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1 PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
2 CITY COMMISSION
3 SPECIAL MEETING
4 302 19th STREET
5 MAY 11, 2018

6 Transcript of Port St. Joe, Florida, special meeting held
7 May 11, 2018, in Port St. Joe, Florida, 10:00 a.m - 11:30
8 a.m. Reported by Gertrude B. Downs.

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1 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Ladies and gentlemen,
2 if I could have everybody find a seat if there is
3 one. Get comfortable is there's not. The Mayor is
4 not here yet but it is 10:01. I'm going to go ahead
5 and call this special meeting of the city commission
6 to order at this time. Jim?

7 JIM ANDERSON: Yes, sir. I was called in, the
8 mayor actually came into my office yesterday
9 morning, approximately 9 o'clock and asked for my
10 resignation. I told the mayor that I was not
11 resigning. He called for an immediate meeting today
12 for the resignation of the city manager, so that's
13 why we're here today.

14 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Okay. Is there any
15 discussion amongst the board?

16 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Well yeah, I would like
17 to say a few words. I've worked with Jim for ten
18 years, and I'd kind of like to walk you through a
19 typical Jim Anderson work week. He comes to work
20 around 8 o'clock most every morning, leaves at 5:00.
21 Doesn't go to a cookout, doesn't go have drinks with
22 his buddies, doesn't play golf. He goes home to his
23 family. That's Monday through Friday. Saturday
24 sometimes he and his dad will go fishing when he's
25 not -- not with his wife and children. Sunday he

1 goes to church. Next Monday he repeats it all over
2 again 52 weeks out of the year. I think maybe he's
3 gone on vacation sometime. I don't remember when it
4 was but wasn't for very long if he did. And so you
5 know Jim's a native of Port St. Joe. He loves the
6 city. He works hard for the city and he doesn't sit
7 in his office filing his nails and eating bon bons.
8 He's a hard worker. And with that being said I'd
9 like to throw out a proposal to the board that we
10 have a workshop. Any commissioner that has a
11 problem with Jim or where he has deficiencies, let's
12 work through those deficiencies. And I think in the
13 end result it will be better for the board and it
14 will be better for Jim, and we can all -- all work
15 together. We've got to, you know to make this city
16 go forward we need to, we need to work together. So
17 I'd like to hear from the other commissioners if
18 they feel like a workshop would be in order. I
19 think that's proper way to get this get resolved.

20 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Commissioner Buzzett I
21 will absolutely mirror what you just said there and
22 to add to that about a year ago when I returned back
23 from the League of Cities conference I brought back
24 about 17 examples of reviews that we can do for out
25 staff that work directly for the board. I think in

1 that workshop we need to definitely do that. How
2 can you hold someone to a standard when they don't
3 know what the standard is? So if anyone has a
4 problem, we need to make sure that we let them know
5 what that problem is.

6 I would like to see us move forward with that
7 process. I still have those 17 examples. I can hand
8 those over to our attorney and have them tailor one
9 for our needs.

10 (Mayor Patterson arrives at the meeting.)

11 MAYOR PATTERSON: Sorry for being late
12 everybody. Where we at?

13 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: It's all yours now
14 Mayor.

15 MAYOR PATTERSON: Where we at? Tell me where
16 we at.

17 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: We're discussing
18 amongst the board. Two of us have spoke.

19 MAYOR PATTERSON: Okay. If I could just
20 interject for just one moment just you know to let
21 everybody know, we're here today. I appreciate
22 everybody being here. We do need your input on
23 everything on we do. This is a personnel matter
24 within the city, and we're here today.

25 I would like to comment just a minute on the

1 memo that was sent out about this meeting today.
2 The memo says termination of city manager, Mayor
3 Patterson. That's not what I had asked to be put on
4 here and that's one of my problems today. This
5 thing is getting misconstrued when I said it.

6 I did say I wanted to have a meeting today
7 because when I got all those calls on Wednesday
8 afternoon with all the extra things that were not
9 true, some things were true but there were a lot of
10 untruths. A lot of them. So we're here today to
11 discuss Jim Anderson is our city attorney --

12 UNIDENTIFIED: No.

13 MAYOR PATTERSON: -- and him being able -- him
14 being able to lead us in this city matter. But the
15 paperwork here said termination. My words were
16 discussion of the city manager. I never used the
17 word termination I guarantee everybody in this room
18 that. I had a witness in the room with me when I
19 talked, and I will go back and ask that person to
20 clarify that, but I'm pretty sure I didn't say
21 termination. I've never said termination. So I
22 just wanted to make that -- that pretty clear.

23 And just would to like to address the audience
24 today that you will have your turn to speak. There
25 are quite a few people here today so I would ask you

1 to, we're going to limit you to three minutes. I
2 would ask you to stay on the agenda item, and I
3 would ask you to refrain from clapping, loud
4 hollering. Let's all be respectful of one another.
5 And when we get to your turn if you'll just raise
6 your hand, I will point you to come up. And then
7 when you do come up if you would just sign that
8 paper right there before you start talking and then
9 give us your name and your address. All right?

10 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: Can I just say something?

11 MAYOR PATTERSON: Sure.

12 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: Since this was brought to
13 light I've received numerous text messages that were
14 untrue. I've called some of those people back and
15 discussed what was going on. Continued to receive
16 phone calls and hateful text messages, and most of
17 that untrue. My wife's received phone calls and
18 text messages, and it's -- we're a tightknit
19 community and it's, this has got out of control. I
20 mean I understand people's feelings and -- and one
21 way or another, but it's bad when it gets hateful.
22 It's bad when it gets hateful in a campaign race
23 that's going on right now.

24 I mean it's -- I ask everybody to continue our
25 tightknit, tightknitness that we have within this

1 community. Anybody else anything?

2 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I had many, many phone
3 calls, many, many texts, text messages. I've had
4 text messages from friends and have spoken to a lot
5 of people in my community about the situation, and
6 I'm my own man. I make my own decisions. I'm not a
7 yes man. I don't appreciate some of the text
8 messages that were sent out. If you want to see me,
9 you know where to see me at. I'm not hard to find.
10 I'm not a coward.

11 I just want to say that I support my community.
12 I support the entire city of Port St. Joe, but I was
13 born and raised in north Port St. Joe, Florida, and
14 the opportunities that we've been denied for so long
15 because we haven't had a voice, that's what I'm
16 making my decision on. So if anybody got any
17 questions or want to see me, you know where to find
18 me at.

19 MAYOR PATTERSON: That all Commissioner?

20 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: That's it.

21 MAYOR PATTERSON: Okay. Gentlemen, none of
22 this is easy. Don't look at us and think this is
23 easy for us because it's not. We have a hard job to
24 do sometimes, and we have to make decisions.
25 Sometimes they're the right ones, sometimes they're

1 not the right ones, but we hope that we make the
2 right decision. But as I say, at this time I have
3 lost confidence in Jim Patterson being able to run
4 the day-to-day operations of the city, and you know
5 that's where I'm at with it. I just --

6 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Mayor, I spoke earlier.
7 You weren't here, and I threw out a proposal for
8 a -- a workshop to work through the deficiencies,
9 work through the problems with Jim, let him know
10 what we expect of him. And at the end of the day,
11 like I said, I believe it would be positive for us,
12 a good learning experience for us as well as Jim,
13 and then we can all work together for the better of
14 the city.

15 I would like us to seriously consider that. I
16 don't know if it needs to come to a vote or we can
17 just agree to have a workshop but that's what I'd
18 like to see.

19 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: Commissioners Buzzett, I
20 think I'm past that, and I'm -- I'm to the point
21 where I've also lost confidence in our city manager
22 to perform the abilities to run our city, I'm going
23 to put that in the form of a motion to terminate his
24 contract without cause and pay him his leave --

25 AUDIENCE: Without cause?

1 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: -- pay him --

2 (Mayor Patterson uses the gavel.)

3 MAYOR PATTERSON: Remember what I said to start
4 with. Let's be respectful. That's all I ask you,
5 to be respectful. No loud -- you'll have your turn
6 to speak. Everybody -- we will try to let everybody
7 we can speak today but please --

8 UNIDENTIFIED: We need to know why the
9 circumstance, why he's --

10 MAYOR PATTERSON: Ma'am, you don't have the
11 floor right now.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: -- should be terminated.

13 MAYOR PATTERSON: In a minute I'll let you have
14 it. And you can ask any questions you want to ask.
15 It's just the procedure that we go through here.
16 And like I said, we're going to let everybody talk.
17 We're going to limit you to three minutes because
18 there's such a large crowd here, we'd be here until
19 tomorrow sometime.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Mr. Mayor.

21 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yes.

22 UNIDENTIFIED: I think everybody in here has
23 that same interest, and I think before there's any
24 vote that you should, you owe it to the citizens of
25 this community that have voted all of y'all in --

1 AUDIENCE: Yes, sir.

2 UNIDENTIFIED: -- before you do anything --

3 (Audience applause.)

4 (Mayor Patterson uses the gavel.)

5 MAYOR PATTERSON: If I have an outbreak of
6 clapping one more time, I will clear this room.

7 (Audience laughter.)

8 MAYOR PATTERSON: I have asked you -- I'm
9 asking you to be respectful. I mean I'm just asking
10 everybody to be respectful.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: No, sir.

12 MAYOR PATTERSON: You're going to get your turn
13 to talk. Everybody's going to get a turn.

14 UNIDENTIFIED: Well can you respect our
15 question and answer it please?

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Exactly.

17 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Mr. Mayor, if I can, I
18 think the question is if there was a motion made,
19 was it for cause, was it for without cause, or is it
20 for loss of faith and ability to perform duties? I
21 think that's the question everyone's asking. And if
22 it is for cause, what is that cause.

23 MAYOR PATTERSON: I wasn't prepared to so a
24 whole lot of talking today, maybe --

25 UNIDENTIFIED: That's what you're hired for.

1 UNIDENTIFIED: You're the mayor.

2 UNIDENTIFIED: And this gentleman politely
3 asked you, and it was seconded, politely asked you
4 why.

5 MAYOR PATTERSON: And there's going to be a
6 time for them to speak.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Why.

8 MAYOR PATTERSON: It's just not --

9 UNIDENTIFIED: No, sir. No, sir, it is, the
10 time is now. The gentleman politely asked --

11 MAYOR PATTERSON: Before we make a vote, you
12 will speak. Before a vote, you will speak.

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Well he needs to give a why
14 we're going to kick out the finest administrator we
15 have.

16 MAYOR PATTERSON: Uh-huh.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes, sir, why.

18 MAYOR PATTERSON: Well let me just go ahead and
19 state something.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Now if you give us why then we
21 can make our own decision.

22 MAYOR PATTERSON: Let go ahead and state
23 something. I wasn't going to state this in here
24 today, but you're forcing me to.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes, sir.

1 MAYOR PATTERSON: Along with my reasons for Jim
2 being dismissed I have lived the last seven months
3 in fear of my life.

4 (Laughter from the audience.)

5 MAYOR PATTERSON: Go ahead and laugh about it.
6 He threatened me.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Everybody give the gentleman a
8 speaking chance. We asking -- you tell us why now.
9 We'll respect you.

10 MAYOR PATTERSON: Sure, exactly.

11 Last September we were going through budget
12 session. I was trying to save you citizens some
13 money plus get you some more time for my code
14 enforcement, okay? I went to Mr. Anderson's office
15 and told him my intentions. Told him what I was
16 going to do. I went upstairs. I talked to the code
17 enforcement. I got him to commit to more hours,
18 giving us two Saturdays a month, and he wasn't
19 working any Saturdays. I got him to drop his pay
20 from \$20 to \$18. It would have been about the same
21 money but at least he got more hours, he wouldn't
22 get more pay. When I went and discussed it with
23 him, we had a good discussion, I went back
24 downstairs. I told Mr. Anderson what we'd talked
25 about. He said okay. I said if you don't mind,

1 call the other commissioners and see what they think
2 about it. Now later on he told me that I told him
3 to tell the commissioners. I ain't never told him
4 to tell nobody nothing. I can tell you that right
5 now. I don't do that. I ask. I don't do that. I
6 really don't.

7 So at that time I thought everything was fine.
8 Come up to a meeting a few days later, and I thought
9 everything was fine as I say, so I'm fixing to tell
10 the crowd what all was going on with the code
11 enforcer, and I'm interrupted by Mr. Anderson who
12 said that's not my job. That's his job. My
13 question is why didn't he tell me that when I was
14 face to face with him in his office? Why would he
15 wait until meeting time to do it?

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Why don't you --

17 MAYOR PATTERSON: He just wanted to embarrass
18 me or what? I don't know what it was, but I'm
19 getting to it if you'll give me time.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: We will.

21 MAYOR PATTERSON: All right, you asked me to
22 speak, and I'm speaking --

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes, sir, go ahead.

24 MAYOR PATTERSON: -- from what I know is right.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: I apologize, go ahead.

1 MAYOR PATTERSON: That's okay.

2 But anyway, the next morning I went in and
3 talked to Mr. Anderson about what had happened at
4 the meeting, and we was just having you know fairly
5 general conversation about what happened. We
6 weren't hollering and yelling at one another or
7 nothing, but just like he's doing right now, he
8 looked at me and smiled and smirked and pointed his
9 finger at me. He said, "Mr. Mayor, if you don't
10 leave me alone, I'm going to bring fire and fury on
11 you."

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Whoo.

13 MAYOR PATTERSON: Hey, I went straight to the
14 sheriff's office because I believed him. I believed
15 what he told me. He had no reason to lie to me. He
16 was going to bring fire and fury, and it sounds
17 funny to y'all, but if you were me --

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Was there a witness to that?

19 MAYOR PATTERSON: -- and somebody's threatened
20 you with your life, it wouldn't be funny. I
21 guarantee you it wouldn't. It wouldn't be funny.
22 And that's what happened that day in his office.
23 Regardless of what he may say later I'm not the
24 liar, that's what was said, and I'll promise you
25 that.

1 I'm here to help everybody in this town.
2 That's all I always said when I come on board. I'm
3 here to help everybody. That's the only reason I'm
4 a mayor is to help people.

5 SAMUEL AMERSON: Mr. Mayor --

6 MAYOR PATTERSON: But that's one reason why.

7 SAMUEL AMERSON: Is that the only reason?

8 MAYOR PATTERSON: No, sir, there are some other
9 reasons.

10 SAMUEL AMERSON: That's your only reason? Just
11 one?

12 MAYOR PATTERSON: No, sir, there's more.

13 SAMUEL AMERSON: There's more. Okay, I'm
14 sorry, I thought that was "the" reason.

15 MAYOR PATTERSON: That is one reason, yes, sir.

16 SAMUEL AMERSON: Okay, go ahead. My name is
17 Samuel Warren Amerson, Sr.

18 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

19 SAMUEL AMERSON: I live beside Mr. Anderson.

20 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

21 SAMUEL AMERSON: I -- before -- I would like to
22 ask you this real quick.

23 MAYOR PATTERSON: Time out. Time out. If you
24 don't mind, would you -- let us get this done, and
25 then we'll bring you up and let you talk.

1 SAMUEL AMERSON: Yes, sir.

2 MAYOR PATTERSON: Because we really need you to
3 come up to the podium.

4 SAMUEL AMERSON: Yes, sir, okay.

5 CE WIFE: I'd like to say something as the wife
6 of the code enforcement officer. The day you had
7 that conversation with him in his office, keep in
8 mind he served this county 27 years flawlessly as a
9 sheriff's deputy. He works part time for the city,
10 and the day you had that conversation with him in
11 his office, I had to take him to the emergency room
12 because they thought he was having a heart attack
13 because his blood pressure was so high.

14 Did you or did you not tell him you'd also have
15 his job if he did not work every other Saturday?

16 MAYOR PATTERSON: No, ma'am, I did not.

17 CE WIFE: Every other Saturday is the only
18 day --

19 MAYOR PATTERSON: I did not tell him that. No,
20 ma'am, I did not.

21 CE WIFE: Every other Saturday is the only day
22 he has to spend with our children. He works 13 days
23 straight without a day off.

24 MAYOR PATTERSON: Well maybe he should resign
25 and get another job --

1 CE WIFE: He has --

2 MAYOR PATTERSON: -- if he can't do the job for

3 the city.

4 AUDIENCE: Whoo.

5 MAYOR PATTERSON: I mean we hired him to do a

6 job.

7 CE WIFE: He does the job.

8 MAYOR PATTERSON: But anyway, let's --

9 CE WIFE: He does the job.

10 MAYOR PATTERSON: -- continue on with --

11 with --

12 CE WIFE: He does the job. He brings --

13 MAYOR PATTERSON: Let's stay with the item --

14 CE WIFE: -- does -- answer me this, does he

15 not bring a lot of money to the city with the title

16 searches, fines, all of that?

17 UNIDENTIFIED: I want to hear the rest of your

18 grievance with --

19 AUDIENCE: Yeah.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Come on, Mr. Mayor.

21 MAYOR PATTERSON: All right, we got a motion on

22 the floor. Do we have a second?

23 UNIDENTIFIED: What was the motion?

24 UNIDENTIFIED: For what?

25 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Clarify the motion.

1 What was it?

2 UNIDENTIFIED: You're not going to vote until
3 we have --

4 MAYOR PATTERSON: Not until we talk to y'all.
5 Not until we talk to y'all. We just getting a
6 motion going.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: They got to have a second first.

8 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yeah, we got to have a second
9 and then we're going to ask for your input. We're
10 going to do this thing very calmly.

11 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: The motion was on the
12 floor to terminate Mr. Anderson without cause. Pay
13 him his leave based on his policy and his severance.

14 MAYOR PATTERSON: All right, I have a motion.
15 Do I have a second?

16 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I'd like to say
17 something first.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Excuse me just a second. Didn't
19 Rex bring a motion up before anybody did?

20 UNIDENTIFIED: He sure did.

21 UNIDENTIFIED: Did you Rex?

22 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: No, I made a proposal
23 for a workshop.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: I thought you made a motion, not
25 a workshop.

1 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I'd like to say
2 something first. Hold it down please.

3 UNIDENTIFIED: Hey.

4 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I've known Jim most of
5 my life, and me, my decision is dedicated to the
6 people of Port St. Joe, Florida. My concern is
7 about North Port St. Joe. What I believe is that
8 there are certain things that should have been done
9 on North Port St. Joe that hadn't been done. And if
10 you need it, I can explain everything to you.

11 First, the North Port St., since I've been the
12 commissioner I found out that there's all other kind
13 of income that you can get for low income city, low
14 income communities, opportunities zone funding. It
15 was pushed back, the rezoning of Martin Luther Kind
16 Boulevard which was discussed several times in 2017
17 Publicly several times and it hasn't been moved
18 forward. And I -- I've received phone calls from my
19 constituents on North, in North Port St. Joe, and
20 they haven't had a voice to represent them in years.
21 So my job is first of all the entire community,
22 secondly is to take care of my community which I was
23 born and raised in, so with that said, I think that
24 we need to start over and find us a new city
25 manager.

1 UNIDENTIFIED: Some new commissioners.

2 MAYOR PATTERSON: So is that your second?

3 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I second it.

4 MAYOR PATTERSON: We have a first and a second,
5 and if anyone in the audience wants to speak, please
6 raise your hand. I saw that one in the back first.

7 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Well he's standing right
8 there.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: I'm standing right here.

10 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: How can you --

11 MAYOR PATTERSON: I saw that one first.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Mayor --

13 MAYOR PATTERSON: I wasn't -- I saw that one
14 first.

15 UNIDENTIFIED: May I speak? May I speak later?

16 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: I'd like to tell everybody about
18 him threatening to kill me.

19 AUDIENCE: What?

20 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Hold on, Jim wants to
21 speak. Jim wants to speak.

22 JIM ANDERSON: I just have one quick thing to
23 say.

24 MAYOR PATTERSON: Sign in. Yes, sir, hold it
25 right there.

1 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes, sir.

2 JIM ANDERSON: If I can for just a minute. I
3 work for the citizens of Port St. Joe. Yes, I work
4 at the direction of the city commission. I'm trying
5 to do the best job I can for the people and the
6 money, and I've not broken any laws of the State of
7 Florida or any ordinances within the City of Port
8 St. Joe. At this point I ask the board to follow
9 the city charter. The city charter says per Section
10 34 of the City of Port St. Joe charter I demand
11 written charges and a public hearing upon the same
12 storm before the commission. And my removal shall
13 not take effect until such hearing has been had, for
14 the record.

15 MAYOR PATTERSON: Okay. Please sign in and
16 state your name and address.

17 TURNER ECHOLS: My name's Turner Echols. I live
18 at 805 16th Street.

19 MAYOR PATTERSON: Please stay on the agenda
20 item --

21 TURNER ECHOLS: I am.

22 MAYOR PATTERSON: -- but you don't need to talk
23 about me.

24 TURNER ECHOLS: Well no, you said he's, you've
25 got charges against him. I want to talk about

1 you -- you -- you and me, and you threatening me.

2 MAYOR PATTERSON: I don't know what you're
3 talking about.

4 TURNER ECHOLS: Of course you won't. You
5 won't --

6 MAYOR PATTERSON: All I know is you wrote a
7 nasty letter about me and my girlfriend. It was all
8 lies. Now get back.

9 TURNER ECHOLS: Well no, last, last Tuesday --

10 MAYOR PATTERSON: Chief, get this, get this man
11 away from the podium?

12 TURNER ECHOLS: -- at Sister's Restaurant.

13 MAYOR PATTERSON: Chief, will you get this man
14 away from the podium?

15 TURNER ECHOLS: At Sister's Restaurant, they --
16 the mayor started calling me a liar.

17 MAYOR PATTERSON: No, Chief, Chief, get him out
18 of here.

19 TURNER ECHOLS: Sheriff Harrison, Sheriff
20 Harrison --

21 MAYOR PATTERSON: I'm not going to --

22 TURNER ECHOLS: Sheriff Harrison investigated a
23 threat to me that was made through his ex --

24 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: I want to speak. I'm next
25 in line.

1 TURNER ECHOLS: -- his girlfriend to the ex,
2 well it was her husband at the time that he was
3 seeing --

4 MAYOR PATTERSON: Where?

5 TURNER ECHOLS: -- because the mayor showed up
6 at my house screaming and yelling. I have witnesses
7 for that. I have about 30 witnesses at Sister's.

8 MAYOR PATTERSON: How long ago was that?

9 TURNER ECHOLS: It was two and a half years
10 ago.

11 MAYOR PATTERSON: Okay --

12 TURNER ECHOLS: That, yeah. But what happened
13 at Sister's last Tuesday is fresh.

14 MAYOR PATTERSON: Mr. Attorney?

15 MR. ALBRITTON: Yes.

16 MAYOR PATTERSON: What can I do in this
17 situation? He's not staying on the program.

18 TURNER ECHOLS: No, you talking about people
19 giving death threats, I've got witnesses of death
20 threats by you and your girlfriend.

21 MR. ALBRITTON: Mayor, at this time since the
22 city manager's requested written charges and a
23 formal hearing --

24 TURNER ECHOLS: You calling me a liar?

25 MR. ALBRITTON: -- I would suggest to the board

1 that we reconvene this so that he can have the
2 opportunity to see those written charges as he's so
3 demanded.

4 MAYOR PATTERSON: All right, and we do no
5 action today? Is that what you're saying?

6 MR. ALBRITTON: The only action pursuant to the
7 charter that the city can take is to suspend him
8 pending the formal hearing that he has demanded.

9 MAYOR PATTERSON: All right.

10 TURNER ECHOLS: You really don't want me to
11 talk, do you?

12 MAYOR PATTERSON: I'll let --

13 TURNER ECHOLS: Let's talk about calling me a
14 liar.

15 MAYOR PATTERSON: Get him out of here.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Sure can we talk --

17 MAYOR PATTERSON: You want to talk about
18 personal problems.

19 TURNER ECHOLS: I think you need a drug test.
20 Will you submit to a drug test? You did a -- will
21 you submit to a drug test?

22 MAYOR PATTERSON: Chief.

23 REESE ANTLEY: Sir, sir, I've got some serious
24 questions, and it's not about personal --

25 TURNER ECHOLS: This is serious.

1 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yes, sir, it sure is.

2 TURNER ECHOLS: It's real serious.

3 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

4 REESE ANTLEY: I agree, but I have some
5 questions that are specific to what's going on.

6 TURNER ECHOLS: There's an investigation he
7 doesn't know about.

8 MR. ALBRITTON: Again, Mayor, at this time the
9 city manager's demanded --

10 MAYOR PATTERSON: Step to the side, please.

11 MR. ALBRITTON: -- the enforcement of Section
12 34 which requires written charges. The only action
13 item at this point the city can take is to suspend
14 him. If you read through the charter my suggestion
15 is at the very least that this matter be reconvened
16 so that the city can provide Mr. Anderson with the
17 written charges he has so demanded and he is so
18 entitled to.

19 The only other item that this commotion in
20 regards to this can take up is whether or not to
21 suspend him until such time that hearing has been
22 had. There is, legally there's no other option for
23 the city commission at this point. Mr. Anderson is
24 entitled to his hearing, and he's entitled to his
25 written charges. So the only action item right now

1 that the city can take as to Mr. Anderson is to
2 whether or not to suspend him until such time.

3 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: What do we do with the
4 motion?

5 MR. ALBRITTON: You'd have to withdraw the
6 motion until such time as the hearing's been had.
7 After the hearing is concluded and Mr. Anderson's
8 demand been met then the city will have to take
9 action at that point.

10 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I would like, I would
11 like to hear what some of the citizens have to say
12 before we take anymore action. Whether we withdraw
13 the motion or whatever, but I would like to hear
14 what the citizens have to say.

15 UNIDENTIFIED: Absolutely.

16 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: We need to probably
17 withdraw?

18 MAYOR PATTERSON: Huh?

19 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: He needs to withdraw.

20 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Yeah, I withdraw my
21 second.

22 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I withdraw my first.

23 MAYOR PATTERSON: All right. All right, now
24 Mr. Anderson has already asked for his public
25 hearing so we're going to still let the public talk,

1 and we'll start with you, sir.

2 REESE ANTLEY: All right, Reese Antley, 464
3 Anglefish Street.

4 First let me just say something to the
5 commission. You guys work for us, the people. As
6 you can see by the people that are here and what
7 you're going to hear next, Jim Anderson is the one
8 person at city hall that stands for anything for the
9 most part. I'm just being honest. There's a few
10 people up there for the most part, but you guys work
11 for us. To come in here and fire him without cause,
12 the cause should be that the people are crying out
13 for a termination or he's done something wrong. But
14 to state as you lost, Brett, you lost confidence, is
15 that correct? So what is the -- why did you lose
16 confidence? Has he done something in his job that
17 you guys have reprimanded him for to lost
18 confidence?

19 This isn't Bo's Pest Control. This isn't
20 Buzzett's Drugstore. This is the City of Port St.
21 Joe. This isn't Wood's Fishery where I can fire
22 whoever I want to whenever I want to. This is the
23 city. He works for us so why did you lose
24 confidence in him?

25 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I'll discuss that later at

1 the hearing.

2 REESE ANTLEY: This is the time to discuss it
3 so to us --

4 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I'll discuss it at the
5 hearing.

6 MAYOR PATTERSON: He's asked for a hearing so.

7 REESE ANTLEY: I understand that but us as the
8 city, as the, as the people that put you in office,
9 that put every one of you in office, you owe us the
10 explanation so we can make our call on whether Jim
11 should be fired or he should stay on. At this point
12 you guys are looking like you just have a vendetta
13 against Jim.

14 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I promise we don't. We
15 haven't discussed that.

16 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: You can't handle the
17 pressure you should resign.

18 REESE ANTLEY: And I'm just going to end with
19 this because there's a lot of people that want to
20 talk.

21 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

22 REESE ANTLEY: But for the meeting that you
23 called at 10 o'clock you were late. They had to
24 start without our mayor.

25 MAYOR PATTERSON: And without our attorney.

1 REESE ANTLEY: Well does that -- that to me is
2 a write-up. If my people are late at work, you're
3 written up.

4 You're in here with a bunch of people that took
5 off work out of respect for everybody here. You
6 should have been here on time.

7 MAYOR PATTERSON: I thought I was getting here
8 on time.

9 REESE ANTLEY: Okay. Listen, I think you guys
10 should be held to the same standard we are, and I'm
11 not going down the petty thing, but I do believe you
12 need to take a drug test and a sobriety test.

13 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you for your comment.
14 Thank you.
15 Yes, ma'am.

16 PAULA PICKETT: My name is Paula Pickett, 108
17 Sunset Circle, Port St. Joe. I have worked in
18 public service through the county as well as the
19 chamber of commerce for over 14 years. I have
20 worked with three city managers. I have never
21 worked with a finer person than Jim Anderson. I
22 have met with him on a variety of occasions over the
23 last years. Never has he made any, any threatening
24 statements to me, and I have asked him some tough
25 questions, and we've jumped some hurdles together.

1 Never has he had anything but the utmost respect for
2 me, and I would venture to say anybody else in this
3 room that's been in his office.

4 He does work for me. He is the one I go to
5 when I have problems. I've never called any one of
6 you. You're welcome. I know how to get my problems
7 solved, and Jim Anderson does it. And he does it
8 respectfully and timely.

9 You guys have a hard job. I completely respect
10 your ability to run for office. You've shown
11 tenacity and thick skinness sometimes to your own
12 detriment. I urge you to listen to these people.
13 You may have lacked confidence for some personal
14 reason with Jim, but nobody in here has. In fact
15 I've got more confidence in him than I do any one of
16 you.

17 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you, ma'am. Thank you.

18 AMY ROGERS: Amy Rogers, and I signed my name
19 on the sign-in pad. I'm a registered voter, and a
20 citizen of Port St. Joe.

21 I am concerned with, as I received one of your
22 documents I did not see where there was any poor
23 work performance, no evaluation that was taken place
24 for Mr. Anderson's, the question to have him
25 terminated. I, when I make a conscious decision on

1 voting, I want to know what I'm voting for. I just,
2 I don't want to vote because so and so told me vote
3 for this person and vote for that person, pass you a
4 piece of paper and vote for that person. I'm a
5 educated person, and I like to know what I'm voting
6 for. And as I read the little paragraph all inside,
7 according to the paragraphs again there's no
8 evaluation been taken place, no, he has no
9 discrepancies in his work performance, and I'd like
10 to leave here today with some facts of what has
11 happened regarding his work performance.

12 Now if he's been insubordinated, I didn't see
13 anything on insubordination. I feel like in a
14 situation like this the city do, we still practice
15 affirmative action where you have stated that you're
16 a equal opportunity employee person. There is a
17 process and a procedure that the city has gone about
18 with other employees where they call a fact finding
19 conference. With this particular matter it might be
20 the city commissioners, but, and some of the peoples
21 in his workplace area it would be a fact finding
22 conference so they can go gather the facts up and
23 then bring it back to the board and find out, that's
24 when you act on it. But the one-day thing with no
25 work, no work discrepancies and no problem with his

1 work performance, I can't vote on anything like
2 that. And as a citizen and a registered voter, I
3 want to be able to vote on facts, okay.

4 Let's do a workshop and as Commissioner Buzzett
5 has stated earlier about a workshop so you can
6 gather up the facts for an individual. And as what,
7 I have to disagree with you a little bit
8 Commissioner Langston. There have been some work
9 that the city has done for North Port St. Joe.

10 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I didn't say the city
11 didn't do any you know work for Port St. Joe. I
12 said we've been deprived for a long time on the
13 north side. That's what my statements was.

14 AMY ROGERS: Well -- okay, well then --

15 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I know you can't
16 disagree with that.

17 AMY ROGERS: Yes, we have --

18 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: If you disagree with
19 that is, I don't understand what you're talking
20 about.

21 AMY ROGERS: Well okay. Yes, we have socially
22 been, we are socially deprived and been depressed
23 for many, many years, but there are several things
24 that the city has helped with North Port St. Joe --

25 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: And they always have.

1 I never said they didn't.

2 AMY ROGERS: -- but they're still short, you
3 know.

4 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I never said they
5 didn't.

6 AMY ROGERS: But we've --

7 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I said we've been
8 deprived.

9 AMY ROGERS: Yeah, okay.

10 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: That's what I said.
11 That's what I stated.

12 AMY ROGERS: Yes, sir, I agree with you on
13 we've been socially deprived. We are a socially
14 deprived community, but with the fact that I do know
15 the city has helped some, but they're very short on
16 a lot of things that need to be done. But the
17 majority of the things that need to be done is for
18 us to ask for. And all of our community, we want,
19 we want to stay in within the area that we can
20 receive funds with current CRA, but if we go and
21 restrict that to another section only --

22 MAYOR PATTERSON: Well, Miss Amy, we're not
23 talking about the CRA's. We're not talking about
24 it.

25 AMY ROGERS: I know. What I'm just saying that

1 that's one of the ways that we get help. See
2 sometimes we shoot our ownself in the foot --

3 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Right --

4 AMY ROGERS: -- and don't realize later on.

5 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: -- like what you're
6 doing right now.

7 AMY ROGERS: So we want, what I'm saying right
8 now is that we want to get some help for the entire
9 community and not stay, make -- work on being.

10 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I didn't say it -- I
11 said I'm, I represent the entire community.

12 AMY ROGERS: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I said that before I
14 said anything about the north side. What I said was
15 I represent the entire community, but I was born and
16 raised in North Port St. Joe, and we haven't had a
17 voice in 10 years, almost 10 years to come up and
18 represent what we need over on the north side. I
19 didn't say I didn't represent the entire North,
20 entire community of Port St. Joe, Florida, ma'am.

21 AMY ROGERS: Okay, I'm not -- we have had --

22 MAYOR PATTERSON: All right, your three minutes
23 is up, ma'am.

24 AMY ROGERS: We have had many commissioners
25 African and American --

1 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you, ma'am.

2 AMY ROGERS: -- and we have had some help, but
3 we've not fulfilled it yet and that's all I'm just
4 saying.

5 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Okay, fine.

6 AMY ROGERS: The dream is unfulfilled --

7 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Thank you.

8 AMY ROGERS: -- and yes, it does, and we thank
9 you for your --

10 MAYOR PATTERSON: Well thank you for your time,
11 Miss Amy. Thank you.

12 AMY ROGERS: Thank you. You're quite welcome,
13 sir.

14 MAYOR PATTERSON: Come on up. Sign in please.

15 LISA MATTHEWS: I've signed in already.

16 MAYOR PATTERSON: All right.

17 LISA MATTHEWS: Okay, my name is Lisa Matthews.
18 I live at 312 Avenue F, and I think this whole
19 setting is all a little bit much. I think that you
20 commissioners with Mr. Anderson have done a little
21 bit out of, out of concert, context, but I agree
22 with Mr. Langston. I've only been back here since
23 2013, and I've seen things that are just outrageous.
24 We have sent paperwork to Mr. Anderson that he
25 hasn't responded to as far as the PAC, and he pushed

1 them aside. And we've got numerous phone calls
2 saying well where is the paperwork, where is the
3 rezoning paperwork, and they're sitting on Mr.
4 Anderson's desk. So I'm saying we need someone
5 that's going to take our cause serious.

6 We live there and sometimes it gets a little
7 bit hard to live there because of what I'm seeing,
8 what I don't see what the need is and what's not
9 being generated in North Port St. Joe.

10 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you, ma'am. Yes, sir.

11 BRIAN WAGNER: My name is Brian Wagner, 401
12 20th Street. Just trying to summarize everything
13 that's kind of going on is, with respect to Mr.
14 Langston what you said about first off being north
15 side Port St. Joe, until the city can move on as
16 one --

17 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: And again I said
18 that --

19 BRIAN WAGNER: I'm speaking. I understand what
20 you said.

21 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I represent --

22 BRIAN WAGNER: I understand what you said.

23 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Okay.

24 BRIAN WAGNER: But Mr. Anderson works at the
25 pleasure of the commission, correct?

1 MAYOR PATTERSON: Sure.

2 BRIAN WAGNER: So if there have been issues
3 with things not being done that Mr. Jim is not
4 doing, as we do this meeting, Mr. Jim has asked for
5 a meeting to hear the accusations. As a citizen, I
6 want to see documentation of where he did not do
7 what you asked him to do and specifically things
8 that, I can respect --

9 LISA MATTHEWS: Miss Matthews.

10 BRIAN WAGNER: I can respect what you're
11 saying, yes, ma'am. I don't know if you remember me
12 or not but --

13 LISA MATTHEWS: I remember him.

14 BRIAN WAGNER: -- I would like to see
15 personally things that he has not done for his job,
16 if that makes any sense. Because all -- I've come
17 to two meetings, and all I ever hear each one of you
18 guys get up there and say what, why you're doing
19 this is for the people, and I'm doing this, I'm all
20 for you, I'm here foy you, I want to do what you
21 want to do, I represent everybody but there's no
22 facts, and I need to see facts.

23 MAYOR PATTERSON: I gave you some.

24 LISA MATTHEWS: I didn't see them.

25 BRIAN WAGNER: I need to see facts so we can

1 make a decision and not just without cause, not Just
2 willie nillie. I mean this is official, and I know
3 Jim personally, and I'm coming into this as open
4 minded as I can. I respect him just like I respect
5 each and every one of you. I want to hear what he
6 has to say just as much as I want to hear what you
7 guys have to say.

8 So as we come to this next meeting, I hope you
9 come with more than just emotions and feelings and
10 thoughts, and I want to see facts where he has not
11 done the things that you've asked him to do. Thank
12 you.

13 MAYOR PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you, sir. Thank
14 you. Come on up.

15 SAMUEL ANDERSON, SR.: My name's Samuel Warren
16 Anderson, Sr. I live at 512 8th Street, Port St.
17 Joe, Florida. I was pretty much raised here.

18 Mr. Mayor, and every one of you commissioners,
19 I have all the respect for y'all. Do not get me
20 wrong. I'm here because the city administrator, no
21 matter where I live, but me living reasonably close
22 to the gentleman, you take a gentleman that, that
23 likes to hunt and fish, if he's a hard worker, which
24 he normally is if he does that because it takes
25 money to do that well, Mr. Jim, he likes making

1 things very pretty, beautiful, spending his time
2 doing that.

3 When he's not at work and not with his family
4 he's working on his house. Not 10:00, 11 o'clock in
5 the morning, he drinks coffee at the crack of
6 daylight and that gentleman is working. To me that
7 tells me that when that man's at work, he's working
8 just as hard. As leaders we should know this. As
9 our main leader, Mr. Bo, you should know this. Fine
10 example on this meeting.

11 I could get into it, and I could get hostile.
12 Believe me I'm trying not to. The accusation that
13 you said, and I rudely interrupted, and I very, I
14 apologize for that.

15 MAYOR PATTERSON: That's all right. That's,
16 all right, no problem.

17 SAMUEL ANDERSON, SR.: Because you probably
18 really buried yourself.

19 MAYOR PATTERSON: Uh-huh.

20 SAMUEL ANDERSON, SR.: But for you to say that
21 man pointed at you like that and said what you said,
22 I know word for word sir, when sit down tonight and
23 think about the way you started this meeting out,
24 you need to think word for word for what you said
25 about this gentleman. I've seen him hit his hand

1 with a hammer, squish his foot and somebody like me,
2 buddy, the good Lord don't want to hear what I have
3 to say.

4 This man is, he plays with his children every
5 evening --

6 LISA MATTHEWS: That's personal. That's not
7 jobs.

8 SAMUEL ANDERSON, SR.: -- every evening. And I
9 want to try end it right here saying if I lived
10 where I live, or if I lived in tim buck two, what I
11 know of that gentleman he never made them
12 accusations. And -- and what did you say your memo
13 read?

14 MAYOR PATTERSON: The one that was supposed to
15 be on here was --

16 SAMUEL ANDERSON, SR.: No, sir, what -- you
17 held it up.

18 MAYOR PATTERSON: This one right here? This
19 one right here says termination.

20 SAMUEL ANDERSON, SR.: You held it up.

21 MAYOR PATTERSON: This one says termination but
22 it's wrong.

23 SAMUEL ANDERSON, SR.: Termination for Bo
24 Patterson? That's what you said ain't it?

25 UNIDENTIFIED: That's what you said.

1 SAMUEL ANDERSON, SR.: That's what you said.

2 MAYOR PATTERSON: That's not --

3 SAMUEL ANDERSON, SR.: And, sir, you see all
4 these fine citizens --

5 MAYOR PATTERSON: I said Bo Patterson it would
6 have said that.

7 SAMUEL ANDERSON, SR.: -- of this community it
8 might be true. Thank you, sir.

9 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yes, sir, thank you. Thank
10 you.

11 Come on up.

12 JOHNNY LINTON: Johnny Linton, 2025 Marvin
13 Avenue. I want you to hear what I'm saying. I hung
14 out the door of a helicopter for two years, got shot
15 at every day all the time. It never, I never went
16 to a judge. I never to anybody else complaining
17 about it. I live with it.

18 This -- he didn't do anything wrong by saying
19 something that was on his conscience. He just said
20 it. And it, there's nothing we can do about that,
21 but we live in a city that the water bill is so dad
22 gum high you can't even drink the water. You can't
23 bathe in the water. My water bill is 190, \$200
24 every stinking month, we got five, six, five
25 commissioners up here, and they go on a trip every

1 month, go on it every year because I went. I was
2 it's mayor. I was city commissioner.

3 MAYOR PATTERSON: I helped you. I campaigned
4 for you.

5 JOHNNY LINTON: Okay, but I'm tell you right
6 now, there better be some changes or there are going
7 to be some changes. Either there's going -- we
8 going to change -- Jim is the best man I've ever met
9 in my life. He goes to my church. He's a
10 Christian, he's a leader in the church. He's a
11 really fine person. He's got a great family, and
12 I'm going to tell you what, there's three or four of
13 you here that won't be here next year if you mess
14 with him.

15 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you, sir.
16 (Applause from audience.)

17 BENNY ROBERTS: My name is Benny Roberts.

18 MAYOR PATTERSON: Hey, Mr. Benny.

19 BENNY ROBERTS: And I'm the historian in this
20 building. I served three city manager, Charlie
21 Brock three times, Alton Ferris one time so I'm
22 talking about, I'm talking about 26 years of service
23 I was a city commissioner. I worked for the city
24 for five years straightening out the ball parks and
25 running the recreation, so I've been in the city

1 hall 31 years so I -- I know about what went on and
2 who went on with it you know.

3 So anyway, city managers became a problem.
4 Right, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Pate wanted a city manager so
5 city managers had a lot more power in a sense than
6 Charlie Brock. Charlie Brock was a, was the
7 bookkeeper, and he's say right quick we ain't got
8 the money. I mean he -- if he didn't cut -- he was
9 tough. If we didn't have the money, we didn't do
10 it. And when I left the city, we had three million
11 dollars in Citizens Federal. In two years it was
12 two million dollars in the hole.

13 You know people don't mind spending somebody
14 else's money. It's easy to spend somebody else's
15 money.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: That's right.

17 BENNY ROBERTS: But politicians are really kind
18 of bad about spending somebody else's money because
19 y'all -- and it doesn't matter if you have to borrow
20 it. It don't matter. I mean the city -- what --
21 what have y'all got \$150,000, \$120,000 in debts you
22 have to pay off for bad water bills? Y'all got
23 that? Is that pretty correct? Is that pretty
24 close? Yeah, pretty close. You paid off everybody.
25 And did you ever think about this, the people that

1 have bad water bills that live at the beach don't
2 live in the city of Port St. Joe, and when you take
3 city tax dollars to subsidize somebody that don't
4 pay his water bill, you taking my money to pay his
5 water bill. You every think about that? You ought
6 to think about it.

7 Now this -- this situation has gotten out of
8 hand, and I've only had three occasions to talk to
9 this city -- city manager. Courteous, diligent, did
10 what he said he was going to do, and then the next
11 day it happened, you know. I couldn't not ask for
12 any better service. And so all I'm saying is you
13 might want to look at your own self.

14 And by the way, you was talking about North
15 Port St. Joe, when I was on that board, I went,
16 talked to the Northwest Government Development
17 Council, and the guy came to me and said Benny,
18 y'all wanting water and sewer, but I can get you
19 some money for recreation, and I said how much. He
20 said well we'll ask for 120,000, and we had just
21 traded the -- the Northside, belonged to the school
22 board, we traded them for that baseball park over
23 there. We gave that to the school. So we traded
24 out. So then we had to tear our building down, but
25 we didn't have any money to fix it up, so this buy

1 came by, and he said hey, if you'll ask for a grant
2 for that, you can get it because they on recreation
3 this year. So I went back over there, he called me
4 back. He said we're going to ask for 120,000. We
5 got the \$95,000. That was a grant that went to
6 Northside that people it was, they never -- one of
7 the candidates that ran said oh, we never got any
8 grants over there. Yeah, you got 95,000. Then they
9 turned around and told -- excuse me.

10 MAYOR PATTERSON: No, sir, the three minutes up
11 on that.

12 BENNY ROBERTS: Okay. All right, next --

13 MAYOR PATTERSON: The next in the aisle.

14 BENNY ROBERTS: Okay. All right, next -- all
15 right, the next, next thing was we got another grant
16 for 50,000. So we -- North Port St. Joe has been
17 remembered, I promise you.

18 MAYOR PATTERSON: Has what?

19 BENNY ROBERTS: Been remembered as far as --

20 MAYOR PATTERSON: Walk over there and look.

21 BENNY ROBERTS: Yeah, walk over there --

22 MAYOR PATTERSON: See if it's been remembered.

23 BENNY ROBERTS: What?

24 MAYOR PATTERSON: I'll say it ain't been
25 remembered.

1 BENNY ROBERTS: Well --

2 MAYOR PATTERSON: You go over there and look at
3 it.

4 BENNY ROBERTS: Well you know who's running it
5 now? Y'all threw it to the county. Amen, brother.

6 MAYOR PATTERSON: Right. Thank you, Mr. Ben.
7 Thank you, sir.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Hey, from where I grew up
9 North Port St. Joe, it is improving a great lot, and
10 that's the onliest thing I need to say. And it
11 comes from that man making things look --

12 UNIDENTIFIED: You say it's improved?

13 UNIDENTIFIED: He's trying. It is --

14 UNIDENTIFIED: Where you been at?

15 UNIDENTIFIED: It is improving.

16 You say you grew up here? I grew up here
17 too, my friend.

18 MAYOR PATTERSON: Gentlemen, please. Yes, sir?

19 NATHAN PETERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Mayor, you know
20 I'm retired now at the age of 69 years old. I've
21 been a citizen of this community all my life, entire
22 69 years. I started participating in politics back
23 in 1985 when I was first elected to city commission,
24 and I went on and became a county commissioner for
25 24 consecutive years. Now I do know something about

1 politics and the way it works.

2 I want to say that from 1985 when I was elected
3 to city commissioner, I had relationships with all
4 the board members and all the people that worked for
5 the city, and I knew all the way up to Jim, Jim came
6 in. I believe it was in 2012, and he's been here
7 about six years, that long.

8 Now I've had relationship with managers before
9 him, and I had relationships with him his entire six
10 years. I'm going to tell you something, and this is
11 the God in heaven truth, I don't know a better
12 person that we could have in that position than Jim.
13 (Audience applause.)

14 He's been honest, and he's been supportive of
15 my community. He can't do it, Langston, he can't.
16 You just got there. He can't do it that fast.
17 Government don't work that way.

18 MAYOR PATTERSON: I wasn't saying that it can
19 happen --

20 NATHAN PETERS: Overnight.

21 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: -- overnight. I was
22 saying that throughout the years, and you -- you was
23 a city commissioner. It's been a while. You were
24 the county commissioner and pretty fine one.

25 NATHAN PETERS: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: But the thing about it
2 is that we've been, these past 10 years we've just
3 been deprived. I mean, and the guy said that you
4 can go over there and look at it right now. The
5 only thing that we got standing on MLK is your
6 business. And I'm not saying that's bad. That's a
7 good thing because it makes people want to strive to
8 do better, but we need more things to come in to try
9 to help us --

10 NATHAN PETERS: Yeah but Langston, you remember
11 when Avenue A was completely tore up --

12 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Yes, sir.

13 NATHAN PETERS: -- and they put in a new sewer
14 system in that, on Avenue A all the way down.

15 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Yes, sir.

16 NATHAN PETERS: And then, and then we had
17 problems with the water. Not just North Port St.
18 Joe but all of Port St. Joe had problems with the
19 water.

20 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Right.

21 NATHAN PETERS: And they worked with us to get
22 that fixed. We got pretty good water now.

23 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Uh-huh.

24 NATHAN PETERS: You know what I'm saying? And
25 it takes time to do that. But I'm here to say that

1 Mr. Anderson, I don't know of a better person to
2 have in that position, and I support him
3 100 percent. Thank you, gentlemen.

4 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you, sir.
5 (Audience applause.)

6 TRAVIS BURGE: Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, I'm
7 Travis Burge. I live at 2011 Garrison Avenue, Port
8 St. Joe. Most of you know me. I've been here, I'm
9 telling on my age, but 60 years.

10 I just want to speak on behalf of Jim. I've
11 been on the PDRB for two, maybe going on three
12 years. Nothing but respect for Jim. Jim is a man
13 of integrity. I've interacted with him on this
14 board with issues, and he has brought nothing but
15 integrity, and he has got the city's and the
16 taxpayers of this community at heart in everything
17 he does, and that's a fact. That's dealing with him
18 straight.

19 Some of you know me, some don't. Rex Buzzett,
20 I appreciate the kind comments and the diplomatic
21 approach that he brought before you others. Pretty
22 obvious where the three votes are. And as I think
23 Brett you said earlier, the rumors and everything
24 else, well a little bit of that comes to light, son.
25 And I'm going to tell you something with each one of

1 you, Mr. Lowry, I've known you since you were
2 little, you and your brother. You know that.

3 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: Uh-huh.

4 TRAVIS BURGE: I have a lot of respect, and
5 Brett, I'm seeing a different pretty Brett, and I'll
6 tell you, if your granddaddy was around, he'd roll
7 over, son.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Uh-huh, that's right.

9 TRAVIS BURGE: That is not diplomatic what
10 you're doing. Mr. Buzzett has brought something to
11 the table that was ignored. He made the motion
12 anyway. Eric, I've known your mama back, used to
13 work years ago, what, back in the '80s, good woman.
14 I remember when you were in her arms, and I'm going
15 to tell you something, son, search your heart. Do
16 it a diplomatic way. Don't come in here and be led.
17 I feel like you're led.

18 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: No, I'm not being led.

19 TRAVIS BURGE: I really do, you know.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: He the next of the Langstons.
21 Ain't no leading.

22 TRAVIS BURGE: Mr. Mayor, had the privilege of
23 talking to you a couple of days ago. My dad called
24 you, called me over there. We had our discussion,
25 and in that discussion I told you what some of the

1 rumors were that I heard because I wanted to know.
2 I did not know. But we have a right as citizens,
3 everyone in this room that's here to represent Mr.
4 Anderson, and we're asking you to be diplomatic. Do
5 not let petty personality clashes, differences spoil
6 your ability as mayor. I think you've already done
7 that, but Bo, that's wrong. What you've told me
8 wasn't nothing but a personality clash.

9 Now isn't there -- well I understand there's a
10 process, a diplomatic process that Mr. Buzzett has
11 brought to the table, and it needs to be followed.
12 You don't just come in and threaten a man to resign,
13 if that's what's true, without any due process?
14 It's ridiculous. And the people in this community
15 are tired of it. Don't know what's in the
16 background behind it, if there's any motivation. I
17 heard there was.

18 Mr. Mayor, I mention to you those rumors and
19 the fact that it, Mr. Lowery had approached Mr.
20 Anderson is the story I heard, and in that story I
21 said you know there's others that were mentioned
22 behind Mr. Lowry with this, and you come out with a
23 name. And I'm not going to, let's don't name
24 drop --

25 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: -- uh-huh.

1 TRAVIS BURGE: -- but you pretty much in my
2 opinion told on yourself when you brought that up
3 when you named the name.

4 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I'll talk to you. That
5 issue --

6 TRAVIS BURGE: I didn't name the name.

7 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: Yeah.

8 TRAVIS BURGE: So what I, what I'd like to say
9 just in closing, I challenge everyone of you, look
10 at each other, search your soul, and one of you has
11 initiated this. Somebody has. It took one. The
12 smoke started by one of you and it went from there.
13 So put it on the table instead of under the table is
14 all I ask.

15 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you, sir.

16 (Audience applause.)

17 GREG JOHNSON: Gentlemen, I'm James G. Greg
18 Johnson. I live at 128 Heritage Lane, Port St. Joe,
19 Florida. I had the privilege many years ago to
20 serve on this board and during that time I had the
21 privilege of working with Mr. Anderson. We had some
22 bad, bad economic times at that time. In fact I
23 remember one meeting where Mr. Weston and Mr.
24 Anderson and I sat down, we didn't know how we were
25 going to meet payroll in two years, or two weeks.

1 We worked hard. We called a special meeting. We
2 got it resolved, but it was Mr. Anderson who led the
3 charge and helped us understand where we were.
4 Since that time this man with his staff has created
5 a positive balance in the city. I commend him for
6 that, and y'all are crazy as heck if you run him
7 off. He's the only one up there that has any idea
8 what's going on, and if y'all lose this leadership,
9 you going to be on a slope that's going to go
10 downhill so fast a freight train couldn't stop it.

11 So I'm asking you to reconsider. Do like what
12 some of the other speakers have said, talk to the
13 man. If you have issues, work them out like a
14 normal human being would do that runs a successful
15 business.

16 This is a major business, and y'all are
17 operating it like two kids with a baseball. I --
18 it's got to stop. It -- I had a very intelligent
19 man one time tell me, Greg, don't ever criticize
20 somebody in public. You criticize in private. You
21 praise in public, but I can't do that with y'all
22 today because I'm not happy with you. I -- I too
23 believe that there's something going on behind the
24 scenes that has caused this. Mr. Anderson has
25 stepped on somebody's toes by telling them what the

1 charter says and what his marching orders adopted by
2 y'all says do. I honestly believe that. And
3 sometime since I got off this board y'all initiated
4 a, an increase in your compensation to cover your
5 cell phone usage. If I'm not mistaken, each of you
6 get a stipend each month for your cell phone. Is
7 that correct?

8 MAYOR PATTERSON: Sure.

9 GREG JOHNSON: Well today I'm formally
10 requesting under the Florida Statute No. 10 Chapter
11 119 Section 11901 a copy of everyone of your cell
12 phone bills from May -- April the 1st in 2011.

13 (Audience applause.)

14 MAYOR PATTERSON: All right let's hold it down
15 please. Yes, ma'am?

16 LINDA TESHUTTI: I'm Linda Teshutti, Port St.
17 Joe, Florida.

18 First of all, we should have prayed because
19 there's enough heat in here to start a fire, so we
20 need Jesus. That's who we need, and all I have to
21 say is that I've known this man since he was in
22 second grade, but there is a lot of people that I
23 know. I want everybody to deep inside dig in your
24 heart. Ask God to watch over you because a lot of
25 people are not right. If you do what's right in

1 your heart, we wouldn't be having this meeting
2 today.

3 You people have got to change, myself as well.
4 Get your heart right and stop doing favoritism for
5 one and not the other one. Get it right with God.

6 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you, ma'am.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Amen.

8 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yes, sir?

9 QUEN LAMB: My name is Quen Lamb. I live at
10 (inaudible).

11 AUDIENCE: We can't hear.

12 MAYOR PATTERSON: Talk up a little bit.

13 QUEN LAMB: Quen Lamb, 1203 Palm Boulevard.

14 I at one time was director of People Helping
15 People program, and I had many opportunities to deal
16 with Jim in helping people with their -- their fuel
17 bills, with food, et cetera. Not once did I ever
18 have a rejection by Jim or a problem with Jim
19 relative to bringing a citizen's problems to him.
20 He worked with me. He was cooperative. He was
21 understanding of the people's problems. As a matter
22 of fact, yesterday I went to the north side and got
23 some petitions signed in favor of supporting Jim,
24 and I don't know how many people remembered me and
25 said to me how wonderful Jim was in helping get the

1 problems solved. And he was absolutely
2 understanding. I don't think we ever had an
3 argument. We may had a disagreement on -- on what
4 figure to arrive at, but he was absolutely
5 outstanding. And I would back that lady that just
6 spoke before me that in my 82 years of living I
7 cannot believe what I'm seeing or hearing this
8 morning.

9 I have owned companies. I have run companies,
10 large companies. Never, I hope never in my day
11 would we have ever treated an employee as you people
12 are treating Jim this morning. It's disgusting, and
13 you need to really step back and take a look at
14 yourself, but my support goes for Jim 100 percent.
15 So thank you very much.

16 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you.

17 CHARLES GILBERT: Charles Gilbert, 118 Liberty
18 Street. I'm here -- I'm not supporting, but I am
19 supporting but the fact of it is I think we here for
20 the wrong reason because the fact it shouldn't be
21 about Jim. It should be about policies and
22 procedures.

23 Now if we were going to have, and yeah I can
24 say this, former employee of the city of Port St.
25 Joe running recreation department for a long time,

1 and, but policies and procedures if we had them in
2 place, we wouldn't be here doing this today.
3 Because first of all, if you had a grievance with
4 whoever then you got a grievance committee that it
5 should have went through them to see if you had just
6 cause even to be here today.

7 Now my thing is this, I'm also a preacher in
8 this community. I've been one for over 32 years. I
9 don't care what you say he said, because everybody
10 got a story to tell, and everybody going to make
11 their side look as best as they possibly can. But
12 the fact of the matter is, I don't care who it is,
13 everybody is due process of being fair. And you
14 guys sit here, like I said you here to represent the
15 people.

16 Now I will agree that I heard some stuff about
17 the grants. Oh, I know a lot of grants done come,
18 but I know that they went, they came in one area and
19 then they went somewhere else to put pipes somewhere
20 else and it was named something else. Yeah, I do
21 know that too, but like I said, I'm not here for
22 that today.

23 The city need to have -- do you have a policy
24 in place how you deal with employees? Has anybody
25 looked at his jacket? From what I heard, his jacket

1 is perfect. Did he get reprimanded any time? Did
2 anybody write him up for insubordination?

3 See what I'm saying? This what I'm saying,
4 we -- we can, yeah, we can get a cause because I
5 don't care who you are, if you can get enough people
6 supporting you it will make a lot of people change
7 their minds, but if you do things from your heart
8 and your mind that when you go home at the end of
9 the night, you can rest in peace. You're not going,
10 you're not going to make everybody happy, but you
11 know what you did when your heart was the best
12 decision that you was making for the people, not
13 because I'm mad at Mr. Langston, not because I'm mad
14 at Mr. Bo. I'm not here for that. I'm here simply
15 stating that the city need to have some type of
16 policy in place so that they can deal with the
17 employees.

18 What I'm seeing, and this is the way I feel,
19 the city will work you all their, your life, and
20 when the time for them to stand up for you, you
21 ain't, you're out on a boat by yourself. So my
22 thing is before you want to do what you're doing, I
23 think we need to kind of regroup and look at the
24 situation from your heart and see if it's justified.
25 It may be. I don't know what happened. I'm not

1 going to get into you said he said, but it may be
2 that he might need to be wrote up but why? Is it
3 bad enough to terminate a man? This man -- and I'm
4 saying whoever, if they got a family, they got to
5 feed people, and you get mad at me because I tell
6 you or come up with or say something that you don't
7 like, and you just get rid of me, that's -- you know
8 with I'm saying? Because I don't care who you are
9 we're going to have some differences, and the most
10 sacred place you can have is in the church, and you
11 have differences there. So I don't care where you
12 go you're going to have differences but it's the way
13 you -- it's all depending on how you handle your
14 differences.

15 So, and like I said that's what I'm hearing.
16 I'm not seeing Mr. Anderson, I'm seeing the problem.
17 And this problem, if you do -- do it with him, you
18 do with other employees, and you don't have a
19 guideline, you're going to have this issue from time
20 to time, but if you've got a guideline of procedure,
21 they need to be followed and they need to be
22 followed for everybody.

23 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you Charles.

24 SANUEL ANDERSON, JR.: I'm Samuel Anderson, Jr,
25 521 9th Street. I've lived here for 32 years, my

1 entire life, and Mr. Bo, I say with all respect, Mr.
2 Bo, honestly I have some questions about you but
3 that's not what we're here for. I'm going to
4 comment toward you saying that Mr. Jim got hostile
5 with you in the office per se.

6 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

7 SANUEL ANDERSON, JR.: I have a four-month old
8 daughter that I love with all my heart. I would die
9 for her. If I ever had to leave her with somebody
10 outside of my family, Mr. Jim would be the first
11 person I would leave them with. Do you think I
12 would leave him, leave her with him knowing that he
13 has a hostile mean attitude or anything like that?
14 I don't think so. That's -- that's towards your
15 reason why you feel like you're -- you're threatened
16 by him. I wouldn't do that.

17 Brett, I -- I grew up watching you, you know
18 high school. I wanted to be your friend, wanted to
19 talk to you and everything else. I mean for you,
20 for you to being up here on this board and for
21 somebody in this audience to ask you a question, you
22 got a I ain't got no response for right now, when
23 you put that, when you put that name and that tag in
24 front of you, you got to respond to us when we ask
25 you a question. I'm sorry, that's part of the job.

1 Bo said it hisself, our code enforcement officer
2 needs to find another job, well if you can't answer
3 the questions that are brought to you, maybe you
4 need to find another job. I hate that. I'm sorry
5 but that's the way it is.

6 I mean, Mr. Langston, I understand completely
7 where you're coming from. I've got plenty of
8 friends over there. I'd do anything in the world
9 for them. Love them to death, but it takes time.
10 And I understand where you're coming from but it
11 takes time. It takes effort. It takes blood, sweat
12 and tears and it will come. I promise you, it will
13 come. All you got to do is work and be patient.
14 But Mr. Jim, he's a fine man. He works hard. I see
15 it day in and day out. I'm around town all day
16 every day five days a week.

17 Mr. Buzzett, he put a good thing on the, idea
18 on there, everybody's talking about it. I don't
19 think we've had one person come up here and say
20 yeah, Mr. Jim needs to be gone because nobody
21 believes it. If you've got a personal vendetta with
22 him after hours, you need to pull him to the side
23 and Mr. Jim, can I talk to you, and we'll hash this
24 out like two grown men and not like a little kid in
25 the candy, in the play, in the playground. That's

1 the way I feel about it.

2 Now he hasn't done his job, it's your job as
3 his bosses to get rid of him, to come to him and say
4 hey, I've been pulled off to the side on the my jobs
5 plenty of times, hey, you need to work on your
6 attitude. Hey, you need to work on your
7 productivity, you know? Hey, they gave me a chance.
8 Guess what, I heard it loud and clear. I kept my
9 job. I'm going to keep my job just like Mr. Jim
10 will and that's all I got to say about that.

11 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you.

12 BARB VANTRESE: My name's Barb Vantrese, 1311
13 McClellan Avenue, and I want to thank you
14 commissioners for having a meeting. I wish it
15 wasn't under these circumstances.

16 Bo, you have worked and helped me out with some
17 problems, and I do appreciate that, but Mr. Anderson
18 has come to my aid when I came to him with a sign
19 problem for the Humane Society. We had to go
20 through state. We had to go through city, and we
21 had to go through county. He took me step by step
22 for weeks to get this thing done because of his
23 knowledge of what he needed, what I needed. I'd go
24 to him, and he'd say no, Miss Barb, this isn't
25 right. You've got to have it this a way, and I'd go

1 back and get it done, bring it to him. He is
2 somebody that replacing him is going to almost be
3 impossible for the knowledge that he has had for the
4 years that he has served this community. Thank you.
5 Thank you, Jim.

6 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you, ma'am.

7 STEVEN WOMACK: Good morning. I'd like to
8 thank the -- the Star first for announcing this
9 meeting in the paper. It wasn't on the city's web
10 page on the -- it was not on the city's web page for
11 an announcement on the city resources. I suppose
12 the only way you would know about this is either
13 through the -- the citizens' network or to go to the
14 city hall and happen to see the flyer that you post
15 so --

16 MAYOR PATTERSON: I don't know why it wasn't on
17 the website.

18 STEVEN WOMACK: Well I -- I don't know either.

19 MAYOR PATTERSON: You know, we don't put it
20 there.

21 STEVEN WOMACK: I know. There's a lot of stuff
22 that's not on the web page that it should be, but
23 that's -- that's not on topic so I'll leave that
24 alone.

25 MAYOR PATTERSON: Sure.

1 STEVEN WOMACK: I'd like to thank the citizens.

2 You know, I -- my wife --

3 MAYOR PATTERSON: Sir, you have to turn and
4 talk to us.

5 STEVEN WOMACK: Oh, yes, sir. Yes, sir. Oh,
6 no, I can't talk to them? No.

7 MAYOR PATTERSON: You address us.

8 STEVEN WOMACK: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Well I'd
9 like to --

10 MAYOR PATTERSON: But if you can talk loud
11 enough --

12 STEVEN WOMACK: Yeah. I'd like to thank the
13 citizens for being here. I'd love to see this many
14 people here every other Tuesday night to see what
15 you're doing every single meeting.

16 Mr. Langston, at the last meeting you voted yes
17 for an \$8,000 paint job on the, on the locomotive.

18 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I think we all voted
19 yes.

20 STEVEN WOMACK: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Okay --

22 STEVEN WOMACK: So --

23 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: -- so what's the
24 problem?

25 STEVEN WOMACK: -- if -- well if you wanted to

1 help certain areas of Port St. Joe, namely to the
2 north, you might have voted no.

3 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Well if you was there
4 at the meeting, you -- you would --

5 MAYOR PATTERSON: All right now. All right.
6 All right.

7 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: -- you would have saw
8 where we got some beautification coming out MLK --

9 STEVEN WOMACK: Absolutely, I was at that
10 meeting where the \$4,000 --

11 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Well why didn't you
12 say -- why didn't you say, why didn't you say
13 anything about that?

14 (Audience interruption. Mayor hitting gavel.)

15 STEVEN WOMACK: Well --

16 MAYOR PATTERSON: Everybody be calm.

17 STEVEN WOMACK: -- because -- because
18 single-source contracts not bid out someone --
19 everybody says yes to you, you say every --
20 everybody says yes to everybody else. It's -- it's
21 a mutual admiration society up here and you're
22 saying yes to each other.

23 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Okay.

24 STEVEN WOMACK: More specifically I'd like to
25 thank the press for being here. That's outside

1 standing because we want people to see what you're
2 doing.

3 Mayor meeting with individual commissioners or
4 city council members, if a mayor or a member of the
5 council has a voice in the decision making through
6 the power to break tie votes, meetings between the
7 mayor and a member of the city council to discuss
8 some matter come, which may come before the city
9 council are subject to the Sunshine Law.

10 MAYOR PATTERSON: Uh-huh.

11 STEVEN WOMACK: So when one or more of you, two
12 of you get together outside of this meeting without
13 that meeting being open to the public, that
14 reasonable notice be given and that the minutes of
15 the meeting are to be taken and promptly recorded
16 then that's a violation of the Sunshine Law. As
17 discussed by some of the other citizens present
18 today, it seems or appears, and it may be hard to
19 prove, that certain members of this board got
20 together, I hate to use the word colluded, and
21 decided that somebody had to go, and for what
22 reason?

23 We've already acknowledged through the citizens
24 present that Jim is a fantastic person. He's a
25 great manager. My estimation of this is

1 specifically that he said no or is not onboard with
2 certain members of this board to spend certain
3 monies, and so you are going to get rid of him and
4 put in a yes man who is going to then say yes to all
5 the monies that you're proposing to spend. And
6 there's at least three of you that have colluded and
7 have met and talked outside of the public, the
8 Sunshine Laws, in order to spend other people's
9 money, our money. And I can't prove it yet, but I'm
10 here to tell you, and these people know, the
11 motivation for all this is not Jim. It's not you,
12 it's money. Come back Tuesday.

13 (Audience applause.)

14 When's the next meeting?

15 MAYOR PATTERSON: Tuesday.

16 STEVEN WOMACK: Tuesday, what time?

17 MAYOR PATTERSON: Six.

18 STEVEN WOMACK: And I expect all of you to be
19 here to keep the, these people honest.

20 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you, sir. All right,
21 anyone else?

22 PHILLIP McCROAN: Mayor, commissioners --

23 MAYOR PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

24 PHILLIP McCROAN: -- I served on this board for
25 four years. Bo, I served a many a meeting with you.

1 I'm going to tell you, Bo, what you're doing this
2 morning to this man is wrong. In four years that
3 I -- I served on this board this man never once
4 disrespected me.

5 MAYOR PATTERSON: Come on now.

6 PHILLIP McCROAN: Bo --

7 MAYOR PATTERSON: You talked to me.

8 PHILLIP McCROAN: Bo, me and you's talked about
9 this.

10 MAYOR PATTERSON: I know, but you was mad at
11 that man so much you wanted him gone --

12 PHILLIP McCROAN: No.

13 MAYOR PATTERSON: -- at one time.

14 PHILLIP McCROAN: No, I did not.

15 MAYOR PATTERSON: Okay.

16 PHILLIP McCROAN: Bo, you're lying.

17 MAYOR PATTERSON: Oh.

18 PHILLIP McCROAN: Listen to me, Bo.

19 MAYOR PATTERSON: Me and you were friends. I
20 ain't lying about this. I promise you.

21 PHILLIP McCROAN: Did you not promise me you
22 would not call a special meeting?

23 MAYOR PATTERSON: No.

24 PHILLIP McCROAN: Yes, you did, Bo.

25 MAYOR PATTERSON: I did not. I told you I

1 would not make a motion, and I would not accept --

2 PHILLIP McCROAN: No, you promised me you would
3 not call a special meeting, Bo.

4 MAYOR PATTERSON: When I got out of, those
5 phone calls Wednesday afternoon with all the
6 innuendos that I knew were not true, some people
7 putting texts on there and -- and you know about
8 this incident where there was three votes to pay a
9 man \$7,000, and if we did it, so Miss Charlotte
10 would resign, that is the biggest lie I ever heard.
11 You know what happened.

12 PHILLIP McCROAN: Bo, that has never --

13 MAYOR PATTERSON: You know what happened.

14 PHILLIP McCROAN: Wait a minute, Bo. Are you
15 saying I said that, Bo?

16 MAYOR PATTERSON: No.

17 PHILLIP McCROAN: I never once said that.

18 MAYOR PATTERSON: Said what?

19 PHILLIP McCROAN: We're not going to go into
20 that. I'm not, I'm not about bashing anybody.
21 What --

22 MAYOR PATTERSON: I know, but you know, but you
23 know what happened.

24 PHILLIP McCROAN: What happened --

25 MAYOR PATTERSON: We had five yes votes now.

1 PHILLIP McCROAN: I'm going to stick to the
2 facts. I know this man.

3 MAYOR PATTERSON: I know, but I don't like you
4 putting lies up there.

5 PHILLIP McCROAN: Bo. Listen, Bo, this man --
6 we had disagreements. Don't get me wrong. Me and
7 Jim had disagreements. We never agreed on
8 everything, but there was a point in time when the
9 city could not even pay its bills. This man
10 steadied the ship, Bo. He has financially managed
11 this city beyond belief, I'm telling you.

12 Commissioner, I served with Commissioner
13 Buzzett. He knows what I'm talking about. This man
14 has done a -- a yeoman's job. And for y'all to
15 railroad this man like y'all -- Brett, I -- I don't
16 know what to say, Brett. I am so disappointed right
17 now. I sat in that seat where you're sitting. You
18 have, you have thoroughly disappointed me this
19 morning. And Eric, I'm going to tell you one thing,
20 Jim Anderson does not make policy. Y'all make
21 policy. What gets done, y'all drive the policy.
22 And if there's projects to get done, y'all drive
23 those policies. It's not up to Jim.

24 He's listening to five bosses and that's the
25 tough -- hardest job any man will ever do, I'll

1 leave it at that.

2 MAYOR PATTERSON: Thank you, Phil.

3 (Audience applause.)

4 All right, does anyone else want to speak? All
5 right, so where we at?

6 MR. ALBRITTON: The only action item the
7 commission can take as I've previously said pursuant
8 to Section 34 at this time is there cannot be a
9 termination of employment. The only other action
10 leaving is suspension. That's what Section 34 says.
11 Or adjournment, those are the only options.

12 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: I want to instruct and
13 ask the board to not consider that option. We've
14 got a good man running the ship. Let's let him run
15 it and due process play out.

16 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I think that we
17 shouldn't suspend him right now and let him stay in
18 the job he's in until he have his say in court or
19 whatever until we can discuss it any further.

20 MAYOR PATTERSON: Is that a motion?

21 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I'm talking right now.
22 But if --

23 (Audience can't hear Commissioner Langston.)

24 MAYOR PATTERSON: They can't hear you.

25 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

1 I feel like we shouldn't suspend him right now. We
2 should leave him in the position where he can
3 continue his job and until he have due process, and
4 we feel can we step back and see what -- what the
5 next step is. I'll make that a motion.

6 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Second.

7 MAYOR PATTERSON: All right, we've got a motion
8 on the floor, we got a second. Any discussion? All
9 in favor say aye.

10 (All commissioners say aye.)

11 The motion carries five zero. I need a motion
12 to adjourn.

13 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: So move.

14 MAYOR PATTERSON: So moved. We're adjourned.

15 (Meeting concluded at 11:30 a.m.)
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