

CAPTIONING
JANUARY 30, 2006
CHARTER REVIEW BOARD

*****This is not an official, verbatim transcript of the
***following meeting. It should be used for informational
***purposes only. This document has not been edited;
***therefore, there may be additions, deletions, or words
***that did not translate.**

>>JAN PLATT: THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD WILL PLEASE COME TO
ORDER.

WILL EVERYONE RISE FOR THE PLEDGE AND FOR A MOMENT OF
SILENCE.

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

IN GOD'S NAME WE PRAY.

AMEN.

>> AMEN.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, WHAT IS THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD
REGARDING THE MINUTES OF JANUARY THE 9th?

IS THERE A MOTION TO APPROVE THEM?

>>MITCH THROWER: I DID NOT RECEIVE A COPY, SO I HAVE NOT
HAD A CHANCE TO READ THROUGH THEM.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

IS THAT TRUE FOR EVERYONE ELSE?

STAFF, WE'RE BEING TOLD THAT NO ONE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE
MINUTES.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: I BELIEVE THAT THEY DID NOT GO OUT BY E-

MAIL BY MISTAKE SO THAT THE COPY THAT YOU HAVE IS PROBABLY THE FIRST THAT MOST OF YOU HAVE SEEN OF IT.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

WELL --

>>JIM PORTER: WHY DON'T WE JUST MOVE THAT TO THE END OF THE MEETING.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>JIM PORTER: WE CAN REVIEW THEM DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING.

>>JAN PLATT: THANK YOU, JIM.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, WE'LL MOVE THOSE TO THE END OF THE MEETING, AND THEN WE'LL TAKE ACTION ON THOSE.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK?

AND I SEE THAT MR. DAVIS IS HERE, WHICH IS VERY APPROPRIATE.

HE WAS HERE IN THE BEGINNING, AND NOW HE'S HERE AS IT'S DRAWING TO THE END.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD.

I REALLY JUST STOPPED BY TO COMPLIMENT YOU AND COMMEND YOU FOR STICKING TO THE TASK.

MADAM CHAIR, YOU MAY REMEMBER YOU WERE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHEN WE INITIATED THE CHARTER.

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>> AS THE SAYING GOES, WE BURNED SOME MIDNIGHT OIL.

I BELIEVE THAT WAS IN 1983, OR WAS IT '85?

>>JAN PLATT: [INAUDIBLE]

>> NONETHELESS, THE CHARTER HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME.

IT HAS PROVEN TO BE A GUIDING LIGHT FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THIS COUNTY AND THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WAS PROVIDED YOU TO REVIEW THE CHARTER TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT ANY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES NEED TO OCCUR.

AND FROM WHAT I'M UNDERSTANDING, IT APPEARS THAT YOU THINK THE CHARTER IS ON SOLID GROUND STILL.

I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND YOUR TIME, AND I PARTICULARLY COMMEND THE CHAIR BECAUSE IF ANYONE KNOWS THE CHARTER AND ITS ORIGIN, SHE DOES.

SO I WISH YOU WELL.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE YEAR WENT, BUT IT'S HERE, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU THAT YOU MAY HAVE LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE COUNTY THAN YOU INTENDED TO OR MAYBE HAVE STIMULATED YOU TO CONTINUE TO BE A WATCHDOG AND A MONITOR FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THIS COUNTY.

WE ARE LIVING IN WHAT THEY CALL SOME TESTING TIMES FROM OUR NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW DOWN TO OUR LOCAL, BUT ALL IS NOT DOOM.

THERE IS THE BRIGHT SUN THAT'S GOING TO BREAK THROUGH THE CLOUD, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A QUALITY OF LIFE SECOND TO

NONE.

I KNOW THIS COMMUNITY'S GETTING READY FOR THE SUPER BOWL.
WE JUST WENT THE GASPARILLA, AND WE'RE IN A GROWTH MODE.
HOPEFULLY THAT AS WE GROW IN CITIZENSHIP IN TERMS OF
POPULATION, IN TERMS OF HOUSES, BUSINESS, THAT OUR QUALITY
OF LIFE WILL ALSO GROW.

AGAIN, MADAM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I WISH YOU
WELL, AND WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOUR WORK WILL TEST.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. DAVIS.

THE ORDINANCE THAT PLACED THE CHARTER ON THE BALLOT WAS IN
1983, AND THEN IT WAS ON THE BALLOT, AND THEN I THINK IT
CAME INTO EFFECT IN 1985, AND I WOULD, AGAIN, LIKE TO
COMMEND MR. DAVIS BECAUSE HE WAS A LEADING CITIZEN WHO, IN
THE '80s, PARTICIPATED IN THE PROCESS.

HE DID NOT ALWAYS AGREE, BUT HE RESPECTFULLY AGREED OR
DISAGREED, AND HE WAS A KEY PLAYER IN THE FORMATION OF THE
CHARTER.

SO THANK YOU, MR. DAVIS.

YOU ARE A -- YOU ARE A ROLE MODEL FOR OTHER CITIZENS.

THANK YOU.

IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK?

WE'VE RECEIVED E-MAILS FROM KEITH HALL, WHO SAYS HE IS

UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING TONIGHT, AND ALSO FROM YVETTE CHAPMAN, DUE TO AN UNAVOIDABLE CONFLICT, SHE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND TONIGHT'S MEETING, SO THOSE TWO INDIVIDUALS CANNOT ATTEND.

STAFF UPDATE.

CAN WE HEAR FROM THE STAFF AT THIS TIME.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: YES.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE.

IT APPEARS THAT NONE OF THE PACKAGE FOR TONIGHT, THE AGENDA NOR THE BACKUP TO THE AGENDA, WENT OUT IN E-MAIL FASHION OR BY HARD COPY AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO, SO ALL OF THIS IS STUFF THAT YOU WILL BE SEEING FOR THE FIRST TIME TONIGHT.

I ALSO HAVE ASKED CAROL TO GO AND GET -- MAKE COPIES OF THE LETTER THAT WENT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RELATED TO THE DISCUSSION WITH THE -- ABOUT THE CLERK'S KEEPING OF THE MINUTES FOR THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND COUNCILS. THAT IS NOT IN YOUR PACKAGE, AND CAROL HAS GONE TO MAKE COPIES OF THAT AT THIS POINT.

MY APOLOGIES FOR THAT OVERSIGHT.

WE'LL -- I'LL GO OVER SOME OF THIS STUFF WITH YOU, AND HOPEFULLY IF YOU DO HAVE QUESTIONS, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH THEM BEFORE WE ADJOURN TONIGHT.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S IN HERE BEHIND THE MINUTES.

YOU'LL SEE THAT EXPENSES THAT CAME IN OVER THE LAST MONTH
AMOUNT TO \$16.21.

BEHIND THAT, THERE IS A -- OH, I'M SORRY.

YES.

>>DAVID STORCK: WE HAVEN'T PAID FOR THE NEWSPAPER ADS YET;
IS THAT CORRECT?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: I HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE INVOICE FOR THE
TRIB AND ST. PETE TIMES BILLS YET.

WE HAVE PAID THE --

>>JAN PLATT: FLYER?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: HELP ME.

YES, THE FLYER.

HELP ME -- BECAUSE OF SOME BUDGETING THINGS GOING ON IN
TRANSITION, WE PAY FOR IT OUT OF NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS,
AND THAT WILL BE -- HAVE TO BE LEDGERED OVER LATER ON IF WE
NEED THE MONEY.

SO THAT HAS NOT SHOWN UP HERE BECAUSE OF THE -- BECAUSE WE
PAID IT OUT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS BUDGET.

>>DAVID STORCK: OKAY.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: BUT WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN INVOICES FROM THE
TRIB OR THE ST. PETE TIMES, LA GACETA, OR THE SENTINEL YET.
NOW, THEY MAY HAVE GONE DIRECTLY TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT, BUT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PASSED ON TO US YET.

>>DAVID STORCK: DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH THOSE BILLS
WILL BE?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: THEIR ESTIMATE TO US WITH EVERYTHING WAS GOING TO BE \$6,000, INCLUDING THE FLYER.

>>DAVID STORCK: OKAY.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: SO THAT BALANCE WOULD BE ABOUT 4500 FOR THE FOUR PUBLICATIONS.

>>DAVID STORCK: ALL RIGHT.

SO WE'D HAVE A BALANCE OF ABOUT 5,000 -- \$50,000 LEFT, THEN; RIGHT?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: YES, PROBABLY A LITTLE LESS THAN 50,000, BUT CLOSE TO THAT.

>>DAVID STORCK: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: THE NEXT ITEM IN THE PACKAGE IS A LETTER FROM THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, PAT FRANK, WISHING TO CLARIFY SOME -- SOME OF -- ONE OF THE STATEMENTS THAT SHE HAD MADE WHEN SHE APPEARED BEFORE YOU, AND YOU MIGHT WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE OR TWO TO READ OVER THAT.

I THINK THERE IS SOME -- THERE WAS SOME QUESTION ABOUT THIS INFORMATION.

>>JAN PLATT: AND I -- AND I DO THINK THAT THERE IS AN ERROR IN THIS LETTER.

I WAS ONE OF THE ARCHITECTS OF THE LIBRARY BILL, AND IT'S NOT A COUNTYWIDE TAX.

IT'S A TAX OF UNINCORPORATED HILLSBOROUGH, IF I'M NOT -- IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN.

IS THAT NOT SO, MR. TINKLER?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: I THINK MR. TINKLER CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

>>JAN PLATT: BECAUSE THE CITIES OF TEMPLE TERRACE AND PLANT CITY DECIDED THAT THEY WANTED THEIR OWN LIBRARY SYSTEM, AND THEY DID NOT WANT TO BE A PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM.

>>KEN TINKLER: GOOD EVENING, BOARD MEMBERS.

KEN TINKLER, SENIOR ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY.

MADAM CHAIR, THAT IS CORRECT.

THE TAX DOES AFFECT THE CITY OF TAMPA AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREA AT THIS TIME.

THE CITIES OF TEMPLE TERRACE AND PLANT CITY HAVE THEIR OWN LIBRARY SYSTEMS IN COMBINATION WITH THE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM.

THEY HAVE THE OPTION OF JOINING THE COUNTY SYSTEM BUT HAVE NOT CHOSEN TO DO SO AT THIS POINT.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT.

>>JIM PORTER: I'M SORRY YOU WEREN'T HERE FOR THE DISCUSSION BECAUSE THE CONTEXT OF IT WAS MS. MILLER, I BELIEVE, ASKED THE QUESTION OF HOW THE RECORDS WERE KEPT, AND THE CLERK ANSWERED IT.

I THINK HER LETTER ACTUALLY SAYS THAT THE CITY TAXPAYERS WOULD JOIN COUNTY TAXPAYERS IN SUPPORTING THE FUNDING OF

LIBRARIES, AND I THINK "THE CITY" IS REFERRING TO THE CITY OF TAMPA, SO I'M NOT SURE THAT THE LETTER IS ACTUALLY INACCURATE, BUT --

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, BUT IT SAYS A COUNTYWIDE TAX.

>>JIM PORTER: BUT THE REST OF THE SENTENCE SAYS CITY TAXPAYERS IN SUPPORTING THE FUNDING OF LIBRARIES. I THINK THAT MEANS THE CITY OF TAMPA.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, I'M A NITPICKER, AND IT DOES SAY A COUNTYWIDE TAX WOULD SUPPORT THE OPERATION OF LIBRARIES, AND IT IS NOT A COUNTYWIDE --

>>JIM PORTER: WELL, I UNDERSTAND THAT, COMMISSIONER PLATT, BUT IF YOU READ THE REST OF THE SENTENCE, IT MAKES IT CLEAR TO ME.

WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE THE CONTEXT OF THE MEETING, IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS ABOUT, BUT IF YOU WERE HERE AND HEARD THE DISCUSSION AND READ THE LETTER, I THINK IT WOULD BE MORE CLEAR TO YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: BUT THE SECOND SENTENCE, IT SAYS -- IF YOU'RE GOING TO ARGUE ABOUT IT -- ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY WOULD RUN THE LIBRARY, CITY TAXPAYERS WOULD JOIN THE COUNTY TAXPAYERS IN SUPPORTING FUNDING OF THE LIBRARIES.

>>JIM PORTER: I THINK THAT'S ACCURATE, UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AND THE CITY OF TAMPA; RIGHT?

>>JAN PLATT: LET'S MOVE ON.

>>JIM PORTER: OKAY.

>>JAN PLATT: I'M NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH A LAWYER, EVEN
THOUGH I KNOW I'M RIGHT, AND I AM.

[LAUGHTER]

AND I AM.

>>JANET WILSON: FURTHER, I AGREE WITH YOU, JAN.

>>JAN PLATT: LET'S MOVE ON.

>>SHARON MILLER: MAY I ASK A QUESTION?

WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO FURTHER THE
DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER?

>>JAN PLATT: WHAT?

>>SHARON MILLER: TO FURTHER THE DISCUSSION?

>>JAN PLATT: IF YOU WANT TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE THAT YOU-ALL
WERE DISCUSSING THAT CREATED THE LETTER, YES.

DID YOU HAVE A COMMENT ABOUT IT?

>>SHARON MILLER: YES.

>>JAN PLATT: GO AHEAD.

>>SHARON MILLER: I GO BACK TO MY INITIAL QUESTION, AND I
WOULD SUGGEST THAT THIS IS NOT AN ITEM FOR CHARTER REVIEW
TO CONSIDER PUTTING ON THE BALLOT; HOWEVER, COULD WE, IN
SOME FASHION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE OTHER MEMBERS,
FORWARD THIS ON TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
THEM TO FURTHER RESEARCH THE DEPOSITING OF MINUTES WITH
THAT LIBRARY SYSTEM AT A LOCAL LEVEL, BEING THAT THAT
MECHANISM ALREADY EXISTS?

THERE -- THERE WAS A CONCERN ON THE BEHALF OF ONE OF THE

CITIZENS AT THE LAST MEETING JUST TO EXPLORE TO SEE WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE TO ARCHIVE THE MINUTES OF THOSE COMMITTEES THAT ARE NOT HELD BY THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

>>JAN PLATT: I DID SIGN A LETTER AS A RESULT OF ACTION TAKEN BY THIS BOARD.

IT IS NOT IN THIS BACKUP.

>>MITCH THROWER: THAT'S THE ONE SHE'S GOING TO GET A COPY OF.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: THAT'S THE ONE I SENT CAROL TO --

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

DO YOU WANT TO WAIT AND SEE, BECAUSE YOU TOOK ACTION AT THAT MEETING THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING --

>>JIM PORTER: I THINK THAT WAS THE KEEPING OF THE MINUTES FOR --

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>>JIM PORTER: -- THE DIFFERENT ADVISORY BOARDS.

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>>JIM PORTER: I DON'T KNOW THAT IT DEALT WITH YOUR ISSUE.

>>SHARON MILLER: RIGHT.

>>JIM PORTER: WE'LL SEE WHEN IT COMES, BUT I THINK THAT WAS A SEPARATE ISSUE.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

CAN WE JUST DELAY THAT DISCUSSION UNTIL WE GET COPIES?

>>JANET WILSON: CAN I ASK A QUESTION?

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>>JANET WILSON: I DID WATCH THE MEETING, BUT MY QUESTION IS, AS YOU KNOW, SUN CITY HAD A LOT OF ISSUES, AND WE RESEARCHED RECORDS WAY BACK, AND AT THAT TIME, I FOUND EXCELLENT BOOKS WHEN PEOPLE TOLD ME THEY DIDN'T HAVE RECORDS, STARTING IN 1895, BY HAND, BEAUTIFUL. BUT THEN THEY MOVED, I BELIEVE, TO A WAREHOUSE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT'S -- I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE NOW, AND I THINK THEY SHOULD BE PRESERVED SOMEPLACE IF A WAREHOUSE IS SOMEPLACE THAT MIGHT FLOOD.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, AND I THINK THAT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, AND I'M SORRY SHE'S NOT HERE OR A REPRESENTATIVE.

>>MITCH THROWER: SHE ADDRESSED THAT AT THE LAST MEETING.

>>JIM PORTER: I'M SORRY YOU TWO WEREN'T HERE AT THE LAST MEETING, BECAUSE THAT WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH, AND MS. WILSON, THAT'S WHAT TRIGGERED THE WHOLE ISSUE. THERE WAS A CITIZEN, TERRY NEAL, WHO APPEARED WITH YOUR VERY CONCERNS ABOUT THE KEEPING OF RECORDS, AND THAT'S THE CONTEXT OF THE LETTER WE SENT TO THE BOARD ASKING THEM TO LOOK AT WHO'S KEEPING RECORDS SO THAT THAT SITUATION THAT YOU JUST DESCRIBED DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN, AND IT IS REMEDIED NOW, SO THAT'S -- I THINK WHEN THE LETTER COMES, THAT'LL BE MADE CLEAR, BUT THAT WAS A VERY VALID CONCERN THAT A

CITIZEN HAD, THE CLERK HAD, AND THIS -- THE BOARD HAD AS WELL.

SO I THINK THAT'S BEING ADDRESSED.

>>JAN PLATT: SO WE'LL GET THAT LETTER AND SEE WHAT IT SAYS.

OKAY.

NOW, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE, STAFF?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: YES.

THE LAST PIECE OF YOUR PACKAGE THERE IS THE CORRECTED AD THAT WAS RUN IN THE TAMPA TRIBUNE WITHOUT CHARGE TO US, AND THAT WAS RUN ON THURSDAY, JANUARY THE 5th, PICKING UP THE FUTURE MEETINGS.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: CAROL HAS GONE FOR THAT ADDITIONAL PIECE OF CORRESPONDENCE, AND I BELIEVE THAT THAT IS WHAT WAS ON MY LIST OF ITEMS TO COVER.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

>>JAN PLATT: ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

>>JIM PORTER: ARE WE INTENDED -- OR SUPPOSED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY TONIGHT?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: NO.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, THAT'S NOT UP YET.

THAT'S THE NINTH, NEW BUSINESS.

LET'S MOVE ON TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATE.

IS THERE ANY OTHER QUESTION ON THIS ITEM?

WE'LL BE COMING BACK TO YOU ONCE THAT OTHER MATERIAL COMES.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: ONCE CAROL SHOWS UP WITH THE LETTER, YES, DEFINITELY.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

MR. TINKLER, I THINK THE BULK OF THIS IS UP TO YOU.

I THINK YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF --

>>KEN TINKLER: GOOD EVENING AGAIN, BOARD MEMBERS.

WHAT I WANTED TO START OFF WITH WAS YOUR ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION REQUESTS REGARDING THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S PROPOSAL.

WE'VE BEEN ON THE PHONE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE EVERY DAY FOR THE LAST WEEK AND A HALF.

WE RECEIVED A CALL THIS MORNING FROM A DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, CLAY ROBERTS, WITH THE VERBAL ANSWER.

WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN THE WRITTEN ANSWER UNTIL THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HIMSELF SIGNS OFF ON IT.

THE VERBAL ANSWER IS THEY AGREED WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS THAT THIS WAS CONSTITUTIONALLY QUESTIONABLE AND NOT A RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION, SO WE WANTED TO PASS THAT ALONG TO YOU THIS EVENING.

>>JAN PLATT: DO YOU WANT -- ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS THAT BOARD MEMBERS HAVE ABOUT THAT?

>>JIM PORTER: JUST A QUICK QUESTION ON THE PROCESS. YOU INCLUDED WILL SHEPHERD IN HOW YOU FORMULATED THE QUESTION --

>>KEN TINKLER: YES.

HOW WE DID IT, WE COOPERATED ON THE LETTER ITSELF, AND THEN WE SENT BOTH OUR LEGAL ANALYSIS ALONG.

>>JIM PORTER: THANK YOU.

>>KEN TINKLER: THAT WAS ALL INCLUDED.

BEYOND THAT, THAT WAS THE LAST LEGAL ASSIGNMENT, SO I'M SURE THERE ARE QUESTIONS THIS EVENING.

AT THE MOMENT, THIS IS YOUR LAST SCHEDULED MEETING.

YOU HAVE OFFICIALLY UNTIL FEBRUARY 21st.

THAT IS THE LAST POSSIBLE DAY YOU COULD ACT.

THE SCHEDULE WAS PLANNED THIS WAY IN CASE AN ISSUE CAME UP IN YOUR LAST SCHEDULED MEETING THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TIME FOR ADDITIONAL MEETINGS.

YOU WOULD, OF COURSE, NEED THREE ADDITIONAL MEETINGS IN ORDER TO TAKE ACTION AT THIS POINT.

WE WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT'S AVAILABLE TO YOU.

SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO CONCLUDE THIS EVENING, THE CHAIR WOULD WANT TO CONCLUDE SINE DIE, AND THAT WOULD TERMINATE YOUR PROCEEDINGS AND ALSO END YOUR ASSIGNMENT AT THAT POINT.

ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

>>JAN PLATT: ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

>>GERALD WHITE: I HAVE A QUESTION.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: I'VE BEEN POLLING THE CITIZENS, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE COUNTY AND ASKED, YOU

KNOW, SINCE WE WERE COMING TO A CONCLUSION OF OUR MEETINGS WHAT WAS ONE OF THE MOST BURNING QUESTIONS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ME ASK THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND IT'S RELATED TO THE UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION VOTING SECTION RELATED TO VOTING OF MINORITY CITIZENS, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, HISPANIC CITIZENS IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND WE ARE STILL A PROTECTED COUNTY UNDER THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT; IS THAT CORRECT?

>>KEN TINKLER: WE'RE STILL SUBJECT TO SECTION 5 PRECLEARANCE UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT.

>>GERALD WHITE: OKAY.

MY QUESTION RELATED TO THAT, THIS POTENTIAL PETITION, DRIVE FOR AN ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR TO PLACE THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT, IN THE HISTORY OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY OR THE HISTORY OF THE 20-YEAR CHARTER, THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN AFRICAN AMERICAN ELECTED AT LARGE ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, NOR HAS THERE BEEN AN AFRICAN AMERICAN ELECTED TO ONE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, NOR HAVE THERE BEEN AN ELECTION OF AN AFRICAN AMERICAN TO THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, AND WE'VE NEVER HAD AN AFRICAN AMERICAN AS CHIEF JUDGE IN OUR COUNTY.

AND THE QUESTION IS, SEEING AS THOUGH THAT THESE HARD REALITIES, AN AFRICAN AMERICAN HAVE NEVER BEEN ELECTED SINCE WE'VE HAD A CHARTER, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT THE

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION VOTING SECTION
WOULD TAKE A LOOK AT BEFORE THEY WOULD GIVE ANY KIND OF
CLEARANCE FOR AN ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR PROPOSAL TO GO TO
BALLOT?

>>KEN TINKLER: I CAN ONLY ANSWER THAT GENERALLY.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, OF COURSE, WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
ALL PROTECTED CLASSES WHEN LOOKING AT ANY CHANGE THAT WE
WOULD MAKE TO THE CHARTER.

THERE'S NOT BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE TO THE ORIGINAL
CHARTER SINCE IT WAS FIRST PASSED.

THERE HAVE BEEN ADDITIONS TO THE CHARTER AND A REALIGNMENT
OF REPORTING AUTHORITY IN THE CHARTER.

WITH ONLY TWO CHANGES, IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHAT JUSTICE WOULD
LOOK AT BEYOND THAT, BUT ANY CHANGE TO THE CHARTER THAT HAS
AN IMPACT ON VOTING WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PRECLEARANCE.

>>GERALD WHITE: SO BEFORE IT ACTUALLY GOES TO BALLOT, THE
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO SAY YES?

>>KEN TINKLER: BEFORE IT CAN GO INTO EFFECT, THE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT HAS TO PRECLEAR THE ISSUE.

>>GERALD WHITE: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: AND WILL THAT BE TRUE FOR AN INITIATIVE, A
CITIZEN INITIATIVE?

IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE JUST SAYING TO HIM?

>>KEN TINKLER: YES, MA'AM.

AND BEFORE THAT -- SHOULD A CHANGE BE PROPOSED AND BEFORE IT CAN BE ENFORCED IN THE COUNTY, IT NEEDS TO HAVE PRECLEARANCE.

WE'VE NEVER HAD AN ISSUE COME UP THROUGH THE PETITION METHOD, SO IT WOULD BE A FIRST TIME WORKING OUT THE PROCEDURES WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AS TO HOW TO GET THAT DONE, BUT BEFORE THAT COULD GO INTO EFFECT, IT WOULD REQUIRE PRECLEARANCE.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

IS THERE ANYTHING IN WRITING?

YOU KNOW, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT A PROPOSAL, BUT IS THERE ANYTHING IN BLACK AND WHITE?

>>KEN TINKLER: I CHECKED WITH THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE, AND AS OF TODAY, THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED THE FORMAL PETITION REQUEST YET.

I'VE SEEN A WEB SITE ON-LINE, BUT THAT WAS GENERAL IN NATURE, AND THAT DID NOT INCLUDE BALLOT LANGUAGE.

THE PETITION, WHEN THEY BEGIN THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD TO GATHER SIGNATURES, WILL HAVE TO BE FILED WITH THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. PORTER.

>>JIM PORTER: WHAT IS THE DATE THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO BE PLACED ON THE 2006 BALLOT.

>>KEN TINKLER: IT'S -- DEPENDING ON WHEN THE BALLOT IS FINALIZED, THAT'S KIND OF THE DROP-DEAD DATE AS FAR AS WHEN

THE STATE SETS THAT, AND THAT GOOD ESTIMATE WOULD BE TO HAVE IT COMPLETE BY JULY.

IF THEY WANTED THE FULL SIX-MONTH PERIOD, THEY'VE REACHED THAT WALL AT THIS POINT.

CERTAINLY, THERE'S NO REQUIREMENT THAT IT TAKES SIX MONTHS. THEY COULD GET IT DONE IN A FASTER TIME PERIOD IF THEY WISHED.

>>JIM PORTER: THEN IF THEY DIDN'T MAKE THAT BUT THEY OTHERWISE HAD PRECLEARANCE [INAUDIBLE] IT WOULD GO INTO THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

>>KEN TINKLER: AS LONG AS THEY ACCOMPLISHED IT WITHIN THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD, IF IT HASN'T MADE THE BALLOT, IT WOULD ROLL OVER TO THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

>>JIM PORTER: OKAY.
THANK YOU.

>>KEN TINKLER: BUT THOSE METHODS, BOTH CHARTER AND -- [INCOMPREHENSIBLE].

>>JAN PLATT: YES, MR. BALLARD.

>>TERRY BALLARD: ONE OTHER QUESTION IS STILL NOT CLEAR IN MY MIND.

IF WE WAS TO APPROVE A COUNTYWIDE CHAIRMAN VOTE OR A MAYOR, WOULD IT BE THAT WE'D HAVE TO HAVE THIS BOARD PRECLEARANCED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT?

IS -- THAT'S THE WAY I THOUGHT -- BEFORE IT WOULD GO TO THE BALLOT.

>>KEN TINKLER: THE SAFEST WAY TO GO TO THE BALLOT IS TO HAVE SOMETHING PRECLEARED BEFORE YOU PLACE IT ON THE BALLOT.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT PROVIDES THAT IT CANNOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL IT IS PRECLEARED, SO IT BECOMES A CHOICE THAT IS MADE WHETHER IT'S PRECLEARED AHEAD OF THE ELECTION OR AFTER THE ELECTION.

A GOOD EXAMPLE IS THE CHARTER ITSELF WAS NOT SUBMITTED FOR PRECLEARANCE UNTIL AFTER IT WAS PASSED BY THE VOTERS.

THAT -- WHEN JUSTICE OBJECTED, THAT LED TO A YEAR-AND-A-HALF DELAY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHARTER.

SO IT IS ALWAYS A LEGAL RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE DONE IN ADVANCE TO WORK OUT ANY ISSUES, ANY PROBLEMS.

THE PETITION METHOD IS -- WOULD BE A FIRST TIME THAT THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE COUNTY SHOULD THEY GATHER THE SIGNATURES, AND WE'D HAVE TO WORK THAT OUT BETWEEN THAT GROUP, THE ELECTIONS OFFICE, AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AS TO WHAT METHOD THEY WOULD RECOMMEND.

>>TERRY BALLARD: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

YES, MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: YES, I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION RELATED TO THE PROTECTION OF THE CHARTER.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PASSED A RESOLUTION TO

UPHOLD THE ERROR.

WHEN THEY TAKE THEIR OATH, THEY SWEAR TO UPHOLD THE
CHARTER.

>>KEN TINKLER: THAT IS PART OF THEIR OATH OF OFFICE.
THAT WAS A REQUEST OF THE PREVIOUS CHARTER REVIEW BOARD AND
WAS ADOPTED INTO THE OATH OF OFFICE SINCE THAT TIME.

>>GERALD WHITE: BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
DOES THAT MEAN THAT THEY CAN SPEND MONEY TO PROTECT THE
CHARTER?

DOES IT MEAN IF A -- MINORITY CITIZENS FILE SOME SORT OF
COMPLAINT WITH THE COMMISSION OR SPEAK BEFORE THE
COMMISSION WITH A CONCERN RELATED TO A PETITION PROCESS OR
SOMETHING -- WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF THIS
COUNTY BEING THOUGH THE COUNTY COMMISSION HAS THE
RESPONSIBILITY AND THE DUTY TO UPHOLD AND PROTECT THE
CHARTER OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY?

>>KEN TINKLER: THE OATH IS CEREMONIAL IN NATURE.
THE IDEA WAS BROUGHT FORWARD BY MR. AL DAVIS, WHO IS HERE
THIS EVENING, TO THE LAST CHARTER REVIEW BOARD.

AT -- THE COMMISSIONERS WERE ALREADY MAKING AN OATH TO
UPHOLD THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION.

IT'S IMPLICIT THAT THEY WOULD ALSO BE UPHOLDING THE
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHARTER, WHICH IS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION.

THEY'RE ALSO MAKING AN OATH TO UPHOLD THE UNITED STATES

CONSTITUTION.

IT'S THE GENERAL OATH REQUIRED IN ORDER TO TAKE OFFICE
ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION.

>>GERALD WHITE: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OF OUR ATTORNEY?

YES, MS. WILSON.

>>JANET WILSON: MR. TINKLER, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK
ALL YEAR.

ON 8.01, CHARTER CHANGE BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IT
JUST SAYS THEY MAY PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER BY
ORDINANCE APPROVED BY AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS.

IS THAT CORRECT?

>>KEN TINKLER: THAT'S CORRECT.

8.01 SETS THAT OUT.

THERE IS FURTHER LANGUAGE IN 8.04 THAT ALLOWS THOSE CHARTER
AMENDMENTS BE VOTED ON IN SPECIAL ELECTIONS OR REGULAR
ELECTIONS.

>>JANET WILSON: MY QUESTION IS, WOULD WHAT THEY WERE DOING
HAVE TO BE APPROVED ALSO BY THIS CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION OR
WHATEVER?

>>KEN TINKLER: YES.

ANY AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER IS SUBJECT TO PRECLEARANCE
REVIEW IF IT IS A CHANGE AFFECTING VOTING.

>>JANET WILSON: BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS?

>>KEN TINKLER: THEY HAVE TO HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS AS PART OF ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE.

>>JANET WILSON: OH.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE --

>>KEN TINKLER: RIGHT.

SECTION 8.01 --

>>JANET WILSON: EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT SPELLED OUT IN HERE -
-

>>KEN TINKLER: YES, MA'AM.

AS PART OF 8.01, IT PROVIDES A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THIS CHARTER BY ORDINANCE, WHICH REQUIRES THE STANDARD PUBLIC HEARING IN ORDER TO HAVE AN ORDINANCE.

>>JANET WILSON: ALL RIGHT.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OF MR. TINKLER?

>>KEN TINKLER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, THANK YOU, KEN.

YOU HAVE REALLY BEEN PATIENT WITH US, AND YOU'VE BEEN VERY EFFICIENT IN GIVING US THE MATERIAL THAT WE'VE ASKED FOR.

>>KEN TINKLER: I'VE ENJOYED WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU.
THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

ALL RIGHT.

IS THERE ANY OLD BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED?

>>JANET WILSON: MINUTES.

>>SHARON MILLER: [INAUDIBLE]

>>JAN PLATT: DO YOU WANT TO, UNDER OLD BUSINESS, LOOK AT THIS LETTER AND SEE IF YOU NEEDED TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION?

>>SHARON MILLER: IN READING THE LAST SENTENCE OF THAT LETTER, MADAM CHAIR --

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>>SHARON MILLER: -- IT SOMEWHAT ADDRESSES THE ISSUE IN LAST MEETING; HOWEVER, IF MY COLLEAGUES WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LIBRARIES, THE CLERK OF THE CITY COURT, AND THE COUNTY TO WORK TOGETHER TO DETERMINE WHICH OF THE BOARDS' MINUTES THE CLERK WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR.

IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF WE DO NOT WORK TO PRESERVE OUR OWN HISTORY, AND WITH THE LIBRARY SYSTEMS, I THINK THEY WOULD HAVE THE MECHANISMS TO DO IT.

HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST I DON'T KNOW, BUT HAVING THAT KIND OF DIALOGUE COULD POSSIBLY LEAD TO OUR ADDRESSING A CITIZEN'S CONCERN, WHICH SHOULD BE ALL OF OUR CONCERNS.

>>JAN PLATT: DO YOU HAVE A -- A MOTION THAT YOU WANTED TO FRAME?

YOU KNOW, WHEN I LOOKED AT THIS LETTER, I HAD -- I HAD SEEN THE MEETING ON TV, AND WHAT -- WHAT WAS MISSING IN THE LETTER THAT I SAW WAS "NEEDS TO TAKE AND RETAIN MINUTES,"

BUT WHEN I RAISED THAT ISSUE WITH STAFF, THEY LOOKED AT THE CLOSED CAPTIONING, AND THERE WAS NOT THE WORD "RETAIN" IN IT.

ALL IT SAID WAS TO TAKE THE MINUTES, AND THEY -- THEY CHECKED THE RECORD, AND THAT'S -- THAT'S HOW THE MOTION ENDED UP, AND THAT'S HOW THIS LETTER IS AS IT IS, SO THERE WAS NO MENTION IN THE ACTUAL MOTION ABOUT RETAINING, SO YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT, AND WE --

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: AND I THINK THAT PART OF THAT WAS BECAUSE WHAT WAS EXPLAINED TO THE BOARD WAS THAT WHENEVER THE CLERK TAKES THE MINUTES, THEY RETAIN THE MINUTES.

>>JAN PLATT: MS. WILSON.

>>JANET WILSON: I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT OUR COLLEAGUE'S SUGGESTION AND -- AND HOPE SHE'LL MAKE IT INTO A MOTION BECAUSE MY CONCERN IS WHERE THEY'RE KEPT, THE LOCATION, BECAUSE OF HURRICANES, BECAUSE OF FLOODING, AND I TELL YOU, SEEING THOSE RECORDS, THEY WERE JUST SO MARVELOUS.

THEY SHOULD BE KEPT AS A TREASURE.

EVERYBODY HERE SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING THEM JUST TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THE COUNTY COMES FROM.

>>JAN PLATT: UH-HUH.

>>JANET WILSON: AND THIS DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO DO IT, AND I'D LIKE TO SEE THE THREE GROUPS SHE MENTIONED HAVE MEETINGS, PUBLIC MEETINGS, NOTICED SO PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED CAN ATTEND THOSE AND

MAKE SUGGESTIONS.

>>JAN PLATT: DO ONE OF YOU WANT TO MAKE A MOTION SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS THIS FURTHER?

>>SHARON MILLER: I SO MOVE THAT AFTER THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE DETERMINED WHICH OF THE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RETAINING RECORDS THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPOINT A DESIGNEE TO MEET WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT AND THE LIBRARY SYSTEM TO DETERMINE AN ARCHIVAL METHOD FOR THE MINUTES THAT ARE NOT RETAINED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

>>JANET WILSON: SECOND.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

MR. STORCK.

>>DAVID STORCK: I APOLOGIZE.

I WAS NOT AT THE LAST MEETING.

I'M ASSUMING THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE'S SOME MINUTES MISSING.

IS THAT WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

>>SHARON MILLER: NOT JUST MISSING.

YOU HAVE A LIST OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS THAT THE CLERK IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDING THOSE MINUTES AND RETAINING THOSE MINUTES.

YOU HAVE OTHER COMMITTEES THROUGHOUT COUNTY GOVERNMENT THAT ARE NOT A PART OF THAT LIST.

AND AS I UNDERSTAND, THAT LIST IS SOMEWHAT DATED, AND IT NEEDED TO BE REVIEWED.

AND IN THAT REVIEW, DETERMINING WHICH COMMITTEES' BOARD MINUTES THAT THE CLERK WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR, HOW DO WE ACCOUNT FOR THE OTHERS THAT ARE NOT BEING RECORDED AND MAINTAINED.

>>DAVID STORCK: AND I GUESS MY OTHER QUESTION WAS LIKE MRS. WILSON WAS TALKING ABOUT.

THESE OLDER RECORDS ARE APPARENTLY SOMEWHERE, NOBODY KNOWS WHERE THEY ARE?

IS THAT THE ISSUE?

>>JANET WILSON: WELL, IT'S DIFFICULT TO FIND THEM.

I WANT TO KNOW, ARE THEY IN AIR-CONDITIONED SPACE OR JUST JUNKY DAMP SPACE.

YOU KNOW, ARE THEY IN AN AREA THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE PRESERVED?

SOME DAY THEY ARE GOING TO BE VERY VALUABLE JUST -- JUST SHOWING THEM.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. THROWER, AND THEN MR. BALLARD.

>>MITCH THROWER: YEAH.

THE ISSUE WAS BASICALLY, TERRY NEAL IN THE MINUTES AND BEFORE US, HE MENTIONED THAT THE HISTORICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL'S MINUTES, I GUESS, WERE LOST OR MAYBE NOT WERE ALL -- I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT SITUATION, BUT HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE MINUTES OF AN ADVISORY BOARD WERE NOT

ALL THERE OR SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT, AND AS ACTING CHAIR DURING THE LAST MEETING, THAT MAY HAVE BEEN MY FAULT BECAUSE I THOUGHT OUR MOTION INCLUDED WHAT YOU JUST PROPOSED, AND I THINK -- I THINK IT SHOULD BECAUSE THE SITUATION WAS THE LAW REQUIRES MINUTES TO ADVISORY BOARDS, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ARE, TO BE KEPT PERMANENTLY, SO OUR -- I THOUGHT OUR MOTION WAS -- AND IT WAS PROBABLY MY FAULT, AS I SAID, FOR NOT RESTATING IT -- WAS THAT THE MINUTES TO -- THAT THE CLERK -- THE CLERK HAD A -- SHE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT RETAINING MINUTES THAT SHE DIDN'T ACTUALLY TAKE, SO I THOUGHT WE WERE REVIEWING THE LIST FROM 1991, AND IN THOSE MINUTES THAT WEREN'T BEING RETAINED BY HER, WE WERE GOING TO TRY -- THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO LOOK AT PUTTING THEM IN A SAFE OR CENTRAL LOCATION, AND I THINK THAT WAS OUR INTENTION.

SO I -- I AGREE.

I MEAN, THAT'S THE SITUATION.

THEY NEED TO BE PERMANENTLY RETAINED BY LAW.

WE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS -- IT WAS AN ISSUE THAT NEEDED TO BE IN THE CHARTER BECAUSE IT'S A LEGAL REQUIREMENT, AND I THINK OUR -- THE CHARTER'S DISCUSSION ON THAT DATE, LAST MEETING, WAS THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO LOOK AT IT, LOOK TO SEE WHERE THEY ARE RETAINING THESE RECORDS, AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE BEING KEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW SO THAT IN THE FUTURE, PEOPLE CAN FIND THEM.

AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ADVISORY BOARDS.

I SPOKE WITH SOMEONE FROM THE STATE, AND THEY SAID ANY BOARD, BASICALLY, IF THEY ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IT'S A PUBLIC MEETING, THEY FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY WHERE THEIR RECORDS ARE PUBLIC RECORD AND -- THE MINUTES FROM THOSE MEETINGS HAVE TO BE RETAINED FOR A PERMANENT PERIOD, THE OFFICIAL MINUTES, SO --

>>JAN PLATT: MR. BALLARD.

>>TERRY BALLARD: THE WAY I UNDERSTOOD WHAT MS. FRANK WAS TELLING US, THAT SHE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KEEPING THEIR MINUTES AND TAKING THE MINUTES AND THEN KEEPING THE RECORDS.

IT'S ALL THE OTHER BOARDS THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING NOW, AND I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION -- AND I DON'T KNOW WHICH YOU WAS REFERRING TO AWHILE AGO ABOUT THE PRETTY MINUTES. IF IT WAS THE COUNTY COMMISSION --

>>JANET WILSON: YES.

>>TERRY BALLARD: -- THE CLERK'S OFFICE HAS THEM.

I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION ABOUT THEIR BEING PROTECTED BY THE CLERK OF THE COURT.

>>JAN PLATT: MS. WILSON.

>>JANET WILSON: OKAY.

HERE'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

WE HAD ALL THOSE RECORDS IN HER OFFICE.

AND I WAS WORKING EVEN WHEN THEY WERE IN THE OLD BUILDING.

OKAY.

THEN THEY MICROFICED A LOT OF THE RECORDS, BUT ONLY AS A CERTAIN DATE.

NOW, SUN CITY CENTER STARTED IN 1962, AND A LOT OF THE RECORDS WE MIGHT NEED AREN'T THERE.

THEY'VE BEEN PUT, WE'RE TOLD, IN A WAREHOUSE.

WHERE?

WE WOULD HAVE TO ISSUE SOME, I GUESS, REQUEST TO HAVE THEM BROUGHT IN FROM THE WAREHOUSE, BUT I WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF WAREHOUSE THEY'RE IN.

ARE THEY REALLY BEING PRESERVED?

AND IT'S NOT HER FAULT.

I DON'T KNOW WHO DECIDES WHERE THINGS ARE GOING TO BE STORED AND TAKEN CARE OF, AND RIGHT NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO GO BACK TO AT LEAST 1962 OR 1960, SO I'LL FIND OUT WHERE THEY ARE OR IF THEY'RE AVAILABLE, BUT I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED FOR A LONG TIME, EVER SINCE THEY SAID THEY PUT THEM IN A WAREHOUSE SOMEPLACE.

WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THINGS IN WAREHOUSES.

SO THAT'S -- THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M PRESENTING, AND I'M TALKING ABOUT COUNTY, LAND USE -- THEY WERE SEPARATE FROM THE BOARD MEETINGS.

THEY WERE KEPT SEPARATE, AND I THINK THEY PROBABLY STILL ARE, AREN'T THEY, JAN?

>>JAN PLATT: I DON'T KNOW.

>>JANET WILSON: THEY WERE -- OR YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU WERE ON THE BOARD?

NEVERTHELESS, WHEN YOU NEED TO ACCESS THESE, WHICH I HAVE DONE FOR 20 YEARS AND OUR COMMUNITY HAS DONE, YOU LEARN A LOT.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. MANDT AND THEN MR. THROWER, BECAUSE HE HASN'T SPOKEN.

>>A.J. MANDT: GOOD EVENING.

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY FROM THE CLERK'S COMMENTS, THEY CONTRACTED WITH A FACILITY CALLED "IRON MOUNTAIN" FOR DOCUMENT PROTECTION, AND THAT'S THE BUSINESS IRON MOUNTAIN IS IN, WHETHER IT'S DOCUMENTS OR ELECTRONIC MEDIA IN A BUILDING THAT'S -- I'LL NEVER SAY HURRICANE PROOF, BUT I'LL SAY HURRICANE RESISTANT, SO HURRICANE, FIRE RESISTANT AND SO ON.

THAT IS THE BUSINESS THEY'RE IN.

SO I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE IN A SAFE FACILITY DESIGNED JUST FOR THAT, SO --

>>JANET WILSON: WELL, THAT'S GLAD TO HEAR.

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I HEARD THAT.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. THROWER.

>>MITCH THROWER: I WAS JUST GOING TO ADD ON TO THAT.

I WAS GOING TO ADD BECAUSE THE VOLUME OF RECORDS THAT ARE GENERATED BY THE COUNTY AND THE CLERK'S RESPONSIBILITY IS TO MAINTAIN THOSE RECORDS, IT'S -- IT WOULD BE JUST -- I

MEAN -- I'M TRYING TO THINK OF THE WORD.

THEY'VE GOT TO STORE THEM OFF-SITE BECAUSE OF THE VOLUME OF RECORDS, AND THAT'S WHY THEY DO SEND THEM TO IRON MOUNTAIN. AND HOPEFULLY -- I MEAN, IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT MAINTAINING RECORDS, YOU MAKE A RECORDS REQUEST, AND THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THEM TO YOU.

THIS IS PRETTY MUCH A CLERK -- WHAT WE'RE DISCUSSING NOW IS A CLERK'S RESPONSIBILITY, AS SHE MENTIONED, AND WE'RE KIND OF GETTING OFF ON A TANGENT.

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>JAN PLATT: MR. FISHER.

>>RALPH FISHER: YES.

THANK YOU.

IF PAT FRANK WAS HERE, SHE WOULD START THROTTLING PEOPLE.

I WAS HERE.

THAT WOMAN, THE HAIR ON HER BACK STOOD UP WHEN WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT HER HAVING TO STORE ALL THESE MINUTES FOR THE ENTITIES THAT THE CLERK DOESN'T TAKE MINUTES FOR, AND SHE WAS VERY CLEAR.

SHE SAID, I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT BECAUSE I'M NOT GETTING PAID ENOUGH MONEY TO STORE SOMETHING PERMANENTLY.

YOU KNOW, A GREAT POINT, MADAM, BUT WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR IT?

I MEAN, WHEN YOU SAY STORE SOMETHING PERMANENTLY, I MEAN, THAT MEANS TILL THE END OF THE UNIVERSE, AND THAT MEANS

UNTIL THE SUN BURNS UP IN 750 MILLION YEARS, SO IT'S A LONG TIME, AND I'LL GUARANTEE YOU, IF WE MAKE A MOTION TO ASK THAT THERE'S A COMMITTEE OF PAT FRANK AND SOMEBODY ELSE THAT MEETS TO DO SOMETHING, IT AIN'T GOING TO HAPPEN. NOW, IF WE MAKE A MOTION -- MAYBE THE DOCTOR WANTS TO AMEND HER MOTION TO SAY MAYBE WE ASK THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO CONSIDER HAVING THE LIBRARY SYSTEM DEVOTE AN AREA TO KEEP THESE NON-CLERK-KEPT MINUTES, WE MIGHT GET SOMEWHERE, BUT I'M WARNING YOU, PAT FRANK'S NOT GOING TO STORE THESE MINUTES FOR US.

I MEAN, FOR US SHE WILL -- THANK YOU -- BECAUSE OF KIMBERLY, BUT NOT FOR ALL THESE OTHER BOARDS.

IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, AND SHE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE CLEAR AT THE LAST MEETING.

I WOULD HAVE BEEN ANYTHING IF YOU-ALL HAD BEEN HERE TO WATCH HER GO -- (SOUND EFFECT).

THAT WOMAN HAS SO MUCH MONEY RIGHT NOW.

THEY HAVE SO MUCH RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

THEY CAN'T EVEN KEEP MY PLEADING IN COURT CASES.

OF COURSE SHE CAN, BUT A SUCCESSOR CAN'T.

LET'S NOT EVEN ASK THAT THIS HAPPEN IN THIS FORM OF A MOTION, BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

AND THIS IS NOT A CHARTER ISSUE, BY THE WAY.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. PORTER.

>>JIM PORTER: WELL, I THINK HE'S EXACTLY RIGHT, IT'S A

FUNDING ISSUE.

AND COMMISSIONER PLATT, YOU WERE ON THE BOARD BACK IN 1991, WHICH WAS THE GENESIS OF THIS ISSUE, WHEN IT WAS A FUNDING ISSUE FOR THE CLERK ABOUT TAKING AND KEEPING THE MINUTES, AND THE BOARD AT THAT TIME WITH THE CLERK -- THEN CLERK RICHARD AKE -- MET AND DETERMINED THAT CERTAIN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COUNCILS' MINUTES WOULD NOT BE KEPT BY THE CLERK BUT BY WHATEVER ENTITY -- WHATEVER COUNTY STAFF OR OUTSIDE AGENCY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM, SO THE CLERK WAS TAKEN OUT OF THAT.

>> RIGHT.

>>JIM PORTER: IT'S A SIMPLE FUNDING ISSUE.

IF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WANTS TO FUND THE TAKING OF MINUTES FOR THESE OTHER GROUPS, THEN THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS THE POWER TO DO, AND I'M SURE THE CLERK, AS A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER, WOULD DO IT, BUT SHE CAN'T PHYSICALLY DO IT WITHOUT THE MONEY.

I THINK THE ISSUE THAT TRIGGERED IT TODAY OR LAST MEETING OR RECENTLY WAS THE ONE MS. WILSON WAS CONCERNED ABOUT DEALING WITH THE HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THOSE RECORDS, BUT THERE ARE OTHER GROUPS OUT THERE THAT ALSO HAVE THEIR MINUTES KEPT BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE CLERK. I MADE THE MOTION THAT GENERATED THIS LETTER.

THE INTENT OF THE MOTION WAS THAT -- I'LL GIVE YOU MY

INTEND.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU-ALL VOTED FOR IT IS SOMETHING ELSE.

SHE VOTED AGAINST IT.

THE INTENT WAS TO ASK THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO LOOK AT THAT LIST FROM 1991 AND DETERMINE IF THAT LIST WHEREBY CERTAIN GROUPS WERE TAKEN OFF FOR PURPOSES OF MINUTE KEEPING AND RETENTION -- BECAUSE QUITE FRANKLY, IT'S RIDICULOUS YOU'RE GOING TO ASSUME YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE MINUTES AND NOT RETAIN THEM, SO IT'S IMPLIED IN THE MOTION, AND IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE LETTER.

I MEAN, IT'S A MEANINGLESS FUNCTION OTHERWISE.

THE INTENT WAS FOR THE BOARD TO LOOK AT THAT LIST AND DETERMINE IF, WELL, MAYBE WE SHOULD BE PAYING THE CLERK TO TAKE THESE MINUTES, OR MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T.

IT WAS A SIMPLE REVIEW OF THAT 1991 LIST.

NOW, I SEE DR. MILLER'S MOTION AS SOMETHING SEPARATE AND ADDITIONAL TO THAT.

>>SHARON MILLER: RIGHT.

>>JIM PORTER: AND THE WAY I REVIEW THAT IS TO HAVE -- IF YOUR INTENT IS THIS -- AND I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR YOU -- BUT TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE COUNTY, THE CLERK, AND SOMEONE FROM THE LIBRARY SYSTEM TO SIT DOWN AND SEE IF, IN ADDITION TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY THE CLERK'S, THAT THERE IS SOME FUNCTION THAT THE LIBRARY COULD PLAY IN THE RETENTION OF THE RECORDS IF PROPERLY FUNDED, BECAUSE IT

ALL COMES DOWN TO FUNDING, AND IF THAT'S YOUR MOTION, I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT THAT BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A CHANCE FOR THOSE THREE GROUPS, THE LIBRARY, THE CLERK, AND THE BOARD, OR PAT BEAN, THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, TO DETERMINE IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO DO THAT, BUT I THINK MR. FISHER IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

IT TURNS AROUND FUNDING, AND JUST AS THE STATE ISN'T ALLOWED TO DO UNFUNDED MANDATES, I THINK IT'S IRRESPONSIBLE OF US TO PLACE A BURDEN -- OR SEEK TO PLACE A BURDEN BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO DO THAT -- ON THE CLERK WITHOUT RECOMMENDING THAT IT BE PROPERLY FUNDED.

IT JUST CREATES AN IMPOSSIBLE, UNTENABLE SITUATION FOR HER. SO --

>>SHARON MILLER: AND AGAIN, THE INTENT OF MY MOTION WAS TO ASK THOSE THREE ENTITIES TO COME TOGETHER AFTER --

>>JIM PORTER: I THINK THAT'S FINE.

>>SHARON MILLER: -- THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAD REVIEWED THE LISTING.

>>JIM PORTER: THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT YOU MEANT.

I THINK THAT'S FINE.

>>JAN PLATT: AND TO DETERMINE -- LET ME TRY TO REPHRASE THE -- YOUR MOTION IS THAT AFTER THE BOARD -- WELL, SUBSEQUENT TO THE BOARD DEALING WITH THIS LETTER, THAT THE COUNTY -- THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, THE CLERK, AND THE LIBRARY MEET TO DETERMINE IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE

LIBRARY TO RETAIN --

>>SHARON MILLER: YES.

>>JAN PLATT: -- RECORDS.

IS THAT THE IDEA?

>>SHARON MILLER: YES.

YES.

>>JAN PLATT: THAT'S THE INTENT?

>>SHARON MILLER: YES.

>>JANET WILSON: IF PROPERLY FUNDED.

>>SHARON MILLER: IF PROPERLY FUNDED, OF COURSE.

>>JAN PLATT: BECAUSE THE ISSUE IS SPACE.

[INAUDIBLE]

>>SHARON MILLER: WE TALKED ABOUT THE ELECTRONIC MECHANISMS
NOW TO STORE DOCUMENTS.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>SHARON MILLER: SO SPACE WILL NOT REALLY BE AN ISSUE.

IT WOULD BE THE TECHNOLOGY THAT'S NEEDED IN ORDER TO
ACCOMPLISH THE JOB.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

MR. THROWER.

>>MITCH THROWER: I WAS GOING TO COMMENT.

NOWADAYS YOU CAN MAKE A SCANNED COPY, AND IF THAT'S YOUR
RECORD COPY, THAT CAN BE KEPT AS YOUR RECORD COPY FOR --
AND -- AND THE FACT IS, I MEAN, THERE IS A FUNDING -- THERE
IS A FUNDING ISSUE.

HOWEVER, THE LAW REQUIRES THE MINUTES TO BE KEPT, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE LIBRARY KEEPS THEM.

SOME -- IF THE CLERK DOESN'T WANT TO KEEP THEM, THE MINUTES LEGALLY HAVE TO BE KEPT ACCORDING TO THE LAW, ACCORDING TO THE STATE, SO SOMEBODY'S GOT TO KEEP THEM.

OTHERWISE, THE COUNTY'S NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW.

SO -- AND THAT WAS THE WHOLE ISSUE WITH TERRY NEAL COMING BEFORE US.

I MEAN, THAT WAS THE WHOLE GIST OF THE WHOLE ISSUE.

SO IT'S NOT REALLY A CHARTER ISSUE.

THE LAW REQUIRES IT.

THE COUNTY'S GOT TO KEEP THEM, THE CLERK'S GOT TO KEEP THEM, SOMEBODY'S GOT TO KEEP THEM.

YOU KNOW, I MEAN, IT'S UP TO THE COUNTY TO GET WITH THE CLERK AND DETERMINE WHO'S GOING TO KEEP THEM.

SO IN TEN YEARS WHEN SOMEONE -- YOU KNOW, SOMEONE'S LOOKING FOR THE RECORDS FROM SOME ADVISORY BOARD, THEY SHOULD BE THERE, THE OFFICIAL -- NOT -- THE OFFICIAL MINUTES.

SO -- OTHER RECORDS HAVE A SHORTER RETENTION PERIOD.

SO -- AND THAT WAS THE WHOLE -- BASICALLY, I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE WHOLE ISSUE.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. MANDT.

>>A.J. MANDT: I COULD BE WRONG ON THIS ISSUE, BUT I THOUGHT THE CLERK MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT THAT, I DON'T KNOW, IN SOME CASES OR ALL CASES, THAT A PHYSICAL COPY

STILL NEEDED TO BE MAINTAINED.

ALTHOUGH I'M -- I THINK ELECTRONIC IS GREAT FOR RESEARCH AND WHATNOT.

>>MITCH THROWER: THAT COULD BE THE CASE IN SOME SITUATIONS, BUT I KNOW A LOT -- MORE AND MORE COMPANIES -- OR GOVERNMENTS ARE MOVING TO SCANNING, AND AS LONG AS YOU CAN -- THAT IS YOUR RECORD COPY, YOU CAN GO -- YOU CAN MOVE TO THAT.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. TINKLER, I CAN TELL THAT YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING.

>>KEN TINKLER: YES, MA'AM.

IT CERTAINLY DEPENDS ON THE BOARD.

SOME BOARDS AND COUNCILS STILL REQUIRE PAPER COPIES.

THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARDS AND COUNCILS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT CAN BE ELECTRONIC ONLY, AND TO ASSURE YOU, MINUTES ARE BEING KEPT.

THE ISSUE IS WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE BEING KEPT IN A SINGLE LOCATION OR WITH VARIOUS STAFF MEMBERS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH THOSE BOARDS AND COUNCILS, BUT PURSUANT TO THE SUNSHINE LAW, MINUTES ARE BEING KEPT OF ALL THESE BOARDS AND COUNCILS.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: MADAM CHAIR, MY LONG-TERM CONCERN RELATED TO RECORDS AND RELATED TO THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HISTORY IN GENERAL HAS BEEN THAT I'VE ALWAYS HAD THE FEELING AS

THOUGH THAT THE COUNTY ITSELF NEEDS TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN LIBRARY FOR CITIZEN ACCESS TO FIND OUT ANYTHING THAT THEY NEED TO KNOW RELATED TO -- TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

WE CAN'T EVEN KEEP UP WITH THE HISTORY OF THE FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THIS COUNTY AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE, AND SO REALLY, INSTEAD OF SENDING DOCUMENTS OFF SOMEWHERE IN SOME BASEMENT WHERE CITIZENS WILL HAVE TO HUNT MORE AND HARDER FOR THEM, YOU KNOW, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.

I WOULD RATHER SEE SOMEWHERE IN THIS BUILDING WHERE A CITIZEN CAN HAVE ACCESS FOR A FULL-SCALE CITIZEN LIBRARY RELATED TO ALL GOVERNMENT ISSUES AND GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS, AND I THINK IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING FREELY FOR CITIZENS, THAT'S THE ROUTE THAT I WOULD BE MORE IN FAVOR OF -- OF GOING, WHERE CITIZENS CAN HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT VIA THE DOCUMENTS.

AND SO I UNDERSTAND WHAT DR. MILLER IS SAYING, AND I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT WE HAVE TO REMEMBER TOO THAT THE -- THE LIBRARY SYSTEM IS -- IS SEPARATE, AND IT'S A JOINT VENTURE WITH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, AND THERE'S A LIBRARY BOARD.

THE LIBRARY BOARD WOULD HAVE TO SIGN OFF ON SUCH A MEETING IF ONE WAS TO TAKE PLACE, AND THEN AFTER THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO AGREE TO GO IN PARTNERSHIP RELATED TO GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS WITH THE CLERK AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION, AND WE'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT A LOT OF MONEY

HERE WHEN WE CAN HAVE SPACE INSIDE THIS COUNTY CENTER
DOWNTOWN WHERE ALL THE CITIZENS WOULD KNOW THEY CAN COME
AND GET DOCUMENTS AND DO RESEARCH AND LEARN ABOUT THE
HISTORY OF THE COUNTY.

SO I'M MORE OF AN ADVOCATE OF HAVING SOMETHING TODAY, NOW,
FOR CITIZENS TO HAVE ACCESS TO IN THE COUNTY CENTER.

>>JAN PLATT: YOU RAISED AN INTERESTING ISSUE, MR. WHITE,
AND YOU SAID -- AND YOU'RE RIGHT -- THAT IT IS ALSO THE
CITY OF TAMPA, AND SO THE WAY THE MOTION AND ALL THE
DISCUSSION HAS BEEN FRAMED DEALS WITH THE COUNTY'S ADVISORY
COMMITTEES, BUT IT --

>>GERALD WHITE: [INAUDIBLE]

>>JAN PLATT: YOU REALLY -- IT ALSO INCLUDES THE CITY'S
ADVISORY COMMITTEES IF THEY'RE GOING TO -- THOSE TAXPAYERS
ARE PAYING, I WOULD THINK.

I DON'T KNOW.

>>JIM PORTER: WELL, THE CITY HAS ITS OWN CLERK.

I MEAN, THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT I DON'T BELIEVE HAS
ANY JURISDICTION IN THE CITY OF TAMPA, SO YOU'RE OPENING UP
A CAN OF WORMS WITH THAT, I THINK.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>JIM PORTER: AND THE CITY CLERK MAINTAINS THE CITY
RECORDS.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

BUT IT MAY NOT -- BUT THE ISSUE IS THE LIBRARY.

BUT ANYWAY.

IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION?

>>JANET WILSON: JUST ONE -- ONE THING.

I THINK SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE, AND WOULD IT BE ACCEPTABLE, LET'S SAY, TO SAY THAT THIS PERSON CAME TO OUR COMMITTEE, MADE THIS REQUEST.

NOW HE REALLY SHOULD GO TO THE COMMISSION, BUT COULDN'T WE JUST SEND THAT THIS PERSON CAME, IT'S NOT A CHARTER REVIEW QUESTION, AND COULD THEY LOOK INTO WHAT MRS. -- DR. MILLER HAS SUGGESTED?

BECAUSE I READ THESE MINUTES, THAT GENTLEMAN, MR. NEAL, WAS NOT ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT KEEPING THEM -- AS WE SAY, THEY HAVE TO BE KEPT BY LAW IN SOME FORM, BUT WERE THEY DAMAGED AND WERE THEY KEPT -- AND HE SAYS, EVIDENTLY IT WAS FLOODED WHERE THESE PARTICULAR ONES WERE BEING KEPT.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, I THINK THIS LETTER CLARIFIES THAT MR. NEAL CAME, AND HIS CONCERN WAS REGARDING THE ISSUE OF PRESERVING THE RECORDS, EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING SAFETY, AND MENTIONED THE FLOOD.

I THINK WE REALLY -- THIS IS A NONCHARTER ISSUE, AND I THINK WE HAVE DISCUSSED IT CONSIDERABLY.

DO YOU WANT TO STATE IT ONCE MORE, DR. MILLER, AND THEN LET'S VOTE ON THE MOTION.

>>SHARON MILLER: AFTER THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE REVIEWED THE CURRENT LISTING OF COMMITTEES FOR WHICH

THE CLERK OF THE COURT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDING AND
RETAINING THE MINUTES THAT YOU HAVE REPRESENTATIVE --
REPRESENTATION FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE, THE LIBRARY SYSTEM,
AND THE COUNTY TO EXPLORE A METHOD OF ARCHIVING THE
REMAINING COMMITTEE MINUTES.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

IS THERE ANY -- ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

ALL RIGHT.

THEN ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

LET'S SEE.

ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE.

AND ALL OPPOSED.

AND SO THE CLERK, YOU NEED TO GET THE THREE OPPOSED SO THAT
THAT'S IN YOUR RECORD.

YOU GOT THAT?

ALL RIGHT.

SO THE MOTION DOES PASS.

SO THAT LETTER WILL BE SENT TO THOSE THREE ENTITIES.

OKAY.

LET'S MOVE ON.

IS THERE ANY -- IN THE AREA OF OLD BUSINESS, WHAT ABOUT THE
MINUTES?

HAS ANY --

>>JIM PORTER: I'LL MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THE MINUTES.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THERE A SECOND?

>>TERRY BALLARD: SECOND.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THERE DISCUSSION?

THEN ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ALL OPPOSED, NO.

SO THOSE HAVE UNANIMOUSLY BEEN APPROVED.

IS THERE ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS?

IS THERE ANY NEW BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED?

>>GERALD WHITE: YES, MADAM CHAIR.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: I'M ASKING THE ASSISTANT TO PASS OUT WORK THAT WAS DONE BY THE COUNTY -- SENIOR ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY KEN TINKLER WAY BACK IN MAY THE 9th RELATED TO DUTIES AND THE ROLES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' CHAIR, AND ALSO IN THE DOCUMENT THAT I PASSED OUT WAS A -- SOMETHING THAT DR. MILLER HAD SPOKE TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ABOUT, A CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY, AND THESE ARE ARTICLES RELATED TO THAT SURVEY, WHERE THE COUNTY RECEIVED A 68% HIGH RATING, FAVORABLE RATING FROM THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY.

AND ALSO, THERE WAS A POLL DONE BY THIS MARY ANN STILES GROUP RELATED TO THE ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR, AND SHE RECEIVED, ACCORDING TO HER POLL IN THE NEWS ARTICLE, 42% SUPPORT FOR AN ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR.

AND THE REASON I'M BRINGING THESE UP NOW AND THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO USE OUR LAST MEETING TO HAVE A TOWN HALL MEETING, AND IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING, THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY JUST OPEN THE DOORS AND ALLOW THE CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THIS ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR ISSUE, ADDRESS THE ELECTED -- THE POWERS -- NOT ELECTED, JUST THE POWERS OF THE COUNTY CHAIR THAT'S IN PLACE NOW AND JUST ALLOW THE CITIZENS THROUGH OUR LAST MEETING TO VENT THEMSELVES ON THIS.

I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT ALL THESE POLLS STARTING TO FLOAT ALL OVER THE PLACE, AND WE'RE STILL IN POWER.

WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST THE CITIZENS, AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ALLOW THE CITIZENS TO GO ON RECORD TO THEIR CHARTER REVIEW BOARD -- SEEING AS THOUGH WE WON'T MEET AGAIN FOR FIVE YEARS -- IN A TOWN HALL MEETING AND JUST VOICE THEIR CONCERN ABOUT DO THEY FEEL AS THOUGH, SHOULD THIS BOARD, THROUGH A RESOLUTION, ASK THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND THEIR RULES AND GIVE THE CHAIRMAN ADDITIONAL POWERS.

I BELIEVE THAT THE -- I TRULY BELIEVE THAT THE -- THE PROBLEM OF LEADERSHIP CAN BE FIXED FROM WITHIN.

I REALLY DO.

I THINK IT'S ALL IN THE RULES THAT'S ON THE BOOKS TODAY -- IF THEY WOULD JUST ADDRESS THE ISSUE.

BECAUSE OF THESE POLLS, BECAUSE OF THE EASINESS IT IS, I

BELIEVE, TO GET SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT -- TO GET SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT RELATED TO ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR, I THINK WE SHOULD LOSE -- USE A LAST MEETING IN FEBRUARY TO JUST OPEN IT UP IN A TOWN HALL MEETING AND ALLOW THE CITIZENS TO COME IN, MADAM CHAIR.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THAT A MOTION?

>>GERALD WHITE: AND THAT'S A MOTION.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THERE A SECOND?

>>JANET WILSON: SECOND.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION ON THAT MOTION.

>>SHARON MILLER: I WILL GO BACK TO MY INITIAL STATEMENT, MADAM CHAIR, WHEN WE HAD THIS DISCUSSION THE LAST TIME.

THIS IS AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING.

ANYONE WHO DESIRED TO COME AND SPEAK COULD HAVE COME.

I ALSO REITERATE AN OBSERVATION I SHARED AT LAST MEETING THAT SUMMARIZED IN THE TAMPA TRIBUNE ARTICLE THAT'S ENTITLED "68%" THAT KATHY CASTOR MADE WHEN IT SAID, CITIZENS DON'T LIKE A BOARD THAT BICKERS OR SNUB ETHICS REFORM OR PLAYS OSTRICH WITH REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING.

ELECTING A COUNTY MAYOR WILL NOT FIX THAT.

I THINK WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT AN ETHICS COMMISSION HERE FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TO CREATE A MECHANISM TO DEAL WITH THOSE KINDS OF ISSUES.

WE CHOSE NOT TO DO SO.

WE ALSO HAD A DISCUSSION TO MOVE GOVERNMENT CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT WE HAD TO CREATE MORE OF THAT ACCOUNTABILITY.

WE CHOSE NOT TO DO SO.

SO ADDING A COUNTY MAYOR AND LOOKING AT POLLS -- I WANT -- THEY DIDN'T CALL MY HOUSE, SO I COULDN'T RESPOND, BUT I WOULD HAVE BEEN A NAY VOTE FOR THIS BECAUSE YOU DON'T FIX DYSFUNCTIONALITY BY PUTTING ANOTHER LAYER ON TOP OF IT.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT HAVING A TOWN HALL MEETING.

>>JANET WILSON: I'D LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION.

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>>JANET WILSON: DO WE HAVE THE WHOLE MONTH OF FEBRUARY OR FROM THE 1st TO THE 21st?

>>JAN PLATT: MR. TINKLER.

>>JANET WILSON: TIME FOR JUST ONE MEETING OR TWO MEETINGS?

>>KEN TINKLER: YOU HAVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 21st.

>>JANET WILSON: 21st?

>>KEN TINKLER: FEBRUARY 21st THE LAST POSSIBLE DAY THIS CHARTER REVIEW BOARD CAN MEET.

>>JANET WILSON: OKAY.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THERE --

>>KEN TINKLER: THE OPEN DAYS FOR THIS ROOM IS FEBRUARY 6th

AND FEBRUARY 20th.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUE OF HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING -- TOWN HALL MEETING ON THE ISSUE OF THE COUNTY MAYOR?

>>JANET WILSON: WELL, I WANTED TO COMMENT.

I WANT TO FIND OUT FIRST IF THERE WERE TIME FOR MEETINGS. ANOTHER POLL HERE SHOWS THAT WITH THE INFORMATION THEY HAVE, 42% WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE FOR A MAYOR.

NOW, THIS IS A POLL, EVIDENTLY -- I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS IS BY, WHETHER THIS IS BY THE PEOPLE THAT ARE PUSHING FOR IT.

I THINK 28% NO, 30% UNDECIDED, AND OVER HERE, 76% AGREED THEY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO ELECT THEIR OWN MAYOR.

IT'S GOING TO BE SIMPLY A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT FOR POLITICIZING THE PEOPLE TO GET AN ELECTED MAYOR.

I THINK THIS COMMITTEE HAS WORKED TOGETHER, AND THERE WERE SEVERAL THINGS WE WERE EITHER UNANIMOUSLY OR ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY FOR.

MOST OF THE THINGS THAT WE WANTED -- THAT SOME BROUGHT UP, MINORITY, EITHER MYSELF -- OF ONE MYSELF OR TWO WITH MR. WHITE OR MAYBE ANOTHER ISSUE BY SOMEONE ELSE THERE WAS NO MAJORITY FOR, BUT I THINK THERE WERE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT WE WERE ALMOST UNANIMOUS ON, AND ONE OF THEM WAS PROBABLY THAT A MAYOR IS NOT GOOD FOR THIS COUNTY FOR MANY REASONS BASED ON HAVING GOVERNMENT CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE.

AND EVERYTHING EVERYONE SAID IS TAKING IT AWAY WITH THAT.
I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPAGANDA THAT WILL BE PUT OUT
AND WHETHER THE PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO GET THE ACTUAL
INFORMATION.

I THINK THOSE TOWN HALL MEETINGS THAT MR. WHITE HAS
SUGGESTED COULD BE USED AS OPEN MEETINGS FOR CHANGES IN THE
CHARTER REVIEW THAT WE'RE NOT SUPPORTING.

WE COULD EVEN GIVE OUR REASONS FOR IT, LET THE
COMMISSIONERS GIVE THEIR REASONS.

SEE IF PEOPLE ARE EVEN INTERESTED IN COMING AND FINDING OUT
ABOUT THIS GROUP.

I HAVE MY OWN IDEA.

THEY CALL THE GOVERNMENT DYSFUNCTIONAL BECAUSE THEY CAN'T
GET THEIR SPECIAL INTEREST UNDER ACTION, AND IF THEY CAN
GET A MAYOR ELECTED BY THEIR MONEY, THEY WILL HAVE COMPLETE
CONTROL, AND IN MANY CITIES, I WANT TO SAY RIGHT NOW,
PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED THERE AND HAVE MOVED HERE HAVE TOLD
ME THEY HAVE CONSOLIDATED

TO ELECT ONE MAYOR SO A MINORITY MAYOR WOULD NOT BE ELECTED
IN THAT MAJOR CITY, AND THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING EVEN ON NOT
ONLY MAYOR ELECTIONS BUT AT-LARGE ELECTIONS FOR MANY
DIFFERENT POSITIONS, AND IT TAKES -- IT JUST CUTS A LOT OF
PEOPLE OUT, AND THAT WOULD BE MY REASON FOR SUPPORTING --
AND EVEN THOUGH WE'VE WORKED HARD, IT WOULDN'T HURT US TO
GO TO TWO MORE MEETINGS IF THEY WERE HELD SOMEPLACE WHERE

PEOPLE COULD ATTEND AND IF THEY HAD REAL KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT'S GOING TO BE DISCUSSED.

LET THESE PEOPLE -- LET MRS. STILES AND HER COMMITTEE COME AND EXPLAIN WHY WE NEED A MAYOR.

THAT'S ALL -- THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

I JUST KNOW THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE WERE AGREED ON AS A GROUP, AND PROBABLY THE VOTES SHOW THAT.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. PORTER.

>>JIM PORTER: YES.

I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE MOTION.

I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF -- OF OPEN DIALOGUE, AND I'M SORRY THAT MORE PEOPLE DIDN'T COME TO OUR MEETINGS, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CREATE A MORE PUBLIC FORUM OR ADVERTISE MORE FOR MEETINGS.

WE'VE BEEN ON THE WEB SITE, WE'VE HAD NEWSPAPER ADS.

WE'VE BEEN MEETING FOR A YEAR, AND THERE HAS NOT BEEN A HUE AND CRY FOR A CHANGE TO THE CHARTER.

WHEN I WAS EMPANELED -- AND I ASSUME EVERYONE ELSE ON THIS BOARD WHEN THEY WERE EMPANELED -- APPROACHED THIS POSITION WITH AN OPEN MIND, AND I HAVEN'T HEARD COMPELLING ARGUMENTS FOR A CHANGE TO THE CHARTER -- FOR ANY CHANGE TO THE CHARTER, NOW HAVE I WITNESSED A HUE AND CRY FROM THE MASSES OR FROM THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FOR A CHANGE TO THE CHARTER.

I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO WHAT'S SAID, AND I ALSO

THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO WHAT'S NOT SAID.

THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ARE NOT A BUNCH OF
SISSIES.

THEY KNOW HOW TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD, AND THEY KNOW HOW
TO EFFECT CHANGE, BE IT AT THE BALLOT BOX OR BE IT AT A
ZONING HEARING OR BE IT AT A BUDGET HEARING FOR THE COUNTY
COMMISSION.

THEY CERTAINLY KNOW HOW TO SHOW UP AT COUNTY CENTER AND
MAKE THEIR CONCERNS HEARD FOR CHANGES TO THE CHARTER.

I FULLY EXPECTED TO HAVE MANY DEBATES ABOUT SPECIFIC ISSUES
THAT COULD BE PART OF THE CHARTER AS AN AMENDMENT, AND
AGAIN, I HAVE HEARD NEITHER COMPELLING ARGUMENTS FOR CHANGE
NOR HAVE I HEARD FROM LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE WANTING A
CHANGE, AND I THINK THOSE TWO THINGS HAVE LED ME TO BELIEVE
THAT THE CHARTER AS IS IS SOMETHING THAT THE CITIZENS OF
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ARE SATISFIED WITH AND DO NOT WISH FOR
A CHANGE.

I THINK THAT IT'S CURIOUS THAT THE PERSON WHO IS SEEKING TO
CHANGE THE CHARTER THROUGH A CITIZEN INITIATIVE HAS NOT
SHOWN UP AT THE MEETING, HAS NOT CONTACTED ANY MEMBER OF
THE BOARD, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, OR TO -- I THINK IT'S BEEN
STATED PUBLICLY THAT SHE HASN'T, AND I THINK THAT'S A VERY
CURIOUS POSITION TO TAKE, AND IT MAKES ME QUESTION WHAT'S
BEHIND THAT KIND OF MOVEMENT, BUT AT THIS POINT, I'M NOT IN
FAVOR OF -- OF HAVING ANY MORE MEETINGS UNLESS THERE'S SOME

COMPELLING REASON DEMONSTRATED, AND THAT HASN'T BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO ME AT THIS POINT.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. STORCK.

>>DAVID STORCK: I'D LIKE TO ECHO A LITTLE BIT WHAT JIM HAS SAID.

FIRST OFF, WE -- I THINK WE'VE WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND. WE'VE SPENT, WHAT, \$6,000 ON NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING, ADVERTISING THESE MEETINGS, YOU KNOW, AND I -- I'VE ALWAYS HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE SILENT MAJORITY.

WELL, I THINK THE SILENT MAJORITY IS SPEAKING VERY LOUD. THEY -- THERE HASN'T BEEN AN OUTCRY TO CHANGE THIS CHARTER IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY.

WE'VE GIVEN MORE THAN AMPLE ABILITY FOR PEOPLE TO COME HERE AND VOICE THEIR OPINIONS, AND YOU'RE RIGHT, IF THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON THAT THEY WANT TO VOICE, I'VE SEEN THIS ROOM FULL BEFORE, SO THEY SHOW UP HERE, BUT THEY HAVEN'T FOR THIS, SO I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT, YOU KNOW, AND AS FAR AS THE COUNTY MAYOR THING GOES, I'M RIGHT ALONG WITH THAT TOO.

WHEN THAT COULD HAVE BEEN APPROACHED TO US IN THIS ENTIRE YEAR AND THIS PERSON COULD HAVE COME FORWARD AND GAVE COMPELLING ARGUMENT FOR IT BUT ELECTED NOT TO AND THEY WANT TO START A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE TO DO IT, IT MAKES YOU WONDER -- YOU KNOW, SOMETHING'S KIND OF HIDDEN IN THE BACKGROUND HERE THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL THE TRUTHS ARE,

AND THAT'S KIND OF AN UNDERLYING THING THAT'S A LITTLE BOTHERSOME.

THE OTHER THING IS, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU READ THIS ARTICLE ABOUT THE POLLS, THIS IS VERY -- FIRST OF ALL, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW THE QUESTION WAS WORDED.

YOU CAN WORD ANY QUESTION TO GET A FAVORABLE RESPONSE, AND THEY DON'T TELL YOU HOW THEY WORDED THE QUESTION IN HERE. THEY DON'T TELL YOU WHETHER THESE 400 RESIDENTS WERE REGISTERED VOTERS, WHETHER THEY WERE LIKELY VOTERS.

YOU KNOW, THERE'S ALL KINDS OF ISSUES THERE, AND YOU CAN CRAFT AN ARTICLE TO MAKE IT LOOK VERY POSITIVE, AND THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THIS, AND THAT HAPPENS A LOT IN POLLS. YOU KNOW?

POLLS DON'T TELL THE WHOLE ANSWER.

YOU KNOW, I THINK BOB BUCKHORN WILL BE THE FIRST ONE TO TELL YOU THAT THREE DAYS BEFORE THE LAST ELECTION, THE POLLS SHOWED HIM UP 5%, AND BRIAN BLAIR WON, SO, YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T TAKE A LOT OF STOCK IN POLLS.

THAT'S MY OPINION ON THINGS.

ANYWAY, I'M ALSO OPPOSED TO MEETINGS WHERE WE'VE -- WE'VE GIVEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO COME, YOU KNOW, AND THEY'VE NOT SHOWED UP.

THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: AND I'LL SPEAK.

YOU KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO MISLEAD YOU.

MRS. STILES DID CONTACT ME, NOT AS A CHARTER PERSON, WHEN SHE FIRST RESIGNED, AND THAT WAS JUST ABOUT HARTLINE. WE DID NOT DISCUSS THE COUNTY MAYOR OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. SHE WAS JUST TELLING ME ABOUT HOW SHE WAS RESIGNING FROM HARTLINE BECAUSE I WAS ON THE HARTLINE BOARD, HAD BEEN ON THE HARTLINE --

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

SHE DIDN'T TALK AT ALL ABOUT COUNTY MAYOR, YOU KNOW, THAT KIND OF THING.

I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY.

I HAD TALKED TO HER, BUT THAT WAS WAY BACK WHEN SHE RESIGNED.

IT WAS ABOUT THAT ISSUE.

BUT TO ME, THERE ARE THREE AVENUES FOR CHANGING THE CHARTER.

ONE IS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CAN PROPOSE A CHANGE, THERE CAN BE A CHANGE PROPOSED BY THIS BOARD, OR THERE CAN BE A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE.

AND EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST, AND EACH ONE NEEDS TO JUST STAY ITS COURSE.

THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT A COUNTY MAYOR, BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN BLACK AND WHITE.

ISN'T THAT CURIOUS?

THAT'S WHY I WON'T EVEN TALK ABOUT IT TO PEOPLE BECAUSE IT HAS CHANGED.

IT IS LIKE -- IT'S SORT OF LIKE LOOKING AT A KALEIDOSCOPE.
AT FIRST IT WAS GOING TO HAVE ALL SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS,
NOW IT'S NOT ALL SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS.

NOW THEY SAY IT'S GOING TO BE NONPARTISAN.

IS IT GOING TO BE NONPARTISAN, IS IT GOING TO BE PARTISAN?
UNTIL SOMETHING IS BLACK AND WHITE, I DON'T EVEN SPEND MY
TIME TALKING ABOUT IT, AND THERE'S A -- AND I THINK -- I
THINK PEOPLE ARE FALLING INTO A TRAP WHO DO DEBATE IT
BECAUSE YOU GIVE CREDIBILITY TO SOMETHING THAT'S NOT IN
WRITING, AND THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS BECAUSE IF YOU
LOOK AT THAT CHARTER AS IT'S WRITTEN RIGHT NOW, TO HAVE A
MAYOR IS GOING TO REQUIRE SOME VERY SERIOUS CHANGES TO A
LOT -- TO A LOT.

AND SO I THINK WE NEED TO STAY OUT OF IT UNLESS WE'RE FOR
IT.

I'M NOT -- I PERSONALLY WON'T SUPPORT GIVING -- GIVING
DISCUSSION BECAUSE A DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT?

THERE'S NOTHING IN WRITING?

THERE'S NOTHING IN WRITING.

YES, MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND MADAM CHAIR, I DO HAVE YOUR -- YOUR
CONCERN, BUT I TAKE A DIFFERENT VIEW OF IT.

I'M SO AFRAID THAT THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY IS
GOING TO BE TRICKED, IS GOING TO BE DUPED, IS GOING TO BE
LED ASTRAY.

THIS IS AN ARTICLE THAT'S IN A MAJOR NEWSPAPER IN OUR COMMUNITY SAYING 42% OF -- OF A POLL SUPPORT AN ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR.

CITIZENS CAN BE TRICKED.

AND WE ARE A DULY SEATED BOARD TO HEAR THE CITIZENS' CONCERN RELATED TO ANY ISSUE THAT'S INSIDE THIS CHARTER, AND I DID NOT WANT TO CONCLUDE MY SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY WITHOUT GIVING THEM ONE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD AND PLACE THEIR THOUGHT RELATED TO THIS ISSUE ON THE RECORD, AND THAT'S IT.

I KNOW HOW I FEEL.

I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF AN ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR.

I SUPPORT THE EXISTING APPOINTED COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

NOW, I DO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE SOME PROBLEMS IN THIS COUNTY RELATED TO LEADERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BUT UNDER THE RULES THAT -- THAT HAS GOVERNED THE COMMISSION, THEY CAN FIX THAT TOMORROW.

THEY CAN WIPE MARY ANN STILES OFF THE MAP JUST BY AMENDING THEIR RULES AND ASSIGN SOME SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE EXISTING CHAIR.

SHE'D BE WIPED OUT.

SHE'D BE OFF THE MAP.

SHE WOULDN'T HAVE AN ARGUMENT.

AND SO THAT'S THE KIND OF THING I'D WANT THE CITIZENS TO

COME IN AND SAY, DO YOU WANT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND THEIR RULES AND GIVE THE CHAIRMAN THE -- THAT THEY SELF-ELECT ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND ADDITIONAL POWERS, OR DO YOU WANT TO COME ON THE RECORD AND SAY, HEY, I DON'T KNOW WHERE MARY ANN STILES GOT THIS 42% BEFORE, BUT SHE DIDN'T CALL MY HOUSE.

WELL, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR, AND WE ONLY MEET ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, AND SO I WANTED TO GIVE THE CITIZENS ONE OPPORTUNITY IN A TOWN HALL MEETING TO PUT THEIR CONCERNS ON THE PUBLIC RECORD.

IT'S THEIR RECORD.

IT'S THEIR COUNTY.

I KNOW HOW WE FEEL.

THAT'S NOT THE QUESTION.

I WANT TO KNOW HOW THE CITIZENS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FEEL.

AND IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT, WELL, THEY'RE HAPPY BECAUSE THEY -- THEY'RE NOT HERE, WELL, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU, OUT OF THE 68% THAT SAID SERVICES ARE WELL, THAT 68% HAVEN'T BEEN HERE EITHER TO SAY SERVICES ARE WELL.

OKAY?

WE ARE THE SITTING BOARD, AND I JUST WANTED TO EXTEND AN OPPORTUNITY -- ONE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO THE PUBLIC RELATED TO THIS ISSUE.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

OKAY.

THERE IS A MOTION ON THE FLOOR THAT WE HAVE A TOWN HALL MEETING TO GIVE THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE ISSUE OF THE COUNTY MAYOR.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THAT MOTION, WOULD YOU RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

ONE VOTE.

ALL OPPOSED, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

EVERYBODY ELSE.

SO MR. WHITE WAS THE ONE IN SUPPORT, SO LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT.

THANK YOU, MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: I HAVE ONE OTHER -- ONE OTHER NEW ISSUE --

>>JAN PLATT: ALL RIGHT.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- RELATED TO OUR STAFF.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THIS, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PROPERLY RECOGNIZE OUR COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR -- THE SENIOR ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY KEN TINKLER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND SUPERIOR SERVICE AND ALSO THE -- SHELLEY BLOOD AND HER STAFF FOR THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE -- A FIRST-TIME SERVICE, IF YOU WILL, RELATED TO THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD, WHERE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED HER STAFF TO COME IN AND ASSIST US.

I THINK IT WORKED OUT VERY WELL.

AND SO I DON'T KNOW IF WE GO DO A PLAQUE OR WHATEVER.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY GET RECOGNIZED.

SO IF WE CAN -- I MAKE A MOTION THAT WE RECOGNIZE OUR STAFF FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOB THAT THEY PERFORMED FOR US OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR.

>>RALPH FISHER: WELL, MENTION CAROL LePIERRE ALSO.

>>GERALD WHITE: CAROL LePIERRE.

>>RALPH FISHER: THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: AND I THINK MARY HELEN CAMPBELL ALSO ASSISTED, I THINK.

>>RALPH FISHER: HOW ABOUT MS. CHAMBERS?

>>JAN PLATT: AND MS. CHAMBERS WITH THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

>>GERALD WHITE: THAT IS A MOTION.

THAT'S A MOTION.

>>JAN PLATT: HOW ARE WE GOING TO RECOGNIZE THEM?

>>GERALD WHITE: THROUGH A PLAQUE.

>>RALPH FISHER: HOW ABOUT JUST A RESOLUTION?

>>JIM PORTER: A RESOLUTION.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. TINKLER, WOULD YOU MIND DRAFTING YOUR OWN RESOLUTION?

[LAUGHTER]

HE'S GOOD ON RESOLUTIONS, I CAN TELL YOU.

>>KEN TINKLER: I'D BE GLAD TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF MYSELF.

WE CAN CERTAINLY PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER AND HAVE THE CHAIR EXECUTE IT.

>>GERALD WHITE: THAT'S A RESOLUTION.

>>JIM PORTER: I'LL SECOND THAT.

>>JAN PLATT: AND I WILL SIGN IT.

IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION -- ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THAT MOTION?

>>RALPH FISHER: LET'S NAME EACH OF THE PEOPLE, THOUGH.

LET'S NAME ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS.

>>JAN PLATT: WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

>>RALPH FISHER: BY NAME.

IN THE RESOLUTION THEY SHOULD ALL BE NAMED.

THAT'S WHAT I'M SUGGESTING.

WOULD THAT BE OKAY, MR. WHITE?

>>GERALD WHITE: THAT'S FINE.

>>JAN PLATT: DID YOU HEAR THAT, MR. TINKLER?

IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THAT MOTION?

THEN ALL IN FAVOR, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

ALL OPPOSED, NO.

SO THAT UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

THAT WAS GOOD, GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THERE ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED?

>>JANET WILSON: ARE WE GOING TO DISCUSS THIS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY?

>>JAN PLATT: THIS DRAFT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.

MRS. BLOOD.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: WHAT WE DID WAS WE -- WE STARTED THE WORK ON THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY PRIOR TO THE END OF YOUR MEETINGS. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE PREVIOUSLY, THAT IN -- FOR PRIOR CHARTER REVIEW BOARDS, AT THE FINAL MEETING, THE BOARD WOULD GIVE STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO PREPARE AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, AND SO THERE WAS NOT ANY PRIOR REVIEW BY REVIEW -- BY CHARTER REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS. AT LEAST THAT IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN ADVISED.

WE HAD STARTED WORKING ON THIS AND WANTED TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO AT LEAST LOOK AT THE VERY FIRST DRAFT AND GIVE US ANY INPUT THAT YOU HAVE ON THIS.

YOU WILL RECALL -- OR FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT WERE NOT HERE WHEN WE DISCUSSED IT EARLIER, OUR INTENTION IS TO PUT THE SUMMARY AND THE BACKUP INFORMATION ON CDs AND MAKE THOSE AVAILABLE AND MAKE ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF PRINTED COPIES FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO WOULD RATHER HAVE A PRINTED COPY WITH THE ABILITY TO MAKE ADDITIONAL PRINTED COPIES AT ANY TIME.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS ON THAT EXPLANATION?

OKAY.

>>JANET WILSON: I DO WANT A PRINTED COPY.

>>JAN PLATT: I DO TOO.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: THERE ALSO WILL BE, OBVIOUSLY, SOME

ADDITIONS TO THIS.

THERE WILL BE A COVER ON IT.

WE'RE GOING TO ADD UNDER THE SECTION ON THE MOTIONS THE MEMBERS THAT WERE ABSENT AT THOSE PARTICULAR MEETINGS SO THAT YOU WILL THEN KNOW WHO WAS NOT THERE IN ADDITION TO WHO VOTED WHICH WAY.

WE WILL BE REVERSING THE -- THE ORDER OF THE SPEAKERS INVITED AND THE SPEAKERS WHO ACTUALLY ATTENDED.

WE'RE GOING TO PUT A -- AN INVITATION OR A NOTICE IN AT THE BEGINNING THAT INDICATES THAT IF ANYONE WANTS THE AGENDAS, THE MINUTES, OR THE CAPTIONING ON PARTICULAR MEETINGS OR ALL OF THE MEETINGS THAT THEY CAN EITHER GET THAT FROM THE WEB SITE OR THEY CAN REQUEST A HARD COPY, AND WE'LL GIVE THEM THE INFORMATION BY WHICH TO DO THAT BY CALLING IN TO US, RATHER THAN MAKING A DOCUMENT THAT IS A FOOT HIGH WITH ALL OF THAT INFORMATION IN IT OR POSSIBLY MORE THAN A FOOT HIGH.

MOST OF THE CAPTIONING RUNS ABOUT 120 TO 150 PAGES PER MEETING.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

IS THERE ANY OTHER QUESTION?

>>JANET WILSON: YES.

>>JAN PLATT: MS. WILSON.

>>KEN TINKLER: BOARD MEMBERS, I DID WANT TO ADD THAT TO FORMALLY GIVE BLOOD AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE EXECUTIVE

SUMMARY, YOU'LL WANT TO HAVE A MOTION THAT GIVES HER THE DISCRETION TO HAVE THIS PUBLISHED.

IT'S A VERY TECHNICAL DOCUMENT.

THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY ISSUES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY MISSPELLINGS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT THAT YOU CATCH, YOU CAN CERTAINLY RELAY THOSE, BUT THIS WOULD GIVE HER THE ABILITY TO PUBLISH THIS AND PUT IT OUT TO THE PUBLIC.

>>SHARON MILLER: THAT WAS THE NATURE OF MY QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR.

I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS THE TIMETABLE THAT WILL ALLOW US OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH THIS DOCUMENT TO SEE WHAT'S HERE, BECAUSE WE JUST GOT IT TONIGHT, AND RESPOND BACK TO STAFF REGARDING SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS OR CORRECTIONS OR WHAT HAVE YOU?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: WE WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO HAVE YOUR COMMENTS WITHIN A MONTH OF TONIGHT.

IF THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU -- FOR ANY OF YOU, IF YOU WOULD LET US KNOW THAT YOU WOULD NEED MORE -- MORE TIME THAN THAT, THEN WE COULD CERTAINLY ALLOW FOR THAT, BUT IF WE -- IF WE SAY A MONTH FROM TONIGHT FOR YOUR COMMENTS, THEN WE WILL KNOW THAT WHATEVER WE GET BY THAT TIME WILL BE WHAT YOU WANT US TO KNOW.

>>JAN PLATT: NOW -- AND FOR SUNSHINE PURPOSES, YOU KNOW, I -- I HAVE A LITTLE CONCERN ABOUT THE NATURE OF ANY

CHANGES THAT OCCUR WITH WHAT'S IN WRITING BECAUSE, KEN --

>>KEN TINKLER: OF COURSE.

>>JAN PLATT: -- I WANT YOU TO TELL US WHAT THE LIMITATIONS ARE OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO THIS DOCUMENT, BECAUSE ONCE WE ARE NO LONGER MEETING, IN MY OPINION -- WELL, I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

YOU'RE THE LAWYER.

>>KEN TINKLER: OF COURSE.

ANY CHANGES WOULD NEED TO BE SIMPLY SCRIVENER'S ERROR SORT OF CHANGES AT THIS POINT.

THESE DOCUMENTS REFLECT YOUR AGENDAS, YOUR MINUTES THAT WERE KEPT.

ALL OF YOUR MINUTES, EXCEPT FOR THIS EVENING, WILL HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE FULL BOARD, AND THOSE CANNOT BE CHANGED AT THIS POINT, SHORT OF AN ACTION TONIGHT.

ONCE YOU HAVE CONCLUDED SINE DIE, THE DOCUMENT IS PRETTY MUCH COMPLETE.

THIS IS JUST TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO DOUBLE-CHECK THAT THERE'S NO TYPOS IN YOUR NAME AND SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES, THAT IT CAN THEN BE RELATED TO STAFF.

IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE ABOUT THE FORMAT OR HOW STAFF IS GOING TO DO THIS DOCUMENT, YOU SHOULD EXPRESS THAT THIS EVENING AND HAVE THE BOARD ACT ON THAT.

BUT BEYOND THAT, ONCE YOU HAVE CONCLUDED YOUR SESSION, THIS IS JUST TO REFLECT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, NOT TO FURTHER

CHANGE YOUR OPINION OR TO CLARIFY WHAT YOU HAD STATED PREVIOUSLY.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, AND SO THAT NO -- NO MEMBER OF THIS GROUP CAN -- CAN LOOK AT THIS AND SAY, OH, I WANT SUCH-AND-SUCH ADDED, THEY CAN'T DO THAT IF THERE'S SOMETHING --

>>KEN TINKLER: ONLY IF THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS MISTAKENLY DELETED FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES.

IF THERE WAS AN ERROR THAT PAGE 5 FROM SO-AND-SO MINUTES IS NOT INCLUDED OR THIS STATEMENT IS NOT REFLECTED PROPERLY FROM WHAT THE MINUTES STATE, THAT IS THE KIND OF ISSUE THAT YOU'D WANT TO BRING UP.

>>JAN PLATT: SHOULD THERE BE A WRITTEN ADDENDUM THAT INDICATES THAT JOHN Q. INDICATES THAT SOMETHING WAS LEFT OUT ON PAGE -- SO THAT -- IN OTHER WORDS, I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TAMPERING WITH THIS DOCUMENT, AND I KNOW THAT SOMETIMES, VERY INNOCENTLY, THERE MIGHT BE SOMEBODY WHO MIGHT ATTEMPT TO DO THAT.

>>KEN TINKLER: IT HAS NOT COME UP IN THE PAST SO FAR. IF WE GOT TO THAT POINT THAT THERE WAS A DISPUTE THAT ONE OF YOU HAD WITH THE WRITTEN RECORD, WE COULD CERTAINLY HAVE YOU INDICATE SO IN A LETTER, AND THE LETTER COULD BE ATTACHED TO THE DOCUMENT INDICATING THAT YOU OBJECTED TO SOME PART OF THE DOCUMENT, BUT THAT HAS NOT OCCURRED IN THE PAST CHARTER REVIEW BOARDS.

>>JAN PLATT: I KNOW, BUT THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST.

MR. PORTER.

>>JIM PORTER: I THINK THE INTENT WAS, ACCORDING TO THE MINUTES, THAT [INCOMPREHENSIBLE] DR. MILLER ESPECIALLY HAD SOME CONCERN ABOUT THAT SO THERE COULD BE MEANINGFUL INPUT. THIS ISN'T MEANINGFUL INPUT.

I THINK EITHER IT IS FINALIZED WITHOUT ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM US OR WE KEEP IT OPEN, BUT I THINK THIS KIND OF MISHMASH NOT KNOWING WHAT THE STATUS IS IS NOT GOOD FOR THE RECORD OR FOR THE SUNSHINE LAW.

>>JAN PLATT: I AGREE.

>>JIM PORTER: THE OTHER OPTION WOULD BE -- I MEAN, WE ARE -- OUR CHARGE EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 21st. WE COULD ADJOURN TONIGHT -- AND MAYBE MR. TINKLER COULD TALK ABOUT THIS -- AND IF WE DON'T ADJOURN SINE DIE, I GUESS WE COULD ALWAYS -- ANOTHER MEETING COULD BE CALLED, AND IF -- BEFORE THE 21st IF THERE WAS SOME URGENT NEED TO DO THAT.

>>JAN PLATT: LET HIM -- LET HIM SPEAK.

>>KEN TINKLER: THE BOARD COULD CERTAINLY SCHEDULE ANOTHER MEETING INTO FEBRUARY.

WHAT YOU COULD DO IS SET IT OUT THAT THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD CAN -- WILL NOT ADJOURN SINE DIE BUT WILL BE CONSIDERED SINE DIE AS OF FEBRUARY 21st IF NOT RECALLED BY THE CHAIR, SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES.

>>JIM PORTER: YEAH.

I THINK -- EVEN IF WE DIDN'T DO THAT, AS OF FEBRUARY 21st,
THAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT; WOULDN'T IT?

>>KEN TINKLER: IT IS THE EFFECT.

THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN A FORMAL ENDING.

IT GIVES YOU CLARITY THAT YOUR FORMAL OBLIGATION HAS BEEN
ENDED.

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE THAT ON THE RECORD AND NOW YOU CAN TALK
TO EACH OTHER REGARDING THESE ISSUES, AND THAT'S WHY WE
ENCOURAGE THAT.

>>JAN PLATT: MS. WILSON.

>>JANET WILSON: I THINK THAT I AGREE THAT THERE SHOULD BE
SOME WAY TO LEAVE IT OPEN, MEET FEBRUARY 21st, OR THAT'S
THE LAST DATE, AND LOOK AT WHAT'S PREPARED.

NOW, THESE ARE JUST THE MINUTES.

IS THAT NOT CORRECT?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: THESE ARE NOT THE MINUTES, NO.

THE MINUTES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE.

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES A ONE-PAGE INTRODUCTION.

HAD I REALIZED THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A PROBLEM, WE
WOULD NOT HAVE PRESENTED THIS TONIGHT.

AS I SAID, THIS HAS NEVER BEEN DONE PREVIOUSLY, AND WE FELT
IT WOULD GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT, SO THAT IS OUR
MISTAKE, AND I'M SORRY THAT THAT DID NOT -- YOU KNOW, WAS
NOT SOMETHING THAT WE REALIZED AT THE LAST MEETING.

YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE ARE SOME OF THE MEMBERS WHO WE DO

NOT HAVE SUMMARIES FOR.

WE ARE WAITING FOR THAT.

WE WOULD NOT WANT TO NOT BE ABLE TO INCLUDE THEM BECAUSE OF
A LEGAL ISSUE ABOUT US HAVING PRESENTED IT TONIGHT.

THERE IS AT LEAST -- THERE IS ONE MEMBER WHOSE PICTURE IS
NOT INCLUDED YET.

THERE -- WE HAVE A LISTING OF THE SPEAKERS WHO WERE
INVITED, THE SPEAKERS WHO CAME, AND THEN THE TOPICS THAT
WERE DISCUSSED AND A SUMMARY OF THE MOTIONS THAT WERE MADE,
AND THE SUMMARIES OF THE MOTIONS THAT WERE MADE WERE
SUMMARIZED FROM HAVING LOOKED AT THE MINUTES.

>>JANET WILSON: COULD YOU TELL ME WHERE THAT IS?

I JUST DON'T FEEL THAT SEEING THIS FOR THE FIRST TIME --
DOESN'T EVERYONE HAVE THIS TONIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: YES, YOU DO.

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>>JANET WILSON: -- THAT WE KNOW WHAT'S IN IT, AND I THINK
THERE NEEDS TO BE ANOTHER MEETING.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. MAI.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: IT WAS NOT OUR INTENTION FOR YOU TO
APPROVE THIS DOCUMENT TONIGHT.

THAT --

>>JANET WILSON: I DON'T CARE THAT THE PAST HAS NOT
APPROVED IT.

I SEE NOTHING WRONG WITH APPROVING IT.

THERE CERTAINLY, SURELY, ISN'T ANY LEGAL REASON THAT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED CANNOT APPROVE IT, IS THERE, MR. TINKLER?

>>KEN TINKLER: NO, MA'AM.

HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH TO FORMALLY APPROVE IT, YOU'LL NEED TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER MEETING.

>>JAN PLATT: MR. MAI.

>>HUNG MAI: MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE WILL MEET AGAIN, PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS TO LOOK AT, YOU KNOW, THIS DOCUMENT, AND THEN WE CONVENE, YOU KNOW, ONE MORE MEETING, AND IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS --

>>GERALD WHITE: SECOND.

>>JAN PLATT: ALL RIGHT.

THERE IS A MOTION AND A SECOND FOR US TO RECONVENE FOR ONE MORE MEETING IN ORDER TO APPROVE THIS DOCUMENT.

IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION ON THAT ISSUE?

>>TERRY BALLARD: I'M NOT SURE -- YOU KNOW, ON THE LAST BOARD THE BEST I REMEMBER IT -- I WAS ON THE LAST BOARD -- THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY COME AFTER IT WAS ALL OVER ANYWAY, AND, YOU KNOW -- AND I REVIEWED IT, AND I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH IT.

YOU KNOW, I DON'T MIND HAVING ANOTHER MEETING, BUT JUST, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO GIVE THE STAFF THE -- YOU KNOW, TO GO AHEAD AND APPROVE IT.

THE THING I SEE THAT WE MAY HAVE TO DO IS GIVE THE CHAIRMAN THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AFTER THE -- THEY'RE WRITTEN FOR TONIGHT FOR THIS, AND I WOULD GO WITH HER REVIEWING IT, AND IF IT WAS SATISFACTORY WITH HER, BUT I -- YOU KNOW, WE JUST -- I THINK PROBABLY IT WAS THE INTENT TO SEE THE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT THE COMMISSIONER -- OR THE BOARD MEMBERS NEED TO COME UP WITH AS FAR AS, YOU KNOW, THE PICTURE AND THE BIO IN THERE.

>>KEN TINKLER: THE LAST CHARTER REVIEW BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE THE REPORT. I BELIEVE IT CAME OUT SEVERAL MONTHS LATER.

>>JAN PLATT: HOW MANY?

>>KEN TINKLER: SEVERAL MONTHS LATER.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

SO IS THERE A MOTION ON THE FLOOR AT THIS POINT?

HAS ANYBODY MADE A MOTION?

>>JANET WILSON: WHAT WAS THE MOTION?

COULD YOU REPEAT IT?

>>JAN PLATT: YOU MADE A MOTION --

>>GERALD WHITE: I JUST WANT EVERYONE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE PROCESS, MADAM CHAIR.

>>JAN PLATT: -- AND IT WAS SECONDED.

AND YOUR MOTION WAS TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THIS DOCUMENT.

IS THAT -- IN OTHER WORDS -- AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT

THAT -- I'M WORDING THAT CORRECTLY BECAUSE -- IS IT THAT NARROW, THAT -- THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS FOR ONE PURPOSE, AND THAT IS TO APPROVE THIS DOCUMENT?

>>HUNG MAI: THAT'S CORRECT.

>>BETH LEYTHAM: DON'T YOU THINK IT MAKES MORE SENSE FOR YOU JUST TO DO IT?

I MEAN, WE JUST SEND IN THE CHANGES IF WE HAVE ANY NONSUBSTANTIVE, AND THEN YOU TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY, ALONG WITH THE MINUTES, TO APPROVE IT?

THAT SEEMS THE EASIEST THING TO ME.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, THAT'S NOT THE MOTION THAT'S ON THE FLOOR.

>>BETH LEYTHAM: I KNOW.

SORRY.

I'M VOTING AGAINST THAT.

>>HUNG MAI: I THINK, MADAM CHAIR, SHE'S CONCERNED ABOUT -- LET'S SAY THAT WE READ THE MINUTES AND I SAY -- I CALL SHELLEY, I SAY, SHELLEY, THAT'S NOT THE WAY IT SHOULD BE, AND SHELLEY, YOU KNOW, LISTENS TO ME AND SHE CORRECT IT, AND THAT IS A CONCERN OF MADAM CHAIR.

THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

SO IN ORDER TO BE FAIR FOR EVERYONE HERE AS A MEMBER, WE CAN TAKE A LOOK, YOU KNOW, AT THIS DOCUMENT ONE MORE TIME AND THEN COME BACK AND -- AND IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, WE CAN DISCUSS IT AND -- AND MAKE THE

MOTION TO APPROVE IT.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>HUNG MAI: THAT'S ALL.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION?
YES.

>>TERRY BALLARD: ONE OTHER THING -- AND I CAN UNDERSTAND
WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM, BUT THIS IS ALL HISTORY.
WE'VE DONE APPROVED THE MINUTES EXCEPT FOR TONIGHT'S
MINUTES.

IT'S ALL PUBLIC RECORD.

THERE'S NOTHING BUT JUST TO COMPILE THE PUBLIC RECORD AND
ISSUE IT.

THAT'S HOW I VIEW IT, AND I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T SUPPORT
THE MOTION.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

MR. PORTER.

>>JIM PORTER: YEAH.

I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF SCHEDULING ANOTHER MEETING.

I'M IN FAVOR OF LEAVING THE OPPORTUNITY OPEN TO SCHEDULE
ANOTHER MEETING IF THE NEED ARISES, AND IT JUST SEEMS TO ME
THAT THERE'S BEEN SOME CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT THE INTENT OF
THIS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY IS, AND THAT'S BASED ON THE MINUTES,
THAT WE'D HAVE A COPY FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO FINALIZATION, AND
DR. MILLER'S COMMENTS, SO IF IT'S JUST A SIMPLE RECITATION
OF WHAT HAPPENED, THEN IT SHOULD JUST BE APPROVED, AND

WE'LL BE DONE.

BUT IF PEOPLE READ IT AFTER TONIGHT'S MEETING AND THEY HAVE COMMENTS TO MAKE, THEN THERE SHOULD PROBABLY BE ANOTHER MEETING SCHEDULED.

SO I WON'T SUPPORT THE MOTION AS IT IS.

I AM IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNING NOT SINE DIE TONIGHT

[INAUDIBLE]

>>RALPH FISHER: WHAT'S SINE DIE?

>>JIM PORTER: SORRY?

>>RALPH FISHER: WHAT'S SINE DIE?

>>JIM PORTER: WITHOUT -- WITHOUT DELAY?

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>KEN TINKLER: THE EFFECT OF SINE DIE IS IT CONCLUDES YOUR TERM OF OFFICE.

>>RALPH FISHER: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: DO YOU WANT TO OFFER A SUBSTITUTE MOTION OR WE'RE JUST GOING TO VOTE THIS ONE UP OR DOWN?

>>JIM PORTER: I WOULD OFFER -- THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS THAT MR. TINKLER RECOMMENDED IS THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN THIS EVENING WE ADJOURN WITHOUT ADJOURNING SINE DIE AND THAT IF NO OTHER ISSUE COMES BEFORE THIS BOARD, THAT WE WILL BE ADJOURNED SINE DIE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21st.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT MOTION?

>>TERRY BALLARD: I'LL SECOND.

>>RALPH FISHER: IS MR. MAI IN FAVOR OF IT?

>>JIM PORTER: IT'S A SUBSTITUTE MOTION.

>>JAN PLATT: IT'S A SUBSTITUTE.

HE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE.

>>JIM PORTER: I AM TRUMPING HIM.

>>JAN PLATT: EXPLAIN YOUR SUBSTITUTE MOTION.

WHAT IS THE NET EFFECT OF IT?

>>JIM PORTER: THAT WE WOULD ADJOURN TONIGHT AND THE EXPECTATION WOULD BE OUR CHARGE WOULD BE FINISHED AND WE WOULD NOT MEET AGAIN.

HOWEVER, LEGALLY, WE'RE ENTITLED TO MEET UNTIL FEBRUARY 21st.

IF THE NEED ARISES BASED ON OUR REVIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY THAT WAS HANDED OUT TO US THIS EVENING THAT NEEDS TO BE ALTERED IN ANY SUBSTANTIVE WAY THAT WE -- THE STAFF WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER MEETING SO THAT WE MAY DEAL WITH THAT ISSUE.

>>JAN PLATT: ALL RIGHT.

AND THE REASON I WAS ASKING YOU TO CLARIFY IS IT IS IT'S GOING TO BE STAFF THAT IS GOING TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION THAT WE NEED TO HAVE THE OTHER MEETING BECAUSE IF PEOPLE FIND CHANGES THEY'RE GOING TO CONTACT THE STAFF AND LET THEM KNOW.

>>JIM PORTER: THAT'S MY INTENT.

>>JAN PLATT: THAT'S YOUR INTENT.

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE ME THAT'S GOING TO MAKE THAT DECISION,
IT'S GOING TO BE THEM WHEN THEY LOOK AT IT.

>>JIM PORTER: BECAUSE I THINK IF SOMEBODY CALLS SHELLEY UP
AND SAYS, YOU MISPELLED MY NAME ON PAGE 75, THAT'S A
SCRIVENER'S ERROR.

IF SOMEBODY CALLED SHELLEY UP AND SAYS, I WANT YOU TO
INCLUDE THAT 50-MINUTE DISCUSSION I HAD ON TOPIC "X"
BECAUSE I THINK IT WAS IMPORTANT, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT
PROBABLY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED.

THAT'S THE INTENT OF MY MOTION.

IT IS WHAT IT IS.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>TERRY BALLARD: WOULD YOU INCLUDE IN YOUR MOTION THAT THE
CHAIRMAN APPROVE THE MINUTES TONIGHT, AND THEN -- YOU KNOW,
SO WE HAVE OFFICIAL APPROVAL?

>>JIM PORTER: IF THAT'S LEGALLY POSSIBLE.

IS THAT LEGALLY POSSIBLE?

DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO THE CHAIRMAN TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES?

>>TERRY BALLARD: BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER
MEETING IF THIS MOTION PASSES UNLESS SOMEBODY WANTS IT.

>>JIM PORTER: I WOULD BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE THAT IF THE
COUNTY ATTORNEY TELLS ME THAT THAT'S LEGAL.

>>TERRY BALLARD: AND I'LL SECOND IT.

>>KEN TINKLER: I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES IS MORE OF A PROCEDURAL MATTER FOR THE BOARD.

THE CLERK OF THE COURT IS THE ONE WHO MAINTAINS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES.

>>JIM PORTER: THAT WOULD BE MADE PART OF MY MOTION, THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

NOW, IS THERE DISCUSSION ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION?

MS. WILSON.

>>JANET WILSON: MY DISCUSSION IS THIS.

I BELIEVE THAT MR. TINKLER SAID YOU COULD ADJOURN SINE DIE UNLESS THE CHAIRMAN CALLS ANOTHER MEETING.

DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

>>JAN PLATT: NO.

>>KEN TINKLER: CLOSE.

>>JANET WILSON: THAT THAT'S WHAT IT MEANT?

>>KEN TINKLER: YOU COULD ADJOURN AT THIS POINT.

IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED SINE DIE AS OF FEBRUARY 21st SHOULD YOU NOT BE RECALLED.

MR. PORTER, I THINK, RESTATED WHAT I HAD SAID CORRECTLY.

>>JANET WILSON: I WANT IT ON THE RECORD I DO NOT CONSIDER THIS DUE PROCESS NOR OUR RESPONSIBILITY BEING ACTED UPON WHEN WE JUST RECEIVED THIS AND HAVEN'T LOOKED AT IT.

NOW, I DON'T THINK YOU CAN SAY THAT IN THE MINUTES I WANT SOMETHING I DISCUSSED -- BECAUSE THE MINUTES HAVE TO BE AS

THEY WERE APPROVED.

I THINK THAT'S CORRECT.

BUT, FOR INSTANCE, I DON'T SEE IN THE FORMAT SOMETHING LIKE WHAT WAS IN THE LAST ONE THAT SHOWS THE MAJOR MOTIONS MADE BY THIS BOARD IN A CHART ACROSS, LISTED BY DATES OR BY THE CHARTER SECTIONS.

WE JUST HAVE THE COMMENTS BY DATES AND EVERYTHING, AND THERE'S NO REAL SUMMARY.

>>KEN TINKLER: THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD IS CERTAINLY ENTITLED TO WHATEVER FORMAT YOU'D LIKE.

YOU SIMPLY NEED TO MAKE THAT A MOTION AND HAVE THAT RELAYED TO MS. BLOOD.

>>JANET WILSON: YOU MEAN WHAT I SAID HAS TO BE A MOTION?

>>KEN TINKLER: YES, MA'AM.

WHATEVER FORMAT --

>>JAN PLATT: THAT WOULD BE A SUBSEQUENT MOTION.

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

I'M JUST SAYING THAT MOTION WOULD BE SUBSEQUENT AFTER WE DEALT WITH THIS.

>>KEN TINKLER: THE PREVIOUS DESIGN WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD.

IT WAS SOMETHING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CRAFTED AND ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN TO HER BY THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD.

>>SHARON MILLER: I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR ON THE TIMETABLE

REGARDING MR. PORTER'S SUBSTITUTE MOTION.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>SHARON MILLER: ARE WE STILL WITHIN THE 30-DAY TIME FRAME OF GETTING BACK WITH STAFF OR, YOU KNOW, HOW ARE WE OPERATING TIMEWISE?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: NO.

YOU WOULD HAVE -- WELL, THE TWO DATES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET ARE FEBRUARY THE 6th AND FEBRUARY THE 20th.

FEBRUARY THE 20th WOULD GIVE YOU 21 DAYS TO REVIEW AND LOOK FOR ERRORS OR --

>>JAN PLATT: NO, IT WOULDN'T, BECAUSE THEY NEED -- IF ANYBODY'S GOT ANY PROBLEMS WITH IT, THEY NEED TO LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT THERE'S A NEED FOR THE MEETING.

>>JIM PORTER: AND NOTICE THE MEETING, PROVIDE NOTICE FOR THE MEETING.

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH, SO IT CAN'T BE FEBRUARY 18th THAT YOU DECIDE YOU'RE GOING TO CALL IN WITH A WHOLE LIST OF CHANGES.

IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE -- THERE NEEDS TO BE A TIME SET FOR ANY FINAL COMMUNICATION TO THE STAFF IF THIS MOTION PASSES.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?

>>SHARON MILLER: UH-HUH.

>>JAN PLATT: ALL RIGHT.

IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING BUT YOU'RE NOT
RAISING YOUR HAND.

>>RALPH FISHER: I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE CAN'T VOTE ON
HUNG MAI'S MOTION.

HE NEVER MAKES A MOTION.

HE FINALLY MAKES ONE --

>>JAN PLATT: IT'S GOING TO GO TO THAT IF THIS ONE FAILS.

>>GERALD WHITE: BETTER YET, I SECONDED IT.

[LAUGHTER]

>>JAN PLATT: WE MAY GET TO HIS MOTION.

>>RALPH FISHER: THAT'S FINE.

>>JAN PLATT: JIM, DO YOU WANT TO REPEAT IT ONCE MORE?

I'M SORRY, BUT --

>>JIM PORTER: OKAY.

THE MOTION WOULD BE THAT WE WOULD ADJOURN THIS EVENING BUT
WE WOULD NOT ADJOURN SINE DIE AND THAT IF WE TAKE NO OTHER
ACTION THAT OUR ADJOURNMENT WOULD BE SINE DIE EFFECTIVE
FEBRUARY 21st, AND IF ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD -- NO.
AND IF STAFF DETERMINES THAT ANOTHER MEETING IS NEEDED
BASED ON COMMENTS THE BOARD MEMBERS MAKE TO THE DRAFT
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, THEN ANOTHER MEETING WOULD BE SCHEDULED
PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 21st.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

AND I THINK THEY'VE ADDED ALSO ABOUT THE -- THE CHAIRMAN

WOULD APPROVE THE MINUTES.

>>JIM PORTER: YES, AND THE CHAIRMAN WOULD APPROVE THE MINUTES.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>JIM PORTER: SO JAN PLATT WOULD, ON HER OWN, WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION, APPROVE MINUTES.

>>JAN PLATT: THAT IS REAL POWER.

[LAUGHTER]

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

ALL IN FAVOR --

>>JANET WILSON: I WANT TO ASK A QUESTION BEFORE WE VOTE.

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>>JANET WILSON: IS IT LEGAL TO ASSIGN THAT TO THE STAFF --

>>JAN PLATT: MR. TINKLER.

>>JANET WILSON: -- AS OPPOSED TO THE CHAIRMAN?

>>JAN PLATT: MR. TINKLER.

SEE, YOU HAVE A SUNSHINE PROBLEM, I THINK, WITH ME.

>>KEN TINKLER: TECHNICALLY, HOW THAT WOULD WORK IS IF THE STAFF HAS ANY SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, THE INFORMATION WOULD BE RELAYED TO THE CHAIR. UNDER THIS MOTION, IT WOULD BE AUTOMATIC THE CHAIR WOULD CALL A MEETING, GIVEN THE WAY THAT HAS BEEN DRAFTED, UPON STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION, THE WAY YOUR RULES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED FOR THE PAST YEAR.

>>JANET WILSON: SO THEN IT CANNOT BE -- THEY CAN -- THE WHOLE TOTAL THING COULD NOT JUST BE APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN?

>>JIM PORTER: JUST THE MINUTES.
THE MINUTES OF TONIGHT'S MEETING ONLY.

>>JANET WILSON: OH, ALL RIGHT.
THAT'S TWO SEPARATE THINGS IN ONE MOTION.

>>JIM PORTER: YES, TWO SEPARATE THINGS.
IT WAS AN AMENDMENT MADE BY MR. BALLARD THAT I ACCEPTED.

>>JANET WILSON: YOU NEED TWO MOTIONS.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR OF MR. PORTER'S MOTION, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.
ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX -- OH.
IT'S UNANIMOUS.

ALL OPPOSED.

SO IT UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO GO TO THE FIRST MOTION.

THE SECOND -- THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED.

ALL RIGHT.

NOW, LET'S SEE.

IS THERE ANY -- IS THERE ANY OTHER BUSINESS -- ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS THAT WE NEED TO DISCUSS?

MR. TINKLER.

>>KEN TINKLER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE'S ONE OTHER MOTION YOU NEED STILL TO AUTHORIZE MS. BLOOD TO EXECUTE YOUR EXECUTIVE

SUMMARY, SUBJECT TO THE PAST MOTION.

>>JIM PORTER: SO MOVE.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

IS THERE A SECOND?

>>GERALD WHITE: SECOND.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION ON THAT?

ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ALL OPPOSED, NO.

>>JANET WILSON: NO.

>>JAN PLATT: ALL RIGHT.

THERE WAS ONE NO, AND THAT WAS MRS. WILSON.

IT PASSED.

NOW, IS THERE ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS?

MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: THE ONLY OTHER ISSUE THAT I JUST WANTED TO MENTION, I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE THE BOARD WITHOUT MENTIONING MY CONCERN RELATED TO HURRICANE READINESS AND THE EMERGENCY PLAN OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND THE STRUCTURE THAT'S IN PLACE RELATED TO DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES.

OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR IN THE STUDY AND THE PRESENTATIONS WE'VE RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR RELATED TO THIS AREA, THE ONLY CONCERN THAT I CONTINUE TO GIVE SOME THOUGHT AND CONCERN ABOUT IS I KNOW WE HAVE

ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT'S RESPONSIBLE AND COORDINATE AND PUT TOGETHER THE PLAN.

THE ONLY THING I THINK THAT IS MISSING IN THAT PIECE IS THAT I THINK THEY NEED A CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP.

I WOULD HOPE -- AND, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY MORE MOTIONS.

I JUST FEEL AS THOUGH THEY NEED A CITIZENS GROUP WHERE A CROSS-SECTION OF CITIZENS COULD HAVE SOME INPUT AND ADVISE THE ELECTED OFFICIALS RELATED TO THEIR REPORT AND RELATED TO THEIR SUMMARY.

AND SO THAT'S MY ONLY CONCERN I'M LEAVING WITH, AND I DID WANT TO HAVE A CLOSING STATEMENT BEFORE WE ADJOURN, BUT THAT WAS THE ONLY OTHER ISSUE --

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- I WISH THE BOARD WOULD LOOK AT, THE COUNTY COMMISSION WOULD LOOK AT.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

IS THERE ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED?

>>JANET WILSON: I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THIS REPORT.

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>>JANET WILSON: THIS LIST OF ALL THE ISSUES THAT WE VOTED ON, IS THAT INCLUDED IN -- IN WHAT WE HAVE?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: I'M SORRY.

COULD YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION.

>>JANET WILSON: DR. MILLER HAS SHOWN ME THAT THE LIST OF

ALL THE VOTES THAT WERE MADE IS INCLUDED.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: THAT LIST IS NOT A LIST OF VOTES.

THAT IS A LIST OF TOPICS THAT WERE DISCUSSED.

>>JANET WILSON: OH.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: THAT IS NOT A LIST OF VOTES.

>>JANET WILSON: OKAY.

I WANT TO KNOW IF THE FINAL VOTES ON ALL OF THESE WHICH WERE PRESENTED FOR A VOTE WILL BE INCLUDED?

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: THEY ARE INCLUDED --

>>JANET WILSON: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>>SHELLEY BLOOD: -- IN THAT PACKAGE BEHIND THAT PAGE.

IT IS PROBABLY ABOUT 15, 20 PAGES OF MOTIONS MADE.

>>JANET WILSON: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

AND BY THE WAY, WHEN I VOTED NO, IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU.

I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S A CORRECT PROCEDURE.

THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE IN THE AREA OF NEW BUSINESS?

WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO SPEAK, ANN SANKE WHITE.

MRS. WHITE, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD.

>> GOOD EVENING.

I AM ANN SANKE WHITE, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND IT HAS, INDEED, BEEN A LONG YEAR. LET ME SAY FIRST OF ALL, HAVING HEARD YOU TONIGHT, THAT WITH REGARD TO THE ADS THAT YOU MENTIONED, THE ADS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PARTICULAR PROCESS WERE TOO OFTEN MISLEADING AND VERY CONFUSING WITH REGARD TO THE -- THE POSTING OF WHO WAS ACTUALLY PUBLISHING THE ADS, AND ALSO, I THINK THE WORD "CHARTER," AS I MENTIONED SO OFTEN SHOULD HAVE BEEN "CHARTER/CONSTITUTION" SO THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CONFUSED, SO CONFUSION HAS BEEN THE ORDER OF THE DAY THROUGHOUT WITH REGARD TO THE WORD "CHARTER" AND NOT "CONSTITUTIONAL" REVIEW.

SO THE MAIN PROBLEM HAS BEEN THE WORD "CHARTER."

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN "CONSTITUTION" OR "CHARTER/CONSTITUTION."

TO THE PUBLIC, I SAY THIS EVENING THAT THIS IS OUR LOCAL CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD HERE BEFORE US TONIGHT THAT MEETS EVERY FIVE YEARS, AND MUCH CAN HAPPEN TO A CITY OR IN A CITY AND IN A COUNTY IN ONE DAY, LET ALONE IN FIVE YEARS, AND I KNOW THAT SOMETHING SHOULD HAVE BEEN TWEAKED OR SOMETHING SHOULD HAVE BEEN REVIEWED THAT COULD HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE BALLOT FOR THE CITIZENRY, SO IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE APPOINTEES TO THIS BOARD TO DO A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION AND TO RECOMMEND ISSUES FOR THE BALLOT ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC.

I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT THOSE ISSUES THAT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED SHOULD HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE OR COULD HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COUNTY AND IN OUR CITY.

I HOPE THAT THESE APPOINTEES WILL NOT SIMPLY TURN OVER TO THE NEWSPAPERS AND TO THE LOBBYISTS AND TO THE MILLIONAIRES OR TO THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS WORKS THAT YOU COULD HAVE DONE AND SHOULD HAVE DONE, IN MY OPINION, YOURSELVES AS CITIZENS, BECAUSE YOU MAY BE BOARD MEMBERS, BUT YOU ARE ALSO, FIRST AND FOREMOST, CITIZENS.

ALSO, I WANT TO SAY FOR THE RECORD THAT I HOPE THAT THE WORKS THAT YOU COULD HAVE DONE THIS YEAR WILL NOT IN ANY WAY HAMPER OR DIMINISH THE WORKS OF MANY OF OUR GREAT PAST LEADERS IN THIS COUNTY.

AS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN HERE, I SPEAK SOMETIMES AND I SPEAK TONIGHT FROM AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE BUT ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CITIZENRY WHEN I MENTION THAT SOME OF OUR GREAT LEADERS, SUCH AS HILDA TURNER AND DR. JERRY HARVEY AND MOSES WHITE AND ROBERT BOB GILDER AND ROBERT SANDERS, ALL OF THESE PEOPLE, ALONG WITH THE KIMBALLS AND THE LOWRYS, HAVE DONE MANY GREAT WORKS IN THIS COUNTY, AND I HOPE THOSE WORKS WILL NOT PROVE TO HAVE BEEN IN VAIN. YOU AND WE TOGETHER NEED TO ENSURE THAT VIA A WORKING CONSENSUS THAT INCLUSION WILL PREVAIL IN OUR COUNTY AND THAT DIVERSITY WILL PREVAIL IN OUR COUNTY AND THAT CONCERN FOR THE GENERAL OVERALL WELFARE OF ALL OF TAMPA-

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY RESIDENTS WILL PREVAIL, EVEN THROUGH TIMES OF CHANGE.

I THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>GERALD WHITE: MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THIS ABOUT EVANGELIST ANN SANKE WHITE.

WHAT'S AMAZING ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR WOMAN, WHO HAPPENS TO BE MY WIFE, IS THAT THIS IS A WOMAN THAT WAS -- WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL HERE, THE FIRST MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL, WENT OFF TO ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY, WENT ON TO HOWARD UNIVERSITY FOR A MASTER'S PROGRAM, CAME BACK TO TAMPA TO RAISE A FAMILY AND HAVE A CHILD THAT GRADUATED FROM SOUTH FLORIDA, ONE THAT ATTENDS THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA, AND ONE THAT IS IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT, AND SO THIS IS THE TYPE OF CITIZEN, AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN CITIZEN, THAT WE ARE TO SALUTE, WHO HAS COME BACK TO TAMPA, MADE TAMPA HER HOME AS AN ADULT, AND GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

SO MANY OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE GONE ON, AND SO IT'S -- IT'S EXCITING AND ENCOURAGING TO SEE NEW UP-AND-COMERS REACHING OUT AND SPEAKING OUT AND PARTICIPATING IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, IN CITY GOVERNMENT, SO I SALUTE EVANGELIST ANN SANKE WHITE FOR COMING OUT AND PARTICIPATING, YOU KNOW, AS A NEW -- I GUESS A NEW FRONTIER, GETTING INVOLVED A LITTLE BIT IN GOVERNMENT, AND

I WOULD JUST ENCOURAGE OTHER LEADERS, AFRICAN AMERICAN, HISPANIC, WHITE, YOU NAME IT, TO GET INVOLVED IN THEIR COUNTY GOVERNMENT WHO HAS BEEN HERE ALL OF THEIR LIVES LIKE AN EVANGELIST ANN SANKE WHITE, SO I JUST WANTED TO SALUTE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING.

>>JAN PLATT: THANK YOU, MR. WHITE.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER FINAL COMMENTS MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE BEFORE WE ADJOURN?

>>GERALD WHITE: I DID WANT TO -- MY LAST COMMENT, MY COMMENT RELATED TO MY SERVICE -- REGARDING MY SERVICE OVER THE YEAR, AND I HOPE YOU HAVE A THOUGHT YOU WANT TO SHARE. MY ONLY DISAPPOINTMENT WITH MY SERVICE HERE THIS YEAR WAS THAT WE COULD NOT DO SOMETHING RELATED TO INCREASING THE BOARD OR MAKING WAY FOR HISPANIC CITIZENS TO HAVE A SEAT ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION.

I'M DEEPLY TROUBLED THAT WE DID NOT RISE TO THE LEVEL AND ADDRESS THAT ISSUE.

WE DO NOT HAVE A HISPANIC CITIZEN THAT SITS ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION.

I'M ALSO CONCERNED THAT WE DID NOT FIND A SOLUTION RELATED TO ADDRESSING THE LEADERSHIP ISSUE RELATED TO THE CHAIR POWERS IN OUR COUNTY.

I THINK THIS MAYOR QUESTION CONTINUES TO LINGER -- LINGERS BECAUSE WE WERE NOT ABLE TO REACH A CONSENSUS AND FIND A SOLUTION RELATED TO THAT.

AND I'M ALSO CONCERNED THAT WE DID NOT DO SOMETHING RELATED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.

I BELIEVE THERE'S JUST WAY TOO MUCH MONEY IN LOCAL POLITICS.

DISTRICT CANDIDATES ARE RAISING OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

I THINK THAT LOCKS OUT THE EVERYDAY CITIZENS.

I'M TROUBLED THAT WE DID NOT ADDRESS THAT ISSUE.

BUT I AM HONORED AND PLEASED WITH THE SERVICE THAT I'VE HAD WITH ALL OF YOU.

IT'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS HONOR, AN I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM REALLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE INPUT THAT I'VE GAINED FROM EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

I FEEL LIKE I'M A BETTER MAN BECAUSE OF THE SERVICE I'VE HAD WITH YOU-ALL.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU-ALL, AND THANK YOU FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

>>JAN PLATT: THANK YOU, MR. WHITE, AND I WANT TO THANK EACH ONE OF YOU FOR HAVING SELECTED ME AS CHAIRMAN.

YOU HAVE BEEN PROFESSIONAL IN YOUR APPROACH TO DEALING WITH THE ISSUES.

EVERYBODY HAS NOT NECESSARILY AGREED, BUT WE'VE DONE SO RESPECTFULLY, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S BEEN A -- IT'S BEEN A JOY TO WORK WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND TO GET TO KNOW YOU.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.
AND THE FACT THAT WE DID NOT TAKE -- WE DID NOT MAKE A
CHANGE IS NOT TO BE VIEWED AS NEGATIVE BECAUSE THAT IS JUST
AS POSITIVE AS HAD WE MADE A CHANGE.

IT SHOWS THAT WE REAFFIRM WHAT HAS BEEN APPROVED A LONG
TIME AGO BY THE CITIZENS IN THIS COMMUNITY IS THAT WE HAVE
A GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS.

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE CRITICS, BUT THAT'S LIFE, AND WE'RE
ADULT AND PROFESSIONAL ENOUGH TO REALIZE THAT, SO I SAY
THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE -- THE TIME THAT
YOU'VE GIVEN TO THIS COUNTY.

MR. MANDT.

>>A.J. MANDT: I JUST WANT TO SAY THANKS AGAIN TO SHELLEY
FOR ALL OF HER WORK AND THE REST OF THE STAFF AND A SPECIAL
THANKS TO KEN.

EVERY MEETING I'VE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY YOU'VE BEEN
ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS SO THOROUGHLY, SO YOU'RE A CREDIT
TO YOUR PROFESSION.

AND THEN THANKS TO THE CHAIR FOR -- THANK YOU FOR YOUR
LEADERSHIP AND YOUR PATIENCE IN HELPING THESE THINGS MOVE
ALONG.

I APPRECIATE IT AND ENJOY GETTING TO KNOW YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

AND AGAIN, THANK YOU TO STAFF.

YOU'RE GREAT.

AND IF THERE BE NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE CHARTER REVIEW
BOARD IS ADJOURNED.