake were flooded still and can't afford any more legal runoff. The only way is to go evaporation is a 1928 man-made Canoe Trail on the north east end of the lake. It is overrun and doesn't flow well. The canoe is not dedicated so the county has its hands tied up to help. Currently on the lake 40 of the 45 docks in the water many of the docks are breaking off and insurance does not cover docks. The use of the leg has stopped an entire lake is in no way zone. The new surrounding the developments are not allowed to give those to overflow. We are the gateway to the beautiful spring lake and become a dream for everyone. Something has to give. Thank you.

>> Nancy and then Jack?

>> Ma'am, you would need to speak into the microphone. Ma'am can you have the documents over to me?

>> Nancy, currently the president of the Association. Thank you for your time. The University of Florida has at least 35 years of data on lake when the set. For about 16 years I have been collecting water sample and taking them monthly. I almost 4 decades, have seen it deteriorate from a crystal-clear sandy bottom Jim into an increasingly water body. They have been pumping unfiltered water from the construction site is you just heard and to win a set. I believe it is illegal. The runoff is supposed be filtered through the retention ponds. They bypass the retention ponds and their supposed to be plans before houses were supposed to be occupied. That is not being enforced currently. The lawyers, city, investors who sold the land all promised that this would never happen but already it is in the project is not done. -- a year ago I was getting readings of 12 – 15 feet in the year before that I would sometimes get 20 feet of visibility. I had the water tested at the local health department recently in the sample was high in chloroform. Currently the lake is suffering the effect of flooding from all sides due to recent rains due to hurricane Milton. The big differences in the past thick forest east of Lakewood suck up excess water from the storms. Crestwood development has resulted in tens of thousands of trees. Phil has been added so now the water has no place to go into Lake and into people homes. I've been on the slate for 37 years and this is the first time I ever seen a home on the lake actually flood. In addition there was a two -- [INDISCERNIBLE]. This project the Crestwood project is being constructed on the last remaining natural discharge area supporting the lake. There is a clear trendline and it outlines for this showing nutrients increasing in our water and is notification that leads to harmful algae blooms, fish kills and a green palm from what was the clearest cleanest lake in Central Florida. I would like to know what you're going to do about enforcing environmental regulation because culture is not following the rules that was set before them. The Association were experts and providing information for 30 years to the

County and to the city of DeLand on the effects of overdevelopment. Err on the side of caution and don't kick the can down the road and he can't wait till January for action. The moratorium is the right thing to do at this moment. Thank you.

>> Is it Jack? Am I anywhere close? Followed by Shannon, followed by Joe.

>> Hi my name is Jake. I'm here to speak for my mother. I grew up here in DeLand, our house has been in South DeLand unincorporated Volusia for 46 years. I received a phone call during hurricane Milton at 3:00 AM from her. The problem was that water was entering her house. I decided not to come down because we haven't flying through all of the hurricanes. I stayed on the phone with her for three hours why she frantically lifted stuff off of the floor onto tables trying to save as much as she could. It has been 46 years and no flooding has happened in her house. So what has changed? The population of Volusia County has increased from 200,000 people – 600,000 people and I just researched. That does mean there are a lot of developments. I reviewed the master plan for Volusia County for capital improvements, I only saw from what I can remember one related to stormwater. I think the master plan is not adequate for the county. As you can see from the flood of people pardon the pun were going to speak at the County Council meeting. In 2004 a hurricane struck Francis, and others, we do not have flooding in our house. I can relate a story of Glen Eagles which is not far from our neighborhoods. Homes in that area had 6 feet of water and had to be rescued. The stormwater infrastructure at our property consists of a French drain in a ditch which runs behind our house. There was additional that leads into it. With the development of including green and all the victorious that means that water is flowing to our property. I think we need lift stations or something to add to the County master plan. To help save his and all Volusia County residents from all of this flooding. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

>> Shannon, Joe, and Ken.

>> Hello my name is Shannon and I'm a Volusia County resident. I live on the edge of DeLand. I'm not really here about that. I am here, I came here because of so many people that I know personally that have experienced situation with the flooding. I got here on time and I'm sure all of you and it has been a long day. Very quickly was put off that we are going to wait two more months before we do the moratorium. The problem is the regulations and the processes that we have now do not prevent these problems. If you go for two more months with the regulations that we have more developments are going to be passed that clearly are going to exacerbate the problems. It is a serious, serious problem especially with the larger developments. Clearly that is where the problem is coming from. The concerns for local builders are saying there are not enough jobs in your moratorium and is a temporary moratorium. We will figure out what the right thing to do. We shouldn't be adding to the problem in the meantime. That is my big concern. How many do big developments like the regulations that do not work? We have so many almost everybody except for a few people whose word about lining their pockets while everybody here is talking about over the last two years, five years, 10 years, 20 years all of these things keep happening over and over again and we all know it is going to get worse. To put new development on the current regulations even two months words could seriously hurt more and more people. It is clearly not working. All of those things do not work. Will have lots of new jobs and I don't want to see if you think of all that will work on other homes. All the people need to have their homes fixed and the big development are not going to be able to make money during this timeframe and let's proceed

forward with it what they are doing. We can't stop but we shouldn't be approving anything. The regulations do not work. Thank you.

>> And new projects but not just commercial or residential. After all, we all have rights not just developers. Thank you.

> Ken, followed by Danielle, followed by Robert Coleman.

>> Hello. My name is Ken. I live in Wilbur by the sea. Two years ago, my house was lost in hurricane Nicole. It has been a two-year challenge to go through permitting and what the county wants to do to start to rebuild we are finally starting to make some progress. The county has been incredibly helpful throughout the process. I want to thank Jeff for coming out so often. The issue right now is that it took myself and my neighbors a year to build a wall to protect our homes against the next hurricane. We finally have built these sea walls. The county has a right-of-way right next to us. There is a 40 foot right of way and there are several of those. All of those right of ways are naked and unprotected. So what is happening is all the residents are building their sea walls and all of the water from the next storm will take out the roads and the homes that we just rebuilt. We had a high tide this week. A king tide. But we did not have a storm. We saw that the water was already rushing through the right of way into the trap bags. Creating lots of potential damage to our homes that we had just built. This problem will be far worse during the storm. We tried before we built our sea walls to work with the county. I will look at you Michael. We tried to work with your team to build a seawall across the right of way. We were not asking the county to do this. We said that we will pay to build a right-of-way or a seawall so that all of the county's property is protected. Some of it was over who would pay for the landfill over the seawall. Most of it was legal mumbo-jumbo and we finally had to go ahead and build the seawall. We will have a very big problem with all of these walked over to us. Especially next summer when the storm hits. We had a king tide and the storms were pretty rough. It was not anything near a storm. Those trap bags were in big trouble. We heard one person this evening say that they did not have their trap bags. Now that someone should take this seriously. Have issues in the future.

>> Your name came up by accident. Danielle, Robert Coleman,

>> Daniel. I live in Holly Hill in Volusia County. This is my first time addressing you. I will give you a courtesy. I want to give people an opportunity to listen to everyone here tonight. The reason I am here is like many others. Flooding. I have lost my home three times. I have carried my mom who is paralyzed in a wheelchair five – six feet in the air with my neighbors past knee deep water. I just carried my 18 month old grandson in a life jacket. My city, some who are here tonight, when we went and asked questions about culverts and LP GA, the county is responsible is what we hear. We don't know who is responsible. We don't know but we will find out. I am asking you if somebody here could tell me whether it's in an email a week from now, in the city of Holly Hill what is the county responsible for? So the residents can address the city with facts. We are tired of the nonsense. We are tired of hearing the blame. Oh, it's the county, oh it's the county, oh, it's the county. If it is the county I'm asking you to fix the problem. The biggest investment of my life is gone. I cannot sell my house. I have to tell people, which I already would because I have morals that my house has flooded three times. I worked my whole life to have what we call the American dream. And that is to own a home. To the people here in the construction field, this has nothing to do with you. I painted for 20 years and I know many contractors. I will tell you the problem. Most of the contractors are building

developments. We have flooded since 2009. When Alabama built the town houses. I did not buy a house in a flood zone. I did my homework and investigated and we became a flood zone. Now I am the reservoir and so are my 30 neighbors three streets over. Please. If I could find a contractor, because there are so many and everyone who I call says they do not do residential. I will wait outside. I would love to have the help of anybody at this point. Thank you.

>> Robert Coleman, Elliott, and Dottie.

>> Good evening. My name is Robbie Coleman. I'm one fourth generation Volusia County resident. I'm a commercial general contractor but I will help you if I can get your number. When my dad was growing up here, when you got to Nova Road, past that was Woods. We have been here for a long time and this community has grown and developed. When considering a moratorium to fix something that we don't know how to fix, I want you to take into consideration the ramifications of that. These are not just construction jobs. Contractors, subcontractors, architects, engineers, attorneys. There are so many people connected to this industry. I found it disturbing hearing about people losing their jobs and it not being a big deal. It's a big deal to me and to my employees. A lot of these are very high-paying jobs. It's the way that we can come back after college. It is what brought me back here. Residential things drives construction. The grocery store will not be there if there are no houses. I think everybody here in the audience understands that there is a flooding issue that needs to be resolved. I think an overreaction of stopping residential development will cause a lot more destruction. Not everywhere in the county floods. There was a comment with unemployment and job loss not being a fear tactic. It is reality. If construction is halted all over the county, the new airplane company has nowhere to put their people. Thank you for your time.

>> Elliott followed by Dottie, followed by Eric Greenberg.

>> Hello everyone. Elliott Meadows. I have been here since 1981. I am on both sides of this issue. I own rental properties, I do all kinds of things and I live on the lake. I understand concerns from all sides. I want to say something. If we do a moratorium it helps nobody who has flooded during these storms. This does not stop my residence from continuing to flood. They will continue to flood. As I drive around town on a daily basis going to my different properties, I see overgrown ditches. Just like Gigi Galloway said, I see areas that are supposed to be training. Something that people don't think about as I talked with a gentleman named Ryan Solstice. He pointed out an interesting fact. Which was since 1964, and Edgewater was started, the storm water that was used was approximately one percent of the total land area. On all the new developments since 2002 or 2003, they have been using a 30 percent stormwater calculation. The houses and Edgewater will continue to flood until they have a spot to run the water off. Same in Sleepy Hollow. We've never had water my whole life. I know there is water at the front door. I am on both sides of this issue. My cousin, brother, aunt and uncle can not work for a year. They can remodel and we can do that. But we will change the rules of the game in the middle of the game? I have purchased 10 lots. I'm a small builder. I purchased 10 lots in a year or two in advance. We can't just say that we cannot build now. These are in filled lots in these cities. Some of the people on my lake are right. I know these guys. I am friends with them. But we should not have their water in our lake. We will have to have policing of the actual rules and regulations that we put into effect and if we don't, what are we talking about? Let's police the rules and maintain the ditches and chew gum and walk at the same time. Let's figure out what to do about the flooding. Thank you.

>> Dottie followed by Eric followed by Dana McCool.

>> Hello. My name is Dottie. I live on Green Street which is now the new man-made retention area of Volusia County. I am here today to demand a halt for the original swamp and retention areas of the county which were created by man. Created by God and mother nature. Not meant to be filled in and built upon. I have lived in this county my entire life. We have never seen this type of flooding. A natural engineering study has already been done over the last two years by the firm of Ian and Milton. It has been proven that all of the building that has been permitted within the county on the east and west sides of Williamson Boulevard as well as I-95, the original and natural retention areas have caused this issue. As well as an inexcusable poor planning and permitting. I have now become aware that the county only has three drainage systems that empty into this river. One of these outlets is in the city of South Daytona. This canal is the responsibility of Volusia County. And it is flooding our homes as well as the old pipes that are clogged and cannot handle this drainage. I drive this canal daily. And I have 4/24 years. In all of that time I have only seen workers clean the canal one time over the last 2 and a half decades. Have any of you ever seen this canal? I have. On Saturday I walked from US one all the way to nova Road in front of and behind the barricades. With the trash, carports, and vegetative degree. There are also huge pipes that run under the road that are completely washed away. I have seen duck Bills that have not been maintained and may not function properly if at all. I was disgusted and disappointed in the county for not doing its job of maintaining our vital drainage systems. Especially residents who have flooded our homes for the second time in two years. My suggestion is to do an immediate cleanup of this canal, clean out the pipes filled with debris that run into the city and also help the city rebuild their inferior 12 inch pipes of the 1950s that are crumbling, broken, clogged, failing, and useless. I have solutions to these problems as well and I would love to share these with you.

>> Thank you. Eric followed by Dana followed by Nicole Burgess.

>> Thank you. When I moved to Edgewater 25 years ago, I didn't think that it meant that is where my mailbox was on the edge of the water. I sit on the planning and zoning board. Thank you for coming out to our meetings. Thank you for every mile. I sit there in a chair. I listen to these lawyers who intimidate us and their engineers telling us that we have a plan set up. And by law we can't leave any more water than when we were first there. Meanwhile, 25 years I see that US one has water on it. I've been lied to to the point with the contractors where he said that I don't believe them. I can give you all kinds of studies that can make statistics same whatever we want. There are so many things to go over. It's sad that someone makes a statement that the flood plan is working. Five minutes later, the police department is going up and down the Avenue in the airboat. I don't see how this is working. The people spoke. There was massive money spent against you. You were left off of the guide. The people are fed up. We saw a presidential candidate spend \$1.4 billion. Money does not work anymore. Do what is right for us. You are in charge of making us safe. Contractors need jobs and I get it. I needed a job and I had one. The money is being donated. Ask, Harris. Money doesn't work anymore.

>> Dana followed by Nicole followed by father Phil.

>> Thank you counsel. I appreciate it. Congrats on your win also Ms. Reinhart. I really hate dragging politics into this. For four years I was accused of being anti-development because I

took a strong stance as a city commissioner about what was happening. If you want to talk politics, our governor turned down federal funding. They got \$1.5 billion from the state budget which guided just about every single project that we had. It is hard to sit on either side of this debate. When there is a lot of partial information given to one side of the subject. We have not objectively sat down and talked about this. I hear the developers, construction and experts telling us that this will affect our jobs. I don't want anyone to be unemployed, I just want the job to be done better. They won't take any money out of their pocket. It's our job to do that as legislators. We have a rich history of development money running this county. We do. I have been on the inside. I know how many developers are here. I know how many builders have approached me. I am not in my seat as the commissioner because of that. Because of my stance on development. Until we take special interest in politics, we will be standing up here debating. We have failed our residents. And I say it as a former Commissioner. We start talking down to them and telling them to behave. We cannot do this. There is a lot of money being spent appear. It does not help. We have a member of County Council who works in logging for development. It makes us feel that we are not connected. When we bring politics into it, it's further alienating. I don't know a liberal person out there or a Democrat that wants to see continued flooding. I don't think there's any Republican who wants to see it either. We need to stop this special interest money going into pockets. Until we regain public trust on that matter, we will not move forward. Thank you.

>> Nicole followed by Father Phil, followed by Emilio West.

>> Chairman, before she starts, could you put up a little bit more so we could see it on this end. Thank you.

>> I and Nicole Burgess, I am in Daytona Beach, Midtown. I was working at the lockdown crew. I received a call from my husband at 5:45 AM on September 29th. Telling me he was making the decision to evacuate the house. The next time I saw my home, my husband waited for wasted water to evacuate our neighbors who had been sitting on their sofa for two days. I sit in the same spot and took a picture of a different neighbor with her foster children on each hip trying to figure out how she would make it to her home. At this point, now that I am two years in to living in Florida, I tried to figure out what can I do to make this better? So I have been educating myself. I had three weeks to figure out that there was this meeting and I educated myself in that amount of time. I have learned that in 2022 this is one of the most flood prone counties in the state of Florida with 54 percent of homes that risk their flooding. There are resource estimates that they will increase at 68 percent to 2050. The combined damage for commercial and personal property from the hurricanes is under \$54.9 million. I have learned that Volusia County has been fortunate enough to have the collective group of professionals who donate their time and expertise through their committee to develop a list of incentives for the risk of new developments. I've also learned to adopt these incentives. I have learned that through the fiscal year that the governor vetoed 35,967,000 for the communities in and adjacent to our county to address drainage, stormwater, and flood mitigation strategies. He is also turned down \$11 billion in federal funds for the state of Florida. So what can I do? I can ask you to ask Volusia County to mandate low impact development strategies. It's not a moratorium. I can ask you why you are turning in these funds to your constituents. We have asked you to be on her other half. If it is political kryptonite to go to Tallahassee we can say that we can't do this anymore. Thank you for your time.

>> Father Phil will be followed by Emilio West and our last speaker will be Robert Campbell.

>> Good evening chair Bauer and County Council members. I am a longtime member of faith fighting against injustice and toward harmony. We are a coalition of 25 congregations. I am here today to talk about flooding and what you can do about it. On behalf of faith in the 50 of us are here tonight from our 34 congregations, thank you to chair Brower and Councilmember Santiago for attending our assembly last spring. That night, in front of 1200 people you said you would fight for low impact development. And it's time you make it happen. Over the past three years, faith has been flooding in our area. We have heard businesses repeatedly flooding. Not only in Daytona Beach, but all over our inland. This is not just during hurricanes. But during every day afternoon showers. We soon realized that our flooding had existed for a long time. We have spent years meeting with local and national experts and have said that the best thing that we can do is to make low impact development strategies mandatory. This will prevent things like the clearcutting of native trees and filling in of swamps. We are not here to tell you to put a moratorium on all development. We propose that development is not flood those of us. It's time to make low impact development strategies mandatory. We have met with you for three years. This is not a new concept. We have been told time and time again that what was voted on by you simply does not work. Developers do not use these offered by governments. By mandating developers to use these strategies, you will be protecting us, your residence. Please pass mandatory low impact development strategies. Nothing changes if nothing changes. Thank you.

>> Emilio West followed by Robert Campbell.

>> Sorry. I didn't plan on speaking. Earlier Mr. Brower he made a comment that hurt my feelings. You said that someone had mentioned to you about the loss of jobs that comes with a full moratorium. That it would just be a scare tactic. I am scared. It's not a scare tactic. It's a situation that has a lot of implications that if you guys come back and do all your research and say this is absolutely necessary and I will give up my job. I care about my neighbors. I'm asking everyone to care. Some of us will be able to snag jobs in a different type of industry or county. But if you have 50,000 people fighting for jobs because it was said earlier about how many people work in the construction industry, we will not all snag jobs. And it's not just that we can't afford our houses or patron local restaurants and retail which are already struggling, I just hope, I know you guys have your work cut out for you. Hopefully there is a happy medium. I would hope that when you come back we would have a clear list of pros and cons that you can say this is necessary and this is not and here is why. Real numbers will prevent areas currently being funded. I know that we will be making sure that places do not flood. This is stopping their development and making things worse. Especially in areas that have been flooded. There have to be other avenues will stopping this prevent flooding? We need plans. But we need you to come back with actual facts so that we can say one or the other. It seems as though there are other avenues like holding you guys accountable for stuff that has been done in the past. And making sure that things are done properly in the future. Thank you for your time. I know you have a lot to consider.

>> Robert Campbell.

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>> Thank you County Council. First of all I want to thank you guys for signing up to do this difficult job. What are we trying to accomplish here? We do not want flooding. I do not think

there's anyone who wants that. To get there, the top job is to get to the right answer. Not necessary for the popular answer. When we look at this, I know you guys can walk and chew gum. Fixing the problem is what we want. Doing a moratorium will not fix the problem. It doesn't make these houses not flood nor is it going to hurt our economy. In a way, the moratorium on the agenda really is a distraction from getting to a solution. Now everyone is worked out and there is an easy solution. Blame the developers. It's a complex issue. F. as some responsibility for the flooding. The water management District has absolutely a huge part of it. They are the ones telling these developers that they need to put in four or five feet of fill which then causes the flooding. It's nothing to do with the county. It is water management. We have to get the right people at the table to be able to get to the right solution which is when we look, there are a lot of resources. Instead of spending another \$3 million, is it possible that we could get local engineers. I have heard local engineers say hey, there are easy ways to fix Midtown flooding. There is already an easement in place. Could we get some local engineers to come up with some recommendations and then actually spend the money to fix the problem instead of having another study and in three more years going down the track. There is the Volusia County Association for responsible development. There are people and engineers there. There is the Urban land Institute. They do this for free. They come in and help solve problems. We just have to use our local resources to get this done. I don't know if it's possible to get a working group. Thank you for your time.

>> Candace Kelly, and Miller, and you will be followed by Lisa Smith.

>> Thank you for hearing us out tonight. Thank you for listening to our community's future. Jeff Bauer has proposed a moratorium and potential solutions to our potential issues. We currently lack a clear action plan. Our constituents are dealing with flooding including myself. The intention behind the proposals is how do we plan to fund these incentives? What is the strategy and are we risking leaving our county in a area of uncertainty. We have had a lot of promises and nothing accomplished. We deserve transparency with matters that directly affect our homes and livelihoods. we can set their standards. A lot of this is caused by chain reaction. The city can impose additional restrictions but they feel necessary. It is important that the moratorium affects these areas. This is not the solution for everyone. Today the news reported that we heard from you for the first time ever. We must all work together towards a solution. This must cease between County Council members. For any of you to fail as a failure for all of us. We need our county and our cities.

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effectively engaging with experts in the community is essential to develop a practical solution. We need updates weekly and monthly with accountability. We need to ensure that our future plans can lead to real change. The city and County working together. There's no way that not one city or one county, not one of you, all of you will have to work together. Thank you.

>> And Miller followed by Lisa Smith followed by Janine camera.

>> Thank you. And congratulations on the election. I voted for you. I do want to support the moratorium. I will say in response to the gentleman from the construction industry, I wouldn't if it's a moratorium right next to my property. I got National Weather Service numbers on the rainfall for hurricanes in Milton. The average reported was 13 inches. The average for Milton was 11. It's two inches more. I want you to bear this in mind. I know that with hurricane Milton the ground was saturated. For purposes of my comparison, let's think of them as approximate



rainfall events. This is our property at the time that Ian hit. You notice that the water comes up to the fence. There are three ramps into the detached garage that are mostly trying with the bottom quarter or third being covered. Let's move on to the next. This is the same as seen from further back. You can actually see the post way down there where the car is. Hurricane Milton, instead of getting six inches in the back corner, we got two feet of water across an acre of property. It looked like a Bayou. It flooded our detached garage and office. We have racked up \$40,000 worth of losses which I know is nothing compared to people who've had their homes flooded. It goes on and on. What I want to argue is that these are two very similar events. And somehow completely different impacts on the property. That is the car from hurricane Milton sitting on the ramp that was dry with 17 inches of water. The question is what is the factor. Something totally different happens. Our property had never flooded. Hurricane Ian had a large puddle. This is the most obvious explanation. The building at the reserve at Victoria. Which went in in the interim and they took 8.5 inches of water within 24 hours. So the remaining 2.5 inches, we assumed that they released it into the wetlands which tumbled down to our property. The reason I want to stop the development is that there is more development going up just north. What will happen then, we expect that our house will flood. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Lisa Smith, Janine, and Brett.

>> Oh my goodness. I know you guys are probably tired of hearing us. I am Lisa Smith. Does anyone know what the definition of insanity is? Because this is frankly it. Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. This is my back part of my property. If you follow the fence you can see how high those houses are in Victoria trails. This house that I live in has been here since 1986. Never once have we had the flooding that we have now. The only common denominator is all of the building. That is it. Now I am sorry that you are worried about your jobs. And I'm sorry for my family and my neighbors who have been fighting over this for six years and nothing has been done. We will just keep letting you guys every single meeting and keep discussing this into the insanity until something is done. There are many of us losing our homes. Many of us losing our jobs because of it. Losing our pensions because having to take out to fix the problem makes us all hurt. We are not asking for the building to completely stop. We are just asking temporarily, until he fix what is broken. There has to be something that you can do to help us with this. This is just yesterday. Go to the next one. You can see that that is his front porch. This is his Lake. This is adjacent to my backyard which keeps flooding into our yard. Is there another photo there still? This is his front yard. This is his lakefront property. And there is one more I believe. I said it before and I've set it at every meeting. This is criminal. We had one of the members say we get affected to in our power goes out. Okay. That has nothing to do with this. You were not in our boat. The builders get protection and the residents need protection. We need some kind of fix. This is not right. Please, let's do something instead of postponing meeting after meeting and saying the same thing over and over again. Thank you.

>> Janine followed by Brett Gibbs followed by Anthony Frank.

>> Good evening. I live in the same street and same neighborhood as Lisa. This is the flooding at our gate. 3 and a half feet high. This does not typically happen unless we have a hurricane. Our regular flooding has been happening because of development. We have had a problem with the drainage ditch. What happens during the hurricane is the water between my neighbor's property and my property. We have flooded inside this house the past time. I'm asking for help

to redo the drainage ditch. Our other neighbor behind our house also flooded on Taylor road. We are basically surrounded by flooding. My husband and I have lived in this place for 32 years. My husband is a disabled veteran and our road is completely blocked. My neighbor on the other side is kind and let us cut through. I had applied for three a six transform. I talked about it when they reevaluated my case. I had a 401 income that I used to help my property. They did not deduct all of the 401(k) income. No it has come out to see our property. We have had to move water from our property to the drainage ditch. It has taken two weeks. But we will need extra funds for the road. Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> Brett Gibbs.

>> Good evening. My name is Brett Gibbs and I was born and raised here. I work in construction here since I was 16. To start, the flooding should be the top priority. These citizens that are dealing with this is ridiculous. You have heard over and over. I commend your efforts with these flooding victims. You didn't stand on the backs of the construction industry. We are the people who may have gotten it wrong but we did not come up with the design. You are the ones who take food off of our plates. Several people have said that the temporary nature of this is just temporary. You are asking me and my family to give up what I have put my entire career into a career path to give up and change careers because of the moratorium. That being said, what you are proposing will single-handedly due to the construction industry what covid did for entertainment. Single handedly. You will put more families out of work and searching for new jobs that should not have to be doing so. These are residents comfortable in their career paths and we have heard from multigenerational families who have been workers in this county. I don't stand in front of you with a magic solution. But I can't stand here and tell you that all of the affected people that are currently flooded in dealing with the financial burdens, I am empathetic towards you. None of you will get relief from this moratorium. You will still be dealing with these burdens while the rest of the takes a knee due to this. Thank you.

>> Anthony Frank followed by Keith.

>> I've never been here before. I've been to two city meetings. It seems to me. I am from Miller Road. Which is basically, used to be Miller ponds. Anyway, here is the thing. We ask questions like why can't we pump the water out? And we are told, because they did do it years ago. I don't know if it was 07404 or 06. It was a year of three hurricanes. They had us one after another. They ran pipe. There is one way in and one way out. I'm sure you're familiar. You sent out 60 truckloads to give us a one lane out. I think it ended up being 130 – 150 truckloads for a one lane thing. These are like five feet of water on each side. I do appreciate it. I was hopping fences walking through bear trails to get on my truck so I could go grocery shopping. I had to park my truck there and hopped fences to take food home. It's not easy hopped fences. I never broken egg. Just so you know it's pretty good for me. What we are told is that we cannot pump water on private property. There is a radio tower out there and I do not know if it is private. I do not know who owns it. It's a radio tower that has a lot of government contracts. It's part of the reason why they did the lands. There is important stuff that is taken care of. The owner who runs the facility made it clear that there is no problem. There is 160 acres back there with nothing but sand and dirt. I don't know why it can't be pumped back there but they do not have a problem with it. So, I don't want anyone breaking laws. We don't want someone to break a lot. If that is the reason that we cannot do it, why don't you enforce the

law? We are getting all kinds of water dumped into the lake by the businesses across the street.

>> Thank you.

>> Well thank you but.

>> Thank you Keith?

>> Thank you chair. Keith from Holly Hill. I wanted to thank you all for your service to our community. I have had so many conversations with our investor community. Over 80 private sector investors. Several are engineering firms and they would like to help staff as they process this flooding issue. And we do appreciate your leadership on this. I look forward to coming back with my comments on January 14th.

>> Thank you Keith. Okay, council, that is the end of public participation. I know everyone probably needs a break. I would suggest that we get the consent agenda taken care of. Because we have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven items that will be pulled for a vote. So, that could take an hour. What is your pleasure vice chair?

>> VICE CHAIR KENT: I'm okay to talk about that. I will mention something different if that's okay.

>> CHAIR BROWER: You may have a minute.

>> VICE CHAIR KENT: On precedent, we normally do this at the end of the meeting. Since we have so many residents in the chambers, chairman and counsel, but I'm going to do is I'm going to make a motion. Hopefully we get a second and a vote. If we have to let people talk after the fact of course that is fine. Our residents expect us to lead. They expect us to address this major problem that many of them are affected with. In a hugely negative way. Counsel, my motion will not cost anything except for staff time. My motion is to direct George to come back to this council within 30 days and give this council a plan with a financial number associated on how we can fix our canals, retake our canals, our stormwater, we pipe the lines. These are things that are our responsibility. This is something that we can address now. We can ask staff to come and look at it within 30 days. This is fixing what we have. When we got up and talked about this branch, I think we were saying that Cici was a beach. This was 20 feet deep. The trees that I have been seeing growing in that, it has to be done. I think we ask them to come back to us in 30 days which is December 19th and give us a plan on how we can address this. The stormwater, the canals. Within our county.

>> CHAIR BROWER: We have a motion on the floor by vice chair Kent. For the County manager to come back to talk about a plan to fix the canals in the stormwater conveyance systems. Everybody, appear to talk about this motion. David Santiago?

>> COUNCIL MEMBER SANTIAGO: I don't think it's a bad idea. The question is can it be done in this time period? Going into the holidays, not to make light of the situation I do understand. But I don't know if they can deliver.

>> I think George can do it in two weeks. I was being kind with 30 days.

>> It will go to the extent that we have done. I'm prepared to discuss it later if you'd like. All the stuff that we are working on this second. We are not waiting for discussion. We have been doing this a long time. I can come back and give you more on some of the other maintenance issues that were brought up. I will say before every hurricane, through every big storm, but a team of people on the ground. They know where these canals are. I know where the confusion is. They know what we maintain and so do we. We have an extensive asset management

system which is probably something that is an envy of many places. We take a look and we expect these. People see things like trees and overgrowth and a lot of it does not really affect what happens. Because we make sure the flow is there. And we go and clean it out as soon we can. We cannot get rid of all of the vegetation. We need it unfortunately to hold the bank. We also do work with St. John's because.

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it may help move water quicker. I would also like to say that in these hurricane events, the other part that occurred was you had a significant surge in our situations. Where the water was ultimately going with the effects around us. This was elevated along with the ocean. It is coming back up our canals. I think one of our people was here earlier. But they can get overwhelmed. When you get seven or eight inches, you will getting past the design of systems that are out there. I want to make that clear as we move forward. We are working on upgrading things. I will come back with a plan on more maintenance and more inspection. After the 2004 hurricane when we invested in sophisticated camera equipment, and we lined products which is something that we become very good at. Sometimes people might see something on the edge it is something that is not really going on underneath. Again, we will continue that. We are committed and so is my team. We enjoyed and work on these things all the time. We want to come back to the level that I can. There are several feet of drainage out there. I can tell you I got in. What we are doing today and what we plan on doing, I will try to attach some numbers to it. The idea of these studies, I agree with some of what was said. There is no need in one aspect, that's not what the study is for. The study is really paying the engineering about where we will send the water. That is where the solutions will come out. Then we will have to talk about what we have done in the past look up in Holly Hill. In all these neighborhoods being turned into stormwater facilities. That is what we will have to do in these cases. You will see here. I know a lot of people will want to leave. Unfortunately, they will miss out on several million dollars in projects that are going out today before you. Some of that will be for projects. Some will be for innovations like connecting ponds with pipes and pumps to move water around better. There is a new technology that may allow the system to be more automated. I will come back in 30 days and we will probably be talking about this in just a few minutes. The stuff that we're doing right now.

>> Thank you for mentioning the projects that are on the line. Most members probably don't know about this. I think your motion is good. I think they are already doing that. One of the things is how do we leverage the fact that much of the flooding that has occurred, has occurred in cities. And we often take the blame for that right?

>> We have to work together. Water knows no boundaries. This is something that we do have to work together. The canals that were done originally were canals that go back to the 1920s and before. With the idea of draining the area and all of your eastern cities. We maintain them. They are in our cities. But what is exciting about this money that we have been working on is also for the cities as well as the county. We have offered to take a knot only just give out the money, but we want to manage these projects to ensure that because there are a lot of federal strings attached, that we have a team that can manage it. I will probably have to add an engineer to our staff to help with that. But we are prepared to do that. We will see some of the best cooperation that you have ever seen because of the fact that we are sharing this. We are using a system that has been rated. These are exciting and very good projects. There is more

to follow only get to that point.

>> We will be transferring hopefully 18 million additional dollars.

>> I will say we can gather a number and we can talk more about it. The funding source for this is Housing and Urban Development. They have an expectation and a mandate really. But it has to be housing. They were wise enough and doing this enough to understand what is the sense of doing housing in areas that could be affected by flooding. So they allow us a certain percentage to allow for infrastructure and litigation. There is also money in areas where housing needs were okay and they did not do the damage that we thought. So we are prepared to ask to move \$18 million into that pot of money for further projects to come around to with the County and the city.

>> I will leave you with this Mr. Chair. It will take collaboration. A lot of things that are shown in development, I'm not blaming cities. We get blamed for projects that we have no governance over. It will take collaboration. And George, you are the guy to do it.

>> I am a guide to help coordinate it. It will take some engineering help. I will take any help that the locals want to provide. Along with what we are already contracting for with our own team. Sometimes it takes a long time. Sometimes it does take one third party with some outside expertise to look at this as well. I want to stress, I think I said this earlier there are many reasons for flooding that are different throughout the whole county. One common factor but I never heard anyone mention is the rain. These are tremendous rainstorms. Especially considering where we live. In a semi tropical area. We do not handle rain when it gets up above eight or nine inches and then we get into historic numbers. We have the workshop that we can go over. The special meeting on this. We really need to hone in on this data. Good news. We are not waiting for the meeting. This will be going on for a long time. We will start right now and we will be looking at it. Were not going to wait.

>> COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINS: Mr. Ken, I appreciate you wanting to go after this. Being here for several years now, one of the biggest problems that we have, consistently, no matter the issue is funding. We are on the losing end of a vote. One of the biggest things if we want to send a clear message to the public, I know we can transfer money out for certain issues. But I want to put it on paper with a vote. I cannot make the motion because I was on the losing end of the vote to lock in an additional 50 million in concrete for additional stormwater to address these stormwater needs and provide some relief. I think it is a huge thing. I also don't want to cut out the other side to the story and not put it on the agenda properly. I want to give everybody on both sides of the issue the notice. I would be an absolute up vote on that. If someone would bring that up, it would have my wholehearted support. Let's go into this workshop knowing that we have as much as possible to address every one of these needs intimately with our constituents. We all want to solve this problem. I truly appreciate the energy if someone wants to bring that up.

>> I would bring that up to see if we could have a vote on it. To bring it back.

>> Mr. Robbins took every bit of words out of my mouth. I was going to make the same motion. But I cannot because I was also on the losing end. It really broke my heart to hear about the lady who went to transform 386 four what George talked about being a potential buyout neighborhood. A kind of perceived this as one of our realistic options. I think they are a coal mining community. When the coal mines shut down or went on strike, it wiped out the community. I lived in an area where the Volkswagen rabbit plant was. It wiped out our

community. I'm not in favor of a moratorium. But if we will talk moratorium, the 50 million that was voted on to allocate 50 million towards new multifamily housing and development, then let's put a moratorium on that. Let's take the 50 million and put it towards infrastructure. At least not spend it so that we can be more responsible with the money and making more development and more incentives for more people to move in here. For more traffic and flooding. I remember the debate that we had and I think it's possible to transfer the money to more infrastructure. But it was voted down. I would ask that we reconsider. Because now flooding is at the forefront. I think we really need to address that. I would also second if someone were to make the motion.

>> What I just mentioned a minute ago, I will reiterate. 18 million of that which you asked will be on item number 3 if we can get to it. Item number 3 has it. I do not think we should spend the other 32. Because we will have these workshops coming up. I do believe that within the federal guidelines, we can make sure that 10 years from now when we are all gone, or we are audited or anything. I want to ask for 18 of it right now. And then the 32 will come with subsequent meetings. Then we can be in line with the federal regulations.

>> If we could talk about that. Let's just hold on to this. Let's wait and see. We have a new Trump administration and Department of government assistance.

>> Another reason why I don't want to break any rules is because we all know what's coming. Just the fact that the County got the money directly. That is a first. Then it would go to the state and the state would divide it across the entire state. I don't know if the new administration go back to the state. We want to be strategic with this. And again, that is 18 million on top of the hundred million. 60 million could be out for projects immediately.

>> Chairman, may I have 30 seconds please?

>> It is hugely important to me to say what you mean and mean what you say. Councilmember Robbins and Councilmember Dempsey. I want to get a head nod from both of you with the 18 million that we are talking about to come up with item 3. are you okay with that and are you okay with that?

>> Yes. Thank you chairman.

>> Thank you for bringing that up. I was going to say that I remember when we had the initial conversation about that money that I think several other people asked Donna Butler about more money per stormwater. She mentioned then that she could get another 15 million for mitigation. And she has in fact done that. And we will talk about that tonight. With more to come.

>> This study that we are talking about will come in further meetings as well as other housekeeping stuff. We are all excited to come to you with our stormwater attorney. That is all coming in the next meeting.

>> Another question for you. Within the next 30 days with the canals and stormwater, the tour today with St. John's water management District, the toughest question that came up was where are we going to put more water? Especially if the rain continues. And they fully expected to do so. So they are studying it but it will take five years. When you bring back report, will it include any information of where we are putting water. That was a big part of the moratorium.

>> Not in 30 days. That is why we have to invest. I know people are frustrated. But we have to have a place to put this. In some cases, there is no place. And we could possibly be changing in areas, or buying houses. Or putting a stormwater facility or park. But that is why, each neighborhood needs to be studied. Each basin needs to have its own plan. We have more money than we ever have before for this engineering. It will be one basin at a time with what we

have. We will be covering a large portion of the area. We will have it mapped out and then we can take a look and address these things. Very targeted in the areas where it is needed. In 30 days, I don't know where all of this will go. But we will try to at least do what we are doing right now. With the work that will be done be here shortly.

>> I'm hoping to hear where the problem areas are.

>> We can take a look at that map.

>> We have maps. We just need some refinement. I can show you that we take the data and we map it. It kind of looks like measles. These are heat maps that are showing our areas where flooding was reported. It will come back and dial it in a little bit closer so that we can take a look.

>> Again, back to the moratorium that was one of the things on the list to talk about with going to the cities. We need to do that. But it is not just an unincorporated county issue. But it's also with the cities and where they can put water.

>> I would like to see us work with them. And hear from them what they are doing to figure out where they can put water in where they can move it. But does not just move it to someone else's neighborhood because that is a whole conversation. We are going around in a big circle.

>> Our teams met with the city. I know they have brought in some expertise to supplement their staff. I see some of them here in the audience too that were in Edgewater and we will continue in Edgewater. And again, we will see cooperation which has been very good. We continue to work together on the west side of the county. We have had extensive work in the southeast part. We will continue to model that and work with each of those areas. We do not want to do something that works against each other. This is complex. There was already some stuff this week. That is why we have the engineers. They were already studying. The importance of the study is that we have to have that study to get the work done by the agency. But is going to happen. I think the study may actually get expanded. That will be looked at with Holly Hill.

>> David Santiago.

>> I think the conversation about the 50 million is obviously within support. I think we are restricted just for the general public. In case you don't see that happening today, we have restrictions on how much we can exchange. They have caps on how much you can transfer. That is why in today's proposal you will see the 18 million. You will not see the 15 million come out today because we have to follow the federal guidelines.

>> Thank you. I find George to be very competent and very effective at his job. I know he said that he would handle this. In case any of us were thinking about not having a vote, even though I give him the compliments, I like the idea of still voting. Is there a motion on the floor?

>> Yes. We will vote on it.

>> Another thing chairman. I know that our residents have been here for four hours and 21 minutes. I would respectfully request that we do a 20 minute break. We take a break and we come back at 8:41 after this vote.

>> Councilman Robbins. Just a quick question to compass off. When we come back with this additional information, whether it is for the special meeting or the moratorium, I want to touch on the live local or what some of the effects would be. Would people still be able to build under the live local. If you could just add some clarity to the situation I think it would be incredibly helpful and useful.

>> Can we get rid of it? Do you know anybody? Do you know a guy? Okay. I do not see any

other comments. We will bring the motion for the County manager to come back within 30 days and he will fix all of our canals. Deliver a plan to fix our canals. That is primary in this process. All in favor say aye.

>> Aye.

>> Any opposed? The motion does carry six to zero. I asked the question about the consent agenda. He replied. He would like a break right now. Feeling of the Council? Sorry Don. Your name is up. Sorry for the audience. You have been here for a long time. We will take a 20 minute break until 8:43. Are you going to be here? Will you be back?

>> I needed you at the beginning of the meeting. Everyone wants to find a seat, we can get started. Okay. We are already on item 2. which will be for the approval of the consent agenda. If everyone wants to write this down. The rest of the Council. These following items are pulled from the comment and therefore a vote. F, G, H, I, J, M, T, and X. are there any other items that anyone on the Council would like to pull?

>> I make a motion to approve the consent agenda. Actually, for comments only, AA and BB. Chairman I will make a motion to approve the consent agenda as approved by staff. Absent items F, G, H, I, and that, hey, S.

>> All in favor of approving the consent agenda except for the ones that were polled say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Any opposed? The consent agenda, what is left of it is approved six – zero. We will start with item. Keith, do you want to hear?

>> I would ask that you bear with me tonight. I have a lot to say about all of the spending. As far as F, it is obviously grant funding. I think it's very essential that this body and the county starts putting out a comprehensive list of everything that this county does. Whether it's County money for homelessness or shelters or housing initiatives. I learned that the County is earmarked at \$88 million in the last five years. I did not learn it from the county government. You need to put that out there. There are groups asking for more and more and more. Especially for housing. People need to know what the county is doing. You need to brag about what you have already done. It was mentioned about the homeless shelter coming for more money. But it's dealing with homelessness. You have spent millions of tax dollars on these issues. But you are not putting it out there for people to know.

>> Motion to approve item F.

>> We have a motion to approve item F is there a second?

>> A second by vice chair Kent. Councilman Johansson made the motion. All in favor by approving item F say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Any opposed? The motion carries six 20. We have a member of the public who would like to speak to that.

>> If we are talking moratoriums, should we consider this project as part of a moratorium. Should we be giving out federal funds to the County for the purpose of more development when we do not even have our current issues under control? That is what was stated all night tonight? Should we be using government money to furthermore development that could create more problems?

>> CHAIR BROWER: Okay. Is there any comment or motion on item G? No motion?

>> I was just saying for discussion. Keeping in line with what we talked about this multifamily



development from transformer 386, I don't think this property is too far from Miller Road. I would really like to put a hold on spending this money, see if it is possible to somehow shift this money towards an infrastructure type program with another development. I think people are mostly against more development. If the money could be better utilized I would like to see that.

>> Is \$460,000. Is there any possibility of what he just recommended?

>> From my understanding it is no.

>> It's previously approved by the Council. This is the agreement coming back. This organization went to the state level saying our local choice project was them. They won the tax credits. They will bring back the capital stock which will leverage millions and millions of dollars. If there is a moratorium in place, it would not move forward. If we stop it here, it is dead in the water.

>> This is money that comes back to us with duck stamps. It has to be used for this purpose.

>> Councilman Dempsey is concerned. Do we have any concerns about flooding? Has it been addressed?

>> Just like any other project that would come before the County, it would come before the development review process. Councilman Cynthia go?

>> COUNCIL MEMBER SANTIAGO: There has already been a lot set in motion. There is no moratorium in place. We need to do the right thing here. Certainly going forward. Whatever decision was made could be applied. I moved to approve.

>> Moved to approve item G. the second was by vice chair Kent. Any discussion?

>> Really quickly. A question for you. How many apartments is this going to be?

>> 68 sir.

>> And that will be midrise?

>> Yes, Sir.

>> This is better than the urban sprawl correct?

>> That is correct.

>> VICE CHAIR KENT: Yes.

>> COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINS: Yes.

>> COUNCIL MEMBER DEMPSEY: Yes.

>> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHANSSON: Yes.

>> CHAIR BROWER: Yes. Thank you. That takes us to item H. We have a member of the public who would like to speak on item.

>> When this is put out, it would be important to know how many section 8 vouchers are available to include the cities. Are these new vouchers? Or are these four existing vouchers to continue funding? Again, that is information that should be put out. I'm not crazy about section 8 vouchers to start.

>> Is Brad here?

>> This is what we have at the county level that we administer. This is a continuation of the program. These are people who are housed. It is a fully self-sufficient program.

>> It is for assistance for people correct?

>> Yes. That is correct. Is there a motion on H?

>> I moved to approve.

>> Councilman Santiago moves to approve and a second by Councilman Johansson. All in favor say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Any opposed? The motion carries six – zero. That brings us to I. We have one member of the public who would like to speak on this. Keith Chester.

>> I would just like to hear some explanation of what that is.

>> I would like to refer to our community assistance expert Carmen if she made.

>> Hello. I am Carmen Hall. Community assistance director. This particular grant, we have already expended all of the funds. It was for rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, and street outreach with CD dollars. It was part of the expenditures and additional funding that we received which was strictly closing out the grant to complete this process.

>> CHAIR BROWER: Thank you. Do I have a motion on item I? Motion to approve by Council member Robbins in the second is on Councilmember Johansson. All those in favor say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> I is also approved six two zero. We have several people who would like to speak. Jay is a reconsideration for fiscal year 24 – 25 advisory funding agreement with the boys and girls club of Volusia and Flagler counties. There are several people who want to speak on this item. Keith Chester?

>> I would like to hear a report on what the findings were with the issues that were discovered at the Boys and Girls Club. I would also ask that you request staff break these different things down. This was the lead agency. With half a dozen agencies underneath it. And these are throat County tax dollars. Those should be broken out. We should not have lead agencies. Our people should be monitoring. I would really like to see this done. Furthermore, I would like to see this funding. This has been pretty much the same funding year after year. This needs to be moved out to something like United Way. These are tax dollars that are derived from ad valorem taxes. We do not pay those in equally. What I pay in is about 1000 per month. One of your sons or daughters will pay about 5000. It is not a fair and balanced tax system. I would like to see this funding be eliminated. Not this year. It needs to be a slow process. But it needs to be turned over to something like a United Way. They are simply better equipped. We need to concentrate on core governmental responsibilities. This is a program that has started and has never gone away. As someone who was once a grant recipient, we always try to get more and more and more. Grant money is much easier. I would like to see the United Way take this eventually.

>> Mr. Chairman. Moved to approve.

>> We have for other people to speak on this. The item I think listed the information.

>> It is not a grant. It is a contract for services. We bid these for youth development that would be born typically of the government. We are essentially outsourcing the responsibilities of the private sector. I think it needs to be said that the email that we received alleging fraud at the Boys and Girls Club was false. We did an investigation and looked at the monitoring with the national organization. The national organization said you need to have a better selection process. But there was no unethical behavior going on.

>> We did a monitoring.

>> It is essentially an audit that our team does.

>> Doctor Jamie? You will be followed by Mary. I would like to come appear and say that I am a product of the boys and girls club. I was a club kid when Joe had his very first club. I have come full circle to be the board chair of the boys and girls club. It are these programs that

allows us to have the confidence.

>> There was 55 percent of funding with the donors. I am a product of this mission. I believe that I would not be where I am without the mentorship and the things that the boys and girls club provided for me. I want to make this known and clear.

>> Thank you. Mary Bruno? You will be followed by Mac Reed.

>> Good evening Chairman and Councilmembers. I am here to talk about the children and family advisories board. This is 20+ years on and off of this board. We looked at this one a long time before. It was determined that because these were County tax dollars, that we did not want to turn them over to the why. Over a period of time we have done this over RFP. We used to get 20, 30, 40, 50 grants. They would go through this individually and award projects. The Council at one time said that it probably was not the most efficient way to do this. And that in order to make our providers talk to each other, that we could eliminate duplication of services. We really needed to get them to talk together more. That was the purpose of this process. To divide up services to have a group come together and look at you services. Provide the rescue it would work with a group so that they would be able to streamline their services and not duplicate. To provide the services that were meant for use.

>> We want to serve our most valuable populations. Our youth are the students who really need our assistance. We deliver Meals on Wheels. And lessons for students in Deltona who could never afford swimming lessons. Hopefully we save a few of our young people from drowning. I appreciate you asking the questions. I think it's a very important thing. I want to remind you that during this time, when the item was first polled, these services were not being funded yet. They were going on so many of our organizations in order to continue to provide the services for this month and and a half. Thank you very much for your time.

>> Thank you. Mac Reed?

>> Good evening. Thank you counsel. I've been on the ground here for about six weeks now. I've been serving as CEO of the Boys and Girls club. They have been very welcoming to me by coming in and learning a new thing. Have had an opportunity to meet with all of you. I would actually love to show some of you firsthand the programs and impact that we are having on the kids lives. The funding is really critical. 60 percent of our kids are from single-parent homes. These funds are really helping us to be able to meet the needs of the kids so that they can have the opportunity and hope to succeed. You have heard about our other agencies as well. Thank you for your support.

>> Good evening community and Mr. chair. I wanted to come speak on behalf of us. I want to remind all of you that you take the time to appoint quality people to that board. You guys hold sessions with these providers and really have the time to drill them. We really do have input. And we all ask serious questions with a whole survey process. It really digs into what these organizations do and the impact that they have in our community and the stuff that we help them with to take the burden off of our families. The families who do not have the money to pay for this. They will eventually become a burden if we do not help them. I wanted to recognize our committee. These organizations are tested organizations. They are not just fly-by-night's. We definitely guide them in the right direction with how they can get involved and try to get them to better support our communities. The ones that are currently listed, United Way and YMCA, early learning commission, and the coalition for the homeless. These are all proven agencies who have been in our community for a long time. I respect the fact that you take our tax dollars

very seriously. I am a Volusia County tax payer. We cannot take away from the programs that help our community be better. And don't take away from programs from people who need to help them get ahead. The boys and girls club is the lead agency. I made it very clear to do my research before we recommended any kind of budget numbers. There never has been an issue of this sort. Anytime you have been in the corporate world that has a business, when you have someone who's been a starter of an organization who has been there for 35 years, when the change happens it will not be easy. I do ask that you give some leniency. It's a one-time situation. Some of the subs that work under this lead agency. We are right now hurting some of those with some of the subs that run underneath it. Let's look at the work that we need to do. Look at how we get all of these providers and drill them on what they are doing and also realize the money that we are giving them is a small percentage of what they have to go out and raise. And I thank you so much for your time.

>> Well-timed! Chair Kent?

>> If you don't mind, I do have a couple questions for staff and a couple comments before those questions. The comet is to the gentleman that spoke first. I appreciate you showing up. I never met you until we were in here. I said it before and I will say it again. I really appreciate this. I don't know that I agree with your style. But I appreciate what you say. It always gets my attention. Why a pass-through? Why is it almost like a subcontractor? Why not the county just get all of these subcontractors the money directly?

>> Because we want them to collaborate. This is a model that was put into place after we had individual organizations coming and asking. By doing it this way, I will tell you it is just like the primary it is a cost reimbursable contract. Before we put money out there, we are vetting each expense against the category. We do the same thing for the subs. Lex you are excellent at what you do. For me, you do not have to do that. I know how good you are at what you do and how you hold people accountable. My concern is that the boys and girls club becomes the holder of the ring that all the subs have to hold it to. And always when you subbed it out, general contractors make money on it. That is my second concern. I am really big into any money that we are giving, I want 100 percent of it to be impactful. This five percent for administrative cost, 25,000 or five percent. Talk to me about this.

>> Is low. You can get up to 10 percent.

>> For the first time ever I hate your answer.

>> It's almost like hey, we're lucky they're only doing five percent. Whoever makes a motion to approve this, if this cost is not taken out, probably going to be a no. Lex with the expectation that we have individuals administering these contracts without any administrative dollars, we can have this conversation. It is a five-year contract. We will be doing a competitive process again. If you want us to decrease that, we certainly can. I would be remiss if I did not ask Carmen if she had anything to add here.

>> Who does the five percent go to?

>> It goes to the administering agency?

>> Goes to the Boys and Girls Club.

>> So why don't we become the administrative agency?

>> Because it would cost us more at the end of the day.

>> Carmen, I can run the numbers for you.

>> So the administration cost is responsible for monitoring their subcontracts. It is one

component. There also reviewing the invoices prior to them getting to us. Also having the lead agency you want to have a cohesive environment for these types of services. I think the doctor touched on it a little bit. There is more duplication and not as much synergy going on within the certain categories. So, by going to this model it has created an individual conduit so they can work for these agencies. Do not provide the same things multiple ways. Making sure that the funds are covering all gaps in services. Another important factor is that it is a five-year contract. We're in the middle of all of these service categories. You can complete this lead agency role. Not necessarily always the same agency. But we do have a five-year contract to allow them.

>> Before I sit down, I will ask you the same question. The five percent in your experience working with this, if you believe that they earned that?

>> I would say so. When different agencies come and ask us, I would really like a grant because I would like to provide an afterschool program, we send them to that lead agency. They talk about their next grant cycle.

>> Almost an extension of you. Thank you Mr. Chair. I move to approve.

>> You were up next, Councilman Johansson. Do you have the people that help to manage it with the process? How much would it cost to hire someone part-time to do this?

>> An entry-level position with a benefit load would be more than this \$25,000.

>> Do we know what this would be?

>> I do not want to speculate.

>> Thank you.

>> We have a motion on the floor to approve by Davidson's lagoon. A second by Jake Johansson. It is still down? I have a question for Brad. It may have to come from the director. I heard someone say we raised 51 percent of our funds.

>> I think it was 55 percent. You said that?

>> He is the Chair of the board. So he would know probably better than I.

>> The grant money in the federal dollars is about 45 percent of the budget. And then we raise the rest from donors. To your point with administrative costs and money going to CEOs, I did watch the last council meeting where this came up. Going back to 2012, Joe had not received a raise. Then he received a small raise before receiving another small raise. This is where we started bringing him up to where someone at a medium level should be for his position. He was grossly underpaid. He was throwing them at salaries for administrative staff. Not receiving a raise for eight years affected his way of living. The mission of this is what these funds are going to.

>> Since we're bringing it up, what is the salary it is a nonprofit right? It should be public record.

>> I just don't know if it's the right thing to say right now.

>> Yes. I am asking you a question and you are asking about money. It's the right time to say.

>> The salary is about 150.

>> This is a \$724 expenditure. You're raising 51 percent. What would you do if you could not get this money?

>> We would have to look at closing sites. Currently we have eight sites. We would not have the monies to fund the sites. Right now we are in a situation where we are at capacity. We are at 30 – 40 kids on a waitlist. We need more buildings and funds and spaces to grow. Right now, we would not have our main expense being the salary of the employees. The junior staff, that is where the bulk of our money goes. 2.1 million of it goes to sellers to run the programs.

The other monies is for transportation. Luckily, we have that. I think ultimately closing would hurt us a lot.

>> So you are raising 51 percent through private donations. How do you do that? We just had celebrate the children which has been going on for 20+ years. This weekend we have had our success events. With Heaven Boler and some real different organizations where we do a tournament and a color run. We just did a color run this weekend. We had a great turn out there. Also just private donations from different people that we have cultivated relationships with. We have seen the power hour. You seen the kids that go to the clubs graduate. They see the benefits of what we are doing. When I went, you could come and go. They did not know if I was there or not. Everything is very structured now. The programs are innovating all the time. We want to provide more for the students that we serve. It's incredibly impactful.

>> I don't think anyone would argue that it is a great program. You raised the amount of money through fundraising efforts. But when I asked what happened if this one away, then you said it would close down programs. Why would you not increase fundraising?

>> This is about year after year trying to place fundraising.

>> They could not make up the 571 this year. The thing about this is this is leveraged. We are leveraging our dollars to provide more services. It is leveraging tax dollars and getting more bang for the buck. We also have more agreements that the funding cannot be for executive salaries. This is for direct contact for our club members. The CEOs salary could not be separated out of our funds.

>> I am not questioning the quality of the organization goal. What I question is Mr. Chester is a very good point. Is it our responsibility to be generous with the public's money or to donate to nonprofits? I struggle with that. Because I talked to so many people in the public who have struggled with paying their mortgage and paying their insurance. In paying the taxes on their home. It is a huge problem. I think we really have to wrestle. Is this a core responsibility of our government when we just had a two – three hour talk on funding for storms. Where people are losing their homes. Money is a problem. Is this a responsibility of government? As great of a program as it is. And as much as I like the people that are involved in it, it is an issue that we will have to take up. Soon. Councilman Robbins?

>> Thank you Chairman. Really quickly, you said this contract is over soon?

>> This is the last year. And it is a competitively bid process. The request for proposals is given.

>> Is this something that we can renegotiate in future contracts?

>> It sounds like there is a consensus. I will say this. In theory, we can talk about core responsibilities. I took a step back and I look at the responsibilities of a community. In my opinion, part of that is keeping our kids off the street. You can keep them off drugs and keep them busy. And keep them out of jail. As a police officer I saw the revolving door thousands of times. I think we need to ask ourselves, is this money well spent? Do we deal with this issue. I believe it's the responsibility of a community. Do we deal with this on the front and? Or do we deal with it on the back and when these kids are going through drug programs were going through these community programs for our broken judicial system in and out of jail. I can see both sides of this.

>> Councilman Santiago?

>> I think this is money well invested. This is not a donation to the boys and girls club has

brought has spelled out. We are contracting with them for services. The savings that the community sees is multiplied by a significant amount. They do a great job and I am 100 percent behind them.

>> Anyone else? That was questions. Any other debate? We need to do this. Debate if this is a core responsibility or not. I do not see anyone else who wants to talk. Carissa would you call the role?

>> VICE CHAIR KENT: Yes.

>> COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINS: Yes.

>> COUNCIL MEMBER SANTIAGO: Yes.

>> COUNCIL MEMBER DEMPSEY: Yes.

>> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHANSSON: Yes.

>> CHAIR BROWER: Yes. It passes six to zero. The next one is item M. Keith Chester.

>> I don't remember how long ago it was. A year or so ago the County Council said they wanted to pay all staff members to pay \$15 an hour. Ultimately we are saving money on the back. These are daily tasks. The more we pay a living wage here, the less we have to pay at social service handouts. I am concerned that if it is embedded in the contract, they pay a minimum of \$15 an hour.

>> Okay.

>> We have a motion to approve the contract by David Hidalgo. In the second was by Jake Johansson. Any questions? Debate? All in favor say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Any opposed? The motion carried six – zero. We will find the answer to your question. That takes us to item T. I don't know if you heard, but the last team in. As you know they came here. It was a six – zero. Item T which is custodial banking letter agreement with JPMorgan Chase in connection with signal health life insurance Company and administration.

>> Identity is a resolution authorizing deferral and activities.

>> Item T is a resolution authorizing deferral of impact fees for new single-family homes. Is Clay still here? Keith Chester, if you would like to speak and then there are questions that council would like to ask? Is there a motion on TV?

>> I move.

>> Second.

>> Johansson makes the motion to approve and Robbins makes the second. Any questions? Don Dempsey?

>> I talked to Clay about this quite a while the other day. I will support it. But I do kind of wish that we collectively could get to the mindset where we are willing to return money back to the government. It appears that we have this mindset that if we do not spend it, we will lose it. I do not like incentivizing more development. I don't want to do impact fee waivers to create more development. We have heard from the masses. People do not want more development. The second part is we are asking them to pay more taxes no matter what kind of taxes. They are still paying for it. I do not think the majority of the people who parts this place and spoke like the idea that we are incentivizing more development into an area that apparently is one of the most flood prone counties in the state. I would like it to be sent in a different way. Like thanks but no thanks. We will take it. But I don't like the fact that they get to the front of the line and they get these special benefits because it's going for more development of affordable housing. I do not

like seeing taxpayers paying more to create more development when I don't think it is the popular thing. But I'm ready to vote on it.

>> We have another member of the public who would like to speak. We also have Councilmember Johansson who would like to speak.

>> Me before them or them before me?

>> For the record, Jessica gal. These are some key components that we have heard. These impact fees are something that the county has been running for the past five years at least. It is identical for what you did with Habitat for Humanity. This organization sells all residences at or below cost. There is no profit for this developer. Affordable housing is the only instance where impact fees can be waived. If you are worried about the funding sources and all of that. These are constructive. We can put six residents in a home for the holidays.

>> Okay. Councilman Johansson?

>> I am on the affordable housing advisory committee. I have the same questions that you have every day. She has given me the stink eye once or twice. My main concern with anything affordable housing or anything that runs contrary to what the state is doing, I always have the fear that they are going to preempt. We had the live local act and the things that are important to our county are not necessarily important to every county. But our legislators do not care when they throw the blanket over the whole state. The live local act, we are fighting appear to promote industry next to the subdivision. The live local act has subdivisions in place industry. They are forcing us to put apartments next to future firms. I'm quite leery of not giving money back. But putting more into stuff like this. Without having to give to the state and wonder what will happen. A little bit here and a little bit there. This is a great project. One home here and one home there. I am a big fan of that. If it comes to midrise and affordable housing, that this will have a lots of winds there as well. I think this is great to approve. I appreciate that this is like Habitat for Humanity. We are making affordable housing which is with what the state wants. From a conferment conservative super majority legislator. Those are my comments. Thank you chairman.

>> You're welcome. We have another member of the public that wanted to speak.

>> Just one thing I wanted to know. Each of these houses, not only are they built at or below cost, but all six will be certified as Florida Green building Council. Thank you.

>> Councilman Robbins.

>> I think most of us are on the same page. Something that I would be open to discussion about in the future, and I will support this. I have residents that reach out to me. We are deferring some of these fees that have to pay cost summary down the road. These are the impacts that it creates. We are putting these impacts on the back of other taxpayers. In my opinion, there are other sides to the story. At the end of the day, it goes back to them paying for themselves. If we want to actually make changes it is something that we will have to look at in the future. If it is not paying for itself, then we have to stop giving away free peace in this department. Or it looks like a political punch line. I do not know if I would support another one after this.

>> Okay. Anyone else? We have a motion to approve and a second. If there are no more questions, all in favor say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Any opposed? Item T also passes six to zero. That takes us to the last one. Item X.



authority for the county chair to approve the local funding agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation. Did you want to speak on that? Or were you good? Motion to approve? Motion to approve by vice chair Kent. Second by Councilman Santiago. All in favor say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Any opposed? The motion carried unanimously. That takes us to already, to item 3.

>> Chair, I would like to comment on AA and BB.

>> We have already voted for these. And they have been approved with the Council. I inquired the staff about AA and BB. AA is the vintage car parade. They will be in the park entrance. I looked at this as great. For BB, is the Daytona Beach parade. Again, a quick event down there. Having a parade on the beach, I am okay with that. There was an item on the agenda that was pulled. I have some very pointed questions for this group. Just because it starts interfering with the new toll structure that this Council has agreed to. I believe it could have a negative impact, not only financially but it sends us down a slippery slope that I am not willing to go down to. Thank you chairman.

>> Now we are ready for item 3. Donna Butler, she is coming down. This is the block grant of hurricane Ian.

>> Good evening Council. Donna Butler. Director of the Office of Recovery Resiliency. I am very excited to be here with you tonight. Especially in light of all of the conversation that you have had earlier this evening. The item that has been modified late yesterday had 22 projects. This is 18 total projects from seven municipal counties and Volusia County. Over 60 recommendations to be spent on infrastructure and mitigation. Here is a spreadsheet. You will see that there are 16 projects from cities. And two from the county. Totaling \$60 million. Lots of projects to be accomplished as well as infrastructure projects. In addition, we put out a call to the cities to ask them if they had any additional stormwater studies that they wanted to accomplish. We have 27 requests totaling \$8.6 million. You will see them all listed here. From Volusia County, from Daytona Beach. One of these is matched from the Army Corps of Engineers study. Three from Deltona, six in Orange city, three in Ormond, and Port Orange is three as well. Finally, you have talked about this a little bit already. We are proposing to transfer \$18 million from three different categories. 5 million from planning, 3 million from the rental repair line, and 10 million from the new family construction. 18 million adding to 92 million for infrastructure and mitigation. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer. We have a bunch of city staff who has been sitting here patiently. If you have specifics about their projects, they can answer those.

>> Let's go ahead and hear from them. I think we may have lost one. Before we lose more, is the mayor still here?

>> Edgewater runs on diesel.

>> Good evening to the wonderful city of Edgewater. I just wanted to take a moment to think each and every one of you for your communication. Chairman, you have gone to several of our meetings. Councilmember Robin, you have been a great support to us. You have been a tremendous asset to the city of Edgewater. You are representing your district well. We have two projects in front of you tonight. This is the interim city manager, Jeff Thurman. One being a canal structure for the Florida shores area. Mr. Robbins, you and I had a meeting with St. John's water official. We need a way to hold more stormwater. The second one is flood

proofing of our Public Works facility. We had five feet of water. This project would be a tremendous asset. We really seek your approval and want to make our residents happy to prevent future flooding. We appreciate each and every one of you guys. Thank you for all that you do.

>> Thank you. Keith Chester.

>> When I spoke earlier tonight, others have reinforced it. One of the big problems that we have had is deferred maintenance. A lot of this flooding occurs because of deferred maintenance. And now we are playing catch up. When I look at this list, all of this seems to be deferred maintenance. I'm sure we are all thinking that cities and counties have not been handling court responsibilities while when it comes to floodwater and flood control. I'm glad to see that these projects are happening. But the cities and the counties need to step up their game. And take care of their continued maintenance and not wait until the room is packed full of angry citizens. Another concern that I have is the county is using millions of dollars here for an EMS facility which I consider patting the budget. If we are honest about it, it is federal tax dollars. If we can save local tax dollars, then that is good. I hope that whatever local tax dollars we end up saving, we can have something of the nature. And extremely concerned going back to social programs. It is almost endless that we are getting tax dollars with social programs that should be used for other things. The night was packed full of it. Here, we have a domestic abuse shelter. Kind of like how Mr. Robbins thinks that it is a core governmental responsibility. This was not mentioned earlier. We have the boys and girls club that will get millions of dollars for a new facility. It's money that we could have and should have used elsewhere. They will be getting a good chunk of change. We already pay 18 million just to the hospital authority. The big one is the pay center for girls. \$3 Million. You already kicked that and down the road. You said you didn't want to use those dollars for it. I feel that this was snuck in. I think it was a back door deal. That's how I feel. I do not think, we pay \$1.5 billion per year to the school system. We shouldn't be spending tax dollars that can be used for our core needs.

>> I think you drew a response.

>> To clarify, this agenda item is modified. There are no nonprofits on this agenda. It will be presented at a later time. Those were taken off of here. To set the stage, it was 6.3 million proposed for nonprofit reconstruction buildings that were damaged or destroyed. Other communities were at 7 million and 20 million. No nonprofits on this agenda item.

>> None of these projects are deferred maintenance. That is a whole different category. They would not be eligible if these were nonprofits. These are additional systems that are being put in.

>> Dale Arrington. It will be followed by Alex Shuman. And then Tonya Stanton.

>> Thank you very much. Dale Arrington, city manager of Orange city. We put into this project following hurricane Ian. After Milton, I can say that we need it even more. This will immediately solve two long-standing drainage problems within the area of the city that have been flooding for a long time. Mill Lake, is in the heart of our city. It is a beautiful recreational area that we have left any pristine condition through the use of ECO funds. It is surrounded by a low and moderate income neighborhood that has flooded because mill Lake much to our residents sorrow is also a FD OT drainage pond. It carries all of this water through the city into this lake. During hurricane Ian it flooded. And Milton brought even more stormwater to the city of Orange city. It was a 1000 year storm. Nearly 20 inches of rain. All of the surrounding streets in this

low/moderate income area flooded. We had to close the head start school for nearly 3 weeks. We had to extract people from their homes. We will rebuild the old FD OT drainage line that goes out to the river and has been diverted to a borrow pit that the city has purchased. By rebuilding this line, we will be able to increase the number of gallons that we pump per day from 1.25 million gallons to over 17 million gallons per day. It is a 17 fold increase. What took us three weeks to drain the area will take us one day. That is pretty amazing. It will also build another drainage pond. This is new, not replacement from the old industrial area. This provides hundreds of jobs. During Ian, it was closed for weeks. We had a temporary fix that was only closed for five days. This will enable us to keep that job and employment center open. The last thing I want to say is this is a spine that you are laying. The potential for adding additional drainage projects two miles to the west is really quite amazing. Because you put water in a propane it with additional grading and redevelopment, it can hold much more than just the stormwater from mill Lake in the industrial area. It can be added onto over the years. Thank you. Happy to answer any questions.

>> Any questions for the city manager of Orange? Alex?

>> Thank you all, Alex Shuman. All of the study areas that have been identified are areas that were impacted with Ian and Milton. As we heard tonight, these are areas where we can help our residents get water out. If you have any questions, I am available.

>> Any questions? Tonya Stanton? Okay. Okay. Councilman Dempsey?

>> I do not know if I could ask you a quick follow-up? This is a wonderful list. I'm so happy to see where this money is going. The only question I have is the EMS operations building. I do share Mr. Chester's concern about that. It has been a while since I have done the west side versus Eastside waning sessions. The majority of the people here today are from the west side. We have Taylor Road and we have the FFA building. We have Miller Road and other places that are being routinely flooded. My concern is we have already used half of the money. We are up to \$110 million. We have still used up more than half of the available money for infrastructure litigation. What is so important about the EMS building that cannot wait? I would much rather wait for these studies to come back. You have done a wonderful job on the east side. I would like to go down that list and make sure we have enough money available before we have an EMS building. This is \$15 million. The largest project. There will be no projects coming in the next grouping. Let me remind you that this covers the entire county. The building is the headquarters and it floods. Every time we have a problem, we either don't have the bug out or we have to race all the stuff that's in there. We have almost 300 employees that come out of there. Some of the solutions coming before you, whether it is this building or houses, it will be turned down buildings. This is just one example. And it is one that happens to be ours. This contribution is towards it. It is important that we get this thing going and get out of that particular area. We have photographs that show that we had lost access during Milton. And flooding during Ian in the building. We have had another storm. Every time there is a major hurricane, they have to bug out. These are the headquarters for a very large and critical operation. That is my thinking behind it. You can be assured that it will be more projects coming on the west side in the next round of projects to come out.

>> I hope I did not misspeak. I did acknowledge the orange city. Ms. Arrington left. I went down to look at the area and it was horrific. All of these people who spoke tonight have had the bug out in their homes as well. I want to make sure that we do not run out of money.

>> If there is a difference at the end, then I think we will figure that out. We have millions of dollars coming and these are the projects that were submitted in this round. Everyone who had a project and met the criteria is being funded for what they ask for. Again, there will be more in the next round. If 6.8 makes a difference down the road, then we can make the adjustment. I would like to go ahead right now and get started on our EMS project. Because it is pretty cool.

>> Vice chair?

>> VICE CHAIR KENT: Very briefly, there has been a positive impact with the counties being able to help these communities in this round. I want to give a special shout out to my two cities that I help represent. Thank you guys for being here. I was pleased to see your city get one quarter of the money on your project here. I can tell you as someone who has been driving by, at Lions Club in Orange city, goodness gracious. When will the water ever go away. Like on graves. People can't drive. It is a huge problem. I am here with you. So, thank you Chairman.

>> Councilman Johansson?

>> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHANSSON: Donna, can you go back to the studies page?

>> Absolutely. It is two pages. 27 request totaling 8.6 million.

>> Okay. Next page? All right. So, absent from this list, I am interested that very does not have anything on this list.

>> Not for infrastructure or for planning studies.

>> Interesting to me. Chairman, ask the question? Earlier, earlier today we heard about someone talking about how we had some things to bury. Which it seems like you are close enough that you would probably have some problems.

>> During Ian, we only had one house with water intrusion. As we talked about, the city has put in \$32 million worth of infrastructure. We were the poster child for storm water. We flooded hundreds of homes in 2004 and 2008. So we went on a mission for that to never happen again. We raised our stormwater fees and raised 2 million with our infrastructure. The difference is that hurricane Ian in 2022 was the first hurricane we had in five years. And we did not have the saturation that we had in this particular hurricane season. About three quarters of those were private systems the hot water intrusions. There is about six homes that were on the plantation area. We had six homes that were impacted there. But that was on the Glenn Abbey side. Our systems are in place. The water was overwhelming. We had 18 – 20 inches of rain. We calculated about a six hour timeframe. The water was simply too enormous. It was a significant event. We had a lot of private close basin ponds. That is the reason why you don't see that there. With hurricane Ian, we did not really have anything to apply for.

[AUDIO UNCLEAR]

>> Am very pleased to see

[AUDIO UNCLEAR]

I was talking to the mayor many hours ago about luncheon Park. And how I think about personally and I think about what I am doing. I'm tired of waiting in lantern Park. I'm glad the project is on the list. I will bring my shovel to make sure that it does not happen again. I heard this is the start of a momentum charge to work on these things that we talked about earlier. These focused and surgical attacks on low area, basically older subdivisions in other neighborhoods. They are getting wracked by this water. We have to get rid of this. I appreciate it. Donna, thank you. Thank you for getting the next batch out quicker than this one. Something tells me that with you on the role, it will be easier.

>> Mr. Johansson, I would be remiss. Item GG was a \$2.7 million stormwater project that you approved today under the pools or ponds. Which are just down the street in Orange city as well. We have taken a really good approach and are working very well. I think you will see significant change. It was an area that we could actually target. There is also a smaller \$160,000 project that is occurring. It is a drainage project as well. There are other monies going into this as well.

>> Councilman Robbins? I hear you. What areas do you have in mind that we can help you? Collectively. You know some areas more intimately than I do. Where can we get you to where you need to be out with your constituents?

>> These areas are routinely flooded. We got over on the F of a building. Next they are on the border. Obviously JC and Bonnie Mills and common ground forms, all of these people have recurring flooding. I understand that they are addressing orange city. Could you make us a short list.

>> We could probably pull half of the comment cards from tonight.

>> Every single one of these projects is being worked on right now. The city has agreed to take some of these projects. We already have the Taylor Road study. That will lead to projects up there. We will see that over the next meeting. Lobo we have divvied those up with the city. We will come back. We take the one there and it is probably going to be some sort of five property and to dig out kind of thing. This will probably entail finding a place for that water. We have a pretty good idea of what we will do there as well.

>> I am not trying to say here and say that the county is not doing anything. I know you guys are being very proactive towards finding a fix. I just don't want to run out of money. We are halfway through the 110 million. George you hit it right on the head. You said we may have to resort to buying neighborhoods. After everything I have heard, I think it might be our only viable resolution. I think that will be way more than \$60 million. To buy out these neighborhoods. We will be very strategic with that. We do not have all of the measurements yet. A few strategic purchases would probably go a long way.

>> I just don't want to run out of money. I'm not saying that we shouldn't do it. There are some problems in the land area as I mentioned. If there is money left over, then we have money for the office building.

>> It wouldn't be a problem. I'm just saying save some of the cash for what will be buyouts.

>> I was going to come back to the EMS with a question about the current building. This is their headquarters. I don't know how we can different or put it off.

>> Put it this way. It will get done. It's just about where the money will come from. If it isn't available, and I will be asking for more from the general fund. What will happen to that building?

>> It will get sold.

>> That will be up to whoever will decide what they want to do.

>> They may sell to an Aquarian company or something.

>> Can we make it more storage? Of course we can keep it and then just make it an expense.

>> We did something with our own bridge facility in the Northeast. There was a public works facility is probably had three feet of water with these last few events. We sold that property off. I don't know exactly what happened. I think they cleared it off to build something else. It is the same basic idea. We will rehabilitate an existing building. But we have already purchased.

>> When it comes to EMS, I think we really need to make sure that they can do their job.

Correctly and treat them well. They cannot live in these locations right now. Councilman Santiago?

>> Denny, I am a little bit bummed out. Donnie is not the only one who represents the Westside.

>> No. You are included in the.

>> I think we should move forward with the EMS funding. I think we are in a unique position. At least the court order is in a unique position. Legislature is coming into session. I'm pretty certain that they will have to address some funding opportunities for the communities. We just have to act responsibly to be in line for our people to share.

>> It sounds like you guys are mending fences already.

>> Should we sing?

>> I will take it!

>> I wasn't going to be the one to sing! Councilman Robbins?

>> We have just finished with EMS. If you go to the building you can see the years that they have corrected it. I just took a CPR class there two months ago. Some of those areas are lifted up like three or four feet. I have been in and out of that building since early 2007.

>> We just bought that building for Lisa Lewis. There is a lots of extra space there. Could we not put them in there temporarily? I understand half of that building is rented out to other potential tenants.

>> I'm pretty sure that the ship has sailed.

>> I just want to make sure that there is enough left over.

>> Councilman Santiago?

>> COUNCIL MEMBER SANTIAGO: I moved to approve the list.

>> Is there a second? Second by vice chair Kent. Any other discretion or comments? All in favor, say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> I oppose. Motion carries five to one.

>> I think we also need to make a motion on a moving of the \$18 million as proposed in the item.

>> So moved Mr. Chair.

>> If you would indulge me to make one comment. It is proposed at 18 million. We need to keep it below 20 million every time we make a move. As long as they stay below 18 million. We can do subsequent moves I later Council meetings. Otherwise it ties in for three months. It is not your decision to move it. If we keep it below the 20 million and we can make it cumulatively greater than that. But at one time it needs to stay that way.

>> Moved to approve the 18 million transfer as proposed by staff.

>> Why did you make it 1999? We have a motion to move the 18 million with more to come. That was by you David Santiago and the second was Jake Johansson. All in favor say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> And you move the money! Item 4 is moved to a special meeting. Item 5 has already been disposed of. The reading of ordinance number 2024 – six amending Chapter 72 of the code of ordinance to allow for the five lot subdivision without a plat. Clay Erdman will present back.

>> Good morning. This was a directive from the County Council to go back and look at our subdivision regulations to come up with standards that would allow for easier methods to

subdivide these properties. We have been able to process it through the planning and land development regulation. Before you is an ordinance that would allow for owners and properties in the rural and agricultural zoning to split their properties without having to go through a subdivision. This means that it eliminates a lot of time. Having to go through the process and having to prepare a subdivision plat. Staff recommended mandating that it could occur on a paved county roadway. The regulation commission felt that it was too stringent. The recommendation in front of you today would allow for this to occur on an unpaved road as long as it met the minimum safety standards being able to have proof of legal access to that area. Staff also drew upon prior standards where we were requesting 10,000 square feet of the land being out of the floodplain and wetland areas. That was too much and recommended 5000 square feet. That is coming to you as part of your ordinance here. That is to increase. Therefore what you are seeing is anything with the rural zoning for agricultural zoning, where they made the minimum lot size, they have gone through this process. This is such as we are not requiring a master stormwater plan as part of these people. The owner of the land would have to provide us with an updated indicating that they would not allow for impact or next-door neighbor. That is what is in front of you today. Thank you Councilmember Robbins. I want to make a motion to approve we will have a discussion after.

>> I will second.

>> We have a motion to approve item 6 by Danny Robbins. In a second by David Santiago. Do you want to start, did you have a question or a discussion?

>> Just to make a statement chair. I know this was an issue that originated in my district. Individuals in the family have some kids that they want to leave properties two. Looking a little bit advance, gives the ability to our constituents, the longer we can do so without the monotony or the red tape to give something to their children when their time passes. I appreciate the Council's support. Hopefully we can come together and get this across the line.

>> Clay, a question. I like this and I think it is less red tape. It has cut some regulation. But it is not without problems. The problem that I see is a common occurrence. Maybe chair Mills will be able to come up with this as well. Right now, when we have housing going up on unmaintained dirt roads that the county does not maintain, the understanding is that it is a private road and they have to maintain it. We can do lots of phone calls from people with change of ownership. They forgot the condition of the road so poorly but they wonder why the county is not maintaining it. I'm wondering is there any way to tighten this up to make it not an issue? Not a problem that comes back to the county to maintain a private road.

>> If this was a standard subdivision, in other words they were going through requiring covenants and restrictions, you could fill, if that was something that you feel is appropriate that could be put in there as part of it. It is with what the PO DRC made as their recommendation.

>> When you come up to speed, if you can touch on this we will give you a little bit of extra time. Councilman Santiago?

>> I want to thank the committee. They went through this pretty extensively. I have read the back and forth. And I do recall that this is a product that we directed them to do based on previous hearings. I would like to thank the committee for all of the back-and-forth. I did not watch the hearings. But according to what I read, I just want to say thank you. So thank you Mr. Chair.

>> You are welcome.

>> We have Chairman Mills. You still chair the PO DRC correct?

>> Yes. Also the PO DRC voted to let me speak on their behalf as well. To address the issue of the maintained roads, they have to meet the standards in order to get a building permit. Now for emergency vehicles and things of that nature, we just cannot have these roads anywhere. The agricultural areas, where the permit is required was discussed. We did not want to add additional burden for the coordinates anyway. We did not want to have a family property that could split up without the subdivision process. I did need clarification. We do see the final draft on this. On item 8, it says that the parent property and any additional must have direct access to an existing paved or unpaved street or easement. I do not want to lack the easement to those lots. That is the final draft of the ordinance that I would like to be discussed. As far as the maintenance issue, being that we are talking a minimum of 2 and a half acres, and a lot of them will be more than 2 and a half acres, they still have to go by zoning. I understand where you are coming from. A lot of these issues are cases like oranges city. Where you have these unpaved roads and these smaller lots. Typically, you do not hear that much from the larger parcels. Most of these properties will not be on a paved road to begin with. I would be willing to say 90 percent or more.

>> We also have a couple Councilmembers that want to speak. Then Clay, after the last two Councilmembers speak, which you handle the question?

>> If you look through the stop report, the critical thing is that this was something that was relatively easy so that property owners could share properties. The reason why you have a subdivision in the first place is to ensure that road, water, sewer, and storm water met the code requirements. So we were saying if you did not have to provide those as part of this project, and we could say a subdivision is not required. That is what we were trying to say. That axis should be through either an existing private or public roadway. Creating a new road is actually an act of subdividing the land beyond. We were looking at already having access. It is up to the Council. If the Council feels that it is appropriate to allow for new private roads to be created, I just want to point out that we already have an unpaved road subdivision. I know about it because I was the one who drafted it. We allowed up to 25 lots to be created and utilized as an unpaved road where we address the issues that Mr. Santiago and the chair were talking about. If you have a property owner who wants to do a more elaborate development, we have the Avenue already in place. If you are looking for someone who is just trying to split their parcels, this gives them a quicker way of doing so. It is up to the Council. You are hearing from the chair when he wants to see it done. It is truly your call. The mindset of the staff was a subdivision plat being required so that you can divide the land. Therefore, if you try to exempt it from a subdivision, then you should not have to go through all of that for storm water and sewer. Okay?

>> Okay. Thank you.

>> Basically what I'm asking is if you can access an easement, we want to have the easement to additional lots. These easements come in at 60 feet wide. If I'm dividing a parcel of, five parcels, then I do not want to have different each one of those with the 60 foot easement coming in. It does not make sense for the parent property not to be able to provide the additional easement to the lots being made. That was the only discussion that I had on as far as maintaining the road. You have maintained road to the inherent property as is.



>> CHAIR BROWER: Councillor will discuss. We can either approve it as it is, send back for changes, or make a change. Councilman Robbins?

>> Chair Mills. I missed that. We are trying to make it easier. This restrictive verbiage gets put in there. Once again, thank you for picking up. I want to make things easier. The only way to do that is for us to get out of the way with this. To give the responsibility. We cannot be the nanny state as Mr. Chester puts it so eloquently. We cannot be the nanny to everyone. At some point, we have to have personal responsibility. If there is a question of who maintains what, when you buy a private road you have to assume responsibility of maintaining your access way. I think if we can modify this, with the suggestion that sure Mills had made, I think it would go a long way. I will not support it the way that it is now.

>> Are you amending the motion to bring it back with Chair Mills suggestion.

>> I am okay with that. I just had one comment Mr. Chair.

>> To bring it back to the next meeting?

>> We don't need to. We can amend it here. It's a simple language text that staff can do. Bring it back I guess.

>> I would like to preserve the notice. If you could make a motion to bring it back to date certain, we can bring it back and making those proposed changes without having to re-advertise.

>> Why can't we just amend it here?

>> Depending upon what you are proposing you the phrase each resulting lot. So that only the parent parcel can front on the existing road. Each created lot from the parent parcel can access off of a new created easement. If the phrase each resulting lot.

>> Strike existing.

>> You want the parent parcel to come from an existing lot. It is the each resulting lot issue. Online 95 strikes each resulting lot so that only the parent parcel may front on a private street or easement. Each resulting or child parcel can come off of a newly created easement.

>> So if Denny amended his motion, that would accommodate that?

>> Yes.

>> Denny moves in. Mr. Chair, I want a quick moment.

>> I was going to ask Chair Mills if he was comfortable with that.

>> Was our concern. Like I said originally there was not an easement. And like I said, 90 percent of these properties are their own easements. This would eliminate having to split it up. Like if it is further into the parcel itself, you could create an easement from the parent property. Whether it must sit on an original easement for the parent property, that is the description. I do not see what the difference is for an existing easement. I would just make it an easement throughout the entire wording of the ordinance.

>> I think we accomplished it.

>> Ronnie, I wanted to say that her sister is leaving us again. Your blood sister and my sister in other ways! He knows what I am talking about.

>> Councilman Johansson?

>> I have a quick question. Just so I understand, this scenario is if a family wants to subdivide and give their kids or grandkids their house. So in the back of my 40 acre property I give one of my grandkids the back five, how is that person going to get in and out if they have to go through

mom and dad store to get there. Fast-forward 20 years. And the grandchild sells the property to me. Councilmember Robin said we have to take responsibility. It's easy when the whole family lives there. But once you start pursuing it out to people, the next thing you know it's like my apartment subdivision. One of the first things that people say is why aren't you coming to get my hurricane Milton away from here? I pay taxes. What is going to happen with that road that is on private property within easements, these are things that flood. How do we keep ourselves accountable on private roads. Like the ones that we are discussing now?

>> One of the things that we require are the people who are processing this will put in a covenant restriction on the property acknowledging that when you purchase it it says that you are accessed via a private road, not built to County standards.

>> Never to be maintained or known?

>> We will carry over into this.

>> I love the idea. I just want to protect the county in 30 years.

>> That looks like it's it. We have a motion. In amended motion completed and a second. All in favor, say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Any opposed? That is unanimously 6-20. Item 7 and eight go together. But we need to take them up with separate motions. We will start with item 7 which is a quasijudicial hearing. If anyone has any ex parte to declare, please do so now. No one? Okay. Clay.

>> This is a rezoning from B3 to B4. With a special exception for the carwash. The way the ordinance is written, this is an exception in the before. The property is located right where 17 and 11 split. Just on the north side of the existing center where there is a gas station. They're looking to put in a 711 with gas pumps in an automated carwash. They're going through the rezoning process so that they are consistent with what you see around there. Existing to the south of this property, this would be, it's not spot zoning. It is continuing on. This would allow for the automated carwash that will be located along the north property line. It went to the planning and land development with a recommendation of approval. We did receive a letter from an adjacent property owner who expressed some concerns with the property. As you can see, it meets our dimensional requirements and criteria. Stop recommended approval of both the rezoning to B4 and the special exception. This shows you the location of the convenience store and the gas pumps that will be out towards state Routt 17. The building to the north there is the self service carwash. It's an automatic carwash where you go in and utilize it yourself. Staff looked at it and met criteria approval. If there are any questions, you will be available to answer them.

>> CHAIR BROWER: Okay. Counsel? Anyone have questions? Does anyone have a motion?

>> Motion to approve.

>> Motion to approve item 7. The second was by David Santiago. We have a member of the public who wants to speak.

>> I think you're representing the property owner Jessica Gallo.

>> Checking to make sure I can still say good evening. I'm here on behalf of the property owner. This matches up the zoning on the four quarters of the intersection. There is no change in the setback. The special exception is just for a single accessory carwash. The intent of the special exception is for primary use. We are going through this process to make sure everything is done. I did want to note the one letter of opposition. She wanted to talk about

trees in front of her house. She is well north and is on the remainder portion of the property that is not being developed. We are here for any questions and we have our engineer if you have any questions.

>> So the buffer is only on.

>> There will be landscape buffers on all sides. They just have an increased 35 foot landscape buffer.

>> The how you are handling stormwater, I think I just saw stormwater retention ponds there.

>> And this has not gone through complete engineering designs. The initial thought is to have the storm water pond right there on the intersection.

>> Okay.

>> So this will come back to us at that point?

>> It will be a staff level set. plan review.

>> Any other questions for Jessica?

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR BROWER: Okay. We have a motion to approve and a second. No other questions. No debate. All in favor, say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Any opposed? I will vote for it with reservations. I do not want to see the mobile home park flooded. For the 500 year storm. Item 8. Special exception for a carwash.

>> Moved to approve.

>> Second.

>> Motion to approve by David Santiago. Second was by Jake Johansson. All those in favor say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> It carries six to zero. This is the spring grant cycle award recommendation.

>> This is the cycle that the Council directed staff to implement. We had three applicants. We wanted to get these drawings. They have done that. The echo committee was consistent with the super majority vote to grant Alexander Island, the exceptional status. We have one from South Daytona and one from the very here to answer questions if you have them.

>> David Santiago.

>> Moved to approve the list as presented by staff.

>> Second.

>> We have a motion to approve by Santiago and a second by Jake Johansson. Carmen, you are still here. Could you come up for a quick question? The special exception. This is for this item?

>> Yes.

>> I have concerns about the exceptional status. But according to the way that echo is written right now, you meet the qualification. So my larger concern would be that this is 2 and a half million.

>> Yes, Sir.

>> Is there an outstanding. You still have to raise 10 million?

>> No. The city has matched 1.8 million against the 2.5 million. The city purchased this property in February of 2023 43.5 million. Part of the purchase is a match applied to this. This project, if the city has not done anything else will be a first-class nature Park on the Saint Johns

River. 25 percent of all the amenities will be complete. What is the long-range vision? Well, I submitted a letter to the Council. A little while ago. We have a lot of additional opportunity here coming towards this particular project. This project is so unique that it provides a lot of opportunities. And we are getting a lot of investors coming in. For example, Rivington wants to donate 58 acres to the city. That is adjacent to Alexander Island. And it has the remaining part of the historic Oak hammock. It will now create our nature trail being double of what was originally planned. And we will find that when we can. We have other investors coming in wanting to sponsor additions to this project. Whether it is picnic areas or more fishing peers. The city will continue. Continue to enhance the spark. This part here will provide this project to be a first class park. Just like this money is set to be. This project it will evolve over time as investors come forward. Seminole County has come forward looking to bring a ferry service to Alexander Island. We are considering all of them. As far as this project is concerned, this will be for a first-class nature Park as this nature grant and matching funding provides.

>> Vice chair Kent?

>> Mayor, I had to leave. So I do apologize.

>> Is the plan to come back every year and have equal funding?

>> There is a maximum to this project. Our plan is not to do that. We were eligible for a little bit more money based on the match that we provided. I do not think we will be back every single time to do a project on that. One of our letters that we talked about was where will the funding come from? The state legislature offers appropriations and will be looking at state and federal grants to enhance the project as we deem necessary.

>> That is interesting. Thank you for sharing the information. Doctor, quick question. What does the budget have to be to meet the special exception? People are saying that is just a box that people are checking.

>> Two things. He showed that it has countywide importance. And they have to show that it will serve a significant number of people across county lines. So, what your team did, was this was very subjective. We went back and looked at the five or six projects that had gotten grant funds and said what did they use to prove those things? If you want to prove countywide importance, you need to either do a public meeting or a countywide survey asking people this question. Will you use it? Is this something that you will revisit? Is it significantly important in your life? Does it improve your quality of life? Show the economic impact with a robust feasibility study, providing public input. Was there public input in the project and as it a proponent of the master plan? The other one is a significant number of people served. The things that we have put. Letters of support from other municipalities, they got letters of support from many municipalities saying our constituents will use this part. Current and future use projections. They have this study that was through 30,000 people utilizing this project. A survey of potential users. They did a robust marketing plan where they will partner with the chamber to develop partnerships to market this. The only here. But along with the Sun Rail line. Last, these are partnerships that attract a significant number of people. Especially within the chamber and businesses as they come online through downtown. These are things that we use. Otherwise it is a subjective judgment. By providing some objective thing that these are what will be exceptional, it gives the grantees a fighting chance to know what the criteria is.

>> Councilmember Johansson?

>> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHANSSON: What was that? 170 acres. I recall from our

conversations just before you bought it the it was in the market to be developed. But you guys kind of did something else.

>> This property already had an overall development plan for this particular property. We bought it to prevent it from being developed.

>> This is another opportunity to highlight that it is not Volusia forever. It is another percentage of land that will not ever be developed. This effort to come up with the 50 percent development in 50 percent conservation and preservation that we talk about. I like this. I have been out there a few times. It is very nice. So I'm excited to see what you will do in the future. Thank you.

>> We have some members of the public. Keith Chester you are first followed by John Nicholson. John Nicholson. And the mayor had a family obligation that she needed to get to. And Carmen just spoke.

>> John Nicholson. Daytona Beach side. I've given you a list that was provided to me by Brad. As you know, I have mentioned that Daytona Beach is a donor city. Thanks to Troy, I had a meeting with Brad on blues forever. The city of Daytona Beach has donated \$19 million. I thought it was 20. But 19 is close enough. We got back to zero. Not a penny. So we went through echo and look at the echo. Because they're always talking about East and West. We looked at east and west as well. The western part of the county raised \$28 million and they got back 27 million. There is \$800,000 that they have not gotten back. It will be a tremendous advantage to the western side of this county. Daytona Beach raised 15 million and they got back 5 million. They had a net loss of \$10 million. When we look at east and west. The balance is not there. It is about \$20 million that the East County has raised and not been able to get back. When these things come before you, be a little bit generous. Because I'm pushing for the city to ask for a super fund for the peer. It would be a drastic change for our downtown. They are doing a study right now for Main Street. So hopefully, with buying so much land on Main Street, and the project that might go in, the hotel condominium project, we will need plenty of funding. So if it comes before you, think of the peer as a countywide project. Thank you.

>> CHAIR BROWER: Councilman Johansson?

>> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHANSSON: Just want to remind everyone that when it comes to echo, when it comes to forever and when it comes to Florida forever, obviously there is more land on the west side that there is to forever on the east side. I see echo projects is not winners and losers. It is for the county. I could go to the park or go to the peer when it gets built with echo money. I don't see a textile or given to echo as they got and we did not. I see it as we one and we get to enjoy the environmental, punctual, historical, and outdoor enjoyment of echo. Just a comment. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR BROWER: You are welcome. No more comments? No more questions? So, Carmen if you want to stand up. I will call a vote. You do not have to. But you have been waiting for this.

>> This will be one of the greatest natural assets. I promise you that. Mark my words, we will do everything we can to make it a shining star.

>> Okay. All in favor of approving the list as proposed say Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Any opposed?

>> Thank you very much. I appreciate it. Thank you.

>> That brings us to item 10. The reason the rest of the people in this room are still here. The cultural council recommendations for award of the 2024 – 25 community cultural grants program.

>> If I may just give council a quick recap of the timeline as to why we are here. In November there was discussion about bringing sundown to the grant program. We had postponed or canceled the initial workshops that we had. In March, this Council discussed revisions to the program at the time. The direction to George, just after George was to continue on with this year's cycle. As using the current criteria. Then we will simultaneously work with the cultural council to come up with recommendations for improvement. What the motion was was to guard the changes that you would like to see to the program to stimulate new cultural growth, enhance the program, increase revenue and funding from other sources. Basically to not rely on government funding always. What you have before you are the results and recommendations and the cycle that this Council directed us to move forward on. As the cultural counsel, we met two times to finalize the recommendations and changes to the program. Jake told me he will ask me to talk about these. One, to stimulate new cultural growth with the recommendation this will be coming in January. We are in the first quarter and this would be in order to stimulate the new cultural growth, we are finding general program support grants to new or small cultural organizations. What this looks like is you can have some general operating support if you are new and small. But you can't have it forever. So this will be a maximum timeline of providing the support. You will have to provide proof of programming for one year which is less than we previously had because we want people who are coming new into the sector to be able to access your counsel. The second is to enhance your program by providing project base to support grants. Rather than general operating support, you have to come to us with a good idea. A project or program that we will co-invest with you on. That would be open to organizations. But it is not guaranteed. You have to come with a good idea. The other recommendation that will come to council is to include \$25,000 for capacity building as a grant or larger organizations. They recommended that the county organize these workshops to help our nonprofits hire some folks that are experts in the area of resource development, fundraising, and have our nonprofit leaders go through the program to build their skill set in that area. To secure funding from other sources. That is the broadbrush that will be coming back to you in January. I did want to share because I knew I would be asked. The Council worked very hard over the last week to land in a place where this council would be pleased. And these will be coming back to you.

>> When?

>> Probably the second meeting in January.

>> VICE CHAIR KENT: Help me with my memory. Did we ask last year for some of these changes to take place this year?

>> You asked us to clean the cycle which would take place in the 25 cycle.

>> Okay. My second question is I did not see Athens Theater on there.

>> They operate under the Sands Theater. But is there DBA if I am correct.

>> Was it written like that last year?

>> It was Sands last year.

>> VICE CHAIR KENT: That is all for now.

>> CHAIR BROWER: Councilman Johansson?

>> I will skip comments.

>> CHAIR BROWER: I have one more question. I appreciate the Council getting together and discussing what we asked them to. I am just wondering were you involved in all of the discussion? Has there been any discussion? There have been very few of them. But any of the organizations that have large endowments. Will they continue to every year put in a request for funding?

>> The operational model that we have allows them to apply every year. The model that we are moving to would require them to come up with a good idea that we coinvest in.

>> This does not seem like it would help spread money around. They are wanting more organizations to come in.

>> If you are a small nonprofit and you have 15,000 from us, you can get that 15,000. Whereas now you are limited based on operational funds. But if you are a large organization and you have a cap on it, whatever it may be, they will all be at that cap.

>> Okay. Councilman Santiago?

>> COUNCIL MEMBER SANTIAGO: I want to applaud the Council. I guess everyone can remember back when discussion of this sparked. It was intense. I respected everyone's position. But I think we have landed in a good place with these recommendations. It got the juices flowing as far as how we get creative. I think I made the comment that I would like for opportunities. I have heard from others that it is hard to penetrate this funding. Whether it is true or not. I did have several conversations with many in the field. Those who reached out to me, thank you. It helped me learn quite a bit. And I am now in a position to support what we have.

>> All that said, we have an hour and 10 minutes of participant requests.

>> Can I make a motion to approve the list.

>> We have a motion by Santiago.

>> Approved. In the second right Councilman Johansson. I will call on each of you. If anyone is, just wants to stand up and say please pass it or do not pass it.

>> We haven't voted yet. Okay. Keith Chester? It is two hours past your bedtime! And you all know how we vote!

>> For years we have heard when it comes down to cutting you can never find a place to cut. So where do you cut? In January you will talk about roads, infrastructure, and how it will be funded. Now and into the future. Jake mentioned that we might have to raise taxes. Our roads are crumbling. We've got desperate need of sidewalks. Our right of ways are not being taken care of. We have heard about these issues. There is only a couple ways to fix them. From Jacobs Road to the high school, I see kids walking on our right of ways. They are walking on the side of the road. What will we do? Raise taxes? The stocks is that you raise go to who? Our young people who are first starting out. Most of the people in this room are older. I only paid \$1000 a year. I pay deep discounted taxes. If you have to raise taxes, it hurts the young people. They even said earlier tonight. He sees it for the Boys and Girls Club. We can all find things for importance. We want to save everything. Are you going to keep letting it crumble or raise taxes drastically? You are making our charitable decisions for us. What is the return on investment on roads? If you have an adequate roads, or using more gas and burning the whole thing. What is your return on investment of having an adequate roads? That is what you are supposed to be responsible for. You just keep kicking the can down the road. Council after

counsel. And now you have to pay for it. How will you take care of this business? When you start talking about these infrastructure issues, what will you do? They should take this into a united arts type model and find funding.

>> Thank you. Kathy Thompson.

>> I would love to understand your definition of core governing. Roads obviously are. Our beaches important? Are parks important? I came to this area and am speaking as a citizen of the area. Because of the arts in this area. I take great pride in the fact that every summer we take 30 – 40 children in that cannot afford a fancy school arts program. And they get trained for free in dance, singing, and acting. And I cannot tell you how many letters I've gotten from the parents and the children. The mental health benefits that it provides. We take your grant and we do not take it for granted. And we do not turn any donor away. We don't stop fundraising. They subsidize what they have for your county camps for your children if you take away the great, I will have to raise what I charge you. So I will get the money from the county or I will have to stop the program. I will have to stop going to retirement centers and giving free performances to our seniors in the area. Much of what we do is because we are very proud of being a nonprofit. Not a dime goes to executive salary. We pay nobody on the board. We are a working volunteer board. We only pay for the technical type services. We must pay some money to even acquire and conduct the shows that we do. I'm very appreciative of what you have all done. I hope that you are happy when you see the final agreements. You are not our main source of income by any stretch. Please tell me the name of an additional donor that I can go to. I have run out of ideas. We have used up almost all of it but just trying to do the echo. We are seeing less and less donations and less volunteer time. We need your help. Helping us with the grant, return on investment yes. Your partnering with an organization that spreads the dollars further. Our tourists are very happy to come back and visit because they can be entertained at night. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Craig? You will be followed by Serafin.

>> I wanted to see if we could make a motion to, because of the time to modify our public comment time during this hearing. Not that it's not important. Just so we can get to, I think I know what you want to get to. I don't know if you want to entertain that. Modify it to maybe two minutes?

>> How about if we let the speakers make that judgment. If you can say it in one or two minutes why don't you do that.



>> Thank you so much for your energy and commitment to the citizens of our county. I am the president of the countercultural alliance. I work for the school district in the district level. One thing that I did want to add, of course there is a direct economic impact. As of the last economic prosperity report, 1472 jobs here are direct results of the arts and culture. It brought in over \$48 million generated by these organizations. They return of an impact created 7 million in local tax revenue. These proposed changes that you heard, I love that you read Doctor by the way. I will join you in about two weeks when I defended my dissertation. This does foster an efficient regulatory framework by directing support where it has the greatest impact. It will also dance operational efficiencies for our smaller organizations. It will support projects for our larger organizations in the expanded recreation and tourism that is one of your goals. Joining both new residents and givers. This will foster a solution. One that will continue to build partnerships and keep residents engaged to strengthen our fiscal stewardship. I do want to thank each of you that we have had an opportunity to speak with you over the last couple of weeks and learn more about you and how you have grown up in this area in the arts that you have participated in and how meaningful it was to you. Thank you so much for your attention.

>> Thank you. Seraphim? I will let you tell us our last name.

>> Hello. I am surfing. I'm a student at the Athens theater youth Academy. Before taking lessons at Athens I would've never been able to stand up. Do this. Today I raise my voice for the organization that has given me a voice. They have brought so many people together. I have made my most important friends through the arts and I know I am not the only one. This has allowed me to improve my skills and come out of my shell. Education does not need to be tedious. So many people may not have the opportunity to discover themselves into their talents. Many organizations provide safe spaces for students that to not have the opportunity to do so at home. They allow for safe spaces and the opportunity for people to express themselves through arts. I know some of you were concerned about keeping kids off the streets. This is providing guidance with these artistic organizations. If you abolish funding you will turn your back on the artistic community. And most importantly damage the community that brings it together. Because of the proposed changes, artistic organizations will hopefully be able to enrich the community for arts as they have been for so long. I hope you vote in favor. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Well done. Greece? Okay. Did she take anyone with her? Sorry, Harrison better? Bitler. I apologize. Is this your first time speaking here.

>> Good evening. As it would appear, almost good morning. I'm 1/9 grade student at the Lane high school. Outside of school I am working towards my Eagle rank. And towards making the school tennis team. I feel really lucky. This is an amazing small town with a very strong sense of community. We have an active downtown. But one of the main attractions is the Athens theater. My parents and I love to go grab burgers, see a show and then go get ice cream. But for me, often goes beyond an evening of entertainment. I have been taking classes there since I was in the fourth grade. Which means that for the past five years I spent a minimum of one afternoon a week there. The skills go beyond the arts. Memorization, teamwork, and overall confidence. These are vital and also super important. If you cannot make your voice heard, there are things that you encounter throughout your life. When we have worked on dance routines, I have learned to step outside of my comfort zone and do things that scare me, kind of like this. I've learned that one person cannot carry a show alone. It takes a stage crew, house

manager, or director to create something worthwhile. While there is an art component available through schools it is cut more and more every year. This grant helps the youth Academy to bridge the gap and keep these opportunities available to students like me. In addition to the Athens theater, there are several amazing programs currently benefiting. I have enjoyed camps and shows in several areas. I love supporting my neighbor and art teacher when she set up a booth at the fall festival for the arts. Have you ever heard these performers perform? These programs make our lives fuller. Yes. Because I need the arts in my life. We all do. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Jennifer Moran?

>> Good evening. Thank you for allowing us to speak tonight. My phone is just about dead and I have all my notes on it. Okay. I know it is late and I will go as quickly as I can. Thank you for this opportunity. I am with the hub on canal. Let me start off by saying that we work diligently to raise money through corporate sponsors, grants, and fundraisers were constantly hustling to keep ourselves afloat. I am here to ask you to support the funding for the community cultural grants. Part of our mission and experience are regardless of socioeconomic status. We have lots of state funding. So our cultural organizations are already in a deficit. Not only did we lose county funding, but the community fund loses at large. Without the funding we cannot reach those to benefit from our offerings. Whether it be veterans suffering with PTSD, youth and adolescence who have suffered the loss of a parent, the list just goes on and on. We have programs like our fashion club that teach grades six through 12 no

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>> Thank you. Jennifer Coolidge?

>> Jennifer Coolidge, Executive Director for the Center for the arts. Thank you for this in all things and your endurance for this evening. I wanted to respond to the comment that was made about United arts. I think we could learn a lot about them. They are successful because of very significant funding that is provided through tourist development tax dollars in orange county. The county itself does other incentives to encourage these nonprofits to raise money to continue to reach goals and unlock additional support. It is not as easy as it seems. It comes with great county investment. I just want you to support these grants as put forward by the Council. It does represent a continuation of a private partnership with this county that brings significant return on investment. We heard earlier from the doctor about the economic impact return of the total being 4.8 million in total economic impact supporting over 104 jobs in the surrounding area. This trickles down into the household benefits and local government support at over 126,000. I wanted to respond to what Councilmember Robin said about paying on the front end or back end. I have spent 30 years in this business. We know that the arts are a powerful tool to turn apathy into interests. Every arts organization is working with young at-risk students and is augmenting these underfunded school systems with partnerships that are not funded adequately. As we look at all of your goals, we want to help you be a strategic partner and we want to thank you for the challenge. Thank you.

>> Doug McGinnis?

>> Doug is no longer here. Robert Lisa? Richard England?

>> Good evening. I had a whole bunch of stuff to say because I will not use it. I will echo a couple of things that you have already heard. All of us probably believe that in some significant

measure, the arts are effectively a public good. Like roads and other things, this is a class benefit or opportunity which accrues to the benefit of everybody. I would argue that it accrues to those who do not come through one of our doors because of the societal impact of what the arts accomplish. They cut down divisions and help everyone see things differently. Those are important considerations. It was mentioned earlier that if you know another donor, we would be happy to go after them. And that is absolutely the case. There is increasing competition out there for the donated dollar. For the vast majority, the grants that we receive are a fairly modest amount of the total operating budgets that we have. We are constantly looking for other funding sources because we want to expand what it is that we want to do. Taking these dollars away will have a negative impact on our collective ability to provide the programming to the citizens of Volusia County. I don't know if you are aware. But overall philanthropy. This is a national statistic. Overall philanthropy to all nonprofits has continued to grow modestly but steadily over the years. The share of the population that donates to any nonprofit cause is roughly half in the last 25 years. It is getting harder and harder for all of us to go and find more dollars that support these things that we do. This type of support is invaluable. Thank you!

>> Lindsay from Athens? Okay, thank you. You were just given your doctorate right? You do not have to go defend your thesis now! Julia? Okay. Mark Francis? Lloyd?

>> Thank you Turman. Resident of Daytona Beach Florida. I am here as a 12 year member of the cultural Council. We are appointed by you to do the duty that we have been tasked with. I feel like I should just say, these kids were incredible. I should just say what they said. They were amazing. That is why the company has done this for the last 30 years. It's what you allowed us to have the same program this year which we did not know at the time. But the state was going to line item veto Allstate funding. It becomes even more crucial. The \$611,000 which represents .02 percent of the county budget is the same amount that we have been giving since 2012. You're actually basing grants on 20 \$12. I hope that you hear our pleas. I remember the first meetings that we had when these things started blowing up. I hope that all of you are pleased with the work that the Council has done. Not just for fast tracking grant workshops and considerations, things that we did during the brief period of time that we had, but that we received a memo from staff outlining what you had said in past Council meetings. On October 25, in between that time and here we have already had a public hearing. We have had another Council meeting where we met with staff and outline the program and we will be bringing back suggested changes to you in January. This is not one issue. They have grabbed the can and are running with it. So thank you.

>> George? Followed by John Nicholson.

>> Good evening. I am the chairman of the cultural Council. First of all, ditto to everyone that has been talking about how great the arts are. I wanted to say thank you. Councilmember Santiago is not here. Thank you for getting me out of my box. I was skeptical when I went in to try and do some changes. I still think we were doing great. I like the changes that we have implemented. And I think you will too. I think you'll find that when we come back in January, we will be happy with it. Because I think, it's funny to him and Brad said I think you had me come around to you. And I went to write. I like the idea of the Council being able to see what is happening. I don't think you are seeing the projects. I'm not blaming you. I honestly think that we were not communicating. I think that we will see what's happening and we will all be able to see how wonderful it is. I want the opportunity for the County Council to see what the arts

organizations in this community are doing. I'm so used to seeing you from over there. It is a win – win situation. You have these walking trails in beautiful nature. It enhances the taxpayers quality of life. It is something that the government does have. The arts enhance our quality of life. Plato said that the government has two functions. Education and health. The arts enhances our health and our education. Thank you very much for making this old guy bloom out a little bit. Thank you very much.

>> John Nicholson?

>> John Nicholson, Daytona Beach. This topic came up before. With your background in talking about saving, I'm sure it will come up again. But I honestly think we are missing the point. I taught for 20 years. Math, science, you name it. What got me was when I was teaching math, I decided that my students by the end of the year need to be able to spell every word in the glossary in the back of the book. They had to define every term in the back of the book. What's the use of having math if you don't know what you're talking about. If someone presents you with a problem later in life, then you have to know. You had to know more than just the numbers. It is likewise the same with the arts. Anybody in music generally, very much had an advantage over those that did not have art or music. Because it was a crossover. There are many things that you learned in one ear goes out the other. The same thing with sports. How many coaches tell you what they learn on the field? What the teamwork means to those young men in their relationships with teachers, their wife in the future, their children. That is what I don't know if you are seeing. The arts are a crossover to the quality of life. And we absolutely need them. Thank you.

>> Linda Culver? She had to leave? Patty party? Sam with the Museum of arts and sciences? The name is new to me too. Hello. I am Sam at the Museum of arts and sciences. I am the manager of development. I am coming to you as the manager of development and the grant writer. I was not expecting a little town in Florida, I am from Colorado. I was not expecting a tiny town in Florida to have everything I've ever wanted including some of the greatest museums that I've ever had the chance to visit. This grant allows us to do some really incredible things for the community. The main thing is first free Tuesday. The Museum of arts and sciences opens up its doors to visit free of charge which includes a storytime with the library along with other programs that we are quite excited to provide. These things are so difficult to get sponsors for. We are lucky to have wonderful names that are not interested in sponsoring things like this. They're interested in things like planetariums and doing these huge exciting things. They don't really want to sponsor a free day. Our hope with keeping this grant is that the Museum will have a chance to continue programs like first free Tuesday to let all families and for free. We regularly see over 12,000 people at no cost every year. And this is a \$500,000 loss. It allows us to bring these amazing programs to the community.

>> Sammy, some words of advice before we go. You really need to learn to come out of your shell and express yourself a little bit.

>> I've heard that my whole life. [thank You! Eileen, is Eileen still here? Hello. I am Eileen, the educational officer at the Air Force Florida wing. When a child comes from a family that is not a legacy airline family, they go to an airport and they see a barbed wire fence. They do not know a path to a career in aviation. We provide that through our stem programming. Playing is

a little bit of science, engineering, technology, engineering, and math. We open our door to use of all ages and they come in from all kinds of groups. Schools, ROTC, church, and scouting. Aviation explorers, all kinds of things. We provide hands-on learning with engineering challenges and they get to sit in the flight deck of an 1835 trainer and envision a career in the future in the skies. We cannot put a price on inspiration. Thanks to your grant, and your generosity, we are able to inspire the next generation of aviators.

>> Square? The commemorative airport Air Force.

>> Oh, please, would you like to come for a tour of the cultural grant committee. They had their meeting there a year and a half ago.

>> That is the end of the public comment. We will see if you talk yourself out of it. Is there any other comments? Jake Johansson?

>> I'm surprised at Julia. I do have, I heard a lot about educating use. I did not see if there were any funds for abundance of headshaking.

>> No education dollars that I am aware of for these organizations. And no school board requests before you today.

>> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHANSSON: I don't know if I know them. But you can, it works for us 30 years ago. Keep chipping away! You can bring Mr. Chester with you. As far as I'm concerned, this is just the right balance between funding programs and making sure our taxpayer money is spent responsibly. Some would say we have talked about the word mandate a lot tonight. Our citizens are approving echo of which the sea is culture. By approving echo, our public wants stuff like this. And we get to a lot of foods a day about core responsibilities. I think her core responsibility is responding to our public. I am not against funding this cultural norm. That is a big issue. At least the two years that I have been here. The thing that we have to concentrate on is are we using the taxpayers money effectively and efficiently? Are we giving it to the right people for the right reasons. I think the cultural concepts coming up are some plans feel more comfortable. We need to wean people off of the government. I encourage all of you. I noticed what your ask was. But know that we will always look down this. I know it hasn't been changed since 2012. Let me change last year to something less. Prepare yourself for that. There is a lot of programs that we are looking at here the term sundown. This may be one of them but sees a little bit of that. So prepare now. I'm here to help. I have talked to some of you. I talked to many of you. I am willing to shake the tree for you. I walk into some of your doors often. You all know my wife has the checkbook. So just hit her up for the funds. Thank you for everything that you do. I look forward to a great January meeting to find out what the recommendations are for next year. Thank you.

>> Jake, I think you just talked me out of it.

>> Vice Chair Troy Kent.

>> VICE CHAIR KENT: Thank you. A few comments for tonight. I will start with the Kent family, we enjoy the arts.

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I just call those out because those are the three that we tend to go to a fence and enjoy our time. Put a little money in the donation box and enjoy the local artists and talent. It has always been enjoyable for us. I will say thank you for sharing. I hope to those that were listening

tonight online and the few that were still here look up the free Tuesday. I think it is wonderful that the Museum has a free day for any and all. That is powerful and important. And it means something. His Athens theater here? Good call not sending the same people you sent last year. Wildly inappropriate to get up here and bless this man and bless this man about I don't see your name attending our events. I was sitting there going gosh. If I just bought tickets in my name to go see misery with my family. Good call. If I was more on my game last year I would have denied your funding because of the inappropriateness of calling someone out. This is not against you. I'm saying that it was not okay. They are big guys. They don't need me to defend them. But it really bothered me last year. It rubbed me in a way that I thought this is not how you do business. And that I learned at that meeting, I had never met Don Dempsey until we got sworn in together Don owned a comedy club. Talk about art. Right here he was losing money year after year.

>> It is not real or is it?

>> It is. Just a different kind. I probably should have asked this question earlier before all of you got up and spoke. Mr. Chester, I've said it multiple times. You and I have never met before. I appreciate your comments. I think they are valid. It makes me stop and think about our core responsibilities and duly take this money and put it towards our floating concerns. I do not agree with your style. I've said that twice. Which is ineffective. I appreciate the way you're always making me think. Then, I go to the comments which I don't know if he exactly said this but it made me think about it. How you value a community. It's by what you offer the community and society. Part of that are the arts. And how refined are you? I toe the city Commissioner to set money aside for art in public places to have some kind of sculpture to go along with the new building. It adds a different level of happiness for people. The value is there. There is no doubt in my mind that it is there. Now back to what I should've said. George, how long has this been going on? I heard 30 years. I would say, what is your plan? Is your plan for the taxpayers to always subsidize you? If so, then just say that. You will give \$58,120 every year. I don't care about the endowment or how much we bring in. I will come in and get that taxpayer money. Is there a plan to get off of the public funds. This is not meant negatively against any of you. We are all taxpayers. But it feels like it's easier to just give away the money when it is not yours. I get doesn't come out of our checking account. I feel like that is something weighing on my mind as well. It's easier to say yes, absolutely. \$611,000. You can get browbeat about it because you haven't increase the prices since 2014. This is a bargain. And they should just do it for us. We have taken you on an artistic journey. You have no idea how we are going to vote on this. And neither do I. but I am getting there. They determined. Councilmember Dempsey?

>> COUNCIL MEMBER DEMPSEY: Are we getting the P and L statements of these nonprofits before we approve or recommend these requests?

>> We are getting operating costs which is the basis of the formula that we use for the maximum allowable.

>> Are we getting revenue statements as well?

>> No sir.

>> Yes we are!

>> We all did.

>> Could ask someone from the Athens. Yes, sir. I was just looking at this website. Pro public eye. This is talking about BNL's for nonprofit organizations. What was your revenue in 2023.

>> I did not write the grant. Now I only volunteer my time. So I can't speak to it specifically. But I'm happy to get the answer and send you an email.

>> This is because IQ. They are reporting that you brought in 2.162 million in revenue in 2023.

>> That sounds likely. There is a for-profit portion. So when we have visiting bands and things that come, their identities that we have to pay taxes for. However, the main season, when you come and see a play is produced by the 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

>> Unfortunately due to covid you are limited to 1 million in revenue in 2021. Fortunately, 23, post covid the revenues went back up over 2 million. And your expenses were under 2 million. It yielded you guys a \$250,000 net profit.

>> We have done some pretty major upgrades to the facility.

>> This website boasts about a wonderful job that you have done. I share the public comments about what a wonderful asset the Athens is. I used to bring in national comics when I had my comedy club. I thought about getting bigger names in renting the facility because it is beautiful. 437 is your capacity.

>> 431.

>> Great venue. I noticed that over the last few years you have had tribute bands. 170 performances and conducted 1831 educational events. 224 classes in private lessons. You guys are a huge benefit. I am a downtown property owner. You add huge advancements to our properties. Getting back to how long should the taxpayers be expected, Mr. Chester sitting right here. How long should he be expected to pay taxes to add to the \$250,000 profit? That is my mental debate. Do we have someone here from the hub?

>> May I ask you guys a question here sir? This is stuff that I have found and they are showing last year, I am sorry. I apologize I've never been to your facility. They are showing that you guys had a net income of 2.2 million. Did you guys sell an asset or something?

>> I think what impacted the numbers that you are looking at is my wife, who started, funded, and built James arts Center which is a companion organization around the corner, she donated 100 percent of the assets to the hub. It got counted as a donation and more than likely that is figured into the figure that you see. On an ongoing basis it's been three years since we had a positive net income figure.

>> According to this website it says you have a 58,000 net income in 21. 83,000 net income in 22 and in the \$2.2 million here.

>> 23 was a loss other than that.

>> The question is do you have a plan to get off of the yearly request for support?

>> For probably every single one of us the plan would be to find more people to attend and find more people to Tony and find more people to sponsor. All these kinds of things. They're incredibly challenging tasks. This has been an incredibly difficult year. Election uncertainty, rising insurance costs, raising everything. We had to drop our flood and wind coverage because it was too expensive for us to renew. It would've cost us \$37,000 between those two things and we could not afford it. So we are keeping our fingers crossed. Thank God hurricane

season is mostly over. At least for this year. We will see what next year brings. It is a significant challenge. To the point that someone else made, of the strategies would always have to be stopped doing some of what we are doing. For every single one of us, just like the free first Tuesday, the idea is here for all of us to expose as many people to the arts as possible. I will reiterate what I said the first time. That is in some significant way, the arts are a public good to Volusia County citizenry. That means I believe and I will only speak for me. That means that it is not inappropriate. For some ongoing level of support for all of us to keep the arts available and inexpensive and accessible to as many people as possible.

>> VICE CHAIR KENT: I used to own a comedy club for six years. I lost money every year. Fortunately I was able to subsidize through my law practice. I just wanted to benefit the community. I consider stand-up comedy and art.

>> I think we are outside of the structure policy. We are in debate now and not questioning members of the public. I have to rein us in.

>> He wanted to debate. We do not go back and forth.

>> I will if the Atlantic Center for the arts is the last one. Oh, you are there for that. Ms. Coolidge. It says he lost 720,000 last year. Is that accurate? Do you know why that was? Okay. I am sorry.

>> What I can say is we offered a fee based residency program to be competitive with other and will come to pay for room and board and work with the artists with us. If that makes any sense.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Okay. Trying to make a point David basically I don't know. A lot of the moves seem to be a request whether they have an up year of 300,000 or whether they are down 300,000. Nobody is debating. I'm not debating whether they are worth our communities time and money because they benefit so much. I am hoping the Council I hope they attach them to the request so we can have some idea. These guys getting close they add the point when they are self-sufficient and really should not be granting the money as opposed to the ones that may be hurting a couple of hundred thousand and are definitely worthy of taxpayer support. That's all. I'm not trying to pooh-pooh their request I would just like counsel to maybe look into.

>> That is what changed for council member Don Dempsey. We are moving towards that with the project based. It is going to be more of a merit-based system. We have to come up with an idea because there is going to be competition. It is not going to be a division of the money to everyone who applies.

>> Thank you for your time and patience guys. Especially Dave.

>> I think it is worthwhile. You can see the struggle - the Council is trying to do the right thing. You have sat here as long as we have today. Most of it was about flooding. Where is the money going to come from flooding? Money is always a struggle, all of you have said well – actually. The hub said the trend is slightly going up of people donating but for a long time it has been down.

>> Dollars donated if going up.

>> Okay. Right. My point was going to be there is a reason for that. One of them is because we take governments in general from Washington D.C. to the city level they take so much money out of the economy people don't have money to give so we are trying to be very careful about how we spend other people's money and if as Mr. Chester is a resident bad guy tonight



and I appreciate the fact that he will speak up and sound the alarm . That isn't government's responsibility to be generous with other people's money. So, I have much to Mr. Chester's dismay, I am going to support this if I get two things. Right now and I will have to ask George if this is possible. And he is not here., There he is. I was going to ask Michael but – I will ask George and he can handle it with Michael Ryan. In order to help everybody increase their income and wean off of government money. Can we highlight maybe each month or a couple of times a month. One of these organizations on our social media page. And, maybe you can do a interview with somebody or, let's help them promote the arts and what they do. As I possibility? Yeah. Okay. Half of it is there. The other half of this is George, with your permission, I would like to have a conversation I guess with doctor – about how do we move to funding the arts with a tourist development task?

>> That's actually something we need to talk about a little bit myself and I think our CFO. Will be where we want to talk. Right now, most of it is being used in the ocean center. We can take a look at – they are meeting most of their needs for upgrades and maintenance. So if that is the case we may be able to do something out of the TDC.

>> So we can have that – just say yes. Have that discussion.

>> I prefer it would be with myself and CFO.

>> Okay all right then we will include you. At some point. Whoever you want to appoint. I will be glad to talk to you about it. That seems to be a trend in some other counties, communities. And it might be very beneficial for you. So, okay. Any other questions? Then Chris would you please call the role?

>> Mr. Kent.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Robbins, Mr. Santiago.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Don Dempsey.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. County Chair Jeff Brower.

>> Yes.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: You need some money? [LAUGHTER] Okay. Item 12 is the selection of the firm for federal lobbies. We are going to clear the room now. Is this a secret ballot for me to? Okay. This should not take long. I did watch all of the presentations. Do I need to give it to David to approve?

>> Thank you Mr. chair Pain, director of contracts. On October 15 we brought forward to the Council to firms for the federal obvious Becker and the Porter group. The chair was absent that day and when we completed that boat, there was a tie. As you said you have reviewed the presentations. Reviewed the packets and you have now presented me with your selections. I'm going to quickly add that to what I currently have and then I will read the results if that is acceptable.

>> Do you need it Russ Brown to help you?

>> Pam is capable of reading on her own.

>> Okay.

>> That is number one. So the other one is number two.

>> All right. So now we have the results. The lowest score is going to be your winner. We

have Becker with 11 and Porter group with 10. I will read the individual votes into the record. Starting with Mr. Brower. Becker and Polakoff two, Porter group 1. Mr. Jake Johansson Becker and Porter group 2. Mr. Don Dempsey Becker two, quarter group 1. Mr. Matt Reinhart Becker one, quarter group 2. Mr. Robbins Becker to and quarter group one. I skipped. I am getting tired. Mr. Kent Becker 2 for group 1 and Mr. Santiago for quarter group 2. What I now need is a motion. To – for a recommendation of award to negotiate a contract with Porter group to bring back to you for approval.

>> To somebody want to make a motion to approve the Porter group? >> The motion is made by Don Dempsey is there a second?

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Seconded by Councilman Robbins. Jake Johansson.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: Refresh my memory. When does it start? January? Immediately?

>> The current one ends December so yes it will begin in December is that right? Yes. It will begin in December. The current one ends I believe November 30 and so we will bring it back on the 15th so it will pick up midway through December.

>> I would like to ask you a question. Do we have any ongoing projects that are going to be affected by a change?

>> Potentially gaffe we have our Army Corps project we are working on. We are trying to get the funding. I know they worked hard they are trying a three-pronged approach I believe to get funded for that study that is required, any kind of further work done for the beach.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: I have a lot of concern about that gap after my conversations with the Army Corps and the way things are going and the people that were running this project for us at the federal level. So I will share that with you as a comment and – I don't know if this is a suggestion but I like to chat about maybe – could we have two or three .s of time on contract? I don't know.

>> Counsel can have as many as they like.

>> If you want to make that motion as they complete that project.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: I would like to make a motion that any project they are working federal with right now that will impact our flooding stream order coastal resilience or anything the County manager deems appropriate for one at a time of preferably 90 days 120 days. Next I will have to talk with the firm and see what we can negotiate as far as price but it doesn't come with my authority.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: I would like to make that motion for these projects.

>> You have a motion on the floor, can you make that a condition of the motion in case someone wants to amend or do that, or take a vote on the first amendment?

>> County attorney.

>> I was going to suggest to have it be a separate motion.

>> I am amendable to that. Let's make a separate motion afterwards.

>> All right all in favor of the motion for the Porter group actually David Santiago, did you have a comment? All in favor say aye. Any opposed? Okay. Second motion by Jake Johansson was to continue with the – maintain Becker for the federal projects. To completion of the succession and failure. With the budget. Especially the Army Corps until we can get – right now is a very tenuous time. I don't want to lose momentum with Becker. 120 days maximum would do it. Hopefully we will get a new congressman by then and maybe reengage and move forward. So, retain Becker for 120 days for federal programs.

>> You want to put a day limit on it? Or just until they are complete?

>> Will it take four years?

>> I can come back. If we think it is close and we are allowed to continue. I will just come back.

>> 120 days first.

>> Is there a 2nd to that? Councilman Robbins makes a second to Councilman County Chair Jeff Brower motion. I think that is a great motion. This is probably not the time to switch horses on that very important beach project. So, questions? All in favor say aye. Any opposed? Okay. Becker group gets 120 day continuation.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: And that starts today. Wednesday not Tuesday.[LAUGHTER]

>> Congressman Porter I want to say thank you for your comments.

>> We need money.

>> Mr. Johansson and Pam, when is the existing contract that Becker expires?

>> November 30 I think it was.

>> Oh 120 days from that? Okay. All right.

>> Thank you. Item 13.

>> Yes.

>> Contract with Ward and Smith. Mike's good morning since it is after midnight. For you today is a construction contract with Ward and Smith for our contract wastewater facility. Counsel has already approved part A and part B. Part B phase 2 which will finalize the construction price so the guaranteed maximum price for this project we are constructing and expanding the wastewater treatment facility in 2.72445 million a day. We are upgrading our electrical facilities the total cost will be 62 million in change and participated in subject to sewer conversions as part of Gemini Springs. Remediation projects and will increase alternative water sources. Multiple funding partners with this, grants from the DEP water management District as well as the utility fund and Harpo. This project did come in about \$6.3 million less than the anticipated budget. But that money will be applied to the next project provided you approve this one. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Councilman Santiago.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO: Moved to approve.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Moved to approve by Santiago and a second by Jake Johansson. You had quite a bit of money from DEP. >> Yes sir, \$40 million for this project.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: All of this? 41?

>> \$40,800,000 Would be 1.7 from the water management District.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Who applied for that grant.

>> When it comes to getting money for our utility projects.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: And he is still awake.

>> Yes.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Moved to Jake Johansson.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: What is the cost of the reclaimed – is it a lake?

>> No sir. It is actually a tank storage.

>> We are at 1.5 million gallons and now we upgraded 9.5 million. During dry times when people are maximizing their usage, they will have more to go out and during wet weather times not using too much we have storage available as well.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: As you all know, I am a big lake fan. I'm was looking for a place to put storm water now. So it does not sound like this is a good place for stormwater. Thanks.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Okay. Any other discussion? All in favor of the motion to approve the contract with Ward and Smith, say aye. Any opposed? It carries unanimous 6 to 0 which brings us to item 14 the company for the Southeast regional water reclamation.

>> Staying with the wastewater treatment plant theme. This is the same type of project, we are increasing the capacity, we are doubling it from 600,000 to 1.2 million gallons. One difference between Southwest regional and Southeast is that we are also upgrading this facility to advance wastewater treatment which is a removal of nutrients. Which also helps the mosquito lagoon and helps our loading requirements that we have for reducing the amount of nutrients going into the mosquito lagoon. Counsel has already approved the preconstruction services for part B of the guaranteed maximum construction price of 31 and a half million dollars. Total contract price is \$32 million and as mentioned before, a significant amount of money from the DEP as well as ARPA. But we are moving a portion of savings, the last project to this 1 to cover the increase costs.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Is very motion?

>> Moved to approve.

>> I can.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Motion to approve by second by Jake Johansson. Was that Jake?

>> It was.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Questions, debate? All in favor say aye. Motion carries 6 to 0 and that takes us to Ryan for the last two budget resolutions since we are all bright and awake.

>> Good evening/good morning counsel. This year and budget reconciliation we do every year we have up to 60 days to amend the budget. Almost all of these, materially all of these are interfund transfers. Reimbursements from one fund to another. There are some instances, I think maybe one or two instances where there is a fund budget that needs to be appropriate. These are all to make money and between funds. Council approval is necessary anytime we make money between funds. Even if the purpose is clear and obvious. Reimbursing funds from hurricane expenditures, reimbursing from the PFP projects, the agenda item has a list of all of the different transfers if you have any questions I can address that specifically but in response to the time, I will end here and look for any questions.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Councilman Santiago.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO: Moved to approve.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Moved to approved by Santiago, second by Jake Johansson. Questions for Mr. Osowski. All in favor, say aye motion approves.

>> Almost the same theme but a separate item on the coronavirus local fiscal recovery fund. They talked about the first numbers on this spreadsheet between the allocation of wastewater projects. We have other reallocations that need to be done. This money has to be fully encumbered with all of the actions that has been taken and has gotten us to that point. A pending by approving those projects we really need to approve this one as well. The B 19 canal was approved at a previous meeting that came under, Hooser pond came over. They came with explanations but again in the interest of time I will leave it at what I put in the summary

unless you have any questions.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: David Santiago.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO: Moved to approve the resolution.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Second Jake Johansson. Moved to approve by Councilman Santiago and once again by Councilman Jake Johansson. All in favor say aye. Any opposed? And that motion carries six to 0. Thank you very much. Is there any public participation.

>> With regard to funding for your flooding, if we had passed the half-penny sales tax, we would be approaching \$300 million at this point which would be a great help in solving a lot of the flooding problems. So I am asking you again at this point to consider putting a half-penny sales tax or a penny sales tax on the next vote if you are ever going to get it, with the amount of people that are here, and the anger and the animosity about the flooding, they will pass that penny sales tax to solve this. Because especially downtown Daytona Beach, they cannot go anywhere without solving its flooding. It is stuck where it is at. I am asking you to think about it. I know you are Republicans, you don't want to increase sales taxes, but the eight percent of this is coming from our tourists all right? And all of us, it doesn't affect me at all. I'm 40 feet high. But all of the residents in all of the areas in every city, it is affected by this flooding. So I'm asking you again to think about the sales tax. Thank you.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Thank you. This brings us to closing comments. County manager?

>> Yes sir. I just have one thing to cover. There was quite a bit of distance between the last meeting and this meeting. And during that. Of time, we of course started our debris removal operation. I think originally I was informed there was issues locating equipment and resources given what was happening all the way to North Carolina down to the West Coast. During that. Of time, my authority under the emergency declaration. I had to approve the request of our contractor for unusual costs increases that were occurring. Just a few facts. Look in there. There was a contract pre-covid 2020, four years old. Of course they wanted to vote the employer cost index. And they also were reacting to emergency order that was put down from the governor for 24 hour operations which is not in our contract. And of course being able to get those resources. I am happy to report that with the proposed changes they were able to get nearly 35 units brought in here which is what we have been dealing with. Picked up 25,000 cubic yards. We are finishing our first pass will be done by things giving. The key thing here to remember is, we have 100 percent reimbursement by the federal government if we can get all of it picked up by January. So, we are on pace to do that. The second pass which will go on between things giving and Christmas. And I think the resources we are able to obtain, we will get the 100 percent reimbursement. The proposed rate running between 12 and 13 cubic yards. Just to put that in perspective. One of the issues basically is on the West Coast of Pinellas County. Which was the hardest hit over there. There we needed \$15 per cubic yard. When it comes to CMD and flooding it is \$20 a cubic yard. We are willing to renegotiate like I say. Just under 13 and for the CND and for the 1445. Significantly less than what is going on over there. I also see the St. John's County contract was redone at \$14.98. Again we are below that. Also it is at 27. I am happy with what we are able to negotiate. I think it is needed because it is done under the emergency powers. My duty is to report to the next meeting and that is what I am doing. That's all I have.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Okay, County Attorney? Does anybody have any questions on that?

>> COUNTY ATTY. DYER: I have two ordinances I would like to bring back to you to advertise for adoption. One, I emailed you before there is some federal court litigation and I would like to make a minor change to our meeting rules and ordinance and bring that back to you I can elaborate during that agenda if that is accessible to counsel. I don't have to do the latest in the hour. I don't need a motion. Unless there is a objection I will do that. The second is, I know there is a lot of discussion about the new public camping homeless related ordinance that the legislature adopted when talking to other local governments and monitoring what they are doing. At this time I would like to bring back a ordinance that basically incorporates state laws other counties are beginning or have done that. I can bring that forward unless there is a objection. It would not be changing what is in state law. It would basically be incorporating it into our code for enforcement purposes. So. There were two comments made earlier in the meeting I thought I would touch upon one. The issue of civil rights was raised. And County action in that regard. Chapter 36 of our code currently is on the civil rights and it is rather elaborate so just pointing that out to anyone who might be interested that was adopted in 2011. And other local governments have done the same also I think there was a question by another member of the public on our contracts and requiring a certain level of wages for vendors, that was a subject of a state law that passed this past session this year and actually prohibits no local governments from controlling wages and benefits by contract. So we would be prohibited from doing that. And that is it. Thank you.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Thank you, from council members this week we start with Vice Chair Troy Kent.

>> TROY KENT: Thank you Chairman. I'm going to start off with very brief items. I promised Councilman Robbins and Councilman Don Dempsey because he could not bring it up. I will make a motion at this time for us to be able to talk about the additional \$32 million we heard we can only have 20 million at a time. But we can figure that out later on. But I want to bring up those transformed 386 dollars in the tune of 36 million for us to discuss I would say what is in the next two meetings that we have. Is that okay George?

>> January would be perfect.

>> Great.

>> Perfect.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Questions? All in favor say aye. Any opposed? Okay.

>> TROY KENT: The next thing I just want to say is, not to bring this meeting down, we had a very sad horrific event in District 4 a couple of days ago. We lost a four-year-old named Welland child in Norman Beach. My wife was keeping me updated through social media about the number of people that were searching for this young guy and out there trying to help his family and I just say, the entire Kent family, our prayers and thoughts go out to Waylon and his family. Just horrible. Last but not least, Don, I am so happy to hear you are having a town hall, I think that is fantastic. The people were jazzed up about it here. And I could just tell you that our team will get the word out hopefully it is just acceptable. It is going to be at Bicentennial Park. We will talk about anything you all want to talk about. The time is 5:55 PM. Have a nice evening everybody. Oh, happy Thanksgiving. >> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Councilman Robbins.

>> DANNY ROBINS: Troy, it was also Jake's birthday the other day. And Matt's. Same day. Chairman, was it your birthday as well?

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: We don't talk about age. I don't want to talk about it but I don't really want to miss one either.

>> Is a good point. Happy birthday to those guys.

>> DANNY ROBINS: I had Debbie reach out to me a couple of weeks ago. She asked me to bring a topic up to get placed on the agenda. Upcoming agenda. It has to do with animal abuse that has no expiration date I guess in our database. I told her I would put it in front of the board and just to give her a opportunity to come in and talk about it and see if it is something we would like to adopt. She knows more about this than I do. That is all I can elaborate. Krissa, I sent you a email. Maybe you can put that into the record and Miss Roth I think sent a attachment. I couldn't put it for whatever reason but chair and County manager if we can somehow get that on their and have Mr. Reno come in and talk was a little bit about it and see if it is something obviously we want to do. I guess it is a widely accepted practice.

>> COUNTY ATTY. DYER: I know you have a motion on the floor to get approval. I think Mr. Matt Reinhart brought this up earlier in the year requesting some information. A memo went out to you on that subject. If Council approves it, we can attach that as well just for background.

>> Should I get a motion to bring it back?

>> Go ahead and make a motion to get Mr. Reno on the agenda to come in and give us a presentation on this animal abuse legislation or a update that she wants to give us.

>> Okay.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Mr. Robbins motion, seconded by Councilman Santiago. Questions? All in favor say aye. Any opposed?

>> DANNY ROBINS: Moving on. This is definitely for the board but for the County manager. I had a couple of people reach out to me for several different things. What kind of leeway to be have – Ryan is probably not going to like this. Do we have powers to defer taxes – if the home is destroyed, can we adjust people's taxes, residence taxes or provide any relief or prorate it if they are displaced. Briefly brought up earlier today but does the state have a program? Or is that something that is in our purview to offer folks or at least look at?

>> The state did something in one of our last ones if they were displaced for a amount of time they were exempt from the property taxes. I don't know if that was a governor's action – I don't know if we have the power. I just want to make sure of that.

>> DANNY ROBINS: Okay.

>> RYAN: There are state statutes that cover disaster damage and revaluing properties, it goes to the properties appraiser's office. And there is actually reimbursement program we can get some money back from the state as well. But it is not something where we can change our millage rate on a property by property basis.

>> Is there anyway we can get the information out to the public at another level?

>> We will get with the property appraiser and get you some information.

>> DANNY ROBINS: Like at the workshop, have that information available at the workshop. Hey we will help them get through this process. It kind of makes sense and we all want to help however we can and I understand whatever we can do but thank you Ryan. Another thing that was brought up briefly got with Ben earlier. People have asked about some of the material that we have. At some of our County facilities and it is a slippery slope. Been kind of reiterated that.

I know past the 44 depot I was wondering just so I can do my part because of what was asked of me. It is really taxpayer owned material. If it is material we are not using, where that has been stockpiled, is this something that we can offer our citizens and give back to offer them relief to wash down driveways, I don't know. Would this be something even remotely possible? Just trying to figure out what I can tell my constituents.

>> We have done somewhere where we have put it on, the main access roads. Preferably County public dedicated to the public. Maybe not necessarily the county maintained. We would probably put some on private roads. Some are like a neighborhood. I don't know about going down somebody's driveway per se. But we have done kind of the emergency access for safety vehicles umbrella. Maybe whatever material we can use to get somebody in and out.

>> DANNY ROBINS: I get it. It was more, can we offer a service if we have any access. You're not using. So. Just a thought. I'm trying to shake all the bushes here. To get anybody some relief. Do we want to talk about a cut off for meetings? I am down with nighttime meetings. But sometimes nothing good comes after a certain time like 10, 11. And especially with what we deal with. We spent millions of dollars today and a lot of us have been up since 0400.

>> You made me pleased to say you are down with nighttime meetings. I am down to put a time limit on nighttime meetings. I think a hard stop time would be either 10 or 10:30 p.m.. I think it is very appropriate.

>> DANNY ROBINS: I think, not just for us but a lot of the folks it will allow people to plan a bit more and thinking about the performance in respect of employees as well for the next day. They're just like us, they're just like everybody else. They are not worth a damn. Excuse my language, we are not going to be any much –.

>> I think 10:00 p.m. is actually a good number because it gives us six hours. I give George a pass on this one because we cancel a meeting, you get a pass on this one. But when I looked at this agenda I thought, be out by 10:30 pretty far off on that one. But Jake, you lost at 12:30 a.m. also. You are closer than me though. That is something I would be happy to do.

>> Chair can I make a motion for that now are put on a future agenda? This is something for us that is going to benefit I think everybody. What are your thoughts?

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: I would make it in a motion. I think what we've decided in the past that we would send it to staff and bring it back to a meeting instead of making a decision the same night. So, the motion is to end the nighttime meetings at 10:00 p.m.?

>> DANNY ROBINS: Yes, 10:00 p.m..

>> Second.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Okay.

>> Does not mean we eliminate counsel comments if we don't get there?

>> Yes. Cut them right off.

>> A hard cut 10:00 p.m.. [LAUGHTER]

>> I will debate all the way until 959 and then we go to council comment. [LAUGHTER]

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: This is your idea? We have a motion on the floor and a 2nd to stop at 10:00 p.m.. Jake Johansson.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: A quick, as we are discussing this. Do we want to consider limiting our meetings to 6 or eight hours in a effort to force us all to be more efficient and effective with our time? And that is a spot with employment of public input. In which case and the end of six or eight hours that we vote to continue or vote not to continue. That way if it is just us not



managing our time correctly. We can shut it down whereas if it's – I think we had three or four hours of public comment. Then we can advance it.

>> I will add to that. As far as efficient and managing the time, I would just share a practice that we did in the legislature if you guys will like it, I will support it. What we often did in Tallahassee, when we had a topic that brought out people similar to what we had today than the chairman at that point or someone in the committee would suggest limiting the time were reducing the time. So that we can get to everyone and be efficient we want to respect everybody who has the opportunity to speak but it is oftentimes very repetitive. I think we should consider those so we respect the audience's time. If we should consider those when we have those hot topics. We are going to have more hot topics. I don't think we should stop anybody from talking but, considering limiting their time a little bit more for efficiency purposes. I don't know if anybody supports that, we do in the legislature all the time.

>> Danny when you feel comfortable would you adjust your motion if you feel comfortable with six hours not including that..

>> DANNY ROBINS: Six hours, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. you're still looking at 10:00.

>> And 9:00 a.m. to 3:30.

>> I can do that.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: It is a new day.

>> Refresh again.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: What would happen especially if we are not done, there is a lot still hanging out. It seems like it just continues a problem, it pushes it to the next meeting where there is a even larger agenda.

>> It will force us to be more efficient of our time.

>> COUNTY ATTY. DYER: I will just add, they call it a shot clock because we have limited times to act on some things. We will have to make sure we get through those. Maybe put them later on the agenda just so you are aware of that.

>> I heard Councilman Johansson say I know it is late and kind of on-the-fly maybe you will adjusted again. We could vote to extend the meeting depending on what is going on at the moment. Majority rule to extend it. I'm good with that also.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: One, 4:00 to 10:00 and 9:00 to 3:30 p.m. with the ability to extend the meeting. What did I say again?

>> Six hour meeting not including the meal if you break for a meal.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Okay. How many meetings have we had go this late? I think we had one a while ago.

>> It's been much better.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Yeah, he really didn't have any option when we cancel the meeting and we only have one meeting in December.

>> That is correct, one. we will have to take.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Is it going to be packed?

>> We will have to take a look. The agenda conference is Thursday. The land use will be the trickiest part. The other stuff we can work around. And of course, given that we've got the special meeting going that takes a load off. We will be fine.

>> DANNY ROBINS: I think we can work through a lot of this. Jake is getting up in age and he has to be in Orlando you know – we have board meetings, work.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: I've got plenty of time.

>> Jake had a lot of energy today. I don't know what you are talking about.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: He is staying sharp. Thank you. Okay. Jake, you are still up?

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: I'm awake.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: You are still up on the board? [LAUGHTER]

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: You are not that awake.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: No, I'm good! I thought that was your question.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Okay so, the motion is cut off meetings for 210 30. 923 30. With the ability to extend – you don't want to do a super majority? With the majority vote, all in favor say aye. Any opposed? We will try it. Okay. Councilman Santiago.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO: Quickly, you mentioned Michael Winslow today? You said you had him? I was in a movie with Michael Winslow and I will share the story with you one day. I was a movie star for one day.

>> Were you a stunt double?

>> DAVID SANTIAGO: No but he was doing those sounds in the movie.

>> This is why we have to end the meeting.[LAUGHTER]

>> Councilman Don Dempsey.

>> DON DEMPSEY: As you've heard the rumors. I've actually done a town hall. It will be on December 5 at 5:30 p.m.. My understanding is the chair is going to come and if you can make it, that would be great, it is more geared towards district one, I've had a lot of emails. I want to thank Ben and Clay because up to this point, every time I've had a constituent talk about Lake Erie or another one of these flood grown areas, they've been nice to meet and have one of these meetings and often times it is the same thing with different residents. I think it is more efficient just to all of the influx we've gotten since the hurricane, it's better to just go ahead and have one meeting with the same issues and the same areas and hopefully you can answer Clay and I really do thank you for offering to do that. And Ben, I know he took a little bit of heat tonight. But I drove through Taylor Road and all that stuff. Before the storm and after, I noticed that they had the big pumping stations out there and they were just pumping pumping pumping in anticipation of the storm's coming which I thought was incredible. Just hats off to Ben for all of the preemptive work they did to alleviate all that flooding. Even though we got flooding I think it could've been a lot worse. But for his proactive work. So thank you for that. That is all I have. Thanks guys.

>> He was just rubbing his eyes back there. I'm sure he is not crying.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: You are extending the time.

>> I know. [LAUGHTER] Counsel, I just received a email from lion Bobby and they are holding a joint Lions Club anniversary on December 8 which we won't meet until then. I know how we are with proclamations, she is asking me to attend and present a proclamation for their foreman 70th year and warm and by disease 20th year, they are combining their celebration. I literally just got the email. I'm looking at it and I'm going I'm not going to be able to give her a proclamation unless this Council approves that we can present a proclamation.

>> George – do you need a –.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: We can have it on the December 3 meeting.

>> Perfect, great. I forwarded you the information so we can do it then.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Councilman Jake Johansson.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON: Yes, tomorrow I will be at the Florida regional planning Council for executive committee, regular committee with Councilman Robbins and the resiliency subcommittee meeting, I am interested in hearing the rest of Central Florida's flooding lows and to see what they are doing to mitigate the damage where they found damage or if they did not have damage and find out what they did right. I will be bringing that back. I had a extremely productive couple hours with the committee officer and engineers in Jacksonville, we had a lot in common, told some sea stories in front of Suzanne, talked a lot about the studies they are doing and what it focuses on and how they are working hard to expand what the meaning of adjacent areas means. You heard a little bit that they may be expanding that study to include even more. So I am looking forward to that. And they were very pleased with everything that they saw regarding the restoration projects we have. And what they might be able to do. Cole and his staff went through another County but they were very very happy with our cooperation with them. But there was perpetual easements. So, for all of us, regardless of what coast you live on here and Volusia County, I think it is important that we keep the pressure on and educate our public on how important perpetual easements are to join 100 percent federal funding for coastal restoration and reinforcement. It is key and he hit a part of that about five or six times. His staff talked about it and there is another County that is not doing it and I know there projects are going to weigh out when it is between ours and theirs. So. Please support that and if anybody has got any questions to contact our staff about the intricacies of that. Lastly, I think our new legislator got sworn in today I believe? And they have committee weeks in December and next thing you know, we are going to be three weeks behind because we haven't come up with our legislative agenda yet. So, I already got – I already knew that as our next agenda to start thinking about our legislative priorities so we can get them adjourned and Suzanne and have them give us theirs, and come up with some good ideas to get some of that money. We have new representatives now. We are in different positions. Some of it new, we have to play our cards right back at home in Tallahassee. That is all I have, thank you.

>> COUNTY CHAIR, JEFF BROWER: Thank you. Everybody have a happy Thanksgiving and we will see you in December.

>> Have a good night.