## CITY OF CORAL GABLES BUDGET/AUDIT ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Conference Room First Floor , City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida

| MEMBERS           | 0        | N  | D  | J  | F  | М  | Α  | М  | J  | J  | Α  | S  | APPOINTED BY:                 |
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| Alex Menendez     | <u> </u> | Р  | -  | -  | -  | Р  | Р  | -  | Α  | Р  | Р  | Α  | Commissioner Vince Lago       |
| John Holian       | -        | Р  | -  | -  | -  | Р  | Р  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | Commissioner Frank C. Quesada |
| Francisco Paredes | -        | Е  | -  | ·  | -  | Р  | Р  | ı  | Р  | Р  | Р  | Р  | Commissioner Mena             |
| Rosa Bravo        | -        | Р  | -  | -  | -  | Α  | Р  | -  | Р  | Р  | Р  | Р  | Mayor Valdes-Fauli            |
| Carmen Sabater    | -        | Р  | -  | -  | -  | Р  | Р  | -  | Р  | Р  | Р  | Р  | Commissioner Pat Keon         |
| Carmen Olazabal   |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Р  | Р  | Р  | Р  | Commissioner Fors             |

^- New Member

(Dash indicates no meeting: blank space indicates member not yet serving.)

- #- Special meeting
- \*\*- Resigned Member

Staff:

Diana Gomez, Finance Director Keith Kleiman, Budget Director Sally Ola Ola, Assistant Director

Minutes Preparation and Recording Secretary: Nieves Sanchez, Bailey & Sanchez Court Reporting, Inc.

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                    BUDGET/AUDIT ADVISORY BOARD
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                       CORAL GABLES CITY HALL
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          405 BILTMORE WAY, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
                       CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA
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      WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019, COMMENCING AT 8:04 A.M.
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    Board Members Present:
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    Frank Paredes
    Carmen Olazabal
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    Carmen Sabater
    Rosa Bravo
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    City Staff and Consultants:
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    Keith Kleiman, Assistant Finance Director for Management
         and Budget
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    Diana Gomez, Finance Director
    Billy Urquia, City Clerk
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    Sally Ola Ola, Assistant Finance Director for Reporting
         and Operations
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    Pete Chircut, City Treasurer
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             (The following proceedings were held.)
             MS. GOMEZ: Good morning. The Chairperson
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         is not here today. If it's okay with the
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         Board, I can facilitate the meeting.
             MR. PAREDES: Perfect.
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             MS. GOMEZ: We haven't selected a Vice
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         Chair yet, so maybe the next time we have a
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         full Board, we can do that.
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         meeting to order. It is Wednesday, September
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         25th, at 8:04 a.m. This is the Budget and
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         Audit Advisory Board.
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             Let's do a roll call. Alex is absent.
         Carmen Olazabal?
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             MS. OLAZABAL: Olazabal.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Carmen Sabater?
             MS. SABATER: Present.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Present.
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             Frank Paredes?
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             MR. PAREDES: Here.
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             MS. GOMEZ: And Rosa Bravo?
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             MS. BRAVO: Present.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Okay. The first item on the
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         agenda is the approval of the August 21st, 2019
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         minutes. If there is a motion or any comments
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         on the minutes.
             MR. PAREDES: This time it was 100 pages,
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         rather than 70 pages.
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             MS. SABATER: Is that on or off the record?
             MR. PAREDES: Off the record.
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             MS. GOMEZ: We're going to talk about that
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         in a second.
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             So do we have a motion to approve the
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         minutes of August 21st?
             MR. PAREDES: Yes.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Okay.
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             MS. SABATER: Second.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Okay. Any comments or
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             All right. All those in favor say, aye.
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             MR. PAREDES: Aye.
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             MS. SABATER: Aye.
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             MS. BRAVO: Aye.
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             MS. OLAZABAL: Aye.
             MS. GOMEZ: Any opposed?
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             Okay.
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             Okay. So with us today we have Billy
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         Urquia. He's our City Clerk. He's going to
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         talk to us about the requirements of the
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meeting minutes of these Boards and Committees and maybe some options and different ways that we can do it.

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MR. URQUIA: So Diana has brought to my attention that you've been asked to read a lot. So all that's required for you to do is to take action minutes; so and so made a motion, this person seconded it, it passed by the following vote. If there's direction given to Staff, a note will be made of a direction given. That's all that has to be done by law.

For the most part, that's what we do for Commission meetings. Whenever there's a controversial item, we do type up verbatim, just because, you know, there's a discussion at once.

Where long transcripts come into play and they're actually hopeful is, if you don't have a Board Member that's present, they can go back and read the minutes and get caught up on what was said at that time.

Perhaps, you know, you can take action minutes, and I've presented Diana with the option of recording the meeting, which right now your meeting is not recorded, and, then, on

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         a request basis, you can request to have a
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         specific item transcribed or the entire meeting
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         transcribed.
             MR. PAREDES: You know, I've been vocal
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         about this. You know, we had 100 pages this
         meeting. We only voted once. There is no
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         sense to me -- and I serve in other corporate
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         boards and all of that -- that all of the
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         discussions, all the uh-huhs and buts don't
         have to get recorded. It just seems like it's
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         reading for the sake of reading, documenting
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         for the sake of documenting, and it just seemed
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         to me --
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             MS. SABATER: Excessive.
             MR. PAREDES: -- excessive.
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             MR. URQUIA: It will be a decision for the
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         Board to make. Like I said, the only thing
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         that is required --
             MS. SABATER: Which Board, this one?
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             MR. URQUIA: This Board.
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             MS. SABATER: Oh, okay.
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             MR. URQUIA: It would be your decision on
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         how you would like your minutes presented to
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         you. I said, all that is required to record
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| history, this Board, in the past, that's all that was being recorded, and then this Board asked for more. So that's why we went to the transcripts.  So if it's the will of this Board, we can go to recording it on audio so we can have it in the event that somebody missed a meeting and they want to request the audio to know what happened.  MR. PAREDES: See, it just seems like for instance, we had a lot of questions on Keith last time on the capital projects, and the numbers itself were just being discussed. It wasn't total \$565,000, it was 565.  MS. GOMEZ: Right.  MR. PAREDES: You lose perspective of all |  |
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| MR. PAREDES: You lose perspective of all   |  |
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| 18 of that.  |  |
| MS. GOMEZ: Uh-huh.   |  |
| MR. PAREDES: And like I said, 100 pages,   |  |
| one motion, and that was the land deal. And  |  |
| 22 that was discussed properly, approved, and  |  |
| 23 that's it.  |  |
| To me, that would be my recommendation, but  |  |
| I leave it to the rest of the Committee.   |  |

| 1  | MS. OLAZABAL: I would think action agenda       |
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| 2  | would suffice. You know, it summarizes          |
| 3  | everything that happened in the meeting and we  |
| 4  | also get to approve on the next meeting. So if  |
| 5  | we think there's something substantial that was |
| 6  | not included, we can make the correction on the |
| 7  | next meeting and add it.                        |
| 8  | MS. BRAVO: I agree with both of you.            |
| 9  | MS. GOMEZ: So we have a motion to move          |
| 10 | towards that? And we can do it on a trial       |
| 11 | basis, and if we feel that it's not working for |
| 12 | us  |
| 13 | MR. PAREDES: So moved.                          |
| 14 | MS. GOMEZ: A question. I would recommend        |
| 15 | that we also just do an audio. Billy can set    |
| 16 | it up for us, so that we have an audio          |
| 17 | recording that is for the record, but you don't |
| 18 | have to listen to it every month. It could      |
| 19 | just be for whenever an item maybe was intense  |
| 20 | or something complicated that we could then     |
| 21 | transcribe that bit of audio.                   |
| 22 | MR. URQUIA: And even if not transcribed,        |
| 23 | you can always go back and listen to that item. |
| 24 | MS. GOMEZ: Right.                               |
| 25 | MS. OLAZABAL: I'm okay with that.               |

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             MS. GOMEZ: So motion by Frank, second
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             MS. SABATER:
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             MS. BRAVO: I'll second.
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             MS. GOMEZ: So we have a motion and a
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         second. All those in favor say, aye.
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             MR. PAREDES:
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             MS. OLAZABAL: Aye.
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             MS. SABATER: Aye.
             MS. BRAVO: Aye.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Any opposed?
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                    It passed unanimously.
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             And if you can stick around for a second,
         if you don't mind, because we're going to talk
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         about the Board Annual Report.
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             The next item on the agenda is the
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         Budget -- the Annual Report that is, I guess,
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         required or --
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             MR. URQUIA: Yes.
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             MS. GOMEZ: And so Yvette did send out a
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         copy of the Annual Report to all of you just to
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         review. It is a document that is signed by the
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         Chairperson. Alex is not here, so we'll maybe
         scan it to him, and if there's any question.
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             So it's a fairly simple, straight-forward
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1 It's an informative report. There are report. 2 certain questions that are asked and then 3 answered. It's six questions. The first question is 5 whether the Board is serving the purpose for which it was created. We feel that, yes, the 6 7 Board is serving for the purpose that it has 8 been created. So that's what we state here, that, in fact, it was. 10 A list of the Board's major accomplishments. What we did here is we listed 11 12 all of the items that we addressed throughout 13 the year in question. 14 MR. PAREDES: The only question I had 15 there, what period does this report cover, the 16 whole fiscal year? 17 MS. GOMEZ: The fiscal year. 18 MR. PAREDES: Because Pete is here for -we haven't had that discussion on the 19 20 benchmarking of the City's investments 21 strategies. That's happening today. 2.2 MS. GOMEZ: That's happening today, but 23 it's through 9/30. 24 MR. PAREDES: Okay. 25 MS. GOMEZ: So I assumed that it was going

to happen today. If it didn't, we would have just crossed it out.

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MR. PAREDES: Okay. That was the only question I had on it.

MS. GOMEZ: So that's what Number 2 discusses. If you want me to change or add anything differently there, that would be fine.

The third question is whether the Ordinance creating the Board should be amended to better enable the Board to serve the purpose for which it was created? Again, we haven't talked that there should be any changes, so the response here is that the legislation that created the Board does not need to be amended.

Number 4 was whether the Board's membership requirements should be modified? The answer that was put here is, the Board membership requirements do not need to be modified.

Then the question, what was the cost, both direct or indirect, of maintaining the Board?

The only cost that we have is the court reporting at this point. So that's listed there.

And then the last question is, a report on authorized fundraising, bank accounts and grant

1 applications and approvals. And we said that 2 that's not applicable to that Board. 3 So that is just information that needs to be submitted to the Clerk's Office. 4 5 there's any --MS. BRAVO: Under Item 2, was it in this 6 7 fiscal year or the last fiscal year, the thing 8 of the purchasing of the land by the Cocoplum 9 Circle for the potential fire station, was that 10 in this fiscal year or no? MS. GOMEZ: I can double-check. I don't 11 12 recall right now. 13 MR. URQUIA: I don't know when you 14 discussed it. It came to the City Commission last October and last November. 15 16 MS. GOMEZ: So it would have been this fiscal year. So it would have been right 17 18 before that, so it could have been in the August time frame. 19 20 So what we did is, we took the agendas of 21 each of the minutes of the meetings, so it 2.2 would have been on the agenda. So if it's not 23 here, it probably happened in August. So it 24 just missed it. MS. BRAVO: Okay. 25

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| 1  | MR. URQUIA: And this report is also             |
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| 2  | submitted to the City Manager. It's actually    |
| 3  | done for the City Manager, not necessarily for  |
| 4  | the Clerk's Office, and it's just to explain to |
| 5  | the Manager that the Board is meeting its       |
| 6  | purpose, and if there's any recommendation that |
| 7  | you would like to see made to the way the Board |
| 8  | functions, by all means put it in the report.   |
| 9  | MR. PAREDES: I move that Alex sign the          |
| 10 | report.   |
| 11 | MS. GOMEZ: All right. So we have a motion       |
| 12 | by Frank.                                       |
| 13 | MS. SABATER: Do we want to address the          |
| 14 | minutes   |
| 15 | MS. OLAZABAL: As to things that we want         |
| 16 | changed? Is that appropriate to include in the  |
| 17 | report?   |
| 18 | MS. GOMEZ: Serving the purpose for which        |
| 19 | it was created, Board accomplishments,          |
| 20 | Ordinance creating it should be amendment,      |
| 21 | whether the Board requirements should be        |
| 22 | modified that's requirements. We could          |
| 23 | mention that the cost will be reduced, but,     |
| 24 | again, in this year, this is what it is. And    |
| 25 | then the other one is fundraising. So I don't   |
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         see anywhere here to include it, so I don't
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         know that it's necessary.
             MR. PAREDES: Let this reflect that it has
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         nothing to do with the court reporter and all
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         of that aspects of it. It's just laziness in
         terms of --
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             MS. BRAVO: Of the reader.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Very good.
             So I have a motion. Do I have a second?
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             MS. SABATER: Second.
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             MS. OLAZABAL: Yes, second.
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             MS. GOMEZ: All those in favor say, aye.
             MR. PAREDES: Aye.
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             MS. SABATER: Aye.
             MS. BRAVO: Aye.
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             MS. OLAZABAL: Aye.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Any opposed? All right.
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         Motion passes.
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             Thank you very much.
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             MR. URQUIA: Thank you. I will make sure
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         that I talk to Yvette about the recording.
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             Thank you. Have a great day.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Okay. The next item on the
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         agenda is the Quarterly Report for the Nine
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         Months Ended June 30th, 2019.
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| 1  | All right. So I'm going to go through a         |
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| 2  | summary of it, and then if you have any         |
| 3  | questions, you can feel free to stop me or we   |
| 4  | can do it at the end.                           |
| 5  | Okay. So there's a couple of new schedules      |
| 6  | in this report. We'll go over it when we get    |
| 7  | there. We're going to start with Page 3, which  |
| 8  | is a Schedule of Revenues - Budget to Actual,   |
| 9  | provides comparative data to the same period    |
| 10 | from the prior year, showing whether or not the |
| 11 | City is on track with previous year's           |
| 12 | collections through this time.                  |
| 13 | MR. PAREDES: Is that the budget for the         |
| 14 | whole year? In other words, if you take the     |
| 15 | ten forty, the ten million forty of land sale,  |
| 16 | are we 70 percent collected in terms of         |
| 17 | revenues? Do you follow what I'm saying?        |
| 18 | You've got 93 percent collected. If you         |
| 19 | back out the ten million four, are we 70 some   |
| 20 | percent?  |
| 21 | MS. GOMEZ: I haven't done the math, but I       |
| 22 | guess, yes, you can                             |
| 23 | MR. PAREDES: We should be on budget,            |
| 24 | right?  |
| 25 | MS. GOMEZ: Right.                               |

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MS. SABATER: We're at 87 versus 87.

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MS. GOMEZ: Right. So it would be comporable to the previous year.

As of the third quarter, we have received 170 million in total revenues compared to 182 in the budget. As we pointed out, there's 10 million dollars that was not budgeted for, so that does change the overall percentage to 87 percent.

Property taxes is our largest revenue source, representing about 46 percent of the budget. The total budget is about 84.6 million dollars. We've collected 85 million. So we're at a hundred percent collected. Obviously that includes some prior year collections. So we're where we would want to be, in terms of collection.

Don't forget, this is through June.

Anything else left to come in would be the tax deed sales, which usually come in in July or so.

All right. If we look at Franchise Taxes and Utility Taxes, Franchise Taxes are slightly up from the previous year, mainly due to time in collections and Utility Taxes are slightly

down, primarily due to the Telecommunication

Tax adjustment resulting from a FDOR audit

throughout the year. Refuse Collection

Franchise Tax is up compared to prior year.

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Construction permits are budgeted for 6.3 million dollars. We're about 70 percent collected or 4.4 million dollars revenue to date. Again, it's down from prior year, but that's based on a couple of bigger projects last year through this time than compared to this year. As you know, there's one off projects that happen at different times throughout the year. Some years we have a whole lot of them, that generate a lot more in permit revenue. Sometimes we don't. But we're confident that we'll at least meet our budget number for the year.

We do not budget for the one time special items. That money flows into the fund balance to the Building Department to be used for Building Department expenditures throughout the year.

Intergovernmental revenues, which include

State share revenue and State sales tax revenue

are consistent or higher than collections of

| 1  | the prior year.                                 |
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| 2  | MS. BRAVO: What about the Federal grant?        |
| 3  | Are we expecting to get the balance?            |
| 4  | MS. GOMEZ: In terms of the grants that are      |
| 5  | listed here?                                    |
| 6  | MS. BRAVO: Yes.                                 |
| 7  | MS. GOMEZ: Yes. Didn't we just finish it?       |
| 8  | MR. KLEIMAN: They're reimbursable grants.       |
| 9  | So as we spend, we request the reimbursement.   |
| 10 | MS. BRAVO: Okay.                                |
| 11 | MS. GOMEZ: So if we spend it, if we need        |
| 12 | it, up to the grant amount, we will receive it. |
| 13 | We haven't had any issues with non-compliance   |
| 14 | or anything that says that we're not going to   |
| 15 | get payment on it.                              |
| 16 | General Government Fees consistent with         |
| 17 | prior fees of the same time last year. Again,   |
| 18 | a lot of these, Board of Adjustment, Planning   |
| 19 | and Zoning Board, DRC, so on and so forth, have |
| 20 | to do with the timing and type of projects      |
| 21 | throughout the year.                            |
| 22 | Fire Assessment Fee collections are             |
| 23 | slightly up from the prior collections, but,    |
| 24 | again, this is billed on the tax bill, so as we |
| 25 | see we're collecting the taxes, we also get the |

fire fee in the same vain, so to speak.

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The Physical Environment Fees, Solid Waste Services, Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater, et cetera, they're fairly consistent or up from the prior year, and Solid Waste Services, again, they are billed on the tax bill, but we do allow for the early payment, and so people who take advantage of the early payment through August 15, they get the early payment discount. If not, it goes on the tax bill. So it's collected through the same way taxes and the fire fee are collected.

Recreations Fees, we feel that they're consistent with prior year. Much of that revenue is experienced -- this is a report as of June. So a lot of that is realized during the summer months. So you'll see the catch-up, if there's anything that's down, in the year end report.

The next schedule was a schedule that was requested by this Board and we've included it in the Board's copy version of the report. It compares the original budget to the amended budget and it shows the differences or the variances and gives a little bit of an

explanation as to what the difference is. As you can see, there are very few changes. As of June, there's very few changes in the amended budget, the major bulk of it having to do with the additional grant funds that we received, the HIDTA grant funds, Federal grant funds that we received, as well as funding for our wellness program through Florida Blue. It's things that we didn't know we were going to get at the time we were doing the budget and so it's added in afterwards.

MR. KLEIMAN: And reappropriated from prior years.

MS. GOMEZ: Correct.

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The next schedule on Page 4 is the Schedule of Expenditures comparing budget to actual for all departments through June 30th.

Total expenditures, if you look at the bottom line, are 64.24 percent of the budget, which is less than 75 percent. Not that we always have a straight line budget expense, but it suggests that we are on track and are not overspending. Any one of the departments are not overspending in their respective budget.

Some of them are a little higher to 75

percent, but it could also be that they have seasonal expenditures or there are more steady expenditures throughout the year.

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The following page is a similar schedule -MS. SABATER: In the case of the City
Attorney, is that due to maybe litigation
settlements or is this just all payroll?

MS. GOMEZ: Increase in personnel costs and special legal services. So there's some litigation and some having to do with increasing payroll costs.

The next schedule on 4a is the similar original to amended budget and the variances listed. As you can see here, there are a little more changes happening on the expenditure side from the original to the amended budget, but the net change is \$700,000 and the major change having to do with a couple of items, for instance, acquisition of art work about \$200,000, the additional grant expenditures for that HIDTA grant and new records management software for the Clerk's Office and the Wellness Program expenditures. So those couple of items net close to the 700,000. Everything else appears to be just

| 1  | little plus or minuses or moving from one       |
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| 2  | division or department to another. The          |
| 3  | rationale is listed there, if you have any      |
| 4  | questions.                                      |
| 5  | MS. SABATER: Where is the art work              |
| 6  | purchase?                                       |
| 7  | MS. GOMEZ: That one was on 198. It's on         |
| 8  | Historic Perseveration.                         |
| 9  | MS. BRAVO: Page 4a.                             |
| 10 | MS. GOMEZ: Yes, 4a, 198,796.                    |
| 11 | So we'll continue to provide these              |
| 12 | schedules for this Board's version of the       |
| 13 | Quarterly Report. The version that we post on   |
| 14 | the website does not include these detailed     |
| 15 | schedules, so just being clear, so that you     |
| 16 | understand that.                                |
| 17 | So if you ever see it online, you will see      |
| 18 | that it won't include those schedules. It's     |
| 19 | just a more traditional Quarterly Report that   |
| 20 | we post on the City's website.                  |
| 21 | The next set of schedules are the               |
| 22 | Enterprise Funds. On the Stormwater Fund,       |
| 23 | which is on Page 5, we did add the line of      |
| 24 | sea-level mitigation/infrastructure improvement |
| 25 | project. You had asked for the capital          |
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1 projects within the Enterprise Funds. 2 going to see, this is the only one that meets 3 that criteria, where we haven't had any expenditures, but we are building up the fund 5 balance for future sea-level rise mitigation, and that's at 2.4 million dollars. 6 7 MR. PAREDES: That's the cummulative that 8 we have to date? 9 MS. GOMEZ: Yes, to date. 10 Even though it says it's a budget, it's what we actually have collected. So it's what 11 12 we have collected and what we have in fund balance. We have it for the future. 13 14 It is a ten-year program. MR. KLEIMAN: It's a ten-year buildup of 15 16 fee increases to get to the point where we're 17 going to be collecting five million dollars a 18 year. The goal is, by the year 2040, to have 100 million dollars set aside for sea-level 19 20 rise to handle remediation on the stormwater 21 side. 2.2 MR. PAREDES: That's when you plan to spend 23 it? 24 MR. KLEIMAN: It's when the actual true 25 effects of sea-level rise are expected to

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         really start being seen. I mean, you see minor
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         things now --
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             MR. PAREDES: What was the year?
             MR. KLEIMAN:
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             MS. OLAZABAL: Right. But is there a plan
         that's being generated, as well?
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             MR. KLEIMAN: Yes. They did a sea-level
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         rise assessment. So if the Board wants to hear
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         some of those details, we can bring in Jessica
         Keller and Matt Anderson. They can discuss the
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         findings, including the Utility Department.
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             MS. SABATER: Is that included in the
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         website?
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             MS. GOMEZ: I think there is something out
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             MR. KLEIMAN: I'm not sure.
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             MS. GOMEZ: -- in the Sustainability side
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         of the City's website.
             MS. OLAZABAL: Yeah, but I think it's more
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         as to the vulnerabilities not as to the plan.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Because I don't know that they
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         have a full plan.
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             MR. KLEIMAN: Yeah, it's not a full plan.
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         It was an assessment that was done, that the
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         City paid for.
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1 MS. OLAZABAL: But I think it's going to be 2 one of the biggest funds that we have. 3 think it will be interesting to kind of see what the plan behind it is. 4 5 MS. SABATER: Absolutely. 6 MR. KLEIMAN: Right. On the sanitary sewer 7 side, we're actually doing the remediations 8 now. So whereas stormwater, we're saving up 9 the money to see what's going to be needed in the Mid Century, sanitary sewer we know we have 10 11 to raise up the pump stations. So as a pump 12 station gets renovated now, it's going to be 13 remediated, as well. 14 MS. SABATER: So that's on Page 6. MR. KLEIMAN: But there's no fund for it. 15 16 Those monies are being spent as they're 17 generated. So you won't see any saving or 18 building up of reserves for it. 19 MS. SABATER: Okay. 20 MS. GOMEZ: Right. You'll see, what's in 21 the budget is what we're planning to spend in 2.2 the current year for whether it's 23 rehabilitation or other just regular repair 24 expenses or things like that. 25 MR. KLEIMAN: Right. In the financial

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         statements, there will be a component of fund
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         balance that will be capital and that is always
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         shown.
             MS. GOMEZ: In the financial statements.
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         It's not in the Quarterly statements.
             MS. OLAZABAL: Right. And what's the
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         revenue source for the sea-level mitigation
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         fund? Meaning, does it come from --
             MR. KLEIMAN:
                            The Stormwater fee.
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         a component of the Stormwater fee.
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             MS. OLAZABAL: So the Stormwater fee was
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         increased or --
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             MS. GOMEZ: Yes.
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             MR. KLEIMAN: It was increased for the last
         four years, including now for FY20.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Incremental increases.
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             MR. KLEIMAN: It's small increases, but
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         when you have the entire City paying into it,
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         it builds up, and it will increase only to the
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         point where we start collecting five million
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         dollars a year. Then no more increases, unless
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         there's an operational need, and that will just
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         keep going into the fund.
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             MS. OLAZABAL: Okay. So basically it's
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         earmarked toward stormwater.
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| 1  | MS. GOMEZ: This is earmarked.                   |
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| 2  | MS. OLAZABAL: It's a restricted fund and        |
| 3  | it's not coming from taxes, it's coming from    |
| 4  | MS. GOMEZ: The fees.                            |
| 5  | MS. OLAZABAL: And, then, do you have kind       |
| 6  | of how the fees are expected to increase?       |
| 7  | MR. KLEIMAN: Yes. That is actually              |
| 8  | online.   |
| 9  | MS. GOMEZ: That is online.                      |
| 10 | MR. KLEIMAN: If you go to the Budget page       |
| 11 | of the Finance website, you'll see it over      |
| 12 | there, the stormwater plan.                     |
| 13 | MS. OLAZABAL: Okay.                             |
| 14 | MS. GOMEZ: Which is a funding plan, right,      |
| 15 | because we actually just added that this        |
| 16 | year  |
| 17 | MR. KLEIMAN: Yes, we just added it online.      |
| 18 | MS. OLAZABAL: I personally would like to        |
| 19 | have kind of the plan presented, because I feel |
| 20 | it's a really big fund, so understanding why    |
| 21 | we're collecting the money and what it's going  |
| 22 | to be used for.                                 |
| 23 | MS. GOMEZ: I think that's fine. I think,        |
| 24 | just to set expectations, I don't know that the |
| 25 | plan has been developed fully yet.              |

1 MR. KLEIMAN: No, it's not a plan. Results 2 of the assessment --MS. OLAZABAL: Right. 3 4 MS. GOMEZ: Right. And there are some 5 thoughts and what they're working towards, but to say there is a plan already set up for 6 7 what's going to happen, I don't want to --8 MS. SABATER: So the plan for the plan. 9 MS. GOMEZ: The plan for the plan is a good way to put it, yes. 10 11 So then you see the Enterprise Fund 12 schedules. There's nothing of note, unless you 13 have any questions. And then the following 14 ones are the Internal Service Funds, which are the ones -- interdepartmental expenditures for 15 16 vehicles and facilities, and then the final 17 report is a Transportation Trolley Fund, which 18 goes 100 percent to fund the trolley 19 operations, and so that's always on lag of two 20 to three months. So we've only received 21 revenues or collections through February, but 2.2 we know -- we accrue for it at year end and 23 it's usually not an issue. We usually make the 24 budget. 25 MS. SABATER: Taking it back to structure

| 1  | of the internal audits that are done, it's     |
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| 2  | basically an audit per fund? Is that how we    |
| 3  | should think about it?                         |
| 4  | MS. GOMEZ: No. For internal audits, no.        |
| 5  | Internal audits are more audits of internal    |
| 6  | controls of a function. So, let's say,         |
| 7  | cashiering is a function within the City. It   |
| 8  | crosses all of the funds throughout the City.  |
| 9  | But now they're just looking at the operations |
| 10 | and the controls in that cashier function.     |
| 11 | MS. SABATER: Okay, because the reports         |
| 12 | that we received have been very like specific, |
| 13 | right, parking                                 |
| 14 | MS. GOMEZ: Right. Well, it just so             |
| 15 | happens that parking is its own fund, right?   |
| 16 | MS. SABATER: Right.                            |
| 17 | MS. GOMEZ: But it's really the operations      |
| 18 | of the parking collections and how they're     |
| 19 | collecting their revenues. So it's more of a   |
| 20 | cash receipting type.                          |
| 21 | MS. SABATER: No, but like they looked at       |
| 22 | the tennis operations.                         |
| 23 | MS. GOMEZ: Right. And, again, so tennis        |
| 24 | is not even though it's kind of a fund, but    |
| 25 | it's not really a fund, because it's part of   |

1 the general fund. The reason is because there 2 high risk, right, because they're dealing with 3 cash, and so we need to make sure that the controls are in place in order to make sure 4 5 that we are safeguarding that cash. So those are kind of coincidental. 6 7 But like, for instance, they do an audit of 8 Payroll is across all funds, right, payroll. 9 but they want to know that the operations, how we are doing the payroll, we have the checks 10 11 and balances and the controls are in place to 12 make sure people are being paid correctly, so 13 on and so forth. 14 Another audit, like the P-card audit, 15 again, it's not specific to any one fund, it's 16 just more the internal controls. 17 MS. SABATER: Got it. 18 MS. GOMEZ: So any other questions on the 19 Quarterlies? In terms of the reports that you 20 asked for the additional information, does it 21 satisfy what the Board was looking for, in 2.2 terms of those extra schedules?

MS. SABATER: Yes.

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MS. GOMEZ: Okay. Great.

It's not something that this Board needs to

vote on. It's, we present it here, and then I send it over to the City Commission, with a cover memo. We used to present it at the Commission Meetings, but we switched to Executive Summary via e-mail to them, and that's been working for the Commission. So we'll continue with that.

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All right. The next item on the agenda is a Discussion Item that was requested a couple of meetings ago by this Board regarding the City's investments and investment strategies, and I guess it was prompted from the change in the way that the budget -- we had started to budget for the full amount of investment earnings that we were expecting to receive, and if you want to just touch on that, like what the change in the budget --

MR. KLEIMAN: Yes. We budget very conservatively. So if we don't have a trend on collections, even though maybe just the previous year came in high, we won't budget that. We'll go up a little bit on the budget side in incremental amounts, but we won't budget on the full receipt from the previous year or two. But now we have a history of much

larger, significantly larger collections than our budget, which is not now proper budgeting, so proper budgeting and transparency, if you have a full reliable trend, you budget according to the trend, because if you keep letting these windfalls come in, in theory, you're overtaxing. So we have to now budget by trend.

Now, again, this is investments. This is always an unknown. That's why we have Pete here to discuss the comfort level with the amount of money that we budgeted in there, but we are really now obligated to budget based on receipts going back the last four or five years.

So now Pete can --

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MS. GOMEZ: Right. So Pete is our City
Treasurer, and so he's responsibile for the
investments of the City, idle the funds, and
he'll kind of go over just in general the
strategy and what he goes through and how he
comes up with the amounts that he believes that
we are going to make and we did over the past
few years.

And I just handed out a summary. You'll

1 see the General Fund - Budget to Actual and All 2 Funds - Budget to Actual, and some other facts 3 or notes on the past couple of years. MR. CHIRCUT: Good morning. I'm sorry I'm 5 a little bit late here. I apologize. I just want to go over a couple of things. 6 7 The question was on the City benchmarking 8 investment and what strategy do we use. The benchmark we're using is the Bloomberg Barclays 1, 2, 3-year U.S. Treasury Index. 10 11 aggregate index for that, that's the benchmark 12 we use. And we chose this benchmark for the 13 simple reason that they represent the duration 14 component of the City portfolio, which is between nine to eleven. 15 16 The City portfolio is comprised of U.S. 17 Treasury and Government Securities. 18 MS. SABATER: What's the total balance of 19 the investment portfolio? 20 MR. CHIRCUT: The total balance? 21 right now it's 181 million, but next month will 2.2 be -- probably 20 percent of the City General 23 Fund expenditure, it would be in October. 24 we will disperse 37 million dollars next month. 25 MS. GOMEZ: And that's mainly to the

| 1  | pension.  |
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| 2  | MR. CHIRCUT: For the pension and for bond       |
| 3  | payments, and so happens that we have to also   |
| 4  | pay payroll. So with all of that expenditure,   |
| 5  | it's the largest month of expenditures, about   |
| 6  | 38 million.                                     |
| 7  | MS. SABATER: But we always have like a          |
| 8  | reserve, right?                                 |
| 9  | MS. GOMEZ: Of course.                           |
| 10 | MS. SABATER: How much is that, let's call       |
| 11 | it permanent reserve, that would be             |
| 12 | available                                       |
| 13 | MS. GOMEZ: So in cash flow, how much do         |
| 14 | you keep in cash flow?                          |
| 15 | MR. CHIRCUT: I keep between 15 to 20            |
| 16 | million in cash flow, but I have investments    |
| 17 | that mature to make those payments. I have      |
| 18 | about it will be 55 million dollars at the      |
| 19 | end of this month. That's how much cash we      |
| 20 | will have available.                            |
| 21 | MS. GOMEZ: Because of the fact that             |
| 22 | October is such a big expense month, because we |
| 23 | end up sending 28 million dollars to the        |
| 24 | pension, we end up paying our bond payments     |
| 25 | MS. OLA OLA: Six million.                       |

MS. GOMEZ: -- six million in bond payments, so throughout the year he may just keep 15 to 20 million just at any one point to cover payroll, to cover --

MS. OLA OLA: Vendor payments.

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MS. GOMEZ: -- vendor payments, and so it's a give or take throughout the year, but there are certain points in the year -- so maybe mid year, too, we may have a larger debt interest payment for the debt.

MS. OLA OLA: Like April. April, we also have some bonds that the principal is due in April.

MS. GOMEZ: So he knows that he times everything so he will have sufficient cash available for that April payment. Same like he's saying now that things are going to mature now at end of September, to the tune of 50, 55 million dollars, just so that we have the actual cash that we need for these once a year items.

MR. CHIRCUT: Right. And January of this year -- actually, it was December of last year, we talked to our bank and they agreed to -- all of the money that is sitting between that 15 to

| 1  | 20 million dollars, it pays for all of the      |
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| 2  | operations, what we call the account analysis,  |
| 3  | the checks, the we have money that comes        |
| 4  | from the parking, which they count. All of      |
| 5  | that adds up about credit card, about           |
| 6  | \$10,000 per month. So that 15 to 20 million    |
| 7  | dollar, they're paying us 1.75 percent instead  |
| 8  | of the 80 basis point they had the year before. |
| 9  | We get about \$20,000 per month every month     |
| 10 | they pay us after they deduct all of those      |
| 11 | costs, and this was the first year that they    |
| 12 | agreed to do that.                              |
| 13 | MS. SABATER: I guess the question was more      |
| 14 | around the investment policy guidelines. Are    |
| 15 | we trying to enhance the yield that we're       |
| 16 | returning by doing alternative investments      |
| 17 | MS. GOMEZ: Okay. So we use the State of         |
| 18 | Florida Investment Policy, which is a very      |
| 19 | conservative investment policy. Pete can        |
| 20 | explain to you the types of things that we      |
| 21 | invest in. We don't invest in commercial paper  |
| 22 | or any kind of alternatives at all.             |
| 23 | MS. SABATER: Okay. And that's because           |
| 24 | it's State mandated?                            |
| 25 | MS. GOMEZ: Right. So there are only             |

certain things that are allowed by the State.

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MR. CHIRCUT: Yes. I mean, the State allows to invest in commercial paper, but, again, looking back, I'm sure you guys are aware that the City have a AAA, and one of the reasons -- one of the criteria when they had given the City this AAA is, we have cash flow that's available during the months between June and November, and that's the season where we will have hurricanes. The City, we keep that cash flow, and the money that's available, we have it in investment that we can cash in without any loss.

So it's either a U.S. Government Security or a U.S. Treasury, and as you know, anything else would put the City at risk. So we're trying to do what we call -- our goal for that is, to maintain our principal, to maintain liquidity for normal operation, and at the same time to provide working capital for emergency purposes.

MR. PAREDES: So basically, Pete, if your actual City return is three percent and we're expecting two and a half million dollars, basically throughout the year, you had 83

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         million dollars invested, as opposed to the 181
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         that --
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             MR. CHIRCUT: Correct. On an average --
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             MR. PAREDES: 83 million dollars is what
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         you've pretty much invested throughout the
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         year?
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             MR. CHIRCUT: Actually, it's 150 million.
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             MS. GOMEZ: But there are things that are
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         shorter term, so that doesn't make the three
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         percent. There's things that are longer term.
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             MR. PAREDES: But wouldn't the actual City
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         return be the interest income divided by the
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         average of the investments?
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             MR. CHIRCUT: Yeah, but on these
         investments, you also have -- at the end of the
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         year, we have to do mark to market.
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         have bought a U.S. Treasury for 98 cents on the
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         dollar, but now, because of the -- I bought,
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         let's say, for two percent, and now I can buy
         that same investment for 1.5, because the rate
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         drops, right. So now I can sell that
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         investment for a gain. That gain is part of
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         that three percent. It will be called a
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         capital gain.
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         percent, but with the capital gain it's three
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         percent.
             MS. GOMEZ: And you're looking at just the
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         general fund. All funds are --
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             MR. PAREDES: Yeah, I was looking at the
         general fund.
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             Now, Keith, is it proper to interpret that
         the difference between the 610 and
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         two-and-a-half million dollars, which is a
         million eight, will probably go into a fund
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         balance?
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             MR. KLEIMAN: Uh-huh.
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             MR. PAREDES: We don't spend that money?
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             MS. GOMEZ: In 2019.
             MR. KLEIMAN: Oh, in '19, yes.
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             MR. PAREDES: So all of that goes into the
         different fund balances?
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             MS. GOMEZ: Right. And then the fund
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         balance, just so that you're aware, the fund
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         balance is used to sometimes replenish fund
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         balances that maybe had been used.
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             So, for instance, with the FEMA
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         expenditures, although we're getting the
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         majority of it from the State and Federal,
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         there is a portion that the City has to cover.
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So, for argument sake, that 1.8 million dollars could go towards paying our share for those expenditures and things like that.

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A lot of times, then the fund balance -when it rolls into fund balance, then it gets
allocated for different things like new capital
or new needs in the subsequent year. There may
be things that one time -- usually things that
are from fund balance are just for one time -once we've met our reserve requirements, then
any surplus is used for one time new needs or
capital.

MR. KLEIMAN: Two fiscal years ahead.

MS. GOMEZ: Yes. Exactly. So it sits in the fund balance for the whole next year and then, in the second year, we will appropriate it.

So are there any other questions on the investments? And, again, it was prompted by the fact that we started changing the way we were budgeting. It was just based on, we have a solid trend and we feel that we're confident with -- you know, obviously the market is something that fluctuates and we really don't have that crystal ball, but based on the things

| 1  | that we have outstanding and when they're going |
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| 2  | to mature and what we expect to get for it,     |
| 3  | that's the whole process that Pete and Keith go |
| 4  | through as they're developing the budget and    |
| 5  | coming up with the budget number.               |
| 6  | MR. KLEIMAN: Right, and we watch revenues.      |
| 7  | If we're not getting the revenues in that we    |
| 8  | want, then we have to start holding back, and   |
| 9  | we'll typically hold back on some of the new    |
| 10 | needs that we were awarded in the fiscal year.  |
| 11 | MR. CHIRCUT: And Keith will bring that          |
| 12 | back, if something should happen during the     |
| 13 | year, and then you can look at it again and     |
| 14 | say, well, maybe we need to go and adjust it or |
| 15 | leave it as it is.                              |
| 16 | MS. GOMEZ: Right.                               |
| 17 | Any other questions having to do with           |
| 18 | investments? Anything else you would like to    |
| 19 | know about investments at this point? No?       |
| 20 | Thank you, Pete.                                |
| 21 | MR. CHIRCUT: Thank you.                         |
| 22 | MS. GOMEZ: The next item on the agenda is       |
| 23 | the discussion of the Quarterly Overtime        |
| 24 | Report.   |
| 25 | MR. KLEIMAN: So overall we're getting           |
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overtime for police and fire under control.

There are two divisions in police, Technical

Services and Specialized Enforcement, which

still are showing significant overtime. I'm

not comfortable myself reporting the way we've

been reporting, so I started thinking about a

new way that we can present this report, and

actually how we can budget overtime in those

two departments.

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So basically what we're going to do is, we started with fire, and police has now agreed to do the same thing, we're going to split out the types of overtime during the payroll. So any overtime that is based on vacancy and vacancy alone is going to be charged to a certain account, okay.

Now, just keep in mind that the way that the City is budgeted, we're budgeted for normal overtime, which is regular leaves of absences and stuff like court appearances and things.

We're not budgeted for vacancies.

So if we break out vacancy related overtime, that, in theory, should come from salary surplus. That would fund it during the year. So we're not going to have a budget for

1 unfunded vacancies. We will move money in from 2 salary surplus, and then -- obviously, analyze 3 it, as we're doing it, to make sure that 4 everything is appropriate there, but the one 5 thing we have to indicate here and -- actually, let me just continue, I'm going to have a 6 7 different form of this report by each of the 8 knew accounts. So it's probably going to be 9 more of a portrait report, the prior year above 10 and the other year below it. It will be, I 11 think, an easier way to read it. 12 The one thing that I'd like to add to this 13 is, first, for fire, if they break out all of 14 the special overtime that was not budgeted, they're actually below their allocation and he 15 16 very clearly states this. This came right from 17 the Chief, if you look at the pink explanation. 18 MS. SABATER: But this is part of also your 19 strategy of not giving them money to spend, 20 right? 21 (Discussion off the record.) 2.2 MS. GOMEZ: Back on the record. 23 MR. KLEIMAN: Right. Okay. So overall 24 fire is actually doing very, very well. 25 pull out those special overtime events, they'd

1 be considerably under their allocation for the 2 Third Quarter. So they're doing very well. 3 Police overall is doing very well, except for Technical Services, which is significantly 4 higher. Specialized Enforcement, they have 5 6 some special events in there, so they are high, 7 but the new way we're going to account for it 8 should show us what's happening, and as we'll 9 see now, it's not going to happen until the 10 first quarter of FY20. It's not going to be 11 implemented, but you'll see it in that report. 12 We'll start seeing how things break out. 13 So I have nothing more to add to this. 14 anyone has any questions, please let me know. 15 MR. PAREDES: Yeah. Just a comparison.

MR. PAREDES: Yeah. Just a comparison. So in police, you have 114 percent as to the end of third quarter and last year you had 105, and you said that was because of the Specialized Enforcement basically?

MS. BRAVO: Technical Services.

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MR. KLEIMAN: No, most of that is Technical Services, most of it. Specialized Enforcement is over, but not as --

MS. SABATER: But Technical Services last year was at 193 percent, and this year is at

| 1  | 186 percent, so it's better.                   |
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| 2  | MR. KLEIMAN: It's still high. It's             |
| 3  | better, but it's still so over. I mean, you've |
| 4  | got to figure, that's getting toward double    |
| 5  | their budget, and to us, that's really         |
| 6  | significant, and that's a cause for concern.   |
| 7  | MS. SABATER: I have a question. Like for       |
| 8  | Gallery Night and the Critical Mass, do those  |
| 9  | organizations need to take out a permit that   |
| 10 | then funds part of the additional expenses or  |
| 11 | the permit cost is just inconsequential so it  |
| 12 | doesn't cover additional Special Enforcement?  |
| 13 | MS. GOMEZ: So if it's our event, we cover      |
| 14 | the overtime. So the permit may just be for    |
| 15 | maybe a vendor who is there or something. But  |
| 16 | if it's their special event, I believe that    |
| 17 | they're supposed to cover at least             |
| 18 | MR. KLEIMAN: That's reimbursable.              |
| 19 | MS. GOMEZ: Yeah, or at least it covers a       |
| 20 | portion of the expected.                       |
| 21 | MR. KLEIMAN: Right.                            |
| 22 | MS. SABATER: So Gallery Night is a Coral       |
| 23 | Gables event?                                  |
| 24 | MS. GOMEZ: Perhaps. I'm not familiar with      |
| 25 | that event.                                    |

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| 1  | MR. KLEIMAN: I think it's an Economic           |
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| 2  | Development event.                              |
| 3  | MS. GOMEZ: Yeah. So it would be a City          |
| 4  | sponsored event, so then we would have to cover |
| 5  | the overtime.                                   |
| 6  | MR. KLEIMAN: Right. But a lot of these          |
| 7  | things here are reimbursable items that we have |
| 8  | not received reimbursement. Because of the way  |
| 9  | we were budgeting, everything was hitting one   |
| 10 | account. So we want to start pulling things     |
| 11 | out.  |
| 12 | MS. SABATER: And the payroll system will        |
| 13 | allow you to do that or do you                  |
| 14 | MR. KLEIMAN: Yes. They are going to work        |
| 15 | with Sally to set that up.                      |
| 16 | MS. OLA OLA: For every type of overtime,        |
| 17 | there will be an hour code that will be set up, |
| 18 | so the time keeper will use that, and           |
| 19 | eventually it will post to that general ledger  |
| 20 | account that would separate by sources and      |
| 21 | nature of the overtime.                         |
| 22 | MS. SABATER: Great.                             |
| 23 | MS. BRAVO: There are seven vacancies now        |
| 24 | in fire?  |
| 25 | MR. KLEIMAN: It was seven at the highest        |
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1 at one point. I don't think there's seven now. 2 It was seven at the highest. 3 And, remember, a vacancy in fire is 24/7, it's not the typical, so it very quickly starts 4 5 building up the use of overtime. 6 MS. GOMEZ: So that is everything that's on 7 the agenda, unless there's some Discussion Item 8 or things that you would like to talk about. 9 MR. PAREDES: I have a question. Yvette 10 sent out the report on FEMA. We've got 18 11 million and a half dollars outstanding in 12 projects and we've only gotten paid \$718,000. 13 MS. GOMEZ: We've gotten paid a little bit 14 over a million dollars. That was as of that point in time. That's a schedule that Valerie 15 16 had that day that she came and presented, and I 17 quess this Board asked for a copy of it. So that's just what she had in front of her as of 18 19 that day. 20 MR. PAREDES: Okay. So out of the 18 21 million dollars, we've only collected a million 2.2 seven or a million something? 23 MS. GOMEZ: Correct. But you have to think about it, out of the 18 million, it's not all 24

coming from outside, right. At least let's

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         argue that 12 and a half percent of that is our
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         responsibility, because that's the total
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         expenditures.
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             MR. PAREDES: But the 18 million you've
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         already spent?
             MS. GOMEZ: No, that's not true either.
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             MR. PAREDES: Wasn't that projects, all of
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         these --
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             MS. GOMEZ: Yes, some of those projects are
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         for property damage that the work hasn't been
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         done yet, but that's the estimated cost.
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         that is -- that total approximates the
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         estimated cost of all of the damages that we
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         reported related to Hurricane Irma.
             Of that, let's say, I want to say, 13 to 14
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         million of that -- don't hold me to my
         numbers -- has to do with the debris removal
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         and the emergency protective services.
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             MR. KLEIMAN: And that's actual.
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             MS. GOMEZ: That's actual.
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             MR. PAREDES: Which has been paid?
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             MS. GOMEZ: We've paid, yes, but we
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         haven't --
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             MS. BRAVO: Yeah, but it's here at zero.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Right, because they have not
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1 They recently obligated nine million paid us. 2 dollars of it, which means that they believe 3 they're going to give it to us, but they just 4 haven't gotten around to cutting us the check. 5 So they've obligated it. 6 MR. PAREDES: The long and the short, are 7 we doing everything we can to get that money 8 back? 9 MS. GOMEZ: Yes. Absolutely. 10 MR. PAREDES: You guys are sure of that and the Commission is sure of that? 11 12 MS. GOMEZ: Yes, absolutely. We have no 13 question with that. The balance of that 14 roughly four million or so are for projects that we haven't done the work yet. So we 15 16 haven't expended it. Not all of it, but there's about six 17 18 million dollars of property damage, which they call permanent work. And so of that six 19 20 million, about four, four-and-a-half, we'll get 21 back from FEMA, once we spend the money. A lot 2.2 of the pump stations had damages. 23 MR. KLEIMAN: And a lot requisitions went 24 through just recently. 25 MS. GOMEZ: Right. Public Works was very

understaffed and so we recently hired a Deputy

Director -- well, a Director, a Deputy

Director, a CIP, Assistant Director. So lots

of positions have been filled, and several

project managers, so we're moving in that

direction.

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So it hasn't been spent yet, but it will be spent, and so on some of those projects, sometimes FEMA will pay us in advance, and some of them they will wait until we spend it. It depends if it's a small project or a large project. If it's a small project, let's say, under 123,000 roughly, they'll just send it to us, the cash, and we just spend it as we need to.

MS. OLAZABAL: If it happens to be more -once we do the work, if it happens to be more,
can we go back to them and ask them for the
difference?

MS. GOMEZ: So it depends. There's a whole process. So small projects are projects where we have to give them the best estimates. So they're under \$123,000, and we give them the best estimate, and then, if it comes in more or less, too bad on us, we have it.

1 However, there is a process by which, at 2 the end, we can net all of the small projects 3 together to see -- but we have to be careful, right, if we choose to do that, and we owe them 4 5 money, we've got to pay them back, right. So whereas if we just stay where we are at, they 6 7 don't expect us to report it back or anything. 8 On the large projects, once they get 9 approved, they don't send us the money. They leave like a line of credit. Let's say it's a 10 11 project for 150,000, they'll leave a line of 12 credit, and as we spend and show them receipts, 13 send them the receipts, we can draw down. 14 MS. OLAZABAL: And if it was more? 15 MS. GOMEZ: If that one is more, yes, then 16 we can ask for an adjustment on that, as well. 17 MR. PAREDES: One last thing unrelated to 18 FEMA. FEMA, if you're doing everything you can 19 to collect and bring the money, get it in. It's amazing. It's amazing. It's been almost 20 21 two years --2.2 MS. GOMEZ: Yes, but everybody is in the 23 same boat. 24 MR. PAREDES: I've been reading a lot about

Ramsomware and cities and all that. Have you

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         been hit by any of that? Is there a policy for
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         the City not to pay any Ransomware?
             MS. GOMEZ: Oh, I don't know. I don't know
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         if there's a policy. I haven't heard that
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         there's a policy. I know that we have --
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             MS. SABATER: Let's not put this on the
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         public record.
              (Discussion off the record.)
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             MS. GOMEZ: We'll have a presentation from
         the IT Director to talk about cyber security
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         and our internal policies and procedures.
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             MS. SABATER: Off the record.
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             (Discussion off the record.)
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             MS. GOMEZ: The next scheduled meeting is
         proposed for Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019.
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         Yvette always sends it out, but just to throw
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         it out there.
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             Besides maybe the IT Director, the
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         sustainability with the sea-level rise, I don't
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         know that we'll have anything else at that
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         point in time.
             MR. PAREDES: CAFR and all of that stuff --
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             MS. GOMEZ: We won't have that until the
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         Spring.
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             MR. KLEIMAN: I don't know if everyone has
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         had a chance to look at the action plans in
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         Finance but for our strategic plan, we're going
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         to be developing a financial sustainability
         plan for the City. So we want to present it to
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         the City Commission, because it's going to be
         participation City-wide, including having a
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         possible Commissioner on the Committee. We'd
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         like to present it to the Board first, before
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         we present it to the Commission.
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         23rd, we'll discuss it with the Board first and
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         then we'll go to the Commission after that.
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             MS. SABATER: Great.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Okay. So anything else?
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         is there a motion to adjourn?
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             MS. OLAZABAL: Motion to adjourn.
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             MS. GOMEZ: Do we have a second?
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             MR. PAREDES: Second.
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             MS. GOMEZ: All right. Meeting is
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         adjourned at 9:04.
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              (Thereupon, the meeting was adourned at
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