

Speaker 1 ([00:00:00](#)):

<silence> Good afternoon, commissioners. Uh, and welcome to this year's. First. This can be your first meeting. Uh, I'm gonna call a meeting to order at 5:04 PM

Speaker 2 ([00:00:16](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:00:17](#)):

I'm gonna ask,

Speaker 3 ([00:00:19](#)):

Uh, you want me to do the roll call as the vice

Speaker 4 ([00:00:21](#)):

Chair? Call, call roll board. Okay. Alright. Roll call. Um, commissioner, uh, chair person, uh, Tucker. Present Vice Chair Tatum here. Um, commissioner Jones. Absent. Commissioner Bennett

Speaker 5 ([00:00:39](#)):

Present.

Speaker 4 ([00:00:40](#)):

Commissioner Jefferson. I believe he's on his way, but absent at the moment. Um, commissioner Oliphant. Absent. Commissioner Plummer here. Uh, commissioner Winthrop present. And then Commissioner Thomas, absent today. And Commissioner Wallace.

Speaker 1 ([00:00:59](#)):

Present. Commissioners. We have quorum. We have safety commissioners present, uh, introduction of guests. And I'm sorry, I'm need a motion to adopt this agenda.

Speaker 3 ([00:01:10](#)):

Um, actually we

Speaker 1 ([00:01:12](#)):

Need

Speaker 4 ([00:01:12](#)):

To, uh, uh,

Speaker 3 ([00:01:13](#)):

There's a motion.

Speaker 4 ([00:01:13](#)):

Motion to amend it, to add, um,

Speaker 3 ([00:01:18](#)):

Uh, presentation of financials by CPA. Okay. Ds.

Speaker 1 ([00:01:21](#)):

We add that after. Uh, where is she now?

Speaker 4 ([00:01:28](#)):

She's about to park. She's coming up. So I add it after the committee report? Sure. At the property committee.

Speaker 3 ([00:01:35](#)):

So you can add it as a new article nine nine. And move Article nine to Article 10. Article 10 to article 11. That's right. Okay. Motion on the floor to amend the agenda to add the, um, presentation financials by Michelle Diaz.

Speaker 1 ([00:01:54](#)):

Second.

Speaker 3 ([00:01:56](#)):

Okay. And, and, okay. And who, who moved it

Speaker 1 ([00:01:57](#)):

Second by Commissioner Bennett. Yeah. I'm sorry. Moved by Commissioner Bennett. Second by Wallace. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? Motion carries.

Speaker 3 ([00:02:07](#)):

Okay. Now a motion to approve the agenda as amended

Speaker 1 ([00:02:12](#)):

Motion.

Speaker 3 ([00:02:13](#)):

Motion by motion.

Speaker 1 ([00:02:14](#)):

Mark. Uh, vice chair.

Speaker 3 ([00:02:15](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 1 ([00:02:17](#)):

Second by Wallace. All in favor? Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? Motion carries.

Speaker 3 ([00:02:25](#)):

Okay. Alright. Great. One

Speaker 1 ([00:02:27](#)):

Right. Item number three, introduction of guests of public comments. CO guests, uh, uh, chairman's report. So I wanted to welcome, uh, commissioner Thomas to the commission. He's been appointed by immediate vice, uh, immediate chair, uh, commissioner Hughes. Um, she, she's, she will be late. She told me she was coming today. Uh, Ms. Di she walked Beautiful office.

Speaker 3 ([00:03:01](#)):

Okay. So, Ms. Um, like, I'm so used

Speaker 6 ([00:03:05](#)):

How set spots. Alright, thank

Speaker 3 ([00:03:08](#)):

You. And so Ms. Um, Ms. Thomas will be right, but Ms. Diaz has just entered and she's our CPA.

Speaker 1 ([00:03:19](#)):

Go

Speaker 3 ([00:03:19](#)):

Ahead, Ms.

Speaker 1 ([00:03:20](#)):

Uh, um, chairman, the second item I wanted to address under the chairman's report was committee appointments financial. I'll be appointing today the chair, uh, two committees. And then Monday I'll, by way of email keeping in line with the past, past chair, I will appoint the rest of, uh, those committee members. Uh, for the property committee, I'm gonna reappoint, um, uh, commissioner Justin as the chair. And then for finance committee, I'm gonna appoint Commissioner Bennett as the Finance committee chair. So congratulations to you for that. The rest of the members will come Monday. Okay. And that'll conclude, uh, the chairman's report today.

Speaker 3 ([00:04:03](#)):

Okay. Your next item is the adoption of commission meeting dates for 2025. State law requires that you adopt commission a meeting dates at the beginning of the year.

Speaker 1 ([00:04:18](#)):

I know the last two, two years for us who, who've done a full term we've been meeting is that fourth Friday. Fourth Friday of every month, 3:00 PM And so I don't know if that worked out well for us as an opportunity to reconsider different dates and times. I've been thinking about it. Sometimes I've been having phone calls with some of the commissioners. Um, it's, it is your pleasure. I don't want to influence at all, but, uh, it's, it is, it is to your, your pleasure. So any recommendations of certain times or dates you think would work better for us?

Speaker 5 ([00:05:00](#)):

It worked better. It worked fine for me and it also worked for the accommodations of the boardroom on that particular Friday. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Because it was free. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. 'cause it was free, uh, that Friday. Uh, other Fridays. I know. Um, the lakefront management pretty much uses it pretty much all rest of the Fridays. Except we picked that one Friday. That was good for us. I mean, we could have it at the places, but just for the, the airport. But what about the time? The time, the

Speaker 1 ([00:05:29](#)):

Time was good for me. Time at three. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Okay. You wanna keep it there It for the remainder of this, this calendar year. So your call,

Speaker 3 ([00:05:44](#)):

I may, I also interject that, uh, number one, please realize, because I know you're gonna have to have a lot more intense meetings as this <inaudible> money comes up and you're, none of this precludes you from having special meeting dates.

Speaker 2 ([00:05:58](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 3 ([00:05:59](#)):

Um, so you can always change to accommodate. The other thing is, um, one of the suggestions I've made to the chair when he asked me about this is, um, one of the boards that's very important for the city is the board of liquidation city debt. And the board liquidation city debt. They have every year, every mor every year, or they have the same meeting dates all the time. I think there's 4:00 PM on a Wednesday. Um, I forgot which Wednesday because the reason I forget, it's set that every month there's a meeting at 4:00 PM on whatever Wednesday it is. Right. In reality, the border liquidation city debt probably only meets about three times a year. What they do is each month they send out a notice saying the regular scheduled meeting of the board of liquid date. And please note that Commissioner, uh, Jefferson has just entered, um, and it is, uh, five 11.

([00:06:50](#)):

Okay. Um, what they do is they send out a notice to their board members and the public, uh, saying, uh, please note that the regularly scheduled meeting of the board liquidation city debt, uh, will be, uh, canceled this month for the lack of business, uh, to come before the board. The reason that they keep it every on the calendar as every month they're meeting is just to have a placeholder in case there's some reason they need to mm-hmm <affirmative>. Also, some days, some months because of the schedule of financings, they don't have the meeting on that date. Then they have to do a special meeting, and then they still do a special meeting. But in reality, they probably only meet about three or four times a year. So that's an option to say that you're gonna meet every month, even if you don't, because you might have, with the ARPA money coming up, you're gonna have to move pretty quickly on some things. Um, we all know that there was a scare a few days ago about all federal funding being stopped and that included funds that had not yet been dispersed. They were supposed to be returned according to the president's executive order. Now, he did stop that order, but I don't know how likely it is that he won't start it again.

([00:08:00](#)):

So, just some things to think about.

Speaker 1 ([00:08:02](#)):

Commissioner, uh, Jefferson, we're at item, uh, sink with discussion meeting dates for the remainder this year. So it seems like the consensus is trying to keep it the same that Friday, the fourth, Friday at about three o'clock. Seems like it worked for most of us. So I don't know if you want to add to the discussion.

Speaker 7 ([00:08:24](#)):

I mean, um, I get up at 11 30, 11 30 on Friday. So, so it works for you, huh? Everybody? Yeah.

Speaker 1 ([00:08:30](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 7 ([00:08:30](#)):

I'm available. Make myself available. I make a motion

Speaker 8 ([00:08:33](#)):

To accept the Friday

Speaker 7 ([00:08:35](#)):

Meetings.

Speaker 3 ([00:08:37](#)):

And do you want, also wanna do it the way the border liquidation does and just list it for each month and then just cancel them as you guys, you know.

Speaker 1 ([00:08:46](#)):

Okay. Alright. Motion by Commissioner Wallace second by Commissioner Reall.

Speaker 2 ([00:08:52](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:08:52](#)):

It's just up and down, right?

Speaker 2 ([00:08:54](#)):

Yep. Okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:08:55](#)):

All in favor? Aye. Aye. Okay. Any opposed? Any abstention? Motion carries. Okay, great. Item number seven. I think we're gonna need our secretary here, right?

Speaker 3 ([00:09:08](#)):

Yeah. No, she doesn't have to be here. I've already arranged with her, um, to meet with her tomorrow to sign. Okay. Um, and this is a resolution that you guys do every time you have a change of officers. Uh, and it is a resolution. And it's, uh, basically says that whereas you, I had elections and you elected new officers and the bylaws, uh, provide that you shall elect new officers each year and you've done so that you are now removing your old officers as authorized signatories. Those officers were Representative Hughes, Otis Tucker as Vice Chair, and Ms. Bennett as Secretary Treasurer. You're removing them. And it says you are hereby appointing your new officers, um, commissioner Tucker as chairperson, commissioner Tatum as Vice Chair, and Commissioner Jones as secretary, treasurer as the three people who are authorized to sign. And then what I will need to do is, um, get you guys to vote on that. And then they will each sign this resolution and then I, we will give it to, um, to your banking institutions. So that's what this resolution is. If anyone would like to offer it,

Speaker 1 ([00:10:20](#)):

I entertain a motion to the pleasure, sir. Y'all want to authorize

Speaker 3 ([00:10:30](#)):

Wallace and, uh, Jefferson Wallace. Okay. All in favor?

Speaker 1 ([00:10:35](#)):

All in favor. A a. Any

Speaker 3 ([00:10:37](#)):

Opposed? Okay. And you just have one absent, which is Ms. Jones. Uh, but the motion passes. Thank you very much.

Speaker 1 ([00:10:45](#)):

Alright, moving along. I just think you signed there. Item number eight, uh, property committee report, uh, presented by commissioner, uh, property chair. Jefferson, you missed the, the, the celebration of you being reappointed as the chair property committee. So

Speaker 3 ([00:11:07](#)):

You have a blue pen. Is it blue?

Speaker 7 ([00:11:08](#)):

Alright. Um, so item landscaping. Uh, the private committee met, remember the name of the show here, November 15th. So I'll go with that.

Speaker 2 ([00:11:19](#)):

Um, that's what it was.

Speaker 7 ([00:11:21](#)):

We approved the recommended RCI, um, for contract of draft proposal, the contract, um, attached to it. And that was, um, what we received from RCI. And we, um, needed a council to review it and go over it,

um, to move forward to, uh, maintain talks with RCI to actually come up with an actual contract of execution.

Speaker 3 ([00:11:53](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 7 ([00:11:53](#)):

Um, if you have counsel,

Speaker 3 ([00:11:56](#)):

I did speak with Mr. Andrew, and I told him about the terms that I, again, of course I'm not talking about the, the pricing, but about the terms of the contract that would not, would either, would not be acceptable or that we would need. I explained to him that this board's a, a public board and so this board does its own contracts. Um, and that, for example, in their proposal, they had said that they would, and, uh, commissioner Thomas has just entered and it is a five 16. Thank you. Welcome. Um, we're discussing the RCI landscaping contract that the property committee has, um, recommended. So one of the things you might have noticed in their proposal, which they did as a form of an agreement, of course this will not be the agreement that's signed. It says that they would automatically review it, the end renew at the end of the first year with a, uh, 4% escalation charge.

([00:12:54](#)):

And, uh, that either party could terminate within 60 days written notice. And that any fees that were 30 days past due would have a 1.5%, um, late fee. I explained to him that the board would not pay late fees. Um, and he, he understood. I also explained to him that most likely the board would prefer after speaking to, um, the property committee chair to do a one year contract, maybe with options to renew. But that the, so with three options to renew, which is what the city does, however, it would not be at a set escalation price. That it would be at a price to be negotiated upon and agreed upon by the board prior to any renewal taking place, that there would not be a 60 day written notice or requirement to terminate, because that would be too long. It would be an immediate termination, um, for if the board wanted to terminate.

([00:13:57](#)):

I also explained to him that in all contracts of this amount, that the board needs to have a non appropriation clause. What that means is, and that's something that is required under state law. That means that if the board doesn't appropriate money, then it's not paid. Notwithstanding the fact that there's a contract and the contract is automatically canceled. And he understood that also. So he just asked that we want if once the board or if the board would approve it, just for me to put that in, in, you know, in a memo to him so he could also run up the flagpole. Uh, also clarified with him that if you all saw there was an attachment that had some hatch marks in green and some hatch marks in red. And of course, obviously the hatch marks in green are all the areas that they will be definitely servicing.

([00:14:51](#)):

So I asked him, did red meat, they weren't servicing, and he said, not at all. He said that was in there because he said they're definitely gonna cut all of that, which thank goodness, 'cause that is where the meter is. And Ture water been giving you guys trouble. He said he just, they just hash marked it because since he's a, it looks like no one has been touching that area, which we, you guys know no one has that, that would be a one time charge of \$2,851 and 25 cents. It's under remediation on the attachment. And then there for going forward, it would be, that whole area would be included in your monthly \$1,796

and 36 7 and 37 cents. There would not be any increase to that. They just marked that off in red to show where it was extraordinarily high and would require a little bit more work because no one had been doing it for years. So I got that clarification for you guys. And, uh, and that would be how, what the, how the contract would read it. I would, um, just to let you guys know, it's not gonna be all these things that they sent

Speaker 5 ([00:16:01](#)):

Question. So in the contract where they have some add-ons down here, so how would you put that in the contract? Or would

Speaker 3 ([00:16:11](#)):

You, wait, wait. Do you, uh, see add-ons, annual additional services? Additional services? Okay, I will let, okay. This, the pro the contract would be to accept their schedule services and their pricing services. They have a schedule of services here, but I'm gonna let the property committee chair address that because he was more in the weeds on that.

Speaker 7 ([00:16:31](#)):

So the additional items would be only by, um, certification that those, if we wanted, then, okay, this is how much, those will not be a part of our biweekly services or, um, biweekly. Um, they show the contract proposal shows the schedule and how, uh, throughout the year what will be done. That's basic services. Everything additional will be upon us wanting additional work done.

Speaker 5 ([00:16:58](#)):

Okay. So all we are voting on is the monthly cost and then the one time occurrence cost?

Speaker 7 ([00:17:05](#)):

Yes. Okay. Um, but what I will ask of RCI is, before they even start that first cut or that first provide, uh, first set of services is to meet out there with them on site. So there's no ambiguity about exactly what we are expecting and what they, they think

Speaker 3 ([00:17:22](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>. And photographs, right? Huh? And photograph, yes.

Speaker 7 ([00:17:25](#)):

Photographs. Yes. That is a must. Um, I wanna be, again, I wanna be out there on site so they don't think, I mean it, everyone understands, everyone has their own understanding and email by words or text, whatever, but all together in person, it's a better understanding of what's actually, um, done. So I want, um, put them on site to get that done before they begin. Um,

Speaker 1 ([00:17:49](#)):

Because they, they accepted that agreement to meet on site and then still hold, if we approve this recommendation, he move forward if they want

Speaker 7 ([00:17:57](#)):

To sign the contract they need. Okay. Okay. So before we even sign the contract, I ask approve their end before we even sign, before I even

Speaker 3 ([00:18:08](#)):

Board sign. And their insurance requirements are certainly adequate at 3 million. And they'll be adding you RRVP as a named insured and giving you guys evidence of that before they step foot on the property. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. They've agreed, they, it's in their, it is even what they proposed, but obviously they agreed to it.

Speaker 4 ([00:18:28](#)):

So I got a question. So for today, are we recommending to go ahead and approve the contract and then pending after y'all meet? So, 'cause I'd hate to hold it up and then, you know, come another month.

Speaker 7 ([00:18:42](#)):

So I'm asking to approve the cost of the initial cut and the contract itself not cost not to change at all. That's what I'm, that's what I'm asking for.

Speaker 3 ([00:18:55](#)):

And again, it's not the contract you see setting an agreement. It's the contract terms that I just verbally told you that I will be drafting Yes. Not this agreement, but

Speaker 7 ([00:19:04](#)):

Cause to remain the

Speaker 3 ([00:19:05](#)):

Same, but Yes. But the attachments, the areas that they show that they're gonna do their schedule of services and their pricing schedule Yes. Would be approved.

Speaker 1 ([00:19:17](#)):

Is that the interview report for, uh, item eight?

Speaker 7 ([00:19:20](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 1 ([00:19:24](#)):

Commissioners. Uh, any questions?

Speaker 9 ([00:19:27](#)):

I have a question. How, how many, um, businesses were invited to visit? Three. Three? Yes. Okay. And this was the best practice

Speaker 7 ([00:19:37](#)):

Or There was one that was lower, but the one that was lower did not provide all the, um, the same services, the one that was lower. Um, plumber or Maria? RP

Speaker 3 ([00:19:58](#)):

Landscaping. Oh, submitted one. He submitted one. Okay. R and p, uh, had used to do as a company that used to do the services for many years and many years ago. But they hadn't, hadn't provided any services lately.

Speaker 7 ([00:20:12](#)):

Correct? He submitted one. So he didn't submit one, he submitted, he, he did, he did this time around. They were one of the three that submitted. Oh, okay. Um, I was able to get in touch with them and there were one or three submitted, but their, um, submittal did not include the area of the, uh, the wet area. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. And, uh, R-C-R-C-I and Guard doctors. Guard doctors, yes. RCI and Guard doctors, uh, did submit that area. Um, but again, r and p did not submit the area up front. I know if you're familiar with the area, um, Gentil road pull to the road is submerged, partially submerged in water lot

Speaker 3 ([00:20:52](#)):

Of times. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. And that area has caused a lot of problems for the board because as, as Ms. Diaz can tell you, they've had problems, not even surgeon water, but won't read the meter because it's there and they said they can't get to it unless the grass is cut. So it's, it's been a problem.

Speaker 6 ([00:21:09](#)):

Once the grass is cut, are we able to proceed with getting the meter reading The water issue has been resolved.

Speaker 3 ([00:21:16](#)):

Mm-hmm

Speaker 6 ([00:21:16](#)):

<affirmative>. It's, it's resolved.

Speaker 3 ([00:21:18](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 6 ([00:21:19](#)):

Okay. That's important.

Speaker 1 ([00:21:21](#)):

Commissioner Thomas still has the floor. Oh, okay. Any other questions from

Speaker 9 ([00:21:28](#)):

The Oh, I'm sorry. I did The guard doctor was more expensive than RCI. Yes. Okay. Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([00:21:36](#)):

Any other questions for the chair? I have a question before we Commissioner Plum.

Speaker 10 ([00:21:42](#)):

I can wait till after y'all vote. Go ahead. Ask. Has, has um, garden doctors been paid that? I don't,

Speaker 1 ([00:21:55](#)):

We

Speaker 6 ([00:21:55](#)):

Did no payment.

Speaker 1 ([00:21:56](#)):

I don't think that's too many right now.

Speaker 6 ([00:21:58](#)):

The last payment was the 9,000, but that was for special. I know, I know. I'm just, I'm just, I'm not talking about the money that's old. Yeah. I'm just, uh, attesting that the last payment was the 9,000.

Speaker 1 ([00:22:11](#)):

Michelle, if you want to get to that, we got you on item nine. You want to get to that in your finance report? That's fine.

Speaker 6 ([00:22:18](#)):

No, I was just answering that, that specific

Speaker 1 ([00:22:20](#)):

Question. So answer, you know. Alright, so the recommendation, the item is the recommendation regarding a proposal for landscape maintenance for RCI to be approved and it be pending, uh, an on onsite visit by the property chair, uh, with RCI, um,

Speaker 3 ([00:22:40](#)):

And with a contract to be authorization for

Speaker 1 ([00:22:43](#)):

Authorization of the contract

Speaker 3 ([00:22:43](#)):

For the, uh, chair or the vice chair to sign the contract. Okay. Once drafted, I'll bring

Speaker 1 ([00:22:48](#)):

That resolution in it stage up or down This one.

Speaker 3 ([00:22:51](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:22:52](#)):

Alright. So commission. What should, what's your pleasure with this item?

Speaker 3 ([00:22:56](#)):

What is the reso? Well, he made the recommendation. So that's the recommendation. So now is the time for the resolution,

Speaker 1 ([00:23:06](#)):

But we haven't accepted the recommendation.

Speaker 3 ([00:23:08](#)):

Okay. Oh, okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:23:11](#)):

We should plug you on the recommendation. Mr. Chair, you can, uh, you move? Yes, I will. You move to approve the recommendation. Okay. Move by Commissioner Chairman, Jefferson, second. Second by vice chair. Uh, is there any discussions on a motion

Speaker 5 ([00:23:32](#)):

And I discussion? I just want make make sure that it's clear that we are approving a monthly cost and the one time remediation cleanup services.

Speaker 3 ([00:23:43](#)):

Well, right now you're accepting just his recommendation. Yes. Then there should be the resolution. Yeah,

Speaker 5 ([00:23:48](#)):

I got that. Next

Speaker 3 ([00:23:49](#)):

That, so that's gonna be the next thing.

Speaker 5 ([00:23:51](#)):

Okay. Just the recommendation from this company.

Speaker 3 ([00:23:53](#)):

Okay. Okay. So now the resolution is to, is to yes. Accept the services

Speaker 2 ([00:24:02](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 3 ([00:24:03](#)):

And the pricing schedule and the contract that I would draft not them upon the terms that I just discussed earlier, not the terms that you see here. Not the 4% escalation. It would be a one year contract, it three options for one year renewal. But only upon coming back to you all for approval on any price increases and with a non appropriation cost clause in it.

Speaker 8 ([00:24:30](#)):

And to be executed after we meet.

Speaker 3 ([00:24:33](#)):

No, this is the resolution for it to be executed now so they can get started. Yeah.

Speaker 9 ([00:24:40](#)):

The, the,

Speaker 3 ([00:24:41](#)):

So

Speaker 9 ([00:24:41](#)):

Commissioner Thomas?

Speaker 3 ([00:24:42](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 9 ([00:24:42](#)):

I'm sorry. What would be the, um, the term,

Speaker 3 ([00:24:46](#)):

The term is one year.

Speaker 9 ([00:24:48](#)):

Starting

Speaker 3 ([00:24:48](#)):

When? Starting. Yes. So starting, well, you know, they, they initially had it starting December right. But it wasn't taken up at a meeting. So it would, I'm thinking most likely with start around February 15th, starting in the middle of a month. Um, since we're so close, you know, tomorrow's February 1st, so starting probably February 15th, going for one year with three one year options to renew. However, before it renews, they would have to come back to the board if they want a price increase. If there's any price increase, it won't be a standard 4% price increase. And at that point, if the board doesn't want, doesn't agree with a price increase, of course that would be the end. Also, if the board doesn't appropriate money to pay it, the contract's terminated.

Speaker 9 ([00:25:37](#)):

So it automatically renews without board action?

Speaker 3 ([00:25:40](#)):

No, it doesn't automatically renew.

Speaker 9 ([00:25:42](#)):

So even if there's not a price increase, the board would have to reconsider at, at each renewal.

Speaker 3 ([00:25:47](#)):

The, the board would reconsider each renewal. Okay. Unless the board doesn't want that. Yeah. That's not commend. Okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:25:57](#)):

Is there any more? Yeah, any further discussion? Our discussion is closed on a motion. Um, Mr. Vice chair, if you don't mind.

Speaker 3 ([00:26:05](#)):

And to be clear, this authorizes the, uh, the appropriate signator to execute the contract once drafted.

Speaker 1 ([00:26:13](#)):

You wanna do the resolution after this?

Speaker 3 ([00:26:14](#)):

No, this is the resolution. You

Speaker 1 ([00:26:16](#)):

Want me to read that resolution Recommendation? The

Speaker 3 ([00:26:19](#)):

Of recommendation? I'm sorry. This is the approval of the recommendation. No, you guys just did that. You did that already.

Speaker 1 ([00:26:25](#)):

We, we just had a move. She said we didn't vote on it. We didn't

Speaker 3 ([00:26:27](#)):

Vote. I thought you did vote on it. I'm sorry.

Speaker 1 ([00:26:29](#)):

We didn't, we did

Speaker 3 ([00:26:30](#)):

A

Speaker 1 ([00:26:31](#)):

Closed discussion on discussion.

Speaker 3 ([00:26:33](#)):

Sorry. Okay.

Speaker 4 ([00:26:34](#)):

Now we're

Speaker 1 ([00:26:34](#)):

Gonna vote on,

Speaker 3 ([00:26:35](#)):

Alright, voting on the recommendation. First

Speaker 1 ([00:26:37](#)):

Recommendation, uh, we're gonna do a voice vote. Uh, yay. Yes. Vote is to accept the recommendation.

Speaker 3 ([00:26:44](#)):

No vote

Speaker 1 ([00:26:45](#)):

Is to, uh, to not accept the recommendation.

Speaker 3 ([00:26:48](#)):

Okay. Mr.

Speaker 1 ([00:26:48](#)):

Vice-Chairman. Uh, commissioner Wallace? Yes.

Speaker 4 ([00:26:54](#)):

Commissioner Thomas?

Speaker 2 ([00:26:56](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 4 ([00:26:58](#)):

Commissioner Winthrop? Yes. Commissioner Plummer.

Speaker 10 ([00:27:04](#)):

Mine is more than a yes. I mean more than a no. And I want it recorded with my no. Why? And that because we still owe garden doctors that has not been resolved. And how garden doctors is treated by this board. I want to be on the record in case Garden doctors Sue this board. No,

Speaker 1 ([00:27:28](#)):

I'm gonna strike your comments from the strike. From the minutes. You cannot strike my comments. It's a yes or no vote. You

Speaker 10 ([00:27:33](#)):

Cannot strike my comments. You a yes or

Speaker 1 ([00:27:35](#)):

No vote.

Speaker 10 ([00:27:35](#)):

You cannot strike.

Speaker 1 ([00:27:37](#)):

I'm striking. Commissioner Plummer's comment from this, from the record. You cannot, it is a yes or no vote. Sounds like she voted no. Uh, commissioner,

Speaker 10 ([00:27:46](#)):

If anybody strike my comments,

Speaker 1 ([00:27:49](#)):

It's already deal with me. It struck.

Speaker 4 ([00:27:50](#)):

You're gonna deal with it. That's fine. Let's keep going. Commissioner <inaudible>. Absent. Commissioner Jefferson? Yes. It's

Speaker 10 ([00:27:57](#)):

Not a dictatorship, sir.

Speaker 4 ([00:27:59](#)):

Commissioner Bennett?

Speaker 10 ([00:28:00](#)):

It's the public.

Speaker 3 ([00:28:00](#)):

Yes, yes or no? No. I'm sorry. Jefferson? Yes.

Speaker 4 ([00:28:04](#)):

Comment yes or no?

Speaker 3 ([00:28:05](#)):

Okay. Just don't let my comment. I'm sorry.

Speaker 4 ([00:28:08](#)):

Commissioner Bennett,

Speaker 3 ([00:28:08](#)):

Where? Yes.

Speaker 4 ([00:28:10](#)):

Okay. Commissioner Jones. Absent. Commissioner Tatum? Yes. Commissioner Tucker? Yes. So we got 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and one seven. Yess. One. No. Motion carried.

Speaker 3 ([00:28:26](#)):

Okay, thank you.

Speaker 1 ([00:28:27](#)):

Item number eight

Speaker 3 ([00:28:28](#)):

B. Oh, wait, uh, you wanna do the resolution? Oh, I'm the resolution now. Okay, so now I'm sorry, I was confused before, but the resolution, as we just discussed with the terms of the contract, this is the resolution to authorize the board to enter into the contract to authorize the chair or the vice chair, whoever's available to execute the contract upon the terms that we've discussed. Anyone wants to author that res? Okay. Jefferson and Wallace. Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([00:28:57](#)):

You're only need two thirds on this resolution, right?

Speaker 3 ([00:29:00](#)):

No, no. It's just a regular

Speaker 1 ([00:29:02](#)):

Resolution. Okay.

Speaker 3 ([00:29:03](#)):

Okay. So it was offered by Jefferson and seconded by Wallace. And you can do a voice call again if you'd like.

Speaker 4 ([00:29:12](#)):

Um, do roll here. Uh, both. Uh, commissioner Wallace? Yes. Commissioner Thomas?

Speaker 10 ([00:29:19](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 4 ([00:29:20](#)):

Commissioner Winthrop? Yes. Commissioner Plummer?

Speaker 10 ([00:29:24](#)):

No, my same comment carries.

Speaker 4 ([00:29:26](#)):

Commissioner Oliphant? Absent. Commissioner Jefferson? Yes. Commissioner Bennett?

Speaker 5 ([00:29:32](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 4 ([00:29:33](#)):

Commissioner Jones. Absent. Commissioner Tatum? Yes. Commissioner Tucker. Chairperson Tucker? Yes. Alright. We've got seven. Yes. Or seven yess. One. No.

Speaker 3 ([00:29:44](#)):

All righty. Motion pass. Uh, resolution passes. Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([00:29:48](#)):

Okay, item number nine. That's gonna be, uh, Michelle?

Speaker 3 ([00:29:53](#)):

No, you've got eight B, which was the recommendation about proposal for security.

Speaker 1 ([00:29:57](#)):

I'm sorry, I'm skipping. Yeah, that's the property chair. So, recommendation regarding the proposal for, to provide security at the N-O-R-B-P on Old Utility Road. Yes. Chairman Jeffson,

Speaker 7 ([00:30:08](#)):

Again, we did, um, we received proposals from three, um, companies. Uh, I and r was the security company we, um, selected. We recommend to go with the services. This, this one, I don't think we're going to, um, select the services right away. Yes, we recommend that we go I and r, but this may be more of a discussion to what we actually need, um, as far as our wise and the amount of service that are provided. L and r will, I, I recommended that we use I and r, but, um, again, more of a discussion of, um, times and, um, hours that we, um, that we select for them to provide. Commissioner Thomas, what are the other

([00:30:55](#)):

Two first? Um, one was Force one, huh? Yes. Force one, which provides provided services at <inaudible>. Um, we didn't receive. Yeah, we didn't receive, uh, good, uh, good reviews from them. And also, um, Louisiana Patrol, I think Louisiana Protection. I can't think of, uh, LR? No, lr. LR selected. LR It was first one. And the third one was, um, because of green and gold. I cannot think of, I did send it out

to the, um, to, to the board. I can, um, forward it to you, um, for you to have. But, um, their cost was also higher than

Speaker 9 ([00:31:46](#)):

LR

Speaker 7 ([00:31:46](#)):

When

Speaker 9 ([00:31:47](#)):

You send it, can you also send, uh, whatever bid document that you sent out, they had a scope, because the scope on here is really weird.

Speaker 7 ([00:31:53](#)):

It was. And you know, there, um, that was sent I, I'll send you Yes. I'll, I'll forward you everything. Thank you. The same email with the same, um, scope for all the, um, I'll send it to you as well as proposal we received. Um, so I, I don't even know how to phrase it. So I guess I wanna recommend I and r as the, the company that we select, but that we discuss further with, I guess the finance, the board as with the need. Yes. What the need is, what that, uh, that we, that we want.

Speaker 4 ([00:32:36](#)):

I guess. Vice chair,

([00:32:38](#)):

The only thing, I mean, I thank you for getting all these and, and all the work get, I, I definitely think there's a presence that we need to have out there for sure. 'cause my speed bump idea, I don't think's gonna alleviate any, but I do think some physical infrastructure too. It's like some, some way of a gate at the front. I did notice that we used to have a gate and it's still there. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. I, I, I know you couldn't see it at first. It's like behind the bushes, um, on the left side of that, uh, driveway. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. But there is a gate there, but I, I don't know if it's, it, it looks broke. Like it needs to be fixed to the little facing Yeah. Facing the property that left driveway. So there, there is a fence there or a gate, but it's, it definitely needs some work to it. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. So just throwing that out there is if there's something that we could do infrastructure wise as well, when we think of security. So

Speaker 7 ([00:33:31](#)):

In previous discussions, um, commissioner <inaudible>, um, was also looking into that. And so we can, um, most definitely add that to the discussion, um, and move forward with I and r

Speaker 4 ([00:33:44](#)):

Because I think that would be a good, another layer to help I and r as well. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. You know, that could help them as they're doing their job out there.

Speaker 3 ([00:33:54](#)):

Myers would probably like that too.

Speaker 4 ([00:33:56](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 3 ([00:33:57](#)):

For them.

Speaker 4 ([00:33:58](#)):

And I, I think that's my other question too, with this being another addition,

Speaker 1 ([00:34:03](#)):

Mr. Chairman addition, you got another question? I'm sorry.

Speaker 4 ([00:34:06](#)):

To, to the, um, to, for the tenants, since this is amenity essentially too, for Myers. I mean, are we baking that into their new lease? Um,

Speaker 3 ([00:34:19](#)):

That's something to think about. Your new lease is, uh, will be, you know, there is April and so that's a good point that you bring up now. 'cause we haven't started negotiations yet, but that would be a good thing to, uh, to think about. 'cause you know, it's a new, it'll be a completely new lease. So, you know, we can, we terms can be on the tape at that point.

Speaker 4 ([00:34:39](#)):

I think if we can go back and let them know this is an addition amenity, that way we can maybe recoup some of that cost.

Speaker 3 ([00:34:46](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 4 ([00:34:46](#)):

Um,

Speaker 3 ([00:34:47](#)):

But I think it's a renewal, but still it's, it can be discussed at that point.

Speaker 4 ([00:34:51](#)):

And if they come back and is like, no, we don't want to, I mean, I think we still have some type of security, but something we can at least pose to 'em. Yeah. And I definitely think we should talk to 'em to let them know that it'll at least be out there

Speaker 3 ([00:35:06](#)):

And the gate would have to be discussed with them anyway, because there would have to be some agreement with them that they closed the gate when they're, when they finished.

Speaker 4 ([00:35:13](#)):

Well, I, I think this no, the gate that I was talking about, they wouldn't have access to that, that gate. This would be on the left side of the property.

Speaker 3 ([00:35:20](#)):

You might wanna put Bow two up

Speaker 4 ([00:35:22](#)):

There. Commissioner Plumber. Yeah.

Speaker 10 ([00:35:26](#)):

I what you're talking about mm-hmm <affirmative>. For the lease for Myers and the rest of them. I just personally think that we should put that on them because that's our building.

Speaker 4 ([00:35:38](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 10 ([00:35:39](#)):

And we're also protecting our building.

Speaker 4 ([00:35:41](#)):

No, that's a good

Speaker 11 ([00:35:42](#)):

Point. Commissioner, commissioner. BRC construction group. A, uh, schematic or like the actual, the layout, uh, fence. I didn't get any feedback back. We talked for a minute, but we never followed up with a quote. I sent two other firms. I'm trying to see which ones, but I'll get what you off of at another time. Yeah.

Speaker 1 ([00:36:13](#)):

Any other questions for the chair? Property chair? Uh, commissioner Thomas,

Speaker 9 ([00:36:19](#)):

And I apologize for not, um, knowing the scope, but before random days a week and six hours per day in random shifts, does that mean that they'd be provided services for 24 hours a week?

Speaker 7 ([00:36:32](#)):

No, it'll be, it'll out the seven days. It'll just be a random four days and, but, but six hours. But that, that, that was the, that was the, uh, requirements that I sent out in the, um, in the email for proposals. But that's why I'm saying IL andrs, um, prices came back lower than other two. And so we're not locked into that six. It could be four. It could be five like seven days a week. No, on the fourth. Well, that'd also be, um, amongst the discussions, but I don't think we need seven days a week. Random days determines which days there.

(00:37:11):

And, um, it could honestly be, it could be determined. It could be a, um, I mean it could be a discussion between the board and I and R. Um, every two weeks you send us your proposal or the four days for the next two weeks, it's, it's nothing set in stone, but it is gonna be at least four days a week, but not set in stone. And this is all intended to be after hours. That could also, that would also be up for us. I would, in my mind, not, um, present to them. I was thinking something that started maybe after six six or after six, but I didn't tell them that it was just random. I did discuss with all three that it would be something that's overnight, but I did not say, um, during the day or, and that would be, um, discussion that we have prior to actually entering subcontract.

Speaker 9 (00:38:03):

So in their fees and expenses, they say farm service will vehicle control during regular hours, which is assumed regular hours, assume as

Speaker 7 (00:38:15):

Regular business hours, but this hours is correct. So I think further inside of that, they have regular hours as regular hours, 24 hours a day, except for holidays. I think they, um, they split off holidays. That would not be considered regular hours.

Speaker 9 (00:38:42):

That's not how I read this, but mm-hmm <affirmative>. Okay. So it is, but it is for 24 hours a week?

Speaker 7 (00:38:47):

No, it's for four days. <laugh> of, uh, six hours a week. That's 24. Sorry, six hours a day. So that's 24. 24 hours a, a week. I'm sorry, <laugh>. I'm sorry. Yes.

Speaker 11 (00:39:06):

Commissioner <inaudible>. Just, uh, commissioner Thomas, just for context, um, they had two, uh, flagpoles that was stolen from the property. Yes. And the, the reason why it's like reduced days and it, it is kind of random is just so, um, it, it throws off like the, the rhythm of somebody scoping out the property and determine. So that was the context behind that. Okay.

Speaker 9 (00:39:27):

So we're looking at, on average, 28 80 a month

Speaker 7 (00:39:33):

As a call. Yes. Based off of, uh, the rf. Yes.

Speaker 1 (00:39:40):

Rfp. Any other questions, comments directed towards property committee chair? Hearing none, it's your pleasure.

Speaker 7 (00:39:54):

And the recommendation is for, um, to begin negotiations with l and r for services. Okay. That's your motion?

Speaker 1 ([00:40:06](#)):

Yes. Okay. Second. Any second? Second by Commissioner Rwa discussions on the motion.

Speaker 3 ([00:40:18](#)):

May I just make it clear, it's just to begin negotiations not to enter into a contract? Yes. Okay.

Speaker 9 ([00:40:26](#)):

That means the matter we having back to us.

Speaker 7 ([00:40:28](#)):

Yes. Because we didn't confirm, but we didn't, we dunno how many days we want. I mean, many hours we want And that again, that the four days, maybe we want three days. They want five days. We didn't. Um, so do we not need to

Speaker 9 ([00:40:40](#)):

Make those determinations because we don't need again until March, right? Right.

Speaker 3 ([00:40:44](#)):

Um, you, well, you may need to, I was speaking to Otis with the arpa. Honestly, you may need to meet in February, um, because there are, you've gotta do, well I don't wanna get off track, but there's a lot of leg work that needs to be done.

Speaker 9 ([00:40:59](#)):

So as it relates to this matter that's before us, should we not go ahead and answer the unanswered questions so that you've been into, into a contract without the delay? So, um,

Speaker 5 ([00:41:11](#)):

Sure. I agree. I thought the property committee

Speaker 1 ([00:41:17](#)):

Make their recommendations Committee time right now mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 7 ([00:41:20](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:41:20](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 7 ([00:41:21](#)):

We can also call the special meeting that needed to, um, I'm saying we can call a special media. Yes.

Speaker 3 ([00:41:40](#)):

You may need to meet a little bit more because of arpa. I was gonna get to that in my report.

Speaker 1 ([00:41:45](#)):

I think we added that at, uh, item six. We did decide to meet every month.

Speaker 3 ([00:41:49](#)):

Yes. So if you guys want to have another property committee meeting to flush this out a bit, since I don't know what else they could steal now that they stole what you had. Um,

Speaker 1 ([00:42:02](#)):

Think they were gonna steal that, right?

Speaker 3 ([00:42:04](#)):

Yeah. Um, you know, you could have a, another property committee meeting and try to flush it out with I and r knowing that the recommendation was to go to with I and r, but you could have another property committee meeting and flush it out more and then bring that to the board.

Speaker 7 ([00:42:20](#)):

Well, I'll probably bring it to the finance first.

Speaker 3 ([00:42:22](#)):

Okay. And

Speaker 7 ([00:42:27](#)):

Get actual,

Speaker 1 ([00:42:28](#)):

Um, number to present every So you're gonna negotiate and come back to us?

Speaker 7 ([00:42:34](#)):

Yes. Alright. Well I negotiate with LR negotiate, um, speak amongst ourselves and give the finance committee to get an actual number that we're all comfortable with to bring to the board. Okay.

Speaker 3 ([00:42:46](#)):

So to restate the motion right now would be to accept the recommendation of the property committee to, uh, continue to negotiate with I and r.

Speaker 2 ([00:42:57](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 3 ([00:43:00](#)):

Okay. All in favor of that then?

Speaker 1 ([00:43:02](#)):

I mean, any other discussion on a motion? Alright. Discussion's closed. Uh, I think we're on roll call. Vote.

Speaker 3 ([00:43:10](#)):

Well, we, I I wanna know who's proffering the motion? Jefferson,

Speaker 1 ([00:43:14](#)):

You got Jefferson

Speaker 3 ([00:43:15](#)):

And seconded.

Speaker 1 ([00:43:16](#)):

Rankoff second.

Speaker 3 ([00:43:17](#)):

Okay. Great. All right.

Speaker 4 ([00:43:19](#)):

Mr. Vice chair. Roll call here. Um, Wallace Commissioner Wallace?

Speaker 8 ([00:43:24](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 4 ([00:43:25](#)):

Um, commissioner Thomas? Yes. Commissioner Wink off? Yes. Commissioner Plummer? Yes.

Speaker 10 ([00:43:34](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 4 ([00:43:35](#)):

Commissioner Alfons. Absent. Commissioner Jefferson? Yes. Yes. Commissioner Bennett?

Speaker 2 ([00:43:42](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 4 ([00:43:43](#)):

Commissioner Jones. Absent. Commissioner Tatum? Yes. Commissioner Tucker? Yes. All yeses unanimous.

Speaker 1 ([00:43:50](#)):

Okay. Motion carries.

Speaker 3 ([00:43:51](#)):

Carries. Wonderful.

Speaker 1 ([00:43:53](#)):

All right. Item number nine is,

Speaker 3 ([00:43:55](#)):

Um,

Speaker 1 ([00:43:56](#)):

Financials. So I think that you, we, we put you in, uh, we penciled you in on, uh, item nine for financial report.

Speaker 6 ([00:44:05](#)):

So at the December meeting, I did present the November financial statements. So I am presenting now only the month of December. We only, uh, have one month. Um, that was not yet presented. Um, unlike the, our prior meetings where we were reviewing two months at time. So for December, 2024, the income expenses were as follows. We had rent income of 34,439, which is the, uh, the, uh, standard grant that we received monthly for mayers in advo utility reimbursement. Um, as I, uh, noted in the meeting last month, Mayers did remit a large utility reimbursement of 30,626. Um, so the total utility reimbursements for the month were 31,982. Interest income from Liberty savings account of one 18 for the quarter, and other income of seven 50 from the Summas case. Total revenue 67,289. The expenses were utilities of 59 0 5. Legal fees to Council Azen for 7,000 4 85.

([00:45:13](#)):

The insurance for the workers' comp that's required by the ARPA contract. 445, 440 \$6 for the Christmas luncheon that was held by the board in December. And \$1,500 for the monthly accounting fee to Michelle Diaz. Total expenses 15,000 7 81. The net income for the month was 51,000 5 0 8. You turn to the second page, the statement of financial position. This is your, your balance sheet. The only change is cash. Cash went up by that amount of 51,000 5 0 8, bringing the cash to 1 million 1 9 1 9 9 2. No other changes to the balance sheet, but for the, uh, numbers that necessarily changed since the cash went up.

([00:46:03](#)):

And then the last sheet is our financial overview in the column for the month of December are the very same numbers that I just presented. And then we have the total, I'll just give you the summary. The total revenue for the year actual was 4 81 0 7 4. The revised budget, if you recall, we revised the budget, um, a few months ago. The revised budget, total revenue was 4 8 3 700. So the revenue is just 2006 26 under budget. The total expenses for 2 44 874, the revised budget was 3 22 400. So we were still 77,526 under budget for, uh, uh, the expenses. The net income for the year. We were 161,000. I'm sorry, 236,200 was the total surplus for the year. Any questions on the financial statements?

Speaker 4 ([00:47:14](#)):

Michelle? Just quick question. Um, I know we were trying to avoid variance at big variances. Yeah. Due to the audit with this, um, you know, during the audit this year with this type of variances, dingus again,

Speaker 6 ([00:47:32](#)):

I mean, it it will be noted. It is, but

Speaker 4 ([00:47:35](#)):

It's not a Okay. Well thank you Michelle, too. Just comment, Michelle, keeping us on track and, and growing up finances and can't thank you enough for everything you've done.

Speaker 6 ([00:47:53](#)):

And just to note, um, the, the budget for 2025 we, that we adopted last year, we, we are keeping that until we finalize the, uh, lease with Myers at which time we can revisit the budget. But that hasn't, uh, been done yet. So we'll just stay with the budget that we adopted for 2025 for the moment.

Speaker 1 ([00:48:18](#)):

Any further questions or comments for, um, our accountant, Ms. Michelle Diaz? Do we need a motion to adopt, accept?

Speaker 3 ([00:48:28](#)):

No, she was just making a report.

Speaker 1 ([00:48:34](#)):

Alright. Item number 10, that's gonna be legal.

Speaker 3 ([00:48:38](#)):

Yes. And I was just giving you a brief update regarding our P funds. Um, I had a really good conversation with the Department of Economic Development and with, um, so the, uh, and, and with, uh, with Gilbert's office, the CAO's office, um, Michelle was able to join that call as was Commissioner Jefferson. Um, and we will have another one of those calls. And I hope at that point would be at least, uh, commissioner Jefferson as the property chair, Michelle, myself, and, uh, maybe the chair and the vice chair if they were also available. But, and basically they were letting us know kind of where we were. I was in a very concerned because of the executive order of the, of the president, um, that was pausing federal funding and that included arpa. But, uh, right now that's been paused. And so we're moving forward. We, uh, have a few loose administrative ends, but we are basically ready to issue an invoice.

([00:49:45](#)):

Uh, the city has told us we can go forward with issuing an invoice entering into the brass system. So they sent us some forms. Michelle is going to draft an invoice, I will enter it into brass. That's the city's payment system, and they should then transfer the money to the N-O-R-B-P. But the more important thing that they wanted to know was when, how fast are we gonna be able to get this money out? Because it, they're on a real timeline to get it out. And I don't disagree. Um, one, they, they have an agreement to get it all spent, uh, by 2026. But of course with the new president, it, I, I, I can't, I don't think anyone can say which agreements are gonna be changed and, and how fast Yes ma'am.

Speaker 1 ([00:50:33](#)):

Commissioner

Speaker 10 ([00:50:34](#)):

Appointment. But there was a report by Congress that said he cannot do that. The money has already been allotted.

Speaker 3 ([00:50:40](#)):

Okay. I, I understand what you're saying. But we also know that the president has, has, has taken things to court very often. There are judges who side with him and he has been successful to a certain degree. And we all know that the US Supreme Court is a toss up. So just saying, because of that congress, because of that, I think that you all will be fine, but we don't want to delay. That's all I'm saying.

Speaker 10 ([00:51:09](#)):

He's at college and he was, I saw something where he acknowledged and he was quite pissed.

Speaker 3 ([00:51:15](#)):

Okay. Well,

Speaker 10 ([00:51:16](#)):

And uh, that even his own party told him, well, they schooled him and let him know they hold a purse.

Speaker 3 ([00:51:24](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 10 ([00:51:24](#)):

They do the spending and he can't do it. Especially if the money has already been allotted. Now what he wants to do with the new budget,

Speaker 3 ([00:51:30](#)):

Right,

Speaker 10 ([00:51:31](#)):

He has every right to chime in then so that they can vote.

Speaker 3 ([00:51:34](#)):

Right.

Speaker 10 ([00:51:35](#)):

But he can't do anything with the money that's already been allotted.

Speaker 3 ([00:51:37](#)):

Right. Well, that's really good. Uh, but we definitely still wanna get that spent. So I told them that we would, if we would, would really fast paced this, tracked it, you know, we should be able to start at least, uh, getting construction underway. I i i the maybe late May. Uh, but what you guys need to do is you need to get a request for proposals out for that project manager, for lack of a better word. This is, there's a more technical word for it, uh, for the project manager. And then do your public bid, um, for the, for the actual builder to come in. 'cause I'm assuming you're gonna do it all on the roof. I wanna just

put that out there. This is real short, but it's gonna be a lot to get done. Um, and so that's why you may need to meet, certainly in, in February to try to at least get that RFP out. Um, but I do see that I have a question from Ms. Diaz and also from commissioner, um, uh, Jefferson Accountant

Speaker 6 ([00:52:29](#)):

Diaz.

([00:52:30](#)):

Yes. Um, we will likely now need to revisit the matter of the banking matters. Uh, with regard to the new officers that we, uh, discussed in this meeting earlier. I'm reminding for the ARPA funds, we had discussed that we wanted those funds to be segregated, which is an absolute, I think must. So we will need for the, uh, we will need a resolution to not only add the, the new bank signers to the existing accounts, but to give them the authority to open an additional account. Again, this account will be specifically for ARPA funds, so that those funds are segregated and not co-mingled with the other funds that, you know, RBP has.

Speaker 3 ([00:53:11](#)):

The good thing is, this resolution that I have is broad enough that you won't need to do another relationship. You'll need another resolution if you, if you haven't done it already, to open a new account. I thought that you guys had already done that, though.

Speaker 4 ([00:53:22](#)):

We already did that.

Speaker 3 ([00:53:23](#)):

Yeah. Open a new Yeah, you did do a resolution to open a new account for ARPA funds. And this resolution granting signatory authority says for all financial institutions. So you can, you'll be able to use it at your, at whatever, even if you don't go with it with Whitney, uh, or Hancock Whitney, you go with Liberty or whomever, you can use that. Alright.

Speaker 6 ([00:53:43](#)):

Just want to be sure that we can Yeah. Immediately open that account.

Speaker 3 ([00:53:47](#)):

Oh

Speaker 6 ([00:53:47](#)):

Yes. We want the, the, the city

Speaker 3 ([00:53:50](#)):

That money to be, do you want the city to deposit it? And they will electronically deposit it.

Speaker 6 ([00:53:54](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 3 ([00:53:54](#)):

So if you have that account or you, are you gonna open it?

Speaker 6 ([00:53:57](#)):

No, we have to, we have this

Speaker 3 ([00:53:58](#)):

<crosstalk>. Okay. Yes, I do recall y'all did vote on that. Okay. To y'all, y'all thought it was a good idea and voted to open a new account just for the ARPA funds.

Speaker 1 ([00:54:08](#)):

Commissioner Jefferson,

Speaker 3 ([00:54:09](#)):

Um, I dunno if you, I'm sorry. I don't know if you decided on which, where, which institution, but you did say to open a new account, you, commissioner Plumer, do you remember? You usually remember

Speaker 10 ([00:54:19](#)):

It was, uh, um, bank was not

Speaker 3 ([00:54:23](#)):

Identified. Not identified.

Speaker 10 ([00:54:27](#)):

We, we did, I'm gonna go back. We did identify moving our funds at golf posts. Yeah. Establishing an account with golf posts.

Speaker 2 ([00:54:35](#)):

Yes. But

Speaker 10 ([00:54:35](#)):

Then for some reason, that was pulled back. It was pulled back because when, um, Caucasian, the chair went to sit with

Speaker 2 ([00:54:43](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 10 ([00:54:44](#)):

The Gulf Coast, it, it, it didn't, it wasn't, it didn't meet the criteria for what we were looking for. Okay. So we didn't move forward with that.

Speaker 3 ([00:54:56](#)):

So one of the things you all can decide today is which bank you'd like those funds to go to, because it's gonna be a substantial amount. It's 1.5 million. So you might want to decide that, or you might wanna authorize, you know, your accountant or your chair, uh, to speak to a bank and find out who's gonna give you the most reasonable rates on such an account.

Speaker 6 ([00:55:21](#)):

The interest rates are likely very comparable. Um, it's important that it's a healthy bank because this money will exceed FDIC coverages.

Speaker 5 ([00:55:30](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>. So it needs to be a

Speaker 6 ([00:55:32](#)):

Healthy bank. And other than that, the interest rates will probably be pretty comparable in terms of, you know, any, they're still so small.

Speaker 1 ([00:55:43](#)):

Commissioner diploma.

Speaker 6 ([00:55:45](#)):

Now, cpa, do you have a recommendation? Um, you, I know before the chair and and other board members said they would like to support a local bank. Um, if, if that is an important criteria that that rules out Chase Capital One, because those would be the ones I would think to go to because they're, you know, kind of too big to fail.

Speaker 3 ([00:56:13](#)):

Right. Right.

Speaker 6 ([00:56:15](#)):

So it's, it, it, it's a matter of what's more important, the too big to fail, which again, would be a Chase or a Capital One or a local bank, A Liberty, a, um, you know, first Bank and Trust, first American Bank. Those are your smaller, you know, more local. Local. Do we have a, a small account in Chase? We have No, we only have Hancock Whitney in the savings at Liberty Bank that just only those two institutions. So only Chase would, would check the, um, boxes in terms of being large. Is that Chase or Capital One or the two national banks

Speaker 1 ([00:56:59](#)):

Down here? Commissioner Bennett.

Speaker 5 ([00:57:03](#)):

I was just gonna comment, the money's not gonna be in the bank that long. Right. We got a plan on spending it really fast. Correct. So

Speaker 8 ([00:57:10](#)):

Commissioner Wallace,

(00:57:13):

New Orleans Regional Business Park. So, you know, to me, I would think if we don't patronize the bank that's in New Orleans East, I think we do it myself. Uh, this service as far as our name go and, and you know, I, I don't believe that we have to put all of the money into one one particular bank. I think we can kind of somewhat put what we need to put here to make sure it's insured, put money into be, make sure it's insured. And I do believe that we should find a bank somewhere. At least they got a home in New Orleans East.

Speaker 4 (00:57:44):

My vice chair only concern is because of the money not being held for too long in say a, a local small bank. It might, they might have incurred more fees on us because it's gonna be a heavier lift for them. But we, since we do have Liberty Bank, um, as a, as a good community bank, I, I, you know, well, <laugh> well, I, I mean I just feel like we need to protect the 1.5 because it's just, it's gonna be a pass through pretty quick. So just something to keep. I definitely hear you and agree with you. I just, I just don't want to be a strain on a, on a local bank and us not keep money in there long and them know that. And then what do we do with that account?

Speaker 1 (00:58:28):

Definitely sounds like a special meeting coming up. So you get out of here 'cause your elevator stop at six 30.

Speaker 4 (00:58:34):

No, no, you can go down. You just can't come up.

Speaker 1 (00:58:36):

Okay.

Speaker 4 (00:58:36):

You can go down

Speaker 6 (00:58:39):

<laugh>, I came from 32 Flight needs a closure so that we can open the account.

Speaker 3 (00:58:45):

Yeah. Because they, they want to transfer the money. They're

Speaker 1 (00:58:48):

Ready to transfer.

Speaker 3 (00:58:48):

Now,

Speaker 1 (00:58:49):

Actually make that decision right now.

Speaker 3 ([00:58:51](#)):

You can make the decision right now. It's under, it's under update. And if you want to make the, you know, we can

Speaker 1 ([00:58:57](#)):

Legally, if you say we can.

Speaker 3 ([00:58:58](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 1 ([00:58:59](#)):

Okay. Awesome. Question. Um, CDFI banks off the table. CDFI, all banks are CDFI, right?

Speaker 6 ([00:59:05](#)):

No,

Speaker 1 ([00:59:06](#)):

No. The two 50.

Speaker 6 ([00:59:09](#)):

The F DS two. So this, uh, FBIC insurance I was speaking of, that's just the insurance.

Speaker 2 ([00:59:15](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 6 ([00:59:15](#)):

Um, which I believe is still two 50. Two 50.

Speaker 3 ([00:59:19](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 6 ([00:59:19](#)):

So, you know, we would have to open five, six different accounts if we wanted it all insured and that we, we are, I don't recommend that at all. Um, um, CDFI, I'm not sure I, I know what that is insured. Right. I'm like, there's, um, the CDFIs, I know like NewCor, they don't, they don't actually have deposit accounts

Speaker 2 ([00:59:45](#)):

Got,

Speaker 6 ([00:59:45](#)):

So I'm not sure of A-C-D-F-I. That is also a deposit. Is Hope, maybe. Hope. Yeah. Hope would be one. You are right. Hope

Speaker 1 ([00:59:57](#)):

Take one 25 million though. I'm sure they don't. I was saying

Speaker 6 ([01:00:01](#)):

I could had, um, what's his name here? Yeah. Hope is A-C-D-F-I that, that accepts that, that, uh, office deposit accounts

Speaker 10 ([01:00:14](#)):

First and March one of the VPs.

Speaker 1 ([01:00:22](#)):

What's your pleasure? All right,

Speaker 4 ([01:00:24](#)):

So, so if we

Speaker 1 ([01:00:25](#)):

Kind motion a certain bank,

Speaker 4 ([01:00:27](#)):

We agree that community based bank is kind of the way to go and we give Michelle authority to give a recommendation to wait for

Speaker 6 ([01:00:37](#)):

Whatever, whatever financial institution you, you vote on, I'll go and get the necessary documents so that they can be executed. But it's, again, it's a matter of what's important to you.

Speaker 1 ([01:00:52](#)):

She pleasure. Commissioner

Speaker 9 ([01:00:54](#)):

Thomas, I move that we authorize, um, our CPA to open or whoever's appropriate the open account. And the reason I'm recommending Chase, um, aside from the two big sale argument is that electronic transfers and all the things like transactions just happen faster with Chase, um, than they do even with the Hancock group.

Speaker 1 ([01:01:16](#)):

Any seconds? Second Vice chair. Second. Uh, any discussion on the motion? All right, I think we voice, uh, yeah. Roll call vote.

Speaker 4 ([01:01:30](#)):

Alright. Commissioner Wallace? Yes. Commissioner Thomas.

Speaker 2 ([01:01:34](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 4 ([01:01:35](#)):

Commissioner Wint? Yes. Commissioner Plummer?

Speaker 2 ([01:01:37](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 4 ([01:01:37](#)):

Commissioner <inaudible>. Absent. Commissioner Jefferson? Yes. Commissioner Bennett?

Speaker 2 ([01:01:41](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 4 ([01:01:42](#)):

Commissioner Jones. Absent. Commissioner Tatum? Yes. Commissioner Tucker? Yes. All a no nos.

Speaker 3 ([01:01:48](#)):

Great. Alright.

Speaker 4 ([01:01:50](#)):

Alright. Before we, so,

Speaker 3 ([01:01:51](#)):

Oh, so I'm sorry just to finish up putting on your agenda, you know, we'll try to find a maybe a, a, a good date for you all. I know it's, I've been, I've been reminded by people that it's Mardi Gras. I don't celebrate Mardi Gras, but this, the ARPA funds are really important. So if you guys want the opera funds, we're gonna have to find a date sometime that we'd meet in February. <laugh> might march the fall. That's what I said, but I was told that there are balls and whatever, none of which I attend. So Yeah. So I'm, so, yeah. So, okay. Alright. That's it.

Speaker 1 ([01:02:27](#)):

I'll be quick. I just want to take a point of, of personal privilege 'cause and go back to the chairman's report where I welcome Commissioner Thomas to the commission. I did it without you. And, uh, we had a good call, zoom call and I was, I'm happy to meet you in person and, uh, trying to give you a quick update on some of the other commissioners for you, you all who are returning, uh, welcome back and for you and your last year, uh, probably on consider moving, you know, staying get reappointed, you can talk to your appoint bodies or, um, you know, we'll be happy for the time you serve. Uh, four, the committees, I mentioned committees. And appointing two chairs to the property. One to the property, one the finance, that's Commissioner Bennett to finance Commissioner, uh, Jefferson is recommitted back to property. Uh, according to, uh, bylaws, article seven, nine, there's six annual committees.

(01:03:25):

I know we had three. Um, what I'll do just for our time sake and effectiveness. The finance committee will be those appointed to finance will be appointed to personnel. So you can do a joint committee there. Property will be those appointed to property will be appointed to marketing and public relations. Uh, executive will be appointed to, uh, legal. Those are closed to officers. And for the sake of, uh, some of the issues that came up around legal, we're gonna take that away from finance, uh, about any of our past vendors. We'll take that at legal and then come back with some recommendations, uh, for the commission. And with that, I'll take a motion to, oh,

Speaker 3 (01:04:13):

Uh, commissioner Thomas has a question. I have

Speaker 9 (01:04:16):

One more question.

Speaker 1 (01:04:16):

I apologize.

Speaker 9 (01:04:17):

Um, from the financial report in ending the deal with the \$236,200 surplus is, is there, I mean, I, I don't have any context for, um, what Ms. Plum said earlier about the guardian doctor, but is there a reason you're not paying

Speaker 1 (01:04:36):

That? I want to bring that, I want to keep that in legal. 'cause we, it's already come up as possible legal and lawsuit. So I don't want the commissioner to make any more statements. I'll, I'll take it as the committee will take it legal and they come to y'all and we'll see if we are gonna bring that to let the State Attorney General take that up. Commissioner Plummer.

Speaker 10 (01:04:59):

Um, Mr. Tucker, would you state to not understand and everybody sitting around this table is privy to everything? Mm-hmm <affirmative>. I can go sit in your legal meeting. I can go sit in your executive committee meeting. Sure. So you don't have the authority. Try to keep secrets. Where, where, where did I This is a, this is a public, it will be and committed. Let me finish legal. Sir, go ahead. This is a public board, a public body. You can't tell people what they can and cannot say. And will goes on the record.

Speaker 1 (01:05:33):

Yeah. You will be germane to my items

Speaker 10 (01:05:36):

Records.

Speaker 1 (01:05:36):

You will be jerma to the items. It will be at committee. It will be I'm the chair. You will be Jermaine to the items and that item will be at legal. And then we'll come to the committee. To the commission. That's my rule. You can overrule. You can overrule you can't rule. You don't understand. The chair makes rulings. The chair makes ruling. Read, read robbers rules. Something that's gonna keep motion to adjourn out. Motion to adjourn. Second person. Tell that motion to second. Any, any state motion Tojo.