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1 MS. TELLAM: Madam Mayor, Commissioners,
2 my name is Leanne Tellam and I reside at 14625 SW
3 83rd Avenue. With regard to the motion on the
4 floor for a denial without prejudice, it is my
5 position that consistency with a strict
6 interpretation of our Village policy as stated
7 earlier in the evening under sympathetic
8 situations requires this application be denied at
9 this time. We are the residents that are
10 represented by you. We have left children's
11 performances this evening taking hours to prepare
12 and you must uphold our mandate to represent our
13 interests. In complete absence of monitoring
14 motivation, I took days to review the material
15 that had been submitted. I wanted to review the
16 school board materials, but I have been denied
17 that opportunity. It is simply not fair. I
18 should not be denied the ability to review all
19 the materials required to be disclosed by law
20 when it affects my neighborhood. It is unjust
21 and therefore, I am in support of the Council's
22 motion for denial. Thank you.

23 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you. Thank you,
24 Ms. Tellam.

25 MR. PASTRELA: Jerry Pastrela (phonetic),

1 6940 SW 142nd Street. Please vote to deny.

2 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Mr. Pastrela.

3 MR. LOVELY: Warren Lovely, 15323 SW 74rd
4 Place. In view of the incomplete application
5 when the applicant appeared last time and said we
6 don't need more time than December. If we don't
7 have it ready, you can turn it down. I think
8 that you should turn it down for several reasons.
9 One, because it's incomplete. We don't need to
10 start a precedent. And number two, because
11 that's what the applicant requested the last time
12 he was here. Thank you.

13 MAYOR STANCZYK: All right. Thank you,
14 Mr. Lovely.

15 MR. KREISHER: Steve Kreisher, 18201 SW
16 98th Avenue. I was here on the October 17th
17 hearing and witnessed the applicant stating those
18 words that he refused the extension based on the
19 guaranty that he would have compliance and
20 considering the application before this one had
21 to be held to a black and white situation, I see
22 no other option here but to deny.

23 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Mr. Kreisher.

24 MS. SHAH: Luisa Shah, 8755 SW 194th
25 Terrace. I ask that you allow the charter school

1 to present their case. I believe our children
2 are our future and I ask you to please give our
3 future a chance.

4 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Ms. Shah.

5 MS. BLAKE: Good evening, Frances Blake,
6 16041 SW 81st Avenue. I would like to ask that
7 you please deny this application because it is
8 not complete. Thank you.

9 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Ms. Blake.

10 MR. CRUSAN: Benjamin Crusan, 17501 SW
11 92nd Avenue. I sent in an application for a
12 passport for my granddaughter and I had one
13 little thing wrong. Her birthdate day. I was
14 denied that passport. It's the law so I had to
15 do the passport application all over again, but I
16 don't think after the second time that they
17 should allow me to fill it out again. So I
18 recommend denial on that basis because it's the
19 law. Thank you.

20 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Mr. Crusan.

21 MS. JIMINEZ: Good evening, Beverly
22 Jimenez. I live at 17420 SW 92nd Court. And I
23 would like to request that you vote on motion to
24 deny. Thank you.

25 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Ms. Jimenez.

1 MS. AVILES: Giovanna Aviles, 8301 SW
2 156th Street. I ask you as much as you want to
3 deny, but also to listen to the families that are
4 in the neighborhood and be heard forth on part of
5 the school. Thank you.

6 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you.

7 MR. LEHMANN: Rex Lehmann, 17300 SW 87th
8 Court. Madam council and council members, I was
9 here at the last meeting. The council addressed
10 their concerns. You in black and white asked
11 them if they would be ready. They told you they
12 would be ready. You gave them the offer of the
13 six-month extension. Tonight they are not ready.
14 If you do -- you now have a motion to deny it. I
15 suggest that you carry it through because you
16 have already stated before that if it was not
17 ready tonight, it would not be passed that it
18 would be denied. And you will be opening up a
19 can of worms for anyone else who comes in here
20 with an application that's incomplete and not
21 ready and has their own agenda to put forth to
22 the Village council that you will say no and they
23 will say but you did it for them. If you let
24 this go through tonight, you are letting them
25 tell you what to do instead of you being the

1 zoning board and telling them what to do. You
2 made it very clear. They understood it. They
3 acknowledged it. They said yes, we will be
4 ready. They are not ready. I urge you strongly
5 to deny to safe yourself opening a can of worms
6 in the future.

7 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Mr. Lehmann.

8 MR. AMORE: Gary Amore, 17920 SW 83rd Ave.
9 I also was here at the last meeting and yes, I
10 remember him clearly if I am not ready, deny me.
11 He said the six months that you offered Mayor, he
12 said that was a deal breaker because they had to
13 get it done sooner and he promised he would come
14 in here with all his correct paperwork. I vote
15 to deny it.

16 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Mr. Amore.

17 MS. GONZALEZ: Good evening, Jennifer
18 Gonzalez, 16611 SW 78th Avenue. I just wanted
19 to -- I came here to hear the presentation. I
20 was hoping too that we could go forward and allow
21 us to hear what's going on so I think everybody
22 can make the decision on whether or not they
23 support the school. Thank you.

24 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you.

25 MS. MALDONADO: Millie Maldonado, 8355 SW

1 183rd Terrace, Palmetto Bay. I was also here at
2 the last meeting and I heard them say that if
3 they were not ready tonight, it would be denied.
4 It still makes me believe that this is a project
5 out of greed for people who want to enrich
6 themselves at the expense of others thus leaving
7 the Village with a huge problem of more empty
8 homes as well as the nightmare of traffic related
9 problems and accidents all at the expense of
10 Palmetto Bay residents. As once all of this is
11 filled, the developers will all be gone with
12 their pockets full of money thus leaving the
13 Village with a colossal problem so I urge you
14 deny this project. Thank you.

15 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you.

16 MS. OWEN: Irene Owen, 20120 SW 79th
17 Avenue. I'm here on behalf of my children. I
18 support the Somerset School and I would like to
19 hear what they have to say because they think
20 that they are ready and I want to see what they
21 want to tell us not just tonight so please allow
22 them to tell us. Thank you.

23 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you.

24 MS. VEGA: Good evening, Carol Vega, 8845
25 SW 178th Terrace. I would urge you to deny. I

1 was also at the last meeting. The school does
2 not have a charter. It does not meet the
3 conditions and thank you very much for listening.

4 I also said last time that it seems that
5 the business and the special interest groups are
6 seemingly trying to take over the Village and the
7 residents need to have their voices heard as well.
8 Thank you.

9 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Ms. Vega.

10 MR. MORROW: Todd Morrow, 9375 SW 178th
11 Terrace. Madam Mayor, Vice Mayor, Village
12 Managers and Council, thank you for hearing us
13 tonight. I also I believe I was the last speaker
14 at the October meeting as well and I regretted to
15 feel your pain and the people's pain out here
16 that we had to come out here in one evening and
17 not hear what was really being applied. Once
18 again with the number of suits that I see sitting
19 in the front row, I'm quite appalled at the fact
20 that our time has been spent in this manner
21 again, once again this evening when you did give
22 them the time and graciously the six months
23 should have been taken. But I remember them
24 saying that that would have left them dead and
25 they would not have been able to deal with it.

1 Also in light of the Miami Herald article
2 which came out yesterday with some major expose in
3 regard to charter schools, I would care to say
4 that Somerset was not necessarily one of the
5 targeted charter school businesses. However,
6 there is some major concern in our county and in
7 our state in regards to the charter schools and
8 the un-leniency in state code and also on local
9 code. I again once again would support the denial
10 of the application at this time. Thank you.

11 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Mr. Morrow. I
12 notice that people are hanging back. Do not hang
13 back because I will slap the gavel.

14 MS. FREEBY: Rebecca Freeby. I live 18432
15 SW 92nd Court. As the mother of a child who goes
16 to a charter school, I support that you do listen
17 to it. I have to drive to Miami Dade everyday to
18 take my son to a school that has better FCAT
19 scores than Perrine Elementary and Coral Reef
20 Elementary. I only have 14 kids in his class as
21 opposed to the 22 in Perrine or 30 in Pinecrest
22 Elementary so I do support it. I want to hear it
23 and I'm hoping that we do have something around
24 here because if you live in Miami, you have
25 traffic so I don't think that should be a reason

1 not to have one.

2 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you.

3 MR. CLIFFORD: Henry Clifford, 8875 SW
4 171st Street. In so many ways our hands are tied
5 in what we can do and cannot do because of
6 various rules and laws. At the last meeting I
7 listened to whoever was in charge over here
8 standup and guaranty that they would have a site
9 specific charter. At this time he did not need
10 anymore time and he said even if I don't have it,
11 then feel free to turn us down. Well, here we
12 are. Thank you.

13 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you.

14 MS. GERALD: Beverly Gerald, 14271 SW 74th
15 Court. I do urge the denial. I'm assuming that
16 our zoning department if they say they're not in
17 compliance, I think we should put full credence
18 in what they're saying. If you would have seen a
19 copy of the charter, you would have told us
20 tonight that you did. So I have to assume if
21 they're not in compliance, there's no reason for
22 us to hear this and it should be denied. Thank
23 you.

24 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you.

25 MR. BATTS: Yes, good evening, my name is

1 Michael Batts, 17800 SW 83rd Avenue. I think
2 this may be an opportunity to look further into
3 the situation. I was reading the Sunday
4 newspaper, Cashing in on Kids (inaudible) is
5 going to have a program on either Wednesday or
6 Thursday at 2:00 o'clock. There is some
7 investigations going on with these charter
8 schools. Now, I'm not sure if this company is
9 one of them that's under investigation, but I
10 think we should take this time to seriously look
11 at it as it will be something that is left for
12 your legacy. So at this time I would suggest
13 that you deny so we can further investigate it.
14 Thank you.

15 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you.

16 MR. BOUSTANI: Walid Boustani, 8265 SW
17 184th Lane. There is no doubt, Madam Mayor, that
18 the gentleman here screwed up if I may say, but
19 if we look at this as the future of our kids and
20 if this is something really good for our kids, I
21 think they deserve another chance to explain it.
22 And then we can decide if it's really good and
23 I'm thinking about my daughters and we're looking
24 for a school for them that is going to provide
25 them a good level of education and we don't have

1 much choice. So if that's a good thing for our
2 kids, I support giving them another chance.
3 Thank you.

4 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you.

5 MS. LEHMANN: Diane Lehmann, 17300 SW 87th
6 Court. I urge you to vote for a denial. I think
7 they were given a fair chance. They don't have
8 what you requested and I think it should be
9 denied.

10 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Diane.

11 MS. PRUSSING: Hi, my name is Jacqueline
12 Prussing. I live at 9341 SW 178th Street. I
13 also urge you to deny the application. Both my
14 children graduated from Perrine Elementary. It's
15 an incredible school and it's underutilized by
16 the Palmetto Bay residents so we really don't
17 need any of these schools here. Thank you.

18 MAYOR STANCZYK: Thank you, Ms. Prussing.

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