

CAPTIONING  
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CHARTER REVIEW BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

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>>MITCHELL THROWER: GOOD EVENING.

WELCOME TO THE AUGUST 2nd PUBLIC HEARING.

WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THE PUBLIC HEARING WITH MR. FRANK

REDDICK LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PLEASE RISE.

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

OKAY.

GOOD EVENING.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO DISCUSS THREE ISSUES.

THERE ARE FORMS IN THE BACK.

IF ANYONE'S INTERESTED IN SPEAKING, PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM  
AND CHECK THE ITEM THAT YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON.

YOU WILL BE ALLOWED UP TO THREE MINUTES ON EACH ITEM, SO  
LET ME JUST -- ON OUR -- REVIEW THE THREE ISSUES THAT WE'RE  
DISCUSSING.

NUMBER ONE, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SINGLE-MEMBER  
DISTRICTS FROM FOUR TO FIVE, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AT-  
LARGE DISTRICTS FROM THREE TO FOUR, PROVIDING A TRANSITION

SCHEDULE, PROVIDING FOR REAPPORTIONMENT OF THOSE DISTRICTS.

THAT'S NUMBER ONE.

NUMBER TWO IS INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR AMENDED

RESOLUTION.

THAT'S A CARRYOVER FROM LAST PUBLIC HEARING.

AND NUMBER THREE, REAPPORTIONMENT CHARTER LANGUAGE

AMENDMENT.

LET ME MENTION WE'RE GOING TO TAKE PUBLIC HEARING FROM

EVERYONE, AND MY THOUGHT IS WE'RE GOING TO THEN DISCUSS THE

INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR.

WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW A HALF AN HOUR TO DISCUSS THAT, AND

HOPEFULLY WE CAN RESOLVE THAT WITHIN A HALF HOUR.

IF WE GET TO THE END OF THE HALF HOUR, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE

ON TO OUR OTHER ISSUES BECAUSE I WANT TO ALLOW PEOPLE WHO

HAVE COME TO SPEAK ON THOSE OTHER ISSUES AN OPPORTUNITY TO

DISCUSS IT, AND IF WE HAVE TO, WE'LL MOVE BACK -- GO BACK

TO THE INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR.

SINCE THAT WAS CARRIED OVER FROM THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING, I

FIGURE I WANT TO DO THAT FIRST, BUT I ALSO REALIZE THAT

THERE'S PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME SPECIFICALLY FOR THE OTHER

ISSUES, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO

WAIT TILL THE VERY END.

SO WE WILL APPROACH IT THAT WAY.

LET ME JUMP RIGHT INTO THE PUBLIC COMMENT -- THE PUBLIC

HEARING PART OF THE MEETING.

FIRST UP WE HAVE MR. RICHARD TARR.

PLEASE COME FORWARD.

PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TOPIC YOU'RE DISCUSSING --  
SPEAKING ON.

>> RICHARD TARR.

I'LL BE TALKING ABOUT THE INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR  
RESOLUTION YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS.

ONE, IN THE CURRENT VERSION THAT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU,  
ON THE THIRD PAGE, HALFWAY DOWN THROUGH THE FIRST  
PARAGRAPH, YOU HAVE A STATEMENT THAT SAYS, THE HILLSBOROUGH  
COUNTY INTERNAL AUDITOR'S WORK SHALL INCLUDE AUDITS OF ALL  
ASPECTS OF THIS CHARTER GOVERNMENT AND ITS OFFICES AND ITS  
OFFICIALS WITH WRITTEN ANNUAL REPORTS SUBMITTED TO BOTH THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.  
THAT LAST PHRASE, WITH WRITTEN ANNUAL REPORTS SUBMITTED TO  
BOTH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR, WOULD IMPLY THAT THE INTERNAL PERFORMANCE  
AUDITOR OR THE INTERNAL AUDITOR, AS YOU'RE REFERRING TO IT  
HERE IN THIS RESOLUTION, WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO DO AUDITS  
AND SUBMIT ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORTS ON THE -- ON ALL ASPECTS  
OF THE CHARTER GOVERNMENTS AND ITS OFFICES ANNUALLY.

I'M NOT SURE THAT WAS THE INTENT.

IT'S UNCLEAR.

I WOULD HOPE THAT IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS YOU WOULD EITHER

STRIKE THAT OR CLARIFY THAT SO THAT THERE'S NO AMBIGUITY.

OKAY?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>> ONE LAST COMMENT.

LAST TIME WE -- YOU HAD A MEETING, YOU HEARD FROM THE CLERK OF THE COURT, PAT FRANK, AND THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE -- BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CLERK'S OFFICE WHEREBY THE COUNTY HAD ASKED THE CLERK TO DO SOME PERFORMANCE AUDIT WORK.

I WANTED TO POINT OUT THE FACT THAT, IN FACT, THAT AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS RESOLUTION SHOULD IT PASS.

IT COULD STILL STAND.

THE BOCC COULD ASK THE CLERK TO PERFORM PERFORMANCE AUDIT WORK IF, IN FACT, THEY -- THEY SO CHOSE, WHICH IS WHAT THEY'VE ALREADY DONE, BUT I WANTED TO POINT OUT THE FACT THAT THE CLERK IS NOT PERFORMING THOSE AUDITS.

IN FACT, THE CLERK IS MANAGING THE PERFORMANCE OF THOSE AUDITS, WHICH ARE BEING PERFORMED BY EXTERNAL CONSULTING FIRMS, AND SO AS THE CLERK STATED FRIDAY, SHE'S NOT LOOKING FOR ANYMORE WORK AND CURRENTLY DOESN'T HAVE THE STAFF TO DO PERFORMANCE AUDITS AND THAT WHEN THE BOARD DOES ASK FOR ADDITIONAL AUDIT WORK, THAT WORK HAS HAD TO BE CONTRACTED OUT, AND THE CLERK HAS TAKEN A POSITION OF MANAGING THOSE

PROJECTS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ACTUALLY, MR. TARR, ARE YOU GOING TO BE HERE AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> YES, I AM, I'M GOING TO BE HERE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

COMMISSIONER PLATT, COULD YOU WAIT UNTIL THAT POINT TO ASK THE QUESTION BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO -- WE'LL HAVE HIM AVAILABLE.

>> WE CAN TALK LATER.

>>JAN PLATT: NO.

I'M GOING TO ASK YOU.

>> YOU WANT TO ASK ME NOW?

>>JAN PLATT: I'LL ASK --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WAIT -- ACTUALLY, WAIT UNTIL THE PUBLIC HEARING'S OVER --

>> YES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- AND THEN --

>> I'LL BE HAPPY TO --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE TO COME FORWARD -- BECAUSE I'M SURE THERE'S PROBABLY OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WHO MAY HAVE SOME QUESTIONS TOO.

OKAY.

>> VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU.

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

NEXT UP, MS. MARILYN SMITH.

AND SHE'S SPEAKING ON ALL THREE ISSUES, SO SHE'LL HAVE, IF SHE WANTS, THREE MINUTES PER ITEM.

>> WAIT A MINUTE.

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ON ALL OF THEM AT ONE TIME.

WOULDN'T THAT BE KIND OF CROSS-PURPOSES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: TALK ON THE FIRST ONE, TELL US WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED --

>> [INAUDIBLE] COME BACK.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- TALK ON THE OTHER ONE.

WELL, YOU'RE HERE.

WE'RE GOING THROUGH EVERYONE AT ONE TIME.

>> OH, MY.

YOU -- YOU KNOW, I'LL TELL YOU YOU GUYS ARE MAKING THIS DIFFICULT FOR AN OLD LADY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE ONLY HAVE THREE INDIVIDUALS HERE, SO YOU'D BE RIGHT BACK UP ANYWAY.

>> YOU DIDN'T HAVE MANY LAST TIME, BUT YOU DIDN'T LET ME TALK VERY LONG.

ALL RIGHT.

NOW GO AHEAD AND START.

FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO EXPLAIN TO YOU THE REASONS WHY WE DON'T NEED TO HAVE MORE MEMBERS.

WE HAD A VOTING RIGHTS ACT IN 1965, AND THE ONLY REASON WHY WE ENDED UP WITH A PARTICULAR SELECT DISTRICT WAS BECAUSE

THERE WAS PROVEN DISCRIMINATION GOING ON.

NO ONE ELSE HAS DONE ANYTHING IN THAT AREA, AND THAT WAS THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT THAT PROVED THAT.

IN CASE ANY OF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY, MR. CARL WARREN AND HIS FATHER WERE PARAMOUNT IN BRINGING THAT FORWARD.

YOU PEOPLE WEREN'T EVEN AROUND, I GUESS.

DON'T THINK WE NEED TO EXPAND THIS BOARD.

WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS VOTE IN BETTER PEOPLE, BETTER COMMISSIONERS IN ALL SEVEN OF THE AREAS.

THAT BEING SAID, ADDING TO IT IS NOT GOING TO GUARANTEE QUALITY.

YOU MUST REMEMBER QUALITY COMES FROM YOUR CONSTITUENTS, AND IF YOU WANT TO BUY SOMEBODY, THEN THAT'S WHAT WE GET.

BUYING SOMEBODY GOT US NOWHERE, AND WE ARE IN A BAD SITUATION RIGHT NOW.

FINANCIALLY WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM BECAUSE OF BAD DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CAN'T BLAME STAFF.

THEY HAD THE VOTE POWER.

ADDING TO THIS BOARD IS OVER \$700,000.

NOW, WITH OTHER THINGS THAT COULD BE ADDED TO IT, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS MORE A YEAR.

WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER DEBT.

YOU GUYS WANT TO PUT ANOTHER DEBT IN THERE?

WE GOT ENOUGH PROBLEMS WITH DEBT.

AND BESIDES THAT, IF YOU'RE GOING TO GO AROUND, YOU KNOW, WELL, WE WANT IT BECAUSE WE'RE THIS OR WE'RE THAT, WE'VE ALREADY BEEN OVER THERE, AND I JUST TOLD YOU ABOUT THE VOTER RIGHT ACT.

GO BACK AND READ IT, AND THEN YOU WON'T BE WONDERING WHY WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER SELECTED -- SELECTED AND INDIVIDUALIZED DISTRICT.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT -- AND MS. GRIMES, I THINK YOU'LL AGREE WITH THAT.

WE NEED TO MAKE AN ENLARGED DISTRICT WHERE ONLY WOMEN CAN RUN AND WOMEN CAN VOTE.

>>GINA GRIMES: [INAUDIBLE]

>> YEAH.

NOW, THAT WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT, BUT I REALLY DON'T WANT TO SPEND ANYMORE MONEY ON THAT, OKAY.

WELL, THINK ABOUT IT.

LOOK HOW MANY MORE MEN WE'VE HAD ON THAT BOARD.

LOOK AT THE DISASTERS GOING ON NOW.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, JAN?

>>JAN PLATT: NO COMMENT.

[LAUGHTER]

>> I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT.

I JUST THOUGHT I'D THROW IT IN TO LET YOU KNOW I KNOW YOU'RE THERE.

OKAY.

NOW WHAT?

NUMBER TWO?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS LEFT ON NUMBER ONE  
IF YOU WANT TO USE IT.

>> OH.

WELL, I'M AGAINST IT.

IT'S GOING TO COST US MORE MONEY.

IT'S NOT GOING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY.

NUMBERS ADDED DO NOT IMPROVE QUALITY.

YOU BETTER FIX WHAT YOU'VE GOT HERE FIRST AND PUT TERM  
LIMITS ON THEM.

TERM LIMITS, I'VE TOLD YOU WE NEED TERM LIMITS.

EIGHT YEARS IS LONG ENOUGH FOR ANYBODY TO SERVE HERE.

WE DON'T NEED PEOPLE TO START THEIR ANNUITY FOR OLD AGE AND  
DOUBLE DIP AND ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF.

THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO SERVE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME, AND I  
THINK WE SHOULD CHANGE IT ALL TO EIGHT YEARS, PERIOD.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

NOW --

>> OKAY.

LET'S SEE.

WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR?

>> OH, I'M ALL FOR THE PERFORMANCE AUDITOR.

I REALLY THINK WE NEED THAT BECAUSE WITHOUT THAT, AS POOR A JOB AS THAT POOR GUY DID BECAUSE HE DIDN'T GET DIRECTIONS - - EXCUSE ME -- FROM THE BOARD -- IF YOU'RE NOT GIVEN DIRECTIONS, YOU FLOUNDER, SO HE FLOUNDERED, BUT HE DIDN'T FLOUNDER BADLY ENOUGH TO NOT FIGURE OUT WHAT PAT BEAN DID AND WHEN SHE DID IT.

THUS, SHE'S GONE, AND I CAN'T SAY I'M UNHAPPY ABOUT THAT. I WORKED ON IT FOUR YEARS FOR HER DEMISE TO BE MET BEFORE MY DEMISE WAS MET.

I THINK IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT THING.

I WORKED VERY HARD TO GET THAT PERFORMANCE AUDITOR ON THE BALLOT, AND IT DOES SERVE A PURPOSE.

EVERYONE NEEDS OVERSIGHT.

ALL GOVERNMENTS NEED OVERSIGHT.

MANY PEOPLE BECOME VERY SELF-SERVING, AND IF WE DON'T HAVE OVERSIGHT, THEY GET AWAY WITH AN AWFUL LOT.

WE KNOW THAT FROM CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, SENATORIAL DISTRICTS HERE -- EXCUSE ME -- HERE AND IN WASHINGTON.

THEY GET CAUGHT.

THE PAPERS ARE FULL OF THOSE KIND OF PEOPLE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, SERVING THEMSELVES, SERVING THEIR BUDDIES, AND CHEATING US RIGHT TO THE WALL, SO I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO TAKE HIM OFF THERE, I THINK WE NEED TO ENHANCE OURSELVES WITH AN OVERSIGHT SITUATION.

I'M NOT AFRAID OF BEING INSPECTED.

WHAT ARE THEY AFRAID OF?

DON'T DO ANYTHING -- WHEN I'M AROUND, THEY GO, OH, HERE  
COMES MARILYN.

WELL, IF YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING WRONG, YOU DON'T NEED TO  
BE AFRAID OF MARILYN, BUT IF YOU ARE, SHE'S GOING TO FIND  
OUT AND IT WILL COME OUT.

MAY TAKE ME FOUR YEARS, BUT IT HAPPENS.

OKAY.

LET'S GO ON TO THE THIRD ONE.

I DON'T THINK -- I THINK THIS IS KIND OF PREMATURE ABOUT  
REDISTRICTING AT THE MOMENT.

WE HAVE JUST GONE THROUGH A SITUATION WHERE WE'RE LOOKING  
AT OUR POPULATION AND OUR CENSUS, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF FLUX  
IN THERE, AND I'M NOT HAVING A PROBLEM WITH ASKING YOU TO  
HOLD OFF ON THAT.

THERE'S ALREADY BEEN ENOUGH GERRYMANDERING GOING ON.

LOOK AT WHAT THEY DID IN TALLAHASSEE AND THE DIFFICULTIES  
THEY HAVE UP THERE BECAUSE THEY'RE SO POLITICAL.

THAT'S NOT REALLY GOING TO SOLVE A PROBLEM AT THIS POINT.

IT COULD MAKE IT WORSE.

I THINK WE CAN WAIT.

IT WON'T KILL US TO WAIT A LITTLE WHILE.

TEN YEARS GOES BY VERY FAST, AND YOU PUT TOO MANY THINGS ON  
THIS BALLOT, AND YOU'RE GOING TO GET A LOT OF NOS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME CLARIFY, THE REAPPORTIONMENT

CHARTER LANGUAGE, THAT HAD TO DO WITH THE PROPOSED  
REDISTRICTING MAP.

>> YEAH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IF CHANGES WERE MADE THAT -- ALLOWING  
FOR AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING.

>>JAN PLATT: [INAUDIBLE]

>> OH, THERE'S ANOTHER --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IT HAD TO ALLOW FOR AN ADDITIONAL  
PUBLIC HEARING.

>> WHEN?

I'M SORRY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: UNDER THE REDISTRICTING MAP, IF  
INITIAL -- UNDER THE INITIAL REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING, IF  
THERE WERE MAJOR CHANGES MADE TO THAT, IT ALLOWED FOR AN  
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING.

THAT WAS THE THIRD ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

>> OH, ALL RIGHT.

YOU WANT ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING, FINE.

NOBODY COMES TO THESE.

GO AHEAD AND ADD ANOTHER ONE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>> BUT I'M VERY, VERY SERIOUS ABOUT KEEPING YOUR INTERNAL  
AUDITOR BECAUSE OF OVERSIGHT REASONS.

EVERYBODY NEEDS OVERSIGHT, AND I'M REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT NOT  
ADDING ANYMORE DEBT TO US.

IT WILL BE -- 700,000 EASILY MAKES IT TO A MILLION ONCE YOU PASS THE 500,000 MARK, AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY DON'T NEED ANOTHER FARTHING ON THEIR HEAD.

THANK YOU.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

NEXT UP, MR. AL DAVIS.

PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, AND I SEE THAT YOU'VE CHECKED ALL THREE ITEMS, SO YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES PER ITEM.

IF YOU LET US KNOW WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED WITH THE FIRST ITEM, WE'LL START THE CLOCK ON THE NEXT ITEM.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

MY NAME IS AL DAVIS.

I'M AT 3717 EAST WILDER AVENUE, TAMPA 33610.

I EXTEND GREETINGS TO ALL AND BEST WISHES AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR DELIBERATION.

I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU WORK SMARTER INSTEAD OF HARDER. THE SMART THING TO DO, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, IN REGARDS TO THIS EXTENDING THE COUNTY COMMISSION FROM SEVEN TO NINE IS TO SAY NO, AND HERE'S THE REASON I'M RECOMMENDING THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN.

THE 4-7 CONCEPT IS REFLECTED THROUGHOUT ALL OF OUR, IF YOU WILL, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE CITY COUNCIL, AND THE RATIONALE FOR THAT, FOUR SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THE THREE AT-LARGE, WAS TO EMPOWER EVERY

VOTER TO ELECT THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THAT PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT.

LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY, THE LEGISLATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THE SCHOOL BOARD IS -- THE SCHOOL BOARD IS COMPARABLE TO THIS COUNTY IN TERMS OF ITS JURISDICTION EXCEPT FOR ONE THING.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS SEVEN MEMBERS, AS YOU KNOW, AND THEY HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THE ENTIRE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF THIS COUNTY, BUT THIS COUNTY; THAT IS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THOSE SEVEN MEMBERS, ONLY HAVE JURISDICTION ON THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY, THEY DON'T HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THE CITY OF TAMPA, THE CITY OF PLANT CITY, NOR THE CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE, SO TO EXPAND IT, I JUST DON'T -- I CAN'T -- I CAN'T FASHION ANY KIND OF GOOD SENSE OF DOING SO, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THIS IN THAT MINUTE TIME.

HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT THE COST IT WOULD BE?

OKAY.

NEXT SUBJECT.

>>JAN PLATT: WAIT.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE THAT ONE --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JAN PLATT: BEFORE YOU LEAVE THAT ONE -- EXCUSE ME -- THE COUNTY DOES HAVE COUNTYWIDE JURISDICTION OVER SOME AREAS. THAT'S WHY THERE'S A COUNTYWIDE MILLAGE.

>> YES.

>>JAN PLATT: AND THAT MILLAGE IS LEVIED IN THE CITY OF TAMPA, IN TEMPLE TERRACE, IN PLANT CITY, SO THERE ARE AREAS WHERE THE HILLSBOROUGH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS COUNTYWIDE JURISDICTION.

FOR INSTANCE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION, THE VARIOUS SOCIAL PROGRAMS THAT EXIST IN THIS COUNTY.

THE FEDERAL FUNDS COME TO THE COUNTY, BUT THE COUNTY -- AND THEN THE COUNTY MATCHES IT, AND THOSE SOCIAL PROGRAMS EXIST IN THE CITY OF TAMPA, TEMPLE TERRACE, PLANT CITY.

I COULD -- I COULD GIVE YOU A WHOLE LIST OF COUNTYWIDE JURISDICTIONS, SO I JUST WANTED TO SET THAT STRAIGHT, THAT THE COUNTY DOES HAVE JURISDICTION IN SOME AREAS COUNTYWIDE.

>> I THINK -- AND MY RESPONSE -- POINT IS WELL TAKEN, BUT I WAS SIMPLY LOOKING AT THE NUMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ELEMENT OF THE COUNTY.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS BY LAW THAT WHAT THEY CALL THE GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT HAS JURISDICTION.

THIS IS WHAT THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION LEGISLATIVE BODY IS, A GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT, BUT YET STILL WE HAVE EXCLUDED -- NOT EXCLUDED BUT HAVE NOT EXTENDED TO THE -- WHAT YOU CALL THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES.

OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON THE OTHER TWO ISSUES, THREE MINUTES FOR THE SECOND ONE AND THREE MINUTES FOR THE THIRD ONE IF YOU'D LIKE TO.

>> MR. CHAIRMAN, WORKING SMARTER INSTEAD OF HARDER, THE CHARTER DOES NOT NEED THAT LANGUAGE ABOUT AN INTERNAL AUDITOR PER SE, BUT LIKE MANY SOME SAY, IF YOU PUT IT IN THE -- EQUIVALENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, THEN SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATIVE BODIES CAN'T COME ALONG AND CHANGE IT.

IF YOU DO INDEED FEEL THAT AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT -- AUDITOR IS NEEDED FOR THE PERFECTION OF THIS GOVERNMENT, THEN CITE IT AS A REQUIREMENT BUT LEAVE THE PARTICULARS UP TO THE LEGISLATIVE BODY, SIMILAR TO WHAT IS DONE IN OTHER AREAS OF OUR CONSTITUTION WHEN WE SAY THAT THERE SHALL BE A AUDITOR, THE QUALIFICATION, DUTIES, ET CETERA, WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY TO ADVISE.

OF COURSE WE NEED OVERSIGHT, BUT MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE SOMEONE THAT DO THAT ALREADY, THAT IS THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT.

IF YOU GIVE CAREFUL READING OF CHAPTER 28 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTE, YOU WILL SEE THAT THE CIRCUIT COURT, NOTWITHSTANDING THIS MEMORANDUM OF -- WHAT YOU CALL IT? -- UNDERSTANDING, THAT JUST TO EXPLAIN TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION OR THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE COUNTY WE'LL DO IT FOR YOU AND HERE'S THE TECHNIQUE THAT WE WOULD USE, AND YOU UNDERSTAND IT, WE UNDERSTAND IT BECAUSE IT IS THE

STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CLERK COURT TO DO YOUR AUDIT, WHETHER IT'S FINANCIAL OR PERFORMANCE BECAUSE ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER IS NOT VERY WELL, YOU KNOW, FOUNDED. THAT'S WHY YOU DO THIS OVERSIGHT, BUT YOUR CLERK OF COURT IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO DO IT AND MINIMIZE THE FUSSING AND QUARRELLING AMONG THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE COUNTY.

OKAY.

AS FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT MATTER OF HAVING AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING, THAT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA BECAUSE THE LAST TIME I REMEMBER WE DID REAPPORTIONMENT, THERE WAS A -- WHAT DO YOU CALL IT? -- JOHNNY-COME-LATER MAP, AND AT LEAST THIS CITIZEN WAS UNAWARE OF IT UNTIL HE SAW IT ON THE BOARD.

IS THIS THE MAP WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE APPROVING?

I THOUGHT WE HAD APPROVED THE OTHER MAPS EARLIER, BUT UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARING WE COULD NOT DO TOO MUCH PROTESTING, IF YOU WILL, OR ADDRESSING THE MATTER, SO I WOULD SUPPORT THE -- AMENDING THAT PROVISION OF THE REAPPORTIONMENT PUBLIC HEARING TO ENSURE THAT ALL THINGS THAT IS TO BE CONSIDERED IS AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING.

IF THERE'S ANY -- DID YOU SAY MAJOR CHANGE OR MODIFICATION, THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THAT IS THE PROPOSAL.

BASICALLY THE BALLOT TITLE, WHICH WE'RE DISCUSSING RIGHT NOW, A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE REAPPORTIONMENT PROVISION TO

ALLOW FOR AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD THERE BE, I GUESS, SIGNIFICANT OR MAJOR CHANGES TO THE MAPS.

>> OKAY.

BUT DID YOU DEFINE WHAT MAJOR CHANGES WOULD BE?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE -- THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING.

WE HAVEN'T REALLY GOTTEN INTO DISCUSSING IT YET, AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT RIGHT NOW.

WE ARE GOING TO BE DISCUSSING THAT LATER IN THIS MEETING, AND WE'VE GOT AN AUGUST 12th PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER TOO.

>> VERY WELL.

THEN I'LL AWAIT YOUR FURTHER DELIBERATION, AND THEN I PRESUME WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR DELIBERATION, WILL THERE BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO RESPOND TO --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, YOU'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY -- THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AT THE AUGUST 12th MEETING TO COMMENT AGAIN ON, YOU KNOW, ANYTHING THEY HEAR AT THIS MEETING, AND THEN WE MAY DECIDE TO VOTE ON IT, WE MAY NOT DECIDE TO VOTE ON IT.

IT WOULD TAKE 10 OF THE 14 MEMBERS TO VOTE TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AS A RESOLUTION.

>> WELL, IN SUMMARY, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD RECOMMEND YOU WORK SMARTER INSTEAD OF HARDER IN REGARDS TO THE EXPANDING BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST US FOR

THE -- FROM THE SEVEN TO THE NINE.

AS FAR AS THE AUDITOR, LET THE CLERK OF COURT DO IT.

SHE ALREADY -- THAT POSITION'S ALREADY PRESCRIBED IN ARTICLE OF THE CONSTITUTION AS WELL AS IN THE LEGISLATIVE CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA STATUTE, AND I'D LIKE TO GET YOUR ATTORNEY'S OPINION CONCERNING THAT MATTER.

HAS THE ATTORNEY GIVEN YOU AN OPINION ON THAT YET, MR. CHAIRMAN?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ON -- ACTUALLY, I'M NOT SURE, WHAT DID YOU ASK, AN OPINION ON WHAT MATTER?

>> AS WHETHER OR NOT IT IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CLERK OF COURT TO DO YOUR AUDIT --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, THAT --

>> -- AS PROVIDED IN FLORIDA STATUTE CHAPTER 28.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTION -- I MEAN, THE CLERK OF THE COURT IS THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSION -- CLERK -- THE CLERK OF THE COURT, PAT FRANK, SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT AT THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING.

IN TERMS OF THE STATUTE YOU'RE REFERRING TO, I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER TO THAT, BUT WE CAN CHECK INTO THAT.

>> VERY WELL.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE CAN CHECK INTO THAT.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THANK YOU.

IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK DURING THE  
PUBLIC HEARING?

IF NOT, I MOVE THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING IS ADJOURNED -- OR -

-

>> SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- CLOSED.

WE'VE GOT A SECOND.

ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

OKAY.

I GUESS PERSONALLY -- TECHNICALLY I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE  
THAT AS THE CHAIR.

>> I WAS ABOUT TO SAY THAT, MR. CHAIR.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: TECHNICALLY I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE  
THAT, BUT I DON'T THINK WE REALLY NEEDED A MOTION TO CLOSE  
IT ANYWAY.

SO WE'LL CLOSE THAT PUBLIC HEARING

WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE MORE -- ANYONE ELSE TO SPEAK.

NEXT UP IS DISCUSSION, AND I KNOW --

>>GERALD WHITE: MR. CHAIR.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES, MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, JUST CONDUCT THAT  
VOTE AGAIN.

LET THE VICE CHAIR --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ACTUALLY, LET SOMEBODY ELSE MAKE THE

MOTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: HE SURRENDERED THE GAVEL.

MAKE THE MOTION.

>> I MOVE THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED.

>> SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ANY DISCUSSION CONCERNING CLOSING THAT PUBLIC HEARING?

ALL IN FAVOR OF CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE RAISE  
YOUR RIGHT HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

OKAY.

THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

THANK YOU, MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: UH-HUH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NEXT UP IS DISCUSSION.

WE'RE GOING TO -- WHAT I SUGGESTED AT THE BEGINNING, SOME  
OF YOU -- SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS WEREN'T HERE, BUT I  
JUST -- I SUGGESTED THAT WE SPEND 30 MINUTES DISCUSSING THE  
PERFORMANCE AUDITOR, SEE IF WE -- IF WE CAN'T RESOLVE IT  
WITHIN 30 MINUTES, WE'LL MOVE AHEAD TO SOME OF THE OTHER  
ITEMS TO DISCUSS BECAUSE I KNOW THERE ARE MEMBERS THAT --  
IT WAS ADVERTISED THAT WE WOULD DISCUSS THE OTHER ITEMS,  
THE INCREASING THE SIZE OF COUNTY COMMISSION AND  
REAPPORTIONMENT, SO SINCE PUBLIC -- SOME OF THE PUBLIC MAY  
BE HERE TO SPEAK ON THOSE ITEMS, I WOULD -- I DON'T WANT TO

SPEND A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE AUDITOR,  
BUT MY SUGGESTION IS WE SPEND 30 MINUTES, AND HOPEFULLY WE  
CAN RESOLVE -- I THINK WE'RE CLOSE.

HOPEFULLY WE CAN RESOLVE AND VOTE ON THE INTERNAL  
PERFORMANCE AUDITOR IN 30 MINUTES.

IF WE HAVEN'T, WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE OTHER ITEMS AND WE'LL  
COME BACK TO THE PERFORMANCE AUDITOR.

SO I KNOW COMMISSIONER PLATT HAD A QUESTION FOR MR. TARR  
DURING HIS COMMENT.

DID YOU WANT TO ASK -- DID YOU WANT TO START OFF WITH THE  
QUESTIONS OR --

>>JAN PLATT: [INAUDIBLE]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

WELL, LET ME LET MR. AMON -- AND ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?  
WE'LL JUST START DISCUSSING THE INTERNAL PERFORMANCE  
AUDITOR RESOLUTION RIGHT NOW.

>>JOE AMON: GOOD DEAL.

ON PARAGRAPH 3 UNDER SECTION 4.10 IT SAYS, THE COUNTY  
INTERNAL AUDITOR SHALL BE A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
OWNING AN ACTIVE LICENSE.

I NEED SOME ADVICE ON THAT.

IS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT THE ONLY AUDITING --  
PARTICULARLY THE KIND OF AUDIT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ACTUALLY, WAIT --

>> WHERE YOU AT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND I KNOW IT SAYS CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND/OR OTHER -- I'M NOT READING IT, BUT IT SAYS AND/OR OTHER QUALIFICATIONS OR WHATEVER.

I MEAN, I'M PERSONALLY A CIA.

CIA IS ANOTHER CERTIFICATION WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR -- BUT I THINK THE WAY IT'S WORDED, IT LEAVES IT OPEN TO THAT.

>>JOE AMON: NO, IT DOESN'T.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

AND/OR OTHER -- WHERE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: PARAGRAPH 3, PAGE 2, THIRD SENTENCE, OR SHALL BE QUALIFIED BY EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING, SO IT'S COVERED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: INTERNAL AUDITING PRACTICE AND FISCAL CONTROLS.

YEAH, I HAD LOOKED IT UP MYSELF, AND YOU'RE RIGHT, CPA IS NOT THE ONLY ONE, AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO BE A CPA, YOU CAN BE A CIA, YOU CAN BE A CISA, CERTIFIED INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDITOR.

THERE'S OTHER QUALIFICATIONS WHICH COULD MAKE YOU QUALIFIED TO BE IN THIS POSITION, BUT MY PERSONAL OPINION IN THE WAY IT'S WORDED, I THINK IT KIND OF COVERS THAT, SO -- AND MR. TARR CAN SPEAK ON THAT IF YOU'D LIKE HIM TO.

>>JOE AMON: I WOULD.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. TARR, COULD YOU --

>>JOE AMON: JUST FOR -- AND I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION AFTER THAT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. TARR.

>> THE WAY IT'S CURRENTLY WORDED, IT COVERS BOTH CPA AND OTHER APPLICABLE CERTIFICATIONS THAT WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO SOMEONE HOLDING THIS POSITION.

SO IT DOESN'T LIMIT IT ONLY TO CPAs, WHICH I THINK WAS THE INTENT, AND IN FACT, THE LAST INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR WAS NOT A CPA.

>>JOE AMON: I LIKE WHAT YOU JUST SAID.

THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS SAYS.

SAY THAT AGAIN.

YOU SAY THAT IT -- QUALIFIED BY OTHER --

>> SHALL BE QUALIFIED BY EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING, INTERNAL AUDITING PRACTICE, AND FISCAL CONTROLS.

OR SHALL -- IT'S AN "OR," OKAY.

>>JOE AMON: I'M WITH YOU.

>> SO IN OTHER WORDS, IT COULD BE, A CPA OR SHALL BE QUALIFIED BY EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE, WHICH MEANS THEY COULD HAVE OTHER CERTIFICATION OR EXPERIENCE.

THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE A CPA.

>>JOE AMON: I'M FINE WITH THAT, BUT MY CONCERN IS WE HAVE NOT DEFINED WHAT THE OTHER IS.

WE'VE JUST SAID EDUCATION.

>> THAT'S CORRECT, WE HAVE.

THAT'S CORRECT, YOU HAVE NOT.

>>JOE AMON: SEE, I'M UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THAT.

I LIKE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I THINK CERTIFICATIONS --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MRS. REBACK.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- I THINK CERTIFICATIONS CHANGE FROM TIME TO TIME AND THE QUALIFIERS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE LANGUAGE ARE APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THERE MAY BE DIFFERENT CERTIFICATIONS WHICH ARE ADOPTED OR NOMENCLATURE WHICH CHANGES, AND I THINK THIS IS THE STANDARD SORT OF JOB DESCRIPTION WAY OF QUALIFYING A PARTICULAR LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATION FOR A POSITION.

I MEAN, THERE HAS TO BE SOME, YOU KNOW, FREEDOM FOR THE HIRING ENTITY, AND, I MEAN, THERE ARE RECOGNIZED QUALIFICATIONS OTHER THAN CPA IN THE INDUSTRY, AND PRESUMABLY THE HIRING ENTITY WOULD KNOW WHAT THEY WERE WHEN SEEKING TO FILL THE POSITION, BUT I -- I DON'T -- I THINK IF WE DEVOLVE TO THE PARTICULARS, CIA OR CFA OR WHATEVER, WE'RE ASKING FOR TROUBLE BECAUSE THOSE THINGS CHANGE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. AMON, YOU HAVE FURTHER COMMENT?

>>JOE AMON: YEAH.

ONE MORE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>JOE AMON: I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.

I'M STILL NOT SATISFIED.

I THINK IT'S TOO BROAD.

I ADMIT THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SOME OPENNESS HERE, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT OUGHT TO HAVE SOME KIND OF QUALIFICATIONS BASED -- THIS BASICALLY SAYS ABOUT EDUCATION.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING MORE SPECIFIC, AND MR. TARR GAVE ME TWO OR THREE DIFFERENT IDEAS ABOUT CERTIFICATIONS THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

>> IF YOU WOULD -- YOU COULD ADD ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS, BUT I WOULD RECOMMEND YOU STILL LEAVE IT OPEN-ENDED SHOULD, IN FACT, THERE BE AN INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIED BY EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE WHO MAY NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC CERTIFICATION BUT STILL WOULD BE CONSIDERED COMPETENT TO HOLD THE POSITION.

>>JOE AMON: WOULD THAT -- IS THAT --

>> IN OTHER WORDS, YOU COULD ADD ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS TO THIS AS LONG AS YOU LEFT IN THERE, OR SHALL HAVE BY EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, OR OTHER.

>>JOE AMON: I'M COMING AT THIS FROM AN ENGINEERING STANDPOINT.

>> UH-HUH.

>>JOE AMON: YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

THIS WOULD NEVER FLY IN AN ENGINEERING WORLD.

IS THIS COMMON?

IF THIS IS COMMON, THEN I'LL RELINQUISH AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT QUESTION.

WHAT WOULD YOU THINK IS --

>> I AGREE, AS IT IS CURRENTLY WORDED, THIS IS FAIRLY COMMON LANGUAGE.

>>JOE AMON: OKAY.

>> THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE THE "OR" IN THERE AND YOU LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN FOR OTHER CERTIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD BE APPLICABLE, I THINK YOU'VE COVERED WHAT YOUR INTENT IS.

>>JOE AMON: OKAY.

LET ME MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ONE AND MOVE VERY QUICKLY.

I'M ON PARAGRAPH 4, AND -- WHICH IS ON PAGE 3.

I AM ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE LINES -- SIX LINES DOWN.

THE PHRASE BEING, THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY INTERNAL AUDITOR'S WORK SHALL INCLUDE AUDITS.

I'D LIKE TO STRIKE THE WORD "SHALL" AND PUT THE WORD "MAY," MAY INCLUDE AUDITS OF ALL ASPECTS OF THIS CHARTER GOVERNMENT AND ITS OFFICES AND ITS OFFICIALS WITH WRITTEN ANNUAL REPORTS.

AT THAT POINT I'D LIKE TO ADD, OF THE -- OF THE AUDITS PERFORMED; THAT IS, WRITTEN ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE AUDITS PERFORMED SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

I'D LIKE TO MAKE THAT -- THOSE TWO ADDITIONS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

I'M -- MR. AMON, I HATE TO HAVE YOU REPEAT THAT, BUT I'M A LITTLE -- IF YOU COULD REPEAT THAT ONE MORE TIME.

>>JOE AMON: SURE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YOU'RE MAKING A MOTION?

>>JOE AMON: YES.

I'M TRYING TO CLEAR UP AN ISSUE I THINK MR. TARR BROUGHT UP, AND I AGREE WITH HIM.

WHEN YOU READ THIS, THERE IS SOME VERY SPECIFICITY THAT IS PROBABLY NOT WHAT WE INTENDED.

WHAT I'M SAYING IS THE HILLSBOROUGH -- ON THE ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR -- FIVE LINES DOWN ON PAGE 3, THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY INTERNAL AUDITOR'S WORK, RATHER THAN SHALL INCLUDE AUDITS SHOULD SAY, "MAY" -- STRIKE "SHALL" -- MAY INCLUDE AUDITS OF ALL ASPECTS OF THIS CHARTER GOVERNMENT.

WHY?

BECAUSE IT OPENS UP THE BOOK THAT -- THAT WHATEVER THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WANTS HIM TO DO, THEY CAN FOLLOW.

THEN I'M GOING TO GO ON WITH THAT SENTENCE.

I'M NOW DOWN THE NEXT LINE.

CHARTER GOVERNMENT AND ITS OFFICES AND ITS OFFICIALS WITH WRITTEN ANNUAL REPORTS.

AT THAT POINT I WANTED TO ADD OF THE AUDITS PERFORMED SO THAT IS OF THE WORK THAT THEY PERFORMED THEY SHOULD SUBMIT TO BOTH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATOR, SO WHAT I'M DOING THERE IS MAKING SURE THAT THEY SUBMIT APPROPRIATE REPORTS FOR THE WORK THAT THEY'VE PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED.

>> ONE COMMENT IF --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: CAN I ASK A QUESTION, A CLARIFICATION TO THAT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: FIRST OF ALL, I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU ON THE "MAY" VERSUS "SHALL", BUT ON THE OF THE AUDITS PERFORMED, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT -- WELL, LET ME ASK YOU, YOU WANT A WRITTEN AUDIT REPORT AND THEN IN ADDITION YOU WANT A WRITTEN SORT OF ACCOUNTING OF ALL THE AUDITS THEY PERFORMED OR YOU'RE TRYING TO DESCRIBE ONE OR THE OTHER OF THOSE TWO THINGS?

>>JOE AMON: GIVE ME WHAT YOU DO IN A WRITTEN FORMAT.

>> HE DOESN'T WANT AN ANNUAL REPORT.

>> JUST DELETE "ANNUAL" FROM THAT.

>> DELETE "ANNUAL" AND YOU SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I SEE.

SO WOULD YOU -- WOULD YOU AGREE THAT THAT ADDRESSES THE ISSUE THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO --

>>JOE AMON: YES.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAD --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: [INAUDIBLE]

>>JOE AMON: ONE OF THE COMMENTS THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO US A NUMBER OF TIMES IS THAT THERE'S A LOT OF WORK BEING DONE WITH VERBAL RESULTS --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: RIGHT.

>>JOE AMON: -- AND NOBODY CAN QUALIFY WHAT THOSE VERBAL RESULTS ARE.

I THINK IF THEY DO ANY KIND OF AN AUDIT, THAT AUDIT OUGHT TO BE PUT DOWN ON PAPER.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YOU'RE -- I AGREE WITH YOU COMPLETELY. FIRST OF ALL, SO THAT THERE'S A PUBLIC RECORD BECAUSE AT SOME POINT IT MAY TURN INTO A PUBLIC RECORD, SO I WOULD AGREE WITH BOTH THOSE THINGS.

>>JOE AMON: SO IT WOULD READ, THE --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WELL, IF YOU TAKE OUT THE WORD "ANNUALLY," I THINK IT'S SIMPLER.

>>GERALD WHITE: MR. CHAIR.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>GERALD WHITE: SORRY FOR -- EACH CHANGE, CAN WE JUST VOTE ON --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THAT'S A GOOD SUGGESTION.

IT MIGHT MAKE IT SIMPLER IF WE APPROACH IT EACH ONE.

AND THAT'S A GOOD SUGGESTION, MR. WHITE.

I WAS GOING TO MENTION THAT MYSELF BECAUSE I HAVE A FEELING IF WE CONTINUE TO HAVE AMENDED WORDING AND EVERYTHING -- WE CAN APPROACH ONE AT A TIME AND LOOK AT IT, VOTE ON IT, AND

THEN MOVE ON TO OTHER ITEMS.

>>RALPH FISHER: I SECOND THE WORD "MAY," JUST CHANGING THE WORD "MAY."

>>GERALD WHITE: I CALL THE QUESTION ON THE WORD "MAY."

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

LET'S GET THAT DONE.

>>RALPH FISHER: IS THAT OKAY, MR. AMON?

>>JOE AMON: YES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'VE GOT A MOTION AND A SECOND, SO JUST SO I'VE GOT IT HERE -- BECAUSE WE WERE TALKING ABOUT REMOVING "ANNUAL" TOO, SO MR. AMON, WOULD YOU MENTION ONE MORE TIME --

>>JOE AMON: WE'RE GOING TO DO JUST THIS PORTION.

THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY INTERNAL AUDITOR'S WORK MAY, STRIKE "SHALL," INCLUDE AUDITS.

THAT'S ALL WE'RE VOTING ON IS THAT PORTION OF IT.

I'LL COME TO THE NEXT ONE IN A SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THAT BEFORE WE VOTE ON THAT?

ALL IN FAVOR OF THAT PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

OKAY.

ANYONE OPPOSED TO THAT CHANGE?

OKAY.

THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

>>JOE AMON: SECOND ITEM, IF YOU DON'T MIND ME CONTINUING,

THE NEXT LINE DOWN, OFFICES AND ITS OFFICIALS WITH WRITTEN,  
STRIKE "ANNUAL."

IT READS, WITH WRITTEN REPORTS OF THE AUDITS PERFORMED --

>>FRANK REDDICK: SECOND.

>>JOE AMON: -- WITH WRITTEN REPORTS.

STRIKE "ANNUAL" AND YOU ADD THE WORDS AFTER, REPORTS OF THE  
AUDITS PERFORMED.

>>RALPH FISHER: MR. REDDICK, YOU SECONDED THAT?

>>FRANK REDDICK: YES, SIR.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I'D LIKE TO OFFER AN AMENDMENT TO THAT  
AMENDMENT.

I THINK IF YOU PUT OF THE AUDITS PERFORMED, IT CAN BE READ  
TO SUGGEST THAT THERE SHOULD BE SORT OF AN ACCOUNTING OF  
THE AUDITS PERFORMED AS OPPOSED TO A WRITTEN AUDIT REPORT,  
SO I WOULD ASK YOU TO CONSIDER OR MAYBE THIS IS AN AMENDED  
MOTION ON THAT LINE, ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX --  
THE SEVENTH LINE DOWN, WITH WRITTEN AUDIT REPORTS SUBMITTED  
TO BOTH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ET CETERA.  
WITH WRITTEN AUDIT REPORTS BECAUSE THAT, I THINK, ADDRESSES  
THAT YOU WANT THE AUDIT REPORTS IN WRITING AND NOT VERBAL,  
AS OPPOSED TO -- IF YOU SAY WITH WRITTEN REPORTS OF THE  
AUDITS PERFORMED, I THINK IT'S ASKING FOR AN ACCOUNTING OF  
ALL THE AUDITS PERFORMED.

>>RALPH FISHER: I SECOND HER -- THAT AMENDMENT.

>>JOE AMON: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

AND THAT'S GOING TO BE AN AMENDED MOTION THERE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YES.

AND WHAT I -- AGAIN, JUST TO RESTATE, I'M MOVING THAT THAT LINE BE CHANGED TO READ, WITH WRITTEN, STRIKE OUT "ANNUAL" ADD THE WORD "AUDIT REPORTS" AND NOT THE LANGUAGE THAT MR. AMON PROPOSED.

>>RALPH FISHER: YES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, IS THAT AN AMENDED MOTION OR A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT?

DO YOU ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IT HAD ALREADY BEEN SECONDED, SO IT'S GOING TO BE AN AMENDED MOTION.

>>JOE AMON: IT'S FINE.

WHAT SHE'S DOING IS FINE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: DISCUSSION CONCERNING THAT CHANGE?

>>JOE AMON: CALL THE QUESTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WAIT.

ACTUALLY, BEFORE YOU CALL THE QUESTION, MR. PRESEAU WAS RECOGNIZED.

>>GREG PRESEAU: I'M NOT SURE WE WANT TO INCLUDE THE WORD "AUDIT" BECAUSE THEY DO A LOT OF STUDIES THAT ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AS AUDITS, SO, YOU KNOW, OUR PREVIOUS IPA DID MANY FOUR-HOUR STUDIES, AND, YOU KNOW, NONE OF THOSE

REQUIRED AN AUDIT REPORT BECAUSE IT WAS CLASSIFIED --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: AREN'T THEY A FOUR-HOUR AUDIT?

>>GREG PRESEAU: NO.

IT WAS CLASSIFIED AS A STUDY, SO IT DIDN'T REQUIRE THE SAME PROCEDURAL REPORT AS AN AUDIT THAT WOULD BE YELLOW BOOK OR RED BOOK STANDARDIZED.

>> THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE GOING BEFORE THE BOCC FOR THEM TO VOTE ON IDENTIFIES AUDITS AND SPECIAL AUDITS.

EVERYTHING'S CALLED AN AUDIT.

IF YOU REMEMBER, THE INTERNAL AUDIT FROM THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, WHEN HE -- YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER.

HE APPEARED IN FRONT OF THE BOCC AND WAS ASKED WHAT ABOUT SPECIAL PROJECTS, AND HE SAYS, I DO AUDITS.

EVERYTHING I DO IS AN AUDIT PROJECT.

SOME ARE SPECIAL AUDITS, SOME ARE AUDITS OF DIFFERENT TYPES, BUT IN ESSENCE, I DO AUDITS, AND SO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR WOULD PERFORM AUDITS.

THE WAY WE'VE SET IT UP OR ARE GOING TO SET IT UP --

HOPEFULLY THE BOARD WILL ADOPT -- IS THAT THERE WILL BE AUDITS FROM THE ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN AND THEN THERE WILL BE SPECIAL AUDITS WHICH ARE REQUESTED BY THE BOARD, THE ADMINISTRATOR, OR THE ATTORNEY.

THEY WILL BE LIMITED IN TIME TO 20 HOURS, BUT THEY WILL ALL BE AUDITS.

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY REVIEWS OR OTHER THINGS THAT ARE NOT

AUDITS, IN ESSENCE.

THE INTERNAL AUDITOR PERFORMS AUDITS.

THE ONLY CONCERN IS WHAT THE LENGTH AND THE SCOPE OF THE  
AUDIT WILL BE, SO THEY'LL ALL BE AUDITS, SO IF YOU USE THE  
WORD "AUDIT" HERE, IT WOULD COVER ALL THE BASES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?

OKAY.

MRS. REBACK, PLEASE STATE YOUR MOTION ONE MORE TIME.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: OKAY.

THE MOTION IS TO AMEND THE SEVENTH LINE DOWN TO READ,  
OFFICES AND ITS OFFICIALS WITH WRITTEN AUDIT REPORTS AND  
STRIKING OUT THE WORD "ANNUAL" AND NO OTHER CHANGES.

>>RALPH FISHER: THERE IS A SECOND ON THAT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'VE GOT A SECOND.

ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

THAT MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY TOO.

OKAY.

MR. AMON.

>>JOE AMON: I MOVE TO PUT THIS RESOLUTION -- IT SAYS

2010 --

>> SECOND.

>>JOE AMON: -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT NUMBER IT IS -- PUT IT ON  
THE BALLOT.

>>RALPH FISHER: WHO SECONDED?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I DID.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME -- ACTUALLY, FURTHER  
DISCUSSION.

COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JAN PLATT: I HAD ANOTHER AMENDMENT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: TOO LATE.

I SECONDED HIS MOTION.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

YOU-ALL GOT YOUR MOTION.

I MOVE TO AMEND IT.

CAN I MOVE -- EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE MOVED TO PUT THIS ON THE  
BALLOT, I MOVE TO AMEND THE BALLOT LANGUAGE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES, YOU CAN DO --

>>JAN PLATT: IS THAT A -- I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S  
APPROPRIATE.

MAYBE NOT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MRS. FARRIS, THAT'S APPROPRIATE?

IT WOULD BE AN AMENDED MOTION FOR THE BALLOT.

YEAH.

>> YEAH.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JAN PLATT: ALL RIGHT.

IN SECTION 3, I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH KEEPING THAT LANGUAGE  
ABOUT THEM HAVING BE QUALIFIED BY EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

IN GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING.

THAT'S HOW THE COUNTY'S GOTTEN IN TROUBLE NOW.

AND SO I WOULD AMEND IT TO SAY, OR SHALL HAVE EXPERIENCE IN  
GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING, INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITING --  
INTERNAL AUDITING, AND FISCAL CONTROLS.

IN OTHER WORDS, THEY --

>>GERALD WHITE: SECOND.

>>JAN PLATT: IT WON'T BE AN "OR."

THEY'VE GOT TO HAVE --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. WHITE, PLEASE LET HER FINISH  
BEFORE YOU SECOND.

>>JAN PLATT: DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHERE I'M COMING FROM?

>>GERALD WHITE: I SECOND IT.

>>JAN PLATT: BECAUSE RIGHT NOW YOU --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU JUST SAID.  
COULD YOU REPEAT IT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

MR. WHITE, PLEASE LET HER FINISH BEFORE YOU SECOND THE  
MOTION [INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>JAN PLATT: LET ME READ -- LET ME READ HOW THAT SENTENCE  
WOULD READ: THE COUNTY INTERNAL AUDITOR SHALL BE A  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT HOLDING AN ACTIVE LICENSE TO  
PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND  
SHALL HAVE EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING, INTERNAL  
AUDITING, AND FISCAL CONTROLS.

>>GERALD WHITE: SECOND.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: DISCUSSION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: DISCUSSION.

>>JAN PLATT: AND LET ME SPEAK TO WHY I'M PROPOSING THIS --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH, COMMISSIONER PLATT GETS TO SPEAK FIRST ON HER AMENDED MOTION.

>>JAN PLATT: -- AND THEN THAT'S IT BECAUSE IF YOU LEAVE IT AS IT IS, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HIRE SOMEBODY LIKE YOU'VE HAD THIS LAST TIME WHO WAS NOT -- DID NOT HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS AND ALL.

THIS GUARANTEES THAT THE PERSON YOU HIRE HAS HAD SOME KIND OF EXPERIENCE IN DOING WHAT HE'S BEING HIRED TO DO.

IF YOU WANT A SECOND-RATE PERSON AND THE ABILITY TO DO THAT, THEN LEAVE THE LANGUAGE AS IT IS, BUT IF YOU WANT IT STRONG, GO WITH THE LANGUAGE THAT I JUST OFFERED.

>> MAY I MAKE A COMMENT?

YOU'RE LIMITING IT TO ONLY CPAs.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: THAT'S WHAT I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY.

>>JAN PLATT: I WANT TO DO THAT.

MR. SULLIVAN, WITH YOUR BANK, I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD HIRE SOMEBODY WHO IS NOT A CPA TO DEAL WITH YOUR BANK, OTHERWISE YOU WOULD BE ONE OF THESE THAT THE FDIC CLOSES UP.

I MEAN, WHY SHOULD GOVERNMENT BE PLACED IN THAT SAME SITUATION?

WE OUGHT TO GET THE VERY BEST PEOPLE POSSIBLE AND NOT --  
NOT SHORTCHANGE IT.

IT'S JUST THAT SIMPLE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: COMMISSIONER PLATT, LET ME JUST --

>>JAN PLATT: THAT'S JUST WHAT --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME MENTION SOMETHING.

MY THOUGHT -- I JUST WANTED TO MENTION --

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- INSTEAD OF, AND SHALL BE QUALIFIED,  
IF YOU SAID AND/OR, THEN IF IT IS A CPA -- I SEE -- IF  
THEY'RE A CPA, I THINK THEY SHOULD BE QUALIFIED IN  
GOVERNMENTAL BECAUSE YOU COULD HAVE A CPA WHO'S DONE  
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND HAS NO GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE AT  
ALL, AND YOU MIGHT END UP WITH A PROBLEM WITH A CPA, BUT IF  
YOU SAID, AND/OR, THEN YOU WOULD ENSURE THE CPA HAS A CPA  
AND THEY HAVE THE GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENTAL  
AUDITING OR THEY HAVE -- AND I HAVE TO DISAGREE WITH YOU,  
COMMISSIONER PLATT, YOU CAN BE A CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR  
OR CERTIFIED -- THERE'S OTHER PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS.  
A LOT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS HAVE CIAs AND THEY'RE VERY  
PROFICIENT, AND THAT IS -- THE CIA WITH INSTITUTE OF  
INTERNAL AUDITING IS WHERE A LOT OF THE PROFESSION IS  
MOVING TOWARDS, SO THERE ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS.  
CPA IS MAINLY THE FINANCIAL AUDITS, FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING.  
CIA IS A CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR, WHICH IS MORE THE

INTERNAL AUDITING, WHATEVER, BUT I WOULD THINK YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER -- OR -- FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES AND/OR BECAUSE MY THOUGHT IS YOU'D HATE TO HAVE A CPA WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANY GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE GET THE JOB AND THEY'RE IN THERE AS AN INTERNAL AUDITOR, AND THEY'VE -- I MEAN, THEY MAY HAVE BEEN WORKING AT A BANK OR FOR A FORTUNE 500 COMPANY WITH NO -- YOU KNOW, IT'S A LOT DIFFERENT AUDITING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OR COUNTIES VERSUS AUDITING A FORTUNE 500 COMPANY, SO THAT'S SOMETHING FOR DISCUSSION. MRS. REBACK.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: [INAUDIBLE]

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I JUST HAD ONE COMMENT THAT YOU CAN BE A CPA AND HAVE NO MORE THAN 20 HOURS OF AUDITING EXPERIENCE AND DO NOTHING BUT TAX RETURNS YOUR WHOLE CAREER AND THEN YOU'RE HIRED TO AUDIT ALL OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

I THINK THAT THAT'S REALLY ILL-ADVISED.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, I THINK THIS WHOLE OFFICE IS ILL-ADVISED BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S WHY YOU OUGHT TO CONTRACT WITH A CPA FIRM WHO'S GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE FIRM WHO CAN DO THE JOB FOR YOU.

THAT'S WHY I THINK THIS IS -- I THINK IT'S A DISASTER --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: A CPA IS NOT NECESSARILY AN AUDITOR IS MY POINT.

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH, I UNDERSTAND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. ROBINSON.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: IS EVERYBODY THROUGH TALKING?

WE HAD THIS SAME DISCUSSION, MRS. PLATT, WHEN I TOLD YOU THAT AN ENGINEER CAN BE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND YOU TOLD ME THEY'RE NOT QUALIFIED, AND I TOOK THAT AS AN AFFRONT, AND I'M SITTING HERE READING AGAIN UNDER THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR IT SAYS, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT OR RELATED FIELD, SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH, OR A RELATED EDUCATION FOR THE INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. AMON.

>>JOE AMON: I HAVE TO TELL YOU I HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH MR. ROBINSON 100%.

THERE ARE INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS OUT THERE THAT SPEND THEIR ENTIRE LIVES --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: MY DAUGHTER'S GRADUATING THIS SATURDAY AS AN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER, BS, FROM [INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>JOE AMON: THAT'S EXACTLY.

THEY'LL DO A BETTER JOB OF AUDITING IN THE COUNTY THAN ANY CPA, NO OFFENSE TO ANY CPA IN THE ROOM, BUT THEY'RE A PROCESS-DRIVEN OPERATION, AND THEY'LL DO A PEER REVIEW BETTER -- MUCH BETTER THAN A CPA.

THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY INTERESTED IN THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS, BUT THEY'RE INTERESTED IN THE PERFORMANCE ASPECT, SO THAT WAS MY CONCERN BACK A FEW MINUTES AGO WHEN -- THE

WAY THIS WAS WRITTEN.

I WANTED IT TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE SPECIFIC THAN OPEN, BUT ANYWAY, I HAPPEN TO AGREE WITH MR. ROBINSON.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME MENTION, WE DO HAVE AN AMENDED MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ACTUALLY, MR. WHITE'S STILL --

>>GERALD WHITE: YOU KNOW, MR. CHAIR, I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD SAY THIS PUBLICLY --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD SAY THIS, BUT I JUST GOT TO SAY IT BECAUSE IT'S BEEN MENTIONED THAT YOU WANT SOMEONE WITH GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE INSIDE A GOVERNMENT TO HAVE THIS POST, AND IN THIS CASE, I WANT GOVERNMENT TO RUN LIKE A BUSINESS.

[LAUGHTER]

AND I THOUGHT I NEVER WOULD SAY THAT, BUT IN THIS INSTANCE, COMMISSIONER PLATT IS RIGHT, WE WANT THE MOST QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH THE -- WITH THE EDUCATION TO DO THE JOB, AND IN THIS CASE, COMMISSIONER PLATT IS RIGHT.

WE GOT TO LOOK AT THE EXPERIENCE THAT WE'VE ALREADY HAD IN THIS COUNTY, AND THE PERSON THAT RECEIVED THE JOB DID NOT DO A GOOD JOB, DID NOT HAVE THE OVERALL QUALIFICATIONS, IN MY OPINION, TO BE EFFECTIVE, AND AS A RESULT, WE HAVE LOST ALMOST \$3 MILLION IN ONLY FIVE AUDITS RELATED TO THIS POST,

AND SO ARE WE GOING TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE AS A COMMUNITY?

I SAY NO.

I SAY MAKE THEM STRICT, MAKE THEM -- MAKE THIS PERSON THAT HAS TO ACTUALLY DEAL WITH A 4 POINT -- \$4-BILLION BUDGET -- FOUR BILLION -- DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY THIS IS THAT THIS PERSON IS GOING TO HAVE OVERSIGHT OF, OVER \$4 BILLION? THAT IS A LOT OF MONEY, ALL RIGHT, AND ALL THE FEDERAL MONEY THAT PASS THROUGH THIS COMMUNITY, THROUGH THIS COMMISSION?

I MEAN, THIS IS GOING TO BE A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT POST, AND WE SHOULD NOT TAKE IT LIGHTLY.

THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS HERE, AND WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO IT RIGHT, AND SO I THINK COMMISSIONER PLATT IS RIGHT. I WOULD ENCOURAGE THIS BOARD TO HEED TO HER WISDOM.

I REALLY WOULD.

>>DAVID SULLIVAN: QUESTION --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. SULLIVAN.

>>DAVID SULLIVAN: QUESTION WAS CALLED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: CALL TO QUESTION.

DO WE HAVE A SECOND FOR THAT CALL TO QUESTION?

>> I SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THE CALL TO QUESTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

OKAY.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

THAT MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

OKAY.

NOW WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON COMMISSIONER PLATT'S AMENDED WORDING TO THIS, WHICH BASICALLY STATED -- I'M GOING TO LET HER STATE IT.

>>RALPH FISHER: PUT IN THE WORD "AND."

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH, IT WAS BASICALLY THE WORD "AND."

>>JAN PLATT: AND SHALL HAVE EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING, INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITING, AND FISCAL CONTROLS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: DIDN'T -- ARE YOU SURE THAT'S WHAT YOU -- I THOUGHT YOU WERE REQUIRING THAT THEY BE A CPA. I DISAGREE, BUT --

>>JAN PLATT: NO, NO, NO --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR MOTION'S CORRECT.

>>JAN PLATT: NO, NO, NO.

I'M TALKING ABOUT --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: THAT'S WHAT IT DOES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YOU HAD IT AFTER CPA; RIGHT?

>>GINA GRIMES: [INAUDIBLE]

>>JAN PLATT: THIS IS AFTER THE -- IT SAYS -- YOU'VE GOT

THE

CPA.

THIS FOLLOWS IT.

THIS IS THE ONE THAT LETS ANYBODY AND HIS BROTHER TAKE THE  
JOB, AND THAT'S -- THAT'S --

>>GINA GRIMES: [INAUDIBLE]

>>JAN PLATT: -- THE WAY IT'S WORDED RIGHT NOW.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: IN THE THIRD LINE, "OR" TO "AND" IN THE  
THIRD LINE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THAT MOTION PLEASE RAISE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: WHAT ABOUT DISCUSSION?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OH.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

LET'S HEAR IT AGAIN.

I'LL READ THE WHOLE SENTENCE, THAT WHOLE FIRST SENTENCE.

THE COUNTY INTERNAL AUDITOR SHALL BE A CERTIFIED PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTANT HOLDING AN ACTIVE LICENSE TO PRACTICE PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTANCY IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND SHALL HAVE  
EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING, INTERNAL AUDITING,  
AND FISCAL CONTROLS.

IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S GOING TO BE A CPA OR SOMEBODY WITH  
WHATEVER -- I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S CPA OR WHAT BUT THAT  
THAT PERSON IS QUALIFIED IN GOVERNMENTAL ASPECTS.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YOUR MOTION REQUIRES THAT IT BE A CPA.

>>RALPH FISHER: [INAUDIBLE]

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: REQUIRES.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE -- I MEAN, IT  
ALREADY DOES.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: NO.

NOW YOU'VE CHANGED "OR" TO "AND."

IT REQUIRES THAT THE PERSON BE A CPA AND HAVE THE  
ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS?

>>JAN PLATT: OH, ABSOLUTELY.

ABSOLUTELY.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: SO YOU'RE REQUIRING THEY BE A CPA?

>>JAN PLATT: YES, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT SOMEBODY OFF THE  
STREET WHO WE HAD LAST TIME WHO JUST HAPPENS TO KNOW -- HAD  
QUALIFIED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENTAL  
ACCOUNTING.

HE COULD HAVE BEEN A SECRETARY.

HE COULD HAVE BEEN THE CLERK IN SOMEBODY'S OFFICE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: OR HE COULD HAVE WORKED FOR JACKSON  
HEWITT DOING TAX RETURNS.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, WHO KNOWS?

THAT'S WHY I --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

WELL, WE HAD A -- WE HAD A CALL TO QUESTION AND WE HAD IT  
SECONDED AND IT PASSED, SO NOW WE NEED TO VOTE ON THE MAIN

MOTION.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YEAH, WE DO, BECAUSE SHE JUST MADE THE MOTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO, THAT WAS A MOTION SHE MADE EARLIER.

SHE WAS RESTATING THAT MOTION --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: OH, SHE RESTATED IT?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- FOR US TO VOTE ON.

>>JAN PLATT: [INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: [INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'VE ALREADY DISCUSSED IT.

THE CALL TO QUESTION PASSED.

WE'RE VOTING ON THAT MOTION RIGHT NOW, SO BASICALLY WE'VE GOT A VOTE ON COMMISSIONER PLATT'S AMENDED MOTION.

ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

OKAY.

COMMISSIONER PLATT IS IN FAVOR OF THAT, MR. TOKLEY, MRS. GRIMES, AND MR. WHITE.

ALL OPPOSED TO THAT WORDING PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

MR. QUINTELA'S OPPOSED, MR. FISHER'S OPPOSED, MR. ROBINSON IS OPPOSED, MR. THROWER, MR. REDDICK, MR. PRESEAU, MS. LEYTHAM, MR. SULLIVAN, AND MR. AMON.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: AND ME.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND MRS. REBACK.

SORRY.

THE MOTION FAILS.

OKAY.

MRS. CASTRO, DID YOU GET ALL OF THAT?

OKAY.

THAT MOTION FAILS.

NOW WE GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I'LL MAKE A MOTION --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WAIT, WAIT, WAIT.

WE HAVE A MOTION, MR. AMON'S MOTION.

WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO THAT MOTION.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: WHICH I SECONDED.

>>GERALD WHITE: BEFORE WE VOTE ON IT, I DID HAVE ONE  
ADDITIONAL CONCERN I WANTED TO PUT INTO THE RECORD --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES, SIR.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- THAT WE EXPERIENCED THIS YEAR.

WHEN THE AUDITOR -- ONE OF HIS LAST ACTS WAS TO FIRE HIS  
STAFF.

I'M NOT SURE -- IT WAS ONLY ONE PERSON THAT HE WAS -- THAT  
WAS UNDER HIS EMPLOYMENT, AND THIS LANGUAGE CALLS FOR THE  
AUDITOR TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO TERMINATE HIS STAFF, SO IN  
EFFECT, AT THIS MOMENT TODAY IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY,  
THERE'S NOT AN EMPLOYEE IN THE AUDIT OFFICE, AND I'D LIKE  
THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO LET ME KNOW IF THAT'S TRUE OR NOT,  
SO BEFORE THE AUDITOR WAS TERMINATED, HE FIRED THE ONLY

PERSON THAT WAS IN HIS --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. WHITE, PLEASE, WE HAVE AN AMENDED MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

IT'S GOT TO BE RELATED --

>>GERALD WHITE: IT IS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THE DISCUSSION HAS TO BE RELATED TO THAT SPECIFIC MOTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: [INAUDIBLE]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IT HAS TO BE RELATED TO THAT AMENDED MOTION.

MR. AMON --

>>GERALD WHITE: WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE HAVE THE AMENDED MOTION CONCERNING THE WORDING, AND I WANT TO -- ACTUALLY, I WANT TO GO BACK TO MR. AMON.

>>GERALD WHITE: NO, NO, NO, NO, NO.

I THOUGHT THE MOTION -- OKAY.

>>JAN PLATT: HIS MOTION IS TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT.

>>GINA GRIMES: THE WHOLE THING.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: RIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: HIS MOTION WAS TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT.

>>GERALD WHITE: RIGHT.

THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

I'M TALKING ABOUT THAT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT --

>>GERALD WHITE: THIS IS -- YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PUTTING  
THE WHOLE THING ON THE BALLOT?

I'M TALKING TO THE CHAIR.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: NO.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO.

ACTUALLY, I NEED TO GET A CLARIFICATION FROM MR. AMON.

I APOLOGIZE.

MR. AMON, CAN YOU RESTATE YOUR MOTION.

YOUR MOTION WAS TO VOTE ON PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT RIGHT  
THERE THE WAY IT WAS WORDED?

>>JOE AMON: CORRECT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: [INAUDIBLE]

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: AS AMENDED.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: AND I SECONDED.

>>GERALD WHITE: RIGHT.

AND I WANT TO TALK ABOUT A PIECE OF THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>GERALD WHITE: WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEP.

>>GERALD WHITE: I NEED THE CURRENT -- THE ATTORNEY TO --  
MARY HELEN OR SOMEONE.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: MARY HELEN FARRIS FROM THE COUNTY  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

I'M NOT AWARE THAT ANYBODY HAS BEEN HIRED TO REPLACE EITHER

THE INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR OR THE STAFF MEMBER.

>>GERALD WHITE: SO AT THIS MOMENT TODAY THERE'S NO ONE EMPLOYED UNDER -- UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS PARTICULAR LANGUAGE?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, NO.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND SO I JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT OUT THERE JUST TO LET YOU GUYS THINK ABOUT THAT.

IS -- DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THE LANGUAGE WHERE THE AUDITOR HAVE THE ABILITY TO TERMINATE STAFF WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE COMMISSION?

I JUST WANTED TO -- WANTED YOU-ALL TO THINK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE IN THE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND THIS NEW LANGUAGE IT STILL GIVES THE AUDITOR THE ABILITY TO TERMINATE STAFF, AND HE TERMINATED HIS STAFF AND THEN HE WENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION AND HE WAS TERMINATED, SO THERE'S NOBODY IN THE OFFICE TODAY --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YEAH, THERE IS.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- SO I JUST WANTED YOU-ALL TO JUST THINK ABOUT THAT --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: CLERK OF COURT.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- BEFORE WE HAVE A FINAL VOTE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JAN PLATT: I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AGAINST THE MOTION THAT'S ON THE FLOOR ABOUT PUTTING THIS ON THE BALLOT.

ONE THING I LEARNED EARLY ON IS DON'T CURE A BAD BILL, AND

THIS -- THIS WHOLE CONCEPT OF THIS INTERNAL AUDITOR IS A BAD BILL.

IT HAD NO BUSINESS EVER BEING PASSED IN THE FIRST PLACE. IT'S REDUNDANT BECAUSE YOU ALREADY HAVE THE CLERK OF THE COURT WHO THE PUBLIC PAYS GOOD MONEY FOR TO DO THE INTERNAL AUDITS, AND THEN SHE CONTRACTS TO DO PERFORMANCE AUDITS. THERE'S NO NEED FOR THIS POSITION, AND WHAT IS SO IRONIC IS THAT THIS IS BEING PROPOSED AND TRYING TO BE CURED AT A TIME IN OUR COUNTRY WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO DOWNSIZE GOVERNMENT.

I MEAN, IT'S THE MOST ANTICONSERVATIVE CONCEPT I'VE EVER HEARD OF BECAUSE WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS PERPETUATING A JOB THAT IS NOT NECESSARY.

THEY'RE GOING TO BE A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE FOREVER ALONG WITH ALL THEIR STAFF WITH THE PENSIONS AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT'S GOING TO COME OUT. YOU'RE -- YOU'RE GROWING THE BUREAUCRACY WHEN YOU COULD JUST AS EASILY CONTRACT OUT IF YOU NEEDED OTHER ASSISTANCE, AND THE PROBLEM IS -- TOO IS THAT IT'S NOT AN INDEPENDENT PERSON BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE UNDER THE THUMB OF SEVEN POLITICIANS, AND REGARDLESS OF WHO THOSE POLITICIANS ARE, THEY MAY BE THE BEST PEOPLE UNDER THE SUN, BUT POLITICS AS IT IS AND ESPECIALLY AS IT IS TODAY, IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, AND THEN ALONG WITH THAT, YOU'VE GOT A BOARD OF PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING -- WHO ARE BEING APPOINTED WHO DON'T

HAVE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE, AND AGAIN, KNOWING POLITICS WHAT IT IS TODAY, WHO KNOWS WHO'S GOING TO BE -- THEY MAY HAVE AN AX TO GRIND AND YOU'RE GIVING THEM FREE REIN TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SO I PERSONALLY THINK THAT THIS IS VERY -- IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA, AND SO I'M STRONGLY AGAINST IT, AND I URGE EVERYBODY TO VOTE AGAINST IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. QUINTELA.

>>ARIEL QUINTELA: IN SPANISH THERE'S A SAYING THAT SAYS [SPEAKING SPANISH] WHICH MEANS IT'S RICE AND MANGO, WHICH REALLY DOESN'T -- IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, AND -- AND IT'S BEEN AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION LISTENING TO ALL THE POINTS AND TRYING TO CONSTRUCT SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE A FOUNDATION.

WHAT I SEE IS THAT WE STARTED WITH -- WITHOUT A BUDGET, AND I HAVE NOT HEARD THE FACT OF HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST.

THEY TALK ABOUT A BOARD OF AN INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT CONSISTS OF, HOW MANY STAFF MEMBERS, HOW MUCH IS IT GOING TO COST, AND IT'S SO HARD FOR ME TO SAY THIS IS A BUSINESS TRANSACTION, BUT NONE OF US HAVE EVEN DISCUSSED THE FACT THAT IT'S GOING TO COST A DOLLAR OR \$10 OR WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A STRUCTURE THAT IS LIKE EVERYBODY'S THROWN IN THEIR TWO CENTS' WORTH, BUT I DON'T SEE WHERE IT EVEN HAS A BASIS FOR A FOUNDATION TO

MAKE IT A GOOD BILL, AND SO THAT'S KIND OF HOW I FEEL ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DISCUSSING HERE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. ROBINSON AND THEN MR. SULLIVAN.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN HERE EARLY ON BECAUSE YOU CAME IN A LITTLE LATE, SO YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED THAT PART OF THE DISCUSSION BECAUSE WE HAD ALL TYPE OF PEOPLE COME HERE AND EXPLAIN WHY WE WANT TO DO THIS BECAUSE ORIGINALLY -- ORIGINALLY THE IDEA OF MS. PLATT WAS TO ELIMINATE IT ALTOGETHER, AND SHE'S STILL TRYING TO DO THAT ANY KIND OF WAY SHE CAN BY CHANGING WORDS AND ALL OF THAT. SHE'S STILL TRYING TO DEFEAT THIS ANY WAY SHE CAN, YOU KNOW, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT AND I'M TRYING TO MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN BECAUSE --

>>JAN PLATT: THAT'S TRUE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: -- REMEMBER, AS I SAID FROM DAY ONE, WE GOT TO CHANGE THE TITLE FROM INTERNAL PERFORMANCE TO INTERNAL AUDITOR, WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THE WORDS "BUDGET ANALYST."

IF THE VOTERS VOTE DOWN WHATEVER WE PASS NOW, THAT'S LANGUAGE THAT'S STILL GOING TO BE THERE.

IT'S GOING TO BE WORSE THAN WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING NOW. THE LANGUAGE NOW IS WORSE THAN WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING NOW. THE LANGUAGE WE'RE PROPOSING NOW HAS PLENTY OF THOUGHT, IT'S BEEN LOOKED AT BY EVERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

THEY HAVE COME AND WROTE US A LETTER AS OF LAST WEEK  
TELLING US THEY'RE ALL FOR US KEEPING A PERFORMANCE  
AUDITOR.

THEY WOULDN'T BE SPENDING ALL THAT TIME AND MONEY TO MR.  
TARR TO GET HIM TO COME OVER THERE AND TELL US WHAT THEY'RE  
GOING TO BE DOING AND WHAT THEY FIGURE THAT WE OUGHT TO BE  
DOING TO TRY TO GET OUT FOR THE VOTERS TO VOTE ON, SO THE  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WANT THIS POSITION.

THIS POSITION IS BUDGETED.

THIS POSITION IS IDENTIFIED AS A POSITION RIGHT NOW IN THE  
COUNTY, SO IT WILL BE BUDGETED.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WANT IT.

THEY'VE COME IN AND TOLD US SOME IDEAS OF POSSIBLY WHAT WE  
NEED TO ADD.

WE'VE DONE THAT.

WE'VE TAKEN OUT ORs, WE'VE PUT IN ANDs, WE'VE DONE ALL OF  
THAT, SO WE'VE COME FROM NOTHING AT ALL TO WHAT WE HAVE,  
AND THE VOTERS ARE GOING TO DECIDE WHETHER -- WHAT THIS  
BOARD DECIDES IF IT DOES GET IT ON THE BALLOT WHETHER THEY  
WANT IT OR NOT, AND ONCE AGAIN, I THINK THE VOTERS ARE VERY  
EDUCATED, I THINK THEY CAN READ, AND THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT  
THEY'RE DOING.

NOW, WHAT WE'RE DOING IS TRYING TO KEEP IT FROM BEING A  
COMPLETE WRITING OF A JOB DESCRIPTION, EVERY LITTLE MINUTIA  
POINT, AND THAT'S WHY, YOU KNOW, WE DEBATED AND DEBATED AND

DEBATED AND DEBATED AND CONTINUED TILL TODAY TO DEBATE IT,  
AND I THINK WE DONE DEBATED IT ENOUGH, AND EITHER WE NEED  
TO VOTE IT UP OR VOTE IT DOWN.

IF YOU AIN'T FOR IT, STOP TRYING TO CHANGE A WORD HERE OR  
CHANGE A WORD THERE TO BREAK UP OUR TEN VOTE.

IF YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO VOTE FOR IT, DON'T VOTE FOR IT.  
THEN IT DON'T GO UP, AND THEN WE CAN MOVE ON, AND GUESS  
WHAT, WE GOT WHAT WE GOT, AND THE CHARTER IS STILL GOING TO  
SAY WHAT IT SAYS, AND IF THE COUNTY COMMISSION AGREES WITH  
MR. TARR, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE EVEN A MORE OUT OF SYNC  
GOVERNMENT BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE WHAT THE COUNTY  
COMMISSION DONE ADOPTED AND YOU'RE GOING TO STILL HAVE THIS  
LANGUAGE IN THE CHARTER BECAUSE NOTHING'S GOING TO BE ON  
THE BALLOT BECAUSE I THINK THEIR LANGUAGE IS GOING TO BE  
MADE BEFORE THIS EVEN GOES IN NOVEMBER FOR A VOTE, SO  
THEREFORE, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE BAD LANGUAGE IN THE  
CHARTER AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE WHATEVER THE COUNTY  
COMMISSION APPROVES, AND IT'S GOING TO BE CHAOS, SO I THINK  
THAT THESE CHANGES THAT WE MADE KNOWING FULL WELL WHAT THE  
BOARD HAS INTENTIONS TO DO SOMEWHAT GIVES US AN IDEA THAT  
WE'RE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND THAT'S ALL I  
WANTED TO SAY ABOUT IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. SULLIVAN.

>>DAVID SULLIVAN: JUST REITERATE THINGS WE'VE ALREADY

TALKED ABOUT.

THIS IS NOT A DUPLICATION OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

SHE'S PREDOMINANTLY A FISCAL AUDITOR, WHICH IS THE ROLE OF THE CPA.

THIS IS MORE OF AN INTERNAL PROCESS AUDITOR.

ORIGINALLY IT WAS CALLED PERFORMANCE AUDITOR FOR THAT REASON.

MR. QUINTELA, I THINK, IF ANYTHING, WE'LL MAKE THIS COUNTY MORE EFFICIENT.

IT'S SOMEBODY KNOWING THEY HAVE SOMEONE OVER THEIR SHOULDER AUDITING THEIR PROCESSES TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE BEING EFFICIENT.

YOU KNOW, BACK THREE YEARS AGO WHEN THIS COUNTY WAS ABSOLUTELY ON FIRE FROM A DEVELOPMENT STANDPOINT, IT TOOK YOU SIX MONTHS TO GET A BUILDING PERMIT.

NOW THAT THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON, IT TAKES YOU NINE MONTHS TO GET A BUILDING PERMIT.

[LAUGHTER]

TO ME IT SAYS THIS POSITION IS GREATLY NEEDED AND IT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO THE FACT THAT THIS WILL HELP ELIMINATE FAT WITHIN OUR GOVERNMENT IF IT'S DONE PROPERLY.

THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN HISTORICALLY THIS POSITION HAS NOT BEEN DONE PROPERLY.

I'M NOT GOING TO SAY WE'VE HAD THE BEST PEOPLE IN THE POSITION.

I WON'T DEFEND THAT.

I MEAN, I THINK IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, BUT I THINK WE'RE TAKING STEPS TO SHORE THAT UP SO THAT THE POSITION WILL DO WHAT IT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO DO, AND THAT IS TO CUT THE FAT OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT, TO MAKE US MORE EFFICIENT AS A GOVERNMENT, AND MAKE US MORE RESPONSIVE TO OUR CONSTITUENCY SO THAT WE CAN GET BUSINESS DONE AND WE CAN MAKE THIS AN ATTRACTIVE COUNTY IN WHICH TO DO BUSINESS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I'VE GOT MR. AMON, MR. REDDICK, AND MR. QUINTELA.

MR. AMON.

>>JOE AMON: I'M NOT SURE I CAN SAY ANYTHING MORE.

I THINK JOE SAID IT AND THEY'VE SAID IT.

I -- I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING MORE TO SAY.

I THINK IT'S READY FOR A VOTE, AND I'D LIKE TO SEE US CALL THE VOTE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

LET ME -- I'M GOING TO LET MR. REDDICK.

>>FRANK REDDICK: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

I FIRST WANT TO ECHO EVERYTHING MR. ROBINSON HAD TO SAY.

I TOTALLY AGREE WITH HIM, AND I DO BELIEVE SOMEONE IS TRYING TO SABOTAGE THIS WHOLE PROCESS, BUT LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THE CLERK STOOD HERE AND STATED SHE HAS MORE WORK AND DON'T NEED ANYMORE WORK.

SECONDLY, THE CLERK STOOD HERE THROUGH A LETTER AND

INFORMED ALL OF US THAT IT'S GOING TO COST THE COUNTY MORE MONEY.

SHE'S GOING TO NEED A BUDGET AND SHE'S GOING TO NEED A STAFF TO DO THIS ADDITIONAL WORK.

WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHO HAVE MADE IT KNOWN THIS IS WHAT THEY WANT.

MR. TARR IS STILL GETTING PAID.

THEY EXTENDED HIS CONTRACT TO CARRY THIS THING -- THIS PROCESS THROUGH, AND I THINK -- I AGREE, JOE -- WITH MR. ROBINSON, EITHER WE VOTE IT UP, VOTE IT DOWN, BUT THE CLERK HAS MADE IT KNOWN SHE'S OVERBURDENED WITH HER RESPONSIBILITIES NOW, WITH DUTIES, AND -- AND IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE SEPARATE THAT DUTY AND HAVE SOME OVERSIGHT, AND THE PUBLIC IS DEMANDING OVERSIGHT, WE KNOW THAT OVERSIGHT IN THE COUNTY BUDGET DEPARTMENT -- AUDIT DEPARTMENT, SO I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE MOTION, AND I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO BE BEHIND THIS MOTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. QUINTELA.

>>ARIEL QUINTELA: HAS THIS BEEN LOOKED AT -- MR. MAI PRESENTED SOME SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING MAYBE HAVING AN ALL VOLUNTEER BOARD.

HAS THAT BEEN LOOKED AT?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: IT IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER BOARD.

>>ARIEL QUINTELA: I MEAN WITHOUT HAVING THE INTERNAL

AUDITOR, JUST HAVING IT ALL VOLUNTEER VERSUS HAVING IT ON STAFF WITH THE COUNTY EXPENDITURE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS WERE PROVIDED WITH MR. MAI'S PROPOSAL, AND WE'VE HEARD FROM MR. MAI ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS TOO, SO -- I DID -- MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND THAT'S A GOOD POINT.

AND THE CLERK TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS BOARD THAT SHE -- I THINK SHE USED THE TERM LIKE A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO ESTABLISH THIS NEW CHARTER LANGUAGE, AND WHAT DID TROUBLE ME -- AND I WOKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT ABOUT THIS POST, AND I WAS LIKE, OH, MY GOODNESS, THIS WOULD BE THE ONLY PIECE OF CHARTER LANGUAGE THAT ASSIGNS A COMMITTEE OR BOARD OTHER THAN THE ELECTED COMMISSIONERS, AND SO THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE, AND -- WITHIN THE CHARTER, AND IF YOU LOOK AT ALL THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES, ALL OF THAT STUFF IS DONE UNDER ORDINANCE WITH THE COMMISSION, AND SO WE -- WE'RE BREAKING THE MOLD HERE.

WE'RE DOING SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT.

WE -- WE ARE DOING THIS WITHOUT ANY KIND OF COST ANALYSIS ON HOW MUCH THIS IS GOING TO COST.

THAT'S TROUBLING THAT WE'RE GOING TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY ESTIMATES, WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING, BUT THE CLERK DID GIVE WHAT SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD COST, LIKE A

HALF A MILLION DOLLARS ON TOP OF THE \$2.8 MILLION THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SPENT ON THE PREVIOUS CHARTER LANGUAGE.

I DON'T BELIEVE OUR WORK IS DONE ON THIS ISSUE.

I REALLY -- I THINK THIS LANGUAGE IS MISSING QUITE A BIT.

MR. TARR WHEN HE FINISH, HE'S GOING BACK TO WHEREVER HE CAME FROM, ALL RIGHT, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE STUCK WITH THIS.

THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH ARE GOING TO BE -- ARE GOING TO BE STUCK WITH THIS, AND I THINK IT'S FLAWED.

I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT IT.

I THINK IT'S WEAK.

I THINK IT LIGHTS THE DEATH IN ORDER TO BE AN EFFECTIVE POST.

LEAVE THE LANGUAGE THE WAY IT IS.

IF THE COMMISSIONERS WANT TO FIX IT, I SAID AT THE LAST MEETING, SEND IT BACK TO WHERE THE PROBLEM STARTED AT.

THEY CAN REWRITE THE EXISTING ORDINANCE TODAY TO SOLVE A MAJORITY OF THE PROBLEMS THAT EXIST WITH THIS POST.

COMMISSIONER PLATT IS RIGHT.

WE'LL MAKE A BAD SITUATION WORSE.

SEND THE PROBLEM BACK TO WHERE IT STARTED, BACK TO THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

AND ON TOP OF THAT, I'LL CLOSE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HAS TOLD THIS BOARD, THIS CHARTER BOARD THAT THE LETTER THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE COMMISSION -- THIS

COMMISSION WILL NOT BE IN PLACE IF THE AMENDED LANGUAGE  
PASS.

YOU'LL HAVE A WHOLE NEW COMMISSION, AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA  
WHAT THEIR THOUGHTS ARE RELATED TO THIS POST, AND SO I'M  
AGAINST THIS CHANGE.

IT'S ALL -- THERE'S ALREADY BEEN TOO MUCH MONEY WASTED WITH  
THIS POST.

WE RISK THROWING MORE MONEY IN A BLACK HOLE BY CHANGING THE  
LANGUAGE, AND SO I ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO VOTE THIS  
DOWN AND SEND THE PROBLEM BACK TO WHERE IT STARTED, AND  
THAT WAS THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS.

>>FRANK REDDICK: POINT OF ORDER, MR. CHAIRMAN.

WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO SPEND 30 MINUTES ON THIS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEP.

>>FRANK REDDICK: WE STARTED AT 6:30.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE HAVE A MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

>>FRANK REDDICK: I CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

>> SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: CALL TO QUESTION.

OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THE CALL TO QUESTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR  
RIGHT HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

OKAY.

WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON THE MOTION NOW, AND THIS IS  
BASICALLY THE WORDING -- OH, TO -- I'M SORRY.  
THIS IS THE MOTION TO TAKE THIS WORDING THAT WE'VE REVISED  
TO THE -- PUT IT AS A RESOLUTION ON THE BALLOT.  
ALL IN FAVOR OF THIS WORDING PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.  
OKAY.

MR. FISHER IS IN FAVOR, MRS. REBACK'S IN FAVOR, MR.  
ROBINSON'S IN FAVOR, MR. THROWER'S IN FAVOR, MR. REDDICK IS  
IN FAVOR, MR. PRESEAU'S IN FAVOR, MRS. GRIMES IS IN FAVOR,  
MR. SULLIVAN'S IN FAVOR, AND MR. AMON'S IN FAVOR.  
ALL OPPOSED PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

OOH, I'M SORRY.

MR. QUINTELA'S OPPOSED, COMMISSIONER PLATT'S OPPOSED, MR.  
TOKLEY'S OPPOSED, MR. WHITE IS OPPOSED, AND MRS. LEYTHAM'S  
OPPOSED.

THAT MOTION FAILS.

>> CARRIES.

>>GINA GRIMES: CARRIES 10-4.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IT HAS TO HAVE TEN VOTES --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: TEN VOTES TO GO TO THE BALLOT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- TEN VOTES TO GO TO THE -- THAT  
MOTION FAILS.

>>GINA GRIMES: WHO WAS THE FIFTH?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME GO THROUGH IT AGAIN.

MR. QUINTELA WAS OPPOSED --

>>GINA GRIMES: NEVER MIND.

I SEE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- COMMISSIONER PLATT WAS OPPOSED, MR. TOKLEY WAS OPPOSED, MR. WHITE WAS OPPOSED, AND MS. LEYTHAM, SO THAT VOTE FAILS 9-5 ON THAT WORDING.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: MR. CHAIR.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. ROBINSON.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I WANT TO SAY THIS, GERALD.

YOU HELPED PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT, THIS INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR MONSTER, OKAY.

AND NOW WE HAVE A MONSTER, WE STILL GOT A MONSTER, AND IF THE BOARD CAN PUT ANYTHING THEY WANT ON THERE, THEN WHY ARE WE HERE?

WE DON'T NEED TO BE HERE.

WE'LL JUST LET THE BOARD ISSUE ALL TYPES OF REFERENDUMS OR WHATEVER THEY WANT TO PUT ON THE BALLOT.

AND I SAY THIS, YOU HELPED CREATE THE MONSTER, AND AS LONG AS THERE'S A PROBLEM, I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT YOU HELPED CREATE THIS MONSTER AND NOTHING'S BEEN DONE ABOUT IT, SO ALL I'M SAYING IS IT'S STILL THE WAY IT IS IN THE CHARTER. WE DON'T HAVE A INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR, BUT WE GOT A CHARTER THAT SAY HE A BUDGET ANALYST, SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GOING TO GO DOWN, AND IT MAY COME BACK UP TWO, THREE MONTHS.

WE STILL CAN BRING THIS UP, PUT IT BACK ON HERE AGAIN, SO,  
YOU KNOW --

>>GERALD WHITE: CAN I RESPOND TO HIM?

I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY I'VE GIVEN A RESPONSE TO WHAT I  
THINK THE SOLUTION IS TO THIS PROBLEM, AND THAT IS THE  
PEOPLE THAT EMPLOY THE AUDITOR, EXECUTE THE ORDINANCE, AND  
IMPLEMENT THE CHARTER HAS A UNIQUE RESPONSIBILITY AND REAL  
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS POSITION WHAT THEY DEEM THEY NEED  
OR JUST ELIMINATE IT, AND SO IT WASN'T A MONSTER THAT WAS  
CREATED BUT IT TURNED IN TO ONE, AND SO THE BALL IS IN THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT RELATED TO THIS MATTER  
OR THE CITIZENS OR THE LEGISLATORS, THREE OTHER AREAS THAT  
CAN DEAL WITH THIS, AND --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I MAKE A MOTION --

>>GERALD WHITE: AND SO -- I HAVE THE FLOOR.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I WANT TO MAKE A MOTION WHEN YOU GET  
DONE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WAIT, WAIT.

MR. WHITE HAS A MOTION -- FLOOR.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND SO, YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD A GREAT DEBATE  
ABOUT THIS, AND WE'VE TAKEN A VOTE, JOE.

LET THE BOARD DEAL WITH IT IF THEY WANT TO.

THEY MAY NOT EVEN WANT TO TAKE IT UP, SO I'M DONE WITH IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME LET MR. ROBINSON, AND LET ME  
MENTION WE DO NEED TO MOVE ON.

WE HAVE OTHER ITEMS FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING.

MR. ROBINSON.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I MAKE A MOTION THAT THE LANGUAGE THAT WAS VOTED 9-5 BE SENT TO THE COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION TO BE PUT ON THE BALLOT.

>> SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

WE HAVE A SECOND.

OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR -- WELL, ACTUALLY, LET'S DISCUSS --  
DISCUSSION.

ANY DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE MOTION CONCERNING THE VOTE THAT WE JUST VOTED, SENDING THAT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO HAVE THEM CONSIDER PUTTING THAT ON THE BALLOT?

MRS. REBACK AND THEN MR. FISHER.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I AGREE WITH MR. ROBINSON'S MOTION.

I FEEL THAT IF THIS BOARD DOESN'T TAKE SOME ACTION TO ENSURE ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WE RUN THE RISK THAT THERE WILL BE NO ACTION, AND AS MR. ROBINSON POINTED OUT, WHAT WE'RE LEFT WITH IS A CHARTER WITH FLAWED LANGUAGE AND A FLAWED POSITION, AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A POSITION THAT THE PUBLIC HAS VOTED ON, AND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR NOW IS A WAY TO MAKE IT EFFECTIVE AND A WAY TO ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC'S WISHES AND THE PUBLIC'S DESIRES ARE CARRIED OUT IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE WAY

POSSIBLE.

WE'RE NOT -- AT LEAST THOSE OF US WHO VOTED FOR THIS ARE TRYING NOT TO IGNORE THE WISHES OF THE PUBLIC BUT TO HOLD THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' FEET TO THE FIRE TO ENSURE THAT THERE WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE ORDINANCE THAT MAKES THIS AN EFFECTIVE POSITION AND CARRIES OUT THE WISHES OF THE PUBLIC, SO I'M STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF MR. ROBINSON'S MOTION, AND I SUGGEST THAT WE, MR. CHAIRMAN, CARRY THIS ISSUE FORWARD ON EVERY SUBSEQUENT AGENDA FOR THE DURATION OF THIS BOARD UNTIL WE SEE WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TAKES WITH REGARD TO AMENDING -- WITH REGARD TO PROMULGATING AN ORDINANCE THAT AMENDS THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS POSITION AND MAKES IT EFFECTIVE AND THAT WE CARRY THIS THROUGH ON OUR AGENDA FOR THIS BOARD FROM NOW UNTIL THE TIME THAT THAT HAPPENS OR DOESN'T HAPPEN SO THAT WE CAN AT ANY TIME REOPEN THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE FORWARD.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. PRESEAU.

>>GREG PRESEAU: I'D LIKE TO SIMPLY REMIND EVERYBODY THAT WE'RE HERE TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE.

THE PEOPLE VOTED FOR AN INTERNAL AUDITOR, OKAY.

TO SIMPLY DO NOTHING TO MAKE THE CHANGES THAT ARE NEEDED TO MAKE IT AN EFFECTIVE OFFICE IS NEGLECTFUL.

YOU'RE NEGLECTING YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THIS A BETTER

COUNTY AND TO MAKE A BETTER PROCESS, OKAY, SO KEEP THAT IN MIND.

YOU KNOW, YOU MAY NOT AGREE WITH THE POST, BUT TO DO NOTHING AND LEAVE IT AN INEFFECTIVE POST IS NEGLECTFUL.

>>GERALD WHITE: THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY I COULD SUPPORT THIS LANGUAGE, IF YOU ALLOW EACH COMMISSIONER TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT -- APPOINTEE.

YOU CAN'T -- I THINK OUR PEOPLE WILL BE HURT, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS WILL BE HURT THE WAY THIS LANGUAGE IS WRITTEN, AND IF YOU WANT MY VOTE FOR THIS ISSUE, YOU'LL HAVE TO CHANGE THAT.

YOU WOULD HAVE TO HAVE ONE COMMISSIONER APPOINTEE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- PER -- IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THAT, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO MAKE THE COMMITTEE FAIR TO ALL THE CITIZENS, THEN WHY CREATE SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: I'M TALKING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. WHITE HAS THE FLOOR.

MR. ROBINSON, YOU'VE GOT TO WAIT TO BE RECOGNIZED, PLEASE.

>>GERALD WHITE: I'M JUST SAYING THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE A BOARD OF SEVEN WITH -- WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF JUST HAVING THREE MEMBERS WHEN THE MINORITY CITIZENS CAN BE LOCKED OUT OF A CHOICE.

I GOT THE FLOOR.

AND IF YOU WANT MY VOTE FOR THIS, YOU'LL HAVE YOUR TENTH  
VOTE, BUT YOU MAKE IT -- YOU MAKE IT ONE APPOINTEE --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME CLARIFY.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- PER COMMISSIONER, AND THEN YOU'LL HAVE  
MY SUPPORT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. WHITE, THIS PARTICULAR MOTION ONLY  
TAKES A MAJORITY BECAUSE IT'S NOT --

>>GERALD WHITE: I'M TALKING ABOUT FOR THE AMENDED  
LANGUAGE.

THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

CALL FOR QUESTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: YOU WANT CHANGE -- I'M JUST TELLING YOU,  
JOE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: [INAUDIBLE] GOT A SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND.

>>GERALD WHITE: THE PUBLIC HEARING AIN'T OVER.

YOU CAN DO IT TONIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ALL IN FAVOR OF THE CALL FOR QUESTION  
PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

>> CALL FOR THE QUESTION?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEP.

CALL FOR QUESTION.

ANYONE OPPOSED TO THE CALL FOR QUESTION.

OKAY.

COMMISSIONER PLATT'S OPPOSED, MR. TOKLEY IS OPPOSED.

OKAY.

THE CALL FOR QUESTION PASSES.

NOW WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION BY MR. ROBINSON TO BASICALLY SEND THE WORDING THAT FAILED 9-5 TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING IT.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, CAN I SPEAK TO THE LETTER?

OH, YOU ALREADY CALLED --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'VE GOT A CALL FOR QUESTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT THEN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'VE GOT A CALL FOR QUESTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: YOU GOT TO HAVE ONE PER MEMBER.

THREE IS NOT FAIR.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. WHITE, YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER, PLEASE.

>>GERALD WHITE: I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

OKAY.

I'M GOING TO GO THROUGH.

MR. FISHER IS IN FAVOR, MRS. REBACK IS IN FAVOR, MR. ROBINSON, MR. THROWER, MR. REDDICK, MR. PRESEAU, MR. SULLIVAN, AND MR. AMON.

ALL OPPOSED TO THE MOTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.  
MR. QUINTELA, COMMISSIONER PLATT, MR. TOKLEY, MR. WHITE,  
AND MRS. LEYTHAM.

SO THAT'S FIVE OPPOSED AND EIGHT -- EIGHT IN FAVOR?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: BECAUSE GINA'S ABSENT FOR THAT VOTE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

SO THAT WOULD PASS BECAUSE SEVEN WOULD BE A MAJORITY.

THAT MOTION PASSES.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: THAT ONLY TAKES FIVE VOTES, GERALD, NOT  
TEN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ACTUALLY, IT WOULD TAKE SEVEN OF THE  
13 TO PASS, AND THAT PASSED 8-5.

>>GERALD WHITE: NO, NO, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANTED THE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: [INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME JUST MENTION, MRS. GRIMES HAD A  
MEETING.

SHE WANTED -- SHE MENTIONED SHE HAD TO LEAVE A LITTLE BIT  
EARLY.

IT WAS SOMETHING SHE WASN'T ABLE TO GET OUT OF, SO SHE  
WANTED ME TO STATE THAT FOR THE RECORD.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED.

YOU WANTED THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE DECISIONS, SO  
WE'RE GOING TO LET THEM MAKE DECISIONS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON.

WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO THE RESOLUTION ON INCREASING THE

COUNTY COMMISSION SIZE.

BASICALLY THE RESOLUTION WE HAVE THE WORDING FROM, IT'S INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM FOUR TO FIVE AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AT-LARGE DISTRICTS FROM THREE TO FOUR, AND I'M GOING TO OPEN IT UP FOR DISCUSSION.

ANY COMMENTS?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YES, I HAVE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MRS. REBACK.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: TODAY I LEARNED THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS ON SETTING UP A VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH THE HEAD OF THE NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT WHOM I HAD ASKED TO BE AVAILABLE TO SPEAK TO THESE ISSUES, AND I -- I'M VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE THIS EXPERT SPEAK TO THIS BOARD ON THE ISSUE OF INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE COMMISSION, ON THE ISSUE OF IF AN INCREASE IS PROPOSED, WHETHER THAT INCREASE SHOULD BE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT OR AT-LARGE DISTRICT OR BOTH OR SOME COMBINATION AND WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, THE EXPERTS CAN PREDICT ON THE VOTING RIGHTS OF MINORITIES, IF IT'S ONE VERSUS THE OTHER, AND I WOULD LIKE US TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THIS PUBLIC HEARING UNTIL THESE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES CAN BE RESOLVED BECAUSE SHE'S READY, WILLING, AND ABLE TO SPEAK TO THIS BOARD, AND APPARENTLY THE DIFFICULTIES -- AS I LEARNED MYSELF TODAY

FROM SPEAKING WITH THAT OFFICE, THE DIFFICULTIES ARE ON OUR  
END.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT OUR TECHNOLOGY IS OLDER THAN  
THEIRS, AND I HAD ORIGINALLY HEARD FROM MRS. STEWART THAT  
OUR I.T. PEOPLE WERE GOING TO SEE IF THERE WAS SOME KIND OF  
BACKWARD COMPATIBILITY, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT HAS  
BEEN DONE, SO I WOULD LIKE US TO HAVE SOME MORE TIME TO BE  
ABLE TO WORK THAT OUT AND TRY TO ARRANGE A VIDEO CONFERENCE  
OPPORTUNITY FOR MS. KRISTEN CLARKE.

IN THE EVENT THAT WE CAN'T DO A VIDEO CONFERENCE  
OPPORTUNITY, THEN I'D LIKE TO GET A SENSE OF THE BOARD ON  
WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN DO IT EITHER BY TELEPHONE OR WHETHER  
FROM OUR VERY, VERY LIMITED BUDGET WE CAN USE FUNDS TO MAKE  
A VIDEO CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE AT A COMMERCIAL  
SITE, LIKE A COURT REPORTER'S OFFICE THAT WE COULD RENT  
SPACE FROM TO DO THE VIDEO CONFERENCING OF THIS WITNESS  
BECAUSE I THINK THAT THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE TOP  
WITNESSES IN THE COUNTRY ON THESE ISSUES, AND I WOULD THINK  
THAT THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC WOULD BENEFIT VERY MUCH BY  
HEARING FROM HER.

SO THOSE ARE MY CONCERNS, AND I'M THROWING THEM OUT THERE,  
YOU KNOW, FOR DISCUSSION BEFORE WE GET DEEP INTO THE  
SUBSTANCE OF THIS ISSUE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. ROBINSON.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I SORT OF AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT.  
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT -- I THINK WE NEED TO TABLE IT UNTIL WE  
CAN HAVE THAT EXPERT TESTIMONY.  
I AGREE WITH THAT.  
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT SETTING IT UP AND ALL.  
I THOUGHT IT WAS ON THE AGENDA THAT EDITH HAD HER NAME ON  
THE LIST OF PEOPLE TO BE CALLED AND SHE HAD A DATE.  
>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YEAH, BUT THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO WORK IT  
OUT TECHNOLOGICALLY.  
>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: OKAY.  
WELL --  
>>ROCHELLE REBACK: EDITH'S HERE.  
>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME ASK MRS. STEWART BECAUSE I'VE  
SEEN A LOT OF THE E-MAILS AND EVERYTHING, AND I KNOW THE  
COUNTY -- FROM MY READING OF THE E-MAILS, IT SEEMS LIKE  
THEY'VE BEEN WORKING -- TRYING TO WORK ON IT.  
>>ROCHELLE REBACK: THERE WAS ONE TEST THAT FAILED.  
I SAW THE E-MAIL WHERE TERRY SAID THAT THEY WERE GOING TO  
WORK ON BACKWARDS COMPATIBILITY.  
I ASKED MRS. STEWART TODAY WHAT THEY HAD DONE, AND I WAS  
TOLD THAT THEY WERE EXPECTING MS. CLARKE'S OFFICE TO FIND A  
SITE -- AN OUTSIDE SITE LIKE ANOTHER VIDEO CONFERENCE SITE,  
AND THAT IS NOT THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEIR OFFICE HAD,  
WHICH I CONFIRMED MYSELF TODAY, SO I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING  
TO WORK ON BACKWARDS COMPATIBILITY AND TRY TO MAKE IT WORK

WITH THEIR OFFICE EQUIPMENT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY FOR AN OUTSIDE SITE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>EDITH STEWART: CERTAINLY WE COULD ARRANGE AN OUTSIDE SITE; HOWEVER, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT MY STAFF SPOKE TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND THAT WE THOUGHT THEY WERE SEEKING AN ALTERNATIVE SITE BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD ONE NEARBY.

I WILL BECOME PERSONALLY INVOLVED, I PLEDGE TO YOU, AND SEE THAT WE CAN BRING THIS IN FOR A LANDING AND FIND A PLACE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, BUT WE HAVE TO HAVE ADEQUATE NOTICE TO DO THAT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND I DID WANT TO MENTION, I KNOW -- IT MAY SEEM LIKE THIS HAS DRAWN ON -- DRAGGED ON FOR QUITE A WHILE.

I THINK PART OF IT WAS, I GUESS MRS. CLARKE WAS IN TRANSITION, WHICH WAS NO FAULT OF THE COUNTY'S.

I MEAN, THE COUNTY WAS TRYING TO -- AS FAR AS I SAW, THEY WERE TRYING TO INITIATE CONVERSATIONS, AND MRS. CLARKE WAS IN TRANSITION, MOVED FROM EITHER D.C. TO NEW YORK OR NEW YORK TO D.C., SO SHE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RESPONDING TO HER -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DEAL WAS.

I DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE, BUT I WILL KEEP IN CONTACT WITH MRS. STEWART AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE AND TRY TO FOLLOW UP WITH THAT.

I MEAN, I KNOW THAT --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: SO DOES THAT MEAN WE'RE GOING TO TABLE THIS?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, WE STILL HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 12th WITH THIS ISSUE.

WHAT -- AS A BOARD, WE DON'T HAVE TO VOTE ON ANYTHING AUGUST 12th.

I MEAN, WE'VE GOT OUR SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING TODAY AND WE'VE GOT OUR SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING THAT'S ALREADY BEEN ADVERTISED AUGUST 12th.

IF WE DECIDE AT THE END THAT YOU -- IF THE BOARD MEMBERS DECIDE THEY WANT TO WAIT AND HEAR FROM THIS LADY BEFORE THEY VOTE, THAT'S FINE, BUT I WOULD -- MY SUGGESTION IS WE'VE ALREADY ADVERTISED IT.

WE CAN STILL HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC AND DISCUSS IT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YES.

YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO THROW OUT THIS ISSUE BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO AFFECT AT LEAST MY INTENTION ON VOTING ON THE NEXT TWO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS -- TODAY OR THE NEXT SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- DATE, AND I WANT TO FRANKLY LIGHT A FIRE TO GET THIS RESOLVED IDEALLY BEFORE AUGUST 12th, BUT IF NOT, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. PRESEAU, THEN COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>GREG PRESEAU: WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE THAT SHE COULD TAPE SOMETHING THAT COULD BE PLAYED AT, YOU KNOW, THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING MEETING FOR US?

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I THINK THAT IT'S NOT AN EFFECTIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR A DIALOGUE WITH THAT, BUT --

>>GREG PRESEAU: I KNOW THERE'S NO DIALOGUE; HOWEVER, SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THE POINT THAT YOU'RE HOPING SHE WOULD MAKE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: IT'S NOT WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR, FRANKLY, FROM THE WITNESS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

COMMISSIONER PLATT?

>>JAN PLATT: WAS THIS AN ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT EXPANSION?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>JAN PLATT: I'M SORT OF PERPLEXED THAT THERE'S REALLY BEEN VERY FEW PEOPLE OUT HERE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

THIS WAS ADVERTISED, WASN'T IT?

>>JAN PLATT: AND THIS WAS ADVERTISED?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH, THIS WAS ADVERTISED.

>>JAN PLATT: THIS IS THE FIRST ONE.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE HERE.

WHEN I DROVE OVER HERE, IT WAS STORMING PRETTY BAD FROM THE AIRPORT, SO I DON'T KNOW IF THE RAIN KEPT PEOPLE AWAY, BUT IT WAS ADVERTISED IN THE NEWSPAPER AS FAR AS -- I'VE BEEN OUT OF TOWN, SO I DIDN'T SEE IT, BUT I BELIEVE IT WAS IN THE NEWSPAPER.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

FURTHER DISCUSSION?

MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: YES, THIS WAS ADVERTISED IN THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, THE La GACETA, AND THE FLORIDA SENTINEL BULLETIN, AND I'M NOT SURE WHERE ELSE, AND I SUBMITTED COPIES OF THOSE ADVERTISEMENTS INTO OUR BOARD'S RECORDS.

AND NONE OF THE HISPANIC LEADERS ARE HERE TONIGHT THAT CALL FOR SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS.

I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A SIGN THAT THEY'RE UNHAPPY WITH OUR PROPOSAL OR WHAT, BUT I TAKE IT AS THAT.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH.

>>GERALD WHITE: THE ISSUE REALLY IS THE GROWTH OF THE COMMUNITY AND I GUESS THE -- THE INCREASE IN HISPANIC POPULATION, AND I GUESS THE NUMBER IS ABOUT A THIRD OF THE COUNTY IS HISPANIC, AND SO THEY HAVE CALLED FOR A SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT SEAT, AND SO THE PROPOSAL THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT TONIGHT BREAKS IT DOWN, WHAT, IS IT 5-4?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: 5-4, YES.

>>GERALD WHITE: FIVE SINGLE-MEMBER SEATS AND FOUR COUNTYWIDE SEATS?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND THEN WE HAD THE TESTIMONY, MR. CHAIRMAN, OF COMMISSIONER MARK SHARPE THAT SAID IF YOU'RE GOING TO EXPAND THE BOARD, THEN YOU WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SOMEONE THAT WAS A LEADER OF THE BOARD, AND SO I SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL ALONG WITH THE SINGLE, AT-LARGE DISTRICTS FOR AN ELECTED COUNTY CHAIRMAN, AND SO IF WE ARE GOING TO EXPAND THE BOARD, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD ELECTED BY THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND LEADING UP TO THIS PUBLIC HEARING, MR. CHAIRMAN, I ASKED THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND WE VOTED AS A BOARD TO LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT POWERS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER VERSUS THE EXISTING CHARTER LANGUAGE THAT WE HAVE IN -- IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY UNDER THE RULES OF THE BOARD, SO -- AND WE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO ACTUALLY GO OVER THAT LANGUAGE BECAUSE WE -- THE PUBLIC HEARING -- OUR LAST PUBLIC HEARING JUST TOOK UP THE ENTIRE MEETING, SO I WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY COME UP AND EXPLAIN THE DOCUMENT THAT WE CALLED FOR THAT LISTS AND BREAKS OUT THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIR OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BECAUSE IF WE WERE TO EXPAND THE BOARD TO NINE MEMBERS, THEN I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CHAIRPERSON

ELECTED BY THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ACTUALLY, I'LL ALLOW -- I MEAN, WE CAN DO THAT SINCE IT'S RELATED -- IT'S RELATED TO THE DISCUSSION.

>>GERALD WHITE: CAN THE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: AND I DO -- LET ME CLARIFY SOMETHING FOR THE PUBLIC.

WHEN THESE RESOLUTIONS ARE ADVERTISED, THAT DOES NOT PREVENT THE PUBLIC FROM COMING IN IF THEY'RE AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

THEY CAN COME AND SPEAK AGAINST IT AND PROPOSE SOMETHING ELSE IF IT'S -- YOU KNOW, THE -- THE BOARD HEARING IS RELATED TO THESE ITEMS, BUT IF YOU DO NOT LIKE THE 5-4 AND YOU WANT A 6-3, WE -- AS A BOARD, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU, SO, YOU KNOW, I'M SURPRISED THAT THERE AREN'T A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE BECAUSE I THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE A LARGER AUDIENCE, AND -- YOU KNOW, BECAUSE WHEN WE HAD MR. MANTEIGA HERE, HE WAS IN FAVOR OF SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

I THOUGHT WE WOULD HAVE A LARGE NUMBER -- A LARGER NUMBER OF PEOPLE COME IN SUPPORT HIS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL AND SAY THAT'S WHY THEY WERE AGAINST THIS.

BUT I JUST WANTED TO MENTION THAT BECAUSE I DON'T WANT THE PUBLIC TO THINK THAT THEY CAN -- YOU KNOW, THAT THIS IS ALL WE'RE ABLE TO SPEAK ON, YOU KNOW, OR ALL WE'RE BASICALLY DISCUSSING.

THEY CAN COME AND THEY CAN DISCUSS OTHER ITEMS IF IT'S DIRECTLY RELATED TO THIS VOTE, SO MRS. MINCEY.

>>DEBORA CROMARTIE-MINCEY: GOOD EVENING.

DEBORA CROMARTIE-MINCEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU-ALL RECEIVED THE DUTIES.

I BELIEVE I PLACED IT ON -- BY YOUR CHAIRS THE LAST MEETING WE HAD.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU BROUGHT IT BACK WITH YOU, BUT I CERTAINLY HAVE MORE COPIES SO THAT YOU CAN FOLLOW ALONG WITH ME.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO NEED COPIES --

>> I DIDN'T BRING MINE BACK WITH ME, I'M SORRY.

>>JAN PLATT: WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?

>>RALPH FISHER: THE DUTIES.

>>JAN PLATT: OF WHAT?

>>RALPH FISHER: OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION.

>>JAN PLATT: POINT OF ORDER.

ARE OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS CLOSED AS IT RELATES --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO.

>>JAN PLATT: -- TO THOSE THREE ITEMS?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THIS IS -- MR. WHITE IS ASKING ABOUT THIS BECAUSE IT'S IN -- IN HIS -- HIS ARGUMENT IS THAT THIS IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DISCUSSION OF INCREASING THE BOARD'S SIZE TO NINE.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SO IT'S -- YOU KNOW, I MEAN, SOME PEOPLE MAY AGREE, SOME PEOPLE MAY NOT, BUT I WAS GOING TO ALLOW --

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

BECAUSE SHE WAS OFFERING SOMETHING ELSE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

>>GERALD WHITE: NO, IT'S THE SAME THING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IT'S RELATED TO WHAT THE PUBLIC HEARING --

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>DEBORA CROMARTIE-MINCEY: I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT I WOULD BE DOING THIS THIS EVENING, SO I'LL DO THE BEST THAT I CAN IN TAKING YOU AND WALKING YOU THROUGH WHAT IS IT I CAME UP WITH.

ABOUT A MEETING OR SO AGO WE WERE ASKED -- THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WAS ASKED TO GATHER INFORMATION AS TO THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIR FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE DUTIES OF THE ELECTED CHAIR FOR ORANGE COUNTY.

WE DID THAT.

WE COMPILED THAT INFORMATION.

THAT IS WHAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU.

IF YOU DON'T MIND JUST GOING THROUGH WITH ME, I CAN WALK YOU THROUGH THIS.

THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIR FOR THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD

OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THOSE DUTIES ARE OUTLINED IN TWO AREAS.

ONE IS THE CHARTER, AND THAT IS AT THE VERY TOP OF THAT FIRST PAGE.

IT ONLY SPEAKS TO -- AND YOU CAN FOLLOW EITHER THE BOLD PRINT THAT SPELLS OUT THE CHAIRMAN OR THE PRESIDING OFFICER AS THEY CALL THEM AND THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS.

IN THE CHARTER, THE ONLY REFERENCE TO THE BOCC CHAIR WOULD BE IN -- IN REGARDS TO THE COMPENSATION.

IN THE BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD HAS A POLICY THAT'S CALLED THE BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER, THE CHAIRMAN, HIS DUTIES OR HER DUTIES ARE OUTLINED AS I HAVE PRESENTED HERE.

ONE WOULD BE PRESIDING OVER ALL MEETINGS.

AGAIN, AT THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE FIRST PAGE IT LISTS THOSE DUTIES THERE AND THOSE FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

IF YOU WERE TO TURN YOUR PAGE, RULE 8 UNDER THE BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER SPEAKS TO MOTIONS.

THE BOARD -- RIGHT ABOVE THAT, THE BOARD HAS THE RIGHT TO SIGN DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF -- THE BOARD CHAIR, I'M SORRY, HAS THE RIGHT TO SIGN DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD WHERE THE FULL BOARD HAS TAKEN OFFICIAL ACTION.

RULE 8 SPEAKS TO MOTIONS.

AGAIN, THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR THE BOARD CHAIR CONDUCTS DEBATES, BASICALLY CONDUCT THE MEETING DEBATES AND OTHER PROCESSES OF THE MEETINGS.

RULE 15, THE CHAIRMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO CALL SPECIAL MEETINGS.

UNDER RULE 16, THE CHAIRMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO CALL EMERGENCY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

IF YOU WERE TO TURN THE PAGE, UNDER RULE 17 -- AGAIN, YOU CAN JUST FOLLOW THE BOLD PRINT -- WHAT I DID WAS JUST CAPTURE ALL OF THE PROVISIONS IN THE RULES OF ORDER THAT SPELLS OUT THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIR AND HIGHLIGHT THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR THE CHAIR FOR YOU SO IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO FOLLOW.

UNDER RULE 17, UNDER WORKSHOP MEETINGS, THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR THE CHAIR HAS THE AUTHORITY TO PRESIDE OVER WORKSHOP MEETINGS, INCLUDING CONTROLLING PUBLIC COMMENT.

UNDER RULE 18, UNDER BRIEFINGS, THE PRESIDING OFFICER HAS THE RIGHT TO CALL BRIEFINGS OF STAFF AND DIFFERENT PEOPLE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

UNDER RULE 19, THE CHAIR OR THE BOARD CHAIR OR THE PRESIDING OFFICER HAS THE RIGHT TO PRESIDE OVER PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TO CONTROL PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THESE HEARINGS.

AGAIN, UNDER RULE 25, THE CHAIR HAS THE RIGHT TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC COMMENT, PUBLIC COMMENT BASICALLY IS AT HIS OR HER DISCRETION.

AND THAT WOULD BE ALL OF THE DUTIES THAT ARE OUTLINED FOR THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHAIR.

IF YOU MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PAGE OR TWO PAGES LATER, I SPELL OUT THE DUTIES OF THE ELECTED CHAIR FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

AND JUST AS REFERENCE FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES, I ADDED IN HERE THAT IN NOVEMBER 1988 THE VOTERS APPROVED THE CREATION OF A NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR ORANGE COUNTY.

IT WAS A CHAIRMAN ELECTED BY THE COMMUNITY AT-LARGE AND THE CREATION OF SIX SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS.

IN NOVEMBER 2004 THE VOTERS APPROVED A CHANGE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER -- THAT'S WHAT IT SHOULD SAY.

MY APOLOGIES FOR LEAVING THOSE WORDS OUT.

-- TO REFLECT THE NAME CHANGE OF COUNTY CHAIRMAN TO COUNTY MAYOR.

SO IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF SEMANTICS FOR THAT COUNTY MAYOR FOR THEM MEANS THE BOARD CHAIR, AND THAT WAS A CHANGE THAT WAS PLACED ON THE REFERENDUM IN ORANGE COUNTY IN NOVEMBER 2004.

SECTION 2.01 IN THEIR CHARTER SPEAKS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

AGAIN, IT'S THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF ORANGE COUNTY SHALL BE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMPOSED OF THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY CHAIR AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD, AGAIN, SIX MEMBERS WITH THE COUNTY MAYOR BEING A PART OF THAT BOARD.

POWERS AND DUTIES, THEY'RE ALL OUTLINED IN SECTION 2.07, AS

I HAVE DOWN THERE AT THE BOTTOM.

I WON'T GO INTO ALL OF THEM FOR YOU.

YOU'RE WELCOME TO TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE.

SECTION 2.08 UNDER ORGANIZATION, THE CHAIR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR WILL SERVE AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND CEREMONIAL DIGNITARY OF THE BOARD.

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIR, THE VICE -- THERE IS A VICE MAYOR THAT IS ELECTED OR A VICE CHAIR THAT IS ELECTED TO THAT BOARD.

UNDER SECTION 2.09, MEETINGS, AGAIN, LIKE OUR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD CHAIR, THE ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR OR THE ELECTED CHAIR OF THAT COUNTY MAY CALL SPECIAL MEETS.

SECTION 3.01, THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY CHAIR, THEY'RE -- THEY'RE RECOGNIZED AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ORANGE COUNTY.

SECTION 3.02, AS TO THE COUNTY MAYOR DUTIES, ALL OF THOSE ARE SPELLED OUT, INCLUDING NUMBER ONE, MANAGING THE OPERATION OF ALL ELEMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICIES, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS ENACTED BY THE BOARD.

AND NUMBER TWO, IN ADDITION TO THAT, SERVING AS THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, IF YOU WILL, THAT POSITION ALSO SERVES AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

AND IF YOU TURN THE PAGE, THERE'S A HOST OF OTHER DUTIES THAT THE COUNTY MAYOR PERFORMS.

NUMBER 13, CARRY OUT OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES AS REQUIRED BY THIS CHARTER OR AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD.

SECTION 3.03 AS TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, THE COUNTY MAYOR APPOINTS THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ASSIST HIS OR HER IN THE DAILY MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTY.

ALSO THE COUNTY MAYOR ESTABLISHES SALARIES OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND ALSO FILLS VACANCIES IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

SECTION 4.01, THE COUNTY MAYOR -- THIS SECTION BASICALLY RELATES TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY MAYOR TO CONTROL ALL THE EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS OF ORANGE COUNTY.

TURN THE PAGE TO SECTION 4.02.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS GENERALLY THAT ARE IN -- THAT ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ORANGE COUNTY AND THAT FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY MAYOR.

AND AGAIN, "B," ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, THE COUNTY MAYOR.

THIS SPEAKS TO THE COUNTY MAYOR'S OBLIGATION TO PREPARE ALL ADMINISTRATIVE RELATED POLICIES, RULES, ET CETERA, FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

SO BASICALLY THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY ELECTED CHAIR FOR ORANGE COUNTY ACTS SOMEWHAT IN A TWOFOLD FASHION, AS THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEALING WITH THE EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNTY AND ALSO AS A CHAIR MEMBER AND CHAIR OF --

BOARD MEMBER, I'M SORRY, AND CHAIR TO THAT PARTICULAR BOARD.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

THANK YOU, MRS. MINCEY.

>>DEBORA CROMARTIE-MINCEY: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

I'M GOING TO LET MR. ROBINSON AND THEN MR. AMON.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: GERALD, ARE YOU FOR COUNTY MAYOR?

THAT'S WHAT I HEARD IN ORANGE COUNTY YOU WANT TO BE LIKE [INAUDIBLE] YOU WERE SAYING ABOUT AN ELECTED COUNTY CHAIR. YOU JUST WANT THAT PART OF IT, NOT THE PART -- ALL THAT OTHER STUFF OVER IN ORANGE COUNTY WHICH SAID ACTUALLY THE ELECTED COUNTY CHAIR IS THE COUNTY MAYOR; HOWEVER, THE ONLY THING I HAVE ABOUT -- SEE, THEY GOT A STRAIGHT ALL SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT 6 OVER THERE AND THEN THIS ONE PERSON. THE ONLY THING IS IS THIS, IS THAT IF YOU HAVE AN ELECTED COUNTY CHAIR, THE ONLY PROBLEM I HAVE WITH THAT, THEY'RE IN THERE FOR FOUR YEARS, MAN. THE WAY THEY DO IT NOW, EVERY YEAR EACH OF THE SEVEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THEY VOTE WHO GOING TO BE THE CHAIR, BUT IF YOU ELECT ONE, IT WILL BE FOUR YEARS BEFORE WE CAN GET HIM OUT OF THERE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME INTERRUPT A MINUTE.

WE LET MR. -- MRS. MINCEY COME UP AND DISCUSS THIS.

MR. WHITE'S ARGUMENT WAS THAT IT WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE --

YOU KNOW, INCREASING THE COUNTY COMMISSION SIZE, SO I ALLOWED THAT; HOWEVER, I DO WANT TO STICK TO THE PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH IS BASICALLY INCREASING THE COUNTY COMMISSION SIZE TO --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- THE --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: FROM SEVEN TO NINE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YEAH, FROM SEVEN TO NINE, WITH THE FOUR -- INCREASING TO FIVE SINGLE-MEMBER AND FOUR AT-LARGE.

THAT'S OUR ACTUAL ITEM THAT'S FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING, SO, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, I THINK WE KIND OF GOT OFF A LITTLE BIT, BUT I DON'T WANT TO GET OFF TOO MUCH.

>>GERALD WHITE: I WANTED TO BEFORE I FINISH HAVE THE FLOOR.

MY CONCERN RELATED TO NOT EXPANDING THE BOARD, HERE WE'VE HAD THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY COME AND ASK FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEAT ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND MY CONCERN IS IS THAT SAY WE DO NOT YIELD TO THEIR REQUEST AND VOTE OUT SOMETHING TO ALLOW THE CITIZENS TO EXPAND THE BOARD AND YET THEY'RE ONE-THIRD OF THE COUNTY.

THAT'S A LOT OF -- THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE, AND ARE WE -- AND I NEED THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO RESPOND TO THIS.

IS THERE -- IS THERE A RISK OF -- NOT EXPANDING THE BOARD PLACE THIS COUNTY IN ANY KIND OF LEGAL JEOPARDY WHERE THE

HISPANIC CITIZENS CAN TAKE THEIR CASE TO THE UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, VOTING SECTION, AND HAVE AN ARGUMENT FOR REPRESENTATION BECAUSE THEY CAME HERE SAYING THAT THEY WERE NOT REPRESENTED, THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE A SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT OF THEIR CHOICE?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: FOR THE RECORD, WHAT YOU'RE REALLY REFERRING TO IS WHAT'S CALLED A SECTION 2 CHALLENGE UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT.

I'VE DISCUSSED SECTION 5, WHICH IS PRECLEARANCE. THAT WOULD BE MORE OF A SECTION 2 ARGUMENT, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO PROVE NUMERICALLY -- I DON'T THINK -- BECAUSE I THOUGHT I RECALLED BOB HUNTER SAYING THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO HAVE MANY MORE DISTRICTS, COMMISSIONERS, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN HE SAID ON THE RECORD, TO GET TO WHERE THAT IS, BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE WOULD BE A CAUSE OF ACTION AT THIS POINT BASED ON SECTION 2, AND OF COURSE, I'M JUST, YOU KNOW, OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE ANY LIABILITY UNDER SECTION 2 AT THIS POINT ALONG THOSE LINES. THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T, YOU KNOW, CONSIDER IT, BUT I JUST DON'T THINK THAT IT WOULD [INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>GERALD WHITE: YEAH, BECAUSE WE VOTED OUT THIS LANGUAGE, WE OPEN UP A PUBLIC HEARING, AND THEN NOT ONE -- ANY HISPANICS HERE, NOT ONE HISPANIC CITIZEN HERE THAT ASKED --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: [INAUDIBLE]

>>GERALD WHITE: THAT -- FROM THE PUBLIC THAT ASKED US TO DO THIS, AND YET, NOT ONE -- NOT ONE OF THE LEADERS ARE HERE TONIGHT, AND SO I'M JUST A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. REDDICK.

>>FRANK REDDICK: MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME GET SOME CLARITY HERE BECAUSE WE ORIGINALLY STARTED TALKING ABOUT THE -- MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MS. CLARKE TO BE HERE, AND IT SEEMED LIKE WE WERE GOING TO LEAN TOWARDS TABLING THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'RE NOT GOING TO TABLE IT.

>>FRANK REDDICK: CONTINUE IT TO AUGUST 12th.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, WE HAVE AN AUGUST 12th SCHEDULED HEARING, PUBLIC HEARING ALREADY, IT'S BEEN ADVERTISED AND EVERYTHING.

WE -- YOU KNOW, WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE WANT ON AUGUST 12th, BUT WE'VE ALREADY GOT IT ADVERTISED AND EVERYTHING.

MY SUGGESTION --

>>FRANK REDDICK: SO WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW, JUST --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, IT'S OPEN TO THE FLOOR TO DISCUSS IT RIGHT NOW --

>>FRANK REDDICK: OH, OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- WHATEVER THE BOARD WANTS TO DISCUSS OR BRING UP RELATED TO THIS RIGHT NOW.

>>FRANK REDDICK: ALL RIGHT.

WHEN WE FIRST TALKED ABOUT THIS, I WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE 6-3 PLAN, THE SIX SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THREE AT-LARGE, AND THAT WAS -- I LOST IN THAT REGARD, AND IT WENT WITH THE 5-4.

THEREFORE, I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THIS -- THIS MOTION AT ALL TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE I DON'T TRULY BELIEVE IT WOULD GIVE ADEQUATE JUSTIFICATION TO THOSE WHO WERE SEEKING EQUAL REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD, AND THE 6-3 PLAN I THOUGHT WAS BETTER, AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY I SUPPORTED THAT PROPOSAL, BUT 5-4, I CANNOT SUPPORT IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. FISHER.

>>RALPH FISHER: THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN THROWER.

YOU KNOW, AS YOU-ALL PROBABLY KNOW, I'M OPPOSED TO EXPANDING THE SIZE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION.

WE HAD MR. SHARPE COME BEFORE US, AND HE WAS PRETTY ARTICULATE ON THIS POINT.

HE SAID THAT IT'S MORE MANAGEABLE FOR THEM AS A MANAGEMENT TEAM TO WORK WITH SEVEN PEOPLE.

HE FELT -- AND HE WAS -- HE FELT THAT IT WOULD BECOME A BIT MORE UNMANAGEABLE IF WE WENT TO NINE -- NINE, AND, YOU KNOW, MANTEIGA -- I LOVE PATRICK.

I MEAN, I DO BUSINESS WITH HIM, YOU KNOW.

AS A PERSON HE'S A GREAT GUY, BUT THE PROBLEM WITH HIS IDEA IS THAT HE THINKS THAT THERE'S THIS DILUTION -- RIGHT NOW

WE ONLY HAVE SEVEN PEOPLE THAT ARE REPRESENTING 1.2 MILLION PEOPLE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, WHICH MY MATH IS THAT'S ABOUT ONE FOR EVERY 170,000 RESIDENTS OR CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH, AND THAT WOULD GO TO ONE FOR EVERY 133,000. IT'S A DISTINCTION WITHOUT A DIFFERENCE.

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THAT MUCH MORE CONTACT WITH YOUR COUNTY COMMISSION BECAUSE OF THAT ALONE.

PROBABLY HAVE A LOT MORE CONTACT WITH THEM BY WRITING THEM A PERSONAL LETTER AND PLEAING TO THEM, EVEN IF THERE'S 170,000 OF YOUR FELLOW PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING REPRESENTED PER COMMISSIONER.

SO THAT'S -- THAT'S NOT A GOOD ARGUMENT EITHER.

AND THE LAST THING THAT HE SAID, WHICH HE BACKED OFF ON TO HIS CREDIT, IS THAT THERE'S THIS IDEA THAT SOMEHOW A HISPANIC CANNOT GET ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BECAUSE WE HAVE SO FEW, AND THIS TO ME IS AN INSULT TO THE PEOPLE OF HISPANIC ORIGIN IN THIS COUNTY BECAUSE AN EFFECTIVE PERSON WITH GOOD IDEAS, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR BACKGROUND, COLOR, CREED, OR RELIGION CAN DEFINITELY GET ELECTED IN THIS COUNTY.

>> HERE! HERE!

>>RALPH FISHER: AND ANYBODY WHO THINKS OTHERWISE IS WRONG. AND QUITE FRANKLY, EXPANDING TO NINE ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE THAT MUCH.

I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES THAT

MUCH, AND, YOU KNOW, I HAVE A LOT OF RESPECT FOR MR. REDDICK, AND IN FACT, IT'S INTERESTING THAT MY AFFINITY FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THIS BOARD HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY AS I'VE SERVED HERE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, BUT I HAVE A LOT OF FAMILY.

I WAS BORN IN ORLANDO.

MY -- A LOT OF MY FAMILY IS THERE.

THEY ARE HORRIFIED BY THIS SINGLE DISTRICT -- MEMBER DISTRICT SYSTEM THAT THEY HAVE THERE.

IT'S CAUSED A BALKANIZATION OF THE COUNTY.

THERE'S INFIGHTING.

THERE'S AN ENORMOUS PROBLEM OF CORRUPTION THERE WITH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS.

APPARENTLY THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH CORRUPTION MUCH MORE SO THAN THIS BROADER COUNTYWIDE STUFF, AND THE ORLANDO IS IN THE THROES OF A CRISIS, ORANGE COUNTY IS, BECAUSE OF SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS, AND SO I DON'T THINK THAT WE NEED TO DO A CARVE-OUT FOR MINORITY REPRESENTATION,

NOTWITHSTANDING MY DISRESPECT FOR MY COLLEAGUE ON THIS OR MY DISAGREEMENT WITH MY COLLEAGUE ON THIS, BUT WE DO NOT NEED TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION.

WE HAVE AN EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM WITH SEVEN.

LET'S STICK WITH IT, AND IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO HAVE TERM LIMITS OR GET RID OF THESE GUYS, THAT'S WHY WE HAVE ELECTIONS.

GET RID OF THEM, GET SOMEBODY GOOD IN.

LET'S KEEP THE SEVEN, LET'S NOT EXPAND THE SIZE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION.

THANK YOU.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. ROBINSON.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: LET ME SAY THIS.

I THINK IT WAS MY IDEA TO EXPAND, AND THAT WAS ONLY JUST TO GET IT OUT HERE, BUT AFTER HEARING MARK SHARPE, HEARING YOU, HEARING FRANK, AND LOOKING AT THE SITUATION AFTER WE'VE HEARD ALL OF THIS, I DON'T FEEL WE REALLY NEED TO EXPAND NOW.

I'VE LISTENED TO MS. -- MR. FISHER, I'VE LISTENED TO FRANK, WHICH I HIGHLY RESPECT, I'VE LISTENED TO THE PEOPLE COME AND TALK, I'VE LISTENED TO MANTEIGA, AND HE'S NOT HERE BECAUSE IF HE DON'T GET 6-3, HE AIN'T GOING FORWARD, SO -- AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE WORD ON THE STREET IS.

IF IT AIN'T HIS -- I THINK HE PUT THE WORD OUT AND SAYS, WELL, YOU-ALL ARE GOING TO DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.

I THINK THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD ME LAST TIME I TALKED TO HIM.

SO -- IT'S LIKE HIS WAY OR THE HIGHWAY, SO I GUESS -- I OPENED IT UP TO GO TO NINE TO GET IT GOING.

FRANK SAID 6-3, BUT THEN I SAID I WANT TO GET MS. PLATT -- IN ORDER TO GET HER, SINCE YOU-ALL ARE OVER HERE SELLING VOTES, GERALD, THAT I, YOU KNOW, WOULD GO AHEAD AND SUPPORT HER 5-4.

>> RIGHT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I THINK THAT'S HOW WE GOT THERE, BUT I'M NOW CONVINCED WE DON'T NEED TO GO TO NINE.

I THINK I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF THAT.

I DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE IN ANY CRISIS WITH MINORITIES GETTING ELECTED.

WE GOT A MINORITY ON THE BOARD, OKAY.

I THINK THAT MINORITY APPOINTED THIS MINORITY ON THE BOARD, ACTUALLY APPOINTED TWO MINORITIES ON THE BOARD, SO I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF EXPANDING FROM SEVEN TO NINE.

AFTER LISTENING TO FRANK AND FURTHER STUDY AND LISTENING TO EVERYBODY THAT COME UP, INCLUDING OLD WARREN DAWSON, SAYING IT'S BEST TO LEAVE STUFF ALONE OR YOU MIGHT GET SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT.

>>FRANK REDDICK: [INAUDIBLE]

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: YEAH, SO, I MEAN, IF NECESSARY, IF NOBODY ELSE WILL, I'LL MOTION THAT WE TABLE --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME -- OH, WHAT IS YOUR MOTION?

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I'LL LET OTHER PEOPLE SPEAK.

I WAS GOING TO JUST KNOCK THIS OFF AND SAY FORGET IT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME ASK MRS. FARRIS REAL QUICK, AND I KNOW MR. PRESEAU WANTS TO SPEAK.

IF SOMEONE WERE TO MAKE A MOTION -- WE'VE ALREADY ADVERTISED TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS -- WHAT'S THE THOUGHT ON -- I MEAN, IF -- WERE YOU LEANING TOWARDS TABLING IT OR --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: WELL, IF WE GOT TO GO WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING, I'LL DO IT NEXT WEEK.

I MEAN --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: THAT'S ONE OPTION YOU COULD GO, AND THAT WAY --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: LET'S DO THAT.

THAT WAY --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: -- AND THAT WAY YOU COULD GIVE THE AVAILABILITY FOR --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I'LL JUST HOLD OFF, BUT AFTER I'VE HEARD ALL OF THIS -- AND MR. FISHER, YOU HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD.

YOU'RE FROM ORLANDO.

BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENED WAS THAT IN CHICAGO THEY HAD THIS. IT'S CALLED THE AWARD SYSTEM, AND YOU-ALL -- AND THAT IS WHERE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS' AWARD SYSTEM WITH CORRUPTION WAS RAMPANT.

IT WAS LIKE HEY, MAN, I GOT THIS KINGDOM, DON'T YOU COME OVER HERE IN THIS PART OF TOWN [INCOMPREHENSIBLE] AND THAT'S THE WAY IT'S RUN.

I MEAN, OUR PRESIDENT IS FROM THE CHICAGO AREA; RIGHT?

AND SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS IT DOES BREED CORRUPTION.

HAVING WORKED ON FBI CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS AND THE LIKE, IT DOES.

SO I CAN'T EXPAND IT TO NINE.

I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT TO TRY TO JUST HAVE THE DISCUSSION, TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK.

I THINK WE'RE ALLOWING THAT.

WE'RE GOING TO LET THEM COME ON THE 12th.

SO I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT GOING TO NINE NOW.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I HAVE MR. PRESEAU AND MRS. REBACK.

>>GREG PRESEAU: YEAH, I TOTALLY AGREE WITH MR. FISHER AND MR. ROBINSON.

YOU KNOW, ANOTHER THING I SEE IS THE FACT THAT YOU GET THE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THEN YOU'RE ACTUALLY TELLING PEOPLE YOU HAVE TO LIVE IN THIS AREA TO GET REPRESENTATION. I MEAN, YOU BRING BACK SEGREGATION TO THAT POINT, YOU KNOW, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING AGAINST, YOU KNOW.

WE'RE A COMMUNITY OF INDIVIDUALS, NOT A COMMUNITY OF, YOU KNOW, RACES AND RELIGIONS AND CREEDS, OKAY, SO WE ALL NEED TO LIVE WITH EACH OTHER AND NOT IN SPIRE OF EACH OTHER, PLUS IF WE'RE GOING TO INVITE ANYONE ELSE, YOU KNOW, TO SPEAK ON THIS, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S GOING TO BE NECESSARY AT THIS POINT, BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO INVITE PHILIP PORTER BACK, WHO IS THE ECONOMICS PROFESSOR, AND SPEAK TO THE ECONOMICS OF WHAT'S GOING TO GO ON HERE IF -- INCREASING THE SIZE AND WHAT IT'S GOING TO ACTUALLY COST THE PEOPLE AND IF THERE'S GOING TO BE A RETURN ON THEIR INVESTMENT IN THAT RESPECT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ACTUALLY, I'VE GOT MRS. REBACK.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I JUST DIDN'T HAVE STRONG FEELINGS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER ON THIS ISSUE AND FELT THAT I NEEDED TO BE BETTER EDUCATED ABOUT IT, BUT JUST AS A PROCESS MATTER AND A LOGISTICAL MATTER AND TO BE FAIR TO MRS. STEWART, IF WE ARE AT THE END OF THIS DISCUSSION GOING TO TAKE -- I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE TAKE A SENSE OF THE BOARD, AND IF THE -- THERE'S NOT AN ABIDING INTEREST IN MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS IDEA OF INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE BOARD IN ANY WAY, THEN, YOU KNOW, I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO RELEASE MRS. STEWART FROM WORKING TO WORK OUT THIS VIDEO CONFERENCE TESTIMONY FOR THE -- FOR THE EXPERT BECAUSE IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO MOVE FORWARD, I SEE NO POINT, BUT I SEE MR. ROBINSON SHAKING HIS HEAD AT ME AND HE'S POINTING AT SOMETHING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. ROBINSON.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK OUT OF TURN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE YOU.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: BUT -- NO, I WAS SAYING WE STILL HAVE THIS ISSUE, THE NEXT ISSUE ABOUT [INCOMPREHENSIBLE] PROPOSED REDISTRICTING MAPS, AND THE ONE WHERE WE DON'T WANT THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO VOTE, THEN WE GOT TO LET THEM COME BACK, I THINK HER TESTIMONY MIGHT --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I DON'T KNOW FRANKLY THAT SHE, YOU KNOW, REALLY HAS MUCH TO OFFER ON THAT.

THAT'S SORT OF A PROCESS ISSUE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THAT WAS JUST ALLOWING FOR AN  
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: RIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THAT WAS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: RIGHT.

I THINK HER TESTIMONY WOULD REALLY BE PARTICULAR TO THE  
ISSUE OF IF YOU'RE GOING TO EXPAND, WHAT TYPE OF EXPANSION  
MIGHT YOU CONSIDER AND WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, THAT -- THOSE  
VARYING TYPES OF EXPANSIONS MIGHT HAVE ON MINORITY VOTING  
RIGHTS.

THAT'S HER AREA OF EXPERTISE, SO IT SEEMS TO ME IF THERE'S  
A SENSE OF THIS BOARD THAT WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN  
EXPANDING AT ALL IN ANY WAY, THEN I SEE NO REASON TO PUSH  
FORWARD ON A WITNESS WHO COULD TESTIFY ABOUT DIFFERENT WAYS  
TO EXPAND, AND, YOU KNOW, CONSIDERING THE DIFFICULTIES  
WE'VE HAD SO FAR IN WORKING THIS OUT IN A WAY THAT COULD BE  
INCORPORATED INTO A PUBLIC HEARING IN TERMS OF THE  
TECHNOLOGY -- AND I'M SURE MRS. STEWART HAS OTHER THINGS TO  
DO -- BEFORE WE CLOSE TONIGHT I'D JUST LIKE TO GET A SENSE  
OF THE BOARD BECAUSE OTHERWISE MRS. STEWART IS -- AND HER  
STAFF IS REALLY -- THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SCRAMBLE TO TRY  
TO MAKE THIS WITNESS AVAILABLE FOR AUGUST 12th.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME ASK THE QUESTION, JUST -- I  
DON'T THINK WE NEED ANY MOTIONS OR ANYTHING.

A SHOW OF HANDS IF YOU THINK WE NEED TO HAVE MRS. STEWART CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT, AND WE -- IF WE SEE -- IF YOU THINK SHE NEEDS TO CONTINUE WORKING ON TRYING TO SCHEDULE MRS. CLARKE, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND SO WE CAN GET A FEEL FROM THE BOARD.

OKAY.

I MEAN, BASED ON THAT, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE LET MRS. STEWART -- WE STILL HAVE THE AUGUST 12th PUBLIC HEARING.

WE CAN TALK THERE, AND THEN WE CAN SEE, YOU KNOW -- GOING FORWARD, WE CAN ALWAYS TRY TO SCHEDULE IT IN THE FUTURE, BUT ARE YOU FINE WITH HER, YOU KNOW, FROM THIS POINT FORWARD --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WELL, I AM AS LONG AS I HAVE THE CHAIR'S PROMISE THAT IF -- IF WE DETERMINE ON AUGUST 12th THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A MOTION TO EXPAND, THAT BEFORE THAT MOTION GOES FORWARD --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WELL, I MEAN, I CAN'T PROMISE THAT AS THE CHAIR.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- WE CAN HAVE ADDITIONAL WITNESSES. OTHERWISE, YOU KNOW --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME MENTION, AS THE BOARD CHAIR, I CAN'T PROMISE THAT.

IF THE MOTION'S MADE AND TEN OF THE 14 -- I MEAN, IT'S UP TO THE BOARD AS A WHOLE TO MAKE THAT DECISION, AND --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WELL, I THINK TWO THINGS.  
NUMBER ONE, I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE I.T.  
PEOPLE FOR THE COUNTY BE ABLE TO HAVE VIDEO CONFERENCING  
CAPABILITY WITH MODERN SYSTEMS IN GENERAL, SO IT'S NOT A  
BAD IDEA THAT THIS BE PURSUED AND WORKED OUT, BUT IN TERMS  
OF THE TIMING OF IT, I GUESS I -- I WOULD JUST SUGGEST THAT  
WE TRY TO DO IT FOR AUGUST 12th, BUT IF WE DON'T HAVE IT  
FOR AUGUST 12th, I JUST WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO UNDERSTAND  
THAT THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION, I GUESS, AT THE APPROPRIATE  
TIME IS THAT IF A MOTION IS PUT FORWARD TO EXPAND THE BOARD  
SIZE AND WE DON'T HAVE THIS WITNESS'S TESTIMONY, THAT I --  
I JUST WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT BEFORE WE VOTE.

>>FRANK REDDICK: I DON'T --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. REDDICK.

>>FRANK REDDICK: MRS. REBACK, I DON'T THINK -- IF YOU  
LISTEN TO THE DISCUSSION NOW AND THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY WERE  
LEADING THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS TO EVEN GET IT PUT ON THE  
AGENDA FOR A DISCUSSION IS WITHDRAWN AT THIS POINT, SO I  
THINK YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING THE MOTION TO  
EXPAND.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: OKAY.

>>FRANK REDDICK: I DON'T PLAN TO PUT A MOTION TO EXPAND.  
MR. ROBINSON ALREADY INDICATED HE'S NOT DOING IT.  
I THINK MR. FISHER OVER THERE, YOU KNOW, LIKE THE YOUNG  
FELLOWS SAY, ROCKED THE HOUSE.

HE ROCKED THE HOUSE TONIGHT WITH HIS COMMENTS, AND I THINK WE'RE ALL READY TO JUST MOVE ON.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU.

>>FRANK REDDICK: ALL RIGHT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, I -- I AM A STRONG SUPPORTER OF MINORITY REPRESENTATION HERE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND I'M AN ADVOCATE FOR AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND A HISPANIC TO SIT ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WHETHER IT'S SEVEN MEMBERS, NINE MEMBERS.

I'M JUST A SUPPORTER OF IT.

HISPANIC PEOPLE ARE A THIRD OF THE COUNTY, AND IT WILL BE -- IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE SOMEONE THAT THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO SERVE ON THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND THAT CAN BE DONE IN -- WITH NINE MEMBERS, SEVEN MEMBERS.

I'M A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THAT, AND SO I -- I SAY CONTINUE, HAVE THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING, AND HOPEFULLY SOMEONE WILL COME IN AND CONTINUE TO GIVE GOOD IDEAS AS IT RELATE TO THE STUDY.

WE ARE CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY, AND WE SHOULD NOT CLOSE THE DOOR THAT HAS BEEN OPENED.

LET'S HEAR IT OUT AND TAKE ACTION AT THE END OF THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING, AND I REALLY BELIEVE IN MY HEART THAT A

HISPANIC, AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN, AN ASIAN, YOU NAME IT, CAN BE ELECTED COUNTYWIDE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

I REALLY BELIEVE THAT.

I BELIEVE IF YOU PUT TOGETHER A SOLID CAMPAIGN, HAVE A GREAT PLATFORM, AND RUN, QUALIFY YOURSELF, RUN FOR YOUR PARTY NOMINATION -- BECAUSE IT'S A PARTISAN SEAT, IT'S A DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN, OR INDEPENDENT.

YOU'VE GOT TO WIN YOUR PARTY NOMINATION TO GET IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

ONE OF THE THINGS, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT HINDERED CITIZENS FROM WINNING THE ULTIMATE RACE, THE GENERAL ELECTION, WAS THE RUNOFF SYSTEM IN FLORIDA.

THEY GOT RID OF THAT, AND SO THE TOP VOTE -- VOTE GETTER IN THE PRIMARY GOES DIRECTLY TO THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, AND SO I THINK YOU HAVE A GREATER CHANCE NOW TO BE ELECTED, SO I SAY RUN.

RUN FOR THE OFFICE, YOU KNOW.

I RAN FOR OUR -- I'LL CONFESS, I RAN FOR COUNTY COMMISSION YEARS AGO, AND I HAD FOUR OR FIVE OPPONENTS, AND YOU KNOW, I WAS TOP VOTE GETTER IN A COUNTYWIDE RACE.

I WON THE PRIMARY.

YOU CAN RUN AND YOU CAN WIN, YOU CAN MILK SOME COWS, YOU CAN SIT ON -- GO TO SOME FARMS.

YOU CAN GET THE JOB DONE.

YOU CAN WIN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

AND SO I SAY IF YOU -- SURE, RACE IS A FACTOR, BUT IT'S NOT THE ONLY FACTOR, MR. CHAIRMAN.

YOU CAN RUN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY WHETHER YOU'RE HISPANIC, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, NO MATTER WHAT RACE YOU ARE, AND YOU CAN WIN.

YOU CAN WIN THE ULTIMATE RACE, AND SO --

>> OKAY, GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT FOR THE RECORD.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

MR. QUINTELA, AND LET ME MENTION, WE ALSO HAVE ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING THE REAPPORTIONMENT CHARTER LANGUAGE AMENDMENT, AND THAT REAPPORTIONMENT CHARTER LANGUAGE AMENDMENT AND THE EXPANSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WHERE THE -- EXPANSION OF THE PUBLIC -- BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WERE THE TWO ITEMS THAT WERE SCHEDULED FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING ORIGINALLY BEFORE WE ADDED THE INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR AND FOR THE AUGUST 12th, SO WE STILL HAVE THOSE TWO ITEMS -- THAT OTHER ITEM FOR THE AUGUST 12th MEETING TOO.

>>FRANK REDDICK: SO HOW CAN WE MOVE AWAY FROM THIS AND GET TO THOSE TWO ITEMS?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO, NO, WE JUST HAVE THIS LAST ITEM, THE REAPPORTIONMENT CHARTER LANGUAGE AMENDMENT.

MR. QUINTELA, AND THEN, YOU KNOW, AS A BOARD, IF YOU GUYS WANT TO START TALKING ABOUT THE REAPPORTIONMENT, WE CAN

MOVE ON AND WE'LL HOLD OFF ON THE OTHER UNTIL AUGUST 12th.

MR. QUINTELA.

>>ARIEL QUINTELA: I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH MR. FISHER AND MR. ROBINSON AND MR. PRESEAU AND MR. REDDICK.

IT'S -- I THINK WHAT WE NEED IS QUALITY, NOT SO MUCH QUANTITY.

WE HAVE ONE PRESIDENT, AND HE'S A MINORITY, SO IT DOESN'T TAKE THREE OR FOUR PRESIDENT TO HAVE A MINORITY ELECTED, AND ALSO, I'VE BEEN SPEAKING TO THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY, INCLUDING SOMEONE WHO'S PLANNING ON RUNNING, AND THEIR OPINION IS OUR GOVERNMENT IS LARGE ENOUGH WITHOUT HAVING TO INCREASE IT TO NINE, AND NOT SPEAKING ABOUT THE PROBABLE EXTRA MILLION DOLLARS THAT IT WOULD COST THE COUNTY TAXPAYER.

THAT'S REALLY QUITE NOT NECESSARY AT THIS POINT.

SO I KIND OF AGREE WITH THE FACT THAT WE LEAVE IT AS IS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ACTUALLY, IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, I'D SUGGEST THAT WE MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ITEM ON OUR PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH IS BASICALLY THE REAPPORTIONMENT.

I'M GOING TO READ THE BALLOT TITLE ON OUR RESOLUTION THAT WE WERE PROVIDED WITH.

IT'S A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE REAPPORTIONMENT PROVISION TO ALLOW FOR AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING.

I'LL READ THE BALLOT QUESTION BECAUSE THAT KIND OF EXPLAINS

IT A LITTLE BIT BETTER.

SHALL THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO HOLD AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IF THE BOARD DESIRES TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES THAT WERE INITIALLY ADVERTISED AND CONSIDERED AT THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING.

I'LL JUST OPEN IT UP FOR DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD.

PLEASE WAIT TO BE RECOGNIZED BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

MR. AMON.

>>JOE AMON: I'D MOVE TO APPROVE IT.

>> SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: [INAUDIBLE]

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I DIDN'T HEAR IT.

>>JOE AMON: I MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: TO MOVE TO APPROVE?

>>JOE AMON: YES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME JUST MENTION, AND THIS IS A QUESTION.

I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO HAVE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS, IS THAT CORRECT, BEFORE WE CAN MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE, WE HAVE TO HAVE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: ISN'T THIS THE FIRST ONE AND THE SECOND ONE'S ON THE 12th?

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WAIT, YOU'RE MOVING TO APPROVE THIS TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT?

>>JOE AMON: CORRECT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I BELIEVE YOU HAVE TO FORMALLY HAVE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE YOU CAN MAKE THAT MOTION TO APPROVE, SO THAT MOTION CAN'T BE -- WE CAN'T VOTE ON THAT MOTION RIGHT NOW.

WE'VE GOT TO HAVE -- WE'VE GOT TO FORMALLY HAVE OUR AUGUST 12th.

>>JOE AMON: OKAY.

I'LL CHANGE THE MOTION THEN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>JOE AMON: I CHANGE THE MOTION TO READ THAT APPROVE THE MOTION AS IT'S PRESENTED.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: SECOND, THE LANGUAGE.

>> SECOND.

>>JOE AMON: THE LANGUAGE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION.

COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JAN PLATT: YOU KNOW, I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE LANGUAGE, BUT I JUST WONDER HOW APPROPRIATE THIS MOTION IS BECAUSE WE'VE GOT THAT OTHER PUBLIC HEARING, AND IF WE ALREADY APPROVE THIS LANGUAGE AND SOMEBODY COMES AND SAYS, OH, WELL, YOU OUGHT TO CHANGE THE "WILL" TO "SHALL" OR

SOMETHING --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THE WAY I INTERPRETED THAT IS WE'RE STILL -- LET ME CHECK.

ARE WE -- ONCE -- IF WE APPROVE THAT -- I MEAN, IT'S JUST LIKE REWORDING IT.

I THINK WE CAN STILL CHANGE IT.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: CORRECT.

THE WAY I WOULD INTERPRET THAT IS THAT YOU'RE JUST SHOWING THE WILL TO THE BOARD THAT YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH THIS LANGUAGE AS IT IS NOW.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: CERTAINLY AT THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING IF SOMEBODY COMES AND HAS A SUGGESTION, IT COULD BE AMENDED AT THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING.

IT'S MORE A JUST A SHOW OF THE BOARD THAT RIGHT -- CURRENTLY YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CHANGES THAT YOU WANT MADE TO THIS LANGUAGE.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SO IF WE HEAR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, WE CAN MAKE CHANGES AT THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING.

MRS. REBACK.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: I DO HAVE A CHANGE.

I DO HAVE A CHANGE.

MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THIS PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE WAS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO HOLD AN

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IF THE BOARD DESIRES TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES, NOT TO ALLOW BUT TO REQUIRE BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME WAS THAT THEY DECIDED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES AND THEN ELECTED NOT TO HOLD ANYMORE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: IT SAYS "SHALL" IN THE LANGUAGE. THE BALLOT -- I NEED TO CHANGE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE TO "SHALL."

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YEAH, YOU NEED TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE -  
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>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: CORRECT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: -- THE BALLOT LANGUAGE TO "SHALL." THAT'S MY PROPOSAL.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: YES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THANK YOU, MRS. REBACK.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: OR TO REQUIRE.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: TO REQUIRE.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: IF HE ACCEPTS THAT, I'LL ACCEPT THAT TOO.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: YES.

OKAY.

YOU ACCEPTED IT AND YOU ACCEPTED IT, SO --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YEAH, ON THE BALLOT LANGUAGE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: THANK YOU, MRS. REBACK.

THAT'S A GOOD COMMENT.

ANY -- LET ME MAKE SURE.

WE GOT A MOTION AND A SECOND FOR THAT WORDING.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION BEFORE WE VOTE ON THAT?

MR. FISHER.

>>RALPH FISHER: I JUST FEEL LIKE WE'RE MOVING WAY TOO FAST ON THIS.

YOU KNOW, WHEN WE -- WE CAN CHANGE THINGS THAT WE PROPOSE TO PUT ON THE BALLOT THE NEXT TIME, YOU KNOW.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE MAKE A PROPOSAL, WE DON'T HAVE TO PUBLISH THE EXACT LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSED BALLOT CHANGE THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.

I'M JUST TRYING TO ANALOGIZE THIS TO OUR DELIBERATIONS, AND LET'S SAY WE GET TO THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING AND WE DECIDE TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PUBLISHED OR THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING, AND THEN AT THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WE MAKE CHANGES TO IT AND WE VOTE ON IT AND IT HITS THE BALLOT.

WELL, BY ANALOGY, THESE -- WHAT THIS WOULD DO IF THIS APPLIED TO US WOULD BE THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE YET ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING BECAUSE THE LANGUAGE THAT WE AGREED UPON WE THEN WOULD HAVE TO CRYSTALLIZE BEFORE YOU COULD HAVE ANOTHER -- IN OTHER WORDS, YOU DON'T GIVE ANY FLUIDITY TO THE PROCESS IF YOU KIND OF REQUIRE THE BOARD -- THE CHANGE SAYS, SHOULD THE BOARD DESIRE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO THE BOUNDARIES THAT WERE INITIALLY ADVERTISED,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL HOLD AN ADDITIONAL MEETING.

WELL, THEY'RE HAVING THE MEETING SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE THE CHANGES, AND I DON'T KNOW, I JUST -- I FEEL -- I KNOW THAT THERE WAS THIS ONE INCIDENT WHERE SUPPOSEDLY SOMEBODY SAT AT A KITCHEN TABLE AND CHANGED IT AND THEN THEY VOTED ON IT, AND THAT PROPOSED CHANGE WASN'T PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED, AND THAT'S, I THINK, MS. PLATT'S PROBLEM WITH IT, BUT I DON'T KNOW, I JUST -- I THINK WE'RE MOVING TOO QUICK ON THIS AND WE DON'T NECESSARILY UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS AND THE RESTRICTIONS THAT WE'RE PLACING ON THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

COMMISSIONER PLATT, AND THEN MRS. REBACK.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, BUT -- AND I THINK SOMETHING THAT'S VERY DIFFERENT IN THIS ONE, IT SAYS THAT THE NEW BOUNDARIES -- THERE SHALL BE AN ADDITIONAL MEETING TO CONSIDER SUCH NEW BOUNDARIES WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THE FIRST MEETING, WHICH IS ALMOST A MONTH, AND SHALL CAUSE AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW PROPOSED DISTRICTS TO BE ADVERTISED ONCE EACH WEEK FOR TWO WEEKS IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION.

BECAUSE WITH REDISTRICTING MAPS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC WORKSHOPS ARE HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY SO THAT THE PUBLIC IS PRETTY WELL AWARE OF WHAT THE OPTIONS ARE, AND

WITH THIS REQUIREMENT -- AND SEE, WITH THIS REQUIREMENT THAT IT BE ADVERTISED A COUPLE OF TIMES IN THE NEWSPAPER, THEN THE PUBLIC WILL WAKE UP AND SAY, HEY, I NEVER SAW THAT MAP BEFORE, AND THEN THAT WILL GET THEM TO THAT NEXT PUBLIC HEARING.

BECAUSE SEE, AGAIN, WHAT HAPPENED, IT CAUGHT EVERYBODY BY SURPRISE, AND SO THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT IT AFTER IT HAPPENED, AFTER THE FACT.

THIS WAY, ESPECIALLY THAT LANGUAGE ABOUT CAUSE AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW PROPOSED DISTRICTS TO BE ADVERTISED ONCE EACH WEEK FOR TWO WEEKS WILL -- WILL MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE THAT THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE OF THINKING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SO LET ME GET MR. WHITE AND THEN I'LL LET MRS. REBACK.

>>GERALD WHITE: YEAH.

I THINK THE -- CUT TO THE CHASE.

CAN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY COME UP AND CITE -- I'M LOOKING AT SECTION 4.05, THE ELECTION -- THE -- I'M LOOKING AT SECTION 4.06, AND I WATCHED THE TAPE, AND MAYBE EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD NEED TO BE GIVEN A COPY OF THE MEETING, THAT REAPPORTIONMENT MEETING THAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT SO THAT THEY CAN SEE THE ENTIRE MEETING FOR THEMSELVES, SO I WOULD REQUEST THAT --

>>JAN PLATT: OH, THAT'S BURDENSOME.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- THAT EVERYBODY -- IT'S TOO LATE?

WELL, ANYWAY, THE TERM "PREJUDICIAL," THE TERM KEPT COMING UP -- WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT MEETING THAT NIGHT WAS THE BOARD VOTED TO TAKE TWO MAPS TO PUBLIC HEARING.

BY THE TIME THE MEETING STARTED THERE WAS A TOTAL OF FOUR MAPS.

THE BOARD DISMISSED ONE MAP, ONE MAP WAS VOTED ON AND IT FAILED.

THE THIRD MAP, ONE COMMISSIONER PRESENTED A MAP, THAT MAP WAS WITHDRAWN.

AND THE FOURTH MAP THAT THE PUBLIC HAD NOT SEEN WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED, AND SO THE COMMISSIONERS WERE SAYING, WELL, SHOULDN'T WE HAVE ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING OR SHOULDN'T WE LET THE PUBLIC SEE THIS FIRST BEFORE WE -- AND, YOU KNOW, THEY JUST WANTED TO GET THE JOB DONE.

IT WAS VOTED OUT AND IT BECAME A REALITY, AND THAT'S WHAT EXISTS TODAY.

THE ONLY THING THAT WE'RE DOING WITH THIS AMENDED LANGUAGE IS SAYING, HEY, IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT WERE TO HAPPEN AGAIN -- WE'RE NOT SAYING IT CAN HAPPEN, BUT, HEY, WE'RE CALLING FOR AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CAN SEE THE MAP, THE FINAL MAP OR WHATEVER, IF THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE.

THAT'S ALL WE'RE DOING, AND THAT'S NOT MOVING TOO FAST. WE'RE JUST SAYING, HEY, IF YOU-ALL CHANGE EVERYTHING OUTSIDE OF WHAT THE PUBLIC HAD SEEN IN ADVANCE OF YOUR

MEETING STARTED, JUST LET THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SEE IT BEFORE YOU HAVE YOUR FINAL VOTE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND THAT'S ALL WE'RE DOING IN THIS LANGUAGE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: LET ME LET MRS. REBACK AND THEN MR. FISHER.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: ANOTHER THING, MARY HELEN, AT THE MEETING WHERE THIS RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, WE DISCUSSED THE FACT THAT LIMITING NOTICE TO A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WAS INAPPROPRIATE IN TODAY'S AGE BECAUSE VERY FEW PEOPLE AND LESSER ARE READING A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, AND WE ASKED THAT LANGUAGE BE USED THAT ENCOMPASSED THE INTERNET AND --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: I CAN ADD THAT.

AN ELECTRONIC --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YOU KNOW, ELECTRONIC MEDIA.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: I CAN ADD THAT AS WELL AS ELECTRONIC --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YEAH.

BECAUSE WE DID NOT -- WE SPECIFICALLY SAID WE DIDN'T WANT IT LIMITED TO A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION. THAT'S MY FIRST POINT.

THAT NEEDS TO BE AMENDED AS WELL, AND --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE DO HAVE A MOTION ON THE FLOOR FROM

MR. AMON THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING RIGHT NOW, SO, I MEAN, I'LL LET YOU MAKE AN AMENDED MOTION TO INCLUDE THAT IN THE WORDING.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: WELL, NO, THIS IS INCORRECT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: IT'S A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: YES.

WE PASSED THIS LAST TIME AND IT'S AN INCORRECT REFLECTION OF WHAT WE PASSED, SO IT'S NOT A NEW MOTION, IT'S A CORRECTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. AMON, ARE YOU WILLING TO ACCEPT THAT?

>>JOE AMON: YES.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: THE OTHER POINT I WANT TO MAKE, MR. FISHER, IS THAT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WITH SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS REDISTRICTING, REALLY -- THE LAST PROPOSED REDISTRICTING MAP REALLY NEEDS TO BE PUT BEFORE THE PUBLIC, AND IT'S -- I DON'T THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO BE FLEXIBLE ABOUT.

I MEAN, I THINK IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

I THINK YOU MAY BE RIGHT THAT WE ARE BECOMING MORE INFLEXIBLE ABOUT THE PROCESS OF REDISTRICTING, AND I THINK THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THIS BOARD INTENDED BY CREATING THIS RESOLUTION OR CREATING THIS PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT THEIR THERE TO BE FLEXIBILITY IN

THAT PROCESS.

THERE CAN BE ALL THE FLEXIBILITY IN THE WORLD UP TO THE POINT WHERE THERE'S GOING TO BE A FINAL VOTE TAKEN ON A FINAL MAP, AT WHICH POINT THAT MAP NEEDS TO HAVE BEEN PLACED BEFORE THE PUBLIC SO THAT THE PUBLIC HAS HAD EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON IT AND OFFER EXPERT TESTIMONY AND BRING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ALL THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO AN INFORMED VOTE ON THAT LAST MAP, AND THAT INFLEXIBILITY IS EXACTLY WHAT IS INTENDED BY THIS PROVISION.

SO, I MEAN, IF YOU TRULY BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE FLEXIBILITY, OBVIOUSLY YOU WOULD VOTE AGAINST IT, BUT I THINK THAT WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO WANT THERE TO BE A COMPLETE LACK OF FLEXIBILITY ON THE NOTICE AND IN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD.

OTHERWISE WE RUN THE RISK OF, YOU KNOW, SIMILAR SITUATIONS TO THE ONE DESCRIBED BY MR. WHITE AND COMMISSIONER PLATT COMING TO US AGAIN AND US NOT HAVING ANY OPPORTUNITY TO -- TO ADDRESS THAT, AND SO THAT'S WHY I THINK IT IS AS INFLEXIBLE AS IT IS, AND IT'S INTENDED TO BE THAT WAY.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. PRESEAU AND THEN MR. FISHER, YOU WANTED TO SPEAK AGAIN?

LET ME LET MR. PRESEAU REAL QUICK AND THEN MR. ROBINSON.

>>GREG PRESEAU: YEAH, I THINK THE INTENTION OF THIS WAS TO AVOID ANY OF THOSE BACK-ROOM DEALS THAT THEN, YOU KNOW,

WENT BEFORE THE PUBLIC WITHOUT THEM HAVING ANY INPUT, OKAY, SO I AGREE WITH THAT INTENTION, BUT I KIND OF AGREE WITH MR. FISHER.

I THINK WHAT HE'S REALLY SAYING IS WHY ARE WE JUMPING TO A MOTION TO APPROVE SOMETHING THAT MRS. REBACK HAS ALREADY POINTED OUT SEVERAL FLAWS?

YOU KNOW, SO INSTEAD OF, YOU KNOW, VOTING ON THAT MOTION FOR TONIGHT, WE HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING, YOU KNOW.

LET'S MAYBE TABLE THAT MOTION UNTIL WE HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME TO DELIBERATE.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ACTUALLY, MR. FISHER, DID YOU WANT TO RESPOND?

>>RALPH FISHER: YES.

UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE.

I MEAN, FIRST OF ALL, WE COULD PUSH OUT ALMOST INDEFINITELY THIS REDISTRICTING PROCESS BECAUSE SUDDENLY THEY GET TO THE MEETING WITH THE ETCHED-IN-STONE MAP THAT'S BEEN PUBLISHED WITHIN THE LAST 28 DAYS, AND THEY KNOW THEY HAVE TO DO A REDISTRICTING I THINK IT'S WITHIN 120 DAYS OF THE CENSUS, AND BY THE WAY, YOU KNOW, THERE'S AN IMPLICATION THAT ALL THESE COMMISSIONERS ARE GOING TO BREAK THE SUNSHINE LAW, OKAY.

THAT'S THE IMPLICATION BY THESE, QUOTE, UNQUOTE, BACK-ROOM DEALS, OKAY, AND I DON'T AGREE WITH THAT.

I DON'T THINK THEY'RE BREAKING THAT.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING ON.

I THINK MAYBE ONE COMMISSIONER MIGHT HAVE IN HIS OWN OR HER OWN WRITTEN UP SOMETHING AND THEN PRESENTED IT AT THE MEETING, BUT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU TELL PEOPLE THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO IS AN UP AND DOWN ON THAT ONE MAP, I THINK YOU STIFLE THE PROCESS.

IF WE GET THERE AND SUDDENLY SOMEBODY SAYS, HEY, WAIT, YOU'RE LEAVING THIS ONE NEIGHBORHOOD OUT, I THINK THESE PEOPLE NEED TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE FLEXIBILITY.

THE SUNSHINE LAW PREVENTS THEM FROM CONSPIRING TO DO SOMETHING AT A PUBLIC HEARING.

I THINK WE'RE MOVING WAY TOO QUICK ON THIS, AND I ALSO THINK WE'RE SLOWING DOWN THE ABILITY TO COME UP WITH THE MANDATORY REDISTRICTING BASED ON THE DECENNIAL CENSUS THAT IS REQUIRED TO TAKE PLACE.

ISN'T THAT WITHIN 120 DAYS THAT HAS TO TAKE PLACE, MS. ATTORNEY?

HOW QUICKLY HAS THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS -- HOW QUICKLY DOES THAT HAVE TO BE DONE AFTER THE CENSUS COMES OUT?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: WE -- THERE'S A POINT WHERE WE AUTOMATICALLY GET -- THERE'S A CERTIFICATION DATE ON THE CENSUS.

>>RALPH FISHER: RIGHT.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: THE NUMBERS COME OUT.

ONCE THE CERTIFICATION DATE HITS, THAT STARTS THE CLOCK.

>>RALPH FISHER: AND THAT'S 120 DAYS?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: THE CLOCK IS 120 DAYS THAT YOU HAVE.

>>RALPH FISHER: ALL RIGHT.

SO, YOU KNOW, THEY COME UP AND THEY WANT TO CHANGE THE MAP,  
THEN THEY HAVE TO PUSH OUT ANOTHER MONTH FOR ANOTHER MAP.

I DON'T KNOW.

I'M SORRY.

I THINK AT THE LEAST -- I HOPE YOU'LL VOTE AGAINST AT LEAST  
PUTTING THIS LANGUAGE IN STONE TILL THE NEXT MEETING.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

I'VE GOT MR. ROBINSON AND THEN COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: ALL WE'RE VOTING ON -- AND IT TAKES A  
SIMPLE MAJORITY -- ALL WE'RE VOTING ON IS THAT WE'RE ADDING  
LANGUAGE.

WE'RE JUST CLEANING IT UP, WHICH WE'VE BEEN DOING EVERY  
OTHER TIME.

WE VOTED TO PUT LANGUAGE, THEN WE CAME IN AND WE CHANGED IT  
AGAIN WHEN WE GOT TO THAT FINAL PUBLIC HEARING, SO I'D LIKE  
TO KEEP A RUNNING RECORD THAT WE VOTED TO PUT "SHALL" IN  
THERE, WE VOTED TO PUT ELECTRONIC MEDIA IN THERE.

IF WE COME ON THE 12th AND SOMEBODY ELSE WANTS SOMETHING IN  
THERE, FINE.

IF WE GET THE MAJORITY VOTES THAT CHANGE IT, LET'S CHANGE  
IT AS WE'RE HERE BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT BE HERE THE NEXT

MEETING, SO, YOU KNOW -- RIGHT, YOU MAY NOT BE HERE THE NEXT MEETING, SO I'M ALL FOR MAKING IT MOVE FORWARD WITH CHANGES WE KNOW MAKE SENSE, AND IF YOU LOOK AT IT, A LOT OF THIS LANGUAGE IS ALREADY IN THE CHARTER.

WE'RE JUST ADDING MORE LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY WHAT --

MRS. PLATT, I AGREE WITH YOU, GERALD, I AGREE WITH YOU, AND MR. PRESEAU, I AGREE WITH YOU-ALL, THAT TABLE THING WAS A BAD DEAL.

IT STILL STINKS, AND I BELIEVE THAT -- MY QUESTION, THOUGH, TO THE ATTORNEY IS THAT IF THIS DOES GET ON THE BALLOT, IF THIS DOES -- YOU KNOW, BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS SAYING, YOU KNOW, THE VOTERS ARE SMARTER THAN US.

IF IT DOES GET ON THE BALLOT, IF IT DOES PASS THIS NOVEMBER, WILL IT TAKE EFFECT?

WILL IT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE 2012 -- WILL IT --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: IT WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR THE 20 --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: FOR THE DRAWING OF THE DISTRICT --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: CORRECT, IN 2011.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: -- THAT WILL DETERMINE THE --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: THAT IS WHY WE WANTED --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: -- PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN 2012?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: CORRECT.

THAT'S PRECISELY WHY WE WANTED TO DO THIS ON THE 2010, SO IT WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR THE 2011.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: 2011?

I THOUGHT THE PRESIDENT WAS 2012.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: NO, THE REDISTRICTING HAPPENS IN 2011.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: RIGHT.

OKAY.

BUT I'M SAYING THE REDISTRICTING RESULTS --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: THE DISTRICTS WOULD BE -- I'M WITH YOU.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I'M LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD.

>MARY HELEN FARRIS: YES.

I'M WITH YOU.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: ALL RIGHT.

THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW IS WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THIS IN PLACE BEFORE THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS WHAT I'M LOOKING AT.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

COMMISSIONER PLATT.

>>JAN PLATT: COULD I ASK AT OUR NEXT MEETING THAT WE HAVE MR. HUNTER BACK HERE AGAIN TO EXPLAIN TO ALL OF US WHAT MAPS GO OUT TO -- IN THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS BECAUSE I THINK THERE MIGHT BE SOME CONFUSION BECAUSE -- WOULD YOU HAVE HIM HERE JUST TO GIVE US --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: I WILL CHECK WITH HIM, JUST -- AND I DON'T THINK WE NEED A MOTION ON THAT.

I THINK IT'S --

>>JAN PLATT: IT MIGHT BE STAFF OR WHOEVER'S --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET HIM HERE.

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH, WHOEVER IS BEST SUITED TO TELL US WHAT MAPS DO GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC FOR ALL THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS, HOW MANY MAPS, AND ALL THAT, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, YOU'VE RAISED THE ISSUE ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT WOULD BE PROPER TO HAVE THE ORIGINAL MAPS GO OUT OR JUST THIS -- THE NEW ONE OR WHAT, YOU KNOW, SO I THINK WE NEED TO SEE WHAT THAT ISSUE IS.

>>RALPH FISHER: I'M SORRY.

THERE'S ONE MORE MAJOR ERROR HERE.

LOOK IN THE BALLOT QUESTION ITSELF.

SHALL THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHARTER BE AMENDED, AND IT SAYS, TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS --

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: MR. FISHER, YOU WERE ASLEEP.

WE VOTED --

>>RALPH FISHER: OKAY.

YOU CHANGED THAT TO "REQUIRE."

OKAY.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: "SHALL."

"SHALL."

I CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: CALL FOR QUESTION.

A SECOND ON THAT CALL FOR QUESTION?

>> SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THE CALL TO QUESTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR  
RIGHT HAND.

OKAY.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

OKAY.

WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON MR. AMON'S -- ACTUALLY IT'S AN  
AMENDED MOTION NOW TO BASICALLY APPROVE THE WORDING AS IT  
IS WRITTEN NOW WITH THE --

>>ROCHELLE REBACK: AS AMENDED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: -- AS AMENDED FOR THE NEXT PUBLIC  
HEARING, AND WE'LL HAVE -- MRS. FARRIS AND MRS. MINCEY WILL  
WORK ON THE WORDING TO PREPARE IT FOR THE NEXT MEETING.  
JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE  
PUBLIC HEARING.

I MEAN, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT  
AT THE END.

WE CAN MODIFY IT IF WE WOULD LIKE.

OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED?

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

THANK YOU.

MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: I JUST WANTED TO SAY THIS BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY REALLY UNDERSTANDS MY POSITION ON THIS INTERNAL AUDIT POST.

WE'VE TAKEN ONE VOTE ON IT TONIGHT ON THAT LANGUAGE.

WHAT HAPPENED, MR. CHAIRMAN --

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. WHITE, MR. WHITE, WE'VE MOVED ON.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>>GERALD WHITE: NO, NO, NO.

NO, NO, NO, NO.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. WHITE WE HAVE MOVED ON.

>>GERALD WHITE: THE PUBLIC HEARING'S STILL OPEN, SIR.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: IT'S CLOSED.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'VE MOVED ON WITH THAT.

>>GERALD WHITE: NO, THE PUBLIC HEARING'S STILL OPEN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: NO.

MR. WHITE, WE'VE MOVED ON FROM THE PUBLIC COMMENT, WE'VE MOVED ON ON OUR AGENDA.

WE'VE ALREADY PASSED THAT POINT.

>>JOSEPH ROBINSON: I MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: WE'VE GOT A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>> SECOND.

>> SECOND.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: SECOND.

>>GERALD WHITE: WOW.

>>MITCHELL THROWER: ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT

HAND.

ANYONE OPPOSED.

>>FRANK REDDICK: [INCOMPREHENSIBLE]

>>MITCHELL THROWER: MR. WHITE, YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
THE NEXT MEETING TO BRING THAT UP.