

CAPTIONING  
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CHARTER REVIEW BOARD

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

WILL EVERYONE PLEASE RISE WHILE WE SAY THE PLEDGE AND THEN  
REMAIN SILENT FOR -- [INAUDIBLE]

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

IN GOD'S NAME WE PRAY.

AMEN.

>> AMEN.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR GETTING  
HERE ON TIME, AND I MIGHT CAUTION YOU THAT THE CLOCK IN THE  
BACK OF THE ROOM IS SLOW, SO DON'T GO BY THAT.

AND NOW, APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

IS THERE ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT ABOUT THE MINUTES THAT  
HAVE -- THAT WE'VE RECEIVED?

IS THERE A MOTION TO APPROVE THEM?

>>GERALD WHITE: MOTION TO APPROVE.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THERE A SECOND?

>> SECOND.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THIS FOR BOTH -- IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE TWO -- TWO SETS OF MINUTES.

IS THIS FOR BOTH SETS?

>>GERALD WHITE: IT'S JUST FOR THE -- FOR THE JULY THE --

>>JAN PLATT: LOOKS LIKE THE 6/27th AND 7/11, SO WHICH ONE IS IT, OR ARE YOU GOING TO DO FOR BOTH?

>>GERALD WHITE: IT'LL BE FOR BOTH.

>>JAN PLATT: WAS YOUR SECOND FOR BOTH OF THEM?

>> BOTH OF THEM.

>>JAN PLATT: WAS THERE ANY DISCUSSION?

THEN ALL IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR RIGHT HAND.

IS THERE ANYONE OPPOSED?

THERE'S NO ONE OPPOSED, SO THEY'VE BEEN UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I MIGHT COMMENT THAT WE'VE RECEIVED WORD FROM YVETTE CHAPMAN THAT SHE WILL NOT BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF VACATION, AND SO SHE'S OUT OF TOWN, AND I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'VE RECEIVED A MEMO FROM KATHY CASTOR'S OFFICE, AND IT SAYS, DUE TO AN UNEXPECTED CONFLICT WITH COMMISSIONER CASTOR'S SCHEDULE, SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND TODAY'S MEETING.

AND SO I GUESS WE'LL ASK STAFF TO SEE IF SHE INTENDS TO COME AT ANOTHER MEETING SO THAT WE MIGHT KNOW THAT.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

IS THERE ANYONE IN THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO US

TODAY?

I DON'T SEE ANYONE.

SO NO ONE IS HERE TO SPEAK.

SO WE'LL MOVE ON, AND I GUESS -- IS THIS DARRELL DANIELS?

>> YES.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WE HAVE INVITED, AND SO YOU GET TO SPEAK FOR TEN MINUTES, AND YOU'RE THE ACTING CEO OF THE URBAN LEAGUE OF TAMPA/HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

>> YES.

I APOLOGIZE FOR RUNNING LATE.

I DO HAVE A --

>>JAN PLATT: YOU'RE NOT LATE.

YOU'RE NOT LATE.

>> OKAY.

>>JAN PLATT: YOU'RE NOT LATE.

>> GOOD, GOOD.

>>JAN PLATT: AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE --

>> YES.

>>JAN PLATT: -- OF -- OF RIGHTING SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT THE URBAN LEAGUE HAS HAD.

>> IT'S MY PLEASURE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE -- THE NEEDIEST OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND CERTAINLY, WE HAVE OUR CHALLENGES IN FRONT OF US, BUT I AM UP FOR THE CHALLENGE BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN THE MISSION AND THE GOALS OF

THE -- OF THE URBAN LEAGUE.

AS I REVIEWED THE COUNTY CHARTER, I FIND THE COUNTY CHARTER TO BE A WELL REASON WRITTEN AND WELL-PUT-TOGETHER DOCUMENT.

I DON'T HAVE ANY ISSUE WITH THE COUNTY CHARTER.

THAT'S MY PUBLIC COMMENT.

[LAUGHTER]

SO AFTER THOROUGHLY REVIEWING IT, I'M JUST HERE TO SAY THAT I FIND IT TO BE ACCEPTABLE AS WRITTEN.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING AND GIVING US YOUR OPINION.

>> THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: THEN NEXT PERSON ON THE AGENDA IS BOB GORDON. IS BOB HERE?

IS HE COMING?

DO WE KNOW?

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

HE MAY BE GOING BY THE COUNTY CLOCK.

[LAUGHTER]

SO MAYBE WE'LL TAKE KIMI -- I SEE KIMI'S HERE.

KIMI, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK WITH US?

KIMI SPRINGSTEEN IS THE ASIAN-AMERICAN LIAISON OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND KIMI ALWAYS HAS A SMILE.

>>KIMI SPRINGSTEEN: I READ THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHARTER, AND -- IN DETAIL, AND I HAVE NO RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

WELL, THANK YOU.

>>KIMI SPRINGSTEEN: AS THIS GENTLEMAN SAID, I THINK IT'S THOROUGH AND IT'S WELL WRITTEN, SO --

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

WELL, THANK YOU.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>JAN PLATT: WAIT.

MR. MAI HAS A QUESTION.

>>KIMI SPRINGSTEEN: YES.

>>HUNG MAI: HI, KIMI.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY -- TONIGHT.

DO YOU FIND THAT THE ASIAN-AMERICAN POPULATION IS WELL REPRESENTED, IN OTHER WORDS, THAT YOU DON'T HAVE -- I MEAN, THE COMMUNITY, THEY DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE COUNTY STAFF AND ANY OF THE COMMISSIONERS?

>>KIMI SPRINGSTEEN: WELL, IF WE WANT TO GO INTO THAT, ACTUALLY, WELL, ANY COMMUNITY HAS PROBLEMS, AND -- BUT COUNTY HAS DONE, I THINK -- HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY'S ONE OF THE BEST COUNTIES IN THE WHOLE NATION BECAUSE I GET INVOLVED IN MANY NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THERE ARE -- I THINK HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY'S PROBABLY THE BEST REPRESENTED

COUNTY, AND WE HAVE 15 ETHNIC GROUPS, AND I'M VERY ACTIVE WITH ALL THE -- WELL, THE LARGER COMMUNITY WE HAVE ASSOCIATIONS AND -- BUT THERE ARE SMALL COMMUNITIES WHO DON'T.

THEY HAVE LITTLE COMMUNITY LEADERS.

SO I WORK -- ACTUALLY, THIS JOB WAS RECOMMENDED TO ME.

I WAS ASKED TO TAKE THIS JOB BECAUSE OF MY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 20 YEARS, AND WE DO HAVE VERY GOOD REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERY GROUP, AND WE WORK CLOSELY IN A CORDIAL MANNER, AND SOME COUNTIES DO NOT HAVE THAT, BUT WE DO HAVE VERY GOOD -- WE HAVE -- ALMOST HAVE FUN TO HAVE MEETINGS.

THAT'S THE WAY OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS' MEETINGS ARE, AND IT'S BEEN GOING ON OVER 20 YEARS, AND SO THAT JUST BROUGHT TO THE COUNTY, AND WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE THAT THE COUNTY WAS SENSITIVE ENOUGH TO INCLUDE US.

I THINK MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND ESPECIALLY GOVERNMENTAL, THEY TEND TO FORGET BECAUSE WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO BE QUIET. THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS.

I THINK THE PROBLEMS ARE NOT GETTING INTO MAINSTREAMS BECAUSE EACH ETHNIC GROUP, BECAUSE OF THEIR PRIDE AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND, THEY TEND TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR PROBLEMS IN THEIR OWN AMONG THEMSELVES.

I'M KOREAN-AMERICAN.

I KNOW THERE ARE ABOUT -- OVER 20 KOREAN CHURCHES, AND THEY

DO A GREAT JOB TO TAKE CARE OF LITTLE PROBLEMS.

SO --

>>HUNG MAI: THANK YOU.

>>KIMI SPRINGSTEEN: IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, I'LL BE GLAD TO ADDRESS THEM.

>>JAN PLATT: APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY ASIAN-AMERICANS LIVE IN OUR COUNTY?

>>KIMI SPRINGSTEEN: WELL, CENSUS NEVER REALLY SHOWS TRUE NUMBERS.

IT'S VERY HARD TO TELL, BUT THE ONLY THING I CAN TELL YOU NOW FOR SURE -- I STARTED THIS JOB -- ACTUALLY, ASIAN-AMERICAN OFFICE OPENED 1994, AND IT DOUBLED -- MORE THAN DOUBLED IN TEN YEARS, AND WE ESTIMATE ACTUAL NUMBER IN HILLSBOROUGH I BELIEVE AT LEAST 35,000 TO 40,000, AND THE CENSUS NEVER REALLY SHOW -- PROBABLY VERY -- NOT EVEN HALF SOMETIMES.

SO WE'RE APPROACHING OVER 3%, AND IT'S GROWING VERY RAPIDLY.

THE ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS ONE OF THE FASTEST-GROWING COMMUNITIES IN THIS AREA AND, ACTUALLY, NATIONWIDE --

>>JAN PLATT: UH-HUH.

>>KIMI SPRINGSTEEN: -- NEXT TO HISPANIC.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH, KIMI, AND YOU DO A WONDERFUL JOB OF BEING A LIAISON AND HIGHLIGHTING WHAT NEEDS TO BE HIGHLIGHTED.

>>KIMI SPRINGSTEEN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I REALLY ENJOY THIS JOB TREMENDOUSLY, AND THANK YOU FOR  
GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND SERVE.

THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: THANK YOU.

>>RALPH FISHER: (SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE).

>>KIMI SPRINGSTEEN: (SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE).

THAT'S GREAT.

>>RALPH FISHER: I DIDN'T CURSE.

THAT WAS THANK YOU.

[LAUGHTER]

>>JAN PLATT: WE NEED A TRANSLATION.

>>RALPH FISHER: I WAS IN KOREA -- [INAUDIBLE]

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

WELL, BOB GORDON STILL HASN'T COME, SO LET'S GO AHEAD AND  
HAVE A STAFF UPDATE.

>>JERRY NOLAND: GOOD EVENING.

I'M JERRY NOLAND, AND I WORK WITH SHELLEY BLOOD AS A STAFF  
HELPER.

SHE'S ON VACATION, SO I'M HERE IN HER PLACE THIS EVENING.

I HAVE A COUPLE OF THINGS TO ADDRESS.

THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE BUDGET, SO WE DID NOT HAVE  
ANYTHING TO PRINT OUT FOR YOU THIS EVENING.

IT HAD NOT CHANGED.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CHECK THE FAMIS PROGRAM FOR IT, BUT

KAREN IN SHELLEY'S OFFICE DID AS LATE AS FRIDAY OR TODAY,  
AND THERE WAS NO CHANGE.

NOT KNOWING THE LAST TIME YOU RECEIVED A REPORT, I COULDN'T  
PRINT THAT OUT FOR YOU, SO NOTHING HAS CHANGED.

THE UPDATE ON THE INVITATION TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATIONS AND THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE  
COMMUNITY, WE'VE RECEIVED VERY FEW RESPONSES AS OF THIS  
DATE.

I THINK WE HAVE THE SUN CITY CENTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION,  
WE HAVE ONE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCHES IN SULPHUR SPRINGS,  
AND I THINK ONE OTHER MAY HAVE RESPONDED.

I'M NOT REALLY SURE.

SOMETIMES THEY RESPOND TO ME, SOMETIMES THEY RESPOND TO  
SHELLEY.

I DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO HER E-MAIL, SO THERE MAY BE A FEW  
OTHERS.

WE'RE HOPING THAT WE WILL HAVE MORE.

AFTER YOUR LAST MEETING, YOU DIRECTED STAFF TO CONTACT  
CARLA MILLER WITH THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE CODE OF  
ETHICS PROGRAM THERE.

I E-MAILED MS. MILLER AND DIDN'T HEAR FROM HER FOR QUITE A  
WHILE THEN LEARNED SHE HAD BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR A  
GOOD WHILE, AND WE PLAYED PHONE TAG, BUT WE DID TALK TODAY.  
SHE HAPPENS TO HAVE A CONDO IN CLEARWATER.

LUCKY YOU.

AND SHE IS INTERESTED IN COMING BEFORE YOU.

SHE TOOK THE DATES OF THE NEXT SEVERAL MEETINGS AND DIDN'T WANT TO GO TOO LATE INTO YOUR DELIBERATIONS, SO IT MAY BE SOMETIME TOWARD THE END OF AUGUST.

SHE WILL LET ME KNOW.

SHE ALSO WANTS TO BRING -- LET ME FIND MY SHEET OF PAPER -- A GENTLEMAN, STEVE ROHAN, AND THEY BOTH SERVE AS CODIRECTORS OF THE ETHICS BOARD, I BELIEVE, IN JACKSONVILLE.

HE IS LEGAL COUNSEL AND HAS BEEN DOING THAT TYPE OF WORK FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

I MENTIONED THE CITY OF TAMPA AS WELL AND YOUR INTEREST IN PERHAPS INVITING THAT INDIVIDUAL, AND SHE LAUGHED AND SAID, WELL, THEIR CODE OF ETHICS IS MODELED AFTER JACKSONVILLE'S, SO WHEN YOU FIND OUT ABOUT JACKSONVILLE, THEN IF YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND INVITE THE CITY, YOU WOULD LET US KNOW.

SHE ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT FOR HER BENEFIT AND MR. ROHAN'S, IF YOU WOULD COMPOSE THE THREE MOST BURNING QUESTIONS YOU HAVE RELATED TO ETHICS AND HOW IT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO YOUR CHARTER, SHE WOULD ASK THAT YOU FRAME THOSE AND THEN LET SHELLEY OR MYSELF HAVE THEM SO WE COULD GET THEM TO MS. MILLER IN TIME THAT SHE COULD DELIBERATE AND COME PREPARED TO ANSWER AND ADDRESS YOUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS.

>>JAN PLATT: SO DO WE HAVE ANOTHER MEETING BETWEEN NOW AND

WHEN SHE MAY COME?

>>JERRY NOLAND: THE 8th IS THE NEXT ONE, AND SHE'S PROBABLY COMING TOWARD -- LATER IN AUGUST OR EVEN A LITTLE BIT LATER, SO YOU HAVE TIME.

>>JAN PLATT: SO FOR THOSE THREE BURNING QUESTIONS, WHY DON'T YOU-ALL THINK ABOUT THAT BETWEEN NOW AND THE NEXT MEETING.

>>JERRY NOLAND: I TOLD HER YOU HAD A LOT ON YOUR AGENDA TONIGHT.

I, AT THE TIME I TALKED TO HER, DID NOT KNOW COMMISSIONER CASTOR WAS NOT COMING, AND THAT WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU FOUR SPEAKERS, SO IT WAS UNCERTAIN HOW LONG YOU WOULD GO.

BUT IF YOU COULD GET THOSE TO SHELLEY OR TO ME, AND MY ADDRESS IS THE SAME, JNOLAND@HILLSBOROUGHCOUNTY.ORG, THE SAME AS EVERYBODY ELSE AROUND HERE.

>>JAN PLATT: SO EVERYBODY TURN -- IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS -- IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, SUBMIT THEM TO HER, AND THEN IF YOU WILL PUT ALL OF THEM ON THE AGENDA SO WE CAN LOOK AT THEM BEFOREHAND TO DECIDE WHAT WE WANT TO DO WITH THEM. DOES THAT SOUND LIKE A GOOD IDEA, THEN THAT WAY -- OKAY.

>>JERRY NOLAND: OKAY.

IF YOU GIVE THEM TO ME FOR YOUR NEXT PACKET, THEN I WILL GET THEM TO YOU AS FAST AS I CAN SO YOU CAN LOOK OVER THEM BEFORE YOUR MEETING.

>>JAN PLATT: WAIT.

>>RALPH FISHER: [INAUDIBLE]

>>JERRY NOLAND: IT'S THE SAME.

IT'S JNOLAND@HILLSBOROUGHCOUNTY.ORG, JUST LIKE SHELLEY'S  
SBLOOD@HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY THE ORG.

>>RALPH FISHER: ISN'T IT BLOODS?

>>JERRY NOLAND: EVERYBODY AROUND HERE IS PRETTY MUCH THE  
SAME.

MAYBE IT'S NOLANDJ.

NOLANDJ, BLOODS.

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

NOLANDJ@HILLSBOROUGHCOUNTY.ORG.

>>JAN PLATT: MS. WILSON.

>>JANET WILSON: WE'RE ALL GOING TO SEND THREE QUESTIONS?

>>JAN PLATT: NO, JUST IF YOU HAVE ONE.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY, DON'T DO IT.

SOME PEOPLE MAY HAVE THE SAME QUESTION.

>>JANET WILSON: BECAUSE I THINK THE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE  
VOTED ON BY THE BOARD.

>>JAN PLATT: THAT'S RIGHT.

SEE, WE'RE GOING TO SEND THEM ALL IN, THEN WE'LL HAVE THEM  
ALL IN FRONT OF US AT OUR NEXT MEETING, AND WE CAN DECIDE  
WHICH THREE.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

BUT SOME PEOPLE UNDOUBTEDLY WILL.

DOES ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY QUESTION ABOUT THAT?

OKAY.

>>JERRY NOLAND: AND THE OTHER COMMENT I HAVE IS YOU HAVE IN YOUR PACKET SOME E-MAILS AND MATERIALS FROM MICHAEL CARDUCCI, AND I -- I'M SURE SOME OF THEM ARE DUPLICATED. HE E-MAILED ME AT HOME, HE E-MAILED ME AT WORK, AND HE E-MAILED SHELLEY, SO WE PRINTED OFF WHAT HE HAD SENT IN PLUS SOME MATERIALS, SO THAT'S IN YOUR PACKET. AND THERE IS NO OTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>JERRY NOLAND: OKAY.

>>JAN PLATT: DOES ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF MRS. NOLAND?

YES, MS. WILSON.

>>JANET WILSON: ON THIS THING FROM CARDUCCI --

>>JAN PLATT: PUT THE MIKE SO YOU CAN --

>>JANET WILSON: OH, I'M SORRY.

THAT BETTER?

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH.

>>JANET WILSON: HE HAS A LIST IN HERE OF SEVERAL COUNTIES AND THE NUMBER OF DISTRICTS AND WHETHER THEY HAVE AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE, WHETHER THEY HAVE A MAYOR CHAIR AND SO FORTH.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW HOW MANY STAFF PEOPLE EACH OF THOSE COUNTIES HAS COMPARED TO HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

BECAUSE IN MY OPINION, THERE'S A PROBLEM BELOW THE

COMMISSIONERS IN THIS COUNTY THAT THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE NO CONTROL OVER EXCEPT AT BUDGET TIME.

>>JERRY NOLAND: AND THAT, MS. WILSON, WOULD BE THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE COUNTY --

>>JANET WILSON: UH-HUH.

>>JERRY NOLAND: -- FROM ALL SECRETARIES AND EVERYTHING WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY?

>>JANET WILSON: WHATEVER COMPARES TO THE TOTAL STAFF THAT'S PUBLISHED FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

>>JERRY NOLAND: OKAY.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, LET ME ASK YOU THIS, BECAUSE THAT NUMBER CAN BE SEVERAL DIFFERENT NUMBERS: IS IT UNDER THE BOARD OF COUNTY -- THE STAFF UNDER THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR THE TOTAL COUNTY EMPLOYEES?

AND THE REASON I SAY THAT IS COUNTY EMPLOYEES INCLUDE THE SHERIFF, THE -- HE'S GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE, A LOT OF PEOPLE.

>>JANET WILSON: NO, NOT THE CONSTITUTIONAL. JUST THE COUNTY.

>>JAN PLATT: JUST THOSE UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

>>JERRY NOLAND: OKAY.

>>JAN PLATT: THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE AFTER?

>>JANET WILSON: WHICH IS PLANNING AND GROWTH --

>>JAN PLATT: SURE.

OKAY.

>>JERRY NOLAND: THANK YOU.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

WELL, COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATE.

WE'RE ALMOST AT THE END OF THE AGENDA.

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: GOOD EVENING.

FOR THE RECORD, MARY HELEN CAMPBELL WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO RESPOND.

KEN IS OUT OF TOWN, SO I'M -- I'M FILLING IN FOR HIM, AND WE'RE JUST WORKING ON EVERYTHING.

I WOULD CERTAINLY IMAGINE THAT AS THIS BOARD STARTS DELIBERATING AND COMING UP WITH STUFF, OUR -- OUR INVOLVEMENT AND WORKLOAD IS GOING TO INCREASE, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT FOR TONIGHT UNLESS THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS.

>>JAN PLATT: LET ME COMMENT THAT I DID MEET WITH THE TWO ATTORNEYS AND OUR STAFF IN THE LAST WEEK OR SO TO -- BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED -- I'VE ASKED THEM TO THINK UP A COUPLE OF EXTRA MEETING DATES JUST IN CASE BECAUSE IF -- IT SORT OF TOOK ME BACK WHEN THEY SAID THEY SENT OUT THOSE 800 LETTERS.

NOW, THEY'VE ONLY GOTTEN THREE RESPONSES SO FAR, BUT YOU NEVER KNOW.

SO I HAVE ASKED THEM JUST TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER DATES ON A CALENDAR THAT -- IN CASE WE NEED TO ADD

ADDITIONAL MEETING DATES, BECAUSE OCTOBER IS COMING UP VERY QUICKLY, AND IF THERE ARE ANY ITEMS THAT THIS BOARD IS GOING TO ULTIMATELY PUT ON THE BALLOT THAT DEAL WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THEY HAVE TO BE FINALIZED BY THAT DATE.

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: CORRECT.

>>JAN PLATT: NOW, SOME OF THESE OTHER ITEMS DO NOT NECESSARILY; IS THAT CORRECT?

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: RIGHT.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO GIVE ITS APPROVAL TO THE DATE OF THE ELECTION, REGARDLESS OF WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT, BUT AS LONG AS YOU SCHEDULE IT AS YOU HAVE TO UNDER THE CHARTER ON THE REGULARLY CALLED GENERAL ELECTION, THERE WON'T BE AN ISSUE THERE.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

AND SO IF BETWEEN NOW AND THE NEXT MEETING, WHICH WILL BE AUGUST 8th -- IF THAT THREE HAS MUSHROOMED INTO 20 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT -- AND THAT'S JUST -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'LL -- BUT IF IT -- YOU'RE GOING TO COME IN WITH SOME ADDITIONAL DATES THAT WE CAN MAYBE CONSIDER?

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: YES.

WE'RE CHECKING ON THOSE NOW SO WE HAVE ALTERNATIVES IN CASE THOSE ARE NECESSARY.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

NOW, HAVE YOU-ALL HAD AN OPPORTUNITY -- IN THE BACKUP IS THE MATERIAL THAT MR. WHITE HAD ASKED FOR, THE COURT CASE

AND THE ORDINANCE AS IT DEALS WITH FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: RIGHT.

>>JAN PLATT: AND I DON'T KNOW -- WHERE DID THAT COME FROM,  
THAT BACKUP?

DID THAT COME FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: NO, IT DID NOT.

I THINK GERALD HAD THAT --

>>JAN PLATT: GERALD, DID YOU SUPPLY THAT?

>>GERALD WHITE: YES, MADAM CHAIR.

AT LAST MEETING, YOU HAD EXPRESSED THAT I --

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- SHARE THE INFORMATION THAT I WAS  
TALKING ABOUT, AND I MADE SURE THAT I PLACED IT IN THE  
PUBLIC RECORD.

>>JAN PLATT: RIGHT.

OKAY.

WELL, AND THAT WAS A SARASOTA CASE, AND I GUESS WHAT WE  
NEED TO KNOW IS IS THAT THE DEFINITIVE CASE ON THIS ISSUE?

I DON'T KNOW, AND SO YOU-ALL CAN LET US KNOW ABOUT THAT.

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: RIGHT.

WE CAN LOOK AT THAT.

I JUST GOT THE BACKUP TONIGHT, AND I'M REVIEWING IT, BUT WE  
CAN COME BACK AT YOUR NEXT MEETING AND -- AND GIVE YOU MORE  
OF A THOROUGH REVIEW OF -- OF THE CASE AND THE  
RAMIFICATIONS OF THE CASE.

>>JAN PLATT: I THINK IT LOOKS LIKE THEY FOUND EVERYTHING UNCONSTITUTIONAL EXCEPT THAT ONE LITTLE SECTION.

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: ONE.

>>JAN PLATT: AND THE QUESTION IS, IS THAT THE DEFINITIVE ANSWER, SO -- ON THAT ISSUE.

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: WE'LL BE HAPPY TO COME BACK AND BRIEF THE BOARD ON THAT ISSUE.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

JERRY, DID BOB GORDON SAY HE WAS COMING TONIGHT?

DID ANYBODY TALK TO HIM TODAY?

>>JERRY NOLAND: I HAVEN'T TALKED TO HIM.

HE RECEIVED THE INVITATION.

HE HAD THE DATE, AND I DIDN'T NECESSARILY FOLLOW UP.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>JERRY NOLAND: ONCE THE LETTER GOES OUT AND THEY AGREE AND THEY HAVE THE DATE AND TIME, WE DON'T USUALLY FOLLOW UP WITH EVERYBODY.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>JERRY NOLAND: I DON'T KNOW WHY HE'S NOT HERE.

I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING FROM HIM AT ALL.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

OKAY.

THANK YOU.

IS THERE ANY OLD BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED?

MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: YES, MADAM CHAIR.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE -- I HAD SPOKE TO THE BOARD A FEW MONTHS AGO RELATED TO A CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR FINANCE STUDY GROUP, AND I HAD TO HUNT DOWN THAT MEMO THAT THEY -- THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND I FOUND IT.

IT'S A DATED LETTER FROM 1997, AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS HAD A COPY OF THE LETTER THAT THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

I STILL BELIEVE IT'S A GOOD IDEA, AND I JUST WANT TO PASS THE MEMO ON.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND I HIGHLIGHTED THE -- THEY ADDRESS SEVERAL ISSUES IN THE MEMO, BUT I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THE PART WHEN THEY REQUESTED A STUDY COMMISSION OF FINANCE.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, SEE, THERE WAS.

I WAS ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AFTER THAT, AND THERE WAS A BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE COUNTY FINANCES.

OH, MR. RASHID WAS ON IT, REESE SMITH WAS ON IT, A VERY DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF PEOPLE, AND THEY SPENT A CONSIDERABLE TIME LOOKING AT THE FINANCES OF THE COUNTY, AND THEY -- THEY CAME FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS.

>>GERALD WHITE: UH-HUH.

>>JAN PLATT: SO THAT WAS AN ISSUE THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DEALT WITH.

>>GERALD WHITE: OKAY.

>>JAN PLATT: SO -- I MEAN, IF YOU AS A CITIZEN THINK THAT THE TIME IS FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO COME UP WITH ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE COMMITTEES, THEN I -- YOU KNOW, YOU NEED TO GO BEFORE THE BOARD AND SUGGEST THAT THEY DO IT, BECAUSE THEY DID IT ONCE.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, I GUESS MY IDEA IS TO HAVE A PERMANENT --

>>JAN PLATT: OH, OKAY.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- CITIZEN GROUP OVER FINANCE.

AND IF IT'S NOT -- IF IT DOESN'T RISE TO THE LEVEL -- AND IF YOU DON'T FEEL, MADAM CHAIR, THAT IT RISE TO THE LEVEL OF A CHARTER POINT, MAYBE IT RISE TO THE LEVEL OF A RESOLUTION, SIMILAR TO WHAT THE VICE CHAIR ISSUED RELATED TO THE INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR.

MAYBE WE CAN ASK THEM IN THAT REGARD TO CREATE A PERMANENT FINANCE STUDY GROUP.

I JUST -- IF YOU LOOK AT THE BUDGET AS A CITIZEN, IT'S JUST SO COMPLEX, AND I HAVE FOUND, AS A CITIZEN, YOU GO TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND YOU TRY TO ABSORB ALL OF THIS STUFF, AND IT'S JUST A LOT FOR A CITIZEN, AND SO I JUST THOUGHT IT WILL BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE CITIZENS, LAYPEOPLE, WITH SOME

EXPERTISE IN FINANCE TO, YOU KNOW, DO COMPREHENSIVE ISSUES, AND WHEN THEY MEET AND THINGS, PUBLIC CAN COME IN AND LEARN ABOUT FINANCE.

I JUST THINK IT WILL BE A GOOD EXCHANGE WITH CITIZENS.

>>JAN PLATT: WHEN I WAS ON CITY COUNCIL A LONG, LONG, LONG TIME AGO, WE HAD A BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT WE APPOINTED, SORT OF LIKE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, AND AS SOON AS THAT BUDGET CAME OUT, THOSE CITIZENS SPENT A LONG TIME -- AND THEY -- WE EACH APPOINTED ONE PERSON, AND WE MADE SURE THAT IT WAS SOMEBODY WHO KNEW FINANCES, AND WE SAID, YOU REVIEW THIS AND THEN COME BACK TO US WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, AND IT WAS INTERESTING THAT THEY -- THEY DID VIEW THE BUDGET WITH A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE THAN -- THAN MANY OF US DID, AND THEY CAME IN WITH A LOT OF GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

I'M NOT SURE IF -- I THINK IT EVEN GOT INSTITUTIONALIZED MAYBE EVEN IN THEIR CHARTER.

I DON'T REMEMBER, BUT -- SO IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA BECAUSE IT -- IT DOES --

>>GERALD WHITE: LOOKING FOR A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR CITIZENS.

>>JAN PLATT: WHY DON'T YOU DECIDE WHAT IT IS YOU WANT TO PROPOSE AND THEN BRING IT UP AT THE NEXT MEETING.

>>GERALD WHITE: OKAY.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

IS THERE ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED?

IS THERE ANY NEW BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED?

>>GERALD WHITE: I DO --

>>JAN PLATT: MR. WHITE.

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, I DO WANT TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND YOUR PLANS AS CHAIR OF THE GROUP ON HOW WE'RE GOING TO GO ABOUT DECIDING ON WHAT ISSUES WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH, AND YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT IT A LITTLE BIT.

I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR PLANS ARE ON HOW DO YOU WANT TO GO ABOUT -- HOW, AS A BODY, WE'RE GOING TO GO ABOUT FRAMING WHAT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, I DON'T THINK THAT THAT'S REALLY MY DECISION.

I THINK THAT THAT'S A GROUP DECISION OF HOW WE WILL DEAL WITH THOSE ISSUES.

I THINK WE'LL JUST -- MAYBE WE'LL ASK OUR COUNTY ATTORNEY -- AND IT MIGHT BE WELL FOR OUR COUNTY ATTORNEY AT OUR NEXT MEETING TO GIVE US SUGGESTIONS OF HOW WE MIGHT DEAL WITH THAT IN AN ORDERLY WAY, BUT -- BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT A DICTATOR.

I'M HERE TO HELP MOVE THINGS ALONG, AND SO WHY DON'T WE HAVE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY GIVE US SOME OPTIONS OF HOW TO DEAL WITH ITEMS.

YES, MS. WILSON.

>>JANET WILSON: WHY DON'T WE JUST HAVE EVERYONE HERE SUGGEST HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO START TO SEE HOW THAT WORKS, BECAUSE I HAVE A SUGGESTION.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, BUT -- THIS IS HOW MANY -- HOW MANY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEES HAVE WE HAD?

LET ME JUST -- ISN'T THIS ABOUT THE -- IT'S BEEN -- IT'S 20 YEARS OLD, SO IT'S FOUR?

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: CORRECT.

THERE WAS ONE BY THE CHARTER THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER RIGHT AFTER, LIKE TWO YEARS AFTER THE CHARTER, THEN THERE WAS 1990, '95, 2000, AND THIS ONE, SO THERE'S BEEN FIVE.

>>JAN PLATT: SO THERE'S FIVE.

AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT A NEW ISSUE.

WHY DON'T WE FIND OUT, SO WE DON'T REINVENT THE WHEEL, FIND OUT WHAT THEY'VE DONE.

>>JANET WILSON: WELL, I FOLLOWED TWO OF THEM, '95 AND 2000, AND THEY NEVER START SYSTEMATICALLY.

IN FACT, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY SPEND THEIR TIME TILL THEY GET TO THE END AND THEY DON'T CHANGE ANYTHING.

I THINK WE SHOULD REVIEW THE CHARTER, WE SHOULD START AT THE CHARTER FROM THE BEGINNING AND SAY, IS THERE ANYTHING WE WANT TO CHANGE, IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG, AND THEN MOVE ON.

>>JAN PLATT: UH-HUH.

>>JANET WILSON: I'VE BEEN PUTTING LITTLE FLAGS ON MY AREA

THAT I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WE SHOULD CONSIDER.

>>JAN PLATT: UH-HUH.

>>JANET WILSON: NOW, THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT --

>>JAN PLATT: RIGHT.

>>JANET WILSON: -- BUT WE COULD SPEND OUR TIME HERE AT LEAST LOOKING TO SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE THINK IN THESE VARIOUS SECTIONS.

>>JAN PLATT: UH-HUH.

>>JANET WILSON: AND, OF COURSE, WE'VE HAD SUGGESTIONS. THAT'S WHY MR. WHITE AND I BOTH ASKED FOR A LISTING FROM THE MINUTES BY SECTION AS TO THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE PUBLIC.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE --

>>JAN PLATT: NO.

>>JANET WILSON: -- DO ANYTHING BUT CONSIDER THEM AND COME TO AN AGREEMENT OR NO AGREEMENT.

MR. WHITE HAS PRESENTED A WHOLE PLAN THAT PAM IORIO SAYS WE'D HAVE TO CHANGE EVERYTHING.

DOUG BELDEN HAS ASKED FOR US TO MAKE A COST REVIEW.

SOME OF THOSE THINGS LIMIT IF MR. WHITE'S, I BELIEVE -- THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES TO ELECT ANYONE, SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT WOULD GO PAST THE FEDERAL, BUT EACH OF US COULD PRESENT A PLAN.

I JUST THINK WE NEED TO GO DOWN HERE AND SEE WHICH ISSUES

WE'D LIKE TO DISCUSS, AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE THAT MOTION, SEE WHAT ANYONE ELSE THINKS.

I DON'T THINK WE WANT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO TELL US HOW TO APPROACH --

>>JAN PLATT: NO.

WE WANT HER TO COME IN WITH THE OPTIONS.

THAT WAS WHAT MY SUGGESTION WAS WAS TO COME IN WITH OPTIONS BECAUSE THEY'VE DEALT WITH IT FOR THE PAST FIVE TIMES, BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW THE PITFALLS OF ANY ONE, AND SO IF THEY TOLD US THE PLUSES AND MINUSES OF THE OPTIONS, THEN -- THEN WE COULD DEAL WITH IT.

BUT THAT WAS -- IS -- SO WHAT IS -- YOU'VE MADE A MOTION.

IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT MOTION?

WHAT IS YOUR MOTION?

>>JANET WILSON: THAT WE CONSIDER THE CHARTER PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH, CALLED -- [INCOMPREHENSIBLE] -- AND SPEND SOME TIME GOING DOWN THERE TO SAY WE DON'T NEED TO CHANGE ANYTHING THERE, YES, WE DO WANT TO CHANGE, AND THEN THEY COULD GIVE US AN APPROACH AS TO WHAT WE WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT.

BECAUSE IT SHOULD BE A TOTAL AGREEMENT, NOT JUST WHAT ONE PERSON PRESENTS, AS TO WHAT WE THINK THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME CONSIDERATION OF, WHETHER IT MEANS YOU CHANGE IT OR YOU DON'T CHANGE IT.

YOU MAKE SOME CONSIDERATION AND STUDY OF IT.

>>JAN PLATT: UH-HUH.

UH-HUH.

WELL, WAS THERE A SECOND TO THE MOTION?

WELL, JANET, WHY DON'T YOU -- IT SOUNDS TO -- YOU KNOW, I'LL TELL YOU FRANKLY, I HAVE NEVER GONE -- I'VE STAYED OUT OF THE CHARTER.

I HAVE NEVER WATCHED THOSE MEETINGS ON PURPOSE, SO I DON'T KNOW.

THAT MAY BE THE VERY BEST IDEA, AND WE MAY VOTE ON YOUR IDEA AT THE NEXT MEETING, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OPTIONS ARE, SO IT APPEARS THERE'S NOT A SECOND YET, SO WHY DON'T WE JUST WAIT TILL NEXT MEETING AND THEN BE PREPARED TO MAKE YOUR MOTION AFTER SHE TELLS US ALL THE POSSIBILITIES, BECAUSE IT SOUNDS REASONABLE.

BUT -- SO, GERALD, WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?

>>GERALD WHITE: AND I GUESS I'LL JUST GO AHEAD AND SHARE A LITTLE BIT OF MY LINE OF THINKING.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, BUT IF IT'S ON -- IS IT STILL ON THIS HOW WE'RE GOING TO APPROACH IT?

>>GERALD WHITE: YES, MA'AM.

WHAT SHELLEY PUT TOGETHER, SHE LISTS THE DIFFERENT SUBJECT MATTERS, AND SHE CITED THE SECTION OF THE CHARTER THAT IT WAS UNDER, AND SO -- I'M TRYING TO RECOLLECT HOW THE LAST CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DID IT, BUT I BELIEVE THEY CREATED A CHART WHERE, AS A BOARD MEMBER, YOU SAID YES OR NO, YOU

WANTED TO CONTINUE TO REVIEW THAT ISSUE FOR POSSIBLE DRAFT LANGUAGE, AND EVERYBODY GOT A POLL OF THE DIFFERENT ISSUES THAT HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS, AND ALL OF THOSE ISSUES WAS WEIGHTED -- SUBMITTED AND THEN WEIGHTED, AND THEN THOSE ARE THE ISSUES THAT WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE FULL BOARD.

SO IT'S JUST A NUMBER OF WAYS.

I'M JUST LOOKING FOR SOME SORT OF WAY TO REACH A CONSENSUS. I DON'T WANT TO WASTE ANY -- ANY UNNECESSARY TIME ON ISSUES THAT THE MAJORITY DON'T WANT TO CARRY FORWARD, AND SO I'M INTERESTED IN WHAT, AS A BODY, WE WANT TO ADDRESS SO WE CAN, AS A WHOLE, CONCENTRATE ON THOSE.

AND SO THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY TO REACH THAT CONSENSUS, THAT'S WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR.

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH.

WELL, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WILL BRING ALL THE APPROACHES THAT HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH IN THE PAST.

>>JANET WILSON: HOW ABOUT SOME NEW ONES?

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, SHE CAN -- LET -- THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT KNOW THE ONES IN THE PAST.

LET US KNOW THE ONES THAT WERE DONE IN THE PAST --

>>JANET WILSON: I KNOW TWO OF THEM.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY THEY KNOW.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY.

WELL, NONE OF US -- SOME OF US DON'T KNOW ANY OF THEM

BECAUSE THIS IS OUR FIRST -- SEE, YOU'RE AHEAD OF US,  
JANET.

YOU'RE AHEAD OF US.

SEE, THAT'S -- BE PATIENT WITH US.

>>JANET WILSON: WELL, I AM.

>>JAN PLATT: BE PATIENT WITH US.

OKAY.

IS THERE ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS?

IS THERE ANY NEW BUSINESS?

I MIGHT SAY THAT I DID CALL JOHN DICKS.

HE HAD BEEN OFF ON VACATION -- THE MAYOR OF PLANT CITY --  
AND HE WAS VERY GLAD TO GET THE CALL, AND HE WAS VERY GLAD  
THAT TERRY BALLARD WAS ON -- ON OUR BOARD, AND HE KNEW THAT  
TERRY WOULD WATCH OUT FOR PLANT CITY.

BUT HE'S GOING TO GET BACK TO ME AND LET ME KNOW FOR SURE  
WHETHER OR NOT HE'S GOING TO COME, BUT HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR  
FROM US AND GLAD TO RECEIVE THE INVITATION.

IS -- IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE PUBLIC THAT'S OUT IN THE  
HALLS OR ANYTHING THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK?

WELL, IS THERE -- IS THERE A MOTION ABOUT ADJOURNING?

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING.

>>JAN PLATT: YES.

>>GERALD WHITE: MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK  
YOU, YOU KNOW, FOR THE JOB THAT YOU'RE DOING AS CHAIR, AND  
I'VE HAD SOME OF MY COWORKERS COMMENT AND TELL ME WHAT A

DYNAMIC WOMAN YOU ARE AND THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR TIME, AFTER SO MUCH PUBLIC SERVICE AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, TO COME BACK AND SERVE US AS THE CHAIR OF THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD, AND I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT, AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU --

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, THANK YOU.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- FOR WHAT YOU'RE GIVING BACK TO US AND HELPING US, YOU KNOW, ESPECIALLY ME, AND I JUST WANTED TO PUBLICLY THANK YOU --

>>JAN PLATT: THANK YOU, GERALD.

>>GERALD WHITE: -- FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR THIS BOARD AND WHAT YOU CONTINUE TO DO FOR US.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, THANK YOU.

I APPRECIATE THOSE COMMENTS.

THANK YOU.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE NOW TO COME BEFORE US?

>>JANET WILSON: WELL, HAVE WE GONE FOR NEW BUSINESS?

>>JAN PLATT: YES, I ASKED FOR NEW BUSINESS, AND NO ONE SAID ANYTHING.

DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING?

>>JANET WILSON: I JUST DON'T THINK THE TIME WE SAT HERE AND LISTENED TO PEOPLE WE SHOULD WASTE THIS TIME AND GO NOW.

WE CAN GO DOWN THIS LIST MR. WHITE POINTED OUT TO AND SEE IF THERE'S ANY OF THOSE WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN.

I HATE TO SEE BOARDS THAT WORK IN SUCH A WAY THAT NO PRESENTATION CAN BE MADE FOR A CHANGE, WHETHER IT GETS TEN VOTES OR NOT.

AT LEAST THERE OUGHT TO BE IDEAS PRESENTED.

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, DO WE HAVE THAT LIST TONIGHT?

>>JANET WILSON: WELL, I HAVE MY COPY WITH ME.

>>JAN PLATT: IS THERE -- I THINK THIS IS DEVIATING FROM THE -- FROM THE RULES AS THEY'RE -- DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A MOTION ABOUT THIS?

BECAUSE I DON'T -- YOU KNOW -- WHAT IS IT -- TELL ME WHAT IT IS -- TELL THE BOARD WHAT IT IS YOU WANT TO DO.

>>JANET WILSON: DO YOU HAVE YOUR COPY?

>>GERALD WHITE: WELL, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I WANT TO BE FAIR TO THE PUBLIC, TO THE BOARD -- TO THE FULL BOARD AND EVERYBODY, AND SO I REALLY WANT TO BE FAIR TO EVERYONE AND REALLY LET THE FULL BOARD KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING, AND SO -- THAT'S JUST WHERE I AM.

I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT I WANT TO BE FAIR.

I WANT IT ON THE AGENDA THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING THIS, AND SO THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT ARE NOT HERE, AT LEAST THEY'LL KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH.

>>JANET WILSON: WELL, THEN SHOULD WE PUT SOMETHING ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK?

>>JAN PLATT: WELL, NEXT WEEK WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A

DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH THE VARIOUS ISSUES, SO WE WILL HAVE THAT ON OUR AGENDA NEXT WEEK. SO -- AND UNFORTUNATELY, TWO OF THE SPEAKERS WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO COME TONIGHT DID NOT COME, AND THAT'S JUST -- JUST HOW THINGS HAVE HAPPENED, AND SOMETIMES THAT DOES HAPPEN.

TERRY, DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

>>TERRY BALLARD: YEAH, JUST A LITTLE ON PHILOSOPHY, SITTING AND LISTENING TO EVERYTHING.

THE -- BASICALLY, IT'S GOING TO BOIL DOWN TO ONE ISSUE, REPRESENTATION, YOU KNOW, THE -- DO WE HAVE ENOUGH REPRESENTATION, THE -- DO WE WANT TO LEAVE IT ALONE OR CHANGE IT?

AND I'VE BEEN THINKING -- I KNOW MR. WHITE HAS GOT A COPY OF IT, MR. WOLFE HAD SOMETHING THE OTHER DAY, AND I WAS THINKING OF HOW IT COULD BE CHANGED THAT IT WOULD BE FAIR TO EVERYBODY, AND THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS, BUT THE SYSTEM WE GOT IS GOOD ALSO, AND YOU'VE HEARD THAT TONIGHT TWO TIMES, THAT, YOU KNOW, LOOKING AT THE CHARTER AND DON'T SEE ANYTHING ON IT.

THE -- I'VE BEEN RUNNING IT THROUGH MY MIND THAT YOU COULD HAVE FOUR SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA AND LET THE THREE AT-LARGE -- ONE OF THEM WOULD BE A MINORITY REPRESENTATION FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY SO THAT IT ENSURED A MINORITY ON THE BOARD, AND THE OTHER TWO COULD

REPRESENT PRIMARILY THE CITIES PLUS ALL THE COUNTY TOO, AND THEY'D BE VOTED THERE.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS YOU COULD GET IT, AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT'S GOING TO BOIL DOWN TO THAT I SEE THAT -- YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS THE REPRESENTATION, AND SO THESE ARE FOOD FOR THOUGHT TO BE THINKING ABOUT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO BOIL DOWN TO.

ETHICS IS GOOD.

THEY -- WE GOT A PROVISION IN THE CHARTER.

ETHICS STARTS, YOU KNOW, IN THE HOUSEHOLD MANY YEARS AGO, AND, YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY COMMISSION CAN HANDLE THAT.

BUT -- AND THERE'S OTHER LITTLE ISSUES IN THERE, BUT BASICALLY IT'S THE REPRESENTATION, IS IT FAIR FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY?

>>JANET WILSON: I AGREE WITH THAT, COMMISSIONER -- CHAIRMAN.

>>JAN PLATT: UH-HUH.

>>JANET WILSON: HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO START WITH SECTION 1.01, WHICH STATES THAT THIS CHARTER IS NOT FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS. AND I WANT IT ON THE RECORD WHETHER WE DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT OR NOT, BUT WE HAVE A DE FACTO CONSOLIDATION. WHEN YOU HAVE SIX SOMETIMES OUT OF SEVEN COMMISSIONERS THAT LIVE IN TAMPA, THAT'S WHY THE COUNTY OR MINORITIES OR

WHEREVER THEY LIVE FEEL THEY ARE NOT REPRESENTED, AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STRUCTURE, AS MR. WOLFE WAS TALKING ABOUT -- NOT NECESSARILY HIS INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS OR ANYONE ELSE'S.

THERE ARE SEVERAL, AS HE HAS STATED.

BUT SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE TO PUT MORE REPRESENTATION -- TWO-THIRDS OF IT IN THE COUNTY AND ONE-THIRD OF IT IN THE CITIES.

IF IT STAYS THAT WAY AT ALL.

AS YOU FOUND OUT AT THE LAST MEETING, THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN TAMPA GO TO THEIR TAMPA COMMISSIONERS -- OR NOT COMMISSIONERS -- WHATEVER THEY ARE -- COUNCIL PEOPLE.

THEY DON'T COME TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

SO THEY THINK THEIR WELFARE IS TIED UP WITH THE CITY, NOT THE COUNTY, AND THOSE THINGS THEY DO TOGETHER SHOULD HAVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS.

BUT I'VE LIVED UNDER SEVERAL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT, AND AS I WAS SPEAKING TO MR. WOLFE DOWNSTAIRS, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THIS COUNTY ISN'T JUST AS GOOD OR BETTER THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS WITH ITS 4-3, BUT I THINK THAT LEGALLY, UNDER THE CONSTITUTION, AT SOME POINT THERE HAS TO BE REPRESENTATION FROM WHERE THE PEOPLE LIVE.

I KNOW IF I WAS A YOUNG PERSON COMING HERE, I WOULD START A GRASS-ROOTS EFFORT TO GET THAT DONE.

I WOULD NOT PUT UP WITH THIS.

THANK YOU.

>>TERRY BALLARD: WELL, THAT'S --

>>JAN PLATT: OR GET SOME PEOPLE FROM UNINCORPORATED TO  
RUN.

YOU KNOW, I'LL TELL YOU VERY FRANKLY -- NOW, I'M GUILTY.

I LIVE IN TAMPA, AND I ALWAYS RAN AT LARGE, AND WHEN I RAN  
AT LARGE, I NEVER HAD AN OPPONENT FROM UNINCORPORATED  
HILLSBOROUGH.

JOE CHILLURA LIVED DOWN THE STREET FROM ME.

LARRY SMITH LIVED DOWN THE STREET FROM ME.

I COULDN'T HELP THAT.

>>RALPH FISHER: [INAUDIBLE]

>>JANET WILSON: BUT THE STRUCTURE SHOULDN'T BE SET UP SO  
THAT HAPPENS.

>>RALPH FISHER: [INAUDIBLE]

>>JAN PLATT: PARDON ME?

>>RALPH FISHER: [INAUDIBLE]

>>JAN PLATT: THEY DON'T NOW, DO THEY?

NO, BRIAN -- WHERE DOES BRIAN LIVE?

BRIAN BLAIR LIVES OUT OF TOWN.

JIM NORMAN LIVES IN CARROLLWOOD.

WHO IS THE OTHER ONE?

>> KEN HAGAN.

>>JAN PLATT: NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT --

>>JIM PORTER: MARK SHARPE.

>>JAN PLATT: MARK SHARPE.

HE IS THE ONLY ONE THAT LIVES IN THE CITY, ISN'T IT?

YEAH.

IT'S IN A WAY FATE HOW IT TURNS OUT, BUT -- YES.

>>JIM PORTER: I THINK IT'S JUST AN INTERESTING THOUGHT THAT REPRESENTATION HAS TO BE NECESSARILY TIED TO GEOGRAPHY.

THE MOTHER OF ALL PARLIAMENTS IN BRITAIN DOESN'T EVEN REQUIRE THAT THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT LIVE IN THE DISTRICT THAT THEY REPRESENT.

IT'S JUST -- IT'S JUST A DIFFERENT WAY OF DOING THINGS, AND IT'S A DIFFERENT COUNTRY, BUT I THINK IF WE'RE THINKING GLOBALLY AND BROADLY, WE DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE TIED TO THIS IDEA THAT A PERSON HAS TO LIVE IN A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO REPRESENT SOMEONE ELSE.

COMMISSIONER PLATT FOR YEARS LIVED IN SOUTH TAMPA, AND I THINK YOU RAN VERY WELL IN THE YOUNG AREAS OF THE COUNTY --

>>JAN PLATT: I DID BECAUSE I WAS ALWAYS THERE.

>>JIM PORTER: -- WELL, BECAUSE THEY KNEW YOU WOULD REPRESENT THEM.

IT'S A LITTLE INSULTING, I THINK, TO VOTERS TO TELL THEM THAT THEY DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO ELECT THEIR OFFICIALS WITHOUT US TELLING THEM THEY HAVE TO LIVE IN A CERTAIN AREA.

THE VOTERS ELECTED AND REELECTED COMMISSIONER PLATT BECAUSE

SHE REPRESENTED THEM.

IF SHE DIDN'T, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD FOR 22 YEARS.

I MEAN, IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT, I THINK.

SO I THINK THAT NEEDS TO GO INTO THE MIX AS WELL.

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH.

TO STAY IN OFFICE, YOU HAVE TO GO OUT THERE.

I MEAN, I WAS OUT IN TOWN 'N COUNTRY.

I MEAN, PEOPLE -- I MEAN, YOU KNOW, YOU DON'T GET ELECTED BY SITTING HOME.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND MADAM CHAIR, I KNOW MS. WILSON TALKED ABOUT MY PLAN -- OR MY PROPOSAL, BUT I WANTED TO GET THE BALL ROLLING AS -- GET THE BOARD MEMBERS TO -- TO START THINKING ABOUT SOME OF THE POSSIBILITIES, SAY, HEY, LISTEN, THINGS -- THINGS IN A POSITIVE WAY CAN CHANGE RELATED TO REPRESENTATION, RELATED TO HOW MANY COMMISSIONERS THAT WE HAVE, AND REALLY, THAT WAS THE -- THE GOAL WAS JUST TO PUT SOMETHING ON THE TABLE THAT I -- THAT I COULD BELIEVE IN -- AND I DO.

I BELIEVE IN THAT 1-3-5 PLAN.

BUT THERE ARE -- THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO MAKE IT WORK, AND I THINK WE'VE HEARD THAT FROM MR. BALLARD TONIGHT.

AND SO I JUST WANT EVERYBODY TO START THINKING ABOUT THE POSITIVE POSSIBILITIES THAT WE CAN -- THAT WE CAN CREATE BASED ON -- BASED ON THE POSITIVE TESTIMONY THAT WE'VE HAD

FROM SOME DYNAMIC SPEAKERS.

>>JAN PLATT: UH-HUH.

>>GERALD WHITE: AND SO -- AND THAT'S ANOTHER THING.

I DON'T WANT US -- I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULDN'T -- WE WOULDN'T IGNORE ALL OF THE TESTIMONY THAT WE'VE RECEIVED. THAT'S WHAT THIS -- THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE I'M HERE FOR, TO TAKE IN THIS COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND -- AND FOLLOW MY HEART AND MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION FOR THE CITIZENS OF -- FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

AND SO THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO, TO GET US TO OPEN UP OUR MINDS AND OUR HEARTS AND THINK A LITTLE ON -- ON POSITIVE WAYS THAT WE CAN MAKE OUR COUNTY WORK.

>>JAN PLATT: MARY HELEN, WHEN YOU COME BACK AT OUR NEXT MEETING WITH THESE ALTERNATIVE WAYS THAT IN THE PAST THE BOARDS HAVE LOOKED AT THE ISSUES, YOU MIGHT WRITE THAT UP AND GET THAT TO US BEFORE THE MEETING SO THAT WE CAN THINK ABOUT IT RATHER THAN BEING HIT COLD IN THE MEETING WITH IT. I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: WE'LL BE HAPPY TO DO THAT, AND WE WILL DO THE RESEARCH TO SEE WHAT OTHER CHARTER REVIEW BOARDS HAD DONE.

I THINK IT'S EITHER ARTICLE BY ARTICLE OR SUBJECT MATTER.

>>JAN PLATT: YEAH.

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: IT NATURALLY LENDS ITSELF TO ONE OR THE OTHER.

>>JAN PLATT: LIKE JANET MENTIONED, THEY START AT THE TOP AND JUST GO THROUGH.

I THINK SOME OF THEM HAVE DONE THAT AND OTHERS --

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: CORRECT.

WE'LL BRING THAT ALL BACK AT THE NEXT MEETING.

>>JAN PLATT: IF YOU WOULD, IF POSSIBLE, DO IT IN WRITING SO WE ALL GET IT FIRST AND LOOK AT IT.

>>MARY HELEN CAMPBELL: OKAY.

>>JAN PLATT: OKAY?

>>GERALD WHITE: MAY I SAY THIS TOO, MADAM CHAIR, AND I THINK THIS IS SO IMPORTANT.

THIS IS SO IMPORTANT.

>>JAN PLATT: IT IS.

>>GERALD WHITE: THIS IS, IN A SENSE, A HISTORIC CHARTER REVIEW BOARD, BECAUSE WE HAVE -- YOU KNOW, I HATE THE -- A MASTER POLITICIAN AND A MASTER POLICY-MAKER ON THIS BOARD, SO REALLY, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT -- I DON'T WANT TO PUSH IT TOO FAR, BUT --

>>RALPH FISHER: WHO'S WHO?

>>GERALD WHITE: COMMISSIONER PLATT.

WE ARE REALLY BLESSED TO HAVE HER WITH US, SO WE NEED TO USE HER WHILE WE'VE GOT HER ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS.

SO --

>>JANET WILSON: ARE YOU SURE OF THAT, GERALD?

>>JAN PLATT: I WAS NO MASTER POLITICIAN, AND I BELIEVE --

I'LL TELL YOU THAT.

IF I WERE, I WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN ELECTED.

>>JANET WILSON: THE BEST THING ABOUT JAN IS SHE'S  
NONPARTISAN.

>>GERALD WHITE: I JUST THINK SHE HAS A GREAT DEAL OF  
KNOWLEDGE, AND WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT.

>>JAN PLATT: ALL RIGHT.

IS THERE --

>>JANET WILSON: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANOTHER COMMENT --

>>JAN PLATT: SURE.

>>JANET WILSON: -- TO MR. PORTER.

I KNOW IN ENGLAND THAT'S TRUE, BUT WE LEFT ENGLAND, AND I  
HAD AN ANCESTOR IN THE REVOLUTION.

I GUESS THAT'S WHY MY HAIR GOES UP SO OFTEN.

[LAUGHTER]

BUT -- MY HUSBAND SAYS I CARRY THAT GENE THING TOO FAR.

>>JIM PORTER: DON'T TURN ME INTO THE DAR.

>>JANET WILSON: I WON'T.

BUT IN THIS COUNTRY YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LIVE IN THE AREA YOU  
REPRESENT.

>>JIM PORTER: I UNDERSTAND.

>>JANET WILSON: OH, DO YOU?

OKAY.

WELL, I HOPE YOU SUPPORT THAT THEN.

>>JIM PORTER: I WAS JUST POINTING OUT THAT OTHER CULTURES

AND OTHER COUNTRIES -- [INAUDIBLE]

>>JANET WILSON: I KNOW, BUT I DON'T WANT ANY OTHER CULTURE.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED WITH THE SUPREME COURT TO OUR VERY BASIC PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, WHICH IS THE KING COULD TAKE IT FROM THIS GUY AND TAKE IT FROM ANOTHER GUY.

>>JIM PORTER: THE KING'S ALREADY HAD THE POWER IN THIS COUNTRY AS WELL.

>>JANET WILSON: NOT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION.

IT'S OUR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.

IT'S THE LAWYERS.

>>JAN PLATT: I DON'T THINK THIS REALLY RELATES TO THE CHARTER.

IF THERE'S NO OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE US, I CALL THE MEETING ADJOURNED.