

CAPTIONING  
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CHARTER REVIEW BOARD

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>>MITCHELL THROWER: [NO AUDIO] BEGIN THIS MEETING, CALL  
THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD TO ORDER.

TO BEGIN THE MEETING I WANTED TO HAVE MR. JOE ROBINSON LEAD  
US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

WE'VE GOT A PRETTY BUSY AGENDA TONIGHT, SO I WANT TO GET  
STARTED.

WE'RE GOING TO START OFF WITH PUBLIC COMMENT, AND SO FAR WE  
HAVE ONE INDIVIDUAL, MR. NEIL COSENTINO, SIGNED UP FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT.

MR. COSENTINO, YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES.

>> GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.

NEIL COSENTINO, 708 SOUTH DAVIS BOULEVARD, TAMPA 33606, AND  
I'M ALSO A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, COUNTYWIDE,  
DISTRICT 7.

I WOULD HOPE -- IN MY LAST PRESENTATION -- AND I OFFERED  
SUGGESTIONS AND I E-MAILED THOSE TO THE E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR  
THIS GROUP, FOR THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD, WHICH REITERATED

THE -- THE DESIRE OF THE INTEREST IN HAVING OUR COUNTY BECOME A SUPER COUNTY, AND I HOPE -- PURSUING THAT SAME LINE, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT IS HOW THE COMMISSIONERS SERVE THE -- OUR COMMUNITY, AND AT THE MOMENT WE HAVE COMMISSIONERS WHO ARE PART-TIME EMPLOYEES PER SE, THEY DO NOT WORK FULL-TIME, AND IT'S MY OPINION THAT THEY SHOULD WORK FULL-TIME, WHICH MEANS THAT THE CHARTER COULD ADDRESS THAT ISSUE AND REQUIRE THEM TO BE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, AND I THINK THAT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

THERE'S CERTAINLY ENOUGH WORK AROUND AND CERTAINLY ENOUGH PROBLEMS WE HAVE, THAT WE WOULD REQUIRE COMMISSIONERS TO GO FULL-TIME ON THE JOB.

I KNOW I WILL BE A FULL-TIME COMMISSIONER.

SECOND, I WOULD HOPE THE CHARTER WOULD LOOK AT OUR HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.

WE -- WE AS A COUNTY SHOULD INDEED GIVE OUR EMPLOYEES EXCELLENT HEALTH CARE, AND IN MANY CASES WE DO, BUT IN RESEARCHING INDEED WHAT OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES GET FOR HEALTH CARE, YOU'LL FIND THAT IT'S ALL OVER THE PLACE.

ONE GROUP GETS CERTAIN HEALTH CARE AND ANOTHER GROUP GETS A CERTAIN HEALTH CARE, AND THE SIMPLE WAY TO UNDERSTAND THAT IS IF SOMEONE ANSWERED THE TELEPHONE OR MOWS THE LAWN FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND ANOTHER GROUP MOWS THE LAWN AND ANSWERS THE TELEPHONE FOR THE COUNTY AND ONE FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD, WHY SHOULD THEY HAVE DIFFERENT HEALTH CARE

PROGRAMS AND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE?

SO I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF REQUIRING THAT OUR COUNTY CONSOLIDATE OUR HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS SO THAT OTHER THAN THOSE ENTITIES THAT ARE REQUIRED AND INDEED ARE INDEPENDENT BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT THE -- THAT THEY VOTED INDEPENDENTLY -- THEY'RE INDEPENDENT FROM THE STATE AND PROVIDED BY THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT -- SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THANK YOU, MR. COSENTINO.

ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT?

OKAY.

NO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT, WE'LL MOVE ON TO INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.

I WAS HOPING THAT WE'D GO THROUGH THE BOARD MEMBERS, YOU COULD, YOU KNOW, GIVE YOUR NAME, GIVE THE COMMISSIONER THAT APPOINTED YOU, AND MAYBE IF YOU WANT TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION.

I DON'T WANT A LONG INTRO BUT, YOU KNOW, A BRIEF INTRODUCTION, SOMETHING ABOUT YOU, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO STATE TO THE PUBLIC HERE, JUST -- I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN THE AUDIENCE AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS WATCHING TO UNDERSTAND WHO IS -- TO KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE MEMBERS THAT ARE SERVING HERE, SO WE'LL START -- MR. WHITE, GERALD, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START?

>>GERALD WHITE: YES, MR. CHAIR.

I'M GERALD WHITE.

I'M A 27-YEAR EMPLOYEE WITH TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY, A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST.

I'VE SERVED EIGHT YEARS ON THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COMMISSION CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, I SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, AND I'VE ALSO SERVED AS A COMMISSIONER WITH THE TAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY.

I'M MARRIED FOR 25 YEARS AND A FATHER OF THREE ADULTS AND ONE 16-YEAR-OLD, AND I'M EXCITED TO BE HERE, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING THE PUBLIC.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JAN PLATT: I SERVED AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR 24 YEARS AND FOUR YEARS AS A TAMPA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR A TOTAL OF 28 YEARS, AND RIGHT NOW I'M A FULL-TIME VOLUNTEER, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COUNCIL, WHICH IS -- FOR THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE AN UMBRELLA AGENCY FOR ALL OF THE LIBRARIES, AND ONE OF MY FAVORITES HAS BEEN ALWAYS LIBRARIES, SO I'M REALLY ENJOYING THAT, AND I CHAIR THE HEAD START FOUNDATION, WHICH IS A SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE HEAD START PROGRAM.

I CHAIR -- I'M THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SATURDAY MARKET DOWN IN YBOR CITY, ONE OF ITS FOUNDERS, AND I WOULD ALL --

ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALL COME SATURDAY BECAUSE THAT'S THE FLAN FEST, AND IT'S A BIG CONTEST ABOUT WHO MAKES THE BEST FLAN. BUT RIGHT NOW I'M JUST ENJOYING BEING A GRANDMOTHER TO EMMA, WHO IS NINE, AND BEING A VOLUNTEER, AND I HAVE NO PLANS TO RUN FOR OFFICE.

AND I MIGHT SAY THAT I WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD THAT WROTE THIS CHARTER, SO I CAN ALWAYS GIVE YOU SOME -- FILL YOU IN ABOUT WHY THINGS ARE IN HERE IF YOU EVER WANT TO KNOW, AND EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW, I MIGHT TELL YOU.

[LAUGHTER]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: MY NAME IS JOE ROBINSON.

I'M A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER AND I'VE OWNED MY OWN CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE LAST 19 YEARS.

I SERVED 8.5 YEARS ON SWFWMD'S HILLSBOROUGH AND NORTHWEST BASIN BOARD, A GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT, AND I'M ALSO THE NAACP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAIR, AND I'M A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, LITIGANT, AND BEEN INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING A LOT OF THE -- THE ELECTION RESULT -- ELECTION REDISTRICTING.

I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE REDISTRICTING OF BOTH THE COUNTY, THE CITY OF TAMPA, AND I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND NOW I'M SERVING ON THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD, AND I WAS APPOINTED BY KEVIN WHITE.

I THINK YOU ASKED WHO APPOINTED US, SO --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ROCHELLE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: MY NAME IS ROCHELLE REBACK.

I WAS APPOINTED BY KEVIN BECKNER, COMMISSIONER BECKNER.

FOR 25 YEARS I'VE BEEN AN ATTORNEY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE.

MY OWN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO WHITE COLLAR CRIMINAL DEFENSE AND ALSO TO CONSTITUTIONAL LAW.

I SERVE PROFESSIONALLY ON A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES HAVING TO DO WITH MY LAW PRACTICE.

THIS IS MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY IN PUBLIC SERVICE ON ANY SORT OF A GOVERNMENT BOARD, AND THAT MAY PERHAPS HAVE TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT I'VE BEEN KNOWN TO SUE GOVERNMENT BOARDS ON BEHALF OF CLIENTS WHO HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL CLAIMS, INCLUDING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE PAST, SO MY PRESENCE HERE IS SOMEWHAT IRONIC.

I'M VERY, VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE AND VERY RESPECTFUL OF THE PROCESS AND VERY INTERESTED TO SEE HOW PRODUCTIVE THIS BOARD CAN BE AS WE GO FORWARD.

THANKS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS MITCH THROWER.

I HAVE THREE CHILDREN.

I WAS APPOINTED BY -- AND I'M MARRIED, HAVE THREE CHILDREN AND MARRIED.

I WAS APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONER KEN HAGAN.

I ALSO SERVED AS VICE CHAIR ON THIS BOARD PREVIOUSLY.

I'VE BEEN ACTIVE IN VARIOUS GROUPS.

I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR A WHILE.

I WAS ALSO CUB MASTER FOR PACK 218 IN CARROLLWOOD, AND I ALSO WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

I'M CURRENTLY THE TREASURER OF THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND I'M COACHING MY SON'S -- AN ASSISTANT COACH ON MY SON'S BASEBALL TEAM, SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS -- THIS NEXT YEAR, SO THANK YOU.

GREG.

>>GREG PRESEAU: HELLO.

MY NAME IS GREG PRESEAU, AND I WAS APPOINTED BY AL HIGGINBOTHAM.

I'M MARRIED WITH A BEAUTIFUL WIFE AND THREE BEAUTIFUL BOYS, AND I'M A LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, AND I WAS ACTUALLY BORN HERE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AND RAISED IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

I SPENT A SMALL STINT OF MY LIFE UP IN TALLAHASSEE, AND RIGHT NOW I'M HERE TO DO MY CIVIC DUTY AND BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS WITH MY WHOLE HEART.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: BETH.

>>BETH LEYTHAM: MY NAME IS BETH LEYTHAM.

I OWN A SMALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS PRACTICE.

I DEAL MOSTLY IN ISSUES MANAGEMENT AND CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES AROUND THE TAMPA BAY AREA.

I AM NOT MARRIED, BUT I DO HAVE A DAUGHTER.

SHE IS ALL GROWN UP NOW.

SHE'S IN LAW SCHOOL, AND WE ARE BIG DOG LOVERS.

AS FAR AS COMMUNITY SERVICE, I AM A FORMER GUARDIAN AD LITEM, ACTIVE IN ULI, AND STILL WITH THE CHAMBER A BIT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: GINA.

>>GINA GRIMES: HI.

I'M GINA GRIMES.

I'M NOT MARRIED EITHER, BUT I HAVE THREE CHILDREN, A DAUGHTER 23, A DAUGHTER 20, AND A SON THAT'S 16, AND I CURRENTLY AM A SHAREHOLDER IN THE LAW FIRM OF HILL WARD & HENDERSON, AND I PRACTICE IN THE AREA OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVALS IN LAND USE, AND PREVIOUS TO BEING AN ATTORNEY AT HILL WARD & HENDERSON, I SERVED IN THE TAMPA CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR 18 YEARS, AND I'VE SERVED ON DIFFERENT COMMUNITY BOARDS IN THE CITY, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST BOARD IN THE COUNTY THAT I'VE SERVED ON, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT VERY MUCH, AND I WAS APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONER FERLITA.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

RALPH.

>>RALPH FISHER: THANK YOU, MITCH.

I'M RALPH FISHER, A NATIVE FLORIDIAN.

MY DAUGHTER, KATELYN WHITESIDE, IS A VOLUNTEER IN ECUADOR,

HELPING THE POOR, BUILDING HOMES FOR THEM.

I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA BAR SINCE 1983, I'VE BEEN A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT SINCE 1979, ALTHOUGH I JUST WENT INACTIVE THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF NOT WANTING TO DO 90 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION EVERY TWO YEARS, BUT I AM, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, A LICENSED PLUMBING CONTRACTOR.

I DO SOLAR AND DRAINFIELDS.

I WOULDN'T CALL MYSELF A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, BUT I'M GRATEFUL TO JIM NORMAN FOR ALLOWING ME TO WEIGH IN WITH THESE ESTEEMED PEOPLE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE WORKING WITH IN THE NEXT YEAR AND HOPEFULLY HAVE A VERY PRODUCTIVE YEAR. I THANK YOU ALL FOR ALLOWING US TO BE HERE TOGETHER.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: JOE.

>>JOE AMON: I'M JOE AMON, APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONER NORMAN.

BEEN FAIRLY ACTIVE WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT. BY THE WAY, MS. PLATT, I WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAMBER WHEN YOU BROUGHT THAT MARKET TO YBOR, THE YBOR CHAMBER.

>>JAN PLATT: THIS IS OUR TENTH YEAR.

>>JOE AMON: IT'S DOING WELL.

IT'S DOING GREAT.

I'M A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER WITH A FIRM.

I'M A SENIOR CONSULTANT WITH ARDAMAN & ASSOCIATES HERE IN TOWN.

WE'RE A GEOTECHNICAL AND MATERIALS ENGINEERING FIRM BASED

IN FLORIDA, AND I'M THEIR SENIOR CONSULTANT.

I'VE RUN THIS OFFICE FOR ABOUT 11 YEARS, AND I CURRENTLY SIT ON THE MPO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND I CHAIR THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

I HAVE BEEN ON THAT COMMITTEE FOR ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AND I'VE CHAIRED IT FOR SIX.

IN ADDITION TO THAT, IN MY SPARE TIME, I SAT ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE STATE FOR THREE YEARS, AND I'M VERY INTERESTED IN WATCHING WHAT HAPPENS WITH THIS GROUP.

I AM -- I BETTER SAY I'M MARRIED.

MY WIFE IS SITTING OUT HERE IN THE AUDIENCE, DEBBIE.

WE'VE BEEN MARRIED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

WE HAVE A DAUGHTER AND TWO LOVELY GRANDCHILDREN, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WATCHING AND SEEING WHAT COMES OUT OF THIS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

WE DO HAVE A FEW MEMBERS THAT ARE MISSING, SO ONCE THEY ARRIVE -- HOPEFULLY THEY'LL ARRIVE -- I'LL GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TOO.

GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: MR. CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE.

I DIDN'T ANNOUNCE THAT I WAS APPOINTED BY COUNTYWIDE COMMISSIONER MARK SHARPE.

>>JAN PLATT: AND I WAS APPOINTED BY ROSE FERLITA.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>>BETH LEYTHAM: AND MITCH, I WAS APPOINTED BY MARK SHARPE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM.

IT'S THE APPROVAL OF THE RECAP OF THE MEETING MINUTES.

LET ME JUST MENTION REAL QUICKLY, YOU MAY NOTICE ON THESE -  
- THIS RECAP THE MOTIONS AND THE VOTE ON THE MOTIONS ARE  
NOT ON HERE.

THE REASON FOR THAT IS THE CLERK'S OFFICE IS GOING TO BE  
GETTING THEM TO US, SO WE WILL APPROVE THOSE WHEN WE GET  
THERE -- WHEN WE RECEIVE THEM.

SO THAT WAS MY FIRST QUESTION, AND EDITH EXPLAINED IT TO --  
REMINDED ME, SO WE WILL APPROVE THE OFFICIAL MINUTES WITH  
THE VOTES ONCE WE RECEIVE THEM.

THIS IS JUST A BRIEF SUMMARY AS TO WHAT WE WENT OVER.

SO ANY DISCUSSION CONCERNING THIS?

I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE IT.

ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO MOTION?

>>JAN PLATT: I WOULD MOVE TO RECEIVE IT.

I DON'T WANT TO NECESSARILY APPROVE IT BECAUSE THERE'S SUCH  
GAPS IN IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

YEAH, YOU ARE RIGHT.

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH, WHY DON'T WE JUST RECEIVE IT AND FILE IT?

>>GERALD WHITE: SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THAT'S GOOD.

THANK YOU.

OKAY.

OKAY.

NEXT ON THE AGENDA, MARY HELEN FARRIS.

>>RECORDING SECRETARY: EXCUSE ME.

WE NEED TO VOTE ON THAT MOTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR OF JUST RECEIVING THIS MOTION?

[CHORUS OF AYES]

OKAY.

>>RECORDING SECRETARY: MOTION --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ANYONE OPPOSED?

>>RECORDING SECRETARY: MOTION CARRIED 10-0.

>> 9-0.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

NEXT ON OUR AGENDA IS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATE BY MARY HELEN FARRIS.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: GOOD EVENING.

I HAVE THREE THINGS THAT I'M BRINGING BACK TO YOU FROM THE LAST MEETING.

THE FIRST OF THOSE IS THE BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER.

THE CHANGES THAT WERE REQUESTED HAVE BEEN REFLECTED, AND IF APPROVED TONIGHT, THEY CAN REPLACE THE ONES THAT YOU WERE GIVEN PREVIOUSLY.

I HAD A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH THE CHAIR BEFORE THE MEETING STARTED, AND HIS QUESTION WAS SOMETIMES IT SAYS A MAJORITY OF THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT AND SOMETIMES IT SAYS A MAJORITY.

THE IMPLICATION IS A MAJORITY OF THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT. YOU HAVE EIGHT MEMBERS AS A QUORUM, SO IF YOU ONLY HAD EIGHT HERE, A MAJORITY WOULD BE FIVE.

IN CONTRAST TO THAT, TO PLACE -- TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS, WHICH IS TEN, HAS TO VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY TO PLACE SOMETHING ON THE CHARTER, SO IN THAT CASE, SHOULD THERE ONLY BE TEN HERE AT THAT MEETING, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNANIMOUS, IF YOU SEE WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IS.

BUT I DID MAKE THE CHANGES THAT WERE REQUESTED, AND IF THERE'S -- IF THAT'S ACCEPTABLE -- THESE CAN ALWAYS BE LOOKED AT IF WE NEED TO TWEAK THEM FOR ANY REASON IN THE FUTURE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

IS THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MARY HELEN FARRIS CONCERNING THE DIFFERENT RULES OF ORDER OR ANY ISSUES BEFORE SHE MOVES ON?

>>JAN PLATT: DO WE NEED TO APPROVE THEM?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, ACTUALLY, I HAVE A COUPLE

QUESTIONS MYSELF, BUT I --

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME JUST LOOK THROUGH.

YEAH.

I TALKED TO MARY HELEN FARRIS BEFORE THE MEETING.

AS YOU MENTIONED, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT WAS CONSISTENT IN TERMS OF THE WORDING, AND SHE EXPLAINED THAT BASICALLY -- LIKE SHE SAID, WHEN IT SAYS JUST MAJORITY, IT'S IMPLIED THAT IT'S THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: CORRECT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I HAD, UNDER RULE 21, MARY -- UNDER RULE 21, AMENDMENTS, IT SAYS, THESE RULES OF ORDER MAY BE AMENDED BY ACTION OF A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH AMENDMENTS SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE SAME HAVE RECEIVED A LIKE VOTE AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: CORRECT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NOW, I GUESS MY QUESTION WAS WE MADE SOME AMENDMENTS TO THESE LAST TIME.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: WE HAVEN'T ADOPTED THEM YET.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: SO I THINK ONCE WE ADOPT THEM, THEN IT'S A TWO-STEP PROCESS, AND THAT'S THE SAME PROCESS THE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOLLOWS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

SO -- OKAY.

THAT SOUNDS GOOD.

THANK YOU.

NOW, ANY OTHER DISCUSSION BEFORE SOMEONE MAKES A MOTION TO ACCEPT THESE FOR NOW?

>>JOE AMON: MOVE TO APPROVE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: JOE.

>>JOE AMON: MOVE TO APPROVE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND.

OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR OF APPROVING THESE RULES OF ORDER AS WRITTEN.

OKAY.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

OKAY.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: THE NEXT ITEM ON HERE IS JUST SOME INFORMATION THAT WAS REQUESTED AT THE LAST MEETING, ONE HAVING TO DO WITH BOARD ACTION ON THE COUNTY MAYOR.

WHAT I DID WAS PULL THE MINUTES FROM '06 -- EVERY YEAR THAT IT WAS MENTIONED ON THE COUNTY MAYOR, AND PLUS THERE'S A COUPLE OF -- THERE'S SOME LETTERS IN THERE AS WELL.

THE OTHER ISSUE THAT I WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON

WAS THE 60%, AND THAT LETTER IS GOING TO BE COMING FROM THE CHAIR ONCE THIS WAS CONSTITUTED, AND, OF COURSE, YOU TOOK YOUR OATH OF OFFICE LAST MEETING, SO THAT'S JUST FOR INFORMATION, AND NO ACTION IS REQUIRED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: I DID HAVE A QUESTION IF IT'S OKAY TO -- IF THERE'S A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT IS REQUESTED TO SUPPLY THAT JUST ELECTRONICALLY.

IF ANYBODY WANTS A PAPER COPY, WE'RE HAPPY TO PRINT IT OUT. WE JUST THOUGHT IN THIS CASE IT WAS EASIER TO GO AHEAD AND -- YOU KNOW, WE HAVE IT ELECTRONICALLY AND CAN DO THAT. IT'S JUST AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD.

SO IF WE SEND SOMETHING ELECTRONICALLY AND YOU WANT IT PRINTED, JUST LET ME KNOW, AND WE CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: THE LAST THING THAT I WANTED TO GO OVER WAS THERE WAS A REQUEST ABOUT A PROPOSED TIMELINE, AND I'VE SET OUT A BASIC TIMELINE.

THE ONE BEFORE YOU ENVISIONS THAT IT WOULD BE A CHANGE THAT WOULD REQUIRE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PRECLEARANCE.

THE AUGUST 24th DATE IS THE DATE THAT I GOT FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTION, AND THAT IS A HARD-AND-FAST DATE.

THAT IS THE LAST DATE THAT THEY CAN HAVE LANGUAGE SO THAT THEY CAN GET THE BALLOTS PRINTED.

IF YOU BACK UP TO THE JUSTICE SUBMITTAL AND THEN THE TWO

PUBLIC HEARINGS, THOSE ARE A LITTLE BIT -- YOU HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF LEEWAY THERE.

THE SAME THING WITH THE NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS.

WHEN I'VE ADVERTISED REFERENDUMS, YOU HAVE TO DO IT ONCE IN THE THIRD WEEK AND ONCE IN THE FIFTH WEEK BEFORE THE WEEK OF THE ELECTION.

I ALWAYS RUN THOSE ADS ON MONDAY.

JUST IN CASE THERE'S A GLITCH OR SOMETHING, WE HAVE TIME, YOU KNOW, TO CORRECT IT.

AS WELL, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SUBMITTAL, THAT GIVES THEM A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN THE TIME THEY NEED, BUT IT ALSO JUST GIVES US SOME WIGGLE ROOM, SO -- AND THE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS, THAT'S -- THAT'S ABOUT APPROXIMATELY WHERE I THINK THE BEST TIME WOULD RUN.

CERTAINLY AS WE GET CLOSER, IF THERE'S -- IF THERE'S AN ISSUE THAT YOU WANT TO PUT ON THE 2010 BALLOT, WE CAN LOOK AT THESE AND MAKE SOME HARD -- I CAN GIVE YOU ABSOLUTE DEADLINES AS WE -- AS WE MOVE DOWN THE LINE, BUT THIS KIND OF GIVES YOU AN OVERVIEW.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: MR. CHAIR.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: GO AHEAD.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I'M SORRY.

JOE.

>>JAN PLATT: I KNOW YOU ASKED FOR THIS, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING YOU ASKED FOR THIS ON THIS AGENDA, BUT I HAVE A QUESTION BECAUSE WE ARE TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>JAN PLATT: THIS IS FEBRUARY, SO THAT MEANS THAT UNDER THE LAW WE COULD SERVE TILL NEXT FEBRUARY, WHICH DOES NOT GO WITH THIS.

NOW, THIS IS ALL GEARED TO THE THOUGHT THAT WE MAY GET SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT IN 2010, BUT I PERSONALLY THINK WE NEED TO SEE THE OTHER ONE TOO FOR US TO SERVE THE YEAR, DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: WELL, THEN YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME BECAUSE YOU WOULD ADJOURN SINE DIE FEBRUARY 2011, AND IT HAS TO GO ON THE GENERAL BALLOT OF 2012, SO WE HAVE A BIG GAP OF TIME TO TAKE ALL THESE ACTIONS IF YOU FOLLOW WHAT I'M SAYING.

>>JAN PLATT: I GUESS MY CONCERN IS WITH PASSING THIS OUT, THERE'S THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: WE MAY.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: IT'S STILL OPEN.

THAT'S WHY I ASKED FOR IT.

>>JAN PLATT: MAY I FINISH?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET COMMISSIONER PLATT FINISH.

>>JAN PLATT: YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND YOU ASKED FOR IT AND WE MAY GET SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT, BUT WE DO HAVE THE OPTION OF MEETING THE WHOLE YEAR IF WE PONDER AND HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE COMING AND, YOU KNOW, REALLY GET INTO SOME KIND OF DISCUSSION, SO I GUESS I'M CONCERNED ABOUT CIRCULATING THIS IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE CAN MEET FOR A FULL YEAR AND OUR TERMS ARE FOR A FULL YEAR.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I'M NOT CONCERNED ABOUT HOW LONG WE'LL BE HERE.

I'VE HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE WANT TO PUT STUFF ON THE BALLOT THIS YEAR, AND ACCORDING TO THIS SCHEDULE, WE CAN. NOW, I WANT TO ASK THIS: IT SAYS HERE, IF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS A CHANGE AFFECT -- BECAUSE NO OTHER CHARTER REVIEW BOARD, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, HAS EVER PUT ANYTHING ON THE BALLOT PRIOR TO THEM DISBANDING, SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS THINGS CHANGE, SO IF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS A CHANGE AFFECTING VOTING, IS PUTTING A COUNTY MAYOR ISSUE ON THE BALLOT A CHANGE AFFECTING VOTING?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: YES, IT WOULD BE BECAUSE YOU WOULD BE CREATING AN OFFICE THAT YOU WOULD VOTE ON.

AND YOU CAN CONTRAST THAT WITH, FOR INSTANCE, THE CHANGE THAT PUT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FROM BEING APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PUTTING HER UNDER THE BOARD, THAT'S NOT A CHANGE AFFECTING THE VOTERS.

WE DID ASK FOR PRECLEARANCE OF THE DATE OF THE BALLOT --  
THAT IT WAS ON THE BALLOT.

WE GENERALLY DO THAT, BUT THAT'S NOT A CHANGE AFFECTING  
VOTING.

BUT IF YOU'RE CREATING OFFICES, IF YOU'RE CHANGING  
DISTRICTS, CHANGING THE MAKEUP OF THE BOARD, ANY OF THOSE  
THINGS WOULD BE A CHANGE AFFECTING VOTING.

THAT'S EASY EXAMPLES I CAN GIVE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: COMMISSIONER PLATT, WERE YOU -- WAS  
YOUR INTENTION TO MAKE A MOTION THERE?

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, YEAH, IT WAS, JUST -- BECAUSE TO ME  
THIS IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: CORRECT.

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH.

WELL, I UNDERSTAND.

IT'S FOR INFORMATION IF WE WANT TO GET SOMETHING ON THE  
BALLOT.

WE DON'T KNOW.

I DON'T KNOW THAT I WANT TO DO THAT, BUT FOR INFORMATIONAL  
PURPOSES, I THINK WE OUGHT TO SEE THE OTHER CALENDAR WITH  
THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE SERVE THE FULL YEAR.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: RIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: GERALD.

>>JAN PLATT: AND WE MAY NOT SERVE A FULL YEAR.

JUST BECAUSE LEGALLY WE CAN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

MARY HELEN, THIS ISSUE CAME UP FIVE YEARS AGO WHETHER OR NOT THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD HAD THE ABILITY TO PLACE --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: ON BOTH.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- ISSUES ON ONE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND CONTINUE TO MEET AND PLACE ISSUES ON THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

IS THAT -- WAS THAT EVER LEGALLY --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: MY RECOLLECTION OF THIS IS THAT IT -- IT -- THERE'S NOTHING IN THE CHARTER THAT SAYS YOU CAN'T DO THAT, BUT THAT WOULD LEAVE IT OPEN FOR SOMEBODY TO SAY -- BECAUSE THE LANGUAGE JUST SAYS YOU COME UP WITH A PROPOSAL AND PUT IT ON THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

I THINK THE ARGUMENT WOULD BE DID THAT MEAN ONLY ONE OR -- AND IT MAY NOT BE AN ANSWER.

I MEAN, IT MAY JUST BE A DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE LAST TIME THEY DECIDED TO WAIT AND JUST PUT IT ON, YOU KNOW, THE -- THAT WAS THE IPA, I GUESS IT WAS.

>>GERALD WHITE: THAT'S CORRECT.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: AND THAT WAS TO WAIT AND THEN PUT IT ON -- SO IN OTHER WORDS, THIS BOARD WOULD PUT SOMETHING ON IN 2012 AND WAIT FOR THE WHOLE YEAR.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND COMMISSIONER PLATT HAS A LEGITIMATE CONCERN.

WE -- I DON'T WANT THE PUBLIC CONFUSED.

WE ARE ALLOWED TO MEET FOR A YEAR, AND I HOPE WE WILL MEET FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR, AND I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT ABOUT RECOGNIZING THIS TIMELINE FOR THIS -- THIS GENERAL ELECTION, BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD HINDER THIS BOARD OR HANDICAP THIS BOARD OR TAKE AN ACTION THAT WOULD DEEM TO BE ILLEGAL IF SOMEONE -- OR A GOOD PROPOSAL DIE BECAUSE WE OPERATED OUTSIDE OF THE LAW, AND SO UNLESS I ABSOLUTELY KNEW THE ANSWER TO THE SECOND QUESTION, IF WE PLACED SOMETHING ON THE FIRST, WILL IT HANDICAP US FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, I'LL BE RELUCTANT TO MOVE TO DO SOMETHING EARLY, AND SO, MR. CHAIRMAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW WE GO ABOUT SEEKING AN ANSWER TO THIS UNLESS WE JUST REQUEST --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: WE CAN RESEARCH IT MORE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME GET BACK TO COMMISSIONER PLATT. SHE --

>>JAN PLATT: JUST FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES, COULD WE HAVE THE OTHER CALENDAR THAT IF WE HAPPEN TO MEET --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: SURE.

>>JAN PLATT: -- FOR THE FULL YEAR, HOW DOES THAT PLAY OUT, WHEN WOULD THE ELECTION BE, WHEN WOULD THE ITEM GO ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE THIS IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES TOO, SO -

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>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: I WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO THAT.

>>JAN PLATT: -- I THINK JUST FOR LEGITIMACY, IT MIGHT BE WELL FOR US --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: SURE.

>>JAN PLATT: -- TO SEE IT, SO I WOULD MOVE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: SECOND.

>>JAN PLATT: -- WE HAVE THE OTHER CALENDAR TOO.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'VE GOT A MOTION FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES THAT WE GET THE SECOND PART OF THIS CALENDAR --

>> CORRECT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- AND IT'S BEEN SECONDED BY JOE ROBINSON.

ANY DISCUSSION?

>>GERALD WHITE: I SUPPORT THE MOTION FOR THE CALENDAR, BUT I WANT AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: SURE, WE WILL LOOK AT --

>>GERALD WHITE: I WANT TO KNOW WHAT -- IF WE PLACE SOMETHING ON THE -- THIS GENERAL ELECTION THIS YEAR, 2010, WOULD IT HARM THIS BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF OUR MEETING? I NEED AN ANSWER ON THAT.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: WE CAN ADDRESS THAT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

WE HAVE A MOTION, WE HAVE A SECOND.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

ALL IN FAVOR SHOW THEIR RIGHT HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

THAT MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

OKAY.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: THANK YOU.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ANY -- WAIT, BEFORE -- MARY HELEN, ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS  
BEFORE SHE SITS DOWN?

ROCHELLE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I HAVE A QUESTION.

I'M A LITTLE UNCLEAR, ON YOUR QUESTION, MR. WHITE, AND I  
WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MARY HELEN IS CLEAR ON YOUR  
QUESTION.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: LET ME TRY TO DESCRIBE WHAT IT IS.  
BECAUSE OF THE TIMING OF THE FIRST CHARTER REVIEW BOARD, IT  
WAS LIKE WITHIN SO MANY TIMES OF THE ORIGINAL CHARTER AND  
THEN EVERY FIVE YEARS AFTER.

THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD MEETS ON A YEAR TO WHERE THE  
GENERAL ELECTION IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR DURING ITS  
MEETING.

IN FACT, SEVERAL CHARTER REVIEW BOARDS AGO THERE WAS  
ACTUALLY A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THAT TO MEET EVERY EIGHT  
YEARS ON A PRESIDENTIAL YEAR TO CLEAN UP THAT TIMING ISSUE  
AND IT WASN'T PASSED BY THE VOTERS, SO THE QUESTION IS --

YOU KNOW, YOU READ THE LANGUAGE AND IT SAYS, SHALL AFTER TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPROVAL OF TWO-THIRDS OF ITS MEMBERS FILE ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER WITH THE SUPERVISOR WHO SHALL PROVIDE FOR A VOTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 8.04.

8.04 THEN SAYS THAT IT GOES ON THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, SO THE ISSUE IS DOES IT CONTEMPLATE ONLY ONE GENERAL ELECTION?

IT DOESN'T SAY IT'S LIMITED TO ONE, AND I THINK THE DISCUSSION LAST TIME, THOUGH, WAS THERE WAS -- I MEAN, I CAN'T -- OBVIOUSLY, ANYBODY CAN CHALLENGE, AND I CAN, YOU KNOW -- I THINK WHAT I -- WHAT I SEE HERE -- AND I CAN ALSO GO BACK -- I HAVE ALL THE MINUTES OF WHEN THEY ADOPTED THE CHARTER, AND THERE MAY BE SOMETHING, YOU KNOW, IN THOSE WHEN THEY ADOPTED THE CHARTER AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT MEANT TO BE LIMITED TO JUST ONE OR NOT, BUT IT SAYS, ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, BUT THAT WAS JUST THE ISSUE, IF WE -- IF YOU PUT SOMETHING ON IN 2010, IS THERE ANY -- IS THERE ANY LEGAL BASIS TO CHALLENGE AND PREVENT YOU FROM PUTTING SOMETHING ON IN 2012?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: OR OTHERWISE THIS BOARD IS SORT OF A LAME DUCK AFTER AUGUST 24th?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: I THINK THAT'S --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: OKAY.

SO I APPRECIATE THAT.

I'M NOT SURE THAT YOU COULD GIVE US A DEFINITIVE ANSWER,  
ALTHOUGH YOU COULD GIVE US YOUR BEST UNDERSTANDING --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: I'D BE HAPPY TO DO THAT, AND I'D ALSO  
LIKE TO REVIEW THE TIME WITH THE DISCUSSION -- WHEN THE  
CHARTER REVIEW BOARD HAD THIS DISCUSSION BEFORE, AND THEN  
ALSO, IF I CAN FIND SOME MINUTES THAT GO TO THIS SECTION  
BECAUSE THE MINUTES ACTUALLY LIST EACH CHARTER SECTION WHEN  
THEY WERE DISCUSSED IN THE OLD BOARD MINUTES, SO THERE MAY  
BE SOMETHING HELPFUL THERE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: SO -- I THINK, THOUGH, THAT THE POINT  
FOR THE PEOPLE PERHAPS PAYING ATTENTION TO THIS BOARD AT  
HOME ON TV IS THAT IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO BRING BEFORE THIS BOARD, YOU NEED TO GET HERE SOON  
BECAUSE OTHERWISE THERE IS, YOU KNOW, THE POTENTIAL FOR US  
NOT HAVING SUFFICIENT AND ADEQUATE TIME TO EVALUATE  
WHATEVER IT IS THAT IS YOUR PRIMARY CONCERN THAT YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO SEE BROUGHT ON THE NEXT -- ON THE BALLOT AT THE  
NEXT ELECTION, AND THE BETTER -- MAYBE BEST PRACTICE WOULD  
BE FOR US TO TRY TO -- CERTAINLY NOT TO RUSH WHAT WE'RE  
HERE TO DO BUT TO TRY TO DO AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO URGE  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MONTHS BEFORE JULY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I'M SORRY.  
CONTINUE.

>>JAN PLATT: NOT RIGHT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WELL --

>>JAN PLATT: THAT'S IF YOU SPEED IT UP.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

I MEAN, WE DO HAVE A WHOLE YEAR, AND I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT IF MARY HELEN COULD BRING BACK THE ANSWER THAT GERALD ASKED ABOUT BECAUSE I THINK THAT WILL CLEAR UP A LOT OF THINGS FOR US.

WE HAVE A YEAR.

ONCE WE GET THAT ANSWER, WE CAN LOOK AT THIS ISSUE, BUT WE'RE -- WE HAVE A LOT OF MEETINGS SCHEDULED.

WE DO HAVE QUITE A BIT OF TIME.

IT WOULD -- IT IS BENEFICIAL IF THE PUBLIC CAN COME OUT AND BRING US THEIR ISSUES IMMEDIATELY SO THAT WE CAN START RESEARCHING AND WE CAN GET INFORMATION FOR OURSELVES TO DISCUSS.

THE MORE DISCUSSION, THE BETTER AS A BOARD, AND IT'S -- THIS BOARD IS -- PUBLIC INPUT IS VERY VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS BOARD, SO -- COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JAN PLATT: TANGENTIAL TO THAT, LIKE MR. COSENTINO HAS BROUGHT THREE DIFFERENT ITEMS, AND I HOPE SOMEBODY'S KEEPING A LIST OF ALL THESE ISSUES SO THAT WE TAKE EACH ONE OF THEM AND ADDRESS THEM AT SOMETIME.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>JAN PLATT: I MEAN, BECAUSE THAT'S -- THAT'S THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC IS TO START ON THAT LIST.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU, MARY.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: THANK YOU.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NEXT ON OUR AGENDA IS THE SPEAKER AND ISSUES LIST.

I KNOW THAT WAS NOT ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT WAS E-MAILED.

IT WAS IN THE PACKET THAT WE -- IN THE BINDER WE RECEIVED AT THE LAST MEETING, AND IT MAY BE IN THIS PACKET THAT IS ON OUR DESK, I'M NOT SURE.

>>EDITH STEWART: YES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I HAVEN'T LOOKED THROUGH THAT.

>>EDITH STEWART: THE ONE THAT'S STAPLED, AND IT INCLUDES AN ARTICLE THAT MR. FISHER ASKED TO BE INCLUDED.

IT HAS ONE OF THE E-MAILS FROM MR. COSENTINO, AND THEN I LISTED THE SPEAKERS FROM THE 2005 AND EARLIER BOARDS AND SOME OF THEIR ISSUES, AND IN ADDITION, IN YOUR BOOK ALREADY YOU'LL SEE A CHART OF MOTIONS IN TAB 6, SO I THINK WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT NOW IS HOW YOU WANT TO DIVIDE YOUR TIME BETWEEN SPEAKERS AND ISSUES.

>>RALPH FISHER: MITCH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

RALPH.

>>RALPH FISHER: FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS, I SENT AN E-MAIL THAT I HAD READ ON BLOOMBERG THAT I CLIPPED AND SENT OVER, AND IF YOU READ THIS, THERE IS A ONE TRILLION -- THAT'S A

"T"

WORD -- A TRILLION-DOLLAR GAP BETWEEN THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE PUT AWAY FOR THE FUTURE OF THEIR RETIREES AND HOW MUCH THEY HAVE.

THEY'VE SAVED TWO TRILLION.

THEY OWE THREE AND A HALF TRILLION.

THERE'S OVER A \$1-TRILLION GAP.

AND I THINK IF WE'RE GOING TO INVITE SPEAKERS -- I'M LOOKING AT THE SPEAKER LIST, AND I DON'T SEE ANYONE THAT COULD ADDRESS THIS ISSUE DIRECTLY, BUT -- AND I -- THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD IS WHAT I'M ASKING FOR HERE BY MAILING THIS TO DISCUSS THIS, BUT I THINK -- I WOULD MAKE A MOTION THAT WE HAVE SOMEONE TO COME BEFORE US TO DESCRIBE WHAT THE PENSION LIABILITIES OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ARE AND HOW IT'S BEING PAID AND DO WE HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY IT. YOU KNOW, ALL THE PEOPLE THAT I EVER TALK TO UP IN LUTZ, NONE OF THEM HAVE PENSIONS.

THEY'RE PAYING ALL THESE TAXES.

THEY DON'T HAVE ANY PENSIONS, AND SO WE'RE PAYING FOR A LOT OF PENSIONS FOR PEOPLE, AND I WANT TO KNOW DO WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR IT, HAVE WE SAVED ENOUGH MONEY, SO I WOULD ASK THAT ONE OF OUR SPEAKERS, PROBABLY SOMEBODY FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE -- LAST TIME WE GOT A FINANCIAL STATEMENT, AND I COULDN'T FIND IN REVIEWING THAT STATEMENT ANY SPECIFIC MENTION OF PENSION LIABILITIES, FUNDED OR NOT.

IT WAS A CURSORY REVIEW, BUT I THINK SOMEBODY WITH -- THAT IS DEALING WITH THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COUNTY -- I BELIEVE THAT'S THE CLERK'S OFFICE THAT'S HANDLING THAT -- I WOULD LIKE TO COME BEFORE US AND TELL US HOW THINGS ARE WITH OUR FUTURE LIABILITIES, AND NOT JUST PENSION, BUT PENSION'S THE THING THAT'S THE MOST PRESSING -- THE MOST PRESSING, AND THIS BLOOMBERG ARTICLE IS SCARY, AND, YOU KNOW, WE ARE -- JOE BROUGHT -- THE REASON I DID THIS IS BECAUSE WHAT JOE ROBINSON SAID LAST TIME.

HE SAID, WE'RE HERE TO LOOK AT EVERY ASPECT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, AND THIS IS -- IN 20 YEARS IF SOMEBODY DOESN'T GET A PENSION CHECK, YOU KNOW, WE WANT -- WE DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN, SO I'M MAKING A MOTION THAT WE HAVE A SPEAKER TO COME AND SPEAK ABOUT THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE PENSION SYSTEM OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

DO WE HAVE A SECOND TO THAT MOTION?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I DON'T WANT TO SECOND, BUT I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

LET'S SEE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: WE'RE STARTING --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET'S SEE IF WE GET A SECOND FIRST, AND THEN I'LL LET YOU GO.

IS THERE A SECOND?

>> I'LL SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND.

OKAY.

WE HAVE A SECOND.

DISCUSSION?

JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: IF WE'RE GOING TO START PUTTING -- MAKING A LIST UP OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE COME BEFORE US, I'D LIKE TO -- I THOUGHT MAYBE WE WOULD GO AROUND AND EVERYBODY PUT WHAT THEY WANT SOMEBODY TO COME HERE AND DO AND DEVELOP THIS SPEAKERS LIST, WHICH THIS SPEAKER LIST IS THE OLD ONE FROM 2005, BUT I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO TRY TO GET EVERYBODY TO HAVE INPUT WHO WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COME BEFORE US, MAKE A MASTER LIST UP, AND MAYBE WE VET THAT OUT BY VOTING, OKAY, WE WANT THIS AND THAT IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO GET ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT EVERYBODY'S GOING TO WANT TO CALL OR ALL THESE ISSUES THAT SOMEONE MAY WANT TO HAVE STAFF OR WHOEVER COME AND PRESENT, SO THAT'S THE FIRST MOTION I'VE HEARD ABOUT HAVING SOMEBODY COME. I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO TRY TO VET ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT ANYBODY AT THE DAIS HERE WANTS TO HAVE AND THEN WE VOTE THEM ON OR OFF AND HAVE LIKE A LIST, AND THEN THAT WAY WE'VE GOT AT LEAST A LIST OF ISSUES THAT WE WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE COME HERE AND SPEAK ABOUT, BUT -- I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM DOING THAT, BUT I KNOW THAT THERE'S OTHER ISSUES,

AND I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO LINE UP WHO'S COMING,  
WHEN, AND LIKE THAT.

SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO SAY WE NEED TO START SAYING IT NOW,  
I'LL JUST GO DOWN MY LIST, YOU KNOW.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, THERE'S A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT  
WAYS WE CAN APPROACH THIS.

BASICALLY I'LL JUST TELL YOU -- JUST KIND OF REHASH HOW WE  
DID IT FIVE YEARS AGO.

BASICALLY WE INVITED THE ELECTED MAYORS, WE INVITED THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, WE INVITED -- LET'S SEE -- WE  
INVITED SOME OF THE MAJOR DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR THE COUNTY,  
WE INVITED SOME INDIVIDUALS WHO, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER,  
WORKED AT -- YOU KNOW, PROFESSORS AT EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS, MAYBE THEY WERE EXPERTS ON CHARTER REVIEW  
BOARDS OR THEY WERE EXPERTS ON THIS, SOMETHING RELATED TO  
THE CHARTER, WE INVITED THEM, AND ONE OF THE ISSUES WITH  
THAT IS WE TRIED TO INVITE THEM AT THE VERY BEGINNING JUST  
BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IF THEY'RE GOING TO TEACH US SOMETHING,  
IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO HEAR FROM THEM AT THE BEGINNING OF  
THE PROCESS SO THAT WE MOVE FORWARD, AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS  
A GOOD POINT.

MR. WHITE, GERALD, BROUGHT THAT UP LAST TIME, AND I THOUGHT  
THAT WAS HELPFUL, SO -- JAN.

>>JAN PLATT: AND I AGREE BECAUSE THEY WILL TELL US WHAT  
OUR LIMITATIONS ARE.

WE HAVE -- THE COUNTY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PENSIONS.  
THEY'RE BY THE STATE, AND I'LL DISCLOSE I GET A STATE  
PENSION FOR HAVING SERVED ON THE COUNTY COMMISSION, SO I'VE  
GOT A CONFLICT OF PROBABLY EVEN SAYING THIS, BUT LEGALLY  
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONS DON'T CONTROL PENSIONS.

YOU'VE GOT TO TALK TO THE LEGISLATURE ABOUT THAT.

IT'S THE STATE.

BUT WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT HAVING ALL THESE CONSTITUTIONAL  
OFFICERS IS THAT THEY WILL TELL US WHAT WE CAN AND CAN'T DO  
BECAUSE WE ARE AN ARM OF THE STATE, WE'RE NOT LIKE CITIES.  
NOW, THE CITY DOES HAVE A PENSION PROBLEM, AND THAT'S ALL  
WITHIN THEIR -- WITHIN THEIR STRUCTURE, BUT NOT WITH  
COUNTIES.

WE'RE UNDER THE STATE AS FAR AS PENSIONS AND A LOT OF OTHER  
THINGS.

THAT'S WHY I AGREE WITH HAVING THE VARIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL  
OFFICERS COME IN AND TELL US WHAT WE CAN AND CAN'T DO.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND WE -- WE ALSO -- I BELIEVE LAST  
TIME WE INVITED SOME INDIVIDUALS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS,  
OTHER CITIES OR WHATEVER, TO KIND OF GIVE US SOME INSIGHT  
ON -- AND THAT'S WHAT CAN DO.

IF THERE'S ANOTHER CITY THAT IS FACING A SIMILAR ISSUE, WE  
COULD INVITE SOMEBODY.

WE'RE PRETTY MUCH OPEN TO WHO WE INVITE.

IT'S UP TO THE BOARD TO DECIDE WHO WE WANT TO INVITE.

WE CAN KIND OF JUST GO THROUGH IT AND LOOK AT IT.

I KNOW LAST TIME WE HAD A MOTION TO INVITE ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE HAD A MOTION TO INVITE CONSTITUTIONAL -- OR THE MAYORS, MOTION TO INVITE THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS. WE KIND OF JUST WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS, AND THEN AT THE VERY END WE KIND OF -- AS JOE SAID, WE CREATED A LIST AT THE VERY END, AND THEN WE WENT THROUGH THAT LIST AND ADDED SOME NAMES, AND WE ENDED UP HAVING A MOTION AT THE VERY END JUST TO APPROVE THAT LIST.

WE CAN ALWAYS, AS WE PROCEED -- YOU KNOW, NEXT MEETING OR MEETING AFTER, IF SOMEBODY COMES TO MIND, WE CAN ALWAYS ADD TO THAT LIST, SO, YOU KNOW, WE CAN DISCUSS IT.

GINA.

>>GINA GRIMES: I WAS GOING TO JUST MENTION THAT AT OUR FIRST MEETING MR. DAVIS CAME AND SPOKE, AND HE SAID SOMETHING I THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY IMPORTANT AND VERY INSIGHTFUL, AND HE SAID, ARE WE GOING TO BE THE KIND OF CHARTER REVIEW BOARD THAT REVIEWS THE CHARTER TO CONFIRM THAT NOTHING IN THE CHARTER NEEDS TO BE CHANGED OR ARE WE GOING TO BE THE KIND OF CHARTER REVIEW BOARD THAT REVIEWS THE CHARTER TO SEE WHAT IN THE CHARTER NEEDS TO BE CHANGED? AND I THINK IT'S KIND OF LIKE YOUR -- THE APPROACH OR THE ATTITUDE THAT YOU TAKE TOWARDS OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, AND I THINK THE BEST -- WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH CHARTERS, THE BEST THING TO DO IS TO START WITH THE CHARTER, AND I DON'T

KNOW -- I KNOW I CAN'T SAY THAT I'VE READ THROUGH THE CHARTER AND I KNOW ALL THE PROVISIONS IN THE CHARTER BECAUSE I DON'T, AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT'S THE BEST PLACE TO START, AND IT'S VERY TEDIOUS AND IT'S PROBABLY KIND OF BORING, BUT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE MARY HELEN TAKE A COUPLE SECTIONS OF THE CHARTER AT A TIME AND JUST TALK US THROUGH WHAT THE CHARTER SAYS BECAUSE BASICALLY OUR POWERS ARE STATED IN ONE SENTENCE, SUCH BOARD SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF ALL PHASES OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

WELL, I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO BE WALKED THROUGH THE CHARTER BECAUSE HOW CAN WE DETERMINE IF WE NEED TO AMEND SOMETHING OR NOT AMEND SOMETHING IF WE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT IT SAYS, KNOW IN DETAIL WHAT IT SAYS.

SO THAT'S JUST MY OPINION ON THE APPROACH TO TAKE, BUT I THINK MR. DAVIS WAS RIGHT, WE HAVE TO -- WE SORT OF HAVE TO DECIDE ARE WE GOING TO REVIEW THE CHARTER TO DECIDE WHAT WE WANT TO CHANGE OR ARE WE GOING TO CONFIRM THAT IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE CHANGED?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

GERALD.

ROCHELLE.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND I AGREE WITH THAT.

NOT ONLY WILL IT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE CHARTER BUT ALSO THE CITIZENS AT HOME THAT ARE WATCHING ON TELEVISION WILL

LEARN THE CHARTER AS WELL, BUT AN ISSUE THAT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AND NEED TO BE STUDIED AND IT'S ABSOLUTE IS THIS COUNTY MAYOR ISSUE THAT'S CONTINUED TO SURFACE, AND I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE COUNTY MAYOR, WHAT A COUNTY MAYOR WOULD MEAN TO HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, WHAT -- THE POWERS OF IT, THE VETO ISSUE.

MY GREATEST CONCERN -- AND I WANT THE AFRICAN AMERICANS IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TO HEAR THIS -- IS THAT IF -- IF A GROUP PLACE SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT, A COUNTY MAYOR PROPOSAL ON THE BALLOT BY PETITION AND IT BECOMES LAW AND THE MINORITY CITIZENS IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HAVEN'T HAD A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN ON IT AND TO STUDY IT AND HOW IT WOULD IMPACT US, AFRICAN AMERICANS, AND WE HAD TO RELY SOLELY ON THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO -- TO LOOK OUT FOR YOUR INTERESTS, I THINK WE WOULD HAVE FAILED, AND SO THAT'S MY GREATEST CONCERN IS THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE FOR IT OR AGAINST IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU SHOULDN'T REALLY DIG INTO IT AND STUDY IT, AND SO THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT.

I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT WHY MIAMI-DADE, ORANGE COUNTY, DUVAL COUNTY, WHY PINELLAS COUNTY HAS JUST DECIDED, WHAT'S GOOD AND WHAT'S BAD ABOUT IT.

LET'S GET INTO THE MEAT OF WHY CITIZENS WENT TO THE POLLS AND VOTED FOR THE VETO POWER ISSUE.

YOU KNOW, TO ME THAT WAS LIKE A STRAW POLL, COMMISSIONER PLATT, AND SO THAT'S A WAKE-UP CALL.

THAT'S A WAKE-UP CALL, AND SO I'M READY TO JUST STUDY --  
STUDY THAT BECAUSE THAT'S THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE, I BELIEVE,  
FACING THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES.

WE JUST -- WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DISCUSS, YOU KNOW --

>>JAN PLATT: AND THAT IS NOT --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME LET ROCHELLE GO REAL QUICK AND  
THEN COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I THINK GINA MADE AN EXCELLENT POINT  
ABOUT US COMING FIRST TO WHAT KIND OF A BOARD WE ARE AND  
HOW WE APPROACH THE PROCESS BECAUSE I'M FRANKLY CONCERNED.  
I'M NOT AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.

NOBODY IN THE PUBLIC ELECTED ME TO LEGISLATE ANYTHING, AND  
I -- I REALLY FEEL THAT THIS BOARD -- IT SHOULD BE  
RESPONSIVE TO THE ISSUES THAT THE PUBLIC BRINGS TO US AND  
THAT OUR PERSONAL AGENDAS -- AND I SAY THIS WITH GREAT  
RESPECT TO YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE COUNTY MAYOR ISSUE --  
OUR PERSONAL AGENDAS ARE REALLY -- I DIDN'T THINK THAT'S  
WHAT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE BRINGING TO THIS BOARD.

I THOUGHT THAT WE ARE A REACTIVE BOARD, NOT NECESSARILY A  
PROACTIVE BOARD, AND MAYBE THAT'S NOT A VIEW THAT EVERYONE  
HERE SHARES, AND IF SO, I WOULD IMAGINE THAT IT'S SOMETHING  
THAT WE OUGHT TO DISCUSS RIGHT AWAY ALONG THE LINES OF WHAT  
GINA PROPOSED BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR US  
TO -- TO NECESSARILY COME WITH AN AGENDA THAT WE THEN TAKE

A POSITION ON.

I'M -- I'M VERY, VERY OPEN TO ANYBODY IN THE PUBLIC THAT WANTS TO COME MAKE A PRESENTATION ABOUT THE COUNTY MAYOR ISSUE, TO EXPERTS OR SPEAKERS ON THIS SIDE OR THAT SIDE, BUT I'M NOT REALLY SURE THAT WE'RE IN A -- APPROPRIATELY SUPPOSED TO PROSELYTIZE FOR ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER OF THIS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME LET JOE SPEAK REAL QUICK AND THEN COMMISSIONER PLATT.

LET ME MENTION WE STILL HAVE A MOTION OUT THERE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS THAT.

>>JAN PLATT: I DON'T THINK IT WAS SECONDED.

OH, IT WAS?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YEAH.

I AGREE WITH YOU; HOWEVER, THE PUBLIC HAS TOLD US.

MR. COSENTINO JUST PUT AN ISSUE ABOUT -- HE'S THE PUBLIC. HE TOLD US HE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE COUNTY MAYOR, AND HE'S WRITTEN SOMETHING, SO WE'VE ALREADY GOT -- I'VE GOTTEN PEOPLE E-MAILING ME, YOU KNOW, IT'S JUST NOT ME, SO HE'S ALREADY OFFICIALLY PUT ON OUR RECORD AS A PUBLIC, THAT'S SOMETHING HE WANTS.

MR. FISHER, HE PUT ON HERE ABOUT THE BLOOMBERG ARTICLE, SO WE'RE GETTING INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC, PER SE, SO WE'VE GOT THE CHARTER MAYOR ALREADY -- SOMEBODY ALREADY HAS COME

TO SAY THAT, AND I AGREE WITH GINA.

I THINK WE NEED TO START WITH THAT CHARTER BECAUSE IT'S A MUNDANE PROCESS, YOU KNOW, IT'S DULL READING, BUT I'VE READ IT, AND I THINK IF WE START WITH THAT, HAVING PEOPLE PRESENT THAT, WE TIE IN LIKE MRS. PLATT AND THEY'RE SAYING, BRING THE CONSTITUTIONALS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, ALONG WITH THAT CHARTER UP FRONT, AND THEN FROM THAT THEN WE CAN MOVE INTO WHICHEVER WAY WE TRY TO DECIDE WHICH ONE WE'RE GOING TO MOVE INTO FIRST, BUT WE ARE GETTING PEOPLE TELLING US THE COUNTY MAYOR IS AN ISSUE.

WE'VE HAD IT AND I'VE HAD IT THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN E-MAILS.

HE'S JUST COME IN AND SAID IT AGAIN TONIGHT AND HE SENT AN E-MAIL, SO IT'S BEEN ASKED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: COMMISSIONER PLATT, GERALD, AND THEN RALPH.

>>JAN PLATT: I WANTED TO AGREE WITH MRS. GRIMES.

WE FIRST NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE CHARTER SAYS.

THERE WAS AN ELECTED ADMINISTRATOR TALKED ABOUT WHEN IT WAS DRAFTED.

IT WAS DEBATED THEN, BUT IT WAS DISCARDED, SO WHY -- I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO GO, AS YOU SAID, LINE BY LINE TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT WE HAVE TODAY, HOW IT WAS -- WHAT THE ARGUMENTS WERE PRO AND CON THAT MAKES UP THE CURRENT CHARTER.

A LOT OF THIS IS SHOOTING FROM THE HIP AND KNEE-JERK REACTION ABOUT THIS MAYOR AND ALL THAT.

I MEAN, IT'S BEEN EVER SINCE -- AND IT'S NOT FROM YOU BUT FROM THE MEMBERS IN THE PUBLIC.

IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT JUST KEEPS STIRRING THE POT.

IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT WILL GO ON FOREVER, BUT I THINK ALL OF US NEED TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE CHARTER THAT WE HAVE, WHAT ITS -- WHAT ITS POTENTIAL IS, WHAT ITS LIMITATIONS ARE, AND MARY HELEN IS ABLE TO DO THAT, AND IT MAY TAKE A COUPLE -- IT MAY TAKE THREE MEETINGS FOR US TO JUST KNOW WHAT IT IS WE'RE DEALING WITH BECAUSE COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS DIFFERENT IN THIS STATE.

I SERVED ON THE CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION REPRESENTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE '60s -- IN THE '70s, AND WHAT I FOUND OUT WAS THAT IN THIS STATE OF FLORIDA, OUR -- OUR -- WE ARE STRUCTURED AS A RURAL STATE.

THE SHERIFFS ARE THE MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE IN THE WHOLE STATE OF FLORIDA, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IN ALL THE COUNTIES. NOW, YOU DON'T BELIEVE -- WELL, YOU EVIDENCED THAT LAST WEEK WITH -- WITH MR. HEINRICH.

WE ARE A DIFFERENT SITUATION IN FLORIDA, SO WE ALL NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT, AND THEN WE CAN DEAL WITH ISSUES THAT THE PUBLIC COMES UP WITH.

SO I -- I AGREE, WE NEED TO SPEND AN IN-DEPTH ON REVIEWING WHAT IT IS WE'VE GOT AND WHY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

GERALD AND RALPH.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, JUST TO RESPOND, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T -- I DID NOT COME TO THIS BOARD EMPTY-HANDED, YOU KNOW, I HAVE MY OWN CONCERNS AS A CITIZEN, AND SO I INTEND TO VOICE MY OWN CONCERNS AS A RESIDENT OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AND A VOTER, AND SO I'D LIKE TO MAKE THAT CLEAR, AND SO I'M GOING TO PURSUE THE THINGS THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, AND I ALSO WANT TO PURSUE THE ISSUES THAT THE PUBLIC BRING TO US AS WELL.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM EVERY ELECTED OFFICIAL BECAUSE I THINK THEY BRING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON IN THEIR -- THEIR OFFICE, WHETHER IT BE A CONSTITUTIONAL, WHETHER IT BE THE CITY, TAMPA, PLANT CITY, OR TEMPLE TERRACE, OR A COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, AND WE NEED TO HEAR FROM -- IF THE STATE SENATORS OR HOUSE MEMBER WANT TO COME, AND SO -- AND THEN THERE'S THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS LIKE THE NAACP, THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, SO THERE'S A POOL OF PEOPLE NOT ONLY NEED TO BE STUDYING THE CHARTER, BUT WE NEED TO ALSO BE INCORPORATING THESE SPEAKERS AS WE GO ALONG.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: RALPH.

>>RALPH FISHER: THANK YOU.

MS. PLATT, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE, YOU'RE SAYING THAT WE COULDN'T DO AWAY WITH PENSIONS?

>>JAN PLATT: NO, NOT IN THE COUNTY.

>>RALPH FISHER: THEY'RE MANDATORY?

>>JAN PLATT: YES, THEY ARE, BECAUSE THEY'RE SET BY STATE LAW BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT ALL THE CONSTITUTIONALS.

ALL OF -- ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES OF ALL THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY ARE STATE EMPLOYEES, THEY'RE NOT COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

NO -- CORRECT ME, MARY HELEN, IF I'M WRONG, BUT IN THAT CASE, THEY ALL GET STATE PENSIONS; AM I NOT RIGHT?

AND SEE, CITIES ARE DIFFERENT.

THEY ARE FREESTANDING, AND SO THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PENSION SYSTEMS, AND SO THEY COULD -- YOU COULD DO WITH THEM WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU CAN WITH THE COUNTY.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: I'LL DOUBLE-CHECK ON THIS, BUT I BELIEVE --

>>JAN PLATT: I'M SURE I'M RIGHT.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: -- YES, THE STATE LAW SAYS LIKE YOUR SPECIAL RISKS ARE THIS MUCH MONEY, THAT MUCH MONEY, AND AS -- YOU KNOW, AND I'LL REMIND YOU, OUR CHARTER CAN'T BE INCONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW.

>>RALPH FISHER: OH, I KNOW.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: BUT I'LL -- LET ME LOOK AT THAT, AND I CAN COME BACK WITH A DEFINITE --

>>RALPH FISHER: WELL, IN LIGHT OF THAT, I AMEND MY MOTION

TO HAVE THE CHARTER -- HAVE OUR LAWYER GO THROUGH THE CHARTER POINT BY POINT AND TELL US WHAT THE STRUCTURE IS, GIVE US SOME HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON IT. HOPEFULLY WE DON'T BELABOR IT FOR TOO MANY MEETINGS, BUT, YOU KNOW, MAYBE SPEND A QUARTER OF A MEETING GOING THROUGH THE CHARTER SO WE ALL HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF IT. SO I AMEND MY MOTION TO SAY LET'S STUDY THE CHARTER AND THEN EVERYBODY LET'S COME UP THE LIST, SO IT'S ONLY ONE THING I'M AMENDING, TO SAY LET'S STUDY THE CHARTER, BUT I -- AND THEN I'M SAYING I'M HOPING SOMEBODY ELSE WILL MAKE A MOTION THAT WE COME UP WITH A SPECIFIC LIST OF INVITEES BY THE NEXT MEETING SO WE CAN MOVE ALONG IN OUR PROCESS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: DO WE HAVE A SECOND TO THAT?

>>JAN PLATT: SECOND.

>>RALPH FISHER: THANK YOU.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND TO THE AMENDED MOTION.

OKAY.

ANY DISCUSSION CONCERNING THIS AMENDED MOTION TO BASICALLY HAVE MARY HELEN FARRIS COME OUT --

>>RALPH FISHER: MS. FARRIS EXPLAIN THE CHARTER TO US.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- AND EXPLAIN THE CHARTER TO US?

ANY DISCUSSION CONCERNING THAT?

IT SEEMS WE'VE KIND OF DISCUSSED IT A LITTLE BIT.

>>JOE AMON: CALL THE QUESTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: THE ONLY THING IS THAT WE NEED TO START

HEARING -- IF WE ALREADY KNOW WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE NEED TO AT LEAST START SCHEDULING ONE OFFICIAL OR SOMETHING PER MEETING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND WE CAN DISCUSS THAT IN A MINUTE. WE'RE JUST ADDRESSING THIS RIGHT NOW.

WE -- YOU KNOW, I DO --

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, HE'S SAYING COME BACK AT THE NEXT MEETING, SO --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, WE HAVEN'T DISCUSSED THAT YET.

>>RALPH FISHER: THAT WASN'T PART OF MY MOTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE HAVEN'T DISCUSSED THAT YET.

BASICALLY WE'RE ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE OF HAVING MARY HELEN FARRIS COME OUT AND GIVE US SOME -- AN OVERVIEW OF THE CHARTER JUST FOR OUR SAKE.

>>GERALD WHITE: I'M FOR THAT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND THEN WE CAN DISCUSS HOW WE WANT TO -- BECAUSE I DO AGREE, WE NEED TO GET -- SOME OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE'VE GOT TO CONTACT THEM IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THEY HAVE BUSY SCHEDULES.

IF WE WANT TO -- IF THEY'RE GOING TO FIT US INTO THEIR CALENDARS, WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE WE NOTIFY THEM IN ADVANCE, AND -- AS WELL AS OTHER INDIVIDUALS, SO RIGHT NOW ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON HAVING MARY HELEN FARRIS COME OUT AND JUST GIVE US AN OVERVIEW OF THE CHARTER? ALL IN FAVOR RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

OKAY.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

NEXT ISSUE -- WELL, LET'S JUST CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE LIST OF SPEAKERS.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

LET ME JUST MENTION -- OKAY.

JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: ISN'T THAT THE NEXT ITEM, NUMBER 7?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

IT LEADS RIGHT INTO IT.

[LAUGHTER]

SEEMS LIKE WE'VE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSING THAT.

OKAY.

SPEAKERS LIST WAS PROVIDED, AND THAT'S THE SPEAKERS LIST FROM THE 2005-2006 CHARTER REVIEW BOARD.

WHEN YOU GO DOWN THE LIST, AS I STATED BEFORE, YOU SEE THE MAYORS, YOU SEE THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, WE INVITED THE VARIOUS LIAISONS, SPANISH LIAISON, AFRICAN-AMERICAN LIAISON, THE ASIAN-AMERICAN LIAISON.

WE INVITED VARIOUS LEADERS OF VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS.

GERALD WHITE AND MYSELF AND -- I'M TRYING TO THINK -- I THINK IT WAS RALPH FISHER WENT TO THE -- WHICH YOU BROUGHT UP LAST TIME -- THE COMMUNITY FORUM.

>>GERALD WHITE: YEAH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND GERALD AND RALPH AND I, WE HAD A BOOTH WHERE WE PASSED OUT INFORMATION.

ANY SUGGESTIONS, ANY IDEAS ON --

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, I KNOW WE HAVE TO HEAR FROM SOMEONE. WE HEARD FROM THE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF -- I'M NOT --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ROBERT KERSTEIN, I BELIEVE, WAS ON APRIL 18th, 2005.

>>GERALD WHITE: BUT WE NEED -- I'M NOT SURE WHO WOULD COME, BUT SOMEONE FROM THE POLITICAL SCIENCE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, ONE OF THE PROFESSORS.

IF IT CAN BE THE SAME THAT HAS WROTE EXTENSIVELY ON A COUNTY CHARTER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

WE CAN HAVE EDITH LOOK INTO WHO CAN COME FROM USF, AND WE HAD A PROFESSOR FROM THE DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA, SO THEY WERE BOTH GOOD AND BROUGHT A LOT TO THE TABLE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ARE YOU MAKING A -- JAN.

>>JAN PLATT: WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE LIST THAT WE HAD LAST TIME, THE 2005, THOSE WHO WERE INVITED?

>>RALPH FISHER: THE NAMES HAVE CHANGED.

>>JAN PLATT: NOW, ALL OF THEM DIDN'T SHOW.

I KNOW.

WELL, ELIMINATE -- STRIKE OFF THOSE THAT HAVE SWITCHED, BUT

STILL -- I MEAN, THERE'S A BASIC LIST, THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, THE COMMISSIONERS, THE MAYORS, AND YOU'VE GOT THE CITY, YOU'VE GOT -- I MEAN, YOU'VE GOT MacMANUS FROM --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IT WAS A GOOD LIST.

>>JAN PLATT: IT'S A GREAT LIST.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE CAN ALWAYS ADD TO IT.

IF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL HAS CHANGED OR SOMETHING --

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- WE CAN JUST INVITE THE PERSON WHO TOOK THEIR PLACE.

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH.

>>GERALD WHITE: YEAH, I THINK THAT'S A GOOD LIST.

WE NEED TO START WITH THAT LIST IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION.

>>JAN PLATT: THEY WON'T COME.

I MEAN ALL THE PEOPLE WON'T COME, BUT AT LEAST IT'S WORTH A TRY.

>>GERALD WHITE: ALL THE INDIVIDUALS THAT HOLD THOSE SAME POSTS NOW.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: JOE.

>>JOE AMON: THESE ARE ALL FROM THE LOCAL AREA.

HAVE WE EVER GONE OUTSIDE THE AREA?

LIKE, FOR INSTANCE, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE ISSUE ABOUT THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, COUNTY-CITY GOVERNMENT.

IS THERE A CHANCE THAT WE CAN GET SOMEBODY FROM DUVAL?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE -- LAST 2005-2006 WE INVITED

SOMEBODY FROM JACKSONVILLE, AND I CAN'T RECALL IF THEY TELEPHONED IN, BUT, I MEAN, WE CAN INVITE -- AS A BOARD, WE CAN DECIDE TO INVITE ANYONE WE WANT.

I MEAN, IF THERE'S SOMEBODY IN ANOTHER COMMUNITY THAT'S FACING A SIMILAR ISSUE AND WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THEM, WE CAN INVITE THEM.

I MEAN, WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE WANT AS A BOARD, SO --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: CAN WE -- IS THIS A ROLLING LIST?

IN OTHER WORDS, AS TIME GOES ON, WE CAN CHANGE IT AND ADD TO IT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL -- YES.

AS A BOARD, ONCE WE -- I MEAN, IF WE APPROVE A LIST RIGHT NOW AND WE DECIDE WE WANT TO ADD SOMEBODY, LATER SOMEBODY COMES UP WITH A NAME AND WE DECIDE AS A BOARD TO ADD THEM, WE CAN DO THAT.

THIS LIST RIGHT NOW -- I MEAN, IF WE DECIDE ON A LIST RIGHT NOW, THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE OUR FINAL LIST.

JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: ONE THING I DON'T SEE ON HERE, THAT WOULD BE INTERESTING, AND THAT'S SOMEBODY FROM SWFWMD BECAUSE WE'VE HAD SOME ISSUES.

I KNOW THEY GOT SOMEBODY FROM THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY, AND I THINK WATER IS AN ISSUE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND I DON'T SEE ANYBODY ON THIS LIST FROM SWFWMD, AND I THINK SWFWMD NEEDS TO BE ON THIS LIST.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

RALPH.

>>RALPH FISHER: AND MITCH, THE OTHER THING IS IN 2005 WE WERE IN A BOOM ECONOMY.

I MEAN, WE ARE IN A VIRTUAL DEPRESSION RIGHT NOW.

WE HAVE 12.7% UNEMPLOYMENT.

ISN'T THAT THE RATE HERE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY?

I MEAN, IT SEEMS TO ME WE SHOULD HAVE PEOPLE COME IN AND TALK TO US ABOUT WHAT IS IN THE CHARTER THAT'S KEEPING PEOPLE FROM HIRING AND EMPLOYING PEOPLE, AND PROBABLY THOSE ARE GOING TO BE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES SINCE THEY'RE THE ONES THAT SEEM TO BE CREATING JOBS WHERE THEY ARE BEING CREATED, SO I DON'T KNOW WHO IT IS, BUT WE NEED TO GET PEOPLE IN HERE THAT ARE GOING TO TELL US HOW TO FIX HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AND LET IT BE A LEADERSHIP COUNTY IN TERMS OF JOBS.

I MEAN, THAT, TO ME, IS THE MOST CRITICAL THING THAT WE COULD EVEN THINK OF TALKING ABOUT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ROCHELLE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I THINK WE ALSO WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY INVITING SOMEONE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY, AND I'M THINKING OF -- YOU KNOW, I'M OPEN TO WHO THAT MIGHT BE, BUT I'M THINKING ABOUT SOMEONE LIKE A MARIELLA SMITH OR SOMEONE WHO IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES FACING THE COUNTY.

I'D CERTAINLY LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT THAT.

>>RALPH FISHER: I HAVE AN IDEA, MITCH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: RALPH.

>>RALPH FISHER: WHY DON'T ALL OF US COME UP WITH ONE OR TWO PEOPLE AND THE SUBJECTS THAT WE'D LIKE THEM TO TALK ABOUT IN ADDITION TO THIS LIST OF THE CORE CONSTITUTIONALS? WE EXTEND -- WE -- I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE A MOTION AT THIS SECOND, BUT WE MAKE A MOTION THAT WE HAVE ALL THE CONSTITUTIONALS BE INVITED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND I GUESS YOU WANT ELECTED MAYORS.

>>RALPH FISHER: ALL THE ELECTED MAYORS AND THE CONSTITUTIONALS, AND THEN -- AND THEN EACH OF US -- EACH OF US BRING SOMETHING, I MEAN, MR. ROBINSON BRING SOMETHING, MS. REBACK.

EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN PERSPECTIVE.

WE HAVE A HISTORIC KNOWLEDGE WITH MS. PLATT.

I MEAN, WE --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

>>RALPH FISHER: YEAH, AND THE COMMISSIONERS, SO I THINK ALL OF US CAN SUGGEST SOMEONE AND GERALD COULD SUGGEST SOMEONE.

ALL OF US COULD COME UP WITH SOMEBODY THAT COULD COME IN AND TALK ABOUT SORT OF ANOTHER ISSUE, AND RATHER THAN ONE AT A TIME YES OR NO, LET'S JUST SAY EACH OF US CAN INVITE SOMEBODY, AND THEN WE COULD, OF COURSE, VOTE DOWN THAT

PERSON, BUT JUST COME BACK NEXT MEETING WITH TWO NAMES AND WHAT IT IS YOU WANT THEM TO TALK ABOUT, AND THEN WE'LL MULL IT OVER, AND MAYBE WE'LL THROW A COUPLE OF THE PEOPLE OUT, MAYBE THE TWO I CHOOSE YOU-ALL DON'T LIKE, THAT'S FINE, BUT THEN WE MOVE FORWARD BECAUSE WE CAN SIT AROUND AND TALK ABOUT WHAT ABOUT THIS GUY, THAT GUY, SO I MAKE A MOTION THAT WE INVITE THE CONSTITUTIONALS, NUMBER ONE.

>> I'LL SECOND THAT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: DISCUSSION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: DISCUSSION.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I'D RATHER GO AHEAD AND GET ALL THOSE OUT THE WAY, THE COUNTY COMMISSION, THE CONSTITUTIONALS, AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS.

>> RIGHT.

>>RALPH FISHER: I'M SORRY.

I MEANT --

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>> THE FIRST THREE ON THE LIST FROM '05.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: RIGHT.

>> RIGHT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: BUT THE NEW NAMES --

>> THE FIRST THREE GROUPS.

RIGHT.

>>RALPH FISHER: COMMISSIONERS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS IS WHAT THE MOTION IS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

SECOND?

>> SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

WE GOT A SECOND.

WE'VE GOT A MOTION NOW TO INVITE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, AND THE MAYORS, WHICH WOULD BE  
TAMPA, TEMPLE TERRACE, AND PLANT CITY.

SO ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

ALL IN FAVOR RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

OKAY.

THAT MOTION -- ANYONE OPPOSED, RIGHT HAND.

THAT MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, I WANT TO HEAR FROM THE MAYORS  
FIRST, IF POSSIBLE.

I WANT TO HEAR FROM THE MAYORS FIRST.

HOW DO WE GO ABOUT DOING THAT BECAUSE I REALLY WANT TO GET  
THE MAYORS IN HERE FIRST.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DISCUSS  
THAT AS A BOARD.

I MEAN, THERE'S A LOT OF -- WE'RE INVITING A LOT OF  
DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

WE NEED TO -- WE STILL NEED TO DISCUSS THAT, AND AS A  
BOARD, WE'VE GOT TO DECIDE WHAT OUR SCHEDULE'S GOING TO BE,

SO -- ANY COMMENT?

RALPH.

>>RALPH FISHER: THAT'S EASY.

I MEAN, WE JUST TELL THEM, WHEN CAN YOU COME --

>> RIGHT, YEAH.

>>RALPH FISHER: -- AND THEN WHEN THEY CAN SHOW UP, THEY  
SHOW UP, AND HOPEFULLY THEY'LL BE MAYORS FIRST.

I MEAN, WHATEVER.

I MEAN, WE JUST TELL THEM THESE ARE THE DAYS WE'RE HERE.

TELL US WHAT DAY IS GOOD FOR YOU.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'VE GOT TO GET THEM TO SHOW UP  
FIRST.

>>RALPH FISHER: YOU KNOW.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: BEFORE WE MOVE ON, THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON  
THAT I REALLY WANT TO INVITE HERE, AND IT WAS THE ATTORNEY  
THAT ARGUED THE CASE FOR THE COUNTY MAYOR THAT WON THE CASE  
THAT TOOK THE COUNTY MAYOR ISSUE OFF THE BALLOT, AND THAT'S  
THE ATTORNEY JENNIFER BLOHM OUT OF TALLAHASSEE.

DID I SAY THAT RIGHT, MARY HELEN?

AND SHE WON THE CASE STRIKING THE ISSUE FROM THE BALLOT,  
AND SO TO ME THAT SAID THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY'S CHARTER, SO -- SHE WON THE CASE.

THE COURTS TOOK IT OFF.

>>JAN PLATT: UH-UH.

>> NO.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, ANYWAY, I DON'T KNOW THE -- I DON'T KNOW --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MAYBE WE COULD GET SOME INFORMATION.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- THE OUTCOME, BUT I WOULD LIKE FOR HER TO COME AND GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE PETITION.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: IT DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH SUBSTANTIVE CHARTER-RELATED ISSUES WHY IT WAS STRICKEN. IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT.

THAT CASE HAS NO USEFUL VALUE TO THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF CHARTER REVIEW, IT HAD TO DO WITH VERY TECHNICAL ELECTION-RELATED MATTERS ABOUT SIGNATURES AND WHAT HAVE YOU.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: MR. CHAIRMAN, THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS SIGNED A PETITION IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY THAT PLACED AN ISSUE ON THE BALLOT.

WHETHER YOU WERE FOR OR AGAINST IT, THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS BECAUSE OF THE COURT CASE IT WAS STRICKEN FROM THE BALLOT, AND SO THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY DESERVE AN ANSWER, AND IF SHE WOULD COME AND AT LEAST ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS AND TALK TO US, I WOULD LIKE FOR HER TO COME.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

LET ME ASK, ARE YOU MAKING A MOTION ON THAT OR DO YOU WANT FURTHER DISCUSSION HERE?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I JUST THINK THAT WE HAVE TO SORT OF PRIORITIZE OUR -- OUR WORK HERE, AND, I MEAN, IF YOU -- IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHY IT WAS STRICKEN FROM THE BALLOT, I THINK MARY HELEN CAN CERTAINLY GIVE AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE ORDER OF THE COURT THAT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY IT WAS STRICKEN, AND I THINK WITH THAT SUMMARY, YOU AND ANYONE WATCHING AT HOME WOULD -- WOULD FEEL SECURE THAT THAT DECISION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF -- OF THE WAY THE CHARTER IS STRUCTURED OR SHOULD BE RESTRUCTURED.

IT REALLY DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT, AND -- AND MAYBE IT'S USEFUL TO REINFORM THE PEOPLE AT HOME WHO DIDN'T SEE IT IN THE NEWSPAPER WHY -- OR ON THE INTERNET OR IN ANY OTHER PUBLIC FORUM WHY THE -- WHY THE BALLOT WAS STRICKEN, THE BALLOT MATTER, BUT I THINK THAT'S ALL IT WOULD REQUIRE, AND I DON'T -- WE DON'T -- CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE A BUDGET TO BRING HER HERE FROM TALLAHASSEE, AND I JUST THINK THAT THAT WOULD NOT BE A VERY EFFECTIVE USE OF OUR TIME, BUT --

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, THAT'S YOUR OPINION, AND SO I'LL JUST -- SHE WON THE CASE, YOU KNOW.

SHE AFFECTED THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS, SO I'D LIKE JUST TO MAKE A MOTION TO ASK HER TO COME TO HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IS THERE A SECOND BEFORE WE DO DISCUSSION?

OKAY.

NO SECOND.

OKAY.

THAT'S IT.

GINA.

>>GINA GRIMES: I THINK RALPH'S SUGGESTION WAS A GOOD ONE.

THERE'S 14 PEOPLE ON THIS BOARD; RIGHT?

IF EACH ONE OF US COME UP WITH TWO NAMES, THAT'S 28

INVITEES.

THAT DOESN'T COUNT THE PROBABLY 15 OR SO THAT WE ALREADY --

>>GERALD WHITE: ALL I WANT IS ONE PERSON TO COME.

>>GINA GRIMES: I KNOW, BUT I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA.

WE'VE ALREADY INVITED A HOST OF PEOPLE.

WE ONLY HAVE I THINK 29, 30 MEETINGS THAT WE APPROVED AS

FAR AS OUR MEETING SCHEDULE THE LAST TIME, SO WE'RE GOING

TO HAVE, YOU KNOW, MORE THAN ONE PERSON SPEAKING AT EVERY

MEETING, BUT IF WE EACH COME UP WITH A LIST OF TWO PEOPLE

WE THINK ARE IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM AND WE BRING IT BACK

NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY AT THAT SAME MEETING AS WHEN MARY

HELEN'S GOING TO DO THE BRIEFING ON THE CHARTER, AND THEN

WE VOTE ON WHO ELSE WE WANT TO HEAR FROM IN ADDITION TO

THESE THREE GROUPS, I THINK OUR AGENDA'S GOING TO BE FULL

AT THAT STAGE, SO --

>>GERALD WHITE: WE HAVE A FULL YEAR.

>>GINA GRIMES: I UNDERSTAND, BUT I THINK WE'VE APPROVED A SCHEDULE THAT ONLY INCLUDES 29 MEETINGS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IT'S KIND OF HARD TO VOTE ON THE INDIVIDUALS WHEN WE DON'T KNOW THE -- EVERYBODY THAT'S OUT -- I MEAN --

>>GINA GRIMES: RIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM EVERYBODY PERSONALLY BEFORE WE HAVE INDIVIDUAL VOTES.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, WHAT ARE WE DOING, JUST ADDING -- WELL, WHAT ARE WE DOING?

HOW ARE WE DOING THIS --

>> I THINK WE'RE MOVING ON.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- ADDING NAMES TO A LIST?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'RE MOVING ON RIGHT NOW.

>>RALPH FISHER: MITCH, I'LL MAKE A MOTION.

I'LL WANT TO MOVE THAT EACH OF US BRING ONE AND ONE OPTION. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CAN BRING TWO PEOPLE TO THE TABLE TO SUGGEST THAT WE INVITE IN ADDITION TO THE PEOPLE WE JUST VOTED ON.

THAT'S MY MOTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

SECONDED.

>>RALPH FISHER: AND THEN WE VOTE ON THE NEXT MEETING WHO WE ACTUALLY ALLOW TO COME WITH A GOAL TOWARD MAYBE ONE EACH AT THE MAX BECAUSE OF THIS LIMITATION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

WE HAVE A MOTION FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO BRING ONE -- ONE  
NAME AND AN OPTION.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I HAVE AN AMENDMENT.

IS THAT HOW WE'RE PROCEEDING?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: ONE OUTSIDE THE PEOPLE ON THIS ENTIRE  
LIST OR -- I GUESS I'M GOING TO MOVE OUTSIDE THE PEOPLE ON  
THIS ENTIRE LIST, NOT JUST OUTSIDE THE FIRST THREE THAT WE  
JUST -- CATEGORIES THAT WE JUST APPROVED.

IN OTHER WORDS, OUTSIDE OF PEOPLE FROM COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
WHO ARE LISTED IN THESE POSITIONS, OUTSIDE OF BUILDERS  
ASSOCIATION PEOPLE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YOU KNOW, PEOPLE CAN JUST -- WE -- AS  
MEMBERS, WE CAN BRING A LIST, AND THEN WE CAN DISCUSS WHO  
WE'RE GOING TO INVITE.

JUST BECAUSE EVERYBODY BRINGS THESE NAMES, WE'RE NOT  
LOCKED --

>>RALPH FISHER: MS. REBACK, I WOULDN'T WANT IT TO BE  
RESTRICTIVE.

WHOEVER -- I MEAN, THERE MAY BE SOMEBODY WHO FORTUITOUSLY  
HAPPENS TO WORK FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AND HAS ALL KINDS  
OF INSIGHT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: RIGHT.

>>RALPH FISHER: I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE RESTRICTED ON  
INVITING THAT PERSON.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: OKAY.

SO I JUST WOULD AMEND YOUR MOTION TO SAY TO LOSE THE ONE  
NAME AND JUST BRING -- EVERY -- WE SHOULD BRING A LIST AND  
A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT OF WHY WE THINK THAT PERSON IS AN  
APPROPRIATE --

>>RALPH FISHER: WELL, 14 TIMES TWO IS 28.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: RIGHT.

>>RALPH FISHER: MS. PLATT'S GIVING A REAL FROWN OVER  
THERE, I THINK.

>>GINA GRIMES: WE ALREADY HAVE 15 THAT WE INVITED.

>>GERALD WHITE: YEAH, SHE'S TRYING TO HAVE IT BOTH WAYS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE HAVE AN AMENDED MOTION.

DO WE HAVE A SECOND ON THAT?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I THOUGHT IT WAS SECONDED, WAS IT NOT?

>>GERALD WHITE: I SECOND.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I'VE JUST GOT A QUESTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES, JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: THAT DOESN'T -- SO WE COME WITH ALL OF  
THIS AND WE DELIBERATE AND ALL THIS AND WE SAY, YOU KNOW  
WHAT, WE NEED TO INVITE SOMEBODY ELSE THAT AIN'T ON THE  
LIST, WE DIDN'T APPROVE BECAUSE WE'RE DOING THIS AFTER THE  
SECOND MEETING AND AFTER FIVE MEETINGS OR SO OR TEN  
MEETINGS WE MIGHT HAVE SOMEBODY WE JUST REALLY NEED, THAT  
DOESN'T PRECLUDE THAT, DOES IT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO.

>>RALPH FISHER: NO.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I MEAN, WE'RE OPEN -- YOU KNOW, WE CAN INVITE -- AS A BOARD, WE CAN DECIDE TO INVITE ANYBODY WE WANT ANYTIME WE WANT.

>>RALPH FISHER: RIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'RE JUST TRYING TO PLAN FOR IT, GET AN IDEA, AND I THINK RALPH'S MAIN MOTION WAS JUST TO GET SOME NAMES THROWN OUT THERE JUST FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES JUST TO KIND OF -- BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WE COULD POSSIBLY INVITE.

WE DON'T HAVE AN UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME, BUT WE NEED TO -- WE NEED TO DECIDE WHO WE'RE GOING TO INVITE, YOU KNOW, EARLY IN THIS PROCESS JUST SO WE CAN SCHEDULE EVERYBODY.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, LET ME ASK THIS QUESTION, AND I KNOW THERE'S A MOTION ON THE --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE GOT A MOTION, AND WE DID GET AN AMENDED MOTION BY ROCHELLE.

>>GERALD WHITE: CAN WE -- CAN OUR INVITEE BE WHOLE? CAN WE JUST SAY, HEY, THIS IS THE PERSON I WANT OR THIS IS THE GROUP OR WHATEVER AND, YOU KNOW, BE -- BE INCLUDED INTO THE POOL WITHOUT BEING THROWN OUT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

>>JAN PLATT: NO.

NO.

>>GERALD WHITE: CAN WE JUST -- CAN WE SAY, HEY, I WANT

JENNIFER BLOHM TO COME.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AS A BOARD, WE'VE GOT TO APPROVE.

>>GERALD WHITE: I'M SAYING -- I'M SAYING, BUT CAN WE AGREE, CAN WE TALK ABOUT THAT, BRING WHOEVER WE WANT? YOU KNOW, WE ALL COME FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THIS COUNTY, WE HAVE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES, AND IT'S A POSSIBILITY THAT A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY'S WISHES AND IDEAS COULD BE LEFT OFF THE TABLE BY THE MAJORITY, AND SO I'M SAYING CAN WE -- WHOEVER WE WANT, CAN WE JUST PUT IT INTO THE POT AND IT BE KEPT WHOLE AND NOT BE TAKEN OUT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AS A BOARD, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO VOTE ON WHO WE'RE GOING TO INVITE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: MAKE A CASE FOR WHOMEVER YOU WANT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

YOU CAN COME -- ONCE WE GET ALL THE NAMES, WE CAN DECIDE ON OUR FINAL LIST.

COMMISSIONER PLATT, AND THEN WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THAT AMENDED MOTION.

>>JAN PLATT: I GUESS I HAVE A CONCERN AS I LOOK AT THIS LIST OF THE PEOPLE WHO SHOWED UP LAST TIME.

I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY GOT INVITED, BUT SOMEONE FROM THE CARROLLWOOD ASSOCIATION, SOMEONE FROM THE SUN CITY ASSOCIATION.

YOU KNOW, SUN CITY IS -- HAS A POPULATION GREATER THAN TEMPLE TERRACE.

BRANDON HAS A -- HAS A CHAMBER THAT IS VERY VOCAL, AND THEY HAVE REPRESENTATIVES.

TOWN 'N COUNTRY.

HOW -- AND I GUESS MY QUESTION IS -- I THINK WE NEED TO HEAR -- HEAR FROM THEM SOME WAY IN A STRUCTURED WAY.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET AT?

THEY HAVE ORGANIZED STRUCTURES IN SUN CITY, IN BRANDON, IN RUSKIN, IN TOWN 'N COUNTRY, IN WESTCHASE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

>>JAN PLATT: AND THAT WOULD -- HOW WOULD -- I MEAN, I THINK THEY AUTOMATICALLY OUGHT TO BE INVITED, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THAT, BUT --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I GUESS -- IN MY -- MY BELIEF AS TO HOW THEY GOT INVITED IN SOME SITUATIONS WAS DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, THEY SHOWED UP AT THE FIRST MEETING, SOME OF THEM -- I KNOW LIKE TOM JONES AND SOME OF THE OTHERS -- I DON'T KNOW IF TOM JONES IS ON THAT LIST, BUT SOME OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS ACTUALLY SHOWED UP DURING PUBLIC COMMENT.

THERE ARE -- LIKE COMMISSIONER PLATT SAID, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS AROUND HERE.

I KNOW WE INVITED THE CHAIR OF THE CAC THE LAST TIME FOR CHARTER REVIEW BOARD.

THAT'S WHY I THINK GETTING A LIST IS CRITICAL JUST TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT IT BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO INVITE EVERYBODY OUT THERE.

>>JAN PLATT: SURE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TIME TO DO THAT, BUT WE'VE JUST GOT TO GET A LIST AND KIND OF GO THROUGH IT AND MAKE A DETERMINATION WHO TO -- YOU KNOW -- AND TRY TO PICK A WIDE VARIETY OF PEOPLE SO WE CAN GET SOME DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS.

>>GERALD WHITE: MR. CHAIR, I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT FAIRNESS, AND, YOU KNOW, I'M JUST -- I'M CALLING FOR FAIRNESS.

I DON'T WANT A PERSON THAT I BELIEVE AS A CHARTER BOARD MEMBER CAN BRING SOMETHING TO THE TABLE, YOU KNOW, JUST, YOU KNOW BLOCKED -- BLOCKED -- POLITICALLY BLOCKED, AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, AND SO THAT'S WHY I WANT A PROCESS WHERE AT LEAST EVERY MEMBER CAN BRING SOMEONE, YOU KNOW -- IF THEY -- YOU KNOW, IF THEY CAN BRING SOMETHING TO THE TABLE, LET THEM COME AND SPEAK.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOUR NAME, AND YOU'LL HAVE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WHY WE SHOULD VOTE ON THEM TO BE BROUGHT.

>>GERALD WHITE: I'M HEARING THINGS I DON'T LIKE ALREADY.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: LET ME JUST SAY EVERYBODY'S AVAILABLE. YOU KNOW, YOU CAN INVITE WHOMEVER YOU CHOOSE TO SPEAK DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: NO, NO, NO.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: NO ONE'S BEING PRECLUDED.

>>GERALD WHITE: I'M TALKING ABOUT STUDY.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THREE MINUTES, I'M TALKING ABOUT STUDY.

I'M TALKING ABOUT GETTING A LITTLE TIME, PRESENTING THEIR CASE.

THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: CALL FOR QUESTION.

BASICALLY --

>>RALPH FISHER: SAY YOUR AMENDMENT AGAIN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE HAVE THE AMENDED MOTION.

WE DON'T HAVE A SECOND.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: SECOND TO THE AMENDED MOTION.

CALLING FOR THE QUESTION.

>>RALPH FISHER: CAN YOU SAY WHAT IT IS AGAIN.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WELL, MY SUGGESTION WAS THAT WE COME AND BRING -- I THINK IT WAS TWO NAMES.

YOU HAD ONE NAME AND I'M SAYING TWO NAMES -- OTHER THAN THE INDIVIDUALS OR THE POSITIONS CITED ON THIS MARCH 14th, 2005, LIST, ANY OF THE POSITIONS, ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS ON THIS MARCH 14th, 2005, LIST.

I REALIZE THAT WE'VE ALREADY APPROVED THE FIRST THREE CATEGORIES, THE COUNTY COMMISSION -- COMMISSIONERS, THE

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, AND THE MUNICIPAL MAYORS, SO IT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THOSE CATEGORIES, BUT IT WOULD ALSO BE IN ADDITION TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CATEGORY, THE OTHERS, AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY, AND BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, AND I EXPECT THAT WHEN WE COME WITH OUR TWO NAMES THAT WE HAVE A VERY BRIEF REASON TO PRESENT AS TO WHY THESE PEOPLE HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER SUBSTANTIVELY TO THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

AND WE HAD A SECOND.

OKAY.

AND LET ME JUST MENTION --

>>JAN PLATT: CLARIFICATION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE -- I'M SORRY.

>>JAN PLATT: COULD I ASK YOU TO CLARIFY BECAUSE YOU MENTIONED THESE OTHER LISTS, SO, LIKE, SUSAN MacMANUS, IS SHE AUTOMATICALLY ON IT AND --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: IN MY MOTION SHE'S NOT AUTOMATICALLY ON IT.

>>JAN PLATT: SHE'S NOT ON IT?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: CORRECT.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE STILL NEED TO DISCUSS THAT WHEN WE COME BACK WITH A LIST BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T APPROVED THE OTHERS OTHER THAN -- WE HAVEN'T APPROVED THE SPEAKERS OTHER

THAN THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, THE MAYORS, AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

WE HAVE ANOTHER GROUP OF NAMES THAT IS THERE -- ALREADY THERE FOR DISCUSSION.

>>GINA GRIMES: BUT WE'RE NOT LIMITED TO THOSE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO, WE'RE NOT LIMITED.

THEN WE'LL BRING FORTH OUR TWO NAMES EACH BASED ON YOUR AMENDED MOTION --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: RIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- AND BASED ON THAT, THEN WE HAVE A LARGE GROUP -- I GUESS A LARGE GROUP OF NAMES WE CAN DISCUSS AND NARROW IT DOWN HOWEVER WE FEEL FIT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: AND I WOULD SAY -- THIS IS NOT TO FURTHER AMEND THE MOTION BUT JUST TO FURTHER CLARIFY -- THAT AS TO THESE OTHER CATEGORIES THAT ARE ON THE LIST ALREADY FROM 2005, IT MAY BE THAT DR. SUSAN MacMANUS IS A VERY HELPFUL PERSON TO HEAR FROM OR IT MAY BE THAT THERE'S SOMEONE OTHER THAN SUSAN MacMANUS WHO HAS HELPFUL INFORMATION IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA OF EXPERTISE THAT WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE, SO IF SOMEONE THINKS THAT THEY HAVE A BETTER SUGGESTION THAN SUSAN MacMANUS, THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THAT AS WELL.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

OKAY.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

>>GREG PRESEAU: IS THERE A TIME FRAME ON THIS MOTION?

WHEN DO YOU WANT THESE NAMES?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: NEXT MEETING.

>>GREG PRESEAU: WELL, THEN CAN EDITH PUT A DIRECTIVE OUT TO THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT ARE NOT HERE SO THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS MOTION AND WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK?

>>RALPH FISHER: YEAH.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: DOES THAT NEED TO BE ANOTHER AMENDMENT? I MEAN, I ACCEPT THAT -- I ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

>>GREG PRESEAU: BECAUSE I CAN'T CALL THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THE SUNSHINE LAW AND SAY, HEY, YOU NEED TO GIVE TWO NAMES --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: RIGHT.

GOOD IDEA.

>>GREG PRESEAU: -- YOU KNOW, SO --

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

WE'VE GOT A SECOND ON THAT?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I'M SECONDING IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THAT'S GOOD.

>>JAN PLATT: FOR CLARIFICATION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>JAN PLATT: THIS IS THE LAST ONE.

CAN WE HAVE THAT LIST PRIOR TO THE MEETING SO THAT WE CAN HAVE -- SO THAT WE HAVE THE COMPILED LIST BEFORE WE SIT DOWN HERE SO WE CAN THINK ABOUT IT IN OUR HEADS IN CASE THERE'S DUPLICATION, THAT KIND OF THING?

IN OTHER WORDS, INSTEAD OF COMING HERE AT THE MEETING AND HAVING IT SPRUNG ON US OF WHO THOSE PEOPLE ARE, CAN WE HAVE IT -- AND I'M JUST ASKING AS PART OF THE AGENDA.

>>GINA GRIMES: WE MEET NEXT WEEK.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: THAT'S AN ASPIRATIONAL GOAL.

[LAUGHTER]

>>GREG PRESEAU: MAYBE WE COULD AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO BRING NAMES AND BIOS, AND THEN WE CAN DECIDE THE FOLLOWING MEETING, AND THAT WAY WE HAVE A WEEK TO, YOU KNOW, GO OVER THE NAMES AND SUCH.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I DON'T ACCEPT THE GOING ANOTHER WEEK PART OF YOUR AMENDMENT, AND I THINK THAT HAVING THEM AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MEETING WOULD BE A TERRIFIC ASPIRATIONAL GOAL WE SHOULD ALL TRY TO ACHIEVE.

>>RALPH FISHER: YOU DON'T HAVE TO BRING ANYBODY'S NAME.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SO WE HAVE A MOTION RIGHT NOW TO EACH MEMBER BRING -- CORRECT ME IF I DON'T STATE THIS RIGHT. EACH OF THE MEMBERS HERE IS GOING TO BRING TWO ADDITIONAL NAMES TO THE NEXT MEETING AND -- TWO ADDITIONAL NAMES TO THE NEXT MEETING AND --

>>RALPH FISHER: WE'LL GET THEM TO MS. STEWART.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'LL GET THEM TO -- ACTUALLY, THE MEMBERS WILL GET THEM TO EDITH IN ADVANCE SO THAT SHE CAN COMPILE A LIST AND GET IT TO ALL MEMBERS BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING SO WE CAN REVIEW IT AHEAD OF TIME.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: IF THEY WISH TO BRING TWO NAMES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH, IF THEY WISH.

I MEAN, IT'S -- YOU'RE NOT FORCED TO, BUT THIS IS JUST A MOTION THAT, YOU KNOW, HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET SOME ADDITIONAL NAMES TO DISCUSS, SO -- WE HAVE A SECOND ON THAT MOTION.

ANY FURTHER --

>>RECORDING SECRETARY: MAY I PLEASE CLARIFY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- DISCUSSION BEFORE WE VOTE?

YES.

>>RECORDING SECRETARY: EXCUSE ME.

MAY I PLEASE CLARIFY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>RECORDING SECRETARY: IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IF YOU'RE AMENDING HIS MOTION, HE NEEDS TO AGREE, OR IS YOURS A SUBSTITUTE MOTION?

>>RALPH FISHER: I AGREED.

I DID AGREE.

>>RECORDING SECRETARY: HE DID AGREE.

>>RECORDING SECRETARY: HE DID AGREE?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>GERALD WHITE: MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST FOR CLARIFICATION HERE

NOW, JUST ONE OF THE TWO -- LIKE, FOR INSTANCE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP, WOULD THAT ONE INDIVIDUAL HAVE TO BRING FORTH THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THEY'RE ALREADY ON THAT LIST, AREN'T THEY?

>> NO, BUT -- THEY ARE, BUT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SAYING, THESE PEOPLE OTHER THAN THE CONSTITUTIONALS AND THE MAYORS, THEY'RE NOT AUTOMATICALLY INVITED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

>> SOMEONE'S GOING TO HAVE TO BRING UP THE NAME.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WAIT A SECOND.

OKAY.

I MAY BE A LITTLE BIT CONFUSED THERE.

>> I THINK THAT'S WHAT SHE INTENDED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IS THAT WHAT YOU INTENDED OR IN ADDITION TO THIS LIST?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WELL, I MEAN, WHEN YOU SHOW UP WITH YOUR TWO NAMES -- WE CAN ALSO OPEN THESE NAMES UP FOR DISCUSSION IF THE BOARD WANTS TO, BUT MY SUGGESTION IS TO TRY TO BROADEN THE LIST TO MAKE SURE THAT NO CATEGORY OF EXPERTISE IS MISSING FROM THE EXISTING LIST.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: SO IF YOU THINK THAT IT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP, I THINK YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO PROPOSE THAT TO THE BOARD, AND I --

I EXPECT THAT THE BOARD WILL LIKELY AGREE WITH -- WITH THAT PERSON BEING ADDED TO WHATEVER OTHER LIST WE FORMULATE.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, I THINK THE -- I THINK INHERENT THE NAACP, THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, YOU KNOW, THAT HISTORICALLY HAVE SPOKEN BEFORE THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD, AND I JUST THINK OUTRIGHT THEY NEED TO BE INVITED WITHOUT BEING PLACED ON A SPECIAL LIST.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, I GUESS I WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED THERE.

I WAS THINKING THAT -- I WAS THINKING THAT OUR TWO NAMES WERE GOING TO BE ADDED TO THIS EXISTING LIST AND THEN WE WERE GOING TO USE THAT AS OUR POOL TO DISCUSS.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: NO, BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY DISCUSS THIS EXISTING LIST ALONG WITH THE NAMES THAT WE BRING NEXT WEEK AND FORMULATE A FULL AND COMPLETE LIST.

I'M NOT IN ANY WAY SUGGESTING THAT ANY CATEGORY OF PERSON ON THIS EXISTING LIST SHOULD BE EXCLUDED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

JAN.

COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JAN PLATT: YOU MAY HATE ME FOR DOING THIS, BUT I'M GOING TO AMEND YOUR MOTION TO INCLUDE THIS LIST, WHOEVER'S -- WITH THE NEW NAMES OF WHO'S IN THOSE POSITIONS BECAUSE TO ME THEY'RE EVERY BIT AS IMPORTANT AS THE TOP THREE, AND THEN WE CAN BRANCH OUT FROM THAT, AND THEN WE'LL HAVE THAT

RESOLVED.

THEN WE'LL AUTOMATICALLY HAVE THE NAACP AND THESE OTHER INTERESTS, THE ASIA LIAISON, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN.

THAT'S AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND?

>>JAN PLATT: TO INCLUDE --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: DO I HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OH, YEAH.

>>JAN PLATT: NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT.

IT HAS TO BE SECONDED.

>>GERALD WHITE: IT WON'T WIN MY VOTE IF IT DOESN'T GET ACCEPTED.

>>JAN PLATT: DID SOMEBODY SECOND IT, THAT AMENDMENT?

>>BETH LEYTHAM: I'LL SECOND IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: BETH SECONDED.

OKAY.

JOE.

>> CAN WE DISCUSS IT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

ACTUALLY WE'RE DISCUSSING IT RIGHT NOW.

I'M SORRY.

JOE AND THEN GINA.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: BEING A MEMBER OF THE NAACP, I'M ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAIR, YOU KNOW, WHAT GERALD IS -- I HEAR WHAT HE'S SAYING, AND THERE'S CERTAIN FOLK THAT, YOU

KNOW -- LIKE THE OFFICERS.

I THINK THE WAY WE'RE PROPOSING IT IS -- IF WE ACCEPT COMMISSIONER PAT -- I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT -- MRS. PLATT'S MOTION -- AMENDMENT, THEN IT'S EVERYBODY ON THERE, THEN WE CAN BRING TWO OF OUR OWN IN ADDITION TO THAT.

THEN WHEN WE GET ALL OF THOSE AND LOOK AT THEM, THEN WE'RE JUST GOING TO FIGURE IT OUT.

>> YEP.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: BUT I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO DO IT TONIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>GINA GRIMES: I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT ALL THE DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS FROM THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

IS IT NECESSARY FOR US TO INVITE -- I MEAN, WHEN YOU WERE HERE -- WHEN YOU HAD THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD LAST TIME, DID YOU FIND THAT HELPFUL TO HAVE ALL THE DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS FROM THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS COME AND SPEAK?

>>JAN PLATT: YES, AND SOME OF THEM DIDN'T COME BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT THEY -- YOU KNOW, THEY WERE SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT -- WHETHER THEY HAD A RELATIONSHIP OR NOT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: DO WE EVEN HAVE ALL THESE LIAISONS STILL?

>>GINA GRIMES: I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, IF YOU LOOK -- I THINK MOST OF THEM

CAME.

IF YOU LOOK -- I MEAN, THEY ALL RELATE TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

>>GINA GRIMES: DID THEY COME AND JUST EXPLAIN WHAT THEIR DEPARTMENTS DO?

IS THAT WHAT THE PURPOSE IS OF INVITING THEM?

>>JAN PLATT: I DON'T RECALL EXACTLY WHAT THEY DID.

>>GINA GRIMES: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE TRIED TO -- I BELIEVE WE ACTUALLY HAD A MOTION LAST TIME WHERE WE TOLD THEM -- WE ASKED THEM TO SPEAK ON TOPICS THAT WERE RELATED TO THE COUNTY CHARTER IN SOME WAY OR SOME HAD IMPACT ON -- I THINK WE ACTUALLY HAD A MOTION TO THAT EFFECT, YOU KNOW, THAT IT WAS RELEVANT TO THE CHARTER, SO -- GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: I THINK THEY SHOULD BE INVITED.

THEY'RE EXTREMELY RELEVANT.

TO THE POINT OF ARE THEY STILL HERE, YES, AND THEY'RE HERE BECAUSE THE CITIZENS OVERWHELMINGLY IN THIS LAST BUDGET CYCLE INSISTED THAT THEY BE HERE, AND SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THEY CONTINUE TO BE INCLUDED AND INVITED TO COME BEFORE THIS BOARD.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ROCHELLE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO TRY TO MAKE SOME RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ISSUES THAT WE WANT TO GET TO, THE

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN SAYING SINCE OUR FIRST MEETING THAT THE ISSUE OF COUNTY MAYOR IS ONE THAT THIS BOARD NEEDS TO EXPLORE, SO I THINK --

>>GERALD WHITE: IT MUST -- IT MUST BE STUDIED.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- SO I THINK THAT -- I'M SUGGESTING THAT WE COME FROM OUR OWN PERSPECTIVES WITH NAMES OF PEOPLE THAT WOULD, WE BELIEVE --

>>GERALD WHITE: YOU WON THAT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- ADDRESS THE MOST ISSUES.

>>GERALD WHITE: YOU WON THAT.

IT'S DONE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: SO -- I'M NOT SUGGESTING ANYBODY ON THIS LIST BE EXCLUDED, BUT I'M NOT TOTALLY CONVINCED THAT EVERYBODY ON THE LIST NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED EITHER, AND SO I DON'T WANT TO -- I DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT THE ENTIRETY OF THIS LIST AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS AS PART OF MY MOTION. I'M NOT SURE PROCEDURALLY HOW TO MAKE THAT CLEAR.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, JAN DID -- COMMISSIONER PLATT GAVE AN AMENDED MOTION, AND -- JOE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: NO, MRS. --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: BETH SECONDED IT, SO WE DO HAVE THAT AMENDED MOTION.

OKAY?

>>JAN PLATT: LET ME SPEAK TO THE AMENDMENT.

IT WILL INCLUDE NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS LIKE I JUST TALKED ABOUT, SUN CITY, AND SO YOU'RE GOING TO THROW THE NET AND GET THAT GROUP, AND THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE TOO BECAUSE -- AGAIN, RUSKIN CHAMBER, BRANDON CHAMBER.

THEY'RE THE CONSTITUENTS WHO ARE GOING TO VOTE ON WHATEVER HAPPENS, AND THEY'RE GOING TO TELL YOU WHETHER THEY'RE HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT OPERATES.

THEY'RE THE ONES WHO DEAL WITH COUNTY GOVERNMENT ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, AND SO IT'S VERY INSIGHTFUL TO HAVE THESE PEOPLE COME, AND FOR US TO JUST DO TWO PEOPLE, WE WOULD NEVER -- WE'D NEVER GET THAT BROAD A SPECTRUM.

>>BETH LEYTHAM: HERE'S WHY I SECONDED IT.

I THINK WE'RE JUST BEATING THIS TO DEATH NOW.

I THINK THIS IS A REALLY, REALLY GOOD LIST.

I THINK WE HAVE A THING THAT WE'VE SAID WE CAN IN A ROLLING MANNER ADD PEOPLE SUBSTANTIVELY IF WE NEED THEM, AND WE'RE ALL GOING TO SUBMIT IN THE NEXT WEEK A COUPLE MORE NAMES AFTER WE'VE HAD SOME TIME TO THOUGHT -- TO THINK, SO I'D JUST LIKE TO CALL THE QUESTION AND GO ON TO THE NEXT THING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

OKAY.

SO WE HAVE THE AMENDED MOTION.

WE'VE GOT IT SECONDED BY BETH.

WE'RE CALLING THE QUESTION.

ALL IN FAVOR --

>>JAN PLATT: ON THE AMENDMENT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- OF THE AMENDMENT -- MOTION?

>>JAN PLATT: JUST ON THE AMENDMENT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WHICH IS THE AMENDMENT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THE AMENDMENT --

>>JAN PLATT: THE AMENDMENT'S TO INCLUDE --

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- COMMISSIONER PLATT'S TO INCLUDE THE LIST THAT IS ON THERE PLUS THE ADDITIONAL TWO NAMES. THAT WAS THE AMENDED MOTION.

>> FOR CONSIDERATION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: FOR CONSIDERATION.

>> FOR CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: FOR CONSIDERATION BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO COME BACK --

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

-- AND THAT'S GOING TO BE OUR POOL OF NAMES THAT WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS.

>> SHE HAS TO AGREE TO THE AMENDMENT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO.

>>JAN PLATT: POINT OF ORDER.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO, SHE DOESN'T.

>>JAN PLATT: NO, POINT OF ORDER.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>JAN PLATT: WE GO BY ROBERTS, AND I BELIEVE ACCORDING TO

ROBERTS WE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT FIRST, AND IF THAT FAILS,  
THEN THAT'S NOT PART OF THE MOTION.

THEN AFTER THE AMENDMENT PASSES OR FAILS, THEN YOU VOTE ON  
THE MOTION AS AMENDED, SO THE FIRST VOTE WE WOULD TAKE  
WOULD BE ON THE AMENDMENT, AND THAT IS TO INCLUDE THIS  
EXTRA GROUP.

IF THAT PASSES, THEN WE TAKE A VOTE ON THE WHOLE THING, OR  
IF IT FAILS, WE VOTE ON JUST WHAT'S LEFT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: IS IT TO INCLUDE THEM FOR INVITATION  
OR --

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- INCLUDE THEM FOR DISCUSSION NEXT  
WEEK?

>>JAN PLATT: NO, TO INCLUDE THEM FOR INVITATION.

>> EVERYBODY ELSE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: EVERYBODY ELSE WHO'S ON THIS LIST --

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- OR EVERY POSITION?

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

PAT BEAN, RICK GARRITY AT EPC, NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

WE GOT A SECOND.

>>BETH LEYTHAM: I SECONDED IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

ALL OPPOSED RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

OKAY.

THE MOTION FAILS.

MEMBERS VOTING FOR IT, GERALD WHITE, COMMISSIONER PLATT,  
BETH LEYTHAM.

ANYBODY ELSE VOTING FOR IT?

OKAY.

THAT MOTION FAILED 7-3.

SO NOW, GOING BACK TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION, ROCHELLE'S  
MOTION --

>>RALPH FISHER: AS AMENDED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- AS AMENDED, AND ACTUALLY I'M GOING  
TO LET ROCHELLE STATE EXACTLY WHAT IT IS.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WHICH IS THAT IF ANYBODY ON THIS BOARD  
WISHES, THEY CAN SUBMIT UP TO TWO NAMES WITH VERY BRIEF  
BIOs OR AN EXPLANATION OF WHY YOU BELIEVE THAT THAT PERSON  
WOULD BE SUBSTANTIVELY HELPFUL TO THE WORK OF THIS BOARD  
FOR DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK ABOUT BEING INVITED PURSUANT TO  
OUR SPEAKER SCHEDULE AND, IN ADDITION, TO DISCUSS THE  
REMAINDER OF THIS LIST, BEGINNING WITH THE COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT CATEGORY AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE END OF THIS  
LIST AS WE DEVELOP OUR SPEAKERS LIST.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

HAVE WE GOT A SECOND?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND BY JOE.

OKAY.

ANY DISCUSSION BEFORE WE VOTE?

>>JOE AMON: [INAUDIBLE]

CALL THE QUESTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: CALL THE QUESTION.

OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THAT MOTION.

OKAY.

ALL OPPOSED.

OKAY.

THAT MOTION PASSES.

THE MEMBERS, GERALD, COMMISSIONER PLATT, AND BETH LEYTHAM

VOTED AGAINST THAT PARTICULAR MOTION.

OKAY.

MOVING ON.

NEXT IS THE ISSUES LIST THAT WAS PROVIDED.

ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO THANK EDITH STEWART.

SHE WAS ABLE TO GET THIS INFORMATION -- THE E-MAILS OUT TO

US ON A PRETTY SHORT TURNAROUND, SO I DID WANT TO THANK HER

FOR GETTING IT TO US IN ADVANCE SO THAT WE HAD A CHANCE TO

REVIEW MOST OF THESE DOCUMENTS BEFORE WE MET.

OKAY.

THE ISSUES DOCUMENT, I'LL GIVE YOU GUYS A CHANCE TO LOOK AT

THAT.

>>RALPH FISHER: WE ALREADY COVERED IT, REALLY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WHAT?

>>RALPH FISHER: I'M SORRY.

I THINK WE ALREADY COVERED IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH, I MEAN, WE HAVE COVERED IT.

IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THAT?

I KNOW WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THAT, AND THIS IS ANOTHER ISSUE WHERE IT KIND OF GOES -- I MEAN, WE'LL BE BRINGING UP ISSUES EVERY MEETING, NEW ISSUES, AND WE'LL BE JUST GOING FORWARD.

ANY DISCUSSION CONCERNING THIS ISSUES LIST?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YEAH, I HAVE A QUESTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: JUST TO BREAK THE CODE DOWN.

SO EVERYTHING ON THE LEFT IS THE CHARTER SECTION EXCEPT FOR THE NAs AT THE BOTTOM, CORRECT, SO IF I GO TO CHARTER 8.04, THAT WAS AN ISSUE OF SECTION 8.04?

THAT'S THE WAY THIS READS?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THOSE ARE ISSUES -- THOSE ARE THE CHARTER SECTIONS THAT ISSUE APPLY TO.

THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

AND THESE WERE, I GUESS, THE VARIOUS ISSUES THAT CAME UP IN THE 2005-2006 CHARTER REVIEW BOARD JUST SUMMARIZED IN THIS PARTICULAR CHART.

ROCHELLE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: FOR THE PEOPLE AT HOME, CAN WE JUST VERY QUICKLY RUN THROUGH THIS LIST, OR DO THEY HAVE ACCESS TO IT ON THE WEB SITE?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IT IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND ACTUALLY, THERE IS AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON THE WEB SIGHT.

THERE'S QUITE A BIT OF INFORMATION ON THE HILLSBOROUGHCOUNTY.ORG WEB SITE.

YOU GO ON THERE, YOU CLICK ON THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD, AND THERE'S THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES I THINK FROM THE LAST -- I DON'T KNOW IF ALL OF THEM, BUT I KNOW THE LAST TWO, I BELIEVE, CHARTER REVIEW BOARD EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES ARE THERE, AND THERE'S OTHER INFORMATION THERE FOR ANYBODY THAT'S INTERESTED, SO ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION BEFORE WE MOVE ON?

GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: I'D LIKE TO MAKE -- BEFORE WE -- I'D LIKE TO GO BACK A SECOND BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THIS MEETING WITHOUT THIS BEING ADDRESSED.

I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE INVITE THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TO BE ONE OF THE SPEAKERS BEFORE THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

DO WE HAVE A SECOND?

>>JAN PLATT: POINT OF ORDER.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: POINT OF ORDER.

>>JAN PLATT: WE JUST PASSED A MOTION THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BRING NAMES NEXT TIME AND NOT TODAY, AND SO --

>>GERALD WHITE: THIS IS NOT A NAME, THIS IS AN ORGANIZATION.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, I KNOW, BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT'S CONTRARY TO THE MOTION THAT JUST PASSED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

YEAH.

>>GERALD WHITE: I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A RULING ON THAT, THEN, BECAUSE I WANT TO GET THIS ADDRESSED TODAY. I'D LIKE TO HAVE -- JUST BECAUSE SHE SAID POINT OF ORDER, COME ON NOW.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH, LET ME ASK LEGAL.

>>GERALD WHITE: POINT OF ORDER.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IN TERMS OF -- THIS IS CONTRARY TO THE MOTION WE JUST MADE IN TERMS OF BRINGING ADDITIONAL NAMES?

>>GERALD WHITE: THIS IS A GROUP, AN ORGANIZATION.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: WELL, I THINK, FOR ONE, IF YOU MADE A MOTION AND IT DIDN'T GET A SECOND -- IT IS IN CONTRADICTION TO THE MOTION THAT WAS JUST PASSED, BUT IF YOU WANT TO BRING IT UP, YOU CAN MAKE THE MOTION AND SEE IF IT GETS A SECOND OR NOT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I MEAN, GERALD, YOU DID MAKE A MOTION?

>>GERALD WHITE: YES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IS THERE ANY SECOND?

OKAY.

THAT MOTION DIES BECAUSE THERE'S NO SECOND.--

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: [INAUDIBLE]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: THE REASON I DIDN'T SECOND THAT MOTION IS BECAUSE I WANT TO WAIT UNTIL WE COME BACK AND THEN WE'LL VET THAT OUT.

I'M A MEMBER OF THE NAACP, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO MOVE THAT NOW, I'M GOING TO WAIT UNTIL WE DO WHAT WE JUST VOTED ON, AND THEN WE'LL DECIDE WHEN WE LOOK AT THE WHOLE LIST.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND THAT'S THE OBJECTIVE OF GETTING THE LIST IS SO THAT WE CAN JUST AS A GROUP DISCUSS EVERYBODY.

I MEAN, WE'RE NOT -- NOTHING AGAINST NAACP.

WE WANT TO HEAR ALL OF THE NAMES, WE'RE GOING TO HEAR EVERYBODY, AND WE WANT TO FORM OUR GROUP, AND HOPEFULLY IT'S A DIVERSE REPRESENTATION OF THIS COMMUNITY.

I MEAN, THAT'S THE GOAL HERE, SO -- OKAY.

I THINK WE'VE DISCUSSED ALL ISSUES -- ALL OF THE ISSUES AND TOPICS.

I'M GOING TO MOVE ON TO THE MEETING SCHEDULE, WHICH IS NUMBER 8 ON OUR AGENDA.

EDITH PROVIDED US A SCHEDULE OF SOME ADDITIONAL DAYS.

EDITH, IS THAT IN THE PACKET?

>>EDITH STEWART: YES.

I HAD THEM IN YOUR PACKET IN ACCORDANCE -- FOLLOWING THE AGENDA ORDER, AND IT LOOKS LIKE THIS.

THIS IS THE POSSIBLE MEETING DATES.

YOU WILL RECALL LAST MEETING YOU ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL DATES THAT COULD BE -- HOLD DAYTIME MEETINGS, SO LET ME WALK YOU THROUGH THIS CHART.

HAS EVERYBODY FOUND THIS?

>> YEAH.

>>EDITH STEWART: IT SHOULD BE WAY AT THE BACK, SINGLE PIECE, AFTER THE PIECE THAT HAS A STAPLE IN IT.

ALL RIGHT.

WE HAVE THE DAY AND THE TIME, AND LAST MEETING YOU HAVE -- YOU DON'T HAVE ONE?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: CAN YOU WAIT A SECOND.

HAS EVERYBODY FOUND THE SCHEDULE?

>> YEAH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

EDITH, I BELIEVE EVERYBODY HAS IT.

>>EDITH STEWART: THE WAY THE CHART READS NOW, YOU HAD ASKED ME TO CROSS-CHECK AGAINST THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND OTHER HOLIDAYS, SO UNDER THE DATE SECTION, YOU CAN SEE THE MARCH 8th DATE WOULD DROP OFF IF YOU DIDN'T WANT TO CONFLICT WITH THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, AND APRIL 12th IS A

STUDENT HOLIDAY, WHICH WOULD MEAN CHILDREN ARE OUT OF SCHOOL.

AUGUST 16th, TEACHER PLANNING.

SAME THING, CHILDREN ARE OUT OF SCHOOL.

NOW, IN THE FIRST COLUMN TO THE LEFT, DAY AND TIME, WE HAVE THE MONDAY EVENING MEETINGS AT 6:00.

ADDITIONALLY YOU HAVE THE OPTION FOR A MONDAY OR A FRIDAY MEETING AT THE DATES THAT ARE UNDER THE DATE COLUMN AND YOU HAVE THE TIME OPTIONS FROM 9:00 TO 12:00 OR 1:00 TO 3:00, AND I GAVE YOU YOUR FULL-YEAR CALENDAR SO THAT YOU CAN TRY TO DETERMINE HOW YOU WANT TO SPREAD THESE MEETINGS OUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

YOU'LL SEE THAT IN SOME OF THESE MONTHS YOU HAVE AS MANY AS THREE MONDAY NIGHTS.

IN AUGUST YOU HAVE ONE, TWO, THREE MONDAY NIGHTS ALREADY BOOKED HERE, AND I THINK YOU'D WANT TO ASK YOURSELF DO YOU WANT TO MEET THREE TIMES IN A MONTH, AND I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO TAKE UP THE DISCUSSION OF THE LENGTH OF YOUR MEETING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEP.

OKAY.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YEAH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ROCHELLE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I'D LIKE TO OPEN THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT VERY POINT.

I LOOKED AT THE CALENDAR OVER THE LAST WEEK, AND MY -- MY SUGGESTION LAST TIME WAS THAT WE TRY TO SCHEDULE NOT AN ADDITIONAL DAYTIME MEETING BUT THAT WE USE ONE OF OUR BOARD MEETINGS PER QUARTER TO BE SCHEDULED DURING THE DAYTIME.

>>EDITH STEWART: RIGHT, BUT I COULD ONLY PRESENT YOU THE OPTIONS.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: RIGHT.

I UNDERSTAND, AND I APPRECIATE THAT.

THANK YOU.

BUT I ALSO WOULD LIKE US TO DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT WE BELIEVE THAT WE REQUIRE THREE MONDAY NIGHTS IN A MONTH AS OPPOSED TO TWO, AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'M READY TO MAKE A FORMAL MOTION WITHOUT HEARING MORE FROM EVERYONE ELSE ON THE BOARD ABOUT THAT, BUT I -- I CERTAINLY AM CONCERNED ABOUT THREE MONDAY NIGHTS DURING A MONTH, AND IN PARTICULAR, I WOULD LIKE US TO CONSIDER DOING, YOU KNOW, AT LEAST TWO IF NOT QUARTERLY DAYTIME MEETINGS, BUT AT LEAST TWO DURING THE YEAR AND PREFERABLY SPREAD OUT OVER THE YEAR.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE SCHEDULE?

>>GREG PRESEAU: I WOULD AGREE.

I'M SORRY.

>>GINA GRIMES: NO, GO AHEAD.

>>GREG PRESEAU: I WOULD AGREE WITH HAVING A COUPLE DAYTIME MEETINGS BECAUSE YOU ALSO OPEN THIS UP TO A DIFFERENT, YOU

KNOW, DEMOGRAPHIC TO BE ABLE TO COME DURING A DAYTIME MEETING AS OPPOSED TO A NIGHTTIME MEETING WHEN THEY'RE TAKING CARE OF KIDS OR WHATNOT, SO, YOU KNOW, SUBSTITUTING A COUPLE OF MONDAY NIGHTS FOR, YOU KNOW, SAY A FRIDAY MORNING OR A FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOULD BE FINE WITH ME.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ANY FURTHER COMMENT?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WELL, DO YOU THINK, MITCH, THAT WE NEED TO DISCUSS FIRST IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THREE MEETINGS A MONTH BECAUSE IF WE DETERMINE THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TWO MEETINGS A MONTH, THEN WE SHOULD -- WE WOULD LOOK TO SUBSTITUTE ONE OF THE MEETINGS WITH A DAYTIME MEETING, HOWEVER MANY TIMES --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE WANT TO.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- A YEAR OR HOWEVER MANY TIMES WE WANT TO.

SO IT SEEMS TO ME JUST CONCEPTUALLY IT MAKES A LITTLE MORE SENSE TO FIRST TALK ABOUT THE OVERALL TIME COMMITMENT FOR THE BOARD AND THEN GO TO THE -- WHEN WE CAN SCHEDULE MEETINGS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I'LL JUST MENTION FROM MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THE LAST CHARTER REVIEW BOARD WE MET TWICE A MONTH.

I DON'T KNOW IF -- TEN YEARS AGO HOW OFTEN THEY MET.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: TWICE A MONTH?

TWICE A MONTH.

IT SEEMED TO WORK WELL LAST YEAR OR LAST TIME, THE TWICE A MONTH, AND WE ALWAYS HAVE THE OPTION OF ADDING AN ADDITIONAL MEETING IF WE DECIDE THAT WE WOULD -- WE'VE GOT ISSUES OR WE'VE GOT SPEAKERS WE WANT TO HEAR FROM.

WE CAN ADD TO OUR CALENDAR LATER ON.

I MEAN, I GUESS THE ISSUE IS WE'VE JUST GOT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S AVAILABILITY OF THE ROOM TO MEET IN, BUT WE CAN ALWAYS ADD.

GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND I'M CONCERNED TOO ABOUT TYING UP THE CHAMBER IN THE DAYTIME.

YOU KNOW, THIS IS A CONTINUOUS OPERATION HERE, AND SO WE'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL.

THIS SCHEDULE HAS HISTORICALLY WORKED FOR THE CHARTER BOARD, AND YOU START SCHEDULING DAY MEETINGS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS OPEN, YOU KNOW, IT -- THE DATE CAN BE TAKEN AWAY BECAUSE OF COUNTY COMMISSION BUSINESS, AND SO YOU'VE JUST GOT TO BE VERY CAREFUL.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

>>EDITH STEWART: IF I MAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT'S WHY I BOOKED THEM FOR MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS, BECAUSE THE BOARD DOES NOT HISTORICALLY USE THE ROOM ON MONDAY AND FRIDAY.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WELL, I GUESS THE -- THE PRACTICAL WAY

TO DO IT IS TO JUST GO MONTH BY MONTH AND SEE WHAT WE WANT TO DO.

EVERYBODY MIGHT HAVE AN IDEA NOW WHETHER YOU WANT TO MEET TWICE A MONTH OR THREE TIMES A MONTH, AND MAYBE WE COULD GO MONTH BY MONTH AND DECIDE IF MAYBE WE WANT TO SUBSTITUTE ONE MEETING IN A PARTICULAR MONTH FOR A DAYTIME MEETING --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- ON THE SCHEDULE THAT EDITH HAS PRESENTED US WITH WHERE IT IS AVAILABLE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: RALPH.

>>RALPH FISHER: YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO GET INTO IT AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO WANT TO UPSET AN APPLE CART. NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: RIGHT.

>>RALPH FISHER: SO I MOVE WE MEET ONLY TWICE A MONTH --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>RALPH FISHER: -- AND THAT WE PICK A DAYTIME MEETING PER QUARTER THAT EDITH CHOOSES FOR US, AND LET'S RANDOMLY, MONDAY, FRIDAY -- I MEAN, LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT IT, LET'S JUST HAVE HER CHOOSE IT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT ADMINISTRATIVE PEOPLE HELP US DO.

SO WE MEET TWICE A MONTH, AND EVERY QUARTER WE MEET ONCE IN THE DAY, WHETHER IT'S A MONDAY OR A FRIDAY, AND I LOVE THAT IT SAYS 9:00 TO 12:00.

I ASSUME THAT MEANS WE'RE GOING TO LUNCH AT 12:00, AND --

ALL RIGHT.

SO THAT'S MY MOTION, THAT WE MEET TWICE A MONTH AND THAT  
ONCE A QUARTER WE MEET IN THE DAY AND THAT WE LET EDITH  
CHOOSE THAT DAY.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I SECOND.

>>GERALD WHITE: SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND.

OKAY.

WE HAVE A MOTION, WE HAVE A SECOND.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION BEFORE WE VOTE?

>>GINA GRIMES: I HAVE A QUESTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: GINA.

>>GINA GRIMES: WHAT ABOUT THE LENGTH OF THE MEETING?

HOW MANY HOURS?

>>RALPH FISHER: IT'S THREE HOURS.

>>GINA GRIMES: THREE?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE HAVEN'T SET THAT.

WE HAVEN'T SET THAT, AND THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN DISCUSS.

I MEAN, THERE'S NO TIME --

>>BETH LEYTHAM: EDITH, THAT'S JUST WHEN THIS ROOM IS

AVAILABLE; RIGHT?

>>EDITH STEWART: THAT'S CORRECT.

I WASN'T SETTING THE TIME, BUT I WOULD ASK A POINT OF  
CLARIFICATION.

WHEN YOU SAID TWICE A MONTH, IS THAT TWICE A MONTH IN

ADDITION TO A DAYTIME MEETING?

>>RALPH FISHER: NO, MA'AM, NO, IN TOTAL TWICE A MONTH --

>>EDITH STEWART: ONE OF THE QUARTERS --

>>RALPH FISHER: -- AND THEN ONCE A QUARTER WE MEET IN THE DAY, AND THEN WE SCHEDULE IT FROM 9:00 TO 12:00.

I MEAN, SURE, WE COULD GO OVER.

I DON'T REMEMBER MEETINGS GOING MUCH OVER THREE HOURS.

I KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE, GERALD.

[LAUGHTER]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I GUESS THE ISSUE, IF WE ONLY HAVE THE ROOM FOR THREE HOURS, IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE THREE HOURS OR LESS FOR THOSE MEETINGS --

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

-- SO THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BE AWARE OF. THE NIGHT MEETINGS HAVE THEIR -- WE HAVE HAD SOME MEETINGS THAT HAVE GONE LONGER THAN -- I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER, BUT WE HAVE HAD PRETTY LONG MEETINGS.

JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: IT DID OCCUR.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: SPEAKING ABOUT THE LENGTH OF A MEETING, YOU DON'T HAVE A QUORUM AT MEETINGS, PEOPLE ARE JUST GOING TO WALK OUT, OKAY, SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK THE MEETING'S GOING TO GO AS LONG AS WE CAN GO, AND I THINK THE CHAIR IS GOING TO GUIDE US WITH THAT.

LIKE TONIGHT, I WAS LOOKING AT THE CLOCK, AND THE CLOCK  
DONE STOPPED, SO IT'S STILL A QUARTER TO 7:00, BUT I KNOW  
THAT'S WRONG, OKAY, SO --

[LAUGHTER]

>>JAN PLATT: IT'S QUARTER OF 8:00.

>>JOE AMON: CAN WE -- MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN WE TALK --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: IT STOPPED WHEN GERALD WENT TO TALKING.

>>JOE AMON: CAN WE TALK STOP AT THE DATE ISSUE FIRST AND  
THEN COME BACK AND HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE MEETING  
LENGTH?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OH, YEAH.

IN TERMS OF YOU WANT TO --

>>JOE AMON: I WANT TO HEAR SOME OTHER PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS.  
I HAVE A THOUGHT ABOUT THE MEETING LENGTH, BUT LET'S GET  
THIS DAY THING OUT OF THE WAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEP.

SO WE HAVE A MOTION, WE HAVE A SECOND CONCERNING -- THE  
MOTION IS BASICALLY HAVE TWO MEETINGS A MONTH --

>>RALPH FISHER: RIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- AND EVERY QUARTER HAVE ONE DAY  
MEETING IN PLACE OF -- AS ONE OF OUR TWO MEETINGS; IS THAT  
CORRECT?

>>RALPH FISHER: EVERY QUARTER.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: BUT THAT DOESN'T PRECLUDE IF WE GET A  
HOT-BUTTON ISSUE OR WHATEVER, WE CAN ALWAYS SHARE --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE CAN ALWAYS DO THAT ON -- I MEAN,  
THAT'S BESIDE -- YEAH, WE CAN ALWAYS ADD SOMETHING LATER OR  
DO WHATEVER -- WE CAN ADD TO IT LATER ON IF WE WANT TO.  
OKAY.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

>>EDITH STEWART: MAY I ASK A QUESTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES, EDITH.

>>EDITH STEWART: DO YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE BETWEEN MONDAY  
OR FRIDAY WITH THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS IN THE DAY?

>> MONDAY.

>> MONDAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MONDAY?

IS THAT GOOD FOR EVERYBODY?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I'D PREFER FRIDAY, BUT -- BAD THINGS  
HAPPEN OVER THE WEEKEND IN MY BUSINESS, BUT -- FRIDAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I CAN TALK TO EDITH AND FIND OUT  
WHAT'S AVAILABLE AND WE CAN WORK THAT OUT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: CAN I ASK EDITH A QUESTION?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: IF WE VOTE FOR TWO MEETINGS A MONTH  
CONSISTENT WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF THIS ROOM, DOES THAT  
MEAN THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE IT AWAY ON THE OTHER  
AVAILABLE TIMES SO THAT IF WE WANTED TO ADD TO THE SCHEDULE  
LIKE YOU SUGGESTED, WE WOULD NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO THIS  
ROOM?

BECAUSE I WOULD ASK THAT YOU NOT GIVE IT AWAY.

>>EDITH STEWART: WELL, IT'S NOT A MATTER OF GIVING IT AWAY, IT'S A MATTER OF RELEASING IT FROM THE SCHEDULE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: RIGHT.

>>EDITH STEWART: MOST LIKELY IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE.

I COULD KEEP IT TIED UP, BUT THAT'S A LOT OF TIME WITHOUT GOOD REASON, I THINK.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND THERE IS -- FOR -- THERE IS ANOTHER ROOM THAT WE COULD POSSIBLY MEET IN.

>>EDITH STEWART: YES, 26A AND B ARE ALTERNATIVES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I WOULD THINK ONE OF THE TWO MEETING ROOMS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE --

>>EDITH STEWART: AND WE COULD BUMP PEOPLE FROM THAT ROOM.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ONE OF THE TWO ROOMS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE, YOU KNOW, ON THESE NIGHTS.

>>GERALD WHITE: YOU KNOW, THAT BRINGS UP A VERY INTERESTING POINT, MR. CHAIRMAN, BECAUSE MY CONCERN HAS ALWAYS BEEN WHEN CITIZENS HAVE TO COME DOWNTOWN TAMPA IS THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY TO PARK, AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S JUST AN ISSUE, YOU KNOW.

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY WHEN THEY COME DOWNTOWN AND HAVE TO PAY TO PARK, AND SO THE DAY MEETING -- I KNOW -- ARE THEY ALLOWED TO HAVE THE CAMERAS OVER, SAY, LIKE THE PORT AUTHORITY BOARD -- BOARD MEETING

ROOM?

>>EDITH STEWART: WE CAN DO CERTAIN THINGS LIKE THAT, BUT THERE IS A COST OF TAKING STAFF OFF-SITE, AND IT'S \$2500 PER MEETING, AND THAT'S THE STANDARD THAT WE QUOTE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHEN THEY ASK TO HAVE TOWN HALLS.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: ON THE PARKING ISSUE, THOUGH, MR. WHITE DOES MAKE A GOOD POINT.

ON MONDAYS IT'S JURY SELECTION DAY FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COURT, AND THE PARKING GARAGE ACROSS FROM THIS BUILDING IS --

>>EDITH STEWART: YES, IS FOR JURORS.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YES, FOR JURORS, SO THERE WOULD BE VERY LITTLE PARKING AVAILABLE ON A MONDAY MORNING, I THINK COMPARED TO A FRIDAY WHEN THERE'S MUCH MORE AVAILABLE PARKING IN THAT RAMP.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION RAISE THEIR RIGHT HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED, RIGHT HAND.

THAT MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: DID WE PICK A DAY, THOUGH, MONDAY OR FRIDAY?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO, WE DID NOT.

WE JUST LEFT IT UP THERE --

>>GINA GRIMES: CAN WE JUST GO THROUGH MONTH BY MONTH AND  
DECIDE WHAT DATES WE'RE GOING TO MEET?

LET'S JUST GET IT DONE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

OKAY.

ON -- WHAT WE CAN DO IS JUST DISCUSS -- JUST KIND OF  
INFORMALLY JUST GO THROUGH IT.

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STILL GET WITH EDITH AND SEE, BUT I  
GUESS MY QUESTION WOULD BE LOOKING AT THESE FOR MONDAY,

WE'VE GOT THE 1st AND 8th.

THE 8th IS THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

THE QUESTION -- ACTUALLY, LET ME JUST MENTION FIRST, WHAT  
MONTHS -- IF WE'RE GOING TO DO QUARTERLY DAY MEETINGS, WHAT  
MONTHS WOULD WE WANT TO -- IS THERE ANY OPINIONS ON WHAT  
MONTHS WE WOULD WANT TO HAVE A DAY MEETING?

SEEMS LIKE WE ALMOST NEED TO HAVE ONE PRETTY SOON IF WE'RE  
GOING TO DO QUARTERLY.

>>JAN PLATT: I THOUGHT THE PURPOSE OF HIS MOTION WAS FOR  
US NOT TO GET INTO ALL THIS, THAT SHE WAS GOING TO DO THIS.  
THAT WAS, I THOUGHT, THE INTENT.

>>RALPH FISHER: WE'LL END UP GETTING SOMETHING, AND IF WE  
DON'T LIKE IT, WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT.

>>JAN PLATT: OTHERWISE, YOU KNOW, IT'S MINUTIA.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

SO --

>>RALPH FISHER: COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.

YEAH.

>>BETH LEYTHAM: BUT CAN WE AT LEAST DECIDE MARCH?

ARE WE GOING TO BE HERE ON THE 1st?

>> YEAH, I MEAN, IF --

>>BETH LEYTHAM: I HAVE TO PUT THAT ON MY CALENDAR.

>> OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MARCH 1st.

>>BETH LEYTHAM: OKAY.

SO WE'RE HERE THE 1st?

WHAT IS THE OTHER DAY?

I DON'T CARE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE A MOTION

ON THIS JUST TO MAKE SURE.

SO WE'VE GOT THE 1st, AND WHAT WAS THE SECOND MEETING THAT

WE'RE DISCUSSING --

>>RALPH FISHER: MS. REBACK, THE 12th, WOULD THAT BE ALL

RIGHT WITH YOUR CLIENT SCHEDULE?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: ACTUALLY, I CANNOT BE THERE THE 12th

BECAUSE OF A FAMILY COMMITMENT.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I KNOW, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO DO WITH

WORK, SO YOU CAN PICK WHENEVER YOU -- IF THE 12th IS

CONVENIENT FOR EVERYONE, PLEASE PICK IT.

>> I'LL BE OUT OF TOWN TOO.

>>JAN PLATT: I THOUGHT WE HAD IT ON THE 8th.

>> WE DID.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: IT'S ALREADY SCHEDULED ON THE 8th.

>> WE HAVE -- WELL, RIGHT NOW WE HAVE --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'VE GOT THE 1st AND 8th ALREADY  
SCHEDULED.

THOSE ARE MONDAY NIGHTS.

>> YEAH.

SO WHAT ARE WE DOING?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE CAN JUST STAY WITH THAT FOR NOW.  
OKAY.

LET'S STAY WITH THAT AND EDITH CAN WORK ON THE OTHER DAYS,  
AND WE'LL GET IT OUT TO EVERYBODY BEFORE THE NEXT BOARD  
MEETING, SO -- AND IF THERE'S ANY ISSUES, WE CAN BRING IT  
UP NEXT BOARD MEETING AND ADDRESS IT AT THAT POINT.

JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: SHE BROUGHT AN INTERESTING POINT UP.  
SO EDITH IS ALSO GOING TO PICK -- IN OTHER WORDS, WE'VE GOT  
FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL, AND WHAT I'VE DONE IS SAID  
THAT'S THE FIRST QUARTER --

>> YEAH.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: -- AND THEN WE'VE GOT MAY, JUNE, JULY,  
SECOND QUARTER.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: RIGHT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER THIRD

QUARTER.

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, AND THEN JANUARY, END OF FOURTH QUARTER, CORRECT, SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A MEETING AT THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER.

THAT WOULD BE THE ONE THAT YOU WERE SAYING WOULD BE A DAYTIME MEETING?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, SOMETIME DURING THIS FIRST QUARTER WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A DAYTIME MEETING.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: OKAY.

SO IT DOESN'T HAVE TO FALL AT THE END OF THE QUARTER?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: OKAY.

SO ANYWHERE IN BETWEEN, AND EDITH IS GOING TO MAKE THAT CHOICE.

GOTCHA.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: EDITH'S GOING TO LOOK AT IT.

WE'LL GET IT OUT TO EVERYBODY, AND IF THERE'S AN ISSUE CONCERNING IT, WE CAN ALWAYS MENTION IT AT THE NEXT MEETING, AND IF WE DECIDE FOR SOME REASON WE DO NOT LIKE A SPECIFIC DATE AS A GROUP, WE CAN AMEND IT OR CHANGE IT THEN.

>>GINA GRIMES: CAN WE POSSIBLY SCHEDULE APRIL TOO BECAUSE IT'S REALLY NOT -- IT'S GOING TO BE MARCH NEXT WEEK, AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE THESE DATES ON MY CALENDAR SO I DON'T SCHEDULE SOMETHING ON THAT SAME DAY, SO CAN WE JUST DECIDE

ON MARCH AND APRIL BECAUSE WE HAVE THREE DATES ON APRIL, SO WE HAVE TO ELIMINATE ONE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

THE 12th IS A STUDENT HOLIDAY.

THAT MIGHT BE AN ISSUE WITH SOME OF YOU IF YOU GUYS --

>>GINA GRIMES: NOT ME.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WELL, WE WANT TO ELIMINATE ONE OF THEM --

>>GINA GRIMES: YEAH, I KNOW, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- SO WE MIGHT AS WELL ELIMINATE THE 12th AND THEN DECIDE WHETHER YOU WANT A DAYTIME MEETING ON THE 5th OR THE 26th, AND LET ME JUST SAY ABOUT THAT -- AND -- AND --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, ACTUALLY THE DAYTIME WOULD HAVE TO BE THE 12th, 26th, OR THE 30th.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: RIGHT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ONE OF THOSE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I MEAN, ALL OF US ARE PROBABLY GOING TO HAVE TO MISS A MEETING ONCE IN A WHILE, SO, YOU KNOW, I'M OPEN TO WHENEVER WE NEED TO SCHEDULE IT, AND I WILL ENDEAVOR TO BE HERE AT AS MANY MEETINGS AS I POSSIBLY CAN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: DOES ANYONE WANT TO MAKE A MOTION AS TO WHAT DAYS?

I MEAN, WE'VE GOT COVERAGE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YEAH, I SAY -- WELL, STUDENT HOLIDAYS  
DON'T BOTHER ME.

MY DAUGHTER'S 22 YEARS OLD AND IN COLLEGE, BUT, YOU KNOW,  
IF NOBODY'S GOING TO SAY ANYTHING, I MEAN, I'LL SAY THE  
12th AND WE'VE GOT TO HAVE A DAY BEFORE THE QUARTER CLOSES,  
I WOULD JUST PICK MONDAY, THE 12th, FOR A DAYTIME MEETING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ACTUALLY, THE 12th -- YOU'RE TALKING  
FOR APRIL?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YEAH.

SHE WANTS TO GET APRIL OUT THE WAY, SO LET'S PICK TWO DATES  
FOR APRIL AND WE'RE DONE WITH IT.

>>GREG PRESEAU: REMEMBER THE MONDAY ISSUES WITH JURORS, SO  
FRIDAY MIGHT BE EASIER, FRIDAY, THE 30th.

>> FRIDAY, THE 30th.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: FRIDAY THE 30th.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: THEN THE OTHER ONE WOULD BE THE 12th?

>>JOE AMON: 12th --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: THE 12th AND THE 30th.

>>JAN PLATT: SO WE'RE CROSSING OFF THE 5th?

>> I ALREADY HAVE THE 5th.

YOU DON'T WANT THAT NOW?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: NO.

THAT'S AFTER EASTER SUNDAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, THIS RAISES AN ADDITIONAL CONCERN  
HERE.

WE NEED TO HOLD OFF A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE WE KNOW THE  
MEETING ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER  
OR NOT HTV WILL BE AVAILABLE.

>>EDITH STEWART: YES, I'VE CHECKED ALL THAT.

>>GERALD WHITE: THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE THESE DATES?

>>EDITH STEWART: YES.

>>GERALD WHITE: OKAY.

VERY GOOD.

YOU'RE ON THE BALL.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: EXCUSE ME.

WHAT MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IS ALL THESE PEOPLE BECAUSE NOW  
WE'RE CUTTING DOWN THE TIME, SO THEY MAY NOT COULD MAKE  
THAT DATE, BUT WE GOT TO GET OUR SCHEDULES, AND WE'LL JUST  
MOVE FORWARD.

BUT I WAS GOING TO SAY THE 12th, THE 30th -- THE 12th AND  
THE 30th, IS THAT WHAT I SAID?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THE 12th AND THE 30th ARE THE TWO  
DAYS.

THE 12th IS THE EVENING AND THE 30th WOULD BE THE DAYTIME  
MEETING, AND DO YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE ON THE 9:00 TO 12:00  
OR 1:00 TO 3:00 IN TERMS OF YOUR MOTION?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I THINK THE BOARD SHOULD GET A SENSE OF THE BOARD AND DO WHAT -- WHAT WORKS BEST FOR EVERYONE, AND ANYONE WHO CAN BE HERE WILL BE HERE AND ANYONE WHO CAN'T WON'T.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

DO WE HAVE A SECOND TO THAT MOTION?

>>JOE AMON: WHAT'S THE MOTION?

>>RALPH FISHER: WHAT'S THE MOTION?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THE MOTION WAS TO HAVE A MEETING ON THE 12th IN THE EVENING; RIGHT?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND A MEETING ON THE 30th IN THE DAYTIME FOR APRIL, AND EDITH WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER IT'S 9:00 TO 12:00 OR 1:00 TO 3:00, AND THAT WAY WE'LL HAVE OUR SCHEDULE SET THROUGH APRIL BECAUSE WE ALREADY HAVE -- WE HAVE MARCH 1st AND 8th ALREADY SCHEDULED, EVENING MEETINGS.

>>JOE AMON: JUST AS A POINT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>JOE AMON: FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 1:00 TO 3:00 IS AN ABSURD TIME.

NO OFFENSE, BUT BY THAT TIME -- MOST OF US ARE DEAD TIRED BY THAT TIME, AND MY BRAIN IS NOT GOING TO STAND FOR TWO OR THREE HOURS OF THIS.

I WOULD PREFER TO HAVE IT ON A FRIDAY MORNING IF YOU'RE GOING HAVE IT.

>> [INAUDIBLE] BEAT TRAFFIC.

>>JOE AMON: YEAH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

WE'VE GOT A MOTION.

JOE, YOU MADE THE MOTION.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YES, SIR.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND WHO SECONDED IT?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: NOBODY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ANY SECONDS?

>>JOE AMON: SECOND.

>> SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND TO THE MOTION.

OKAY.

JOE MADE IT, JOE SECONDED IT.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO HAVE OUR NIGHT MEETING IN  
APRIL ON APRIL 12th AND OUR DAY MEETING ON THE 30th, AND  
EDITH WILL LOOK AT THE CALENDAR AND LOOK AT THE TIMES AND  
DETERMINE WHETHER THE MORNING OR THE AFTERNOON, TAKING INTO  
CONSIDERATION JOE'S COMMENTS.

THAT'S NOT PART OF THE MOTION, THAT'S --

>>BETH LEYTHAM: YOU CAN'T TELL US RIGHT NOW?

WE CAN HAVE EITHER ONE OF THOSE, THEY'RE OPTIONS; RIGHT?

>>EDITH STEWART: YEAH.

WE CAN HAVE EITHER ONE.

>>BETH LEYTHAM: YEAH.

SO WHY DON'T WE JUST SAY 9:00 TO 12:00 --

>>JOE AMON: 9:00 TO 12:00 ON FRIDAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: 9:00 TO 12:00.

ARE YOU ACCEPTABLE TO THAT AMENDMENT?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

OKAY.

WE'VE GOT OUR CALENDAR SET THROUGH APRIL.

>>JOE AMON: NOW TIME OF MEETING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>JOE AMON: HAVE A MOTION FOR THE TIME OF MEETING -- TIME  
OF MEETING.

I'D LIKE THE TIME OF THE MEETING.

I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT THE INTENDED TIME IS TWO  
HOURS.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T GO OVER, BUT AT LEAST YOU HAVE  
A TIME WHEN YOU CAN HAVE YOUR SPEAKERS UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH  
TIME THEY HAVE TO -- TO GIVE THEIR TALKS, AND I'D LIKE --  
THAT ALSO DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T GO OVER WITH THE WILL OF  
THE BOARD.

I MEAN, THE BOARD CAN DECIDE IT'S A 30-MINUTE OVERAGE OR  
WHATEVER, BUT I'D LIKE TO HAVE A TWO-HOUR PERIOD.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ANY DISCUSSION OR A SECOND TO THAT MOTION?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: SO A QUESTION, 9:00 TO 11:00 OR 10:00 TO 12:00?

>>JOE AMON: I HAVE NO -- THAT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.  
YOU SET THAT HOWEVER YOU WANT TO.

MY MOTION IS STRICTLY THE LENGTH OF TIME WE'RE GOING TO BE SITTING HERE HAVING DISCUSSION, AND I'M SUGGESTING TWO HOURS, BUT THE BOARD HAS THE ABILITY TO EXTEND IT AT THE WILL OF THE BOARD.

>>JAN PLATT: SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: QUESTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: WHAT HISTORICALLY HAS THE BOARD DONE?  
EDITH IS OBVIOUSLY LOOKING AT THREE HOURS HERE.

I MEAN --

>>EDITH STEWART: I JUST DID THAT TO LET YOU KNOW --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: WHAT HISTORICALLY -- YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN  
HERE BEFORE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LAST CHARTER REVIEW BOARD I DON'T BELIEVE WE SET A TIME FOR THE ACTUAL MEETINGS.  
SOME OF THEM WE MAYBE SHOULD HAVE, BUT I DON'T THINK WE ACTUALLY SET A TIME FOR THE ACTUAL MEETINGS.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: DOES THIS MEAN IF WE GET TO THE CLOCK

AND WE'RE IN A HEATED DISCUSSION --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: -- THE MEETING STOPS?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO.

JOE SAID WE -- AS A BOARD WE CAN ALWAYS CONTINUE, AS A BOARD WE CAN DECIDE TO GO FURTHER, WE CAN ALLOW THE MEETING TO GO ON.

GINA.

>>GINA GRIMES: I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DOING IT THAT WAY.

I JUST THINK IT'S UNREALISTIC TO THINK THAT -- WE'VE CUT BACK THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS, SO WE'RE DOWN TO ONLY 20 MORE MEETINGS.

WE HAVE ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT WE WANT TO COME AND SPEAK, AND THEN I DON'T KNOW WHEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TIME TO DISCUSS IT, BUT I JUST DON'T SEE IT BEING DONE AT TWO-HOUR MEETINGS TWICE A MONTH.

I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: RALPH.

>>RALPH FISHER: I MEAN, BELIEVE ME, I'M THE MOST IMPATIENT PERSON HERE, BUT I CAN TELL YOU WE'VE GOT TO DELIBERATE, WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THE TIME, AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE -- IT MAY BE TWO HOURS AND 15, TWO THIRTY, AND IF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE -- I MEAN, I'M COMPLETELY SYMPATHETIC, BUT I'M OPPOSED TO THAT.

WE SHOULDN'T LIMIT THIS, AND SO I'M OPPOSED TO THE MOTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: YEAH, I BELIEVE THAT WOULD BE A GRAVE  
MISTAKE BECAUSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT 14 MEMBERS.

IF YOU JUST GIVE EACH BOARD MEMBER TWO MINUTES TO QUESTION,  
HOW MUCH TIME IS THAT?

SO IT'S UNREALISTIC.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SO WE GOT -- JOE MADE THE MOTION AND  
JOE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: NO, JAN PLATT.

>>JAN PLATT: I SECONDED IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: JAN SECONDED IT.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION BEFORE WE VOTE ON THAT MOTION?

ALL IN FAVOR OF THAT MOTION RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

ALL OPPOSED RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

THAT MOTION FAILS WITH JOE AMON, BETH, MYSELF, AND JAN  
PLATT, RIGHT, VOTING FOR IT.

OKAY.

ANOTHER ISSUE THAT WE MAY WANT TO DISCUSS IS THE PUBLIC  
COMMENT.

WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

WE VOTED ON THAT, I BELIEVE, LAST TIME FOR THE BEGINNING OF  
THE MEETING, HAVE IT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING.

WE DISCUSSED HAVING IT AT THE END OF THE MEETING TOO.

I GUESS THE QUESTION IS -- WE VOTED TO ALLOW EACH  
INDIVIDUAL THREE MINUTES.

THE QUESTION IS -- I MEAN, OUR TWO HOURS -- IF WE GET A LARGE GROUP, OUR -- WELL, WE DON'T HAVE TWO HOURS, BUT A LOT OF OUR TIME COULD BE TIED UP IN PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH ISN'T A BAD THING, BUT WE'VE GOT TO REALIZE THAT WE -- WE MAY WANT TO LOOK AT HAVING A SET TIME AT THE BEGINNING, WHICH I BELIEVE WE DO -- WELL, ACTUALLY WE DON'T -- DO WE?

>>EDITH STEWART: YOU HAVE A LIMIT ON THE LENGTH OF TIME PER SPEAKER, BUT --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH, BUT WE HAVEN'T SET --

>>EDITH STEWART: THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS --  
[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND I GUESS MY ISSUE IS TOO WE MAY WANT TO HAVE A SET TIME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BE INVITING SPEAKERS, AND, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, WE INVITE MAYORS, WE INVITE THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO WAIT AROUND WHILE WE HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PUBLIC COMMENT.

WE COULD ALWAYS HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE END TOO, SO THAT'S SOMETHING I JUST WANTED TO BRING UP FOR DISCUSSION WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS.

ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING THAT OR ANY ISSUES?

>>RALPH FISHER: THREE MINUTES IS FINE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WHAT?

>>RALPH FISHER: IF WE HAD A HUNDRED PEOPLE WANTING TO SPEND THREE MINUTES EACH, IT WOULD BE A GREAT THING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I'M NOT -- MY ISSUE IS WE'VE GOT INVITED SPEAKERS, SO MY QUESTION IS WE CAN ALWAYS HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE BEGINNING AND WE CAN HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE VERY END.

>>RALPH FISHER: YOU AS CHAIR HAVE A LOT OF CONTROL, AND IF YOU WANT TO LIMIT THINGS AND MAKE MOTIONS TO LIMIT IT BECAUSE IF WE SEE A WHOLE PACKED AUDIENCE AND WE HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL HERE, YOU CAN DO IT AND SOMEBODY WILL MAKE A MOTION AND WE'LL BACK YOU.

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD CHANGE HOW MUCH TIME THE PUBLIC CAN TALK.

JUST MAKE IT THREE MINUTES STRICT, DON'T LET THEM GO OVER.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE THREE MINUTES, I'M TALKING ABOUT A TIME PERIOD FOR --

>>RALPH FISHER: SET AN HOUR.

IF 20 PEOPLE WANT TO COME IN HERE FOR 20 MINUTES EACH -- OR THREE MINUTES EACH FOR AN HOUR, THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: GREG.

>>GREG PRESEAU: I WOULD SAY IF WE DO ANYTHING, WE --WHEN THE THREE MINUTES IS HIT, WE CUT THE MIKE AND CLEAN UP, YOU KNOW.

I MEAN, OTHERWISE, YOU KNOW, IT COULD BE THE CASE WHERE SOMEONE, YOU KNOW, TRIES TO GRANDSTAND AND WON'T GIVE UP THE MIKE AND WE'RE HELD HOSTAGE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: THAT'S CALLED OUT OF ORDER.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND I'LL MAKE A POINT OF WHEN THE THREE MINUTES IS UP BECAUSE I KNOW -- HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE COME TO SPEAK, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GET THROUGH THEM AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GET THROUGH OUR INVITED SPEAKERS, SO I'LL MAKE A POINT OF MAKING SURE THAT I LIMIT THE PEOPLE TO THE THREE MINUTES WE'VE ALREADY SET.

>>RALPH FISHER: MR. CHAIRMAN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: RALPH AND THEN JOE.

>>RALPH FISHER: I'M SORRY, JOE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

JOE.

>>JOE AMON: I THINK THE POINT YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE IS DO WE HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO HAVE THE PUBLIC SPEAK LATER IN THE MEETING --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES, WE DO.

>>JOE AMON: -- ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE A MAYOR OR SPECIFIC OFFICER COMING THAT HAS A VERY LIMITED TIME.

I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM WITH THAT AND IF YOU NEED, WE CAN JUST -- I THINK SOMEONE HERE ALREADY MENTIONED THE FACT THAT WE CAN PROPOSE A MOTION TO LIMIT TO "X" NUMBER OF MINUTES FOR THE EARLY PART OF THE SESSION OR EVEN MOVE IT -- THE WHOLE PUBLIC SECTOR TO THE END OF THE MEETING. IT'S A SIMPLE PROCESS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I DO -- MY PERSONAL OPINION IS IT'S --

I BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM THE PEOPLE WHO COME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING BECAUSE A LOT OF TIMES IT KIND OF -- IT KIND OF GIVES YOU INFORMATION FOR YOUR DISCUSSION DURING THE MEETING, SO I -- AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS WE -- WE STARTED OFF HAVING OUR PUBLIC COMMENT LAST CHARTER REVIEW BOARD AT THE END, AND WE REALIZED, YOU KNOW, FROM SOME OF THE INPUT WE WERE GETTING FROM THE PUBLIC THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO HAVE HEARD FROM THESE PEOPLE BEFORE WE EVEN STARTED OUR DISCUSSION, SO THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE MOVED IT TO THE END, BUT THEN WE REALIZED THAT, YOU KNOW, IF WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE, WE DON'T WANT TO NOT ALLOW ANYBODY TO SPEAK, SO WE DECIDED TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO SPEAK AT THE VERY END TOO, SO -- WELL --

>>RALPH FISHER: MR. --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: RALPH.

>>RALPH FISHER: I'M PROBABLY OUT OF ORDER HERE.

THIS DIDN'T COME UP, AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO DISCUSS -- WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE TAKING REMUNERATION FROM THE COUNTY, AND I KNOW IT'S A PICKY POINT, BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE GETTING FREE PARKING.

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE PARKING IN THIS BUILDING FOR FREE.

I FEEL VERY UNCOMFORTABLE.

I DIDN'T DO IT LAST TIME.

IT COSTS ME 75 CENTS TO GO DOWN HERE A BLOCK AWAY AND PARK.

NOW, SOME OF THE LADIES, BECAUSE OF SAFETY, YOU KNOW, MAYBE SOMEBODY HAS TO ESCORT THEM OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, BUT I DON'T FEEL GOOD ABOUT US TAKING FREE PARKING FROM THE COUNTY, AND I MAKE A MOTION THAT WE NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING FROM THE COUNTY, INCLUDING FREE PARKING.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I'LL SECOND THAT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION CONCERNING --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I WANT TO DISCUSS IT.

I JUST SIGNED A THING, AND IF -- WELL --

>>RALPH FISHER: FROM NOW ON.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE SHOULDN'T USE THIS COUNTY BUILDING, BUT -- WE SHOULD GO GET OUR OWN BUILDING.

I MEAN, COME ON, IF YOU PARK ON THE STREET, OKAY, YOU'RE GOING TO GET A TICKET BECAUSE THAT METER IS NOT -- AFTER 5:00 -- IT GOES FOR 12 HOURS, OKAY.

YOU CAN GET A TICKET OUT THERE.

I PARKED ON THE STREET BEFORE.

I SAID I'M GOING TO PARK OVER HERE AT THE PARKING GARAGE BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO PLUG YOUR METER OUT THERE --

>>RALPH FISHER: I THINK IT ONLY GOES UNTIL 8:00.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: NO, IT DOESN'T.

NO, IT DOESN'T.

>> IT DEPENDS ON IF --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: NO, IT DOESN'T.

IT GOES 12 HOURS.

READ IT.

YOU KNOW, IT'S JUST THAT THE CITY DOESN'T HAVE THE BUDGET TO HAVE PEOPLE ENFORCE IT, SEE, SO I FELT SAFE PARKING OVER THERE, I SIGNED THE TICKET, BIG DEAL, AND WE'RE SERVING HERE FOR NO CHARGE, VOLUNTEERING FOR A WHOLE YEAR. THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF MY CAR FOR A MINUTE -- FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS.

NOW, IF IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE LUNCH AND FOOD AND -- OH, I'M ALL WITH YOU ON THAT --

>>RALPH FISHER: YEAH.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: -- BUT JUST PARKING, WHICH IS AN INCIDENTAL -- IT'S NOT EVEN A GRATUITY, IT'S A COST OF US BEING ABLE TO COME HERE.

LIKE MR. WHITE SAID, IF PEOPLE COME HERE, THEY'VE GOT AN ISSUE WITH PARKING, OKAY.

>>RALPH FISHER: WELL, THAT'S THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT IT.

THAT'S ALL.

I JUST DON'T FEEL IT'S RIGHT THAT WE ACCEPT FREE PARKING FROM THE COUNTY.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I AGREE WITH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT PARKING --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YOU KNOW, MY PROBLEM WITH THAT IS -- I MEAN, WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT MEANS, WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT

JOBS, AND I'M NOT GENERALIZING AT ALL ABOUT ANYBODY, BUT, YOU KNOW, BY SETTING A PRECEDENT WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS, YOU KNOW, YOU MAY HAVE SOMEBODY OUT THERE WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY TO PARK TO COME DOWN HERE IN THE FUTURE OR WHATEVER, AND I'D HATE TO HAVE SOMEBODY NOT SIT ON THIS BOARD JUST BECAUSE THEY, YOU KNOW -- THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO SPEND A FEW BUCKS TO PARK, AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S JUST SOMETHING TO CONSIDER.

IT IS AN INCIDENTAL.

I AGREE WITH JOE HERE.

I MEAN, I'M AN AUDITOR -- A FORMER AUDITOR.

I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING, YOU KNOW -- NOT TAKING ANYTHING TO BE, YOU KNOW, INDEPENDENT, BUT PARKING, WE'RE HERE SERVING THE COUNTY ON THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD. WE'RE NOT TAKING A MEAL, WE'RE NOT GETTING DINNER, YOU KNOW.

IT'S PARKING, YOU KNOW.

AND I THINK FROM A SAFETY POINT, IT'S A -- YOU KNOW, IT'S A GARAGE, IT'S CONVENIENT FOR US TO GET HERE TO AND FROM IT.

I THINK FROM A SAFETY POINT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THAT, SO I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH JOE, BUT I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM, RALPH, SO --

>>RALPH FISHER: THANK YOU.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE GOT A MOTION, WE GOT A SECOND.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION BEFORE WE VOTE ON THAT?

>>JAN PLATT: [INAUDIBLE]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THE MOTION WAS TO NOT -- AS BOARD MEMBERS NOT ACCEPT FREE PARKING, I GUESS -- IS IT LIMITED TO PARKING?

I MEAN, WE'RE NOT TO BE -- IS IT --

>>RALPH FISHER: I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ELSE ANYBODY ELSE IS GETTING.

I MEAN, AS FAR AS PARKING, THAT'S THE ONLY THING I KNOW ABOUT WE'RE GETTING FOR FREE, AND I'M SAYING WE SHOULDN'T GET THAT FOR FREE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

THE MOTION IS AS BOARD MEMBERS THAT WE WILL NOT ACCEPT FREE PARKING FROM THE COUNTY IN THE COUNTY GARAGE.

>>RALPH FISHER: THAT'S RIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE GOT A SECOND.

FURTHER DISCUSSION?

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JAN PLATT: MAY I ASK, WHAT IS THE ROUTINE WITH OTHER BOARDS THAT SERVE --

>>EDITH STEWART: IN GENERAL WE DO GIVE THEM --

>>JAN PLATT: -- OTHER VOLUNTEER BOARDS?

>>EDITH STEWART: -- COMPLIMENTARY PARKING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I KNOW WHEN I SERVED ON THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IT WAS --

>>RALPH FISHER: HOW ABOUT IF WE ISSUE A 1099 TO EVERYBODY THAT ACCEPTS FREE PARKING THEN?

>>GINA GRIMES: IT'S THE SAME AT THE CITY, YOU GET FREE PARKING [INAUDIBLE] WHEN YOU SERVE ON A BOARD.

>> CAN WE CALL THE QUESTION?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: CALL THE QUESTION.

>>RECORDING SECRETARY: MAY I ASK WHO SECONDED THAT MOTION?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I SECONDED.

>>RECORDING SECRETARY: THANK YOU.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THE -- I'M SORRY.

I'M THINKING.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

ALL OPPOSED.

OKAY.

THAT MOTION FAILS WITH RALPH AND ROCHELLE VOTING ON THE LOSING SIDE.

OKAY.

>>RALPH FISHER: OH WELL.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NEXT ON OUR AGENDA --

>>RALPH FISHER: ADJOURN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES, RALPH.

>>RALPH FISHER: I MOVE WE ADJOURN.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: WE'VE GOT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'VE GOT THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.

>>RALPH FISHER: OH, I'M SORRY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: DOES ANYONE -- LET ME JUST ASK, WOULD ANYONE OBJECT TO TAKING A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS?

I KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I WOULD.

I HAVE A YOUNG CHILD AT HOME I NEED TO GET HOME TO.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

LET'S -- ACTUALLY, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I DON'T THINK THIS IS GOING TO TAKE VERY LONG, THIS MEDIA PLAN.

WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS AND WE CAN GET INTO PUBLIC COMMENT AND WE CAN FINISH UP, IF THAT WOULD BE OKAY WITH YOU.

OKAY.

THE COMMUNICATION PLAN, EDITH GOT US SOME INFORMATION.

>>EDITH STEWART: I CAN GO THROUGH THIS VERY QUICKLY.

YOU CAN READ IT AT YOUR LEISURE, THE NEW THINGS THAT WE'VE ADDED TO WHAT ANY OTHER CHARTER REVIEW BOARD HAS HAD IS WE'RE GOING TO OFFER YOU THE SOCIAL MEDIA AS AN ADDITIONAL THING.

WE'LL HAVE A FACEBOOK SITE AND BLOGGING, AND IF YOU'VE LOOKED AT OUR SITE, YOU CAN SEE THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO INSTANTLY PUT COMMENTS, WHICH COME TO YOUR E-MAIL MAILBOX, AND AS YOU GO ALONG, YOU CAN DIRECT US TO DO WHATEVER IT IS YOU THINK NEEDS TO BE DONE. ADDITIONALLY, I ADDED TWO OTHER PIECES OF PAPER.

ONE IS THE TEMPLATE YOU-ALL WANTED FOR PUTTING YOUR

BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN THE FINAL REPORT, AND WE'LL POST IT ON THE WEB AS SOON AS WE GET IT, AND YOU ASKED FOR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MARY HELEN AND MYSELF, AND THAT'S ON AN ADDITIONAL SHEET.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: HOW DO YOU WANT THE RETURN INFORMATION FROM THE TEMPLATE?

DO YOU WANT IT --

>>EDITH STEWART: I WOULD PREFER IT ELECTRONIC IF YOU COULD DO THAT, AND YOU'LL NOTICE AT THE BOTTOM I HAVE MY E-MAIL ADDRESS.

>>JOE AMON: HAVE YOU SENT THIS TO US E-MAIL?

>>EDITH STEWART: I HAVE NOT.

>>JOE AMON: IF YOU'LL DO THAT.

>>EDITH STEWART: I JUST MADE IT UP TODAY.  
I WILL CIRCULATE THAT TO YOU.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO ASK TOO, THE NEWSPAPER ADS -- THIS IS JUST A QUESTION.

I KNOW NO MONEY HAS BEEN BUDGETED FOR THIS BOARD.

>>EDITH STEWART: RIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I KNOW IN THE PAST WE HAVE RUN A COUPLE OF NEWSPAPER ADS JUST TO GET THE WORD OUT TO THE PUBLIC IN THE TAMPA TRIBUNE --

>>EDITH STEWART: WE CAN DO THAT.

AS YOU ALL ARE AWARE, THOUGH, THE SOCIAL MEDIA BRING YOU A MUCH LARGER AUDIENCE.

OUR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DID THAT WITH THEIR LAST PUBLIC HEARING SESSIONS FOR THE BUDGET, AND -- WE'LL DO IT ALL.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

I GUESS MY QUESTION WAS IN TERMS OF COST FOR THE NEWSPAPER ADS.

>>EDITH STEWART: WELL, WE WILL ABSORB IT IN SOMEBODY'S BUDGET.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THAT THE SAME FOR BROCHURES AND INFORMATION PAMPHLETS BECAUSE ALL THAT INVOLVES MONEY?

>>EDITH STEWART: YES, AND WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS AT A VERY LOW COST.

WE WON'T DO ANYTHING IN COLOR.

IT'LL BE BLACK-AND-WHITE FLIERS, VERY BASIC.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: I HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THE -- IN EDITH IN PUTTING TOGETHER -- THEY PUT TOGETHER A GREAT COMMUNICATION PLAN, AND I JUST MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?

>>JAN PLATT: SECOND.

>> SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

SECOND.

WE'VE GOT A MOTION, WE GOT A SECOND TO ACCEPT THIS MEDIA PLAN.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, ALL IN FAVOR RAISE THEIR HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

NEXT -- THE LAST ITEM WE HAVE BEFORE WE ADJOURN IS PUBLIC COMMENT.

HAS ANY -- EDITH, HAS ANYONE ELSE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?

>>EDITH STEWART: [INAUDIBLE]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OH, I'M SORRY.

ACTUALLY, BEFORE -- I'M SORRY.

EDITH, BEFORE -- WE -- I SKIPPED OVER THE SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

I DIDN'T -- I SKIPPED OVER THAT.

LET'S SET THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING, AND THEN WE'LL LET MRS. WHITE COME UP AND SPEAK DURING PUBLIC COMMENT.

OKAY.

ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE AGENDA?

I KNOW WE -- WE ALREADY HAVE ONE ITEM IN TERMS OF EACH OF THE INDIVIDUALS -- WE VOTED ON HAVING EACH OF THE INDIVIDUALS BRING TWO ADDITIONAL NAMES, SO WE'RE GOING TO

HAVE A POOL OF NAMES.

SO THAT'S GOING TO BE ONE OF THE ITEMS WE HAVE ON OUR  
AGENDA.

IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS?

JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO START INTO  
THE CHARTER WITH MARY HELEN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: RIGHT.

MARY HELEN, YES.

SO WE'VE GOT THOSE TWO ITEMS ALREADY.

WE'VE GOT MARY HELEN, WHICH WAS VOTED ON, HAVING HER  
DISCUSS CHARTER, AND WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS OUR SPEAKERS  
AND FINALIZE OUR SPEAKERS.

ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: THAT SEEMS LIKE A LOT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH, I AGREE.

OKAY.

WE'VE ALREADY GOT THAT SET.

JOE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: BEFORE YOU GO TO THE AUDIENCE, I HAVE A  
LEGAL QUESTION TO ASK MARY HELEN ABOUT AN E-MAIL I GOT.

MARY HELEN, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE NO CONFLICT.

SOMEBODY SENT ME AN E-MAIL, AND THEY INVITED ME -- AND  
THAT'S ANYBODY THEY SENT IT TO -- TO AN ELECTED COUNTY  
MAYOR RECEPTION.

IT SAYS, PAID POLITICAL, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH.

IS THAT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO GO TO THAT?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: BY SITTING ON THIS BOARD YOU DON'T GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO -- TO DO WHATEVER ACTIVITIES YOU WANT.

IT'S MORE, I THINK, A MATTER OF MAYBE A PERCEPTION, BUT IT'S NOT A CONFLICT UNDER THE ETHICS CODE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: SO THERE'S NO ETHICS ABOUT GOING TO A FUNCTION THAT'S TALKING ABOUT THE COUNTY MAYOR OR RAISING MONEY FOR THE COUNTY MAYOR EFFORT AND ALL THAT?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE LEGALLY PROHIBITED FROM DOING THAT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW.

>>GREG PRESEAU: YOU MIGHT JUST WANT TO CHECK TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NO OTHER BOARD MEMBER THAT YOU'RE SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: THAT'S CORRECT.

>>GREG PRESEAU: -- TO VIOLATE SUNSHINE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I CAN'T HEAR YOU.

>>GREG PRESEAU: YOU MIGHT WANT TO JUST MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S NO OTHER BOARD MEMBER PRESENT SO YOU DON'T COME IN ANY CONFLICT WITH THE SUNSHINE LAW.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: OH, BY HAVING TWO BOARD MEMBERS IN THE SAME LOCATION?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: YEAH.

ANYTIME ANY TWO BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSS ANY ISSUE WHICH MAY BECOME FOR THIS BOARD FOR ACTION, SO JUST AVOID ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH ANY OTHER CHARTER MEMBER.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: SO IF I COULD SAY WHAT THIS IS TO SEE IF ANYBODY ELSE HAS GOT IT THAT'S GOING OR MAYBE THINKING ABOUT GOING, IS THAT WHAT I HEARD?

I THINK THAT'S WHAT I HEARD.

I'LL JUST READ IT.

>>GREG PRESEAU: IF YOU NOTICE SOMEONE'S THERE, YOU KNOW, THEN --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I'LL JUST LET YOU KNOW -- I'LL JUST READ IT THEN FOR THE RECORD.

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO HIDE.

IT JUST SAYS, YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE PLACEMENT OF THE ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR PETITION ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER 2010.

LEARN WHY THE PEOPLE OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY WANT TO ELECT A COUNTY MAYOR.

IF THE PETITION IS APPROVED, WE NEED TO START GATHERING 42,000 SIGNATURES.

MARCH 1st, 2010, 5:30 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M. AT THE HOME OF MARY ANN STILES [INCOMPREHENSIBLE] TAMPA, FLORIDA.

>>RALPH FISHER: IS THAT FREE PARKING?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I'M READING IT INTO THE RECORD BECAUSE

IF ANYBODY ELSE WAS GOING TO GO -- I'M JUST ASKING.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I'M GOING.

>>GREG PRESEAU: SO YOU'LL BE THERE AND YOU WON'T BE HERE  
MARCH 1st?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: HUH?

NO, I JUST WAS THROWING IT OUT THERE.

I MAY.

I DON'T KNOW.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THANK YOU, MARY.

OKAY.

YES, GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: BEFORE WE GO INTO PUBLIC COMMENT, I DID  
NOTE AN EDITORIAL IN THE ST. PETERSBURG TIMES TODAY, THE  
PINELLAS COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW BOARD HAS DECIDED TO STUDY A  
COUNTY MAYOR ISSUE, SO THERE'S SOMETHING GOING AROUND WITH  
THIS COUNTY MAYOR THING, AND I JUST WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING  
ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

I JUST WANT TO BE EDUCATED AS A MEMBER, AND IT'S JUST THAT  
SIMPLE.

I HAVE NO HIDDEN AGENDA OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

I JUST WANT TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT WHY THIS ISSUE HAS  
SURFACED, WHY IT CONTINUE TO BE DEBATED IN THE COMMUNITY,  
AND WHAT IT -- WHAT WOULD SOMETHING LIKE THAT MEAN TO THE  
CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ACTUALLY, I JUST WANTED TO MENTION, AS A BOARD MEMBER --  
AND EDITH, CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT AS A BOARD MEMBER,  
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, AN ARTICLE OR SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT  
TO PROVIDE LIKE RALPH DID, PROVIDE IT TO EDITH, AND SHE CAN  
PROVIDE US ALL INFORMATION, AND THAT'S SOMEWHAT HELPFUL.

I PERSONALLY FOUND THAT HELPFUL LAST TIME IN TERMS OF  
RESEARCH.

SOMEBODY SAW SOMETHING, THEY PROVIDED IT TO EVERYBODY AND -  
- SHELLEY BLOOD WAS OUR COORDINATOR LAST TIME.

SHE PROVIDED IT TO EVERYBODY, AND IT WAS VERY HELPFUL IN  
TERMS OF ADDITIONAL RESEARCH.

SO I JUST WANTED TO MENTION IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, YOU KNOW,  
DON'T HESITATE TO PROVIDE IT TO US ALL THROUGH EDITH;

RIGHT?

SO -- PUBLIC COMMENT.

WE HAVE MRS. WHITE.

YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES, MRS. WHITE.

>> GOOD EVENING, CHARTER REVIEW BOARD 2010.

I AM ANN SANKEY-WHITE.

THAT'S CAPITAL S-A-N-K-E-Y HYPHEN WHITE, A RESIDENT OF THE  
CITY OF TAMPA, WIFE, MOTHER OF FOUR, AND EVANGELIST AND  
EDUCATOR.

I WANT TO SAY JUST UP FRONT THAT FOR A MOMENT DURING YOUR  
DISCUSSION I SENSED A KIND OF RUB THERE, ALMOST AN IMPASSE  
AND A FEELING OF DOMINANCE, BUT I WOULD THAT ALL OF YOU

WOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT FAIRNESS SHOULD BE AT THE FOREFRONT, AND EQUAL CONSIDERATION OF EVERYBODY'S IDEAS SHOULD ALWAYS BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS. AND ALSO, I THINK THAT SINCE WE DO LIVE IN A VERY, VERY DIVERSE COMMUNITY, WE MUST BEAR IN MIND AT ALL TIMES INCLUSION AND YOU MUST CONSIDER EVERYBODY, EVERY ETHNIC GROUP, EVERY CULTURE, PEOPLE'S BACKGROUNDS, RACE, ALL OF THOSE FACTORS BECAUSE YOU ARE, IN FACT, REVIEWING THE CHARTER -- THE CHARTER, WHICH IS OUR LOCAL CONSTITUTION HERE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, SO ALL OF THOSE FACTORS NEED TO BE INCLUDED AS YOU THINK AND AS YOU PERUSE THE CONSTITUTION AND THIS CHARTER OF THIS COUNTY.

AND DURING THIS CHARTER REVIEW PROCESS, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HEAR EACH OF YOUR INDIVIDUAL IDEAS, OF COURSE IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE, ABOUT THE CHARTER ITSELF, AND COULD YOU JUST MAKE IT PLAIN FOR THE PEOPLE WHAT THIS CHARTER ACTUALLY IS BECAUSE THERE WAS A DISCUSSION DURING THE LAST CHARTER REVIEW SESSIONS FIVE YEARS AGO ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT A CHARTER WAS A CONSTITUTION OR WHETHER IT WAS JUST A CHARTER DOCUMENT.

I THINK WE NEED SOME CLARIFICATION AND WE DESERVE THAT AS CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY SO THAT WE GET A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT'S GOING ON HERE AND WHY YOU HAVE BEEN SEATED AND WHY THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE SO IMPORTANT, AND THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE IMPORTANT ACROSS THE BOARD BECAUSE

YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONERS, AND THOSE COMMISSIONERS REPRESENT VARIOUS DISTRICTS AND AT-LARGE DISTRICTS, AND IN THOSE DISTRICTS ARE PEOPLE, AND THOSE PEOPLE NEED TO HAVE THEIR ISSUES AND THEIR CONCERNS HEARD AND MET AND PROPERLY REVIEWED BY THIS BOARD.

I THINK IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE APPOINTED AND YOU'RE GOING TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT, THEN YOU NEED TO DO THE JOB.

I SAT THROUGH THE LAST CHARTER REVIEW BOARD AND I WITNESSED FOR MYSELF -- NOBODY HAD TO TELL ME THIS -- PEOPLE WHO JUST SAT ON THIS BOARD AND DIDN'T SAY A WORD, AND I THINK THAT THAT WAS VERY INAPPROPRIATE.

MAYBE THAT WAS THEIR WAY OF SAYING NO COMMENT ON THE CHARTER.

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IF YOU HAVE NO COMMENT ON IT, THEN SAY NO COMMENT.

YOU'RE HERE TO REVIEW THE CHARTER AND TO EXPLAIN IT TO US AND TO TELL US WHAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED OR AMENDED OR ADDED OR WHAT DOESN'T NEED TO BE CHANGED, BUT THAT'S PART OF YOUR DUTY, NOT TO JUST SIT HERE AND BLOCK AND STOP AND ROCK AND SOCK EACH OTHER.

WE DON'T WANT THAT.

WE WANT YOU TO REPRESENT WHAT YOU'VE ACCEPTED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THANK YOU, MRS. WHITE.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THANK YOU.

I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT, I THINK NEXT MEETING MARY HELEN  
FARRIS WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST US WHEN SHE COVERS THE  
CHARTER.

THAT WILL ANSWER -- THAT'LL BE HELPFUL FOR ALL OF US AND  
THE PUBLIC.

SO MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>> SO MOVE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND?

>> SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ALL IN FAVOR RIGHT HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

THANK YOU.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: FIX THE CLOCK, MAN.