

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

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

It's recording now.

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

Good afternoon, commissioners, uh, vendor partners. Uh, chairman Hughes is in Baton Rouge meeting with Louisiana legislative speaker. Uh, and so he's gonna be late today, so ask me to start this meeting. Properly, properly for us is 3 0 4. Today, I'm calling this meeting to order. This is the regular, uh, monthly meeting for the N-O-R-B-P, uh, October 25th, Friday. Uh,

Speaker 2 ([00:00:36](#)):

Actually it's bimonthly now.

Speaker 1 ([00:00:38](#)):

Bimonthly. Uh, Madam Secretary, can you call row for me?

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

Commissioner Jefferson? Present. Commissioner Jones. Present. Commissioner <inaudible>. Commissioner Palmer. Here. Commissioner Wendell. Commissioner Tatum.

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

Here.

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

Commissioner, why? Commissioner Bennett. Present Vice chair

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

For our record. Uh, we have a quorum for our record. Chairman Hughes is, uh, an excuse, uh, until he gets here, and we'll see what happens with the rest of commissioners who are absent. I'm sure we had had time to review the agenda. It was sent out a couple days ago. Um, gonna give us three minutes or so to look over this agenda, uh, right now, and then we, uh, we'll make a motion to accept our amen.

Speaker 2 ([00:01:30](#)):

I, I think you wanted to move the, well, I don't have the chairman's report on here, right? So that's good. Yeah. Yeah. I didn't put it on.

Speaker 1 ([00:02:01](#)):

Whenever you guys are done, I'll take a motion to accept the agenda.

Speaker 3 ([00:02:05](#)):

I'll move that we accept the agenda. Second

Speaker 1 ([00:02:10](#)):

Move by Secretary Bennett, and second by treasurer. Uh, Tatum. Uh, any objections without objection? Uh, the, uh, agenda is adopted. Item number three, we have no gas here present today. Eight. Sorry. Item number five is finance Committee Report. Chairman, uh, Tatum. Oh, uh, we have

Speaker 4 ([00:02:43](#)):

Finance committee this week. Uh,

Speaker 2 ([00:02:45](#)):

May I interrupt? Just one second. I just got a text that was from Commissioner Winthrop. He said that he had an unexpected work obligation, um, and he apologizes. Um, so he's in, but he's stuck in Mandeville. Okay.

Speaker 4 ([00:02:59](#)):

Um, we had a great, uh, finance committee meeting, and today, I'll definitely hand it over to Michelle here in just a second. But just to give a quick overview of finance committee, we, uh, look to revise the new, uh, the budget that you'll see, that we will look to, um, recommend to the board to adopt. Uh, because at our last, um, one of the findings from the audit was for us just to do a budget modification, um, as we get to the end of the year. That way is just not a lot of variances, but Michelle will definitely hit on that, um, here in just a minute. But we feel that we made the budget, um, accurate enough for us to be able to have some wiggle room on some line items, but just, uh, just to help us not have large variances. So, but all in all, good finance committee

Speaker 1 ([00:03:46](#)):

Commissioners. Any question for chairman? T? Alright, uh, Ms. Diaz, item number five B presentation of current financials.

Speaker 5 ([00:03:59](#)):

Okay, I will now present, uh, the financial statements that I just distributed to each of you. Um, I'm presenting for the months of August and September. In the month of August, we had revenue as follows, rent income from Meyers in Advo, plus a special, uh, lease arrangement, a temporary arrangement that we made with Starlight for the \$2,000. So the total rent was 36,439, and we collected \$150 on, as summas case totaling 36,589. The expenses were as follows, utilities of 31 89. Uh, just note that for that month, we did not receive the water bill. Um, the water bill was not issued, uh, uh, for at least a month or two behind, I would check online and it, it wasn't, um, delivered. So I, I paid it once they actually presented it. The accounting and review, uh, we incurred \$10,600. Michelle Diaz, 1500 plus the \$9,100 to Bruno and tur on for the annual review insurance of 38 37 to Noah Lewis. That was for the annual DNO and directors and offices, insurance, insurance and repairs and maintenance of \$43. It was a reimbursement to Commissioner Jefferson for door hardware supplies. The total expenses was 17,669, bringing net income for the month to 18,920. If you turn to the next page, it shows that our cash went up by that 18,920, bringing it to 1,059,783.

Speaker 5 ([00:05:46](#)):

If you turn to the next page, it's the statement of activities. For the month of September, we had rent income of 34,439 from Mayas in Advo. The expenses were utilities 68 41 accounting, Michelle Diaz, 1500 legal to Councilor Ozan for 27 60 and landscaping to Garden Doctors for 9,747. The total expenses were 20,848, bringing that income for the month to 13,591. If you turn to the next page, you'll see that the cash went up by that 13,591, bringing the cash to 1 million 73 3 3 74. Here's what I found. I don't know

why the next page is our, can I go into the next schedule? Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Okay. Is the, uh, finance

Speaker 2 ([00:06:49](#)):

Next up at what

Speaker 5 ([00:06:50](#)):

Financial overview for the year, the previous months of January through July, I presented at, uh, prior meetings. August and September reflect the numbers that I just reviewed. Then we have our total year to date. The total year to date shows that our total revenue is three 27,927. Total expenses are two ten three hundred forty five. Net income as of September for the year is one 117,582. The next column shows the budget that was already adopted by this board early at the beginning of this year. And then we have the variance. So you'll see where we have quite a few, uh, line items that have pretty substantial variances. And although we are only at September and haven't yet completed the year, there were line items that the finance committee, um, with, with my, uh, advice have recommended that we revise, because we know that many of these numbers we're not going to meet even come December 31st. So the next page, um, is being presented to you to reflect the revised budget that the finance committee is recommending. So I'll go through, well, I'm sorry. I'll wait on that. That's a separate action. Item D. Should I wait on this, this schedule? Commissioner Tatum?

Speaker 4 ([00:08:23](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 5 ([00:08:24](#)):

Okay. So

Speaker 4 ([00:08:24](#)):

You want close out?

Speaker 5 ([00:08:25](#)):

So I, I'll close out my presentation with those first five pages. Uh, that's agenda item B. I'll, I'll stop there.

Speaker 1 ([00:08:35](#)):

Commissioners, the floor is open for item number BB

Speaker 5 ([00:08:42](#)):

Five, B five, B five B presentation of current financials. That's the five pages we just, we just reviewed.

Speaker 1 ([00:08:50](#)):

Any comments, any conversation around this, uh, financial, financial, uh, report a presentation. Okay. We can move on to five C Action items.

Speaker 2 ([00:09:03](#)):

Well, you accept the report, right? Motion to

Speaker 1 ([00:09:05](#)):

Accept. We don't, we don't need a motion to accept it

Speaker 2 ([00:09:08](#)):

To accept your financial

Speaker 1 ([00:09:09](#)):

Report. Report.

Speaker 2 ([00:09:10](#)):

I have it as, do I have it as, oh, okay. No, I don't, I don't have it in action item. Nevermind.

Speaker 1 ([00:09:15](#)):

Yeah. Okay. You could go on item number bc. Okay. You want to, Josh, you take it. You wanna answer those?

Speaker 4 ([00:09:23](#)):

The, um, outstanding obligation, that payment. So I think the only, um, payment obligation that we have recommend from the finance committee was Maria's, uh, invoice. And Maria, I'm not sure if

Speaker 2 ([00:09:41](#)):

It's just, it's a two month invoice as usual. So

Speaker 4 ([00:09:44](#)):

It's 4,000.

Speaker 2 ([00:09:45](#)):

Yeah, I don't have it in front. Seven

Speaker 4 ([00:09:47](#)):

\$2. Right. Um, and that was for two months of, but the finance committee recommends recommended to pay Maria's bill, um, invoice. I think she also sent it.

Speaker 5 ([00:10:00](#)):

And that was the only invoice that was presented that actually requires approval. The other invoices for utilities myself have been paid per the board's prior directive.

Speaker 1 ([00:10:14](#)):

Okay. Commissioners, you heard the recommendation. It's your pleasure. Commissioner. Commissioner Tatum. Motion to approve

Speaker 4 ([00:10:23](#)):

Second

Speaker 1 ([00:10:24](#)):

Motion by comm Commissioner Tatum to

Speaker 4 ([00:10:26](#)):

Approve. The Maria's

Speaker 1 ([00:10:28](#)):

Invoice for payment is second by Commissioner Jones.

Speaker 4 ([00:10:31](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 1 ([00:10:32](#)):

Any discussions on the motion? Commissioner Plum,

Speaker 6 ([00:10:40](#)):

Mr. Chair, do you send out the invoices that Ms. Um, Oza gets that she gets to you? Maria sent 'em

Speaker 4 ([00:10:48](#)):

Around.

Speaker 2 ([00:10:48](#)):

Yeah, I sent them to you and Michelle.

Speaker 4 ([00:10:51](#)):

Uh, I thought you, I didn't know if

Speaker 2 ([00:10:52](#)):

You sent it to

Speaker 4 ([00:10:53](#)):

The whole Yeah, I thought it was a big old thing that everybody's supposed to get. I didn't know you sent it. I

Speaker 2 ([00:10:56](#)):

Thought somebody sent it. Yeah, I always send 'em to just to you two.

Speaker 4 ([00:10:59](#)):

I didn't it to before the board. I appreciate Yeah. Yeah, I can I forward it to you now. I apologize for that because I, I thought she had sent it, Maria to the

Speaker 2 ([00:11:06](#)):

Yeah, no, I've always just sent it to you and Michelle,

Speaker 4 ([00:11:09](#)):

Apologies for that.

Speaker 2 ([00:11:10](#)):

So

Speaker 4 ([00:11:12](#)):

I'll forward that to you now.

Speaker 1 ([00:11:18](#)):

Any other, uh, comments to the motion? Alright, I think we're gonna take a roll call. Vote on this.

Speaker 2 ([00:11:27](#)):

No, it's just, it, it is not, it wasn't added to the, it wasn't added to the agenda. It was on the agenda. So you just vote.

Speaker 1 ([00:11:34](#)):

Okay. Without, I mean, <laugh>, yays, all, all,

Speaker 2 ([00:11:39](#)):

All, yeah.

Speaker 1 ([00:11:40](#)):

A aye. Any objections? I objection. I get the invoice. Okay. Any abstentions? How many EAs would that was that

Speaker 2 ([00:11:52](#)):

1, 2, 3, 4. Four, five.

Speaker 1 ([00:11:55](#)):

Motion. Motion passes with one, one. Uh, objection. All right. Item number five B. There's another action item. Adoption of resolution to 2024. Budget and revenues. Uh, Josh, you wanna take it?

Speaker 4 ([00:12:13](#)):

Uh, I think Michelle, if you want to take, since we were just hitting on that one. Sure. Okay. At the last page of your packet,

Speaker 5 ([00:12:21](#)):

If you'll turn to the last page, um, titled N-O-R-B-P operating budget year 2024. So the first column is the adopted budget. Um, exact same numbers that are on the previous sheet. Again, this is the budget that was adopted by this board at the beginning of this year. The revised budget reflects the, uh, work and, and decisions and recommendations that were made by the finance committee when we met on Wednesday. And so I'll go through these, um, where there are changes being recommended and provide, you know, whatever comments and insight I can as to what's driving the change. Um, the utilities reimbursement is one item I just want to address. Um, at the meeting we had discussed possibly needing to change that, but since then, um, I have had an opportunity to speak with both Meyers and Advo, and I feel very comfortable in speaking with them that they are going, they are in agreement. There is no pushback whatsoever on them remitting a reimbursement for the water bill. So, um, I'm recommending that we leave it at the 72,000 because I am fully expecting that, uh, between the two of them, we will collect the

remaining monies that are due for the, uh, utilities reimbursement. So the only change in the revenue line items would be the other income.

Speaker 2 ([00:13:47](#)):

I say this point that you and I discussed it per the directions of the finance committee. One of the things that we discovered was that Ivano has not put in that meter, that submeter count. It's not a submeter, it's a counter.

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

We just need to go see if

Speaker 2 ([00:14:01](#)):

They're No, they, so no, he

Speaker 4 ([00:14:03](#)):

Said they,

Speaker 2 ([00:14:03](#)):

They never did it even though the lease required it. So I did reach out to Miles to tell him. Um, but, but the, the good thing is the resolution will be that a hundred percent of the water bill will be paid. This is what, what, what we really need because you guys haven't used any water, so you shouldn't be paying for any. Um, so Ms. Diaz did a lot of negotiating and talking with them. And as a result between, as she's calculated between what Myers has agreed to pay and what Advo has said, that 100% percent of the bill will be covered. So I would be satisfied if a hundred percent of the bill is covered.

Speaker 7 ([00:14:41](#)):

Oh, that's great.

Speaker 2 ([00:14:41](#)):

And I will continue to work with Miles to say for as long as they are here, that they at least put in that separate counter that they're supposed to have.

Speaker 4 ([00:14:49](#)):

Thank you, Michelle, for doing that. That's, that's really great to hear.

Speaker 5 ([00:14:54](#)):

Now, Mr. Uh, Patrick Myers, he was, he said to convey to you all that, you know, I pay my bills, so let's just get through the numbers and I will absolutely pay whatever I owe. So again, I feel very confident between the two of them that will get the, the balance that remains so that we reach that \$72,000 total for the year of, uh, utility reimbursement. Uh, so the only, uh, revenue line item that does need to be revised is other income. Just a small adjustment. This is the \$150 per month that we had expected to receive from, from sum, from the Summas case. And some months, for whatever reason, we just have not received a payment. So I'm projecting another 300 will come in over the next two months, which will bring us to 1200. So, we'll, we're revising that by \$600.

Speaker 5 ([00:15:46](#)):

As far as the expenses with the insurance we've already paid now, uh, all of the insurance premiums for this year. So that 38, 37 that we just paid for directors and officers is the last payment for this year. The next payments don't come up until March. So the 61 500 is what we're recommending, which reflects pretty much what we've paid now for insurance. The reason we've had this big, uh, decrease, if you remember, uh, when Mr. Lewis brought the insurance, um, earlier this year, there was a, a big decline in the premium. We were all very surprised, but that's what it was. And so we, we are able to pick up 18,500 on that line item, repairs and maintenance, the finance committee is recommending that we decrease that from 50,000 to 30,000. So we are decreasing that by \$20,000.

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

I have a

Speaker 4 ([00:16:44](#)):

Question. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Why? Let's see. The repair, the repairs and maintenance mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 5 ([00:16:51](#)):

So the repairs and maintenance, right now we've spent, I'm just looking at the previous page. We've spent 24,000 oh 35. And so that's going to leave us roughly \$6,000 over the next two and a half months just for any repairs that should arise. And, and I do want to just state this would be completely separate from the CEA, you know, that we, we are anticipating those repairs are, will be on a completely separate budget. This is just normal repairs outside of the CEA budget. So that was the number that, uh, the finance committee felt was sufficient. It

Speaker 2 ([00:17:31](#)):

Is only for the year 2024, not going forward.

Speaker 5 ([00:17:36](#)):

So again, it leaves, it leaves us about \$6,000 left just in the next couple of months. Administrative services, the finance committee is recommending we decrease that all the way down to \$5,000. And this is just because we had, you know, really anticipated hiring someone very early on in the year. It was never done. And so now we are expecting that we will have someone maybe only for the month of December. And so \$5,000 would be, uh, a sufficient budget to cover that person for the month.

Speaker 4 ([00:18:11](#)):

And we'll be voting here in just a minute on that or mm-hmm

Speaker 5 ([00:18:15](#)):

<affirmative>. Security. Similarly, we had budgeted \$50,000 at the beginning of the year. Nothing has been spent on security, but they wanted, uh, the finance committee recommended leaving \$5,000 perhaps a, a, a gate may be installed or just some, some small security measure between now and the end of the year. So that, that's being brought down to 5,000 landscaping. So landscaping, the only funds that were incurred this year is the 9,747 that we just incurred last month with garden doctors. So the finance committee is recommending another \$5,000 or so for the next two months, which would bring that budget to 15. So the landscaping budget will be 15 instead of 45. Um, finance committee, I, I'm sorry, property committee members that are here. Um, I don't know if you've had any discussions of late regarding landscaping where you may want to weigh in, whether and the, the \$6,000 is roughly what we'll have left,

if you think that's sufficient to cover the last, you know, two, two months or so. We are at almost the end of October now, if that's sufficient to cover November and December. I don't know how, how far you all have gotten with landscaping.

Speaker 1 ([00:19:43](#)):

I just need some clarity. So our next meeting is two months. So December

Speaker 7 ([00:19:47](#)):

Mm-hmm

Speaker 5 ([00:19:48](#)):

<affirmative>.

Speaker 1 ([00:19:49](#)):

Okay. And so I just don't understand how property wouldn't have any recommendation Objection to repair security landscape with, especially with security. We know there's been theft at the property. Um, and I report it to the chair. I know that's probably gonna come in your report. So I don't know how we get to accepting this, this revised budget without hearing from the property chair. And, and so I don't know, I'm gonna let y'all finish, but I would hope that this is tabled. Uh, so I can hear from, uh, property chair.

Speaker 5 ([00:20:29](#)):

Yeah, I, I, I don't disagree with your thoughts at all. I, it, it would've been great to have, uh, maybe have that input from the property committee before the finance committee met. But when we met Wednesday, um, we, we, we just, we didn't have any information relayed to us that we needed to weigh in. So we were just basically just making our best guesses. But I I, I totally, um, don't object and I

Speaker 2 ([00:20:55](#)):

So you wanna table the whole this thing until, until December? Is that what you're saying?

Speaker 8 ([00:21:01](#)):

No, no.

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

Until, until

Speaker 8 ([00:21:02](#)):

We get to the, until the bottom of this meeting, he comes and give the report because he may say needed and then we can just fix the revised budget. Right.

Speaker 2 ([00:21:10](#)):

I'm gonna let him speak for himself. But I think that he wanted to do another meeting to get more details on what he needed. And that didn't happen yet, um, because of timing. But

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

Yeah, it's just waiting

Speaker 2 ([00:21:22](#)):

People

Speaker 1 ([00:21:23](#)):

To provide calls for estimates. That's only, so let's just, let's just wait till your report come. I'm let, um, okay. Ms. Diaz finish and then we'll get there.

Speaker 5 ([00:21:33](#)):

Okay. Contracted services. Um, we had it budgeted at 30,000 and we have not spent any of those dollars. Um, I think the 30,000 was just, um, when that was budgeted, we were looking at what was spent last year. We had spent money on appraisals and uh, uh, market reports. And so they were kind of using that as a basis, but we didn't have any of those expenses this year. So we really have not spent, um, we have not spent any of those dollars. Um, but, uh, \$1,250. And so with not, not foreseeing any additional contract services, that's what we're recommending is the revised budget, 1250. Uh, the legal is the one, one line item that we are recommending an increase. We had budgeted 30,000. Um, and we are anticipating by the end of the year, once, once all invoices and all are in that we will have spent 60,000. So that that line item will be a \$30,000 increase.

Speaker 6 ([00:22:42](#)):

And that's just for legal counsel?

Speaker 2 ([00:22:45](#)):

That's for the

Speaker 6 ([00:22:46](#)):

What brings the, um, increase the double

Speaker 2 ([00:22:48](#)):

That's for the past bills that we're still working on. And I will send all of them to you all in advance so you can review them all.

Speaker 6 ([00:22:55](#)):

So we are doubling

Speaker 2 ([00:22:57](#)):

It shouldn't exceed that. They wanted it's

Speaker 6 ([00:23:00](#)):

Doubling.

Speaker 2 ([00:23:00](#)):

Yeah, it's okay. Yeah, it's from like all of the advo stuff, but I will definitely send it to everybody to review

Speaker 5 ([00:23:15](#)):

The accounting and review is, uh, exactly where we anticipated it would be. Um, the pest control we have not incurred. I did send out an email to the, uh, property committee a few days ago recommending that they at least engage a pest control company to do a termite service. So I've left that \$2,000 there in, in anticipation that the property committee will be able to move on at least getting a, a termite treatment at the building and would be the budget 2000 for the telephone. The finance committee recommended just a small adjustment to \$1,000. Again, when we have the uh, uh, administrative service person to come on, we are anticipating bringing on telephone line. And also they wanted to leave some dollars there. That's at \$1,000 website hosting just a small adjustment to nine to 900, just decreasing it by \$120. And then we have the miscellaneous contingency, which is just to cover anything else that should arise that will remain at 5,000. So the total revised expenses is 293,650, which is \$157,570 less than what we had projected at the beginning of the year. And so that will bring our net income for the year. We had projected that we would have a \$33,080 surplus. We would now have a \$190,050 surplus. So the difference is an additional 1 56, 9 70.

Speaker 2 ([00:24:50](#)):

May I interrupt you one second. I just got an, I'm reading and I'm typing an email to Courtney. Um, and the Department of Economic Development. So the city always asks for this, um, before the CEA, they're wanting a, um, proof of workers' compensation insurance. NORP doesn't have workers' compensation insurance. I think that we might want to look, ask Noah how much it would cost to get that. Usually it's not that expensive. Although the other argument is you guys have no employees, therefore you really don't need workers' comp. Um, and I've made that argument successfully to the city before and, and I've filled out a different form. So we may be able to do that. But in this case, since you guys will be taking on maybe a contract person, although they would not be an employee, I mean we, I think maybe the first step might be to ask Noah how much it would cost to get workers' comp. And if it's not too expensive, you might want to add that. But I don't know how much it would cost for you guys.

Speaker 5 ([00:25:53](#)):

But also if we get to, to my knowledge, worker's comp is truly for employees. Yeah. This is a chicken and anything

Speaker 2 ([00:25:59](#)):

We don't have employees.

Speaker 5 ([00:26:00](#)):

It is truly for, I don't wanna pay for an insurance that we are not even if we had to put in a claim, they're gonna say, these are not employees.

Speaker 2 ([00:26:07](#)):

Well, I'm writing to them right now saying that we don't have employees that in or repeat. I just wanna say from my liability policy Yeah. That no, that's not what they want. I've had this argument on my own contracts with them. 'cause I do not have employees. I got so sick of having the argument that I bought workers' comp insurance even though I have no employees.

Speaker 1 ([00:26:24](#)):

What if,

Speaker 2 ([00:26:24](#)):

Because I just got tired of making the same argument constantly with the city.

Speaker 1 ([00:26:27](#)):

What if you add to your note, we'll waive subjugation or something like that.

Speaker 2 ([00:26:30](#)):

Look, I'm telling you <laugh>, I think we need to take two paths. One, we need to find out how much it would cost and no employees and, and, and maybe get it, even though we don't have employee. You don't have employees. And I'm also making the argument right now, that's what I was writing to her, that they have, you have no employees. I don't know how well it'll go over with them, but I got so sick of making that same argument all the time and I just got employees, workers' comp insurance.

Speaker 4 ([00:26:53](#)):

What about board and officers and where it covers the board?

Speaker 2 ([00:26:57](#)):

Yeah. That's not, not, that's not what they want. You know,

Speaker 5 ([00:27:00](#)):

Some sort of general liability type policy that would cover contracts because I think with the worker's comp, you know, there's a questionnaire they're going to mm-hmm <affirmative>. Even in my experience, they've even asked for like wage reports. We won't even

Speaker 2 ([00:27:14](#)):

Have that. No, you don't. I I've gotten it from my insurance broker. No, you

Speaker 5 ([00:27:18](#)):

Didn't ask for that?

Speaker 2 ([00:27:19](#)):

Mm-hmm.

Speaker 5 ([00:27:19](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 2 ([00:27:19](#)):

No, I can get it. I got it. It's really, it was really cheap and I was like, you know what, I'd rather spend the extra \$200 than have to do this every single time they send the contract for renewal. So, but I'm writing to her right now. I just wanted to give you a heads up. Okay. Alright. But I'm writing to Courtney right this minute.

Speaker 1 ([00:27:38](#)):

You completed your

Speaker 5 ([00:27:39](#)):

Yes, I've completed my presentation. So as you said, I'll defer now to,

Speaker 1 ([00:27:44](#)):

This is a commission decision. I made my comments regarding it. It is your pleasure, commissioners. So you can, uh, you can make your motions to accept and move on or you can hear from the property. Uh, chairman,

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

I, I would like to hear from property chairman maybe. I mean, if there's, if there's line items that we think that need to be increased. I, I, we we're all ears.

Speaker 1 ([00:28:10](#)):

You want a motion to table until after property committee report?

Speaker 4 ([00:28:14](#)):

Yeah, I can we do that.

Speaker 1 ([00:28:16](#)):

I accept that. Yeah. And, uh, second by Commissioner Jones. Without objection. We'll table this until after property committee. Alright. Right. Uh, commissioner Jefferson property chair. You're,

Speaker 5 ([00:28:33](#)):

So we're moving to item eight

Speaker 2 ([00:28:35](#)):

Without action on this

Speaker 5 ([00:28:39](#)):

Items since we

Speaker 1 ([00:28:40](#)):

Had

Speaker 2 ([00:28:41](#)):

Our

Speaker 1 ([00:28:41](#)):

Action was to table.

Speaker 2 ([00:28:42](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:28:43](#)):

We didn't have any objections.

Speaker 2 ([00:28:44](#)):

He gives report all, who's who's, who's moving the table it until then move. Josh.

Speaker 8 ([00:28:49](#)):

Josh. And,

Speaker 2 ([00:28:51](#)):

Okay. Thank you.

Speaker 8 ([00:28:51](#)):

Table it until after

Speaker 2 ([00:28:53](#)):

I got to

Speaker 8 ([00:28:53](#)):

Give us his information.

Speaker 2 ([00:28:54](#)):

I got you.

Speaker 8 ([00:28:55](#)):

We gotta make changes.

Speaker 2 ([00:28:56](#)):

I got you. Okay.

Speaker 9 ([00:29:00](#)):

I'm gonna pass this out to y'all. This is all for security services. I just got one today and I I got one Monday. That's the reason why we didn't have a property committee. I wanted to, um, I thought I would had time to get these three, um, everybody to look at first and then we schedule a property committee meeting. But it didn't happen that way. Sorry, wasn't on me. Um, this is two different, uh, security companies.

Speaker 2 ([00:29:22](#)):

May I say there was also a question, and I guess I should let you, uh, at the finance, at the finance committee by Commissioner Ola Farm, did they look at getting a fence and other things like that? Right. Remember, it's for security.

Speaker 9 ([00:29:35](#)):

That was I, huh?

Speaker 2 ([00:29:37](#)):

No, I think he, uh, you, you, was it Oliphant asked that you, did they talk about getting a fence?

Speaker 4 ([00:29:44](#)):

Well, it was just, that's what we were like wanting to keep in the budget. Right. If there was enough.

Speaker 2 ([00:29:49](#)):

Oh, and there was a suggestion at your meeting, um, that there'd be a joint committee meeting. We didn't mention that.

Speaker 3 ([00:29:54](#)):

Yeah, we'll probably mention it after.

Speaker 2 ([00:29:56](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 9 ([00:30:02](#)):

Um, like I said, I want, I thought I would had time to review

Speaker 2 ([00:30:05](#)):

It. Oh, I'm sorry. Um, commissioner, I mean, chairperson Hughes said that he will be here in about 10 minutes. Okay. And if he's not here, please recess. Don't adjourn. Okay.

Speaker 9 ([00:30:23](#)):

I don't have a recommendation on this yet. Like I said, I just got both of them. Oh, I just got one of 'em. So I don't, I didn't have time to compare the two. But, um, this is from, uh, protection one force protection one and another from, uh, security statewide. Security Patrol enforcement. And basically it's just a, um, estimates for the amount of time they would be on site. When I spoke to both of them, both, um, companies, I asked if like, basically the cheapest service is for them to do a patrol for the car. They're not there all night or whatever, uh, period. We select they'll pass by, make sure the property is fine. Leave and they'll make multiple passes that night. Um, for a total of three passes within a four hour, uh, window. Um, like I said, I haven't had time to review these or make a recommendation.

Speaker 9 ([00:31:12](#)):

I would like it to go to the property committee first before we make a recommendation. But just this, just to give y'all the idea of the, um, the cost for the different services. Um, the other item I reached out to two, two landscaping companies. Only one actually provided something that they provided in 30 minutes before I got here. So I don't have that, uh, that printout. The total, I didn't get a chance to actually go through it. It's RCI the company and the total for yearly services, that'd be 24 cuts. Uh, came in around the \$21,000 range. But again, I still wanna recommend anything for, because I didn't have any, um, chance to actually review the doctors out. I'll forward that to, um, I email that to everybody. Um, so they get a chance. And you said 21 cuts? No, 24 cuts. 24 cuts. 24 cuts average.

Speaker 2 ([00:32:22](#)):

I just wanna make sure, but I thought you were talking about security right now. We're supposed to be talking about security right now. I'm

Speaker 9 ([00:32:31](#)):

Sorry. The first one was security and then landscape.

Speaker 2 ([00:32:35](#)):

Did he talk about a gate? I didn't hear that part because you asked about a gate.

Speaker 4 ([00:32:39](#)):

No, I was just, we were just talking in finance. <laugh>. I wasn't saying like, we actually

Speaker 2 ([00:32:44](#)):

Live on a gate. Okay. Okay. All right. I'm just confused.

Speaker 1 ([00:32:46](#)):

Chairman Jefferson, sir, will you give us an overview before you go into this? So, so you have done work as a chair to find quotes for different line items. The property chair or property committee believes we need services in. Correct. And then you have here you have security landscaping. Who's this? And that's it. Two.

Speaker 9 ([00:33:12](#)):

Two. Both of those are securities. So landscaping I didn't receive until 30 minutes ago. Okay. By email. Okay.

Speaker 2 ([00:33:20](#)):

Okay. And so you were about to tell them what you found, what you got in landscaping.

Speaker 9 ([00:33:24](#)):

Landscaping. It was from one company, which was RCI reached out to RCI and, uh, RR and P, which is our previous landscaper.

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

Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 9 ([00:33:33](#)):

I reached out to 'em. And RC i's on, like I said, the only one that responded back with an actual, uh, estimate. And that was 30 minutes before I came in. And the total is for annual \$21,556. But I didn't get a chance to thoroughly go through.

Speaker 1 ([00:33:51](#)):

Will you yield second? Yes. Commissioner Plumber.

Speaker 6 ([00:33:56](#)):

Okay. I missed the, um, property committee meeting because I had an emergency. I was never called to let know what happened. And then meeting to update. So I never knew anything about a security. You, I'm always on and about guard doctors, have they been paid and in their contract. And, um, I want to know about this stuff. Now, when it comes to the security, uh, did you send out a report that we were looking for security and submit over? I never got any saying from

Speaker 9 ([00:34:38](#)):

Property. No. After the meeting, there was, um, that landscaping, um, sorry, rent, I believe was for security defensive. And we had one other that, um, do you remember where it was something that you wasn't take care of? I think,

Speaker 1 ([00:35:03](#)):

If you don't mind, I'll ask more context. Go first. Go ahead. Uh, we don't

Speaker 3 ([00:35:07](#)):

Have, for these services, I'm asking a question.

Speaker 1 ([00:35:15](#)):

Depends a dollar amount.

Speaker 2 ([00:35:19](#)):

Yeah. I mean, best practices are always to get at least three. Um, I don't wanna say bids. 'cause bid makes it like a legal, it's not a public bid quote quotes. Right. It's not a public bid. Okay. Because it doesn't, if you're not over, I think it's 250,000. It's not a public bid. But there's best practices which, which actually our CPA can even talk about more. 'cause that's what legislative auditor looks at on what are best practices. Correct. Yes.

Speaker 5 ([00:35:50](#)):

And we have,

Speaker 2 ([00:35:51](#)):

So that

Speaker 5 ([00:35:52](#)):

At least three phone bids, that's been the,

Speaker 2 ([00:35:55](#)):

You know, when it comes to physical labor, not professionals because they look at professional services and then physical labor is different. So when you're looking at physical labor, they usually look for three, you know, something like that. But it's not. No, you don't have to put out a bid

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

Commission of plumber.

Speaker 6 ([00:36:14](#)):

Okay. I thought I still had the four.

Speaker 1 ([00:36:15](#)):

Yes, you do, ma'am. I'm

Speaker 6 ([00:36:16](#)):

Sorry. Um, as a member of the committee, I would've appreciated to have a follow up. And the reason why I'm saying that is because I see this force one, if you do your investigation on Force one, you know that Force One is the same group that's got into the hot water with Lincoln Beach. The woman who's the project manager at Lincoln Beach gave this guy the contract. She even lied and said that nobody else, first she said nobody submitted a bid. Then she said two other people submitted a bid and, uh, they were too high. But then when they started investigating, there was only one person that submitted the bid. And the council were very upset because the people that submitted the bid, they missed two blocks that they didn't. And JP Morell and, um, Helena Moreno as, as well as the public, were incensed that that could have been handled on phone call. But instead they, she gave Ms. Robles, who's the project manager for <inaudible>, she gave this contract to this guy by Mississippi.

Speaker 6 ([00:37:42](#)):

And if you check him out, this guy has been, um, gotten racist comp, um, complaints when he was over Gordon Plaza. He has changed. He's been in several lawsuits. He has changed his name several times and have variations of this force one. So I think you all need to do your investigation. And since I was not told I wanna recommend LR Security, put that on a list. You can just do your investigation on l and r Security. But this Force one is being given contract and I really don't like it. They're subverting the DBE laws to give him these contracts and he's not the best.

Speaker 9 ([00:38:41](#)):

What? Um, we, I, we didn't select anyone. That's why I said that's just, that's one of the

Speaker 6 ([00:38:46](#)):

<crosstalk> I know, but I I, I would've loved to have, um, gotten a follow up so that I can recommend as well.

Speaker 1 ([00:38:54](#)):

Chairman Jefferson, if that, is that something you can, going forward, is that something you can supply your committee members with? Like just a I'm not expecting something like this, but maybe like a quick

Speaker 6 ([00:39:07](#)):

A phone call?

Speaker 1 ([00:39:09](#)):

Yeah. What do you think? A phone. Okay. Okay. You have the full vaccine. Um,

Speaker 9 ([00:39:17](#)):

That's actually security. And then, like I said, when asking, you can talk about guard doctors.

Speaker 6 ([00:39:21](#)):

Yeah. I wanted to know about garden doctors. We happens the garden doctors and, um, the full scope of what happens with doctors. The chairs. Yeah. And if by chance Dock does Sue, I'll be a witness for, I I want that on the record. I,

Speaker 9 ([00:39:50](#)):

I don't, but as far as additional, um, pricing, that's what I was <inaudible>. And so that's why I reached out to, um, three different, um, landscapers, but only one actually sent something back. R and if

Speaker 6 ([00:40:07](#)):

I remember r the same one that's submitted like two weeks later. Yes.

Speaker 1 ([00:40:17](#)):

Okay. You can finish your report. Let the record reflect at 3 43, our fearless leader Chairman Hug has entered the meeting, uh, until you can finish your property committee report. And then we have an item to go back to on the, uh, finance committee.

Speaker 2 ([00:40:33](#)):

But you're gonna hand the gamble over to the chair.

Speaker 1 ([00:40:36](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 2 ([00:40:36](#)):

So Chairman Hughes, um, they, the board voted to table the adoption of the 2024 revisions and budgets, uh, to the budget and tell chairman, commissioner Jefferson finishes his report. So that's what he's talking about when he finishes his report, they need to go back to that item, which is item five D,

Speaker 5 ([00:40:58](#)):

Which is, uh, the very last page of the financial packet, um, to your right.

Speaker 2 ([00:41:04](#)):

Yeah. Okay. Sorry.

Speaker 1 ([00:41:11](#)):

That's

Speaker 9 ([00:41:11](#)):

It. Any questions for the question? I would like to have a property committee meeting as soon as we can to, um, actually review these

Speaker 3 ([00:41:22](#)):

Question. Commissioner. Um, so the bids that you have, are you going to try to get some more before the property committee meeting?

Speaker 9 ([00:41:33](#)):

Yeah, I'm have at least three each one only have two full security. I'm gonna look into Eleanor security.

Speaker 3 ([00:41:42](#)):

Um, um, I, I'll ask submit proposal, but we also need pro, um, going doctors to put in a proposal. Correct. Are are we gonna ask, I

Speaker 10 ([00:41:55](#)):

I'll address that later in

Speaker 1 ([00:41:58](#)):

Chairman Jefferson, I'm sorry, chairman, uh, Hugh.

Speaker 10 ([00:42:04](#)):

I'll address that later

Speaker 1 ([00:42:05](#)):

In. Can I, before sir?

Speaker 10 ([00:42:07](#)):

Oh,

Speaker 1 ([00:42:08](#)):

I'm sorry. Yeah, I was chair Tucker. So, um, I I wanted to add some context to your report, but Michelle, to your report, I know that we did meet, we had quorum and uh, uh, vice chair of the committee, uh, commissioner Plum was in, wasn't able to attend. I think you excused our absence. Um, but I know we, we didn't discuss that we were gonna go do the work and then come to the commission Correct. With this. Correct.

Speaker 1 ([00:42:44](#)):

And that's what I think we're getting a little thrown off because we were gonna have a subsequent meeting that you were gonna call. Correct. And, and, and as a committee, we were gonna then say, okay, we think this could work. We think no, with this, we don't want this to come, this commission to avoid this. And then we were have some solid recommendations. So somehow we evaded a second meeting. Uh, and I don't know if you want to address that, but I, I don't know. I I think this, this is really throwing a commission for one, because we got quotes and recommendations. No, we don't have recommendations, but I'm saying the

Speaker 9 ([00:43:22](#)):

Reason that Yes, the reason we didn't have the meeting is because the estimates came in so too

Speaker 2 ([00:43:27](#)):

Late mm-hmm <affirmative>. So, may I say something please?

Speaker 10 ([00:43:30](#)):

Uh, if if it's legal in nature

Speaker 2 ([00:43:31](#)):

Yeah. Just that it would, it's rie.

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

Ms. Diaz wanted the floor.

Speaker 2 ([00:43:35](#)):

Right. And it was for Ms. Diaz. 'cause Yeah.

Speaker 10 ([00:43:37](#)):

Comm, let me get Commissioner Jones and then I'll let the consultants job Commissioner Jones,

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

Um, when we tabled the revision on the budget was just to get some ideas of what the property committee would think that they need to make sure we meet their needs in the budget. That's it. We weren't really looking to do anything with this. We just want to know, do we have enough money in the revised budget to cover what they may need? That's it.

Speaker 2 ([00:44:09](#)):

And chair, I was just that actually, she just said what I was gonna say. I was trying to get you guys back on track legally on your agenda. Thank you. That, that's all. The only reason why we were talking was to get a number.

Speaker 5 ([00:44:19](#)):

I just wanted to, um, state that if we were to wait until the property committee does meet before we move to formally adopt the revision, we would need to do that very quickly. Um, adopting a revised budget in the month of December, which is when we're next. And I'm not even sure if there is a meeting with the, the, um, holiday event, but even if it were, and that's just too late to adopt a revised budget. So I just want to make sure that we are all on the same page, that if we are going to now wait for the property committee before we adopt this revised budget that we worked on on Wednesday, it would need to happen very quickly.

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

Alright. Thank you. Um, any further report? Chairman Jefferson, any additional questions? Thank you very much. Uh, item number seven, legal report. Um, action item authorization for NOR BP Special Counsel to draft a request for qualifications.

Speaker 2 ([00:45:16](#)):

Wait,

Speaker 10 ([00:45:17](#)):

I'm, I'm sorry.

Speaker 2 ([00:45:17](#)):

We didn't, did, was there an action item to adopt the budget?

Speaker 10 ([00:45:21](#)):

We have to go back to that.

Speaker 2 ([00:45:22](#)):

That's what we needed to do.

Speaker 10 ([00:45:24](#)):

Madam Counsel. I'm gonna go back to that.

Speaker 2 ([00:45:26](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 10 ([00:45:27](#)):

It's been tabled. We'll go back to it before we adjourn.

Speaker 2 ([00:45:31](#)):

Okay. So they specifically in their motion said tabling it until after the property committee report. That's what their motion said.

Speaker 10 ([00:45:36](#)):

And it will be after the property report.

Speaker 2 ([00:45:38](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 10 ([00:45:39](#)):

Did they say immediately after the property?

Speaker 2 ([00:45:41](#)):

Yeah. Well,

Speaker 10 ([00:45:42](#)):

No, they just say that. Okay. It will be after.

Speaker 2 ([00:45:44](#)):

Okay. Sorry. Thank you.

Speaker 10 ([00:45:49](#)):

Agenda item number seven, authorization for N-O-R-V-P. Special counsel to draft a request for qualifications to engage a certified project manager credential as a project management professional or certified construction manager by the Project Management Institute. Or similar credential to manage all capital improvements paid in haul or in part with the funds dispense pursuant to the proposed cooperative endeavor agreement by between the City of New Orleans and further authorized and or RBP to issue, said RFQ in a manner to be determined by the Board of Commissioners, uh, of the N-O-R-B-P commissioners. As you know, this is a requirement of the arc of funds. Madam Council, is there anything you'd like to add?

Speaker 2 ([00:46:31](#)):

No, you, you've said it all.

Speaker 10 ([00:46:33](#)):

Commissioners, what's your pleasure?

Speaker 6 ([00:46:36](#)):

In layman's terms, what does this say?

Speaker 10 ([00:46:39](#)):

Um, part of the requirement, um, vice chair plumber is a, a condition of the funds from the city to 1.5 million in the CEA. Um, it specifically requires NRBP, uh, to engage a project manager. So this will simply allow the council to draft the, uh, RFQ, but it would have to come to the board for approval before it's advertised.

Speaker 6 ([00:47:08](#)):

Okay. And what I think I read it was only gonna be approved by the finance committee,

Speaker 10 ([00:47:14](#)):

The RFQ? Yeah, no, this will absolutely have to be

Speaker 6 ([00:47:18](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 10 ([00:47:19](#)):

Approved by board Finance can definitely vet it, but the final RFQ would've to be approved by board. Any additional questions? Uh, what's your pleasure? Objection, <inaudible>. Uh, moved by Chairman Tatum, seconded by, uh, chairman Jefferson. Um, this is a, uh, resolution. Madam Secretary, please call the role

Speaker 3 ([00:47:49](#)):

Commissioner Jeffers? Yes. Commissioner Jones? Yes. Commissioner Poer? Yes. Commissioner Taylor? Yes. Secretary Bennett? Yes. Vice chair Tucker?

Speaker 10 ([00:48:06](#)):

Yes. Chairman Hug? Yes. Seven years. No names in that.

Speaker 2 ([00:48:11](#)):

Um, and chair? Uh, just a part of my report, I wanted to just give, if you don't mind. Um, yeah, at this point as I just you, before you came in, I got an email from Courtney, um, asking, saying that the, basically they're ready to, to get this approved by the 28th of October, the CEA, but they're now requesting as they requesting everything, Workers' compensation insurance. Um, and I explained to them just now in an email that, you know, where Fee does not have any employees, but I also explained before you came in the board may wanna just go ahead and get workers' comp insurance. Uh, uh, because this is an argument that you have to make with the city every single time, which I have every time I signed a contract and I finally gave up and got workers' compensation insurance, even though I don't have employees. 'cause it's not very expensive. Um, so I wanted the board to be ready for that in case they decide to go either way, either get the insurance or if they don't, if they don't accept my argument. And, um, the other thing is I'm gonna be sending you guys just a written memo explaining very detailed, the

whole public bid process, and I'll send it to you all so you all can all read it and have any questions by the next meeting. So you guys understand what you need to do, uh, for that.

Speaker 3 ([00:49:26](#)):

Um, so that, that comes into play with the budget because we did it just on the insurances that's already been paid right. Throughout the year. So that may have to be adjusted also if we need to purchase another insurance before the right. Would that be before the year out or,

Speaker 2 ([00:49:43](#)):

Yes, it would be January.

Speaker 3 ([00:49:44](#)):

Okay. So we'd have to purchase another insurance. So would, uh, we did leave a few dollars in there. Right. But I don't think that would be enough to cover.

Speaker 2 ([00:49:53](#)):

I I know workers' comp is usually very inexpensive, um, especially if you don't have any employees, but I don't know for you all, for me it's like \$200 for the year, but I don't know how much it would be for you guys.

Speaker 6 ([00:50:06](#)):

Mr. <inaudible>, how do we get past the idea of spending taxpayers money and spending the public's money for something we don't need?

Speaker 2 ([00:50:16](#)):

Well, their argument is that you could need it as you start to build up your, um, your, your, I guess your, your business here, your operations here. So they want it in advance. They want it in place. But I'm arguing with them that you, I, I put it, I already started argument with Courtney now, so I I guess it's just really right now, if you guys need to, since you're not meeting until December, if you just wanna put a few other, a couple thousand in your budget to cover it, just in case. But I'm gonna be making that argument that we don't, that you don't need it. Um, does that

Speaker 10 ([00:50:58](#)):

Complete your report?

Speaker 2 ([00:50:59](#)):

Yeah, the email just came to me while I was in the meeting, so I haven't had a chance to flush anything out. That concludes the report.

Speaker 10 ([00:51:05](#)):

Any additional, uh, questions? Alright, uh, agenda item number eight, request for qualifications for administrative services. Uh, action item authorization for N-O-R-B-P to approve and issue request for qualifications for contract labor services to serve in an administrative capacity. Uh, commissioners, let me apologize to Chairman Tatum. And to you. This matter went before the finance committee. Um, not at the most recent meeting, but the meeting before that. And Chairman Tatum had an excused absence at the board meeting. I neglected to put this item on the agenda. Um, so that was my, my fault. And so, um, this

is to approve an issue in RFQ for contract labor services to serve in the administrative chairman. Tatum, anything you want to add?

Speaker 4 ([00:51:50](#)):

No, just, I sent the RFQ to everybody, um, copy of it. Um, pretty straightforward of all the services that they would administer or they could be individual or an organization that submits to the RFQ. We would post it, of course, on the website as well as send it to all organizations and, uh, chambers and so forth to help support passing, uh, this along. So like we've done in the past. And then the, uh, deadline for submissions would be that we currently have Is November the 15th? No, November 30th. Sorry.

Speaker 3 ([00:52:26](#)):

Okay. Commissioner <inaudible>. So what's the date that all this is gonna be posted? Soon as it's

Speaker 4 ([00:52:33](#)):

Soon. As soon as it's approved. Approved.

Speaker 3 ([00:52:34](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 10 ([00:52:37](#)):

Any additional questions? Um, commissioner McClum,

Speaker 6 ([00:52:42](#)):

Well call me conspiracy theorist or somebody who always has something to say. I'll always have something to say. When this board was restructured, when I state that Jeff Schwartz is trying to take over this board and placing people in these positions as commissions, one of their, um, goals were to get an organization to take over the operations of this administrative operations or whatever. I've even been contacted by a couple of people that was telling me about it, was trying to sell it to me. And I thought we were going to be going back to how we had, why we not hiring the executive director with a staff person. Why we turn to our operations, to these companies to come and take over. That's my thing. And I think your organizational disrespect, um, uh, commissioner Tatum was pushing for that.

Speaker 4 ([00:53:55](#)):

Well, if I could, uh, add to that, as I mentioned, uh, it can be at individual or an organization that submits. So it can be someone that's there on that submits or an organization. So again, the RQ writes as it can be anybody that is working on their own that wants to submit for, to be administrative service or an organization. So just to make that clear.

Speaker 10 ([00:54:23](#)):

Thank you. Uh, any further conversation, um, discussion or questions?

Speaker 2 ([00:54:29](#)):

May I just say, I think you, you <laugh>

Speaker 10 ([00:54:31](#)):

Legal related? Is it legal related? It

Speaker 2 ([00:54:34](#)):

Was just on the publication. He had, they had also discussed where they were gonna publish it. That's all

Speaker 10 ([00:54:38](#)):

We, we, I

Speaker 2 ([00:54:39](#)):

Think we're

Speaker 10 ([00:54:39](#)):

Clear on that.

Speaker 2 ([00:54:40](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 10 ([00:54:40](#)):

Thank you. Any further? Um, discussion? If not, what should plan Chairman? Uh, vice chair. I, i Motion to accept item number eight. A action item. Alright, motion to approve by chair, vice chair Tucker

Speaker 8 ([00:54:56](#)):

Second.

Speaker 10 ([00:54:56](#)):

Second by Commissioner Jones. Madam Secretary, please call parole

Speaker 3 ([00:55:05](#)):

Commissioner Jefferson? Yes. Commissioner Jones?

Speaker 8 ([00:55:08](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 3 ([00:55:09](#)):

Commissioner Plumber. I stay as it's written. Commissioner Taylor?

Speaker 7 ([00:55:16](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 3 ([00:55:17](#)):

Secretary Bennett? Yes. Vice chair Tucker?

Speaker 10 ([00:55:21](#)):

Yes, ma'am.

Speaker 3 ([00:55:22](#)):

Chairman Hughes?

Speaker 10 ([00:55:23](#)):

Yes. Six days, no nay. One abstention. And that motion carries.

Speaker 7 ([00:55:51](#)):

Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker 10 ([00:55:57](#)):

Um, agenda item number nine, landscaping maintenance contract. Uh, commissioners. Let me try to put, um, this into perspective. Um, at the end of this year, um, at least five of our terms will expire. Um, so anyone that's interested in being reappointed to another two year term, please start talking to your appointing authority. I've asked the council to, uh, get that list of those of us that are expiring in December. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. <affirmative>. Um, but I know for sure it's myself, commissioner Bennett, commissioner Jefferson, commissioner Plummer, commissioner Tatum, commissioner Tucker. We're, we're all expiring for sure. Um, it has been a joy to, to serve along with you. It was never my intent to stay perpetually. I just wanted to come and see why, um, this board always went to funk and try to help. And I, I think we've had the strongest board that we've ever had.

Speaker 10 ([00:56:48](#)):

And, uh, I will not be returning to the board in, in January. I have enough on my plate and I think I've done what I, uh, have been tasked to do as the board enters the next phase. Um, and, and really concentrates on spending, um, significant dollars regarding capital improvements. Uh, I'm trying to get as much low hanging fruit out of the way, um, before the new board leadership takes place in uh, January. Um, with that said, the, the landscape and maintenance contract, uh, we have not had a long term landscape and maintenance contract. Um, we've had to procure an emergency contract, which cost us \$10,000. Um, so, you know, guard doctors expressed an interest of wanting to have a long term maintenance contract. Um, the cost of what they're proposing is, is before you, um, \$2,400. That includes two cuts per month. Uh, they only do a two cut minimum.

Speaker 10 ([00:57:52](#)):

I asked if they could do one per month with the option of a second. They said no. I wanna be clear. I'm not, I have not called any of you. I have not pulled any of you and I'm not forcing this down your throats. Um, so this is for your consideration if you would prefer the table. I know, uh, commissioner Jefferson said he's in the process of, of, of soliciting bids. And if that's the way the board wants to go, I'm, I'm completely fine with that. Um, so that is what's before you, uh, I'm happy to answer questions and and entertain discussion. Commissioner, chairman, Tate,

Speaker 4 ([00:58:28](#)):

Just a quick question on the monthly maintenance, um, on the fees, um, if I remember correctly, is there, was there an issue with doing a flat fee for services or, I can't remember, I just wanna make sure, I mean the, the price feels fine, but just from a standpoint, was there an issue that we had to have it broken down for the services by,

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

I think he just said it to cut some.

Speaker 10 ([00:59:02](#)):

So are you, are you referring to the description? Like how he has turf maintenance, bed maintenance, crevices got

Speaker 4 ([00:59:11](#)):

Description. Oh, nevermind. I see it now. Okay. I'm sorry. I, sorry. No, no, no. I see the, I see the breakdown now.

Speaker 10 ([00:59:17](#)):

So this is a flat, this is a flat feet away. He breaks it down. It's just the way his company breaks it down. I, I

Speaker 4 ([00:59:23](#)):

See the front now how they, okay, nevermind.

Speaker 10 ([00:59:26](#)):

Chairman, uh,

Speaker 1 ([00:59:27](#)):

Vice chair. So I, I'm not sure what debris control means versus debris disposal. Uh, because some of the cuts, uh, historically, recently have been, uh, some of the, the, the cut, the clippings has been left, some has been hauled off. Uh, and I'm sure it costs a lot to haul that stuff off and dispose of it at a landfill. But if it's, if we are, if we need to pay for 10 loaves to get it to a certain point, I hope that would, would have been presented because once something aesthetically, uh, pleasing to me as a commissioner, and when you leave the clippings, it doesn't look, it doesn't look good. But they cut. I was, I was out there, uh, kind of like the point guy for the commission and uh, they did a better job than before, but I'm, I'm, I'm just not over the top about it. Uh, probably because of the debris and stuff like that, but they, they cut a lot better than they did before. Uh, so that, that concerns me. The debris control and then the way they aggregate the 15, the two cuts per month, if in December we only need like, can we carry over like our cuts, so if we, in December it is just, it's winter. The grass ain't growing at all. Can we carry that, that cut over that one extra cut over to No, the months where it would

Speaker 10 ([01:01:08](#)):

No, I would ask them that. It's not, it's not bank. You can't bank. Gotcha. So it's two two per month. That's his, um mm-hmm <affirmative>. That's the way it's structured. Let me, let me just say a couple things respectfully. I definitely appreciate, you know, you vice chair on things to be aesthetically plea, um, the negligence of, of us allowing the grass to become a forest. So certainly not aesthetically pleasing and true and we allow that to happen. Um, when you allow grass to accumulate over one year period, I could only conjecture that the, you know, hauling off that amount, uh, of negligence is, is probably, um, a challenge. Uh, I I would suspect that it's much easier to, you know, haul off grass when it's at a much more manageable level. But again, I wanna be clear, I'm not, I'm not shoving this contract down the throats of the commission, but I will say I'm a bit frustrated that this matter has lingered for so long. And so I'm simply pre pre presenting an option, um, since one has not been presented for over a year. And what I don't want us to give back to, because it's grossly unfair to tenants who are paying rent that we allow the grass to get unmanageable. It, it is just not fair. And so something has to be done. Again, if the board does not feel comfortable today, it is my hope that this matter is gonna be handled expeditiously. But after December, that will be someone that across the bay commissioner better.

Speaker 3 ([01:02:41](#)):

I'd like to make a motion that we table this until the property committee meets and they look over the rest of

Speaker 10 ([01:02:49](#)):

The contracts that have been submitted. Motion by Commissioner Betters. There Second. Second by Chairman Jefferson, is there any objection to table? I'm objecting to all of that. Alright, madam. Uh, secretary, please call. Can I comment to the motion? Sure. I

Speaker 1 ([01:03:06](#)):

I do Vice chair. Thank you sir. It, I don't like the term the, the language of whenever the property committee meets. I, I need the property committee to meet because then that means we somewhere in the top of the next year. So can I get a verbal commitment from you, sir? A proper chair that we will meet within the next weeks and we will resolve this within the next weeks. Okay. Thank you.

Speaker 10 ([01:03:30](#)):

Alright. Um, the motion before us now is to table, um, this, uh, contract. Um, Madam Secretary, please call the role the yes vote will be detained. A no vote be to not take. Commissioner Jefferson? Yes. Commissioner Jones?

Speaker 8 ([01:03:47](#)):

No.

Speaker 3 ([01:03:48](#)):

Commissioner Ab <affirmative>. Commissioner Tatum? No. Commissioner Bennett? Yes. Vice chair Tucker?

Speaker 10 ([01:04:03](#)):

Yes. Chairman Hughes? No. Uh, three a's three nays, one abstention. And that motion fails. Um, my gut tells me, but that covers all this today. So I'll let this, uh, item lie over. Uh, with that, um, we will go back to five eight. Um, adoption of revisions to 2024 budget and revenue was Chairman Tatum and Ms. Diaz.

Speaker 4 ([01:04:38](#)):

And I think to some of these numbers I mean, definitely wanna wait until property, until some of these ally security for sure. On some of 'em. Um, I think we got what in here for security? 5K. I mean, my biggest thing is do we feel confident that we're gonna get a contract by the end of the year? Because in December we have to have the bar. Even, even if we get a contract and some of it's paid out, it's fine. But I, I just would hate for us to get deemed again on a audit for something so simple of a variance

Speaker 10 ([01:05:16](#)):

Contract For what?

Speaker 4 ([01:05:18](#)):

Uh, like a security, uh, contract. Or even, I

Speaker 10 ([01:05:23](#)):

Mean the, the reality is, to your point, chairman Tatum, I think the board meeting was scheduled for December 21st. First somewhat. Yeah. So by the time the contract is subsequently drafted and signed, it'd be January. It it, the, the reality is it won't be January until Right. It actually starts

Speaker 5 ([01:05:41](#)):

Right, right, right. For, for the purposes of this budget, the contract doesn't have to be signed or That's true. We just need to know what we need the budget to be. Right. So we either decide to move forward with what we've discussed and recommended on Wednesday, or we table this until after the finance committee meets to get their input to see if any of these numbers should be adjusted. But again, that meeting would have to take place with the finance committee very shortly after the finance, the property committee meets within the next two weeks at the latest. But

Speaker 10 ([01:06:17](#)):

Help me understand if we're not contract signed or not, if we're not gonna be spending any additional money. Because the reality is if the contract is not signed, we're not gonna be spending an additional money. What is the point of revising the budget for money? We're not spending in this budget year?

Speaker 4 ([01:06:34](#)):

'cause any contract would still have to come amongst the board for the December board meeting. Correct. For services.

Speaker 10 ([01:06:42](#)):

Services that are taking in effect in January. That's right.

Speaker 8 ([01:06:46](#)):

So you're gonna approve the contract in December for January?

Speaker 10 ([01:06:50](#)):

I'm just,

Speaker 8 ([01:06:51](#)):

I'm, I'm, I'm just, I'm

Speaker 10 ([01:06:53](#)):

Trying to get clear. 'cause if you don't, and I, I mean the board will decide. We went to an every other month schedule. Technically the board wouldn't

Speaker 2 ([01:07:00](#)):

Until February. Budget

Speaker 10 ([01:07:02](#)):

Board would decide. Supposed to meet in January. I don't know when the board is gonna meet. So I guess that's something Commissioner Jones that needs to be taken under the advisor.

Speaker 8 ([01:07:14](#)):

My only concern is if we think we have enough money to cover security that's sitting in here right now and landscaping that's sitting in here right now, then we don't have to move. We don't have to change anything. We just want, if we want our budget to just look like it's supposed to, if we have whatever that is, 5,000 for security, if we have that in place, that's enough money or then I'm fine. We just leave. We just go down and approve this as is

Speaker 10 ([01:07:42](#)):

Commissioner Jones

Speaker 9 ([01:07:44](#)):

Based off of the commission received so far on security and landscaping, including, I don't think we're gonna go over what we have budget, right? Oh, good. We do. I mean something

Speaker 4 ([01:08:03](#)):

I feel like landscaping, we, we'd be good for the year, even if we Same with

Speaker 9 ([01:08:06](#)):

Crew, because Right, right now the monthly it may be, um, thousand. Yeah. From these two

Speaker 8 ([01:08:17](#)):

I

Speaker 7 ([01:08:19](#)):

Commissioner,

Speaker 8 ([01:08:20](#)):

Uh, I think we need to move and accept this budget division as is. Yeah. And um,

Speaker 3 ([01:08:28](#)):

Commissioner, if we do come up with a cost for insurance, that may be about \$3,000 and it's not covered here. What would happen? There could go under another line item or you can just move the money back or whatever.

Speaker 5 ([01:08:42](#)):

No, at that point, um, I was looking at that. So if, if the workers' comp is not a huge number mm-hmm <affirmative>. If it goes to say 63,000, we'll, because that's a large line item, the variance will still be less than 5%. So we are okay.

Speaker 7 ([01:08:58](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 5 ([01:08:59](#)):

As long as the workers' comp is not a huge number, which council is saying it won't be. It be. So we'll be okay with that. Be and I'm, I'm comfortable moving forward with adopting the revised budget as we, uh, formulated it on Wednesday.

Speaker 10 ([01:09:16](#)):

Alright. Any additional questions with discussion? If not, motion of pleasure.

Speaker 8 ([01:09:23](#)):

I thought I made a motion to accept what they done. The fines.

Speaker 10 ([01:09:31](#)):

Motion by Commissioner Jones to adopt the revised budget. Second by Commissioner Bennett. Is there any objection? Without objection? So ordered. Um, there'll be no other business. Um, just a couple housekeeping items. Madam Council, as soon as possible, if you can identify the commissioners that are expiring December 31st. Okay. Um, they will need to get reappointment letters prior to January one, uh, commissioners. At the next board meeting, uh, we will be elected officers, uh, pursuant to the bylaws. Um, I'm ineligible to run again. Commissioner Bennett is ineligible to run again for her current position. Um, so just keep that in mind. And I think was December 20th the date we settled off at 1130?

Speaker 2 ([01:10:23](#)):

I don't remember. Is that for the I sent everybody an email. You did. You did. I'll send everybody, I gotta look for it again. It it's December 20th. December 20th, two

Speaker 10 ([01:10:31](#)):

30. But de December, uh, 20th at 1130 will be the next board meeting. Uh, we'll have the, the business meeting, uh, first and then upon a Jeremy we'll have the, um, holiday luncheon. So, okay. With that I'll entertain a motion to adjourn. So by Vice chair Tucker, second by Commissioner Tatum, we stand adjourn. Thank you so much. Commissions. I appreciate you all. Thank

Speaker 2 ([01:10:54](#)):

You. Time is four 14.