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Male: [crosstalk 00:00:01] I was riding a motorcycle, and I came to a stop, and I didn't stop like I should have. I got just about half way through that turn and I look up and there's a Clayton County police officer. I stop and I said [inaudible 00:01:15], he said [crosstalk 00:01:17] No he had me, he let me go but ... [crosstalk 00:01:24]

Mayor: Did everybody have a blessed weekend? Before we get started I want to apologize to everybody for missing the last meeting. For some reason, gravity and my knee didn't want to work that day and I fell down the stairs. But I am so much better now, I'm not in any pain anymore, so I just wanted to openly apologize because when I fell it was almost time. [crosstalk 00:02:58] Yes ma'am. A little sore every now and then, but I bet you I don't run down no steps no more. [crosstalk 00:03:05]

I'd like to call the meeting to order, and welcome everybody. Say the court roll call please.

Female: Council member Stamp Jones?

Ms. Jones: Present.

Female: Council member Ansel Davis?

Mr. Davis: Here.

Female: Council member Wanda Wallace?

Ms. Wallace: Here.

Female: Council member Kenneth [inaudible 00:03:29].

Male: Here.

Female: Mayor you have a quorum.

Mayor: Thank you, may I have approval of the agenda.

Female: I think there is an amendment to the agenda.

Mayor: An amendment?

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Female: It's just at your notebook right there. The annexation.

Mayor: Oh [inaudible 00:03:47].

Female: That's for the warped session of the business. It will be for both.

Male: Action would be a business of course, if that's what you choose to do.

Mayor: Okay. I would like to amend the agenda to present from Clay County commissioners certification to DA [inaudible 00:04:08]. Promptly. Now in motion? [Inaudible 00:04:15] the motion, it's all under general consensus to amend the agenda?

Male: [inaudible 00:04:20]

Mayor: It's going to be well placed. That's what Lauren just said...

Female: It is. It will be in the business session because you have to pass an ordinance to be annexed, just like you pass an ordinance to annex. The only issue I'm having with this is that the document we got from Clayton County referenced the exhibit of the map and the description identification of the property was acquired but it isn't on here. It says exhibit A but there is no exhibit A, and I would like to see that before you all vote to annex, to make sure we be annexing the right property. I don't see Mr. Seal here, because that's who it came to from the county.

Mayor: There's no representative from his office?

Female: No ma'am, I don't think so.

Mayor: So, your suggestion is that we table it and bring it back? What's your recommendation?

Female: I want to make sure but it went on my email I'll leave it but I will check my email again to see if it came out, but it wasn't there earlier.

Male: Can we ask them for Warden's specific address for [inaudible 00:05:30]?

Female: They reference it here, exhibit A. It's there as ordinance. We would have to adopt a similar order. Our exhibit A should match their exhibit A. We don't have their exhibit A. They reference it here, that exhibit A is the property described attached here to and incorporated by reference. It's

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here by de-annexed out of the city of Riverdale. So when they describe exhibit an it does not say 1183 King Role the 6.688.

Male: It is on the front.

Female: That's just a certification saying they certify this as a true and correct ordinance. Turn the page to the actual ordinance where it references in section 1, the property described in exhibit A, attached here to and incorporated by reference is here by de-annexed. What's exhibit A? If there's more that feels comfortable moving forward and just getting that later, I mean...

Mayor: Let me pull the board and see what their thoughts are. Councilman David's, do you feel comfortable enough with just the address referenced?

Mr. Davis: I lean toward legal.

Female: You can do it but we may have to come back and amend it if they exhibit A not right. So instead of having to take two stabs at it, put it off until the next meeting and then ... We're not under any time constraints. Second, the other reason I would say that, is because you're amending your agenda to consider this, it wasn't on the agenda for the public to see. There may be some neighbors on King Roll that may want to say something before this board to be either for it or against it. So let's advertise it instead of amending our agenda to consider it. Have exhibit A from the county, and you guys consider it at the next meeting.

Mayor: Are you in agreeance with that Council-woman Wallace?

Ms. Wallace: Yes.

Mayor: Council-woman Stamp Jones?

Ms. Jones: Yes.

Mayor: Council [inaudible 00:07:35]?

Male: Yeah I'd be okay with that. I hear what you're saying but I see the address in the exhibit A on the second page, but okay.

Mayor: Okay, city clerk, put it on for the next one down we will do ... Did you say [inaudible 00:07:47]?

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Female: Well, we need to advertise also.

Female: It was fine for you to amend the agenda to do it but it didn't put the public on advance notice, that's all.

Mayor: Okay. So the correction will not be [inaudible 00:08:07].

Female: Okay.

Mayor: City managers report?

Male: Ma'am, I didn't have anything in addition to what was covered in our earlier letter.

Mayor: Attorney?

Female: No ma'am. Just some staff related stuff with the city manager, some things that I owe him and we did a meeting, I think we told you this the last time. I don't know if you ...I don't know if we did tell you this last time, that Sophie and I had a meeting with the county on the election, which is on your agenda for tonight. There has been the publication of the swaying matter in which the city did prevail. The case is now closed, we have not received a [inaudible 00:08:53] appeal. Other than the stuff I've got in [inaudible 00:08:59] for some contracts, we're pretty much on task in legal.

Mayor: Any questions from, I apologize before I went to you Lauren, Ms. Barns. Ms. Wallace, do you have any questions of the city manager?

Ms. Wallace: I was take a floating holidays, I guess you guys are getting it [inaudible 00:09:24], staffing you [inaudible 00:09:27] whichever. Floating holiday ... I'm fine with that, I think it's a great idea to do something like that.

Male: Yes ma'am, that's a majority of councils registers an unofficial comfort level that will incorporate that language into the draft policy that comes back to you for final approval.

Ms. Wallace: Okay, and I think we had talked about this in the past, it was a bit of a concern. I just want to thank you and the city attorney [inaudible 00:09:55] attorney, for getting together with the departments head and at least bringing this organization where it needs to be as far as making sure every department is on the same level where it should be. Hopefully the next one probably be management organization skills. I don't know

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how you guys would [inaudible 00:10:15] but I think that is very important also, making sure everyone is managing like they supposed to be, following the change of command and all.

Male: Yes ma'am.

Mayor: Councilman Davis, any questions?

Mr. Davis: Yes ma'am. Mr. Wood, few questions here. In your letter you talk about the various businesses that have been ... I guess the calendar or something had been given out to. Can you just please call a few of the names out? Who are the three of the officers that got those ... Scored higher or whatever they did in the academy?

Male: I think Chief [Spivey 00:10:56] gave me those and I will get you those, Mr. Davis, I don't remember their names, and Chief [Spivey 00:11:02] is at a conference. Chief Reynolds do you remember their names?

Male: Yes sir. Officer Hunter, Officer Lately, and Officer Thomas. Officer Thomas was the one that scored urban city marshalship for...

Mr. Davis: What was that last name?

Female: Thomas.

Mr. Davis: Lately or something, lately?

Male: Thomas is the one that scored the award.

Female: Spell lately for him.

Male: L a t e l y.

Mr. Davis: And the businesses that we passed out some schedule to, you referenced that in your letter?

Male: I don't have the list of those, cultural affairs did that, and I don't have a list of them. Alan may know.

Mr. Davis: We were working on the budget and I had asked you about the properties on Denham and Valley Hill, those dilapidated properties. Then the hill over here by the amphitheater. Those three things, where are we at?

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Male: Well the survey I hope will be completed over here this week. We've got our fingers crossed on that, on some of these dilapidated properties that's ... We talked about that during the budget, and we did not include any money in the budget ... In fact I think I saw you one day last week when I was out looking at that one just down the street from you, because I was toying in my mind with whether or not there's a way we could get enough of that old non-burnable stuff out of that one and get it in a burn state, whether or not the fire department could burn it and whether or not we could get with our backhoe have enough of that stuff loaded into a dumpster then maybe republic wouldn't charge us any lands. I've tried to figure out a way to get it done, because we don't have any budget money for it. That one to me is particularly bad.

Mayor: Does chair recognize this mess up?

Male: I thought we did but a real small amount, not do a couple houses like \$20,000, something like that, it wasn't much but we do have a little bit.

Mayor: Okay.

Mr. Davis: The next thing is, who do we need to talk to about this financial report here? You or Dawn?

Male: Either one of us.

Mr. Davis: Okay, you've ... Dawn just explain a little bit about, there's about 4 times recreation shows up in here and it's almost \$1.4 million. That's a lot of money into recreation.

Male: Well you've got ... This is your year-end budget. This is last year. This is the budget charted up last year. You had \$189,124,000 for cultural and recreation. That's basically cultural affairs operations, a million 89. Then you had 92,000 I think, 92,986 I think which was [inaudible 00:13:46] operation, isn't that right Dawn?

Male: Yeah.

Male: Does that answer your question?

Mr. Davis: Yes, and then, Dawn said that it's only a little bit on money for ... You've got three items 174, 74,500, 175,100, and 175,200, you've got neighborhood/community, you've got community/development, you've got economic development. What is neighborhood/community?

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Male: That is code enforcement.

Mr. Davis: Okay, so that's the salaries?

Male: That's the salaries and other cost of the code enforcement department.

Mr. Davis: Okay and then the community/development, what is that?

Male: Community/development was administer the salaries, in 16 we don't use that product anymore that was administrative salaries.

Male: Bear in mind, this is the budget that you had all of last year. Those are not new categories.

Mr. Davis: So it's not flowing into...

Male: Those are a year old.

Mr. Davis: Okay. That's good. Thank you.

Mayor: Is that it Mr. Davis?

Mr. Davis: Yes.

Mayor: Council-woman Stamp Jones?

Ms. Jones: If this a year old why is it inserted for the new year?

Male: It's the end of the year financial statements.

Ms. Jones: So are you saying ...

Male: At the end of the fiscal year financial statements of the fiscal year ending June 30th.

Ms. Jones: So this report should basically have what the new budget for collect shouldn't it Mayor?

Mayor: You have to show the end of what you're working with to make the changes to where you're going. That's just showing what happened in 2015.

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Male: When we give you the financial reports we give you the reports of what actually happened up through the prior month. So that's through June.

Ms. Jones: I'm sorry, could you repeat that? I couldn't hear you.

Male: When we give you financial reports we give you everything that happened up through the end of the prior month. So we give it to you at the latter part it would be through June, and everything the whole year up through June. When we gave it to you in June we gave it through May. So, we're always ... When we give it to you in this money, we're giving it everything that happened up to, not till, the end of the last prior month before that.

Mayor: Mr. Wood?

Female: Because of my ignorance and I'm not a financial person, is there any way this can be simplified, because if we ...

Mayor: Did somebody say something?

Female: No, I was just talking out loud to myself.

Female: Because I can't understand it, and even though Dawn just explain it, even if he would play some type of script saying this is the end of the year between this time and this time, or end of the month between this time and this time, this money will roll over and disappear. Even for the citizen to be more transparent, the taxpayers and everyone could be able to read this instead of, it just is a bunch of numbers on the page which aren't in it, could encompass anything; community development, \$110,000 what does that mean? What is the breakdown? Didn't we purchase new software to give more specific details on how to understand each one of these line breakdowns?

Male: I'm not sure it was designed to understand any better.

Female: Any better?

Male: All we can do is explain it, I don't know that we can make anybody understand it, all we can do is explain it. You said that was just a bunch of numbers, what that is is the year end through June 30th totals for those various line item departments. Now, respectfully, you voted on that budget last year, May of last year, with those line item ...

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- Female: Ms. Wood's can you hold for a second? Can I ask Dawn a question? Mr. Turner, the new software that you purchased, is there any way that we can have, I've seen other financial reports from other cities, they're not just saying AB department, this is the dollar amount. They give some type of general breakdown for lay people like myself. Is there any way that you can do that?
- Male: You tell me what you want to do and we can come up with it.
- Female: Okay, I'll give you an example of someone else and ...
- Male: I know, when we were talking about doing software, you may be confused with what we ended up with and what we tried to get.
- Female: I'm not quite sure, we always approve stuff and then we never hear anything else, but I would be more than happy to do that.
- Male: When we were looking at the different software, the one we recommended was \$180,000, we determined we couldn't afford that so we went with the one that was \$70,000. It doesn't have twice as much reporting capability. However, if you show me what you want I can make it in excel.
- Female: I appreciate that.
- Male: One other thing. Dawn and his staff get credit because you have done a good job with maybe what you're more interested in Ms. Stamp Jones, it is a lay version of the budget. What do you call that thing?
- Male: Popular annual financial report.
- Male: Yeah, and it puts things in about as simplified accepted terms as you can put them in. We've already done the first ... Dawn's the first run of that and I think whatever she says from here, we can make that better and that might address your concerns in terms of simplification, I hope it will.
- Female: It would, I would have to say that after I can see it and get with you.
- Male: It's at the printer, let me get back with you to talk about it.
- Female: Absolutely. Also, Mr. Woods, on your city manager report, who gets a copy of this report?

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Mr. Wood: Well, Mayor's council, but it's part of the agenda. Anybody in the world who wants to access it can access it.

CM Stamps Jones: Okay, can we start publishing this report to the public? So that the public is aware of what's in the report? The staff the public for transparency sake so we know what's going on?

Mr. Wood: Can we do that? Make it available?

CM Stamps Jones: One other thing, there are some items in here that at one point in time, something say for instance like you were speaking about the police officers and their accolades, and then you speak about the summer even guide that was provided. Is that the calendar that we receive or is there an actual guide?

Mr. Wood: No ma'am, that's it.

CM Stamps Jones: At one point in time, prior to your arrival, the department heads made presentations in the business section so that if there are citizen that are there they can also hear, because they don't get a copy of your city manager report, and so we're talking and I don't know if they know what we're talking about or not. Is there any reason why the city, why the department heads are no longer reporting to the council some of the internal things that they're doing so the public can be aware of that?

Mr. Wood: Well, as you know we've got a structure and a chain of command. Certainly if there's something that you folks have an interest in and there's a need for a department head to be here, we'd be glad to have them here, not a problem. But in terms of asking all of them routinely to come every night after they've worked all day, I don't know if that's necessary. But certainly if you identify a need where a department head needs to speak to something, by all means we would have that person here, or their department representatives, yes ma'am.

CM Stamps Jones: I can't identify the need prior to your report. Your report has the cultural affair and the summer camp and the kids are, this is the second annual college fair, a backpack giveaway. I think that's something important that the community needs to hear so as the city manager you're speaking to the department heads. You should make and discern whether or not that department head needs to bring that information to the public because you all are working for the public, so how would they know beyond what the [inaudible 00:21:30] affair is doing through the internet when we are

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having meetings. That could be a way ... You have the police department, any representative that could speak on behalf of those people that did well at the shooting and so forth. You put it in your report, I'm just asking the questions. That's something the department head can do, is there any reason that they can't.

Mr. Wood: These letters go out on Wednesday. So that leaves Thursday Friday and all day Monday. So if you think there's a department head that can particularly explain or amplify or embellish something in that letter, by all means let me know, we'll be glad to have that person here or his or her department representatives.

CM Stamps-Jones: I'll leave that up to you to make that decision. I'm just speaking directly to you to make that decision, not for me to get the letter then get back to you to see if they're able to come, that's too much. But just something simple. That's it. For the city the management.

Mayor: [inaudible 00:22:26]?

CM Ruffin: Hello. I did know that if numerous times people ask me about what's going on in different department [inaudible 00:22:37] and I don't have any problem selecting [inaudible 00:22:41] getting the department to say ... To speak with them to say something about the [inaudible 00:22:48]. I think people general come with specific concerns, some people that are concerned about recreation, they don't care about a lot of stuff. Most people are concerned about safety or whatever. I've never had a problem with doing something for citizens; I just sent you an email today that Miss Williams want to talk so I think if people need to ... There's nothing wrong with having meetings with presentation but I think generally people are concerned about their specific thing. My neighbors beat me up about holes in the ground, pot holes. I don't like their problems, explaining to them why I don't work for [inaudible 00:23:39] or whatever. That's just another option.

Mayor: Ms. Wallace I didn't call on you, do you have any questions?

Ms. Wallace: Yeah, I want to go back to the assistant chief if it's okay with Mr. [War 00:23:51] I just want to ask ... The people you were speaking about, those just graduated from the academy?

Chief Reynolds: Yes ma'am, on the 21st of this month, yes ma'am.

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Ms. Wallace: Let me ask you something of that because I know I was introduced to one who had graduated and all. When they graduate and, Mr. Ruffin you can help me on this also. When the employees graduate, even if the city paid for them to graduate, they have a certain amount of years, I think they have to stay after 3 years if they do they have to pay the money and stuff back, do we still have that policy in place?

Chief Reynolds: Yes.

Ms. Wallace: Okay, because I just wanted to make sure because I know back and old city hall, that policy were in place where if they wanted to go to college or whatever to formal education, to where if they do leave with them, once they've finished, they have to pay the money back. So are you guys okay in that position like these graduated came in, leaving or anything?

Chief Reynolds: We haven't yet but we'll probably be facing this situation pretty soon, around May. Because I had agents [Nine 00:24:55] and [Toley 00:24:56], he goes to another police department and that department wants to pay us back. Do we [inaudible 00:25:01]? If he goes to the civilian population he's on his own.

Chief Reynolds: I think we had that happen. The latter of those things has happened recently.

Ms. Wallace: How do we go back? It just dawned on me when you mentioned that. I just want to make sure that policy is being enforced. I don't know how flat [inaudible 00:25:23] some of these people have left ...

Mr. Wood: Is being in force, Ms. Wallace, with respect to transitioning to another department because we have a legal hammer that can exercise that. However, if they leave and go into the private sector, which is what Chief Reynolds is saying, we really don't have that hammer. What you do is just try to make sure you screen and try to make sure you hire folks that are committed to the profession. But if they go through the ...

Ms. Wallace: But if they go through private again there's a process out there called garnishment.

Mr. Wood: Called what?

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Ms. Wallace: Garnishment, you can garnish their paycheck wherever they go. You can sue then because that's what I'm saying so there is a policy where we can still get paid.

Attn. Barnes: But that policy you're talking about doesn't speak to when they go to a private sector, it only speaks when they go to another police department.

Ms. Wallace: Well let me ask you this way, can that policy actually ...

Attn. Barnes: You wouldn't need a policy. You would just need to bring that to the council and say you want to sue former officer ...

Ms. Wallace: That's the thing, because tax payers cannot [inaudible 00:26:22] to train anyone, and they do leave and stuff.

Mr. Wood: If we established a policy ... Again, if they go to another police agency we've got to have it.

Ms. Wallace: It's automatic, right.

Ms. Wallace: And we get paid from them.

Ms. Wallace: Okay.

Mr. Wood: If you want that same policy to apply to the private sector, what we should do I think is have them sign a contract to that fact that says you're hereby agreeing to this and if you don't be the terms of this, expect to be garnished or taken to small claims court.

Mayor: [crosstalk 00:26:52] That's not on the agenda and we need to bring that back out another time and you can [crosstalk 00:27:03]. Anything else on the agenda we're not going to embark on.

CM Stamps Jones: I just saw when he mentioned that I wanted ...

Mayor: All right, let's go to the [inaudible 00:27:15] between Clayton county and the city of Riverdale.

CM Stamps Jones: I apologize, but you started with Ms. Barnes, then you went back to Mr. Woods, [inaudible 00:27:28] Ms. Barnes to comment?

CM Stamps Jones: You didn't poll the council for questions from Mr. Wood, so you went back to Mr. Wood.

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CM Stamps Jones: Then you skipped over her.

Mayor: You had a question?

Attn: Barnes: I don't have any ma'am.

CM Stamps Jones: I do.

Mayor: We've got to move on.

CM Stamps Jones: Well I didn't get the opportunity to ask the attorney questions and you didn't poll us to ask us were there any questions, from the city attorney.

Mayor: One minute Ms. Stamps Jones, I'm going to say two minutes Ms. Stamp Jones to answer your question.

CM Stamps Jones: Ms. Barnes, I have two questions, so I guess that's four minutes?

Mayor: No ma'am, two minutes.

CM Stamps Jones: It's amazing how this is a work session and it's for the citizens and the town and we have two minutes to make a comment; but I'll make my comment. One, Ms. Barns, instead of a verbal presentation of what you're saying as far as the attorney's and ... Can we start getting a report, can we please start getting a report?

Attn. Barnes: Do you want written?

CM Stamps Jones: Yes, so then therefore we can go back and look at it. Number two I have a question in regards to the previous meeting. That meeting that was scheduled on the second Monday, that meeting was canceled. What is the process in cancellation of a city council meeting and who gets to make that decision? Could you answer that for me please?

Attn. Barnes: I guess it really depends on why it was cancelled. I believe ours was cancelled for a lack of quorum, and it wouldn't be a meeting because if you don't have a quorum you don't have a meeting. So it wouldn't be like the people that are here could vote on to not have a meeting because you don't have a meeting if you don't have a quorum. I know that's circular but that's kind of how it goes, so if you show up and out of quorum and our charter says 3 and a Mayor or 3 and a Mayor [inaudible 00:29:31], if you show up and there's not that setup, there's no meeting. When you say canceled, it's not really a cancellation because it never was

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a meeting in the first place. Now if we have a quorum and you guys vote to cancel the meeting because there's nothing on the agenda, there's no business to be discussed, then that would be done by a vote of the majority of who's here.

CM Stamps Jones: How do we vote when we are not at the table? Who makes that decision?

Attn. Barnes: You don't. You shouldn't.

CM Stamps Jones: You just said that we have to vote.

Attn. Barnes: When you show up, there is a quorum and you guys decide to cancel the meeting.

CM Stamps Jones: Okay so the quorum ... We didn't have a quorum, we didn't have a meeting, the meeting was called and the reason I ask the question is because in-route to the meeting, we received a phone call and it said we didn't have a quorum. No one stated, and there was no documentation, nothing in the process for which they said that. I heard that you had an accident so I'm glad to see that you're doing okay, but Ms. Wallace, it was said that she was not still on vacation, so we didn't have a quorum because she didn't show up. So if she would not have fallen, we would ... We had anticipated a meeting so we owed that to the taxpayers, to the citizens, to all that come that we would've had a meeting and we were all geared and prepared to come for the meeting. So then the meeting was cancelled based on ...

Attn. Barnes: Lack of a quorum.

CM Stamps Jones: Because you all found out at what point in time when the mayor had an accident? So the decision was made by the mayor?

Mayor: I assume ...

CM Stamps Jones: So the decision is made by the mayor?

Attn. Barnes: Based on, I can't recognize you but [crosstalk 00:31:09].

Mayor: We need to clear this up, I recognize you. The meeting was called because I fell down my steps at 12:30 and had to be carried to the hospital for my back. So that ...

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CM Stamps Jones: Mayor, I'm sorry. Mayor, I'm not speaking about you. Incidence and accidents happen and I recognize that. I'm sorry to hear that. I'm saying, even if that happens, which I hate that it did, sincerely, I'm saying that we still would've had a quorum. It became ... [crosstalk 00:31:36] yes we would have because she didn't state that she was going on vacation. [crosstalk 00:31:42] She could've said at the last meeting that she was not going to be available and we could've cordially rescheduled the meeting. [crosstalk 00:31:54]

Ms. Wallace: Please excuse me up in here, okay. Let me explain to you for number one. With the attendance policy was put in place because of you.

Female: Because of me, Ms. Wallace?

Ms. Wallace: Yes, because of you filing inappropriate violation charges, not attending meeting, then yeah this had to be put in place. As long as you give your notice by 2:00, I don't care when you give it. We don't have to tell anything, it's two people we have to acknowledge. That's the chairman of this board and the city manager and the city clerk. Bottom line. So let me explain something to you ...

Mayor: Go ahead Ms. Wallace.

Ms. Wallace: So telling the board I'm not going to be here, that's nothing in writing saying that the board have to be in form, only 3 people. So at least I had more respect to give to the board to say I was not going to be here at least 2 or 3 weeks in advance. It's better than what you did when you filed your charges and stuff. Inappropriate ethic charge, tried to make us look like crumbles and like we was acting trying like we were plan, poison and people mind like we was up here and stuff.

CM Stamps Jones: Was that two minutes?

Mayor: I didn't tell her two minutes. Miss Miles, no ...

Ms. Wallace: I'm just finishing this stuff so she don't come in here trying to tell me 5 days notice ...

Female: We didn't have a meeting because Ms. Wallace wasn't here so that's clear, we're clear on that. [crosstalk 00:33:13] In the last meeting that we were going to have, since you brought up the ethics, weren't you supposed to enlighten them on the ethics charges?

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Ms. Wallace: You asked me to remind the council that we still want to amend the ethics ordinance.

Female: Because my charges were not frivolous nor were they dry. So let's just be clear on that.

Ms. Wallace: The charges that were brought by Ms. Stamp Jones were over because they time barred.

Female: But they were not dropped because they time barred because this council would not pay for a hearing office and since I had to pay for it myself ...

Mayor: We're not going to go into that, I'm not losing control of this meeting.

Female: Go on Mayor.

Male: Mayor, may I make a quick question, doesn't the mayor have to be present to have a quorum?

Female: No. Mayor or [crosstalk 00:34:03]

Mayor: Ms. Wallace had given at least 2-3 weeks notice ...

Female: No she did not.

Mayor: Yes she did.

Ms. Wallace: I gave it to their pope and peep, so Mayor let's move on.

Female: Then why did we schedule the meeting? Go ahead.

Mayor: Cause my accident [crosstalk 00:34:17]

Ms. Wallace: Mayor Dixen, move on.

Mayor: Okay, in the governmental agreement ... I apologize for those things.

Female: Mayor I apologize too.

Mayor: In the governmental agreement between Clayton county and the city of Riverdale, Ms. Bonds?

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Female: Yes ma'am, that is what was discussed in the city managers report and I also briefly mentioned it at the last time we discussed the IGA between Clayton county and Riverdale. It was to enter into negotiations with them. But those negotiations have now been memorialized and the IGA so all I need from you guys at the business session is a vote to authorize you to sign it.

Mayor: Okay. Council-woman Wallace, any questions ma'am?

Ms. Wallace: No I'm fine.

Mayor: Councilman Davis?

Mr. Davis: No ma'am.

Mayor: Council-woman Stamp Jones?

Ms. Jones: I just need to know how involved Ms. Vaughn would be in the process? The learning process? She has stated at one point in time that she wasn't that comfortable so I want to make sure that she is involved.

Female: She will be involved, in fact your IGA has separate sections for city responsibilities vs county responsibilities. A lot of the city responsibilities have been completed already, which is good because we're on top of it and another added checkpoint we've put in it is to ensure that both the city and the county sign alpha-davids that each party has done what they're supposed to do with respect to the election. So it really is going to be all her doing the heavy lifting for the cities responsibilities part. Her and I just talked today about scheduling something between the two of us to do a check mark, checklist of everything that's going to be required.

Mayor: Okay. City manager?

Male: Quick questions, not about the agreement per say but relative to where Mayor council prefer that the voting ... What building do you prefer to designating as the voting station? I think you voted at 6690, somebody told me at staff meeting this morning, you voted at 6690 last time because had submitted to justice department to get clearance in time. So my question to ask you to think about, won't have to decide now, but we need to decide before too long, so I don't think we'll have any problem getting the ADA park and ramp in here well in advance. So the question would be, do you have a preference, I don't think we can hold it

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downstairs, or in the courtroom because of court activities. If we do it we would do it over in the gym or the multipurpose room.

Female: But has it been approved by the department of justice?

Male: No it has not, that's what I'm saying. What we need to know, we won't even take that application if you still want that 6690. My question is, where do you want to hold ... What's your preferred building? You don't have to decide that now but ...

Mayor: We don't have to decide that now for sake of time to get downstairs. But that is a question that we can think of and when we come back, because we would have to give ample notification to the citizen to let them know that we can do it down there. Please keep that on your mind. Mr. Ruffin?

Male: I think the music room is vast but that's my preference. I guess these things, short things that specifically with the agreement.

Mayor: Oh yeah, publication, stuff like that.

Male: Okay. Run off is always, that's predetermined I think that's 3 weeks after the original ... So that's already determined. If we want to do Saturday or Sunday voting or something like that, we have to determine if we want to ...

Female: For early voting? Yeah, that's the only time we can do it.

Male: Yeah, Saturday, I know there was a question about handicap but we need to make sure that we're okay as far as handicap accessible. The last thing, the News Daily. I don't know if ... You guys only publish I think 3 times a week now or something like that? Twice a week? Is that going to be something that we need to be concerned about or we just ...

Female: If we are on time then ...

Male: We have to be concerned about in terms of being true, we get those notices until then. [crosstalk 00:38:47]

Female: It justifies to do our part.

Mayor: One last question in regards to this?

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Mr. Davis: It's not a question, it's a statement. Why don't we just leave it where it is. Plan a year out and then from that point on you'll know where it is, you'll know that we got the handicap because there's no stairs down there it's probably an easy roll in.

Male: Right now if I understand correctly, I haven't been here during election, but right now Mr. Davis if I understand correctly it's at 6690.

Mr. Davis: That's what I'm saying, leave it where it is. It's easier to get into that building, the parking lot is not far from the building.

Mayor: I want to make a suggestion on that, leave it at 6690 for the reason that everybody is familiar and then you come into the component of re-education and you misaligned votes, so I think it should stay at 6690 and we prepare for the next year, I think that's [inaudible 00:39:40] we just leave it right down there. I just want to get a little quorum, Ms. Miles do you want to leave it down there?

Female: I think its fine as attending, you can get all your information on the department of justice, they need to be held with the college for center release be there, whatever.

Mayor: Yes or no, I'm looking for yes or no answers. Ms. Stump Jones?

Ms. Jones: Keep it where it's at.

Mayor: Mr. Gruffin?

Speaker 4: I think we've built these two buildings I think we need to use them. People that are new to the area they're gonna pretty much assume to come over here.

Mayor: The only thing that bothers me about the whole process is that this is an election year coming up and to change this around, a lot of people may not read. I read on the concert thing they only read some [inaudible 00:40:32]. We would leave that and do all our due diligence to get the information out for next year. Okay then, let's go to ...

Female: You can skip number 7, that's been handed on to city manager administrative level.

Mayor: Okay we will delete that from the agenda. A party of the mayor, council member Stamp Jones.

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Ms. Jones: Thank you mayor, I just needed from Ms. Barns to state what party does the mayor have over the council.

Female: That's a big question.

Mayor: May I read? I did my research from the charter. What my duties are.

Female: My question is directed at legal ...

Mayor: I understood that ma'am very plainly, but I was asking her, does she want to, would you read my information from what I researched?

Female: I will do both.

Mayor: Okay.

Female: So the charter gives the public and all of us the duties and responsibilities and authority of the mayor. So in certain parts though it talks about the authority of the mayor in respects to being the parliamentary of meetings, so that's one authority. In some other places it gives authority of ...

Female: Excuse me, when you say some other places, are you speaking about Riverdale?

Female: Yeah, I'm talking about Riverdale.

Female: In the charter?

Female: When I say other places I mean the cold or the charter. Those are two separate documents. So in some places it gives the authority of the mayor to ... And then you also have to consider your ordinances and resolutions that are passed from day to day. I have not researched all of those to see what other areas that the mayor has been given authority.

Female: Such as?

Female: You're gonna vote tonight. To give her the authority to bind the city with the county for the election. So her authority can exist in numerous different places, charter, cold, resolutions.

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Female: Over the council? When I say over the council it's for it's directives, let me be more specific. Giving directives, authoritative directives to the council. With ramifications, repercussions ...

Female: I think two things. Every person as an elected official has some type of autonomy. That autonomy then is curved or changed whenever you guys choose it to be through a collective vote. If you say, we're going to give the mayor the authority to, and I'm going to take this because we just talked about it, to count our attendances at meetings, you've curved your autonomy now. See what I'm saying? Because you have now voted to turn over those type of duties and authority to the mayor. So, that's my answer with respect to authority over the council. It exists only when you have given her the authority to do it because there is some autonomy of each one of you in your individual offices.

Female: You still haven't answered my ...

Mayor: Yes ma'am ...

Female: That's what we're getting to next.

Mayor: Because it gives more clarity.

Female: She has printed this from Section 5, powers and duties over the Mayor. I will remind you that her question was, power over the council, not your powers and duties generally.

Mayor: But some of that falls under that so that's why I want you to read that.

Female: So the mayor shall be the chief executive officer of said city, and it shall be his or her duty to preside at all meetings of the city council. To see that all meetings are conducted in a parliamentary manor, to preserve order in the quorum in such meetings, so that is authority over the council to say how to behave in the meetings. To inflict such punishment upon any person guilty of contempt before said council, as may be authorized by manicle ordinances. To see that all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and resolutions of the mayor and council of said city are faithfully executed and enforced.

To appoint and be an official member of all committees. To see that all forms are properly accounted for and that all revenues are properly collected. To inform the council from time to time of the general

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condition of said city, and it's affairs and recommend such measures as she may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of such city. To call, to be inspected the records and books of account of the office of the said city and see that they are properly and correctly kept. To require such reports to be made by such officers.

To the council as she may deem proper. To see that order is maintained in said city, and that it's property and effects are preserved. The said mayor should exercise general supervision and jurisdiction over the affairs of the said city. Should have authority to convene the council in a extra session as frequently as she may deem proper, and to do acts and things as may be proper and necessary in the proper conduct of the affairs of said city as maybe here in after authorized.

Mayor: Okay, I just wanted to make that clear that I do, not just over the board, but I'm responsible for the financial stability of the city. All of the affairs. I'm the ex-officiary for a lot of things here in this city. Make sure that safety is done and all the things that a mayor should do. As far as being over this board, I'm over this board for what I'm doing now; chairing the meeting. You are all adults, I'm not going to tell you what you can't do or what you can, what you should do. When you read the chart and understand the position, I just need the board to let me know, do they understand they're positions too. I truly understand mine at some point. If they announce in regards to me being over ...

Female: Ms. Barns, so with that information being explained to us, how does that fit in with the volunteer program and the letter that the mayor wrote stating that she ... The letter basically states, she need us to tell us who's coming into our offices and what they're doing and they need to have approval through her first. How does that play a role?

Female: That is a good example of where you have her autonomy. I believe ...

Female: We have curved our autonomy so you have that in writing or there is a vote?

Female: You voted on it.

Female: Okay, you have a copy of that?

Female: It was a unanimous vote to enact the volunteer policy. The volunteer policy, and I am doing this by memory, says that ...

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- Female: I already looked at the volunteer policy, not to cut you short but for the sake of time, I looked at the volunteer policy was for the department heads and for the city manager. Did not state anything about the mayor being over city council.
- Female: It did, yes ma'am.
- Female: No it didn't say that specifically based on the letter. In comparison to the letter which I have a copy of ...
- Female: I would need to see that because I didn't get the letter.
- Female: In comparing to the letter for what was placed in the resolution is not the same.
- Female: Okay, I haven't seen the letter, if you would allow me and I would take a look at it we can come back to that.
- Female: But the resolution does state it's for supervision of the board members that she's over that first department head, the city manager's the one who's the supervision of that. So that's how [crosstalk 00:48:16] to clarify.
- Female: We can come back to that, I appreciate that but we can come back to it because if supervision is stated in there then that should be something that is broken down, not a general term just using the words ... [crosstalk 00:48:26] No, the letter came afterwards. So we can bring it back ... The letter came after we voted, so we unanimously voted. But when the letter came afterward as it was not included. I'll give you a copy of the letter for clarification.
- Mayor: The letter was not intended to [inaudible 00:48:45]. A violation, they said had occurred with the volunteer policy, the person had did. My letter was merely to state that we need to adhere to the volunteer policy, that is all. To adhere to the volunteer policy, but we can bring it back. Bring all your letters and do whatever. But when you try to follow policy you always get a little misinterpretation, but that's what it was about.
- Female: If you just provide me with a copy, Ms. Jones ...
- Female: I can do that, thanks so much. Just for clarification purposes. I have another question.

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Mayor: Ms. Stamp Jones you need to spike that question on up.

Female: It says on the agenda ...

Male: You know what though before we go there, we need to decide, there's two or three more things on there on this extra side. We need to decide now.

Female: We can decide.

Mayor: Deciding on what?

Male: You've got a couple more things on there. It's 6:51 right now, there's not enough time to go through each and every one ...

Mayor: We may have to bring back because we need to be on time for the meeting on Saturday.

Male: That's what I'm saying. But either way we need to keep going.

Mayor: We need to keep it moving. One minute on your question Ms. Jones, if that's not adequate then we're going to bring it back next time.

Female: The executive session is my ... I called the executive session so I can put the executive session off until next time, or I can put the question, whichever you all prefer.

Mayor: What's your preference ma'am?

Female: I'd like to go ahead and ask the question to ask question 10.

Mayor: Okay, go ahead and answer the question. Number 10 is directive given to city manager.

Female: So are we doing 10 and 11 and not doing the executive session? I don't have clarity right now, what are we doing here?

Mayor: I'm going to do number 10 and then we gonna adjourn and go downstairs. Then we'll do executive session afterwards.

Female: No, we can table that to another meeting, to the next meeting. It can wait.

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Mayor: Because you brought the executive session. That's what you're saying?

Female: Yes ma'am.

Mayor: We're going to table the executive session.

Female: To the next meeting?

Mayor: To the next meeting. Let's do number 10 as quickly as possible.

Female: And 11 too, next meeting?

Female: Yes.

Mayor: We'll do number 10, okay?

Female: Well, no, excuse me, I don't want to table 11 so I can get both of these questions in before we go downstairs, they're short.

Mayor: 6:51, 7:00 we leave.

Female: We can leave before that, it's short.

Mayor: Okay, go ahead.

Female: That question would be for you, Ms. Barns.

Female: Okay, which one?

Female: Okay, the question number 10. Directives gives to the city manager. Earlier in February I had given Mr. Woods a copy, and I copied all the members of the board, projects and priorities that directly to the city manager. Then it was stated that one member, and I think Mr. Woods you said it yourself, or someone said, one member can not ask or request anything of the city manager. I just needed some clarity, an explanation of that.

Female: That's funny the Daily Report is here because they didn't get what I said right. When we talked about it, there is a ordinance, or is it a charred provision ... I think it's E-22, I'm not sure. That talks about who is over the city manager and how the city manager can be tasked [inaudible 00:52:18]. It is an ordinance under administration article 3, city manager,

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so under section 2-58, it lists the powers, duties, and requirement of a bond. I'm not sure what 5W's means?

Female: Who, what, why, when, how.

Female: Oh, okay.

Female: Who should ask, when should we ask ... You know as a matter of fact, let's just go ahead and I'll table that question because I can see it's going to be more in debt and I would like you to be prepared because ...

Female: And I'll give you a copy of this as well.

Female: Because this is like, if I say Mr. Woods can we, like I asked you before, can you tell me about the highway 85. You said I'll get right on it, it didn't require a power of a vote. No, no, no, as an example. So let's just table that until next meeting.

Female: Let me give you one example to think on before we come back. You just told me to do your written report for attorney's, right? It's administrative. No problem. I'm going to do it and it doesn't require the rest of these council members to vote on it. But if you're talking about, Laren I want us to go and sue Walmart, that's something that you can only task me to do that via the majority of the council. That's just one example of how instruction has to come from the council vs one person just asking me.

Female: So a 30, 60, 90 day report saying, like we asked all candidates prior to them being hired, they say give us a plan on how you plan on doing [inaudible 00:53:55], 30 60 90 days, something quantifiable, something that we can measure. That's administrative, that's ...

Female: Well but not for Mr. Wood because his duties are outlined and one of them is reports.

Female: Reports?

Female: One of them in his ... In your chart.

Male: Don't stop there. It says, submit to the city council such reports as he, the manager, may be necessary or as may be required of him by the city council. Now when you ask for reports, you stated that these were direct work assignments given by his superior ... Excuse me, supervisor. Meaning, you, and respectfully, you singularly are not my supervisor. My

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supervisor is this body. It is this collective, so required of him by the city council. I'll be glad to provide any report that I can required by the city council, but I'm not going to respond to individual ...

Female: But Mr. Woods let me just say this, and I still want to table this discussion so we're all clear. If there were a problem when I asked you for priorities or so forth and you said you wanted to get their feedback, each and every one of them received the same priorities list on what is the city going to look like, how are you going to get it there. Each one of us, every last one of them, including the attorney, received that.

You did not respond and say, oh this is wrong. You did not respond to me nor to them. We still haven't received any report. So they didn't say no you can't do it, the attorney say you know, that's out of order. I'm just trying to get how we can ... Excuse me, before, hold it. I just want to get, how do we get you collectively or individually so it doesn't run into a road block to help us build a great city.

Next meeting, you can have your whole list because I'm sure you'll have it written. You can have yours and everybody can come with theirs so we know how to collectively come together. We don't have to like each other, we just need to build a better city. You're in charge to do that, in order for you to do that you're gonna have to get some type of feedback from somebody. If you don't like my feedback and they don't like my feedback then I will be more than happy to entertain what they would like for you to do, that's all, it's simple. Collectively or not so we are going to put it on the thing for next week.

Female: I understand the roll, for the manager, I understand how the chart is suppose to flow. I'm the type of person, whatever you want to post, the way that you ask people for things, you can get so much done. Again, I might don't like but the way I come and ask you, can you please do something. You might [crosstalk 00:56:59]

Mayor: Ladies and gentleman. [crosstalk 00:57:05] Listen, ladies and gentleman. Ladies and gentleman, let me make this final note for those who may not go down to the business session. Sorry we got to put that on for next time, but we'll bring it back. Listen, what we're going to do now, we're moving forward. All that back in the other budge ... And please know this, I am over the budget, and to make sure that the city is viable through finance. I wanted you to know that we moving forward, we bicker a little

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bit but we're definitely moving forward and we got some things coming forward that's good because we live in where?

Female: Riverdale.

Mayor: Oh, come on, let's go, we better do that all before the council go down, you all can go, we'll meet you all downstairs. [crosstalk 00:58:18] Now that there's no more business coming before this board, may I have a motion to it?

Female: I make a motion with adjourn.

Mayor: May I have a second?

Male: You have a second.

Mayor: All in favor.

All: I.

Mayor: We're officially adjourned. We're gonna head downstairs. But council, don't move right quick, I'm going to give you this. [crosstalk 00:58:41]