

Closed Caption Log, Council Meeting, 05/26/05

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WHEN WE VOTED TO -- A COUPLE OF LAST MEETINGS WE VOTED TO INSTRUCT THE CITY CLERK TO BEGIN THE RUNOFF CAMPAIGN. WE ALSO WERE PROUD TO PRESENT TO COUNCILMEMBER BETTY DUNKERLEY HER CERTIFICATE OF REELECTION. THAT IS THE WEEK PRIOR TO THAT, ON MAY 17TH, WE MET WITH THE ACCOUNTING BODY AND AND WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS TO FORMALLY ACCEPT THE ELECTION RESULTS. THE COUNCIL PERSON ELECT FOR PLACE 1 WAS OUT OF TOWN LAST WEEK, SO I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK LEE TO COME FORWARD. THERE YOU ARE. AND I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THE CITY OF AUSTIN -- THIS IS THE FORMAL CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION IN THE NAME AND BODY AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WAS HELD ON MAY SEVENTH, 2005, AND LEE LEFFINGWELL WAS DULY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER, PLACE 1, CITY OF AUSTIN, AND TESTIFIED WHERE I HAVE HERE TO SIGNED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS TO BE AFFIXED ON THAT 17TH DAY OF MAY, 2005, SIGNED BY ME. PLEASE JOIN ME IN CON GRATE LATING AND -- CON CONGRATULATING LEE LEFFINGWELL. [APPLAUSE]

I GUESS THIS MEANS IT'S TOO LATE TO BACK OUT NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. BUT MOST OF ALL, THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN WHO SPUN THE DIAL APPEARED CHOSE ME TO BE ON THIS BODY. IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND I AM HONORED TO SERVE MY

COMMUNITY IN THIS CAPACITY. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: I WANT TO REMIND YOU FOLKS THAT EARLY VOTING IS ALREADY OCCURRING FOR THE RUNOFF ELECTION AND YOU CAN VOTE HERE AT CITY HALL WHILE YOU'RE HERE TODAY. SO PLEASE GO VOTE. THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, AT THIS TIME I'LL CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. IT IS THURSDAY, MAY 26TH, 2005. WE'RE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 301 SECOND STREET. IT IS APPROXIMATELY 10:16 A.M. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A FEW CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO READ INTO THE RECORD ON THIS WEEK'S POSTED AGENDA. ITEM NO. 3, WE NEED TO CORRECT THE ORDINANCE NUMBER, AND THE NEW CORRECTED ORDINANCE IS 040913-05. ITEM NUMBER 9 REGARDING A REVENUE AGREEMENT WITH THE PEPSI BOTTLING COMPANY, THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN BY STAFF. ITEM NO. 10 RELATED TO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL PARKING SYSTEM HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO JUNE 9TH, 2005. ITEM NUMBER 20, WHICH RELATES TO A MUSIC PROGRAM POLICY HERE AT THE CITY HALL, WE NEED TO ADD MAYOR PRO TEM JACKIE GOODMAN AS A CO-SPONSOR, JOINING COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ AND MYSELF. ITEM NUMBER 22 WE SHOULD CORRECT THE DATE, STRIKE OCTOBER 12TH, 2004, AND CORRECT IT TO OCTOBER 21st OCTOBER 21st, 2004. ON ZONING CASE Z-3, WE NEED -- THE ORIGINAL POSTING HAS THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS PENDING. I WISH TO CORRECT THAT TO NOW READ THAT THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO GRANT FAMILY RESIDENT, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMAND HISTORIC, SF-3 COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. AND LIKEWISE ON ZONING CASE Z-FOUR, THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO FORWARD THE CASE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM VOTE. ON ITEM NUMBER 51 WE NEED TO CORRECT THE ORDINANCE TO READ 040913-05. THOSE ARE THE CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S AGENDA. AT NOON WE BREAK FOR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. AT 1:00 O'CLOCK WE HAVE A BRIEFING FROM CITY MANAGER THAT SHOWS ITEM 28. THIS IS THE POLICY AND BUDGET BRIEFING, A VERY IMPORTANT BRIEFING THAT WILL START THE BALL ROLLING FOR OUR

ANNUAL SUMMER BUDGET PROCESS THIS YEAR. AT 4:00 O'CLOCK WE BREAK FOR ZONING HEARINGS AND APPROVAL OF ZONING HEARINGS AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES. THOSE SHOW UP AS ITEMS 29 AND 30. AND ZONING CASES, PUBLIC HEARING CASES Z-1 THROUGH Z-6. WE'LL ANNOUNCE NOW THAT THE STAFF WILL BE REQUESTING TWO POSTPONEMENTS, ALTHOUGH WE CAN'T TAKE UP THAT POSTPONEMENT VOTE UNTIL AFTER 4:00 P.M. CASE Z-1 REGARDING A PROJECT ON EAST RIVERSIDE. STAFF WOULD BE REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO SEPTEMBER FIRST, 2005. ON CASE Z-4 RELATED TO A CASE AT 1815 WATERSON AVENUE, STAFF WILL BE REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO JUNE 23rd, 2005. AT 5:30 WE BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS. STAY TUNED FOR KENNETH BRYAN, WHO IS GOING TO GIVE US A HANK WILLIAMS PERFORMANCE. AT 6:00 O'CLOCK WE HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS. THOSE SHOW AS ITEMS 31 THROUGH 34. AND THEN AT 6:30 WE'RE HAVING A SPECIALLY POSTED BRIEFING AND PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO ITEM 35, WHICH IS THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION BY GROUP SOLUTIONS, RJW, OF A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IN AUSTIN. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SPENT TIME, EFFORT AND MONEY NOW THESE LAST FEW WEEKS CONDUCTING THESE FORUMS AND THIS THIS WILL BE THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF WHAT CAME OUT OF THOSE MEETINGS AND THEN I THINK WE'LL HAVE A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHAT LIKELY WE CAN DO AS A COUNCIL TO MOVE FORWARD. THAT'S OUR 6:30 BRIEFING AND PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 35. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] ITEM NO. 19 WILL NOT BE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AS WE HAVE A QUICK LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PRIOR TO COUNCIL ACTION ON ITEM 19. SO, COUNCIL, OTHER ITEMS TO BE PULLED OR -- FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: MAYOR, ITEM 20 WAS PLACED ON THERE BY YOURSELF, YOU AND MYSELF, YOU AND I, TO -- TO ADOPT A MUSIC POLICY FOR THE AUSTIN CITY HALL AND WE'RE -- WE'VE HAD A LOT OF EVENT HERE AT THIS -- AT THE CITY HALL. THAT HAVE INCLUDED MUSIC IN THE -- AS PART OF THE PROGRAM AND SO WE -- WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO --

TO WORK QUICKLY TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL POLICY AROUND THAT, I'M NOT SURE THAT WE ARE QUITE READY YET. IN TERMS OF ALL OF THE GUIDELINES AND POLICIES, I WAS GOING TO ASK THAT WE POSTPONE THIS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. IRON OUT A COUPLE OF THE DETAILS. WE WILL TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE FOLKS TO A NOON CONCERT HERE TOMORROW, FRIDAY THE 27th, WITH ALFONZO RAMOS, ONE OF OUR LOCAL TEJANO LEGENDS. BUT THE POLICY I THINK STILL MAY NEED A LITTLE WORK. WE WILL BRING THAT BACK AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE AS THOROUGH AS WE CAN WITH THAT POLICY.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn:, COUNCIL, WHEN I READ THE CONSENT AGENDA WE WILL INCLUDE A POSTPONEMENT OF ITEM NO. 20 TO JUNE 9th, 2005. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PULLED OR COMMENTS? MAYOR PRO TEM?

Goodman: LET ME ASK YOU ABOUT ITEM NO. 21. THAT IS A REQUEST TO ADD TO THE HANG ADD TO THE INTENT TO ASK FOR A -- ADD TO THE INTENT TO ASK FOR A COMP HELPSIVE REPORT FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE RATHER THAN A SEPARATE REPORT. AND THERE IS A CONSULTANT AVAILABLE WITH -- WITH PAUL HILGERS MAY BE -- MAYBE -- BUT I THOUGHT THAT -- THAT YOU WERE OKAY WITH THAT, SO I WAS GOING TO DO IT IF YOU WERE.

FRANKLY, ITEM NO. 21, I APPRECIATE YOU AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ JOINING ME ON THIS. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO, YOU KNOW, HELP US UNDERSTAND THE TOOLS FOR THE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST. THERE IS A GOOD WORKING GROUP ALREADY IN TOWN THAT HAS DONE A BUNCH OF WORK ON THAT. CERTAINLY THE HOPE WAS THAT THE CITY MANAGER USE THEM AS A SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE AS WELL AS PERHAPS UTILIZING SOME OTHER NATIONAL MODELS. CLEARLY THE INTENT WOULD BE TO HAVE THE CITY MANAGER USE AS MUCH RESOURCES AS WE HAVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE CLT WOULD BE AN OBVIOUS PLACE TO AT LEAST START. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY BEFORE MR. HILGERS COMES UP. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO ANNOUNCE A PRESS RELEASE IS GOING OUT TODAY, PERHAPS WENT OUT

YESTERDAY, THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN WAS CHOSEN AS THE NATIONAL WINNER OF THE U.S. HOUSING URBAN DEVELOPMENT AWARD, THE SINGLE AWARD PRESENTED NATIONALLY TO ANY CITY, COUNTY OR LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITY THAT IS DOING A REMARKABLE JOB IN REMOVING REGULATORY BARRIERS TO HELPING COMMUNITIES DEVELOP AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SPECIFICALLY OUR SMART HOUSING PROGRAM WAS AWARDED THIS PARTICULAR AWARD. IT TIES VERY WELL INTO US DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND PERHAPS GO FIND AN ADDITIONAL TOOL. I WOULD LIKE TO TELL PEOPLE, DIE TELL PEOPLE ALL OVER TOWN FREQUENTLY THAT OUR HOUSING KEPT IS ALREADY DOING A -- HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS ALREADY DOING A REMARKABLE JOB ON SO MANY FRONTS, UTILIZING SO MANY TOOLS. WE CAN GIVE MR. HILGERS DEPARTMENT AN ADDITIONAL TOOL LIKE THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY LAND TRUST OR LAND BANKS, SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS WE WILL -- WE WILL DO EVEN THAT MUCH BETTER. MR. HILGERS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, FOR BOTH OF THOSE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM. I AM PAUL HILGERS DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU TODAY IS CERTAINLY THE STAFF WOULD BE UNDERSTANDING THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNCIL AND WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WITH THE CONSULTANT THAT IS -- HAS BEEN WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THE CITY STAFF AND THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION STEERING COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT THE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST. WHAT WE APPRECIATE ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY IS TO PUT SOME TIME CERTAIN, CERTAINTY ON THAT REPORT BACK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT THE SPECIFIC ROLE OF THE CITY WOULD BE IN THE LAND TRUST. WE WOULD INCORPORATE WITH THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF INCLUDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND WE WILL GIVE YOU A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT THAT WOULD INCLUDE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE POSSIBLE STRUCTURES THAT HAVE BEEN WORKED ON THROUGH A FAIRLY ARDUOUS PROCESS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CORPORATION IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR CONTINUING TO PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP TO -- TO WORK THROUGH THIS ISSUE, HAVING THIS DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL HELP US FOCUS WHAT THE THEY'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND WILL POTENTIALLY BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE THIS POTENTIAL TOOL A REALITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MENT. >>YOU, MR. HILGERS.I THINK THE CITY MANAGER, MAYOR PRO TEM WILL ACCEPT THIS ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION TO FULLY INCORPORATE THAT WORK BY THE CLT WORKING GROUP. SO, COUNCIL, FURTHER ITEMS TO BE PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA OR COMMENTS?

Alvarez: MAYOR, I WOULD ADD ON THAT ITEM OF THE LAND TRUST, IT WAS ONE OF THE ITEMS, ALSO IDENTIFIED BY STAFF, TO BE CONSIDERED AS A WAY TO HELP -- HELP IN THE CPNR ZONE, THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION ZONE. AND SO -- SO WE'LL BE GETTING A REPORT BACK ON THAT ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT WE WILL BE -- WE WILL BE ATTAINING A REPORT BACK ON THIS ITEM. I THINK THE TO MY KNOWLEDGING WOULD BE A -- WOULD BE REAL POSITIVE IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT -- AGAIN THAT TOOL IN TERMS OF CITY-WIDE APPROACH THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF -- OF THE AREA WE IDENTIFIED AS A -- AS AN AREA THAT HAS A VERY SPECIFIC NEED TO -- ELEVATED NEED FOR HOUSING. THANKS, MAYOR.

AGREED, THANK U.

FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER?

WOULD YOU PLEASE SHOW ME ABSTAINING ON NUMBER 5. THAT'S RELATED TO RAINEY STREET. AND FOR ROPES THAT I HAVE ALREADY STATED I HAVE ABSTAINED ON ALL OF THOSE ITEMS WHEN YOU ALL VOTED ON THEM. THIS IS JUST A CORRECTION. OF SOMETHING THERE. THEM ON NUMBER 7, THIS IS THE ONE ABOUT QUIET ZONES, NOT SOUNDING TRAIN HORNS. I'VE HAD SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THIS. I DON'T HAVE -- I DON'T HAVE PROBLEMS WITH TRAIN WHISTLES THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE DO. BUT I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND VOTE FOR IT JUST IN THE INTEREST OF UNANIMITY AND I'VE BEEN ASSURED THAT THESE THINGS

REALLY ARE SAFE AND DO OTHER [INDISCERNIBLE]
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

THANK YOU COUNCILMEMBER, IF NOT I WILL READ THE
CONSENT AGENDA NOW AS AMENDED. CONSENT AGENDA
WILL BE -- ITEMS 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, ITEM NO. 9 WITHDRAWN PER
CHANGES AND CORRECTION, ITEM 10 POSTPONED TO JUNE
9th, 2005, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 ARE OUR APPOINTMENTS
TO OUR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, I WILL READ INTO THE
RECORD: TO OUR BOND ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
LISA BERKMAN IS WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE
AND -- IN A NON-VOTING EX-OFFICIO POSITION, A
CONSENSUS APPOINTMENT. TO OUR COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN, RENEE COTTON, COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS'
APPOINTMENT. TO OUR COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT
AFFAIRS, NORMA GOMEZ A CONSENSUS APPOINTMENT. THE
MEXICAN AMERICAN RESULT TALL CENTER ADVISORY
BOARD. SUZANNA CARBO HALL, I HOPE THAT'S RIGHT,
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, DAVID VAN HUSEN
IS MAYOR PRO TEM'S APPOINTMENT.

HEISEN, THANKS. MAYOR PRO TEM'S APPOINTMENT. ITEM
NO. 18 OUR BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.
CONTINUING ON WITH THE CONSENT AGENDA. ITEM 20
POSTPONED TO JUNE 9th, 2005. ITEM 21, ADDITIONAL
DIRECTION FOR COUNCIL, ITEM 22, PER CHANGES AND
CORRECTION, AND THAT IS IT. I'LL CONTINUE A MOTION.
I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

SECOND.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED
BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO APPROVE THE CONSENT
AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE,
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK
YOU ALL VERY MUCH. SORRY, COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER
ABSTAINING ON ITEM NO. 5. THANK YOU. SO, COUNCIL,
ACTUALLY THAT LEAVES US WITH NO DISCUSSION ITEMS.
NOTING THAT WE WANTED TO TAKE UP ITEM NO. 19 AFTER A

-- AFTER A LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. SO WITH THAT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE WILL NOW GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 551 MONEY 071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO TAKE UP -- 551.071 TO TAKE UP ITEMS 23, PROPOSED LEGISLATION IN THE 79th LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 24 RELATED TO A LAWSUIT RYAN SQUAT I THINK INC., 25 RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS. ALSO WE MAY TAKE UP 26 PURSUANT TO 551.072 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, A REAL ESTATE MATTER, THE CITY'S SUBLEASE WITH COMPUTER SCIENCES CORPORATION WITH THE SCHNIEDER BUILDING CITY HALL. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. OUR NEXT POSTED SESSION IS NOON, GENERAL CITIZENS COMMUNICATION. IF WE FINISH THE DISCUSSION IN CLOSED SESSION PERHAPS ON THE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES EARLY ENOUGH, WE MAY COME OUT AND TAKE UP THE ONE ACTION ITEM, TWO POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS, ONE IS NUMBER 19 RELATED TO THE CANYON CREEK, THE OTHER AN ACTION ITEM RELATED TO THE LAWSUIT WITH RYAN O. EXCAVATING. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: WE ARE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION. IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WE TOOK UP ITEM 23 RELATED TO A PROPOSED LEGISLATION IN THE SFINTH SESSION. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. WE ALSO DISCUSSED AND WITH CONTINUE DISCUSSING ITEM 24 RELATED TO A LAWSUIT WITH RYAN-O EXCAVATING, INC. WE'RE NOW BACK IN OPEN SESSION AND TIME FOR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS MR. JIMMY CASTRO. WELCOME, JIMMY. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, WILL. THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN, COUNCILMEMBERS AND MS. FUTRELL. I DO HAVE SOME SLIDES TO SHOW YOU THIS AFTERNOON. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON MY OWN BEHALF. I'VE ALSO SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER WITH THE GREATER AUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THIS LATEST SLIDE SHOW REMINDS EVERYONE OF THIS YEAR'S CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK CELEBRATION TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF AUSTIN, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 4 ATH AND 5TH. ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE EARMARKED FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF AUSTIN. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PROVIDES MEDICAL CARE FOR A 46-COUNTY REGION. THE AUSTIN MEDICAL EDUCATION

PROGRAM OFFERS A WELL BALANCED TRAINING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR COUNTRY'S FINEST MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES. THE PEDIATRICIANS OF TOMORROW, MEDICAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN CARING FOR CHILDREN. SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF AUSTIN INCLUDE THE CHILD LIFE DEPARTMENT, THE SPECIALTY CARE CENTER, THE CHILDREN'S ASTHMA PROGRAM, THE JUVENILE DIABETES TEAM, THE CHILDREN'S THERAPY GYM, THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF AUSTIN IS ONE OF ONLY FIVE DEDICATED ER'S IN TEXAS AND THE ONLY ONE IN CENTRAL TEXAS. THE PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT IS STAFFED 24 HOURS A DAY BY SPECIALLY TRAINED TEAM OF DOCTORS, NURSES AND RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS. THE CHILDHOOD CANCER AND BLOOD DISORDER CENTER, THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION OF AUSTIN, THE NEO NATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT PROVIDES THE BEST CARE IN THE STATE FOR NEWBORNS AND INFANTS WITH MEDICAL AND SURGICAL PROBLEMS. THE NEW DELL CHILDREN AGO IMAGING CENTER PROVIDES RADIOLOGY WILLING AND ON-SITE CAPABILITIES. IT IS THE ONLY ONE IN CENTRAL TEXAS DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO CHILDREN. THE SURGICAL TRANSPORT TEAM IS AVAILABLE ON A 24 HOUR BASIS COMPRISED OF REGISTERED NURSES AND REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS. THE CHILDREN'S REGIONAL HEART PROGRAM HAS A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED HISTORY OF SERVICE TO PATIENTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THE WORLD. FINALLY, WHAT REALLY MAKES CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF AUSTIN DIFFERENT IS PEOPLE. PEOPLE WHO CAN LEAVE WORK EACH DAY KNOWING THEY HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD. THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. CASTRO. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS WILLIAM PLASPLASKY. WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LEOLA CANADA. WELCOME, MA'AM. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CHARLES WILLETT.

COULD MORNING, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS LEOLA CANADA AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MYSELF. MOST OF YOU HAVE SEEN ME ON SCEATION SHOW AS OF SATURDAY CALLED THE SUNDAY LIFE. I'VE LIVED IN AUSTIN

FOR ABOUT 25 YEARS. I'M A CENTRAL TEXAS RESIDENT, FIFTH GENERATION TEXAN, AND SINCE THAT TIME I'VE EXPERIENCED GENTRIFICATION IN EAST AUSTIN, RACIAL PROFILING BY THE POLICE, DISCRIMINATION, POLICE MISCONDUCT, DRUNKEN POLICE, POLICE KILLING OF UNARMED AFRICAN-AMERICANS. IN SPITE OF ALL THAT I FEEL I CAN TURN THINGS AROUND AND BE PART OF A SOLUTION LIVING IN EAST AUSTIN. AND THE WORD DIVERSE IS BEING USED ALL ACROSS AMERICA THESE DAYS, AND I THINK AUSTIN SHOULD BE DIVERSE BY TREATING ITS AFRICAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS EQUALLY AND FAIR AND SEND OUT A POSITIVE MESSAGE TO PEOPLE IN EAST AUSTIN. I RESPOND AS A FEMALE AFRICAN-AMERICAN ENTREPRENEUR WHO HAS COME BEFORE YOUR COUNCIL TODAY SEEKING FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN TV SHOW FOR TWO YEARS. IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A GOAL, WE NEED ASSISTANCE FOR OUR PROGRAM IN THE WAY OF FUNDING TO START THE PROCESS. OUR PLAN AND AIM IS TO PRODUCE PROGRAMMING THAT WILL BE A BRIDGE OF INFORMATION TO MOST PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES IN AUSTIN AND SURROUNDING AREAS TO GAIN CREDIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY AS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN NEWS AND INFORMATION RESOURCE. AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE, WE WILL CONDUCT OUR SHOW IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER THAT WILL REFLECT CHARACTER AND ETHICS. WE WOULD DIRECT OUR STRENGTH TOWARDS IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN AUSTIN BY TAKING AWAY THE NEGATIVE IMAGE THAT FOR SOME REASON THE MAIN MEDIA HAS PORTRAYED ABOUT EAST AUSTIN. OUR LONG-TERM GOAL AND OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO TURN AWAY FROM THE STEREOTYPES BY SHOWING THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN THAT IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY THAT AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND FEMALES CAN ACHIEVE THE MOST RESPECTED IMAGES BY PROVIDING -- RESPECTED IMAGES BY PROGRAMMING THAT RAISES ONLY THAT AND THAT IS NOT A MOVE TO AN END, BUT A STEPPING STONE TO COMPETITIVENESS AND COLLABORATION. THAT WILL PROVIDE SERVICE THAT IS GREATLY NEEDED TO CREATE BRIDGES AND NETWORK THAT ARE OPTIMISTIC, POSITIVE, UP RIGHT TO OUR CITIZENS. I HAVE WORKED ON MANY JOBS

IN MY LIFETIME, AND MOST OF THE JOBS WERE JOBS THAT I HAD TO SHOW MY PERFORMANCE RATHER THAN MY SKIN COLOR. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS ABOUT CHARACTER AND NOT COLOR BECAUSE HE KNEW THE FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT A MAN OR WOMAN OF ANY RACE COULD ACHIEVE ITS HIGHEST GOALS. MY GRANDFATHER WAS THE SAME WAY. I BELIEVE IN MAKING -- [BUZZER SOUNDS] I BELIEVE IN MAKING AN HONEST LIVING. LIVING IN THE SHADOWS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT I KNOW HOW TO DO OR WOULD EVER WANT TO DO. AFTER FOUR YEARS ON ACCESS TV AND A SECOND PLACE WINNER LAST YEAR, IT'S HIGH TIME THAT I CUT THE APRON STRINGS FROM MY CURRENT PRODUCER AND BRANCH OFF. SHE HAS BABYSITED ME LONG ENOUGH AND I KNOW THAT I AM A LEADER AND NOT A FOLLOWER. THE PRIMARY CONSTITUENTS WOULD BE THE VIEWERS, BUSINESS OWNERS, COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, CITY LEADERS AS YOU ALL YOURSELVES, AND ALL WHO WISH TO HELP US IN OUR ENDEAVOR.

Mayor Wynn: PLEASE CONCLUDE.

OUR VIEWERS AND WE WILL WORK HARD TO BRING THEM THE MOST VALUABLE INFORMATION THAT WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS AND ALL OTHER CITIZENS AS WELL. I SUPPORT DANNY THOMAS AS THE MAYOR PRO TEM AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. Y'ALL HAVE A NICE DAY. IF YOU NEED TO E-MAIL ME, I CAN GET YOU THAT INFORMATION AND I WILL GET A PROPOSAL TO Y'ALL. I'M STILL WORKING ON IT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: MR. CHARLES WILLETT? HOPE I'M PRONOUNCING THAT CORRECTLY. PAT JOHNSON? PAT JOHNSON. NAILAH SONKOFA? SORRY IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING THAT. NAILAH SONKOFA. WELCOME, MA'AM. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY JENNIFER GALE.

GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NAILAH SONKOFA. AND I AM

A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST AND DESIGNER, MOTHER OF 21-YEAR-OLD TWINS. I AM AN ACTIVIST IN THE COMMUNITY AND I'M HERE TO ADDRESS THIS COUNCIL ABOUT A VERY PERSONAL CONCERN OF MINE THAT I SEE HAPPENING HERE AND A TREND. AND THAT IS THE OVERWHELMING LIES IN HOUSING HERE IN AUSTIN. RISE IN HOUSING HERE IN AUSTIN. THE AVERAGE PERSON OF COLOR IN AUSTIN BARELY EARNS 7 TO \$9 AN HOUR. IF THE LUCKY PERSON WHO CAN GET 9 TO 11 \$11 AN HOUR, YET THE RENT FOR HOUSES AND CONDOS, AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT APARTMENTS, AVERAGE AROUND -- STARTING AT AROUND \$1,100 A MONTH. SO DO THE MATH. IF YOU CAN AFFORD TO LIVE IN AUSTIN -- WHO CAN AFFORD TO LIVE IN AUSTIN WHEN LANDLORDS AND RENTAL AGENCIES REQUIRE YOUR INCOME TO BE TWO TO THREE TIMES THAT OF YOUR RENT, AND YOU DON'T OR BARELY EARN A LIVING WAGE? I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I DON'T KNOW MANY PEOPLE WHO MAKE 3 TO \$4,000 A MONTH. I CERTAINLY DON'T AND HAVEN'T. EVEN IF YOU DO EARN THAT OR MORE, WHY WOULD A PERSON OF AVERAGE OR REASONABLE INTELLIGENCE CHOOSE TO PAY SOMEONE ELSE 1100 TO \$1,500 A MONTH FOR RENT FOR AN OKAY PLACE THAT THEY DON'T AND WON'T OWN? AGAIN, DO THE MATH. WHERE'S THE ADVANTAGE? WHY HAVE THE RENTS IN ANY NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT ESPECIALLY EAST AUSTIN, SHOT UP TO \$1,500 A MONTH FOR A HOUSE THAT WAS RENTING FOR 5 TO \$700 A MONTH A YEAR OR TWO AGO? AND DOING SO WITH FEW, IF ANY, MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS. FOR \$1,800 A MONTH, I WANT MAID SERVICE AND VALET PARKING. AND MAYBE THAT'S JUST ME, BUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ANYONE, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR AND YOUNG ADULTS IN AUSTIN, IS NOMINAL AT BEST AND BARELY A CONSIDERATION. WHERE IS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING? WHO DOES IT BENEFIT? WHY ISN'T THERE ENOUGH, LET ALONE MORE OF IT? WHY AREN'T AUSTIN'S LEADERS LOOKING AT RENT CONTROL OR RENT STABILIZATION REGULATIONS? AT NO TIME OR PLACE IN MY LIFE HAVE I FELT MORE UNSAFE, UNCERTAIN, INADEQUATE AND UNWELCOME THAN I HAVE IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS HERE IN AUSTIN. I SCR COME TO ACTUALLY -- I HAVE COME TO ACTUALLY HATE BEING HERE AND YET I HAVE NO RESOURS TO MOVE. [BUZZER SOUNDS] TO LEAVE. IN SPITE OF ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS ABOUT AUSTIN, IT STILL

HAS THIS UNREALISTIC EXPECTATION OF ITS CITIZENS TO BE ABLE TO RENT HERE. AND I'M FROM CHICAGO AND IT COSTS MORE TO LIVE HERE THAN IT DOES IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO. THANK YOU.

PAUL, I NOTICED YOU STANDING IN THE BACK AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT WE MIGHT HAVE IN OUR PROGRAMS THAT THIS CITIZEN MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR, BUT I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD TOUCH BASE AND SEE IF WE CAN.

I'D BE GLAD TO.

Mayor Wynn: AND I REMEMBER THIS MORNING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AN ITEM DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AGAIN INVESTIGATING AN ADDITIONAL TOOL, THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY LAND TRUST OR LAND BANKS TO ADD TO MR. HILGER'S TOOL BOX. AND IRONICALLY WE JUST ANNOUNCED A FEDERAL NATIONAL AWARD FOR OUR APPROACH OF TRYING TO DEAL WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THIS COMMUNITY. IT'S A BIG CHALLENGE, BUT IT'S A PRIORITY OF THIS COUNCIL AND THIS CITY MANAGER'S ADMINISTRATION. AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP PLUGGING AWAY, BUT WE'RE ALWAYS CONCERNED WHEN WE HEAR THIS KIND OF FEEDBACK FROM CITIZENS. WE KNOW IT'S A CHALLENGE. MAYOR PRO TEM?

Goodman: MAYOR, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS WE DO THAT ARE NOT SOMETHING THAT MAKE IT INTO THE PAPER A LOT. FOR INSTANCE, WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING ABLE TO CHANNEL AND LEVERAGE RESOURCES TO PUT ABOUT A THOUSAND NEW UNITS ON THE GROUND EVERY YEAR FOR THE LAST 10, 11 YEARS, SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN BEFORE BECAUSE WE GOT CREATIVE. THE STATE OF TEXAS IS NOT GIVE US THE SAME KIND OF TOOLS THAT OTHER STATES MAY HAVE, LIKE RENT CONTROL. YOU CAN'T DO THAT HERE UNLESS YOU'RE IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY. AND THAT TAKES SOME KIND OF BIG DISASTER TO DO. SO WE DON'T HAVE THAT TOOL HERE WHEREAS OTHER STATES DO. AND THERE ARE SOME OTHER THINGS LIKE THAT. SO WHAT THE PUSH IS NOW FROM HOUSING ADVOCATES IS TO TRY TO MAKE IT A STATE INITIATIVE SO THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY PLAN OUT AND MAP OUT WHAT THE NEEDS ARE

AND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND FOR THE INCOME LEVEL OF TEXAS CITIZENS SO THAT WHEN THE LOCAL ECONOMY RAISES THE PRICE OF HOMES TO RENT OR TO OWN BEYOND THE MEANS OF MOST OF OUR CITIZENRY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO HAVE TOOLS AND UNDERSTANDING AT THE STATE LEGISLATIVE LEVEL TO BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY WORK ON SOME THINGS THAT WILL MAKE A MUCH BIGGER DIFFERENCE. AND THAT'S IN BOTH URBAN CENTERS AND RURAL AREAS. THE HOUSING DIFFICULTIES ARE NOT JUST IN THE BIG CITIES, THEY'RE EVERYWHERE, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO.

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Goodman: WE CAN'T GO BACK AND FORTH. WE'LL HAVE TO TALK AFTER.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JENNIFER GALE. JENNIFER GALE? TO BE FOLLOWED BY CAROLYN KELLY. IS CAROLYN KELLY HERE? HOW ABOUT RICK HALL? WELCOME, RICK. WOULD YOU CARE TO ADDRESS US?

LOVE TO. >>

Mayor Wynn: YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES. WELCOME.

STARTING NOW? ALL RIGHT. MY NAME IS RICK HALL. Y'ALL HAVE SEEN ME UP HERE BEFORE. I USUALLY SAY I'M NOBODY, BUT PEOPLE TELL ME I'M AN ADVOCATE FOR LOW INCOME AND DISABLED AUSTINITES, SO I'LL ACCEPT THAT LABEL. I'M GOING TO READ TO YOU FROM THE MAYOR'S BOOK CLUB, WRITING AUSTIN LIES, (INDISCERNIBLE) STATE UNDERSTAND MOMMA'S CRYSTAL BALL HIS STORY. HIS LAST LINE. STORY, I AM EMBARRASSED TO SAY I'M FROM AUSTIN BECAUSE IT'S SUCH A RACIST CITY, ESPECIALLY FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS. I TOO AM EMBARRASSED TO SAY I AM FROM AUSTIN FOR THE VERY SAME REASON. I'VE LIVED HERE FOR 54 YEARS. I ATTENDED THE FOCUS GROUPS FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS ON THE EAST SIDE. I SAW A LOT OF LIES OF OMISSION THERE. THEY WERE STATING IT WAS A FOCUS GROUP FOR INPUT TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ATTRACT MORE AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO AUSTIN,. THE LIE OF

OMISSION WAS IT WAS A SMART GROWTH FOCUS GROUP FOR INPUT FOR A REDEVELOPMENT ZONE IN EAST AUSTIN, A REDEVELOPMENT ZONE, YOU'RE TRYING TO GET THEM TO AGREE TO TO ATTRACT MORE AFRICAN-AMERICANS. SO I TALKED TO SOME OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICANS AT THE BREAKS AND I WOULD SAY, WELL, THEY'RE BUILDING THOSE 200, 300,000-DOLLAR HOMES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, PEOPLE ARE BUYING THEM, IT'S DRIVING UP YOUR PROPERTY VALUES. WHO IS BUYING THEM?

WHITE THEM. AND THEY SAY WHY DON'T YOU ATTRACT AFRICAN-AMERICANS? WHAT KIND OF SALARY SCALE WILL THEY HAVE TO DRAW TO BUY INTO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? WELL, THE SAME, 100 TO \$150,000. WILL IT REALLY MAKE THE AFRICAN-AMERICANS FEEL BETTER TO HAVE A BLACK AFRICAN-AMERICAN BUYING THAT HOUSE AND DRIVING UP ALL THEIR PROPERTY VALUES INSTEAD OF A WHITE PERSON? SO IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR MEETING WAS DESIGNED TO DRAW IN AFRICAN-AMERICANS, HIGHLY PAID PROFESSIONALS, SETTING BLACK ON BLACK TO DRIVE THEM OFF THEIR PROPERTIES. SMART GROWTH, A WORD Y'ALL DON'T USE ANY MORE, BUT THE REST OF THE WORLD DOES, IS SIMPLY A CONTINUATION OF THE SAME DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION THAT HAS EXISTED HERE SINCE BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR. WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT HERE IN 1998, WE WERE TOLD IT WAS A RETURN TO THE TRADITIONAL VALUES OF NEO TRADITIONAL VALUES OF THE 1800'S. WHAT WERE THE TRADITIONAL VALUES OF THE 1800'S IN AUSTIN? CIVIL WAR WAS ONE. THE GOVERNING BODY TOLD THE BLACKS AND THE MEXICANS TO MOVE OUT OF CENTRAL AND WEST AUSTIN TO EAST AUSTIN. THEY WERE THEN OVER THE DECADES KEPT THERE BY A RACIST BANKING COMMUNITY THAT WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO GET LOANS ANYWHERE ELSE. WHAT DOES YOUR SMART GROWTH PLANNING DO NOW? IT HAS RAPIDLY RAISED THE PROPERTY TAXES SO FAST THAT THE BLACKS AND THE BROWNS AND WHITES CAN'T KEEP UP, DRIVING US OUT EAST OF AUSTIN. YOUR DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING PROCESSES ARE A REENACTMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL VALUES OF THE 1800'S, WHICH WERE DRIVEN BY BIG GOTTED RACISTS. NOW, WHAT I'M SUGGESTING IS THAT PERHAPS YOU GOT TO MITIGATE SOME OF THIS ON THE EAST SIDE -- [BUZZER SOUNDS] IS

THAT A SIGNAL FOR ME TO STOP?

Mayor Wynn: IT'S A SIGNAL THAT YOUR THREE MINCE ARE UP. I WILL ALLOW YOU TO CONCLUDE.

THERE'S A COUPLE OF THINGS YOU COULD DO TO MITIGATE ON YOUR PLAN. LOW INCOME H.U.D. GRANTS SHOULD BE ISSUED TO HOMEOWNERS TO BRING PROPERTY VALUES UP TO THEIR ASSESSED VALUE. YOU CAN DO THAT. THEY DO THAT IN OTHER CITIES. SECONDLY IN EAST AUSTIN OR IN ANY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU COULD LIMIT THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF ANY DOT-COM OR BIG BUSINESS THAT YOU PULL IN HERE TO, SAY, 10,000 SQUARE FEET, WHICH IS WHAT THEY DID IN BERKLEY CALIFORNIA, TO LIMIT THE TAKEOVER OF ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOODS BY BUILDING 100,000 SQUARE FOOT OR LARGER E-CAMPUSES. TWO, YOU COULD PUT IN A REVERSE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY LIKE THEY DID IN PORTLAND. THEY WOULDN'T LET THEM BUILD OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARY. WELL, SET A BOUNDARY IN AUSTIN OF SAY THE CITY LIMITS OF 1960. ANY COMPANY THAT WANTS TO BUILD WITHIN THAT OLD CITY LIMITS CANNOT GET INCENTIVES. YOU CANNOT USE THEIR INCENTIVES PROGRAM. IN OTHER WORDS, MITIGATE THE AMOUNT OF HIGH-TECH PROFESSIONALS THAT YOU'RE PULLING IN TO THOSE LOWER CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS WHO BUY THOSE BIG DEVELOPER HOUSES AND THEN DRIVE EVERYBODY OUT JUST THE WAY THEY DID IN THE 1800'S.

Mayor Wynn: PLEASE CONCLUDE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

Mayor Wynn: YOU'RE WELCOME. AND I'LL SAY THAT I FEEL COMFORTABLE SPEAKING FOR THIS ENTIRE COUNCIL THAT THE GOAL OF THE RECENT FORUMS THAT WERE HELD REGARDING AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE IN AUSTIN, THERE WAS NO ANSWER OR GOAL GOING INTO THOSE FORUMS. THE FORUMS WERE THERE FOR US TO GET FEEDBACK. THAT FEEDBACK IS GOING TO BE PRESENTED PUBLICLY THIS EVENING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND A LOT OF CITIZEN INPUT. AND WE AS A COUNCIL AND MORE IMPORTANTLY A WE AS A COMMUNITY WILL GET FEEDBACK FROM THOSE MANY FORUMS AS TO SERIES OF

RECOMMENDATION AND A SERIES OF ISSUES THAT WE'LL THEN TRY TO AS A COMMUNITY FORMULATE A STRATEGY.

I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT'S THE WAY IT TURNS OUT AND THAT IT'S NOT A RE ENABILITMENT OF WHAT HAPPENED IN THE 1800'S.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. CATHERINE KAWAZIE? I CAN'T BELIEVE I MISSED IT AFTER NOT GETTING IT RIGHT THE LAST TWO TIMES. IT'S A TYPO. WELCOME, CATHERINE.

THANKS. I'M CHAIR OF THE PARK COMMITTEE OF G AND S. I WENT LAST WEEK TO BARTON SPRINGS POOL FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR. I NOTICED THE SAME THINGS I NOTICE EVERY YEAR, THE BEAUTY OF NATURE, HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE ARE THERE THAN THE YEAR BEFORE, REFLECTING THE CONTINUAL INCREASING DEMAND FOR ALL RECREATION FACILITIES. AND THREE, HOW MUCH FATTER AND MORE UNHEALTHY THE PUBLIC IS BECOMING. BARTON SPRINGS AND THE QUALITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PRESERVED BY FOLKS WITH A HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OF ECOLOGY AND THE NEED FOR PROGRESS AND BALANCE WITH IT ARE THE REASONS I MOVED BACK TO AUSTIN IN 1998. MY DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE THIRD OBSERVATION IS NOT JUST ABOUT BODY FAT OR MUSCLE MASS, IT'S ABOUT THE LACK OF AN IDEA WE CALL FITNESS. THIS IS WHY THE FITNESS INITIATIVE AND THE INITIATIVE TO RAISE DESIGN STANDARDS ARE SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE FITNESS IS AS MUCH MENTAL AS IT IS PHYSICAL. ONE REASON AUSTIN IS CONSIDERED A FIT CITY IS BECAUSE THERE IS THIS TRADITION OR CULTURE OF HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HEALTH, THE ECOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL WORLD AROUND US AND OUR OWN HUMAN HEALTH. THIS TRADITION IS TRANSLATED THROUGH TOLL POLL THROUGH OUR MATERIAL WORLD. THE THING WE SEE AND EXPERIENCE ALL AROUND US. PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF IDEALS THROUGH WHAT WE PHYSICALLY BUILD AS CONTRIBUTED TO AUSTIN'S IDENTITY AS A GREEN, HEALTHY CITY. THERE ARE MANY PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTS THAT ARE EXAMPLES OF SUCH IMPLEMENTATIONS, BUT I'M HERE TO ADDRESS NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS IN PARTICULAR. AS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF OUR URBAN ENVIRONMENT,

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CREATION OF MAINTENANCE HAS BEEN A PARD PRIORITY IN THE MAKING. THEY EXIST BECAUSE RESIDENTS BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC AREAS IN WHICH TO RECREATE. SOUTH AUSTIN PARK IS A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK, ALL 25 ACRES OF IT. THE APPLICATION FOR REZONING OF THIS PROPERTY, THE PUBLIC IN '86, EXPLICITLY SAID THAT SOUTH AUSTIN PARK WAS THE PROPERTY TO BE REZONED FOR A PARK. THIS WAS THE ONLY TIME THE PUBLIC WAS OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED ABOUT LAND USE INTENT. EVEN ON CITY MAPS THE ENTIRE PROPERTY IS LABELED SOUTH AUSTIN PARK. SOUTH AUSTIN TENNIS CENTER IS NOT A PROPERTY SITE, IT IS A CONSTRUCT WITHIN A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK. THE VALUE OF THE PIECE OF PROPERTY LIKE SOUTH AUSTIN PARK AND URBAN CORE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS NO PRICE TAG. YOU CAN'T REPLACE IT OR TRADE IT. INCREASED DENSITY WILL MAKE THE SMALL POCKETS EVEN MORE VALUABLE. EVERYONE HAS AGREED THAT THIS PARK SITE IS NOT A PLACE FOR A LARGE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FACILITY. AND COUNCIL NEEDS TO ADDRESS THE POLICY DIRECTIVE TO THE CITY MANAGER THAT TAKES A COURT EXPANSION OF SOUTH AUSTIN TENNIS CENTER OFF THE AGENDA. THEY HAVE SAID THEY CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT DIRECTION COMING FROM COUNCIL. ANY EXPANSION WILL RESULT IN SOLID FIEG SOUTH AUSTIN TENNIS CENTER AS THE LARGEST PUBLIC TENNIS FACILITY IN AUSTIN AND AS A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FACILITY. THIS BRINGS UP ANOTHER ISSUE, THAT OF CHANGES TO 2004 AISD BOND PROJECTS OR ANY BOND PROJECT. THE AISD BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IS NOW ADDRESSING HOW TO CHANGE ITEMS THAT DO NOT REFLECT THE NEEDS OF THOSE PROJECTS IT WAS INTENDED TO SFERB OR CONFLICT WITH PROMISES FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS THAT SUCH PROJECTS WILL NOT BE DONE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED ON TUESDAY THAT CHANGING THE SITE OF CREATION OF A REGIONAL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT FACILITY WAS NOT A SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE. BECAUSE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT DOESN'T CHANGE. AND THEREFORE THIS DOESN'T CALL FOR PUBLIC INPUT. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS AND IS ANOTHER ILLUSTRATION OF THE MISSING LINK BETWEEN POLICY AND ACTION. SO TO CONCLUDE, I'D LIKE YOU TO PLEASE TAKE A A STAND TO MAKE THE PLAYING FIELD A

LITTLE MORE EVEN. IF YOU ONCE AGAIN VOTED TO OPPOSE THE SOUTH AUSTIN TENNIS CENTER ON MONDAY NIGHT AND COMPLETING A RENOVATION OF SOUTH AUSTIN TENNIS CENTER, INCLUDING CORRECTING ASSOCIATE DRAINAGE AND EROSION PROBLEMS WITH COMPLETE -- WOULD COMPLETE THE BOND INTENT. AND PLEASE LET BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES KNOW THAT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IS ESSENTIAL. I'LL ASK ONE MORE THING. PLEASE TELL THE PARKS DEPARTMENT OR ANY CITY DEPARTMENT NOT TO MISREPRESENT NEIGHBORHOOD'S NON-GROAMENTS TO COMPROMISES AS WAS DONE AT TUESDAY AT THE AISD BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WELCOME, JENNIFER GALE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN. CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, REQUEST MAYOR PRO TEM JACKIE GOODMAN, RAUL ALVAREZ, CITY MANAGER TOBY FUTRELL, COUNCILMEMBER BREWSTER MCCracken AND COUNCILMEMBER DANNY THOMAS. WITHOUT ANY INVESTIGATION ON MY ALLEGATIONS OF THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE? TODAY WAS THE DAY. I'M JENNIFER GALE, I'M A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR, STATE OF TEXAS. MY CAMPAIGN SLOGAN IS ANOTHER TEXAN AS INDEPENDENT AS THE LONE STAR. HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY. THIS IS THE DAY WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED FOR US, IN OUR PLACE, AND IT WOULD BE GOOD THAT WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE PEOPLE THAT DIED OVER ALL THE YEARS. 1230 SOMETHING YEARS THAT WE'VE BEEN HERE AS A COUNTRY. 230 SOMETHING YEARS. BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO ENJOY THE THINGS WE ENJOY EVERYDAY. THE VIOLATIONS FROM THE CITY CLERK, WHO IS NOT HERE, ARE PART OF LAW, 141.064 STATES THAT WHEN YOU COLLECT A SIGNATURE, IT HAS TO BE ON THERE. THERE'S A WHOLE PAGE WHERE THEY'RE NOT ON THERE. AND THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE OF THAT. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT IT'S THE CITY CLERK'S JOB TO ANSWER AND RESPOND TO COMPLAINTS, AND NOT THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT. IT SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT ON 141.003 OF THE TEXAS STATUTE. THEREFORE SHE STILL HAS NOT DONE HER JOB AND FOUND THE TWO CANDIDATES, LEE LEFFINGWELL AND COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY INELIGIBLE. SO AGAIN, I'M

ASKING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE. I WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN FOR THE 5,315 VOTES I RECEIVED IN THIS LAST ELECTION. 5,315. THAT'S MORE THAN A LOT OF FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE RUN WHO HAVE SPENT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAME OUT FOR ME DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO ARTICLE IN THE STATESMAN, THE DAILY TEXAN OR THE AUSTIN CHRONICLE, NOTHING. NEXT WEEK'S FIRST THURSDAY. LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT STOPPING THE WAR IN IRAQ. WE HAVE OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, TODAY, THURSDAY, MAY 26TH, AT THE ERWIN CENTER THIS EVENING. TOMORROW, MAY 27TH, IT'S GARZA 3:00, AUSTIN AT 5:30, TRAVIS AT 8:30. THOSE ARE ALL OF THE DELL CO-CENTER -- ALL AT THE DELCO EXCEPT FOR JOHNSTON. A MAY 28TH, CROCKETT, NOON, ERWIN CENTER. AKINS, 3:00 AT THE ERWIN CENTER. MCCALLUM, 5:30 AT THE ERWIN CENTER. LANIER, 8:30 IN THE EVENING AT THE DELCO CENTER. AND THEN ON SUNDAY, MAY 29TH, REAGAN AT 2:30 AT THE DELCO CENTER. AND L.B.J., 530. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES. YOU'VE DONE A MAGNIFICENT JOB. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: I HAD A QUESTION ON THE EARLIER PRESENTATION. ON THE OPTIONS, I ASKED THE CITY MANAGER ABOUT PURSUING A CO-LOCATION AGREEMENT WITH AISD. I'LL SAY FIRST I THINK THAT WOULD BE A GOOD SOLUTION THAT IF WE DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT THAT WILL PROVIDE WHAT I THINK THE 10 NITS COMMUNITY WANTS AND EXPANDED TENNIS CAPACITY AND ALSO PRESERVES SOUTH AUSTIN PARK.

COUNCILMEMBER, WE'LL BE HAPPY TO TAKE THAT CONVERSATION UP AND DISCUSS IT. OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, AISD HAS JOINED US IN SUPPORT OF NOT ONLY THE SOUTH AUSTIN RECREATION CENTER, BUT OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT OUR PARK SYSTEM SO THAT WE CAN HAVE JOINT USE. OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO GET JOINED AT THE HIP WITH AISD TO PURSUE THOSE PROGRAMS, TO BETTER THE PROGRAMS BECAUSE THE KIDS WE'RE SERVING ARE THE SAME KIDS. WE'LL BE HAPPY TO HAVE THAT DIALOGUE.

McCracken: AND WARREN, ALSO, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALSO POSSIBLY DISCUSS THE IDEA THAT COMES IN TO LOOP 360 AND ENCHRISTMASS THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I'VE -- ENCOMPASSES THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I'VE NOTICED FROM E-MAILS THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE ADVOCATES FOR EXPANDING THE TENNIS FACILITY ARE IN THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF THE CITY AND SO A CO-LOCATION AGREEMENT WITH ROUND ROCK ISD INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF AUSTIN MIGHT BE A GOOD THING TO PURSUE AS WELL.

FUNDING IS AN ISSUE AS ALWAYS AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO HAVE DIALOGUE ABOUT AS WELL. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL OF OUR CITIZENS THAT SIGNED UP FOR CITIZENS COMMUNICATION, WE DON'T HAVE A FULL COWBOY TO TAKE UP ANY ITEMS. I WILL ANNOUNCE WE WILL BE PULLING DOWN ITEM NO. 27, A POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM RELATED TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION, WE WILL NO LONGER TAKE UP ITEM NO. 24 IN CLOSED SESSION. WITHOUT OBJECTION, COUNCIL, WE WILL NOW GO BACK INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 TO TAKE UP ITEM NO. 25, RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS AND POTENTIALLY UNDER SECTION 551.072 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, REAL ESTATE MATTERS RELATED TO ITEM 26, A POTENTIAL SUBLEASE WITH THE COMPUTER SCIENCES CORPORATION OF THE SCHNIEDER BUILDING NEXT DOOR. I ANTICIPATE US BEING IN CLOSED SESSION FOR JUST A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. THEN WE WILL COME BACK SHORTLY AFTER 1:00 TO PERHAPS TAKE UP THE ACTION ITEM OR TWO AND THEN HEAR THE CITY MANAGER'S POSTED POLICY BUDGET BRIEFING. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION, THANK YOU. SNAIRZ WE ARE OUT OF CLOSED. IN CLOSED SESSION WE DISCUSSED ITEM NO. 26, NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. NOW BACK IN OPEN SESSION, I THINK WE WILL HAVE A FULL COUNCIL HERE MOMENTARILY. COUNCIL, EARLIER WE HAD A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE IN CLOSED SESSION. WE HAD JUST AS A PRECAUTION HELD OFF TAKING ACTION ON ITEM 19 RELATED TO THE CANYON CREEK ITEM IN ADVANCE OF THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO PERHAPS ASK CITY MANAGER JOE CANALES IF HE COULD BRING US UP TO SPEED, GIVE US AN UPDATE AS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS OR ACTIONS THAT HAVE

OCCURRED SINCE OUR LAST COUNCIL VOTE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. SINCE YOUR FIRST VOTE ON THE -- ON THE ORDINANCE, INVOLVING CANYON CREEK, THERE HAS BEEN A MEETING OF THE M.U.D. BOARD THAT OCCURRED LAST THURSDAY AS WELL AS TUESDAY EVENING, AS A RESULT OF THOSE TWO MEETINGS, THE BOARD APPROVED A RESOLUTION THAT PRETTY MUCH REFLECTED THE FOUR POINTS THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVED AT THEIR FIRST READING. AND IF I MAY, COUNCIL, LET ME JUST SUMMARIZE THOSE FOUR POINTS. THE FIRST POINT PRETTY MUCH AGREED TO THE 50% CREDIT THAT THE COUNCIL HAD LAID OUT FOR THE DISTRICT. ITEM NO. 2 WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CEILING ON THE AMOUNT OF DEBT AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT. ITEM NO. 3 IT WAS A TRANSFER OF APPROXIMATELY 436-ACRES FROM THE BOARD TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN. NUMBER 4 WAS THE INTEREST OF THE COUNCIL THAT THE DISTRICT NOT PURSUE ANY NEGATIVE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD -- THAT WOULD NEGATIVE AFFECT ANNEXATION POWERS FOR THE CITY AS WELL AS COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES. THE BOARD PASSED A -- THE RESOLUTIONS TUESDAY. THEY SUBMITTED THOSE TO THE COUNCIL, TO THE STAFF ON WEDNESDAY MORNING. WE WORKED WITH THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE DISTRICT THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON WEDNESDAY. WE IDENTIFIED TWO AREAS THAT WE WANTED TO CHANGE. MINOR CHANGES THAT FINALIZED THE DEBT CEILING AND THE SPECIFIC PROCESS BY WHICH WE WOULD WORK WITH U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE. ON HOW MUCH ACCESS THERE WOULD BE ON THE 406 ACRES. THE LANGUAGE THAT WE PROPOSED TO THE DISTRICT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE ATTORNEYS AND THEY ARE WILLING TO SUBMIT THOSE CHANGES TO THE BOARD AT THEIR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING AND SO THOSE ARE THE CHANGES THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE BOARD. SINCE THE -- SINCE TUESDAY. THERE ARE REPRESENTATIVES, THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE BOARD ARE HERE IN THE EVENT THAT THEY WANT TO ADD TO ANYTHING THAT I HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED YOU. BUT THOSE ARE THE CHANGES, WHAT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU IS LANGUAGE

FROM THE FIRST READING ON -- THAT YOU PASSED. THE SECOND SET OF DOCUMENTS ARE COPIES OF THE -- OF THE RESOLUTIONS THAT THEY PASSED IN THEIR MEETING. AND THE FINAL SET OF DOCUMENTS IS A SUMMARY OF WHAT YOU ORIGINALLY INCLUDED IN YOUR FIRST READING AS WELL AS THE CHANGES THAT WE PROPOSED THAT HAVE BEEN AGREED IN GENERAL BY THE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND FINALLY THE CHANGES THAT THEY INCLUDED IN THEIR RESOLUTION ON ITEM NO. 4. SO THAT INCLUDES THE PACKET FROM BEFORE YOU AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU, MR. CABNAL LESS, MR. SMITH, BASED ON THIS, IF THE COUNCIL WERE TO TAKE ACTION THEN ON THIRD READING, YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE LANGUAGE ALREADY DRAFTED AND NEGOTIATED IF COUNCIL SO DIRECTS ON THIRD READING, THESE ADDITIONAL CHANGES AND LANGUAGE IS INCORPORATED IN THE ORDINANCE, WE ARE READY TO GO.

YES, MAYOR.

OKAY.

MAYOR, IF I MAY, THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ON THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL OF THE DETAIL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PARTICULAR CREDIT AS WELL AS THE TRANSFER OF LAND AND ALL OF THE OTHER ITEMS INCLUDED IN THAT LIST OF ITEMS.

THAT'S RIGHT, THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER?

MR. CANALES? I KNOW THIS IS AN ITEM FROM COUNCIL, BUT IT PASSED AND I'VE ASKED TO HAVE IT EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS BOUNCED OVER TO YOU. SO COULD YOU FOR THE RECORD ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS. TO MAKE SURE -- I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE. THIS IS WHERE THE M.U.D. BOARD AS THE PRIVATE PLAINTIFFS WHO ALSO ARE ON THE M.U.D. BOARD, TWO OF THEM STILL ARE, ONE OF THEM ISN'T IS MY UNDERSTANDING, THAT THEY SUED THE CITY BECAUSE THERE IS A -- THERE IS A M.U.D.

TAX IN ADDITION TO THE CITY PROPERTY TAX. THAT'S ALL CORRECT SO FAR, RIGHT?

IN GENERAL, COUNCILMEMBER, YES. BUT I WOULD DEFER TO THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT.

OKAY. WELL, ALL RIGHT. AND --

CORRECT.

Slusher: OKAY. THANK YOU, CITY ATTORNEY. AND SO THAT THE M.U.D. WAS AGREED TO IN 1987 TO -- THE IN CITY M.U.D. AT THE REQUEST OF THE DEVELOPER. WHEN IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE STATE WAS GOING TO APPROVE IT IF THE -- IF THE CITY DIDN'T; IS THAT CORRECT?

YES, SIR, THAT'S CORRECT.

OKAY. SO THAT'S HOW IT ENDED UP WITH A M.U.D. TAX IN ADDITION TO THE CITY PROPERTY TAX. BECAUSE THEY WANTED AN IN-CITY M.U.D. SO -- SO THE -- THEN THE -- LIKE I SAID THE M.U.D. BOARD AND SOME PRIVATE PLAINTIFFS WHO THREE OF THEM HAVE SERVED ON THE M.U.D. BOARD AND TWO OF THEM ARE STILL ON THERE, SUED THE CITY.)A TO TRY TO STOP THE M.U.D. TAX. RIGHT?

I WOULD CHARACTERIZE IT SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY, COUNCILMEMBER. I THINK THEY TRIED TO STOP THE CITY TAX. NOT THE M.U.D. TAX. >>

Slusher: I'M SORRY, OKAY. BUT THE ITEM HERE TODAY GIVES THEM A -- A REFUND OR IT'S ALSO CALLED A NEGATIVE -- A NEGATIVE WHAT? SURCHARGE?

SURCHARGE.

Slusher: A NEGATIVE SURCHARGE WHICH AMOUNTS TO A REFUND ON THEIR UTILITY BILLS AMOUNTING TO AROUND HALF OF WHAT THE RESIDENTS THERE ARE PAYING IN M.U.D. TAXES. AND WHICH AMOUNTS TO \$12 MILLION, MY UNDERSTANDING, OVER 20 -- IS IT 20 YEARS OR 25?

I THINK IT'S 21 YEARS, COUNCILMEMBER.

Slusher: IT'S 12 MILLION, IS 12 MILLION THE RIGHT FIGURE?

YES, SIR.

Slusher: OKAY. SO THIS IS A \$12 MILLION ITEM IN WHICH -- AMOUNTS TO ABOUT HALF THE LAWSUIT. SO I'M ALL FOR TRYING TO COME TO RECONCILIATION ON ISSUES. BUT WHAT BOTHERS ME, WHAT BOTHERS ME THE MOST ON THIS IS THAT -- IS THAT THE LAWSUIT WILL STILL BE AN ACTIVE LAWSUIT. THE FIRST TIME THIS WENT THROUGH OFFERING AN AMENDMENT, CALLING ON, ASKING THE M.U.D. BOARD TO DROP AT LEAST THEIR PART OF THE LAWSUIT BEFORE THE COUNCIL WOULD APPROVE THIS \$12 MILLION FROM OUR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY, NOW, A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL TURNED DOWN THAT AMENDMENT AND REFUSED TO EVEN ASK THE M.U.D. BOARD TO DROP THE LAWSUIT. AND SINCE THEN -- ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS MADE WAS THAT WOULDN'T DO A WHOLE LOT OF GOOD BECAUSE THERE WERE -- THE M.U.D. BOARD WAS THE PLAINTIFF, AND THEN THERE WERE PRIVATE PLAINTIFFS. WELL, SINCE THEN, I DISCOVERED THAT TWO -- THERE'S THREE PLAINTIFFS, SOMEBODY CORRECT ME IF THIS IS INCORRECT, BUT THERE ARE THREE PLAINTIFFS. AND TWO OF THEM ARE M.U.D. BOARD MEMBERS. AND ONE OF THEM IS A -- IS A FORMER M.U.D. BOARD MEMBER WHO WAS A M.U.D. BOARD MEMBER AT THE TIME THE LAWSUIT WAS FILED. SO TO ME -- I JUST -- THAT CERTAINLY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ONE OF THE GREATEST EXAMPLES OF -- OF NEGOTIATION THAT I HAVE EVER SEEN TO -- TO OFFER FOLKS THAT ARE SUING US HALF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THEY SUED THE CITY FOR AND THEY KEEP SUING THE CITY. I'M JUST HAVING A HARD TIME FIGURING OUT THE LOGIC OR THE -- AT LEAST I'M HAVING A HARD TIME FIGURING OUT HOW IT'S IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY TO -- TO ENGAGE IN THAT KIND OF NEGOTIATION. AND SET THAT KIND OF PRECEDENT. SO I JUST -- I CAN'T SUPPORT THIS. I'M WONDERING IF THERE'S AN ITEM -- I THINK IT'S IN THE -- WHAT THE M.U.D. BOARD PASSED, THAT TALKS ABOUT SETTLING OTHER DISPUTES. LET'S SEE. THEY ARE GOING TO -- THEY ARE GOING TO APPOINT DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SIMILARLY APPOINTED CITY

REPRESENTATIVES TO JOINTLY FURTHER THE MUTUAL EXPRESSIONS OF GOODWILL EXHIBITED HEREIN AND TO WORK TOWARDS DISPOSING OF ANY AND ALL OTHER ISSUES THAT IMPEDE A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP. I WAS WONDERING, IF ANY OF THE SPONSORS COULD TELL ME THAT THIS IS GOING TO -- THIS IS GOING TO ENTAIL MORE MONEY FROM OUR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY.

Mayor Wynn: IF I CAN, ONE OF THE CO-SPONSORS OF THIS, I'M JUST SAYING I'M ACTING TODAY SOLELY ON WHAT'S BEFORE US AND INDEPENDENT OF THIS LAWSUIT, WHICH WE ARE -- AS WE KNOW, IN -- HAVE PREVAILED IN COURT ON. I'M ACTING ON WHAT'S HERE BEFORE US. I'M MAKING NO PROMISES, NO -- NO SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. BUT I THINK THERE IS -- THERE IS EQUITY IN HOW THESE HOMEOWNERS WILL BE TREATED COMPARED TO A FEW OTHER AREAS OF TOWN THAT HAVE ADDITIONAL CHARGES RELATED TO M.U.D. DEBT AND I'M PREPARED TO TAKE THE ACTION TODAY TO GET US, YOU KNOW, TO A DECENT SPOT WITH THOSE HOMEOWNERS AND WE CAN ALWAYS SEE WHETHER THERE'S FUTURE ACTIONS LATER. MAYOR PRO TEM?

Goodman: OBVIOUSLY I'M MAKING NO FUTURE VOTING PLANS -- AND I'LL JUST COMPARE THIS TO SOME OTHER CASES OF M.U.D.'S, EVEN WHERE AT THE TIME OF THEIR CREATION, THEIR -- THEIR OWNERS OR DEVELOPERS THROUGH ONE MECHANISM OR ANOTHER HAVE -- HAVE GOTTEN CITY COOPERATION WITH THEIR PLANS. I'M THINKING OF CIRCLE C AND A LOT OF OTHERS WHEN I SAY THAT. YEARS DOWN THE ROAD, WHEN -- WHEN THE DEVELOPER IS LONG GONE AND IT'S PEOPLE WHO ARE THE VOICE OF THE M.U.D., THE INEQUITIES THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED UPON THEM, SOME REAL, SOME PERCEIVED, ARE [INDISCERNIBLE] FROM US FOR REDRESS. SO IN THE PROCESS OF LOOKING TOWARD HOW WE CAN -- DO SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY, IN THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT, THIS SEEMED LIKE A DOABLE, FINANCIAL MECHANISM. THAT IN THEIR INTERESTS WAS BETTER TO PURSUE THAN TO LEAVE IT HANGING, ALWAYS AN ISSUE OF CONTENTION, SOME UNDERSTANDING AND SOME NOT UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE ORIGINAL INTENT AND DEAL WAS FOR THE CITY. AND SO IT JUST SEEMED LIKE THE RIGHT THING TO DO. BUT AGAIN, UNLESS THERE'S SOME

OTHER VOTE THAT I WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON BEFORE JUNE 9th, I PROMISE NOTHING. EXCEPT FOR THIS ONE ACTION. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?
COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER.

Slusher: MAYOR, I JUST WANT IT NOTED THAT NO ONE -- I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYONE ADDRESS THE FACT THAT WE WON'T EVEN SEEK TO HAVE THE LAWSUIT DROPPED EVEN WHEN THE PLAINTIFFS ARE ALL ASSOCIATED WITH THE M.U.D. BOARD EXCEPT ONE, WHO EVIDENTLY ISN'T ASSOCIATED WITH THE M.U.D. BOARD ANY MORE. I'M ALL FOR RECONCILIATION, BUT I JUST DON'T THINK THAT'S IN THE INTEREST OF ALL THE REST OF OUR RATEPAYERS AND CITIZENS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE RELUCTANCE TO ASK SOMEONE TO DROP A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY, THAT THE CITY WON AND NOW WE'RE PAYING HALF OF WHAT WAS BEING SOUGHT IN THAT LAWSUIT THAT WAS AGAINST THE CITY, AND WE WON'T EVEN ASK THE FOLKS WHO ARE SUING THE CITY TO DROP THE LAWSUIT.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?
COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS.

Thomas: YEAH, MAYOR, I WANT TO ASK MR. CANALES, IN PART OF THE RESOLUTION I HEARD CLEARLY WHAT YOU WERE SAYING, BUT WERE THERE ANY TIME ANYBODY DISCUSSED ABOUT THE LAWSUIT? BECAUSE I THINK ONE THING I WAS ASKED, AND ON THE THIRD READING DID THEY DISCUSS IT? DID LEGAL SAY ANYTHING, THAT THEY HAD ANY IDEA OF MAYBE DROPPING THE LAWSUIT?

I CANNOT SPEAK TO THE BOARD'S INTENT, COUNCILMEMBER, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING AS IT WAS REFLECTED IN THE DOCUMENT THEY SHARED WITH US IS THAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN RESOLVING AND ADDRESSING ALL THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES THAT EXISTED BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE CITY. AND OBVIOUSLY THE LAWSUIT IS ONE OF THOSE ITEMS THAT ARE OUT -- THAT IS OUTSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE DISTRICT. SO I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THAT WOULD BE ONE OF THE

THINGS THAT WE WOULD ADDRESS AS PART OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS IF WE WERE TO CONTINUE.

Thomas: I THINK ONE QUESTION IS JUST DID WE ASK ANYBODY? LEGAL THAT'S REPRESENTING THEM TODAY, ARE THEY CONSIDERING DROPPING THE LAWSUIT? I THINK IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF YES OR NO, MAYBE. I UNDERSTAND THE WORDS YOU JUST SAID, BUT IT DIDN'T ADDRESS YES OR NO ON THE LAWSUIT.

DID I SUBMIT THAT QUESTION DIRECTLY TO THE REPRESENTATIVES THAT I HAD MET WITH? NO, SIR, I DID NOT.

Slusher: MAYOR?

Thomas: DID THEY ASK DID THE -- THE M.U.D. BOARD REPRESENTS EVERYBODY IN THAT DISTRICT, RIGHT, ALL THE RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN THAT AREA?

I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT THE COVERAGE ON THAT IS, COUNCILMEMBER, BUT I KNOW THAT THOSE ARE FIVE REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE BOARD DISTRICT -- TO THE DISTRICT'S BOARD.

Thomas: THEY ARE REPRESENTING THE ONES THAT WE ARE ASSISTING, HELPING WITH THIS -- 50% ON THIS DEAL?

YES, SIR.

Thomas: OKAY.

Slusher: MAYOR, JUST ASKING COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS A QUESTION. COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS, MR. CANALES, YOU PROBABLY UNDERSTAND THIS, BUT MR. CANALES WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNCIL TO ASK THE M.U.D. BOARD TO DROP THE SUIT. IN FACT, YOU AND I AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ WERE VOTED DOWN ON AN AMENDMENT TRYING TO GIVE HIM THAT AUTHORITY TO ASK THEM TO DROP THE LAWSUIT. THE COUNCIL MAJORITY REFUSED TO AUTHORIZE THAT QUESTION TO BE ASKED.

Thomas: MAYOR, IF YOU DON'T MIND.

Mayor Wynn: THE VOTE, IF I REMEMBER, COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER, WAS THAT THIS ACTION BY THE CITY WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON THEM DROPPING THE LAWSUIT. THAT I VOTED AGAINST. I'M ALL FOR, AS WE DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO HAVE THESE BROAD DISCUSSIONS TO ALL THESE ISSUES, EVERYTHING FROM FEE TITLE ACQUISITION OF THE 406 ACRES TO THE ACTUAL LOGISTICS OF THE NEGATIVE IS SUR SURCHARGE, THAT I'M ALL FOR REQUESTING ANY PARTIES TO DROP THE LAWSUIT, BUT THE VOTE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WAS THAT OUR ACTIONS WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON THAT M.U.D. BOARD DROPPING THE LAWSUIT.

Slusher: THAT'S RIGHT, AND TO ADD IT TO THE LIST OF REQUESTS THAT WERE SENT TO THE M.U.D. BOARD, AND A COUNCIL MAJORITY VOTED THAT DOWN.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. SORRY TO INTERRUPT.

Thomas: I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE COULD ASK -- I KNOW THAT WAS THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT WE GAVE MR. CANALES, BUT WHAT YOU JUST SAID, MAYOR, MADE IT SOME KIND OF A DISCUSSION OR SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE M.U.D. TO SAY, WELL, WE'LL TRY VERY HARD TO PUT A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON REALLY DROPPING THIS LAWSUIT. BECAUSE THE THING I HAD FROM THE BEGINNING WAS ALTHOUGH WE NEEDED -- I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CITIZENS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING, BUT ALSO IF WE CAN CONTINUE GOING WITH THE LAWSUIT, THAT'S OTHER MONEY COMING FROM CITIZENS THAT WE HAVE TO PAY AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT US IN THE LAWSUIT. SO I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY EQUAL ON EACH SIDE, 50/50, IF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL CONSIDERING FILING A LAWSUIT WOULD SAY, OKAY, THE CITY IS TRYING TO HELP, SO LET'S GO AHEAD AND JUST FORGET THIS AND MOVE ON. AND ALSO I JUST WONDER WHAT ARE THEY TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WHEN WE ALREADY WON IN ONE LAWSUIT, SO WHY DO THEY CONTINUE? THAT'S OKAY. THAT QUESTION IS JUST -- I WOULD HOPE WE COULD HAVE GOT ANSWERS IN

THE TIME WE WERE TALKING.

COUNCILMEMBER, THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY, AND THIS IS JUST MY IMPRESSION. I CERTAINLY DON'T INTEND TO SPEAK FOR THE BOARD TO. THERE ARE REPRESENTATIVES HERE FOR THE BOARD AS WELL AS THE DISTRICT THAT CAN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES AS WELL AS THE DISTRICT. BUT IT'S BEEN MY UNDERSTANDING THAT MY IMPRESSION IS THERE IS INTEREST AND A WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOWARDS POSSIBLY RESOLVING THOSE DIFFERENCES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE LAWSUIT.

Thomas: MAYOR, IF YOU DON'T MIND, CAN I ASK LEGAL THAT IS REPRESENTING THE M.U.D. BOARD?

Mayor Wynn: FOLKS, IS THERE A REPRESENTATIVE HERE OF THE M.U.D. BOARD?

Thomas: WOULD YOU CONSIDER DROPPING A LAWSUIT, WAS THAT MENTIONED AT THE TIME FROM THE PEOPLE -- I KNOW YOU REPRESENT THE M.U.D. BOARD, BUT --

YES, SIR. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE M.U.D. BOARD IS WILLING TO CONSIDER SETTLEMENT OF THE LAWSUIT AND THEY'RE WILLING TO DISCUSS THAT WITH COUNSEL FOR THE CITY AT ANY TIME.

Thomas: OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: I THINK ONE OF THE REASONS THAT WE DID NOT ADD THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE LAWSUIT IS THAT THE INITIATIVE THAT CAME TO US CAME FROM THE CITIZENS IN CANYON CREEK, THE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION AND THE VARIOUS MEMBERS CONTACTED US. AND THIS DOESN'T RELATE TO YOU, SIR, BUT -- AND THEY WERE NOT PARTIES TO THE LAWSUIT. WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO WAS MOVE FORWARD ON SOME COMPROMISE, SOME RECONCILIATION WITH THAT NEIGHBORHOOD WITH THE GROUP THAT REALLY DIDN'T HAVE LEGAL STANDING IN THE CASE. SO WE ASKED THEM TO GO BACK AND AT LEAST AGREE TO TAKE FOUR ITEMS TO

THEIR M.U.D. BOARD. THE M.U.D. BOARD WENT A STEP FURTHER. WHERE WE HAD ASKED THEM THAT THE BOARD WOULD NOT PURSUE LEGISLATION THAT NEGATIVELY AFFECTED THE CITY'S ANNEXATION POWERS, ETCETERA, THEY CAME BACK WITH SOMETHING THAT WAS I THINK A LOT STRONGER. THEY SAID THAT THEY WOULD ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS TO JOINTLY FURTHER THE MUTUAL EXPRESSIONS OF GOODWILL EXHIBITED HERE IN AND TO WORK TOWARDS DISPOSING OF ALL OTHER ISSUES THAT IMPEDE A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY AND DISTRICT. SO I THINK THAT'S SORT OF THE REASON THAT WE DIDN'T MAKE IT MANDATORY, PER SE, BUT THING THEIR RESPONSE BACK IS A VERY BROAD RESPONSE AND I THINK IT CERTAINLY INCLUDES EXPLORING ALL OF THOSE POSSIBILITIES.

Slusher: MAYOR? IF I COULD JUST -- THAT'S GOING TO COST YOU THE OTHER 50% IS THAT -- THAT'S REALLY WHAT'S ON THE TABLE HERE. I MEAN --

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER, I NEED TO STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THAT. WHAT'S ON THE TABLE HERE IS A 50% NEGATIVE SURCHARGE IN EXCHANGE FOR SEVERAL OTHER ISSUES. I AM NOT SUGGESTING THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN SETTLE THIS LAWSUIT. THE CITY OF AUSTIN WON AN EASY JUDGMENT IN THIS COURT CASE, AND WE ARE IN A VERY STRONG LEGAL POSITION. I'M NOT SUGGESTING WE SETTLE THE LAWSUIT AT ALL. I'M SUGGESTING THAT THIS ACTION GETS THIS NEIGHBORHOOD INTO A REASONABLE FINANCIAL POSITION THAT'S NOT DISSIMILAR FROM A COUPLE OF OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS IN TOWN THAT ALSO HAVE TO CARRY SOME PORTION OF PREVIOUS M.U.D. DEBT. AND THEN WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE ONGOING LEGAL ISSUE. TECHNICALLY IT'S ON APPEAL IS MY UNDERSTANDING, MR. SMITH, THE LOSING SIDE, THE PLAINTIFFS IN THIS CASE, HAVE APPEALED OUR VICTORY IN COURT. AND FRANKLY, FROM MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THE ADVICE OF THIS CASE, I LIKE OUR ODDS, BUT I THINK THIS ACTION GETS THIS NEIGHBORHOOD INTO A REASONABLE SPOT -- HOMEOWNERS. THE NEIGHBORS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS ANY DISCUSSIONS AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE, SO BE IT IN THE SENSE THAT I THINK IT'S ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO

ALWAYS ENTERTAIN THOSE. WE GET SUED 200 TIMES A YEAR PROBABLY AND WE TRY TO GET RID OF AS MANY OF THOSE AS WE CAN IN PRACTICAL TERMS, BUT I AM NOT SUGGESTING THAT WE SETTLE THIS LAWSUIT IN RELATION TO THIS ACTION TODAY. MAYOR PRO TEM.

Goodman: YES. TO FOLLOW UP ON WHAT COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY SAID, WE ARE NOT REALLY NEGOTIATING OR DEALING PER SE WITH THOSE WHO BROUGHT THE LAWSUIT. AND I AGREE WITH THE MAYOR'S TAKE ON THE OUTCOME OF THE LAWSUIT. AND THE CLEAR MESSAGE THAT I THOUGHT WE SENT LAST TIME WITH OUR MOTION WAS THAT THE REAL NEIGHBORS WOULD BE TAKING A REQUEST OR A PROPENSITY FOR DROPPING THAT LAWSUIT BACK TO THE BOARD AS THEIR POSITION OR THEIR PREFERENCE AS A PART OF THE NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE THERE. AND WHEN THEY WENT TO THE BOARD AND THEN THEY GOT THE BOARD MEMBERS TO SIGN THIS. BUT SINCE WE'RE NOT NEGOTIATING WITH THOSE WHO BROUGHT THE LAWSUIT, WE CAN'T EXPECT THE NEIGHBORS TO PROMISE A DROPPING OF THE LAWSUIT FOR THEM. SO I'LL JUST ASK, TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WE KNOW -- WHAT WAS THE THIRD MEMBER WHO NO LONGER SERVES ON THE BOARD, BUT IS PART OF THE LAWSUIT?

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME BACK, MR. ROGERS.

ALLEN WEISS.

Goodman: OKAY. LET ME ASK FOR THE RECORD THAT DON ZIMMERMAN, FERGUSON AND DON WEISS DROP THE LAWSUIT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE FOLKS THEY REPRESENT OR REPRESENTED SINCE I DO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT CHANCE AT WINNING THE LAWSUIT. AND THIS IS NOT ABOUT THAT, PER SE. THIS IS ABOUT DEALING WITH THE REAL FOLKS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS OPPOSED TO THE M.U.D. BOARD AND MEMBERS OF THE M.U.D. BOARD WHO BROUGHT THE SUIT. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE LAWSUIT WILL BRING THEM WHAT THEY WANT, AND I THINK THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL BE BETTER SERVED BY THE KIND OF NEGOTIATION THAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH HERE AND WHICH WE DID COME UP WITH SOME RESOLUTION FOR AS OPPOSED TO ANY RESOLUTION THAT

WILL COME OUT OF THE LAWSUIT.

Slusher: MAYOR, I JUST HAVE TO -- YOU MIGHT BE NEGOTIATING WITH NEIGHBORS OTHER THAN THE M.U.D. BOARD MEMBERS, BUT THERE HAD TO BE AN ACTION OF THE M.U.D. BOARD TO ACCEPT THIS OFFER. AND TWO MEMBERS OF THAT FIVE-MEMBER M.U.D. BOARD ARE PLAINTIFFS IN A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY, WHICH THE CITY WON, AND YET THIS IS CALCULATED TO GIVE BACK TO RESIDENTS ABOUT HALF OF WHAT WAS SOUGHT IN THAT LAWSUIT. AND WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO DROP THE LAWSUIT. LIKE COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS SAID, WE'RE STILL GOING TO BE INCURRING ATTORNEY'S FEES IN THAT LAWSUIT.

Mayor Wynn: MR. SMITH, CAN YOU ADVISE US? SO RIGHT NOW THE LAWSUIT IS BEING APPEALED. WHAT MONIES ARE WE EXPENDING CURRENTLY ON THIS CASE?

WE HAVE STAFF, CITY STAFF, ATTORNEYS, PARALEGALS AND LEGAL SECRETARIES, WHO ARE PREPARING, RESEARCHING AND ADDRESSING THE ISSUES RAISED ON THE APPEAL. SO IN ONE SENSE THERE'S NO ADDITIONAL MONEY OUT LAY SINCE THOSE EMPLOYEES ARE SALARY. IT DOES REQUIRE US TO PUT RESOURCES ON THAT CASE THAT COULD BE PUT ON SOMETHING ELSE.

Slusher: IF WE WERE -- EVEN THOUGH WE'VE HEARD WE THINK THE CITY IS IN A STRONG POSITION, I MEAN, THE LAWSUIT COULD STILL BE UNSUCCESSFUL AND THE CITY COULD BE -- HAVE TO PAY SOME MONEY, RIGHT?

THAT IS A POSSIBILITY.

Slusher: OKAY. I DON'T WANT TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS I SHOULDN'T BE ASKING OUT FRONT.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?
COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I THINK THAT COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN --

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN, SORRY. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN THAT I'LL SECOND

TO APPROVE ON THIRD READING THIS ORDINANCE WHICH AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER TO FORMALIZE AND FINALIZE THESE ISSUES. COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR. I THINK THAT IT'S BEEN A BIT OF A FRUSTRATING EXERCISE JUST BECAUSE THERE ARE VARIOUS DIFFERENT ENTITIES AND SOME OF WHICH ARE NOT REALLY DEFINABLE BECAUSE IT'S JUST HOMEOWNERS OR RESIDENTS, TAXPAYERS THAT ARE CONCERNED AND WANT THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO HELP THEM OUT LIKE WE ARE APPROACHED BY FOLKS FROM ALL PARTS OF TOWN. AND SO I'M REALLY GLAD THAT WE AT LEAST HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALLOW THOSE HOMEOWNERS TO TAKE THE FOUR ITEMS THAT THEY COMMITTED TO TAKE TO THE M.U.D. BOARD TO THE BOARD AND THAT THE M.U.D. BOARD ACTUALLY DID APPROVE THOSE ITEMS. I WISH WE COULD HAVE TACK ODD THAT LAST ITEM THAT DEALT WITH THE LAWSUIT BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T HAVE HURT TO ASK THE QUESTION AND MAYBE THEY WOULD HAVE ADOPTED THAT OR MAYBE THEY WOULD HAVE ADOPTED ALL OF THEM. IT'S HARD TO SAY, BUT I ACKNOWLEDGE THE MAYOR'S COMMENT ABOUT THAT WASN'T REALLY WHAT THE AMENDMENT WE TRIED TO PUT ON WOULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. SO TO A CERTAIN DEGREE IT WAS THE FIRST POSITIVE GESTURE FROM THE M.U.D. BOARD IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE IN ACKNOWLEDGING AN ACTION BY THE CITY TO TRY TO -- TO TRY TO WORK WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON THIS ISSUE OR TRY TO ADDRESS SOME CONCERNS, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY REAL LEGAL CLAIM HERE. BUT WHAT I WOULD SAY IS -- MY RESPONSE HERE IS TO THOSE HOMEOWNERS WHO CAME AND MET WITH US AND TALKED TO US BECAUSE EVEN THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION WASN'T THE ONE COMING TO APPROACH THE CITY ITSELF, ALTHOUGH I'VE HEARD THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ACTUALLY HAS -- WE'RE IN FAVOR OF THIS PARTICULAR ACTION. AND NOW WE SEE THE M.U.D. BOARD WAS AS WELL OR IS AS WELL. BUT I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE MEASURE, AND IT IS AGAIN THE FIRST SORT OF SIGN OF SOME MOVEMENT HERE OR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VARIOUS PARTIES. AND AGAIN, WE'RE NOT

TALKING ABOUT THE LAWSUIT, BUT I THINK THE COMMENT THAT COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY READ THAT THE MUD BOARD ADOPTED IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR ITEMS MADE IT SEEM LIKE THAT WAS AN ITEM FOR DISCUSSION, BUT FOR ME IT'S NOT REALLY AN ITEM FOR DISCUSSION OR MEDIATION BECAUSE I REALLY PERSONALLY DON'T FEEL THAT THERE'S ANY MERIT TO THAT PARTICULAR LEGAL ACTION. SO FOR ME IT SEEMS LIKE THIS WAS -- I DON'T KNOW. THE GESTURE HERE WAS OFFER THIS AND TO TRY TO PUT THESE ISSUES TO REST REGARDLESS OF OTHER LAWSUITS BECAUSE WHAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT HERE IS YOU HAVE THE OBLIGATION OF THE MUD, WHICH REALLY IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE HOMEOWNERS. AND WHAT THIS ACTION WOULD DO IS SAY OKAY, THERE'S A DISAGREEMENT HERE ABOUT WHETHER THE M.U.D. SHUT PAY IT ALL OR THE CITY SHOULD PAY IT ALL. SO THIS SAYS THE M.U.D. PAYS HALF AND THE CITY PAYS HALF. SO EVEN THOUGH I DON'T NECESSARILY THINK THAT LEGALLY THE CITY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DO THAT, IT SEEMS LIKE A FAIR COMPROMISE, BUT TO GO BEYOND THAT FOR ME WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT, AND SO THAT'S WHY I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE M.U.D. BOARD WANTS TO CONTINUE TALKING ABOUT PERSONALLY BESIDES THE LAWSUIT BECAUSE I PERSONALLY NECESSARILY DON'T WANT TO DISCUSS THE MERITS OF THAT LAWSUIT BECAUSE I THINK THE TRIAL COURT RULING WAS PRETTY CLEAR. BUT I'M GOING TO BE SUPPORTING THIS IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, THE GESTURE WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE, WHICH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. AND AGAIN TRY TO CONVEY TO FOLKS THE REASON FOR THIS ACTION. WE RECEIVED A LOT OF E-MAILS FROM THE RESIDENTS OUT THERE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS ACTION AND THAT WE'RE ALL TRYING TO WORK TOGETHER HERE. BUT THE FINAL POINT I WOULD MAKE IS THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS THAT DO HAVE THESE KIND OF SURCHARGES, OTHER M.U.D.'S, AND SO WHAT THIS ACTUALLY DOES IS BRING THEM IN LINE WITH -- BRING CANYON CREEK IN LINE WITH THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS AS WELL. SO I THINK THAT THAT'S ALSO A POSITIVE THING OR ANOTHER REASON THAT I THOUGHT THIS WAS SOMETHING REASONABLE FOR US TO DO, BUT CERTAINLY NOT SOMETHING THAT WE WERE OBLIGATED TO DO. BUT JUST

WANTED TO EXPLAIN THAT A LITTLE BIT JUST BECAUSE I'VE MET WITH SEVERAL FOLKS AND EXCHANGED E-MAILS AND MAKE SURE I ARTICULATED ALL THE VARIOUS ISSUES THAT I WAS CONTEMPLATING. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? THERE'S A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 19 ON THIRD READING, THIS FURTHER, MORE SPECIFIC DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER. HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED?

Slusher: NO.

Mayor Wynn: MOTIONS PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ONE WITH COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER VOTING NO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE] SORRY, CITY MANAGER, WE'VE DELAYED YOU FOR AN HOUR, BUT AT THIS TIME I CAN CALL UP THE CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING, THE DRAFT POLICY BUDGET PRESENTATION. WELCOME.

Futrell: COUNCIL, THIS IS THE SECOND STEP IN YOUR BUDGET PROCESS FOR THE 2006 BUDGET. YOU REMEMBER EARLIER IN THE YEAR -- EARLIER IN THE MONTH WE WALKED YOU THROUGH THE FINANCIAL FORECAST, SO NOW WE'RE AT THE ACTUAL POLICY BUDGET STAGE. SO LET'S START WITH THE OUTLINE OF WHAT WE'LL BE DOING THIS AFTERNOON. WE'RE REALLY GOING TO DO THREE THINGS. WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A LOOK BACK BRIEFLY, WE'RE GOING TO LOOK BACK AT THE YEARS 2002 THROUGH 2005 TO GIVE YOU A QUICK HISTORICAL BUDGET RECAP, AND THAT WILL INCLUDE A POLICY ANALYSIS, BASICALLY LOOKING AT OUR COST DRIVER AND COST DRIVERS BEING THOSE THINGS THAT DRIVE UP OR INCREASE YOUR BASE BUDGET FROM YEAR TO YEAR. THEN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A CURRENT SNAPSHOT, WHERE ARE WE RIGHT NOW AFTER FOUR YEARS OF COST CONTAINMENT AND CUTBACKS BOTH IN OUR WORKFORCE AND IN OUR SERVICE DELIVERY, AND WHAT KIND OF MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS WE WOULD MAKE FOR

YOU IN TERMS OF THE 2006 BUDGET BASED ON THAT OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT. AND FINALLY, THE THIRD PIECE OF THE PRESENTATION TODAY IS THE POLICY DISCUSSION WE'D LIKE TO HAVE WITH YOU BASICALLY SOLICITING FEEDBACK FROM COUNCIL ON A SERIES OF POLICY QUESTIONS BOTH IN THE GENERAL FUND AND ON THE ENTERPRISE FUND, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING WATER RATE CONSIDERATIONS. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE OF NOTES QUICKLY BEFORE WE MOVE INTO THIS. REMEMBER, WE'RE NOT BALANCING THE BUDGET TODAY. IT'S STILL EARLY IN THE PROCESS. MANY OF THE NUMBERS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY ARE PRELIMINARY AND MANY OF THESE NUMBERS ARE STILL CHANGING, BOTH ON THE EXPENDITURE SIDE AND ON THE REVENUE SIDE. BUT WHAT WE ARE DOING IS SEEKING FEEDBACK. WE'RE TRYING TO BE SURE THAT WE COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND AND GET DIRECTION ON BUDGET PRIORITIES AND BUDGET APPROACH AS WE GO INTO THE NEXT PHASE BETWEEN POLICY BUDGET AND PROPOSED BUDGET. SO LET'S TAKE A START HERE AND START WITH THE HISTORICAL BUDGET RECAP. REMEMBER OBVIOUSLY WE STARTED WITH AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, SO WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE BUDGET OF 2002, WE HAD JUST PASSED REALLY THE LAST OF THE BOOM BUDGETS FOR US BEFORE THE IMPACT OF SEPTEMBER 11TH HITS, AND WE HAD A FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN SALES TAX REVENUE, AMONG OTHER REVENUE REDUCTIONS THAT CAME ON THE HEELS OF THAT DOWNTURN. SO WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE YEARS 2002 THROUGH 2005, IN 2002, THAT WAS A COST CONTAINMENT YEAR. IT WAS A FULL BUDGET THAT WAS PASSED, BUT THE REVENUE DIDN'T PRODUCE THAT YEAR, SO WE WENT INTO COST CONTAINMENT IN 2002. THEN FOR 2003, 2004 AND 2005, WE REALLY MOVED IN TO MORE OF A CUTTING MODE ON THE EXPENDITURE SIDE IN ORDER TO TRY TO RECOVER AND TO BALANCE THE BUDGET TO REACH STRUCTURAL BALANCE TO MATCH OUR EXPENDITURES -- MATCH OUR EXPENDITURES TO OUR REVENUE. WE FOCUSED ON A MULTI-YEAR BUDGET, KNOWING IT WAS TOO LARGE A GAP TO DO IN ANY SINGLE YEAR, AND OUR GOAL WAS STRUCTURAL BALANCE, WHERE ONGOING EXPENDITURES WERE WOULD MATCH OUR ONGOING REVENUE. WE HAD THREE CORE VALUES AS WE SAT ACROSS THESE FOUR YEARS. ONE WAS TO LOOK FOR

CUTS BEFORE WE TURNED TO REVENUE INCREASES BECAUSE WE KNEW THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WERE HITTING HARD TIMES. THE SECOND WAS TO CUT ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT BEFORE WE CUT DIRECT SERVICE TO CITIZENS. AND THE THIRD WAS TO RETHINK SERVICE DELIVERY BEFORE WE CUT SERVICE LEVELS TO INNOVATE, TO REORGANIZE, TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY TO GET THE BIGGEST BANG FOR THE BUCK WE COULD WITH REDUCED RESOURCES. OUR COST CONTAINMENT STRATEGIES WERE EVERYTHING YOU COULD THINK OF. WE REDUCED ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT COSTS BY \$28 MILLION. THAT WAS CUTTING OVER 200 ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT POSITIONS, OF WHICH 95 OF THOSE POSITIONS WERE MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE POSITIONS. OUR CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES WENT WITHOUT ANY PAY INCREASE IN 2003 AND 2004. OVERALL WE ELIMINATED OVER 700 GENERAL FUND POSITIONS. AND WE DID THAT IN A WAY THAT WITH A STRONG FOCUS ON TRYING TO BE SURE VERY FEW OF OUR EMPLOYEES ACTUALLY LOST JOBS. WE WORKED VERY HARD THROUGH CROSS-TRAINING, ATTRITION, HIRING FREEZES TO TRY TO BE SURE THAT OUR EMPLOYEES DIDN'T END UP UNEMPLOYED. WE REDUCED ALL OUR DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURES IN EVERY CORNER, IN EVERY NOOK OF THE BUDGET. WE REDUCED OVERTIME AND TEMPORARY POSITIONS. WE REDUCED TRAVEL AND CELL PHONE STIPENDS. WE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, WE DEFERRED VEHICLE ACQUISITIONS. WE DEFERRED THE TWO-YEAR DELAYED SCHEDULE, THE OPENING OF NEW AND EXPANDED FACILITIES, IN ORDER TO NOT TAKE ON THE INCREASED COST OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THOSE NEW FACILITIES. ON THE OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT SIDE, WE WERE LOOKING TO FIND EFFICIENCIES, SO WITH LEANER BUDGETS AND FEWER STAFF, WE FOCUSED ON PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS, INNOVATIONS, A DIFFERENT WAY OF DOING SERVICE DELIVERY. A COUPLE OF THE KEY SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENTS WERE THE CUSTOMER SERVICE CALL CENTER WHERE WE ARE CONSOLIDATING AND CENTRALIZING BOTH OUR SWITCHBOARD AND A CALL CENTER. THE ONE STOP SHOP WHERE WE'VE TAKEN ALL OF OUR DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES AND CUT 57 PROCESSES DOWN TO 21 PROCESSES. TOOK 13 DEPARTMENTAL

FUNCTIONS AND LOADED THEM INTO A SINGLE DEPARTMENT WHERE BASICALLY OWE THERE WERE BASICALLY LOCATED IN 12 LOCATIONS BEFORE AND ARE NOW LOCATE UNDERSTAND A SINGLE LOCATION. REMEMBER IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA WE WERE STARTING WITH A CUSTOMER DISSATISFACTION OF 62%. SO THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO BUT UP IN THIS AREA, IN AN AREA WE HAD TO DO A LOT OF REDUCTION, WE WERE LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT WAY OF DOING BUSINESS TO DELIVER WITH FEWER RESOURCES. THE REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION OF THIS DEPARTMENT IN ONE YEAR ALONE TOOK OVER A 40% CUT TO THEIR BUDGET AND STAFFING. WE CONSOLIDATED CODE ENFORCEMENT FROM THREE DEPARTMENTS INTO A SINGLE DEPARTMENT. THIS WAS ALSO AN AREA WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF CUSTOMER DISSATISFACTION, ALMOST 58%. WE LOOKED AT PROJECT MANAGEMENT ACROSS DEPARTMENTS AND CONSOLIDATED PROJECT MANAGEMENT TO ELIMINATE REDUNDANCY AND GET A BIGGER BANG FOR THE BUCK OUT OF OUR PROJECT MANAGEMENT COSTS. WE TURNED TO OUR EMPLOYEES AND ASKED FOR THEIR IDEAS AND THEIR THOUGHTS, AND OUR EMPLOYEES RESPONDED WITH ENORMOUS ENTHUSIASM. WE GENERATED OVER 4,000 EMPLOYEE IDEAS FOR COST SAVINGS AND REVENUE IDEAS. IT GENERATED OVER \$10.3 MILLION, ALMOST NINE MILLION IN EXPENDITURE CUTS, AND THE REST IN REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS. WE DID A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATIONS, AND WE TOOK A LOOK AT A LOT OF OUR -- SOME CORE CORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS LIKE HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. ON THE HUMAN RESOURCES SIDE, WE DROPPED OUR DEPARTMENTAL HUMAN RESOURCE STAFFING BY 20%. ON THE I.T. SIDE AT THE CORPORATE LEVEL, WE ELIMINATED 16 EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT POSITIONS FOR A SAVINGS OF ALMOST \$1.7 MILLION. SO EVERYWHERE WE'RE LOOKING FOR EFFICIENCIES, STREAMLINING THROUGH FOUR VERY HEAVY YEARS OF EXPENDITURE CUTS AND COST CONTAINMENTS. ON THE REVENUE SIDE, THERE ARE FOUR DIFFERENT AREAS THAT GUIDED OUR STRATEGIES. THE FIRST AND THE MOST IMPORTANT WAS TO WEAN OURSELVES OFF OF THE USE OF ONE-TIME FUNDS FOR ONGOING EXPENDITURES. AND WE'VE ACTUALLY DONE THIS VERY, VERY WELL, AND YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THIS IN A

LITTLE BIT, HOW WE HAVE MANAGED TO BRING US INTO STRUCTURAL BALANCE SO THAT WE ARE NO LONGER RELYING ON ONE-TIME COSTS FOR ONGOING EXPENDITURES. THE COUNCIL ACTUALLY ADOPTED A STRONGER POLICY ON RESERVING ANYTHING THAT FALLS DOWN INTO THE FUND BALANCE THAT ARE ONE-TIME COSTS ARE RESTRICTED, CAN ONLY BE USED FOR CAPITAL COSTS OR CRITICAL ONE-TIME COSTS. WE DID EVERY TWO YEARS A COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE INITIATIVE. WHAT THIS MEANS IS WE TOOK A LOOK AT EVERY FEE THE CITY CHARGES. WE LOOKED AT IT IN TERMS OF INFLATION, COST OF SERVICE. WE LOOKED TO SEE WHAT OTHER CITIES WERE DOING IN TERMS OF FEE FOR SERVICE. IN 2003 THE COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE INITIATIVE GENERATED \$930,000 OF ADDITIONAL REVENUES. IN 2005 IT GENERATED 648,000 OF ADDITIONAL DOLLARS. WE MAINTAINED OUR UTILITY TRANSFER RATES WITHIN A VIABLE PERCENTAGE. THIS IS AN AREA TO OUR BOND AGENCIES WATCHED VERY CLOSELY TO BE SURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE AN OVERRELIANCE ON OUR UTILITY TRANSFER IN OUR GENERAL FUND. CURRENTLY 21% OF OUR GENERAL FUND IS THE UTILITY TRANSFER REVENUE. IN 2003 WE DID TAKE AUSTIN ENERGY'S TRANSFER TO THE TOP OF THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION FOR THAT TRANSFER, WHICH IS 9.1%, AND THAT GENERATED 2.6 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE. REMEMBER THAT REZ RESOLUTION PASSED BY COUNCIL IN 1999, AND AFTER A LOT OF CONSULTATION WITH OUR FINANCIAL ADVISORS AND OUR BOND RATING AGENCIES, THE COUNCIL CRAFTED A RANGE BETWEEN 6.6 AND 9.1 THAT THEY WOULD KEEP AND MAINTAIN ON AUSTIN UTILITY TRANSFER WITHIN THAT RANGE. AND WE ARE TODAY AT THE TOP OF THAT RANGE AT 9.1%. AND WE MAINTAINED AUSTIN WATER UTILITY AT THE FINANCIAL POLICY NUMBER FOR THAT TRANSFER OF 8.2%. WE ALSO HAD A FOCUS ON STAYING AT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, THE RATE THAT GETS US THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WAS PRODUCED THE YEAR BEFORE BY THE TAX RATE. SO LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE GRAPH. WHAT THIS DOES IS THIS GIVES YOU A HISTORY. LOOKING AT REVENUE, LOOKING AT EXPENDITURES AND LOOKING AT THE GAP THAT HAD TO BE CLOSED. IF YOU LOOK AT THE FOURTH LINE FROM THE BOTTOM, THAT LINE WHICH READS PROJECTED ESTIMATED COST INCREASES ARE BASICALLY YOUR COST

DRIVERS. THOSE ARE THE COSTS THAT DRIVE UP YOUR BASE BUDGET FROM YEAR TO YEAR. AND AT THE BOTTOM IN YELLOW WHAT YOU SEE ARE THE GAPS THAT WE HAD TO CLOSE YEAR TO YEAR. SO IF YOU LOOK AT 2002, THAT WAS OUR COST CONTAINMENT YEAR. THAT WAS THE MONEY WE SAVED THAT YEAR. AND THE NEXT THREE YEARS YOU CAN SEE THE GAPS THAT WE CLOSED. AND YOU SEE THE DECREASE IN THAT NUMBER AS WE BEGAN TO COME OUT OF THE DOWNTURN, OUR REVENUE FORECASTS ARE GETTING A LITTLE BIT BETTER, WE ARE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO STRUCTURAL BALANCE SO THAT BY 2005, ALTHOUGH WE STILL HAD A SIGNIFICANT GAP TO CLOSE, IT WAS CERTAINLY MUCH SMALLER THAN WE HAD TO CLOSE IN YEAR'S PAST AT \$19.4 MILLION. YOU CAN SEE LOOKING AHEAD IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, 2006, 2007, 2008 FORECASTED FORWARD, THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS STILL A GAP, IN OTHER WORDS, A REVENUE IS STILL NOT QUITE ENOUGH TO COVER THE COST DRIVERS, THE GAP IS SMALL. THIS IS A SMALL PERCENT IN TERMS OF OUR TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET, SO WE'RE VERY CLOSE, WE'RE VIRTUALLY THERE AT STRUCTURAL BALANCE. NOW, LET'S EXAMINE, GO TO THE 2006 LINE, AND THE THIRD LINE FROM THE BOTTOM YOU SEE A NUMBER THAT SAYS 26.7. THOSE ARE OUR PROJECTED COST DRIVERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. SO LET'S EXAMINE COST DRIVERS FOR 2006. FIRST LET'S DEFINE A COST DRIVER AGAIN. A COST DRIVER, THE WAY WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT, IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR BUDGET, IS SOMETHING THAT EITHER BY COUNCIL POLICY OR BY INFLATION IS GOING TO DRIVE UP YOUR BASE BUDGET FROM THE YEAR BEFORE. THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE A PAY RAISE FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES, THE INCREASE IN HEALTH BENEFITS OR COUNCIL POLICY, LIKE 2.0 OFFICERS PER THOUSAND. BUT WE HAVE HONED DOWN WHAT WE INCLUDE IN OUR COST DRIVERS TO A SMALL SEGMENT OF COSTS. SO LET'S BREAK OUT THIS \$26.7 MILLION. THAT ADDS ON TOP OF THE BALANCE IN 2005. 6.4 MILLION OF THE 26.7 MILLION IN 2006 ARE NON-PUBLIC SAFETY OR CITYWIDE EXPENDITURES. AND THEY'RE BASICALLY THREE THINGS, PAY FOR PERFORMANCE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. THIS HAS BEEN BUDGETED AT BASICALLY A 3.5% FOR ALL OUR EMPLOYEES WHO MEET EXPECTATIONS. AND A SMALL AMOUNT ON TOP OF THAT FOR THOSE THAT

EXCEED. THE SECOND IS THE FUND HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASES. AND THE THIRD AND FINAL ARE THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS THAT COME WHEN YOU OPEN A NEW OR EXPANDED FACILITY. AND THIS IS BASED ON THIS REVISED OR DELAYED SCHEDULE. SO WURNS AGAIN, OF THE 26.7 MILLION, 6.4 MILLION ARE NON-PUBLIC SAFETY OR CITYWIDE. NOW, ON THE NEXT SLIDE YOU'LL SEE THAT 20.3 MILLION OF THE 26.7 MILLION COST DRIVERS IS PUBLIC SAFETY. 2.0 OFFICERS PER THOUSAND, MAINTAINING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TASKFORCE STAFFING, MAKING GOOD ON ALL THE PUBLIC SAFETY LABOR CONTRACTS AND OTHER PAY INCREASES, INCLUDING STEP AND LONGEVITY PAY, AND COMPLETING THE SECOND AND FINAL YEAR OF MARKET ADJUSTMENT PAY FOR PARAMEDICS AND E.M.S. THESE ADD UP TO 20.3 MILLION OF THE 26.7 MILLION. THE NEXT SLIDE WILL SHOW THIS TO YOU GRAPHICALLY OVER TIME. NOW, I WANT TO NOTE THAT WHAT WE'VE DONE HERE IS IN FORECASTING THESE COST DRIVERS, THESE ARE FORECASTS BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE FISCAL IMPACT OF MEET AND CONFER. THE IMPACT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, WHICH IS NEW FOR US WITH FIRE, ON THE RATE OF GROWTH FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COST DRIVERS, IS UNKNOWN AND UNACCOUNTED FOR IN THESE PROJECTIONS. AND WHAT YOU WILL SEE IN THIS GRAPH IS THAT THE LION'S SHARE OF OUR BUILT-IN COST DRIVERS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, IN FACT, 76% FOR THE BUDGET WE HAVE TO PREPARE FOR 2006 ARE PUBLIC SAFETY. NOW, I'M GOING TO TURN THIS OVER TO JOHN STEPHENS, OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR A FURTHER ANALYSIS OF OUR COST DRIVERS.

THANK YOU, TOBY. CONTINUING ON WITH YOUR ANALYSIS, I WANT TO SHOW YOU A SERIES OF SLIDES THAT ANALYZES OUR PUBLIC SAFETY COST DRIVERS FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES BECAUSE THOSE ARE OBVIOUSLY THE LION'S SHARE OF OUR COST DRIVERS. SO I'D FIRST LIKE TO SHOW YOU AN UPDATE OF A GRAPH THAT WE'VE SHOWN YOU BEFORE. THIS GRAPH SHOWS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COMBINED SALES AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE, WHICH IS THE BLUE LINE THAT YOU SEE THERE, AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THAT COMBINED TAX REVENUE AND OUR PUBLIC SAFETY

DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES, WHICH IS THE RED LINE THAT YOU SEE THERE. SO IF YOU LOOK AT 1992, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FIRST YEAR ON THE GRAPH, YOU SEE THAT FOR THE BLUE LINE THERE WE RECEIVED A COMBINED TOTAL OF 113 MILLION IN SALES AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE, AND RIGHT BELOW THAT THE RED DOT THERE WITH 94%, THAT'S ACTUALLY 106 MILLION, WHICH WERE OUR COMBINED PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES IN THAT YEAR, WHICH COMPRISED 94% OF OUR TOTAL SALES AND PROPERTY TAX. IN OTHER WORDS, FROM 1992, 94% OF OUR COMBINED SALES AND PROPERTY TAX WENT TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES ALONE. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, GOING FORWARD IN THE GOOD YEARS, SO TO SPEAK, WHEN WE WERE -- WHEN WE WERE IN OUR UPTURN, YOU SEE THAT BEGINNING, FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1998, 1999, 2000 AND SO ON, YOU SEE A WIDER GAP BETWEEN THOSE TWO LINES. SO IN OUR BOOM YEARS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN FISCAL YEAR '99 AND 2000, PUBLIC SAFETY TOOK ONLY 83% OF OUR COMBINED TAX REVENUE. AND THE GAP THERE BETWEEN THOSE TWO LINES REPRESENTS THE AMOUNT OF SALES AND PROPERTY TAX THAT WE HAD TO GO TO FUND OTHER GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS. HOWEVER, AS WE ENTER THE DOWNTURN, AS THE CITY MANAGER WAS SAYING, BEGINNING WITH 2002, THOSE LINES BEGAN TO CONVERGE AGAIN AS MORE AND MORE OF OUR COMBINED TAX REVENUE HAD TO GO TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY. TWO THINGS WERE REALLY AT PLAY THERE. ONE WAS THE DOWNTURN AND THE OTHER WAS THE INCREASE IN OUR PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS FROM OUR MIGHT AND CONFER CONTRACTS, AND FROM HOMELAND SECURITY EXPENDITURES THAT WE WERE INCURRING. AND THEN YOU SEE THAT IN FISCAL YEAR 2004, THOSE LINES ACTUALLY CROSSED. AND ONE REASON FOR THAT IS AGAIN BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUED INCREASE IN OUR PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES AND ANOTHER REASON IS BECAUSE WE LOWERED OUR PROPERTY TAX RATE BY 6.35 CENTS, WHICH WE TRANSFERRED IN THIS FISCAL YEAR TO THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT. SO THAT ACTUALLY LOWERED THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX THAT WE WERE RECEIVING BY ABOUT BETWEEN 30 AND 31 MILLION. BUT IT CAUSED -- WHAT IT MEANS THEN IS MOVING FORWARD THAT IN FISCAL YEAR 2006, FOR EXAMPLE, WE EXPECT THAT ABOUT 113% OF OUR

COMBINED SALES AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE WILL GO TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS. SO LET ME PUT THAT ANOTHER WAY. IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE GOING TO NEED ALL OF OUR SALES AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO FUND THE ESTIMATED \$271 MILLION IN PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS, AND ON TOP OF THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO USE ANOTHER \$43 MILLION' WORTH OF GENERAL FUND REVENUE THAT WE GET FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE, FROM OUR UTILITY TRANSFERS OR FROM FEES AND SO ON. THE NEXT SLIDE I WANT TO SHOW YOU SHOWS THE CHANGE OVER THE YEARS IN THE COMPOSITION OF GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS. AGAIN, GOING BACK TO 1992 ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE GRAPH OVER THERE, YOU SEE THAT SPENDING ON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS IN 1992, THE BLUE LINE IN THAT YEAR 1992, SURPRISED ABOUT 52% OF OUR TOTAL GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES, WITH SPENDING ON THE OTHER GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS, THE BOTTOM LINE, THE RED LINE, TAKING UP ALMOST 48% OF THE TOTAL. THIS SPLIT OF DEPARTMENTAL FUNDING CHANGED SOMEWHAT FROM 1992 TO 1996, AS YOU SEE THERE, AND THEN IT BEGAN TO DWERJ MUCH MORE SHARPLY IN 1997 WHEN OUR MEET AND CONFER BEGAN AND 1998 WHEN POLICE MEET AND CONFER BEGAN. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THAT DWERJ ENS HAS INCREASE OAFERD THE YEARS AS WE ENTERED THE DOWNTURN AND AS WE HEAD TO FUND OUR INCREASING PUBLIC SAFETY CONTRACT COSTS AND SOME ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY. AGAIN, THE SHARP DIVERGENCE, THE DROP IN THE RED LINE AND THE RISE IN THE BLUE LINE, FROM 2003 TO 2004, WAS BECAUSE WE MOVED OUR CLINIC SPEND EXPENDITURES IN THAT YEAR. WE FIRST MOVED THEM TO THE COMMUNITY CARE FUND, AND IN THE NEXT YEAR, IN 2005, WE MOVED THEM TO THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT. AND ALSO BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING RELATIVE INCREASE IN PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS. SO LOOKING FORWARD TO 2006, WE EXPECT PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONSUME 75%, THREE-FOURTHS OF OUR GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE OTHER 25% GOING TO THE OTHER GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES AND SO ON. THIS NEXT SLIDE SHOWS THE CUMULATIVE CHANGE IN GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES SINCE 1992 BREAKING THEM DOWN AGAIN INTO PUBLIC SAFETY AND ALL OTHERS.

THE BLUE LINE AGAIN IS PUBLIC SAFETY, AND YOU SEE ON THE GRAPH THAT FROM 1992 TO 1996, FOR EXAMPLE, THEIR DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES HAD INCREASED BY A CUMULATIVE 31%. IF YOU LOOK THERE IN 1996, WITH ALL OTHER GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES INCREASING BY A CUMULATIVE 15.8%. HOWEVER, AGAIN, IN 1997, 1998 WHEN MEET AND CONFER BEGAN, THAT CUMULATIVE INCREASE IN PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES BEGAN TO INCREASE MORE SHARPLY AND HAS CONTINUED THAT SHARP INCREASE SINCE THEN WITH OUR CONTINUING PUBLIC SAFETY CONTRACTS AND OTHER INCREASES SUCH AS HOMELAND SECURITY. FOR 2006 WE ESTIMATE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES WILL HAVE INCREASED 195% SINCE 1992 WITH ALL OTHER GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS COMBINED INCREASING A CUMULATIVE 34.4% SINCE 1992. AND THAT CUMULATIVE INCREASE OF 34.2% IS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OVER THAT SAME TIME PERIOD. WHILE THE INCREASE IN PUBLIC SAFETY IS ABOUT 5 TO 6 TIMES HIGHER THAN THE CPI INCREASE. PART OF THE DECREASE THAT OCCURRED ON THE RED LINE THERE FROM 2003 TO 2004 WAS AGAIN BECAUSE WE MOVED OUR EXPENDITURES IN THAT YEAR, FIRST TO THE COMMUNITY CARE FUND AND THEN TO THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT. BY FAR THE LARGEST CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE IN OUR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS IS WAGES. IT COMPRISES 93% OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S BUDGET. THIS GRAPH SHOWS YOU A COMPARISON OF AUSTIN POLICE OFFICERS' SALARIES TO A SALARY AVERAGE FOR SIX OTHER TEXAS CITIES, CORPUS CHRISTI, DALLAS, EL PASO, FORT WORTH, HOUSTON AND SAN ANTONIO. NOW, NEITHER OF THESE LINES INCLUDE SOFT PAY FOR -- SUCH AS ALLOWANCES AND STIPENDS, FOR EXAMPLE. THIS IS SIMPLY WAGES, SALARIES. THIS COMPARISON LOOKS AT THE NUMBER OF YEARS, THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS ALONG THE BOTTOM, THE YEARS WITH THE DEPARTMENT, LOOKS AT THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF THE OFFICER ON THE FORCE AND COMPARES THE SALARY OF THE AUSTIN OFFICER, WHICH IS THE RED LINE, WITH THE SIX-CITY AVERAGE, WHICH IS THE BLUE LINE BELOW THAT. AND IT COMPARES THE AVERAGE WITH AN EQUALLY TENURED OFFICER IN THOSE SIX CITIES. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE VARIATIONS HERE FROM YEAR TO YEAR, DEPENDING ON HOW MANY YEARS

THE OFFICER HAS HAD WITH THE DEPARTMENT, IN GENERAL AUSTIN POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVED BETWEEN 20 AND 30% HIGHER PAY THAN THE SIX-CITY AVERAGE OVER THE ENTIRE CAREER PERIOD. FOR EXAMPLE, PERCENTAGEWISE, THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AUSTIN OFFICER AND THE SIX-CITY AVERAGE IS YEAR ONE WHERE THE AUSTIN OFFICER RECEIVES 26% MORE THAN THE SIX-CITY AVERAGE. THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE DOLLARWISE, THOUGH, IS FOR AN 18-YEAR OFFICER WHERE THE AUSTIN OFFICER RECEIVES \$13,643 MORE THAN THE SIX-CITY AVERAGE, AND THAT COMPRISES ABOUT A 25% HIGHER SALARY. THE NEXT SLIDE I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU SHOWS THE SAME INFORMATION FOR FIREFIGHTERS THAT WE JUST SHOWED FOR POLICE. IT'S A COMPARISON OF AUSTIN FIREFIGHTER SALARIES TO A SALARY AVERAGE FOR THE SAME GROUP OF THOSE SIX TEXAS CITIES. THE COMPARISON LOOKS AT THE NUMBER OF YEARS THE FIREFIGHTER HAS HAD ON THE FORCE AND COMPARES THE AUSTIN FIREFIGHTER'S SALARY WITH THE AVERAGE OF AN EQUALLY TENURED FIREFIGHTER FOR THE OTHER CITIES. AND ALTHOUGH AUSTIN FIREFIGHTERS RECEIVED CONSISTENTLY MORE THAN THE SIX-CITY AVERAGE AT EACH LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE, THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN AUSTIN AND THE AVERAGE OF THE OTHER CITIES STARTS OUT AT ABOUT SIX PERCENT AND GROWS OVER TIME TO 28% IN YEAR 22. SO THAT CONCLUDES MY ANALYSIS OF THESE SPECIFIC PUBLIC SAFETY COST DRIVERS. I'M GOING TO TURN IT BACK OVER TO THE CITY MANAGER NOW TO SUM UP THE ANALYSIS.

Futrell: IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEXT SLIDE, TAKE A LOOK AT OUR 2006 COST DRIVERS, PUBLIC SAFETY IS 76% AT 20.3 MILLION. HEALTH INSURANCE, PAY FOR PERFORMANCE AND NEW FACILITY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, IS 6.4 MILLION OR 24% OF THE 26.7 MILLION. SO LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. SO WE'VE TAKEN A LOOK BACK AT THE FOUR YEARS WE'VE GONE THROUGH TO GET TO STRUCTURAL BALANCE, AND WE'VE LOOKED AT THE COST DRIVERS THAT HAVE ADDED TO THE GAP WE'VE HAD TO CLOSE. NOW, LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO 2006 THROUGH 2008 AND LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SORT OF OUR IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR EXISTING BUDGET POLICY. NOW, WHAT YOU CAN SEE WHEN YOU LOOK ACROSS THE BOTTOM OF THIS GRAPH IS THAT WE ARE

VERY CLOSE TO BEING STRUCTURALLY BALANCED. WE'VE DONE THE JOB WE NEEDED TO DO OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. OUR ONGOING REVENUE, OUR ONGOING EXPENSES ARE VERY CLOSE TO BEING IN LINE, BUT WHAT YOU CAN ALSO SEE IS THAT THE GROWTH IN REVENUE THAT WE'RE PROJECTING IS NOT QUITE ENOUGH TO STILL CLOSE THE FULL GAP BETWEEN OUR BASE BUDGET AND COST DRIVERS IN THE UPCOMING YEARS. NOW, I WANT TO NOTE ON THIS GRAPH THAT WE ARE MAKING AN ASSUMPTION AT THIS GRAPH THAT YOU STRUCTURALLY CLOSE THE GAP EACH YEAR. AND THIS IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO USE ONGOING REVENUE INCREASES OR ONGOING EXPENDITURE CUTS TO CLOSE OUR GAPS TO STAY STRUCTURALLY BALANCED. IF WE WERE TO STAY IN 2006 WITH OUR BASE BUDGET FROM '05 AND JUST THE COST DRIVERS WE HAVE JUST TALKED ABOUT, YOU WOULD HAVE A 4.9-MILLION-DOLLAR GAP. THAT'S ABOUT A 1.2% EXPENDITURE CUT FOR ALL GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS. AND ALTHOUGH DIFFICULT AFTER FOUR YEARS OF CUTS, THAT'S DOABLE. WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO BEING STRUCTURALLY BALANCED. NOW, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, THOUGH, AS WE TALK ABOUT HOW WE GOT TO THAT 4.9-MILLION-DOLLAR GAP, THAT WE TAKE A LOOK AT THE WAY WE USED THE ONE TIME FUNDS IN THE 2006 FORECAST. LET'S LOOK AT THE NEXT SLIDE. THE ONE-TIME FUNDS IN THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND WERE USED FOR CAPITAL AND ONE-TIME COSTS. WE USED THEM FOR TECHNOLOGY REPLACEMENT IN UPGRADES, ABOUT SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS, WE USED THEM FOR NON-PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT, A LITTLE OVER ABOUT 1.5 MILLION. EXAMPZ ARE MOWERS FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, A FOUR-STREET BUCKET TRUCK, KENNELS. JUST USING PARKS EXAMPLES, IN THE REC CENTER, THE REPLACEMENT OF GYM EQUIPMENT AND FREE WEIGHTS. SO THIS KIND OF EXPENDITURE, VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS ARE HERE AT 4.2 MILLION, PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT AT TWO MILLION. AND I HAVE INCLUDED A STABILITY PAY ENHANCEMENT FOR NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES. THIS IS A LUMP SUM NOT ONGOING ENHANCEMENT AT 1.4 MILLION. FOR THE 2006 FORECAST, OUR CAPITAL AND ONE-TIME CRITICAL COSTS ARE 16.2 MILLION. THAT IS ABOUT A THIRD OF OUR BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND. AND AS WE

MOVE AHEAD TO THE POLICY DISCUSSION IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING WITH YOU A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE RESERVE POLICY AND GETTING YOUR FEEDBACK ON IT THAT WILL MATCH UP TO HOW WE HAVE STRUCTURED THE POLICY BUDGET AT THIS POINT ON ONE-TIME FUNDS. OUR NEXT SLIDE WE BEGIN A DISCUSSION OF THE CURRENT SNAPSHOT. AFTER FOUR YEARS OF COST CONTAINMENT AND COST CUTS, BEFORE WE HEADED INTO THE 2006 BUDGET, WE STARTED A STRONG ASSESSMENT OF BOTH OUR WORKFORCE AND OUR SERVICE DELIVERY TO SEE WHAT THE IMPACT, THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF THESE KIND OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS OVER FOUR YEARS WERE. WHERE WERE OUR KEY RISKS AND VULNERABILITIES? WHERE WERE OUR SERVICE DELIVERY -- WHERE IS OUR SERVICE DELIVERY FRAYED? WHERE DO WE RECOMMEND STRATEGIC ADD-BACKS IF WE COULD DO IT? WE BEGAN A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THIS WITH YOU IN THE FINANCIAL FORECAST EARLIER THIS MONTH. SO LET'S GIVE YOU A RUNDOWN OF WHAT THOSE LOOK LIKE IN THE POLICY BUDGET. THE COMMUNITY SERVICE VULNERABILITIES THAT WE THOUGHT WERE THE MOST CRITICAL OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS WE HAVE HAD TO REDUCE SERVICE HOURS AT BRANCH LIBRARIES IN THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER, WE HAVE BASICALLY CLOSED OUR BRANCH LIBRARY FACILITIES TWO DAYS PER WEEK. SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE LOADED INTO A PROPOSED STRATEGIC ADD BACK IS WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO REOPEN OUR LIBRARY FACILITIES. AT MUNICIPAL COURT THERE HAVE BEEN VERY HEAVY ADMINISTRATIVE CUTS OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. THE CALL VOLUME HAS INCREASED FAIRLY DRAMATICALLY AND THE WAIT TIME HAS INCREASED. CURRENTLY THE AVERAGE WAIT TIME IS 25 MINUTES. THE CALL VOLUME IS UP OVER 34%. OVER 18% OF CALLS COMING IN ARE ABANDONED BECAUSE OF THE WAIT TIME. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ARE SEEING A FRAYING OF THE CUSTOMER SERVICE IN MUNICIPAL COURT, AND WE WOULD RECOMMEND A FEW KEY POSITIONS ADDED BACK HERE. UNDER RESIDENTIAL ZONING REFUSE VIEWS, WE HAVE A -- REVIEWS, WE HAVE A CODE MANDATE THAT 100% OF THESE REVIEWS ARE COMPLETED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS, AND YET BECAUSE OF THE CUTS, HEAVY CUTS IN THIS AREA, ONLY 77% OF THESE REVIEWS ARE BEING COMPLETED WITHIN THAT CODE MANDATE. AND

HERE'S AN AREA WE WOULD RECOMMEND ONE STRATEGIC ADD BACK. UNDER RESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS, THESE HAVE INCREASED OVER 28% SINCE 2002, AND WE WOULD RECOMMEND A FEW KEY ADD BACKS HERE. BUILDING INSPECTIONS. WE HAVE A GOAL OF 95% OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS COMPLETED WITHIN 24 HOURS. INSPECTIONS ARE GOING UP 17, 18%. EACH YEAR FEWER AND FEWER OF OUR INSPECTIONS ARE MEETING OUR 24 HOUR TURN AROUND. WE ARE CURRENTLY ONLY DOING 87% WITHIN THE 24 HOURS. THIS IS LOGISTICALLY A VERY BIG PROBLEM IN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY ON INSPECTIONS ON HOW THE DEVELOPER HAS TO MOVE THROUGH GETTING THROUGH THE PROCESS. AND HERE IS ANOTHER AREA WE WOULD RECOMMEND A FEW KEY ADD-BACKS. FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY, FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AS A STANDARD SHOULD BE INSPECTED TWICE A YEAR. BUT WE ARE ONLY ABLE WITH OUR CURRENT STAFFING LEVELS TO DO 1.6 TIMES PER YEAR ON AVERAGE. AS THE NUMBER OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS ARE INCREASING EVERY YEAR, WE ARE GETTING FURTHER AND FURTHER AWAY FROM OUR STANDARD OF TWO A YEAR, AND WE WOULD RECOMMEND ADDING BACK POSITIONS IN THIS AREA. IN OUR COMIEWN CABL DISEASE CLINICS, 75% OF PATIENTS ARE ABLE TO BE SEEN ON THE DAY THEY WERE SENT. OUR GOAL IS THAT 90% ARE ABLE TO BE SEEN ON THE DAY THEY PRESENT. WHAT THIS BASICALLY MEANS IS THAT 25% OF THE PEOPLE WHO SHOW, WHO PRESENT, ARE TURNED AWAY. AND WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, THIS IS NOT A GOOD THING. YOU WANT TO CATCH THE PERSON WHEN THEY COME IN ON THE DAY THEY PRESENT. OUR GOAL IS 90, WE SHOULD BE AT 100. THIS IS AN AREA THAT WE NEED TO ADD BACK SOME RESOURCES. OUR TOTAL CRITICAL ADD-BACKS IN COMMUNITY SERVICES ARE 2.3 MILLION. LET'S MOVE THE -- LET'S MOVE TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING. 20% OF OUR DEVELOPED PARKS DO NOT HAVE DAILY MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING. AND WHEN I'M TALKING ABOUT DAILY MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING, I'M TALKING ABOUT THINGS LIKE PICKING UP THE LITTER, SANITIZING A BATHROOM, MAINTAINING PLAYSCAPES FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH ISSUES. WE HAVE INCREASED DEMAND ON A DAILY BASIS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING. OUR FORESTRY STAFF WAS

REDUCED BY 43% IN ONE YEAR ALONE, 2002. WE HAVE A 19 DAY TURN AROUND. IT NEEDS TO BE MUCH, MUCH FASTER THAN THAT. OUR REQUEST FOR BLIND CORNERS WENT UP 44% IN ONE YEAR ALONE. THESE ARE AREAS IN PARKS WE BELIEVE NEEDS SOME RESOURCES NOW. ONE-THIRD OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR UPDATING 10 OUT OF 28 OF OUR ADOPTED PLANS. AND THE DEMAND FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING INCREASES. AND ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOW MOVING THROUGH THESE PLANS AT A MUCH FASTER PACE AND GETTING THEM COMPLETED, WE'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FASTER AND ADD A FEW MORE PLANS, AND IT WILL TAKE A FEW MORE RESOURCES TO GET THIS DONE. HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND URBAN DESIGN STANDARDS HAVE HAD ENORMOUS WORK LOAD OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. WE'VE HAD AN 85% INCREASE IN HISTORIC ZONING CASES SINCE 2002. UNDER DESIGN STANDARD KINDS OF PROJECTS, THE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, THE CREATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS, OUR DESIRE TO DO CORRIDOR PLANS, THE PLANNING EFFORTS AROUND SH 130. I COULD CONTINUE TO GO ON ABOUT THE NEED FOR URBAN PLANNING RESOURCES AS WE COME OUT OF THE RECESSION, AND THIS IS AN AREA WE NEEDED A FEW KEY ADDS. THE TOTAL ADD-BACKS REQUIRED TO ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING NEEDS ARE ABOUT 680,000. UNDER PUBLIC SAFETY, THERE ARE TWO AREAS UNDER FIRE. COUNCIL HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO MOVE CLOSER TO 4-PERSON STAFFING. WE PUT A PROPOSAL TOGETHER THAT WOULD ENHANCE OUR CURRENT TASKFORCE STAFFING, BASICALLY MOVING FROM A GUARANTEED SIX TO SEVEN STAFF AT OUR 10 DOUBLE ENGINE STATIONS WHERE WE HAVE BOTH A PUMPER AND A LADDER. AND OUR SECOND IS BASICALLY TO DO A WELLNESS FITNESS CENTER, THE JOINT FITNESS INITIATIVE, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES E.M.S. AS WELL AS FIRE, AND AT SOME POINT WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO INCORPORATE POLICE INTO THAT FITNESS INITIATIVE. WE HAVE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF INJURY RATES IN PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS PARTICULAR JOINT FITNESS INITIATIVE CAN SERVE AS A 30% MATCH FOR FEDERAL FUNDS, SO IT HELPS LEVERAGE SOME FEDERAL FUNDS, SO WE HAVE SOME ADD-BACKS WE WOULD RECOMMEND HERE IN FIRE. E.M.S. IS STRUGGLING

WITH SOME VERY STRATEGIC AND DIFFICULT ISSUES RIGHT NOW. WORK LOAD, CALL VOLUME ARE CRITICAL. MEDIC UNITS ARE OPERATING AT LEVELS OF OVER 60% FOR DIRECT SERVICE WITH AN INDUSTRY STANDARD, ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF 50%. THIS IS AT OVER SIX OF OUR STATIONS. AND BECAUSE OF THIS CALL VOLUME, THERE'S AN INADEQUATE TRANSITION TIME BETWEEN CALLS AT THE URBAN STATIONS. IN OTHER WORDS, NO DOWNTIME, NO TRANSITION TIME FOR OUR PARAMEDICS, AS THEY MOVE FROM CALL TO CALL. THIS HURTS US BOTH ON THE KIND OF DOWNTIME YOU NEED FOR STAFF IN THIS KIND OF CRITICAL POSITION, AND IT ALSO VERJZ IS RESPONSE TIME. SO WE HAVE BOTH AN ALTERNATIVE SHIFT PROPOSAL HERE AS WELL AS UNITS INVOLVED IN THESE STRATEGIC ADD BACKS. WE HAVE FRONTLINE MANAGEMENT CAPACITY DO THE HIGH PARAMEDIC OR DISTRICT RATIO. WITHOUT THE AD BACKS WE HAVE PROPOSED HERE, OUR RATIO IN 2006 TO COMMANDER TO PARAMEDICS WILL BE ONE TO 17. AND IN THIS KIND OF FIELD IT IS A VERY HIGH RATIO AND NOT ACCEPTABLE. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE HAVING AN INCREASING DIFFICULTY IN RECRUITING AND RETAINING PARAMEDICS. AND WE CAN MOVE ON TOP OF OUR MILITARY RESERVE, FILL-IN AND VACANCY INJURIES. AND IT'S CAUSING A GREAT DEAL OF STRESS ON THE SYSTEM IN E.M.S. RIGHT NOW, SO WE HAVE A STRATEGIC ADD BACK HERE ON RECRUITMENT RESOURCES. THE TOTAL ADD BACKS ARE 2.1 MILLION. I'M GOING TO MAKE A NOTE THAT THERE ARE SOME VERY STRATEGIC POLICE ADD-BACKS. THEY WERE, HOWEVER, HANDLED WITHIN THE POLICE BUDGET WITHOUT ADDING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THEIR BUDGET. THE POLICE FOUND A WAY WITHIN THEIR EXISTING RESOURCES TO -- BOTH THROUGH INNOVATION AND REALLOCATION TO HANDLE THEIR STRATEGY NEEDS. ADDED 12 CIVILIAN F.T.E.'S, INCLUDING PROPERTY CRIME TECHS, LA TENT PRINT EXAMINERS, A FORENSIC PHYSICIAN. THEY HAVE OVERTIME TO IMPROVE THEIR CONSTANT STAFFING. AND THEY HAVE MONEY FOR TEMPS FOR FINGERPRINT PROCESSING AND ID, AND THEY HAVE DONE IT IN A VERY INGENIOUS WAY THAT HAS ALLOWED THEM TO STAY WITHIN THEIR BASE BUDGET. THE FINAL RELIGIOUS BEFORE I GO TO ONE ADDITIONAL ADD-BACK IS INVESTING IN OUR WORKFORCE. WE HAVE MANAGED TO TAKE OUR LOWEST PAID EMPLOYEES TO \$10

LAST YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TRY TO TAKE OUR LOWEST PAID EMPLOYEES TO THE LIVING WAGE IN AUSTIN, WHICH IS 10.81. AND I HAVE PUT A PROPOSAL TOGETHER IN THE STRATEGIC ADD-BACKS TO DO THAT. AND THAT INCLUDES THE COMPRESSION FIXES THAT HAVE TO OCCUR IN ORDER TO TAKE PEOPLE TO THE LIVING WAGE. AND I HAVE ALSO ADDED A PROPOSAL TO DO MARKET ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-CIVIL SERVICE WORKFORCE. REMEMBER, IT HAS BEEN OVER ALMOST EIGHT YEARS. NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES DO NOT HAVE STEP OR LONGEVITY RAISES. THEY ONLY HAVE PAY FOR PERFORMANCE. THEY WENT TWO YEARS WITHOUT THAT AT ALL AND THEY HAVEN'T HAD MARKET LOOKED AT IN EIGHT YEARS. BETWEEN THESE TWO INITIATIVES, THIS WOULD COVER COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS BEYOND PAY FOR PERFORMANCE FOR 50% OF OUR NON-CIVIL SERVICE WORKFORCE AND WOULD ALLOW ME TO HAVE A TWO-YEAR PLAN TO HAVE COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR THE NON-CIVIL SERVICE WORKFORCE UP TO PAR. THE TOTAL ADD BACKS REQUIRED FOR INVESTMENT IN THE WORKFORCE IS 10.3 MILLION. AN ADDITIONAL ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED WHILE WHEN WE GAVE YOU THE FINANCIAL FORECAST WAS COUNCIL EXPRESSED A VERY CLEAR DESIRE TO BRING BACK -- TO ADD BACK THE FIVE PERCENT CUTS TO THE SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACTS. WE HAVE COSTED THAT OUT, WE HAVE PUT THAT IN THE POLICY BUDGET. THE FIVE PERCENT CUT THAT WAS MADE IN 2003-2004 TOTALED \$550,000. IT INCLUDED A 510,000-DOLLAR CUT TO ALL THE CONTRACTS, A 25,000-DOLLAR CUT TO THE BASIC NEEDS MONEY, AND A 15,000-DOLLAR CUT TO AN ADDITIONAL CONTRACT WE HAD PUT IN PLACE FOR SAFE PLACE FOR A TOTAL OF 550,000. IF YOU REMEMBER IN 2002, COUNCIL, YOU ADDED 500,000 FOR BASIC NEEDS ON TOP OF YOUR SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACTS, AND YOU ALSO ADDED A 300,000-DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR SAFE PLACE. BUT IN 2004 WE HAD TO DO A FIVE PERCENT ACROSS THE BOARD CUT. SO IF YOU LOOK AT YOUR NEXT SLIDE, IT WOULD GIVE YOU A HISTORY OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACT. AND YOU CAN SEE IF YOU LOOK AT THE 2002-BAR, THAT JUMPS UP BECAUSE OF THOSE ADDS TO BASIC SERVICE NEEDS. AND THEN IN 2004 YOU CAN SEE THE DIP THAT OCCURRED BECAUSE OF THE FIVE PERCENT CUT. IF YOU LOOKED AT THE 2006, 2007 AND

2008-BAR, THAT REFLECTS RESTORING THE FIVE PERCENT CUT THAT YOU ASKED. JUST AS A NOTE, SINCE 1992, WE HAVE INCREASED OUR INVESTMENT IN OUR SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY 149%, AND THE CPI SINCE 1992 HAS INCREASED 38%. SO THIS COUNCIL HAS MADE A SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACTS, AND IT'S CERTAINLY NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITY. JUST AS A SIDE NOTE, THERE IS A SMALL INCREASE THAT YOU WILL SEE IN 2007 AND 2008, IT'S A SMALL AMOUNT, BUT THAT IS AN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INCREASE THAT'S PART OF THE ARC CONTRACT. THE NEXT SLIDE SUMMARIZES ALL OF THESE ADD-BACKS. SO AS A RESULT OF THE RISK AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT, THE OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT, THE STRATEGIC 2006 ADD-BACKS IN THESE FIVE AREAS TOTAL \$8 MILLION. NOW, LOOK AT THE NEXT SLIDE AND SHOW YOU HOW THAT LOADS ON TOP OF THE 4.9. SO WE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT IF YOU STAYED AT THE BASE BUDGET AND JUST ADDED YOUR COST DRIVERS, YOU WOULD BE AT 4.9-MILLION-DOLLAR GAP. IF WE WERE, THOUGH, TO TRY TO DO THESE STRATEGIC ADD-BACKS OF 8 MILLION, IT WOULD JUMP YOUR GAP TO 12.9 MILLION. AND OF COURSE, THIS IS WHAT SETS THE STAGE FOR THE COUNCIL POLICY DISCUSSION. THE POLICY DISCUSSION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE MAJOR AREAS. FOR THE GENERAL FUND IT COVERS ONE AND TWO. WE WANT TO ASK YOU A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT CONSIDERATION OF THE COST DRIVERS AND THE AD-BACKS, AS WELL AS APPROACHES TO BALANCING THE BUDGET. AND THEN THE THIRD AREA INVOLVES GETTING SOME DIRECTION ON THE ENTERPRISE FUND RATE CONSIDERATIONS. WE'RE GOING TO QUICKLY REFRESH EACH AREA AND THEN STOP IN EACH AREA AND FRAME THE POLICY QUESTIONS TO KICK START THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION. SO THE 4.9-MILLION-DOLLAR GAP, WHICH IS 1.2% OF A CUT TO CLOSE THAT GAP IF IT WERE APPLIED EQUALLY TO ALL GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS, IS DIFFICULT, BUT DOABLE. YOU COULD DO IT ON THE EXPENDITURE CUT SIDE IF YOU HAD TO WITHOUT A SIGNIFICANT REVENUE SOLUTION.

Mayor Wynn: I SEE YOU CHEERING THERE IN THE BACKGROUND. >>

FUTRELL: I KNOW THEY ARE CERTAINLY NOT. AND ALL YOU

WOULD HAVE TO DO IS GO BACK AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE SLIDE THAT SHOWED THE NON-PUBLIC SAFETY GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT HAVING GROWN 34% SINCE 1992, WHICH IS BELOW THE CPI, WITH OUR CUTS. SO NO, THEY ARE STRUGGLING TO KEEP THEIR HEAD ABOVE WATER. WITH THE PROPOSED DISCRETIONARY ADD BACKS OF EIGHT MILLION, THAT TAKES YOU TO THE 12.9. THE PROBLEM WITH THAT IS THAT IS A 3.2% CUT TO DEPARTMENTS. AND I'VE BROKEN IT OUT FOR YOU BY DEPARTMENTS OF WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE. SO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE ASKED TO DO A 5.9-MILLION-DOLLAR CUT OR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT A 3-MILLION-DOLLAR CUT OR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT ALMOST A-MILLION-DOLLAR CUT. AND I CAN ALMOST GUARANTEE YOU THAT AFTER FOUR YEARS OF CUTBACKS, EVERY DEPARTMENT THAT ASKS FOR A POSITION IS HANDED A THREE PERCENT CUT IN EXCHANGE FOR CUTTING THAT POSITION WILL TELL YOU KEEP THAT POSITION. THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN THROUGH THIS EXERCISE FOUR TIMES IN A ROW. THIS KIND OF A REDUCTION CANNOT BE HANDLED ON A REVENUE SIDE ALONE, ON THE EXPENDITURE SIDE ALONE, WITHOUT A COMBINED EXPENDITURE REVENUE SOLUTION. SO LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE AND START HERE AND FRAME THESE THREE QUESTIONS FOR YOU. AND ANY OTHER YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IN THIS AREA. ARE THERE ANY CHANGES TO THE EXISTING POLICIES RELATIVE TO OUR COST DRIVERS YOU WANT TO CONSIDER OR YOU WANT US TO CONSIDER? ARE YOU WILLING TO PURSUE ALL OR PART OF THE STRATEGIC ADD-BACKS OR ARE YOU INCLINED TO ONLY INCLUDE BASE BUDGET IN THE COST DRIVERS? AND HAVE WE MISSED A CRITICAL ADD BACK IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED COVERED THAT WE HAVEN'T COVERED IN THE STRATEGIC ADD-BACK? AS A STARTING PLACE FOR DISCUSSION.

Mayor Wynn: COMMENTS, COUNCIL? FIRST, LET ME SAY THIS IS A VERY GOOD PRESENTATION THAT POSES THESE QUESTIONS IN THE APPROPRIATE WAY. THAT IS, IT GIVES US THE HISTORIC INFORMATION THAT GETS US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY. I THINK IT SHOWS SOME REMARKABLE SETS OF POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT OVER THESE LAST DIFFICULT THREE YEARS. BUT NOW IT DOES BEG THESE IMPORTANT

QUESTIONS AS WE HAVE REACHED IN EFFECT STRUCTURAL BALANCE WITH REVENUE EXPENDITURES, AND NOW HOW DO WE DEAL WITH CLEARLY SOME CITY SERVICES AND HOW DO WE DEAL WITH FUTURE NEEDS IN THIS COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY, FRANKLY, AS WE ALSO START OUR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT OUR NEXT BOND PACKAGE AND POTENTIAL ELECTION IN A YEAR OR MORE. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] THAT THE CITY MANAGER AND I TALKED ABOUT, 1995, 2000, 2005, WHERE -- WHERE WERE ALL OF THESE DEPARTMENTS RELATIVE TO EACH OTHER. SO LOOKING FIRST AT 1995, THAT BLUE LINE THERE THAT YOU SEE, \$132.2 MILLION OR 53% OF THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS IS PUBLIC SAFETY. THAT'S COMBINED PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES. AND THEN THE -- THE SMALL RED LINE NEXT TO THAT, THAT YOU SEE, IS THE LIBRARY AT 10.5 MILLION. THE GREEN BAR THERE IS PARKS AT 19.3 WHERE THOSE RELATIVE PERCENTAGES THAT YOU SEE THERE. THEN THE 35% IS ALL OTHER 8.64 THAT COULD BE MUNICIPAL COURT, COULD BE -- DOES THIS INCLUDE TRANSFERS? OKAY. THESE ARE JUST DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES, SO IT WOULD INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT, MUNICIPAL COURT, THINGS LIKE THAT. THIS IS 1995, SO WE WILL MOVE TO 2000. SEE HOW THAT HAS CHANGED. AND YOU SEE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY HAS INCREASED FROM 53% TO 60%, THE LIBRARY IN CONTRAST IS AT 16.1, 5%, 9% FOR PARKS AND THEN 26% FOR ALL OTHERS. SO -- SO CAN YOU FLASHBACK JUST FOR A MOMENT TO THE ONE BEFORE SO WE CAN COMPARE THOSE PERCENTAGES? I'M SORRY, MOVE UP. SO AGAIN MOVING FROM '95, PUBLIC SAFETY WENT FROM 53 TO 60%. LIBRARY DID GAIN SLIGHTLY, PARKS DID GAIN SLIGHTLY WITH THE REDUCTIONS BEING IN THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT WENT FROM 35% TO -- NEXT SLIDE PLEASE -- TO 26%. AND NOW LET'S MOVE TO 2005. OUR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. AND YOU SEE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY HAS MOVED UP TO -- TO COMPRISE 75%, THREE-QUARTERS OF OUR TOTAL GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES. LIBRARY HAS MOVED DOWN TO 4%, PARKS HAS MOVED DOWN TO 7%. AND ALL OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS HAVE MOVED DOWN TO 13%. SO THAT'S -- THAT'S THREE DIFFERENT SNAPSHOTS DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME LOOKING AT THE RELATIVE PERCENTAGE OF THE GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

THAT THESE TOOK UP.

McCracken: I HAD ANOTHER QUESTION, THERE WAS AN IDENTIFICATION IF WE DID OUR STRATEGIC ADD-BACKS TO PARKS, FIRE, PUBLIC, E.M.S., SOCIAL SERVICES, IT BUILT THAT INTO THE BUDGET THAT THERE WOULD BE A CUT. I THINK THIS IS ON PAGE -- -- TOTAL ADD-BACKS OF 80 MILLION. PAGE 25?

Futrell: TO ADD THE 8 MILLION, TAKES IT TO A TOTAL OF 12.9 AND THAT IS A 3.2% ACROSS THE BOARD CUT FOR ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS. SLIDE 30, YES. RIGHT THERE. SHOWS YOU WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE IF IT COULD BE APPLIED ACROSS THE BOARD. I WANT TO WARN YOU, THE PROBLEM HERE IS THESE CUTS ARE NEVER ABLE TO BE DONE ACROSS THE BOARD. PRIMARILY WHAT WILL HAPPEN, GENERALLY WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE THESE CUTS ACROSS THE BOARD IN PUBLIC SAFETY. BECOMES A DISPARITY BURDEN ON THE NON-PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS. THIS WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DO WITHOUT A REVENUE SOLUTION.

WELL, ALONG THE LINES ON SLIDE 30, DOES THAT PROJECTED REDUCTION OCCUR BEFORE OR AFTER THE POTENTIAL ADDITION OF THESE COST DRIVERS?

AFTER. SO, FOR INSTANCE, IF, LET'S SAY, IN THE CASE OF -- JUST TO MAKE IT EASY, MUNICIPAL COURT. LET'S SAY THAT WE ADDED A MILLION DOLLARS IN COST DRIVERS TO MUNICIPAL COURT, THE FIRST ITEM ON ITEM SHEET 30. AND THEN IT SHOWS A \$.3 MILLION REDUCTION, THAT WOULD ACTUALLY MEAN THE MUNICIPAL COURT WAS .7 MILLION AHEAD FOR THE YEAR THEN; IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT. AND AS THE CITY MANAGER SAID, THEY MIGHT SIMPLY DEFER SOME OF THE STRATEGIC ADD-BACKS THAT HAD BEEN REQUESTED. SINCE THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE TO CUT.

WELL, I JUST WANT TO MAKE CLEAR. THIS POINT -- BECAUSE I THINK THAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I CORRECTLY UNDERSTAND IT. THAT -- THAT ON SLIDE 30, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT REDUCTIONS, THAT WOULD ACTUALLY MEAN THAT IF -- I'LL BACK UP A STEP HERE. THE COST DRIVERS ARE ONE

PROPOSAL ABOUT HOW TO SPEND THE NEW REVENUE; IS THAT CORRECT? THAT IS ONE POLICY CHOICE WE HAVE ABOUT HOW TO SPEND THE REVENUE THAT IS GREATER THAN LAST YEAR'S REVENUE; IS THAT RIGHT?

Futrell: YES.

THEY DO, BUT THE REVENUE, LET ME JUST -- I HASTEN TO ADD, I THINK YOU KNOW THIS COUNCILMEMBER, THE NEW REVENUE THAT WE HAVE IS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT OF OUR TOTAL COST DRIVERS, THAT'S WHAT GETS US TO THIS 4.9%.

McCracken: JOHN, I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR, THOUGH, THAT THE COST DRIVERS, INTERNAL TO EACH DEPARTMENT, NOW WHETHER THE COUNCIL MAKES A POLICY CHOICE TO EXPAND THESE DEPARTMENTS BY COST DRIVERS ARE POLICY CHOICE, BUT THOSE ARE STILL REAL ADDITIONS TO EACH DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET; IS THAT RIGHT?

THAT'S CORRECT.

I THINK THE SHEET HERE, THE 2006 BUDGET YEAR COMING UP, THAT WE ARE PROJECTING NEW REVENUES OF \$20.2 MILLION. ON PAGE 16. [INDISCERNIBLE] CAN YOU GO TO SLIDE 15 QUICKLY. [AUDIO PROBLEMS, PLEASE STAND BY]

SOME OF THEM WERE LIKE 1.0 OFFICERS PER THOUSAND, SOME ARE OBLIGATIONS NOW CONTRACT COSTS. SOME ARE -- SOME ARE CHOICES LIKE OPENING A NEW FACILITY SO THAT YOU HAVE THE INCREASED COST OF O AND M. THEY FALL INTO A RANGE OF DECISIONS BUT IN ALMOST ALL CASES THEY ARE DECISIONS THAT YOU ARE MAKING. OPEN A NEW FACILITY --

OKAY. THEN -- SO THEN ANOTHER QUESTION THAT I HAD THEN IS -- I KNOW A NUMBER OF US HAVE ADVOCATED PUBLICLY -- ON THE COUNCIL THAT OUR -- OUR TOP BUDGET PRIORITY IS TO RESTORE THOSE THINGS THAT WERE CUT DURING THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF THIS DECADE. IN OTHER WORDS A LOT OF THIS INCLUDING MYSELF HAVE STATED THAT OUR BUDGET PRIORITY SHOULD BE FOR INSTANCE -- MAKE SURE LIBRARIES ARE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

AGAIN. TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MOWING THE CONGRATULATIONSGRASS IN OUR PARKS, THINGS LIKE THAT. IF WE DO GO BACK TO THE PRECUT PERCENTAGES OF THE BUDGET, I WILL TAKE 2,000 -- YOU HAD -- YOU HAD 2,000 BUDGET FOR 60% PUBLIC SAFETY, 5% FOR LIBRARIES, 9% FOR PARKS, 26% FOR OTHER STUFF LIKEN FORCING OUR LAWS REGARDING OUR CODES, CITY CODES, AND OPERATIONS, THINGS LIKE THAT. IF WE WERE TO SAY THAT OUR SPENDING PRIORITY WAS TO -- WAS TO ADDRESS A PERCENTAGE IN THE BUDGET TO GET US BACK TO WHERE -- WHERE WE WERE --, IF YOU HAVE A STRATEGY FOR HOW WE COULD ACCOMPLISH THAT WITHOUT CUTTING OUR PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES, CURRENT DOLLAR TERMS. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE? LET'S SAY HYPOTHETICALLY, IT WAS 100 MILLION THIS YEAR. WE WILL KEEP IT AT 100 MILLION. AND WE'LL -- WE WILL RESTORE THE BUDGET CUTS FOR -- FOR -- YOU KNOW, FOR OUR ANIMAL WELFARE FOR -- FOR STATE LEADER PROGRAMS, THINGS LIKE THAT, FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING TO KEEP THE LIBRARIES OPEN, HOW DO YOU PROTECT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY SPENDING AT CURRENT LEVELS AND PRIORITIZE RESTORING THE BUDGET CUTS THAT HAPPEN IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF THIS DECADE.

COUNCILMEMBER, RIGHT OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT I CAN ANSWER RIGHT OFF THE SPOT. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I NEED TO WORK ON WHEN THE CITY MANAGER BRINGS FORWARD HER PROPOSED BUDGET, THE STRATEGY TO DO THAT, PRESUMABLY OVER MORE THAN ONE YEAR POSSIBLY, BUT -- BUT THAT'S SOMETHING --

I THINK THAT WOULD BE A GIVEN LOOKING AT THE DIFFERENCE ON THOSE PERCENTAGES IS THAT IT WOULD TAKE SOME TRANSITION YEARS TO DO IT. SO YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO IT OVER SOME TRANSITION YEARS. BUT THAT COULD BE ONE -- THAT COULD BE A SET OF PARAMETERS THAT THE COUNCIL COULD ASK US TO LOOK AT. AND TO SHOW YOU A WAY TO DO THAT.

I HAD SOME COMMENTS, BUT THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS RIGHT NOW.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS? MAYOR PRO TEM?

Goodman: NOT A QUESTION BUT A COMMENT. ALONG WHERE THE BUDGET, ALSO -- ALONG WITH THE BUDGET, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND THE UPCOMING BOND ISSUE, WHICH CAN ALL BE LEVERAGED AND INTEGRATED.

UH-HUH.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?
COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY?

Dunkerly: I HAVE ONE OTHER. I THINK ONE OTHER THING THAT AS A POLICY OF THE COUNCIL HAS DONE, TRIED TO DO IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, PROBABLY CONTINUE TO TRY TO DO IS -- IS HOW TO GROW THAT PROPERTY TAX BASE SO THAT THAT DECISION BECOMES A LOT EASIER TO -- TO DO. AND I -- I THINK THAT -- THAT THE BLOCK 21 EXAMPLE, SOME OTHER BLOCKS THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING TAKING FROM A NON-TAX STATUS TO A TAXABLE STATUS, THOSE KIND OF THINGS ADD REVENUE BECAUSE THEY ADD TAX BASE AND WITHOUT THE NEED FOR INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES. SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE AS A COUNCIL TO LOOK AT THOSE TYPES OF THINGS AS SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE THAT MAKE THIS EASIER FOR US TO DO. AND THAT'S -- THAT'S NOT A ONE-TIME DEAL. IT IS A -- IT IS A POLICY STANCE THAT YOU TAKE YEAR AFTER YEAR TO TRY TO DO THAT. AND STILL MAINTAIN OR BE TRUE TO YOUR -- TO YOUR CORE VALUES. BUT STILL WHERE POSSIBLE TRY TO INCREASE THAT TAX BASE SO THAT YOU ARE NOT JUST FARTHER -- FALLING FURTHER IN THE HOLE. I THINK THIS ALSO BEGS THE QUESTION OF A VERY JUDICIOUS USE OF TIF'S. BECAUSE EVERY TIME WE DO A T.I.F., WE ARE TAKING AWAY OUR FUTURE GROWTH. SO YOU REALLY WANT TO LOOK AT THAT POLICY AND THE FUTURE GROWTH, NEW ADDITIONAL REVENUE IS THE MONEY THAT WE PAY OR WE USE TO PAY FOR THESE COST DRIVERS. SO, YOU KNOW, AS WE LOOK AT THAT POLICY, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK WE NEED TO CONSIDER IS, NUMBER ONE, TOO WE HAVE A PARTNER IN THAT T.I.F., ARE WE LEVERAGING SOMETHING. AND IS IT SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD DO OR NEED TO DO WITH GENERAL FUND MONEY ANYWAY. BUT I THINK ALL OF

THOSE KINDS OF POLICIES COME INTO PLAY WHEN WE ARE TRYING TO GROW THAT REVENUE TO HELP PAY FOR THOSE COST DRIVERS. THAT'S JUST ANOTHER THING TO KEEP IN MIND.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS, POINTS, SOME ARE PRETTY SIMILAR TO COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY'S. BUT -- BUT IN TERMS OF WHAT POLICY WE ESTABLISHED, YOU KNOW, I -- I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, AS I KNOW SEVERAL OF US HAVE PUBLICLY STATED, THAT OUR BUDGET PRIORITY, FIRST AND FOREMOST SHOULD BE TO RESTORE THE BUDGET CUTS THAT WERE MADE IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS DECADE. SO THAT'S -- I THINK THAT HAS TO BE OUR TOP PRIORITY. LET'S GET THE LIBRARY'S OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK SO KIDS HAVE A PLACE TO GO AFTER SCHOOL TO DO THEIR HOME WORK. LET'S GET THE PARK MAINTENANCE RESTORED, SO YOU DON'T HAVE STANDING WATER AND MOSQUITOES SO THAT THE PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO GO TO OUR PARKS, WE WANT THE BEST PARK SYSTEM IN -- WE WON THE BEST PARK SYSTEM IN THE NATION AWARD. THAT'S BEEN SLASHED TO THE BONE. I THINK IT'S FAIR. LET'S RESTORE THE BUDGET CUTS AS OUR TOP PRIORITY. I WILL LOOK AT 2,000 AS PROBABLY A FAIR REPRESENTATION OF WHERE WE WERE AS RELATIVE PERCENTAGES OF THE BUDGET BEFORE THE FLOOR DROPPED OUT ON US. THAT -- THAT WAS PERCENTAGES OF 60% OF THE BUDGET FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, 5% FOR LIBRARIES, 9% FOR PARKS AND RECREATION, AND 26% FOR OTHER THINGS LIKE THE FACT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO TREAT FOR COMMUTER PLANABLE DISEASES -- COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, REALLY LETTING DOWN ON OUR CORE OBLIGATIONS. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH RESTAURANT INSPECTORS, PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK WHEN THEY GO OUT TO EAT BECAUSE WE ARE UNDERFUNDING BASIC PUBLIC SERVICES THAT WE HAD TO CUT WHEN THE BOTTOM DROPPED OUT. BUT I THINK THE 2,000 PERCENTAGES BEFORE THE BUST ARE A GOOD, FAIR, DISTRIBUTION OF THE BUDGET AND SO MY -- WHAT I PERSONALLY ADVOCATE IS THAT LET'S BEGIN A MEASURED RETURN FOCUSING ON PROTECTING OUR PUBLIC SAFETY SPENDING LEVELS IN REAL DOLLAR TERMS WHERE THEY ARE NOW. RESTORING

THOSE BUDGET CUTS, THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE LOST. I THINK AS A RESULT OF THAT, IT'S A FAIR WAY TO DO BUSINESS, EACH DEPARTMENT LIVES WITHIN ITS MEANS. I WILL USE THE FIRST ONE ON THE LIST, THEY ARE .3 MILLION, THAT'S WHAT THEY GET TO SPEND. IF THEY HAVE A COST DRIVER THAT ADDS \$70,000, THAT THEY HAVE GOT TO GET MORE EFFICIENT INTERNALLY TO ADDRESS THEIR INCREASED CALLS INTERNALLY, BECAUSE THEIR BUDGET IS 300,000. I'M NOT PICKING ON MUNICIPAL COURT, THEY ARE THE FIRST ON THE LIST. I WANT TO REITERATE THAT, REBECCA. SO [LAUGHTER] SO IF WE GET -- IF WE STAY WITH THAT, WE WILL HAVE A FAIR SYSTEM WHERE WE ARE MAINTAINING OUR PERCENTAGES AT A TIME BEFORE WE HAVE THIS BIG DOWNTURN. I AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GROW OUR TAX BASE. THIS COMMUNITY, THIS REGION, HAS JUST FINISHED A 5 COUNTY ANALYSIS OF HOW THEY WANT TO -- HOW WE WANT TO GROW. AND THAT -- THAT IS ENVISION CENTRAL TEXAS, IT PLACED A PREMIUM OVERTAL MIXED USE IN FILL DEVELOPMENT. THE NATIONAL STATISTICS REFLECT THAT PRODUCES SOMEWHERE ALONG THE RANGE OF 4 TO 8 TIMES AS MUCH IN TAX BASE AS SEEN IN SERVICES, I KNOW THERE ARE ISSUES ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE, ALL OF THAT. BUT WE HAVE ALSO SEEN FROM THE CAMPO STAFF THAT THIS MODEL DEVELOPMENT COSTS FAR LESS TO MAINTAIN THAN OUR CURRENT DEVELOPMENT MODEL, WHICH WAS CALLED SCENARIO A. SO IF WE GO TO THAT -- WHAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS REGION SAID THEY WANTED, WHICH WAS SCENARIO D, AND FOCUSED ON IN-IN DEVELOPMENT, VERTICAL MIXED USE, WE FOUND IT PRODUCES LESS TRAFFIC GONE STION, BUT ALSO IT'S CHEAPER, BETTER VALUE FOR A TAXPAYER. THE OTHER OBSERVATION, THE FLIP SIDE IS, I WAS TOLD THAT PFLUGERVILLE RECENTLY DISCOVERED THEIR SPRAWL DEVELOPMENT MODEL WAS COSTING THEM MORE TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAN THEY WERE RECEIVING BACK IN TAXES. SO THAT'S ANOTHER REASON WHY IT'S GOOD FOR TAXPAYERS, LESS TRAFFIC CONGESTION TO GO WITH THE ENVISION CENTRAL TEXAS MODEL. WHICH IS WHAT PEOPLE WANT. WE HAVE A CHOICE NOW \$20 MILLION THIS YEAR, NOW \$22 MILLION NEXT YEAR. SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE LAID OUT A ROAD MAP. I WOULD LIKE JOHN SOME ANALYSIS OF HOW WE GET THERE IN THAT

MEASURED APPROACH.

THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS? CITY MANAGER?

Futrell: ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE TO APPROACHES TO BALANCING THE BUDGET. THIS IS ON THE SECOND GENERAL AREA FOR POLICY DISCUSSION. WE HAVE GOT FOUR REVENUE AREAS I'M GOING TO ASK JOHN TO GO THROUGH EACH OF THESE AND THEN PAUSE WITH --

SORRY, COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: BEFORE YOU GET INTO THAT AREA, I DID HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ON THE PRESENTATION ITSELF, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT SHOULD HAPPEN NOW OR --

Mayor Wynn: I THINK SO, YEAH, BEFORE WE LOSE OUR TRAIN OF THOUGHT.

Alvarez: BUT I WANTED TO -- ON SLIDE 6 OF THE PRESENTATION, I -- I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT -- ABOUT THE FORECAST HISTORY.

Futrell: OKAY. REALLY, I'M TRYING TO --

Alvarez: REALLY, I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THESE NUMBERS MEAN. FOR 2005, IT SHOWS OUR PROTECTED REVENUE OF 471.4. THEN IT LISTS OUR BASE BUDGET FROM THE PRIOR YEAR, 462.3. SO I ASSUME OUR BASE ISSUE IS [INDISCERNIBLE] .6, IS THAT WHAT WE ADOPTED AS A BUDGET LAST TIME?

COUNCILMEMBER, THAT'S THE SHARP EYE THAT YOU HAVE GOT THERE. THE REASON THAT CHANGED AND THE REASON THAT -- THAT THE PROJECTED REVENUE FROM '05 AND '06 ARE THE SAME, WHICH IS ENTIRELY COINCIDENTAL, IS AGAIN BECAUSE --

Futrell: RESTRUGGLED WITH, WE ALMOST CHANGED A NUMBER THERE JUST SO THEY WOULDN'T BE EXACTLY THE SAME.

BUT THE DIFFERENCE IS DUE TO THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT TO

THE FUNDS THAT WE TRANSFERRED TO THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT. SO THAT YOU SEE THAT IN 2004, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT 478 MILLION, INCLUDED ABOUT 29 OR 30 MILLION THAT WE TRANSFERRED TO THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT IN -- IN '05. AND THEN -- YOU KNOW, WITH OTHER CHANGES TO THAT BASE BUDGET FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

OKAY. SO -- BUT IN TERMS OF THE ACTUAL BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR, I GUESS EXCLUDING THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT, IS THAT WHAT WE ARE SAYING OUR BUDGET PROJECTED EXPENDITURES AND -- I MEAN I GUESS FOR THIS YEAR?

I'M SORRY, ASK THE QUESTION AGAIN.

YEAH, I MEAN, I GUESS --

Futrell: THESE ARE FORECAST NUMBERS.

Alvarez: SEEMS LIKE ONCE YOU HAVE THE YEAR, YOU SHOULDN'T RELY ON THE FORECAST, YOU SHOULD RELY ON THE ACTUAL DATA.

Futrell: JOHN, WALK THROUGH WHY WE STUCK WITH FORECAST.

WE -- PART OF WHAT WE WANTED TO SHOW WITH THIS SLIDE WAS, HOPEFULLY THAT WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED IS, IS THAT WHEN WE PUT THE FORECAST TOGETHER EVERY YEAR, WE HAVE TYPICALLY PROJECTED AN EXCESS OR DEFICIT. SO WE WANTED TO ACTUALLY GO BACK TO THE HISTORICAL FORECAST THAT WE HAVE PRESENTED TO SHOW A TRUE PICTURE OF WHERE WE WERE AT THE BEGINNING EACH YEAR OF THE BUDGET PROCESS AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE HAVE DONE HERE. THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY AS YOU ARE POINTING OUT A NUMBER OF WAYS THAT YOU CAN LOOK AT THIS, BUT WE WANTED TO SHOW THAT IN THIS PICTURE HERE THAT WE'VE, YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD FAIRLY LARGE GAPS TO CLOSE IN PRIOR YEARS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 2002, AND 2003, AND THEN MOVING FORWARD IN 2004. BUT, YOU KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE WE CLOSED THE GAP IN '03 BY CUTTING A LOT OF THAT OUT. IN '04 WE ACTUALLY MADE A LOT OF CUTS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. WE DIDN'T ONLY CUT BACK ON WHAT THEY ASKED

FOR, WE ACTUALLY CUT THEIR BUDGETS. BUT THEN YOU SEE THOSE GAPS REDUCING AS THE CITY MANAGER SAID BECAUSE BEGINNING IN '04 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DID MOVING FROM '04 TO '05 AND NOW TO '06 IS THAT WE'VE NARROWED DOWN OUR FORECAST PERIOD TO THREE YEARS AND WE'VE REALLY TIGHTENED THE WAY THAT WE LOOK AT THE FORECAST.

Futrell: NOW, WE CAN DO THE SAME THING FOR YOU BY GIVING YOU ACTUALS, BUT THIS WAS INTENDED TO SHOW YOU THE BUDGET PROCESS. SO WE -- ON THIS PARTICULAR ONE, WE DID IT BY FORECAST BECAUSE THAT WOULD SHOW YOU WHAT WE WERE DEALING WITH WHEN WE STARTED THE BUDGET. WE HAD TO LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES AND BEGIN EXPENDITURE CUTS.

Alvarez: SURE. I MEAN I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUTGOING INTO THIS BUDGET YEAR WHAT WE ARE ACTUALLY DEALING WITH AND SO ARE WE SAYING THAT OUR BUDGET, BASE BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR EXCLUDING I GUESS THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, IS 449.6?

THAT IS OUR BASE BUDGET NOW.

Alvarez: OKAY. SO -- SO THAT'S THE TOTALITY OF OUR EXPENDITURES PROJECTED FOR THIS YEAR AND SO HOW ARE OUR REVENUES DOING, HOW ARE WE DOING REVENUE-WISE IN TERMS OF MEETING THIS EXPECTATION?

WITH THE 449.6?

EXCUSE ME?

WITH THE 449.6?

Futrell: NO, HE'S SAYING HOW ARE WE DOING YEAR TO DATE ON OUR REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR THIS YEAR.

WE'RE, YEAR TO DATE, WE ARE ESSENTIALLY ON BUDGET. WE ARE PROBABLY OVERBUDGET TO A CERTAIN EXTENT IN SOME OF OUR PERMIT REVENUE AND THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT OUR SALES TAX, FOR EXAMPLE, IS REALLY VIRTUALLY DEAD ON. WE HAVE RECEIVED -- WITH THE LAST SALES TAX

PAYMENT THAT WE GOT IN, WE WERE AT 5.03 CENTS GROWTH FROM 2004 AND WE BUDGETED 5.1. SO WE ARE LIKE \$50,000 OFF OF OUR ESTIMATE. WE HAD A GOOD MONTH THIS LAST MONTH. WE GOT AN 8.3% INCREASE FROM THE PRIOR MONTH, FROM THE SAME MONTH IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR.

Futrell: BUT THE MONTH BEFORE THAT ...

BUT THE MONTH BEFORE THAT WAS NOT VERY GOOD.

WE HAD LIKE A 1%.

WE DID. BUT YEAR TO DATE WE ARE REALLY RIGHT ON THE MARK FOR SALES TAX, YOU KNOW, RIGHT ON THE MARK FOR PROPERTY TAX, ESSENTIALLY RIGHT ON THE MARK FOR ALL OF OUR REVENUE SOURCES AT THIS POINT.

WELL, IF WE COULD GET CAUGHT UP IN TERMS OF THE REVENUE UP TO NOW.

Futrell: AS A BUDGET QUESTION, LET'S KIND OF DO A YEAR TO DATE ON REVENUE FOR EVERYONE.

Alvarez: OKAY THEN -- SO IF WE MET OUR PROJECTIONS, THEN WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE REVENUE WOULD BE ON THE ORDER OF 450 MILLION, IS THAT THE RIGHT ASSUMPTION TO MAKE?

YES.

SO FOR THE NEXT YEAR, WHAT WE ARE ASSUMING IS AN ADDITIONAL 21.4 MILLION.

THAT'S CORRECT.

Alvarez: OKAY, THAT'S -- THAT HELPS A LOT. THEN ON -- ON A COUPLE OF THE SLIDES, STARTING ON 19, BECAUSE I DID WANT TO ECHO TO A CERTAIN DEGREE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN SAID. BUT -- BUT IN THESE ADD-BACKS, THERE'S A LOT IN THERE THAT I WASN'T NATURALLY -- THAT I WAS NATURALLY ASSUMING WERE GOING TO BE IN THE ADD-BACK CATEGORY

NECESSARILY. SO -- BUT SOME OF THE ISSUES LIKE THE RESTORATION OF SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING, PARKS MAINTENANCE ISSUE, THE RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING OR MAINTENANCE ISSUE, THAT KIND OF STUFF, YOU KNOW, I THINK -- THERE IS SOME KIND OF A HEALTH AND SAFETY SORT OF ASPECT TO IT THAT THOSE WERE -- THOSE WERE WHAT I ASSUMED WERE GOING TO BE SOME OF THE -- SOME OF THE TARGETS. BUT SO IN 19, I WAS LOOKING AT THE BRANCH LIBRARIES AND HISTORY CENTER ISSUES, I WOULD LIKE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON -- ON THE OTHER ITEMS LISTED IN TERMS OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ACHIEVING IN PRIOR YEARS AND HOW THE BUDGET CUTS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS HAS AFFECTED THOSE OUTCOME MEASURES.

Futrell: WHAT WE WILL DO IS WE WILL GIVE YOU, KIND OF GIVE YOU THE RISK AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR EACH ONE OF THESE, WE DID IT FOR THE CUT YEARS. OKAY?

Alvarez: PLEASE. AND ON PAGE 20 IS ALSO, I THINK, THE -- I -- THEY TALKED ABOUT THE PARK MAINTENANCE ISSUE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING ISSUE, I THINK THOSE ARE PRETTY IMPORTANT ON THE -- IF YOU COULD EXPLAIN A LITTLE MORE WHAT THE FORESTRY DIVISION DOES SO THAT I CAN --

Futrell: ONE EXAMPLE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS BLIND CORNERS. WHERE YOU ARE GOING DOWN A ROAD AND A BUSH OR A TREE IS BLOCKING VIEW OF A VEHICLE. SO --

Alvarez: SO IT'S SIMILAR TO RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING.

Futrell: YES. I ACTUALLY LINKED THE SECOND AND THIRD BULLET.

Alvarez: OH, OKAY. AND THEN -- YOU MADE A STATEMENT RELATED TO ON PAGE 21, THE FIRE OR THE PUBLIC SAFETY SOMETHING THEY HAD DONE TO KIND OF TRY TO MEET THE INCREASING OBLIGATIONS? I WAS TRYING TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO CONVEY. BECAUSE YOU SEEMED TO BE SAYING THAT I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WERE MAKING CUTS OR THEY WERE SOMEHOW TRYING TO DO THINGS THROUGH EFFICIENCY OR

REORGANIZATION OR SOMETHING.

Futrell: ON POLICE?

Alvarez: WAS IT JUST POLICE? CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT AGAIN, I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT MEANT.

Futrell: YES. POLICE HAD A SERIES OF THINGS THAT THEY THOUGHT WERE IMPORTANT TO ADD BACK. BUT RATHER THAN ASK FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY, WHAT THEY DID INSTEAD IS THEY LOOKED INSIDE THEIR EXISTING BUDGET AND PRIMARILY THROUGH, THEY TOOK A HARD LOOK AT CONTRACTUALS, COMMODITIES, THEY LOOKED AT A COUPLE OF OTHER AREAS AND THEY MADE REDUCTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THEIR BUDGET TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR ADS. SO THEY WENT THROUGH THEIR RISK AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND ADJUSTED WITHIN THEIR EXISTING BUDGET CAP. WHAT THEY WERE ABLE TO DO IS ACHIEVE THEIR INSTANT CONSTANT STAFFING OVERTIME, THEIR ATTEMPT FOR FINGER PRINT PROCESSING AND I.D. REMEMBER WE CUT THEIR CIVILIAN STAFF VERY DRAMATICALLY OVER THE CUT YEARS, I CAN'T REMEMBER NOW IF IT'S 30 OR 40 POSITIONS ALL TOTAL, BUT IT'S A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER, TO LOOK FOR 12 ADD-BACKS, PRIMARILY IN PROPERTY CRIME, LATENT PRINT EXAMINERS, FORENSIC POSITION, THESE ARE THE AREAS WHERE THEY ARE GETTING BIG BACKLOGS RIGHT NOW AND A GRANT THEY WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT, A VICTIM WITNESS COUNSELOR GRANT. THEY WERE LOSING THE MONEY RATHER THAN LOSING THE POSITION THEY WANTED TO TRY TO FUND THOSE POSITIONS. I REALLY ACTUALLY WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THEY DID ON THEIR BUDGET BECAUSE THEY MADE THESE ADD BACKS WITHOUT ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL DOLLARS.

Alvarez: SO THIS WAS, I NOTICE THEY ARE NOT LISTED ON HERE.

Futrell: BECAUSE THEY DO ASK FOR ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY. THEY DID IT WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF THEIR EXISTING DOLLARS. PRIMARILY BY SCRIBING THEIR -- SCRUBBING THEIR CONTRACTUAL AND COMMODITY DOLLARS. NO, NO, 2.0 OFFICERS PER THOUSAND IS A SIGNIFICANT EXPENSE

EACH YEAR. THAT'S IN YOUR BASE COST DRIVERS. THAT'S PART OF YOUR 4.9 GAP.

Alvarez: SO THE ADD-BACKS ARE ALL BEYOND THE 4 POINT --

YES, YES.

THEN ENHANCED TASK FORCE STAFFING IS -- IS WHAT? THAT'S NOT WHAT WE ARE DOING?

Futrell: NO, LET ME EXPLAIN THAT. IN FACT I WISH I HAD MADE -- RUDY DREW ME A GREAT LITTLE HANDWRITTEN GRAPH. I WISH THAT I HAD PUT THAT ON THE SLIDE FOR YOU. WHAT THIS -- REMEMBER IN TASK FORCE STAFFING WHAT WE BASICALLY DID IS ON A SINGLE ENGINE STATION, WE GUARANTEED FOUR PEOPLE. AND AT A DOUBLE STATION, WHERE YOU HAVE A LADDER AND A PUMPER, YOU GUARANTEE SIX. THIS MOVES THAT SIX TO SEVEN. SO THAT YOU ALWAYS ON YOUR PUMPER HAVE FOUR PEOPLE. IT JUST TAKES YOU ONE -- IT TAKES YOU ABOUT 50% OF THE WAY THERE TOWARDS THE REMAINING STEP TOWARDS FOUR PERSON STEP.

FOUR PERSON STEP.

Alvarez: BUT IT'S THE NEXT STEP IN THAT DIRECTION. THEN FINALLY, I THINK I HAD MENTIONED WHERE I AGREED ON THE SOCIAL SERVICE SIDE THAT THAT SHOULD BE A PRIORITY, BUT I'M -- I GUESS, YOU KNOW, IF WE CAN TRY TO MAYBE PROVIDE A -- A BREAKOUT OF THE COSTS OF THESE INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES.

Futrell: ALL RIGHT.

Alvarez: -- THEN SEE SO THAT AS WE TRY TO MAKE DECISIONS, POLICY DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE THE PRIORITY GOING FORWARD, WE CAN SEE HOW MUCH ALL OF THAT ADDS UP TO. IS IT HALF OF THE -- OF THE 8 OR 9 MILLION OR IS IT A COUPLE OF MILLION OR -- THAT WAY JUST IN TERMS OF TRYING TO -- TO TALK THROUGH SOME OF THESE POLICY OPTIONS THAT ARE ON THE TABLE, WE ARE BEGINNING TO DISCUSS --

YOUR TOTAL AMOUNT IS '06 IS 14 -- 14.3 MILLION. AND YOUR ADD-BACK WOULD BE 550,000, BUT I WILL GIVE IT TO A BUDGET QUESTION. MAYBE A LIST OF THE CONTRACTS TOO, WOULD BE HELPFUL, THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS THAT ADD UP TO THAT AMOUNT.

Alvarez: I DON'T KNOW SO MUCH IN THE SOCIAL SERVICE SIDE AS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING AND THE FORESTRY CONNECTION --

Futrell: GOT IT.

Alvarez: WHEN WE LOOK AT THESE AS FUNDAMENTAL THINGS THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING OR BETTER OR --

Futrell: I WILL GIVE YOU A BREAKOUT THEN OF EACH OF THE \$8 MILLION ADD-BACK PACKAGE, THE ITEM AND THE RISK AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT STATEMENTS FOR EACH ONE. ALL RIGHT. THOSE WERE ALL OF MY QUESTIONS. TO SOME DEGREE, SOME OF THE WEIGHTING I WILL TRY TO MAYBE LOOK AT IN TERMS OF THE ADD-BACKS.

Futrell: OKAY.

Goodman: MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM?

Goodman: LET ME SUGGEST A COUPLE OF THINGS, ALSO. AS WE WERE LOOKING BACK AT THE HISTORICAL BUDGET RECAP, I GOT DEJA VU. I THINK THE PRESENTATION OF THIS IN THIS FORMAT LAST YEAR WAS CONFUSING, ALSO. I REMEMBER PEOPLE HAVING TROUBLE ADDING IN THE REAL FOR THE FORECAST AND RELATING THE TWO. BECAUSE IT'S ALWAYS A DEFICIT ON THE BOTTOM, NEVER AN ACCESS. THAT MAKES YOU TRY TO ADD UP THE NUMBERS AND COME OUT WITH THE ACTUAL SPENDING WHICH THEN KIND OF GETS TIED UP IN THINGS THAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT INDIVIDUALLY. SO -- SO MAYBE THERE'S A NEW CHART WE CAN DO THAT HAS ACTUAL SPENDING AND ACTUAL REVENUE INTERSPERSED. SO THAT -- SO THAT YOU CAN TELL WHAT YOU WERE COMING OUT WITH. AND ON -- SORRY. I LOST MY PLACE. OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENTS AND KEY

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACT EXPENDITURES. I THINK THAT NEW COUNCILMEMBERS WILL NEED TO SEE THAT BROKEN OUT BECAUSE ON THE ONE HAND, YOU ARE MAKING THE SOCIAL SERVICE C.A.N. MONITORED CONTRACTS WHOLE BY ADDING IN, WHAT, FIVE OR 600,000. BUT THEN ON THE OTHER HAND YOUR CHART LOOKS AS IF YOU HAVE CONTINUED TO UP THE SPENDING BY A LITTLE BIT EVERY YEAR. AND DOESN'T ADD UP WITH HAVING CUT SOCIAL SERVICES. SO THERE'S -- THERE'S GOING TO BE A DIFFICULTY FOR PEOPLE COMING IN COLD TO TRANSLATE THAT.

Futrell: THAT'S PROBABLY A FUNCTION OF NOT BEING ABLE TO SHOW WHEN THE BASIC NEEDS WERE ADDED AND SAFE PLACE CONTRACT AND PROBABLY ARCH. WE WILL DO THAT SO YOU CAN FOLLOW UP.

Goodman: BREAK OUT THE C.A.N., THE SOCIAL CONTRACT FROM THE EXTRA. THANKS, MAY.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS?

Thomas: I DO NEED FROM -- FROM -- FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE FORENSICS SIDE, YOU SAID ARRESTED -- I MEAN THE I.D. TEXT, ALL OF THAT, WHAT I MEAN, THE MANPOWER SO -- SO THAT IT'S LOW, HOW DOES IT AFFECT OUR INVESTIGATIONS, OUR PRODUCTIVITY. WE HAVE LESS --

POLICE RISK INVULERABILITY ASSESSMENT THAT LED TO THEIR -- [INDISCERNIBLE]

Thomas: RIGHT. OKAY. ALSO, BECAUSE ON -- ON SLIDE 30, PAGE 30, YOU HAVE WHERE YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT POLICY DECISIONS, AND -- AND EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS. YOU HAVE MUNICIPAL COURT, I GUESS WHAT I NEED TO KNOW WHEN WE DO THIS REDUCTION, HOW WILL IT AFFECT THESE DEPARTMENTS IN DOING --

Futrell: ACTUALLY, LET ME CLARIFY. THIS IS WHAT I WAS NOT RECOMMENDING. THIS SLIDE WAS TO SHOW YOU THAT I DIDN'T -- I DO NOT BELIEVE, COUNCILMEMBER, THAT AFTER

FOUR YEARS OF WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY CUT THAT IF THE COUNCIL CHOOSES TO GO WITH THE -- WITH THE ADDS THAT TAKE US TO 12.9 THAT WE CAN DO THAT 3.2% CUT, SO I SHOWED YOU WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE FOR EACH DEPARTMENT TO CUT. THAT SHOULD WE GO HERE, THERE NEEDS TO BE A COMBINED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STRATEGY. SO ALL THESE ARE GOING TO BE PLUS -- OKAY. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?

Futrell: JOHN, WE HAVE FOUR REVENUE AREAS THAT WE ARE GOING TO RUN YOU THROUGH VERY QUICKLY. ONE-TIME FUNDS IN THE RESERVE POLICY, A CHECK IN ON THE UTILITY TRANSFER. A CHECK IN ON THE REVENUE INITIATIVE, AND THEN TOUCHING BASE ON THE TAX RATES, I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO JOHN.

LOOKING AT THE FIRST REVENUE AREA ONE TIME FUNDS AND RESERVES, ONE OF THE WAYS THAT COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT I THINK HANDLED THE DOWNTURN WAS THE WAY THAT WE HANDLED OUR GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES, ESSENTIALLY OUR ONE-TIME MONEY. WE DID NOT USE THESE SOURCES TO PAY FOR ONGOING COSTS. INSTEAD SAW IT AS THE CITY MANAGER SAID STRUCTURAL BALANCE SOLUTION. WE RECEIVED KUDOS FROM OUR BOND RATING AGENCIES FOR THIS. IN FACT WE WERE ABLE TO INCREASE OUR FUND BALANCE AND RESERVES OVER THE DOWNTURN. AS WE ARE MOVING THROUGH, INCREASING OUR RESERVES AND FUND BALANCES, WHEN WE TALKED TO THE RATING AGENCIES, WE TOLD THEM CONSISTENTLY THAT WE WOULD BE SPENDING SOME OF THESE BALANCES TO PAY FOR ONE-TIME COSTS THAT WE HAD DEFERRED DURING THE DOWNTURN. AND IN FACT WE BUDGETED THIS YEAR TO SPEND 7.8 MILLION FOR ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES IN ADDITION TO THE ONE-TIME PAYMENT THAT WE MADE OF 7.7 MILLION TO THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT. SO GOING FORWARD FROM HERE, KNOWING THAT WE HAVE GOT THESE -- THESE DEFERRED ONE-TIME ITEMS, WE WANTED TO PROPOSE A CHANGE TO OUR FUND BALANCE AND RESERVE POLICY THAT WOULD BASICALLY ALLOW TO US DO TWO THINGS: ONE TO CAPTURE FOR THE [INDISCERNIBLE] RESERVE, TWO

TO USE THAT JUDICIAL SHOWSLY FOR CAPITAL ITEMS AND OTHER EXPENSES. LET ME START BACK UP, IF YOU WOULD, GREG, START BY SHOWING YOU OUR EXISTING POLICIES THAT RELATE TO THIS PROPOSED CHANGE. WE HAVE A POLICY THAT WE WILL ESTABLISH EACH YEAR, A CONTINGENCY RESERVE AT ONE PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGETED DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES. THAT RESERVE THIS YEAR IS 4.3 MILLION. AND WE WOULD CONTINUE IT UNDER OUR NEW POLICY, IT WOULD GO UP SLIGHTLY NEXT YEAR TO 4.5. WE ALSO HAVE A POLICY THAT WE WILL ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY RESERVE OF AT LEAST 15 MILLION. WE HAVE A POLICY ON HOW WE WILL USE EXCESS OR UNANTICIPATED REVENUE AND THAT POLICY WILL BE IN KEEPING WITH OUR PROPOSED RESERVE POLICY THAT IT WILL BE USED FOR ONE-TIME COSTS. AND THEN WE HAVE A POLICY ESTABLISHING OUR BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE AT 33 MILLION. OUR PROPOSAL THAT WE ARE GOING TO PRESENT TO YOU WILL ESTABLISH HOW WE FUND AND USE THIS RESERVE. SO THE REVISED RESERVE POLICY WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER IS THAT WE WILL FIRSTFIRST OF ALL INCREASE OUR EMERGENCY RESERVE FROM 15 MILLION TO 40 MILLION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUDGET AND FUND OUR CONTINGENCY RESERVE AS IT IS. THAT IS AT 1% OF THE DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES. AND OUR BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE WOULD THEN BE REVISED TO ACCOMPLISH THE ITEMS THAT YOU SEE HERE. ALTHOUGH IT'S DIFFICULT, COUNCIL, TO PREDICT THE CITY TYPICALLY HAS AN EXCESS BALANCE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND THAT COMES FROM REVENUES THAT WE RECEIVE IN EXCESS OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES THAT ARE BELOW BUDGET. SO AGAIN IT'S HARD TO PREDICT THAT AMOUNT HOW MUCH IT IS. WE -- WE DO BUDGET AS TIGHTLY AS WE CAN NO BOTH REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, BUT BECAUSE OF THE CONTROLS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE DURING THE YEAR, WE TYPICALLY HAVE SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE PROPOSED POLICY WOULD ALLOW US TO SWEEP UNANTICIPATED FUND AT THE RESERVE AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND USE THEM IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. THE FUND COULD THEN BE APPROPRIATED FOR CAPITAL AND OTHER ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES, BUT ONLY ONE THIRD OF THE AMOUNT IN THE FUND WOULD NORMALLY BE APPROPRIATED IN ANY ONE YEAR. WITH THE REMAINDER

PLUS WHATEVER REVENUE OR SAVINGS WOULD COME IN IN THE MEANTIME BE RESERVED FOR FUTURE YEARS. IN FISCAL YEAR '06 WE ESTIMATE OUR BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE WOULD BE 48.9 MILLION. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO APPROPRIATE ONE THIRD OF THAT. WHICH IS 16.2 MILLION. LEAVE THE REMAINDER IN THE RESERVE FOR FUTURE YEARS. LOOKING AT THESE NUMBERS ON A TOTAL BASIS, WE ESTIMATE THAT AT THE END OF THIS YEAR, AT THE END OF '05, WE WILL HAVE 93.4 MILLION IN COMBINED FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES ON HAND. TOTAL BREAKS OUT IN THE CURRENT COLUMN, WE WILL HAVE 4.3 IN THE CONTINGENCY, 15 MILLION ESTABLISHED PER COUNCIL POLICY, LIKEWISE IN OUR BUDGET STABILIZATION AND THEN 41.1 IN FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR. SO AT THE BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR '06, WE WOULD ESTABLISH OUR CONTINGENCY RESERVE AGAIN AT 1%, IT WOULD GO UP SLIGHTLY SINCE OUR TOTAL EXPENDITURES WOULD GO UP. AND WE WOULD ESTABLISH OUR EMERGENCY RESERVE AT 40 MILLION. AND COMBINE THE REMAINDER OF THOSE AMOUNTS INTO OUR BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DID IN WORKING THROUGH THE FORECAST IN THIS POLICY WAS WE TALKED ABOUT THIS PROPOSED CHANGE WITH ALL THREE OF OUR RATING AGENCIES, STANDARD AND POORS, MOODY AND FITCH, WE HAVE RECEIVED VERY GOOD FEEDBACK FROM ALL OF THEM ON THIS. THEY EXPRESSED COMFORT IN PARTICULAR IN TWO ASPECTS OF THE POLICY. FIRST THAT IT SETS OUR -- OUR HARDER RESERVES, IF YOU WILL, THAT IS OUR CONTINGENCY RESERVE AND OUR EMERGENCY RESERVE AT LET LEVELS. IN '06 IT WILL BE ABOUT 44.5. THAT'S A LEVEL THAT PROXIMATE MATES THE 10% THAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE AN EXCELLENT -- TO PUT US IN THE EXCELLENT AT CATEGORY FOR HARD RESERVES. AND SECOND IT PROVIDES ADDITIONAL SECURITY THAT OUR REMAINING RESERVE, THAT BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE WILL BE SPENT ONLY ON ONE-TIME ITEMS AND THEN ONLY IN INCREMENTS OF ONE THIRD AT ANY ONE TIME. AND SO -- SO THE PARTICULAR QUOTES THAT WE HAD FROM THEM, WHEN WE TALKED TO STANDARD AND POORS, WERE FOR EXAMPLE THAT THEY FELT THIS WAS TOTALLY ACCEPTABLE. MOODY'S SAID IT WAS A GOOD APPROACH. WE NORMALLY DON'T GET THEM TO BE THAT POSITIVE ABOUT ANY OF IT. SO WE FEEL

GOOD ABOUT THIS POLICY THAT WE ARE BRINGING FORWARD.

SO, COUNCIL, WE WOULD LIKE TO STOP HERE AND ASK FOR YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSED RESERVE POLICY CHANGES.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY?

Dunkerly: IN LOOKING AT THESE RESERVE POLICIES, JOHN, YOU ANSWERED MY QUESTION, I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK YOU, 40% IS ABOUT HOW MUCH OF THE BUDGET? YOU SAID 10%. I THINK THAT'S A VERY REASONABLE LEVEL. CONSIDERING THE VOLATILITY THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE RECENT PAST, I THINK THAT IT'S -- IT'S PROBABLY PRUDENT TO LOOK AT THAT. THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE, WHICH IS THAT RESERVE THAT WE CAN APPROPRIATE DURING THE YEAR FOR THOSE THINGS THAT -- THAT DON'T COME UP AT THE BUDGET TIME, I THINK ONE PERCENT IS -- IS ADEQUATE THERE. THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND, I AGREE WITH THAT. I THINK THAT THERE MAY BE TIMES IN THE FUTURE WHEN WE MAY HAVE MORE THAN -- MORE ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES THAT WE COULD ACCESS THERE THAT WE MIGHT GO -- THAT MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF A PERCENTAGE. SO IF THERE WERE ANY THAT HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY, I WOULD THINK IT WOULD BE THAT ONE. SO THAT -- SO I THINK THAT IT'S -- I THINK THAT WE SHOULD RESTRICT IT TO ONE-TIME CAPITAL AND ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES. AND KNOWING THAT -- THAT OCCASIONALLY WE MAY FEEL COMPELLED TO GO A LITTLE BIT ABOVE THAT, BUT I THINK IN GENERAL THESE ARE REALLY GOOD PROVEN POLICIES.

COUNCILMEMBER, WE HAVE ACTUALLY, I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE THE WORDING FOR THE POLICY ITSELF, BUT I'LL GET IT OUT TO YOU, AND WE HAD WORDED IT THAT COUNCIL WOULD NORMALLY APPROPRIATE ONLY ONE THIRD OF THAT. BUT CERTAINLY IF THERE WERE UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCE, RATHER THAN TAKING OUT OF OUR OTHER RESERVES FOR A ONE-TIME ITEM, WE WOULD TAKE IT FROM THE BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE.

JOHN, WE DID HAVE SOME DISCUSSION WITH OUR BOND

RATING AGENCIES ABOUT A CONCERN ABOUT -- ABOUT DROPPING IT IN A GIVEN YEAR TO ZERO.

YES, WE DID.

THAT WAS THE REASON THAT WE WERE TRYING TO BUILD A REASONED DRAW DOWN ON IT.

Dunkerly: I AGREE WITH THAT. IT'S JUST THAT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE -- SOMETIMES YOU COULD COME ONE A THIRD OF YOUR DOLLARS THERE THAT YOU COULD FIND ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES TO USE IT ON. SO YOU MAY NOT -- BUT GENERALLY, IF YOU HAVE A -- A BAD BUDGET YEAR, A BUDGET YEAR WHEN YOU HAVE SOME -- SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT ONE-TIME PROJECTS, YOU MIGHT GO UP A LITTLE BIT. I'M NOT SAYING USE IT ALL. BUT ALL OF THESE RESERVES YOU HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY AND IF YOU SAID ABOUT OR APPROXIMATELY, THAT GIVES YOU THAT FLEXIBILITY THAT YOU WOULD NEED UNTIL -- TO DEAL WITH ANY UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

CERTAINLY WE HAVE SEEN A HANDFUL OF THEM OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

Alvarez: MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: I THINK NOW WHAT OUR TYPICAL RESERVE FUNDS HAVE BEEN THE ONE PERCENT CONTINGENCY AND THE EMERGENCY RESERVE? AND HAVE WE ALWAYS HAD THE EMERGENCY RESERVE, THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN --

WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD THE EMERGENCY RESERVE, ACTUALLY IN -- IN -- I BELIEVE IT WAS IN 1999, THE EMERGENCY RESERVE HAD FORMERLY BEEN SET AT A PERCENT OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE.

I REMEMBER THERE WAS A CHANGE IS THAT RIGHT, AT 5%. WE ACTUALLY LOWERED IT TO A HARD DOLLAR AMOUNT. I BELIEVE IT WAS IN 1999. IT MAY HAVE BEEN 2000. WE HAD TO TALK THROUGH THAT WITH THE RATING AGENCIES. THEY ULTIMATELY, THEY LOOK AT US ON A TOTAL BASIS IN

AUSTIN, YOU KNOW, WITH OUR THRIVING ECONOMY AND EVERYTHING, IT'S NOT GOING TO GET DOWNGRADE DOWNGRADED ON THAT ONE ITEM ALONE. BUT CERTAINLY DURING THE DOWNTURN THEY HAVE PAID A LOT OF ATTENTION TO WHERE CITIES HAVE SET THEIR RESERVES. SO I THINK THIS POLICY AGAIN GETS US FOR OUR HARD RESERVES UP IN THAT 10% LEVEL THAT -- THAT MOODY'S CONSIDERS EXCELLENT?

SO IN TERMS OF -- SORT OF INCREASING THAT LEVEL OF THE EMERGENCY RESERVE AND THE BUDGET STABILIZATION, BECAUSE YOU SHOW THE FUND BALANCE OF 41 MILLION. AND IT SEEMS TO ADD UP WHAT WE ARE ADDING TO THE EMERGENCY AND STABILIZATION SEEMS TO ADD UP TO ABOUT 41 MILLION. THAT'S MY -- IS MY MATH OFF OR IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT.

Alvarez: OKAY, BUT ALSO I THINK 41 INCLUDE THE -- THE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR USING ONE-TIME -- YOU KNOW, THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR, SEVEN OR EIGHT MILLION, I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT THE EXACT NUMBER WAS FOR ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES, SO REALLY OUR FUND BALANCE IS NOT 41, BUT -- 48 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. IS THAT CORRECT?

TAKE A LOOK AT THE PROPOSED LINE. WHAT WE DID IS WE TOOK THE 48.9, WE TOOK A THIRD OF THAT.

WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

ON PAGE 35, SLIDE 35. AND GO DOWN THE PROPOSED COLUMN. UNDER THE BUDGET STABILIZATION LINE, 48.9. WE TOOK ONE THIRD OF THAT. WHICH IS THE PROPOSAL. THAT WE STAYED AT ABOUT A THIRD BECAUSE ROUGHLY A THIRD AND I THINK IT'S 16.2, ON THE SLIDE IN FRONT OF YOU, 16.2?

THAT'S WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING.

Futrell: ONE TIME, CAPITAL COSTS OF 16.2 MILLION, LOADED IT INTO THE POLICY BUDGET FOR CAPITAL AND ONE-TIME COSTS. WHICH LEAVES US WITH A BALANCE OF --? DO YOU

HAVE IT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS?

32.8.

32.8. SO --

WE TRIED TO REFLECT --

Alvarez: I DON'T REMEMBER HEARING THAT ONE.

I'M SORRY, 32.7.

Alvarez: I'M SORRY?

IT'S 32.7. WHAT YOU WOULD DO IS SUBTRACT THE 16.2 FROM THE 48.9. THIS PROPOSED COLUMN, COUNCILMEMBER, SHOWS YOU THE RESERVES AS THEY WOULD STAND ON THE FIRST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR 2006 AND THEN WE WOULD PROPOSE UNDER THIS TO SPEND DOWN 16.2 OFF THAT 48.9. SO THAT THE PROJECTED ENDING BALANCE FOR THAT WOULD BE 32.7.

Alvarez: OKAY, YEAH, I JUST DON'T RECALL THAT NUMBER BEING THAT LARGE THAT WE WERE GOING TO BE INVESTING THIS -- THIS COMING YEAR. SO IF YOU COULD PROVIDE THE BREAKDOWN ON THAT.

Futrell: OKAY. THERE'S A SLIDE IN YOUR PRESENTATION, BUT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE DOLLAR BREAK OUT, GIVES YOU THE ITEM BREAKOUT. WE WILL DO BOTH. WE WILL GIVE YOU THE ITEMS WITH THE DOLLARS ADDED ON TO IT TO SHOW YOU HOW THAT MONEY IS SPENT.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? THANK YOU.

Futrell: JUST AS A POINT OF REFERENCE, COUNCILMEMBER, SLIDE 17 IS THE SLIDE THAT SHOWS YOU THE 16.2. AND WHAT I'LL DO, THOUGH, BECAUSE WHAT YOU REALLY NEED IS WHAT'S LOADED IN EACH OF THOSE ITEMS, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT. AND WE'LL GET THAT FOR YOU AS A BUDGET QUESTION. ALL RIGHT. IF WE ARE READY TO -- WE ARE READY TO MOVE. WE WILL GO AND MOVE QUICKLY TO

UTILITY RATE TRANSFER AND THE REVENUE INITIATIVE.

THIS IS OUR SECOND REVENUE AREA. LOOKING AT THIS AREA, OUR UTILITY RATE TRANSFERS, AS THE CITY MANAGER SAID, ARE CURRENTLY SET AT THE TOP OF THE RANGES THAT COUNCIL ESTABLISHED. 9.1% FOR -- FOR AUSTIN ENERGY REVENUE AND 8.2% FOR AUSTIN WATER UTILITY REVENUE. AND CERTAINLY IN ADDITION TO OUR RESERVE POLICIES THAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT, OUR TRANSFER POLICIES AND THE RATES THAT WE'RE SETTING THOSE TRANSFERS AT ARE ALWAYS OF GREAT INTEREST TO OUR RATING AGENCIES, ALSO, WHAT DO NOT LIKE TO SEE US RELYING EXCESSIVELY ON OUR UTILITIES FOR ONGOING COSTS.

Futrell: I THINK I SHARED WITH YOU THAT WE ARE AT 21% OF OUR GENERAL FUND RIGHT NOW AS OUR UTILITY TRANSFER. LET'S STOP HERE AND JUST DO A CHECK IN ON HOW WE STAND ON OUR CURRENT TRANSFER POLICIES.

Mayor Wynn: COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, LET'S --

Futrell: ALL RIGHT. MOVE TO REVENUE INITIATIVE. THIS HAS TO DO WITH LOOKING AT OUR FEES.

IN THIS THIRD REVENUE AREA, WE AGAIN PURSUED A COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE INITIATIVE IN FISCAL YEAR 2003 THAT GOT US ABOUT 930,000 AND WE ESTABLISHED A TWO YEAR CYCLE FOR DOING THAT. WE REVIEWED ALL OF OUR GENERAL FUND FEES AND CHARGES AGAIN IN 2005 AND GOT AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE. 650,000 FOR 2005 AND IN DOING BOTH OF THOSE EXERCISES, WE -- WE RECOMMENDED SOME INCREASES TO OUR EXISTING FEES AND IN SOME CASES SOME NEW FEES. BUT WE DID THAT AGAIN ON THAT TWO-YEAR CYCLE.

SO THE QUESTION HERE, COUNCIL, IS -- IS ARE YOU WILLING OR DO YOU WANT US TO CONSIDER AN OFF YEAR REVENUE INITIATIVE FOR '06? HE WE NORMALLY DON'T LOOK AT FEES EXCEPT FOR EVERY OTHER YEAR. DO YOU WANT US TO EXCLUDE THAT OR INCLUDE THAT IN OUR LOOK FOR CLOSING THIS GAP? COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? I WILL SAY MY REMEMBRANCE OF THAT EXERCISE TWO YEARS AGO, THREE

YEARS AGO, I MEAN, WAS -- WAS, YOU KNOW, BRINGING BLOOD -- WRINGING BLOOD OUT OF A TURNIP.

THE FIRST YEAR WE DID IT, WE MANAGED TO GET A LITTLE UNDER A MILLION DOLLAR, ABOUT 900 SOMETHING THOUSAND, WE ARE GETTING DIMINISHING RETURNS AS YOU CAN IMAGINE. THE LAST TIME WE DID IT, WE GOT ABOUT \$600,000 FROM IT, IT WAS A PAINFUL EXERCISE. AND I THINK THAT I HEAR THE FEEDBACK ON THAT. ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE TO THE TAX RATE.

THIS IS THE LAST AREA THAT WE ARE GOING TO CONSIDER, PROPERTY TAXES. LET ME SHOW YOU FIRST A GRAPHICAL HISTORY OF OUR TAX RATES. OVER THE TIME PERIOD YOU SEE HERE FROM 1991 TO THE CURRENT YEAR '05, OUR TAX RATE HAS GONE DOWN. YOU SEE IT GOING UP THERE IN THE EARLY 1990'S BECAUSE OF DECLINES IN ASSESSED VALUE THAT WE HAD THEN. BUT OUR TAX RATE SINCE THEN HAS GONE DOWN PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF OUR INCREASE IN ASSESSED VALUE WHICH ALLOWED US TO LOWER THE TAX RATE. AS YOU KNOW, WHEN EXISTING PROPERTY INCREASES FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT, CITIES ARE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW TO PUBLISH AND DISCLOSE THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, THAT'S THE RATE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO RECEIVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT YOU RECEIVED LAST YEAR. FROM PROPERTY THAT WAS ON THE TAX ROLL LAST YEAR, SO IF ASSESSED VALUES ON EXISTING PROPERTY GO WAY UP, THE EFFECTIVE RATE, THE EFFECTIVE RATE ITSELF WILL GO DOWN CORRESPONDINGLY. ALTHOUGH OVER THE TIME PERIOD IN THIS GRAPH THE CITY HAS SOMETIMES GONE OVER THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE IMPLEMENTED OUR 1998 BOND PROGRAM. COUNCIL TOLD THE CITIZENS THAT WE WOULD BE DOING SOME TAX INCREASES AND WE DID IN SOME OF THOSE YEARS GO ONE CENT OVER THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE. BUT OVER THAT TIME PERIOD YOU SEE OUR TAX RATES HAVE CLEARLY TRENDED DOWN AND AGAIN THE STEEP DECLINE THAT YOU SEE THERE FROM 2004 AND 2005 WAS BECAUSE WE TRANSFERRED 6.35 CENTS OF OUR TAX RATE OVER TO THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT, OTHERWISE THOSE YEARS WOULD HAVE BOTH BEEN AT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE. WE DON'T HAVE OUR CERTIFIED TAX ROLL NOW. THAT WILL NOT COME

IN UNTIL THE END OF JULY, BUT BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN FROM THE TRAVIS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT, WE EXPECT OUR EFFECTIVE TAX RATE TO BE IN THE RANGE THAT YOU SEE HERE. IT WILL CHANGE WHEN THE CITY MANAGER BRINGS HER PROPOSED BUDGET BACK THAT WILL LIKELY CHANGE FROM THE 4297 THAT YOU SEE HERE, BUT NOT -- NOT BY MUCH. THEN THERE ARE THREE OTHER RATES SHOWN HERE, THE HEARING RATE IS THE RATE THAT ALLOWS CITIES TO GENERATE 103% OF THE REVENUE ON THE TOTAL TAX RATE THAT THEY RECEIVED IN THE PRIOR YEAR AND THAT RATE WE ESTIMATE IS 44.25 CENTS, JUST SLIGHTLY BELOW THE NOMINAL RATE. THE NOMINAL RATE IS SIMPLY THE RATE THAT'S THE CURRENT TAX YEAR, 44.3 CENTS. THAT'S OUR RATE THIS YEAR AND MOVING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR THAT'S WHAT WE CALL THE NOMINAL RATE.

I'M SORRY, JOHN. YOU -- I MISSED THE LAST PART OF YOUR PREVIOUS STATEMENT. '04 WE -- WE INSTITUTED THE EFFECTIVE RATE. THAT GOT US TO THE 49.28. SO TWOIF 2005 WAS ALSO EFFECTIVE --

WE DID. '05'05 WAS WHERE WE TOOK THE EFFECTIVE, THE RATE THAT YOU SEE THAT WE HAVE IN '05, THE 4430, IS TAKING THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE AND SUBTRACTING 6.35 CENTS FROM IT.

OKAY. THANK YOU. THEN THE LAST RATE THAT YOU SEE THERE IS THE ROLLBACK RATE WHICH NOW ALLOWS CITIES TO GENERATE 108% OF THE O AND M REVENUE THAT THEY RECEIVED IN THE PRIOR YEAR. AS YOU KNOW, SETTING A TAX RATE BEYOND THAT 108%, WILL SUM YOU TO A PETITION TO -- TO ROLL BACK THE TAX RATE AND IN OTHER WORDS IF OUR ROLLBACK RATE HOLDS UP AT 44.73, IN COUNCIL WERE TO SET A RATE BEYOND THAT, THEN IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A PETITION. IT WOULD BE A PETITION THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE A PETITION FROM 10% OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CITY IN THE LAST ELECTION AND IF THAT PETITION WERE SUCCESSFUL, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE AN ELECTION AND IF THE VOTERS DID NOT APPROVE THAT HIGHER TAX RATE, THE RATE WOULD BE ROLLED BACK TO THE 44.73 THAT YOU SEE THERE. NOW, IF THE CITY ADOPTS THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR NEXT YEAR, THEN THE CITY'S

TAX BILL ON THE AVERAGE PRICED AUSTIN RESIDENTS HOMESTEADED AUSTIN RESIDENTS WOULD -- WOULD REMAIN THE SAME, THE TAX BILL ASSURES 806, IT WOULD REMAIN THE SAME FOR NEXT YEAR. 806. HOWEVER, IF THE CITY WERE TO ADOPT THE NOMINAL RATE, IN OTHER WORDS LEAVE THE RATE THIS YEAR OF 44.30 IN PLACE, CARRY THAT FORWARD, THE TAX BILL ON AN AVERAGE RESIDENCE WOULD INCREASE BY \$25. GO UP TO \$831. INCREASING IT TO 25. AND IF WE -- IF WE WERE TO STAY AT THE NOMINAL RATE INSTEAD OF AT THE EFFECTIVE RATE, WE WOULD GENERATE AN ADDITIONAL 6.9 MILLION IN PROPERTY TAX. SO ADOPTING, STAYING AT THE NOMINAL RATE, 44.30? OF 42.97, WOULD BRING AN ADDITIONAL ALMOST \$7 MILLION IN PROPERTY TAX.

Futrell: COUNCIL, LET'S STOP HERE. AFTER THIS WE ONLY HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION. BUT LET'S STOP HERE AND I GUESS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS ARE YOU WILLING TO HAVE US CONSIDER THE NOMINAL TAX RATE AS ONE APPROACH TO TRYING TO ADD BACK SOME OF THE CUT SERVICES FROM THE LAST FOUR YEARS?

COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: CITY MANAGER, IN OTHER WORDS IF WE KEPT THE RATE THE SAME AS WE KEPT IT THIS YEAR, IT WOULD BE 44.3 CENTS PER \$100 VALUATION, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT -- IS THAT THE MAJOR CITIES IN TEXAS, THAT IS THE LOWEST TAX RATE IN THE CITY AND -- IN THE BIG CITIES IN TEXAS, IS THAT RIGHT?

IT IS RIGHT.

IN FACT WE ASKED IN -- WHEN RUDY GARZA RAN THE CALCULATIONS FOR US LAST YEAR, ABOUT THE AVERAGE TAX BILL FOR COMMUNITIES IN THIS METRO AREA, AND THE AVERAGE TAX BILL IN AUSTIN IS LOWER THAN THAT, OF ROUND ROCK, LEANDER, LAKEWAY, WEST LAKE HILLS, QUITE A FEW OF THE COMMUNITIES. SO WE ARE -- WE ARE NOT EVEN NEARLY AT THE TOP OF THE AVERAGE TAX BILL IN THIS METRO AREA. THE LOWEST TAX BILL OF ANY BIG CITY IN THE STATE. LOWEST TAX RATE AT THE CURRENT RATE. IS

THAT RIGHT?

LOWEST TAX RATE. WHEN YOU COMPARE TO THE OTHER MAJOR TEXAS CITIES.

LET ME ASK YOU THIS. WHAT HAS HAPPENED ON THE ASSESSMENTS FOR A HOME OWNER -- FOR A HOME VALUATIONS THIS YEAR IN AUSTIN?

OUR -- OUR TOTAL SINGLE FAMILY -- OUR TOTAL SINGLE FAMILY CATEGORY OF ASSESSED VALUE WENT UP BY ABOUT 3% AND THE AVERAGE HOME VALUE WENT UP THAT SAME 3%. SO WE WENT FROM ABOUT 182,000 TO ABOUT 187,000. IN MATERIALS OF THE AVERAGE VALUE OF OUR HOME.

MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE HOME VALUATIONS WERE FLAT THIS YEAR; IS THAT --

THEY WENT UP SLIGHTLY FOR US JUST IN TERMS OF THE WAY THAT WE CALCULATE THEM.

Futrell: BUT IN YEARS PAST, THAT'S BEEN ONE OF THE SMALLEST INCREASES THAT WE HAVE SEEN.

YES, IT IS.

IN SOME TYPE. WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE A SHIFTING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SOME TIME WHERE COMMERCIAL VALUES ARE BEGINNING TO INCREASE AGAIN. REMEMBER THEY HAD DROPPED DRAMATICALLY ALMOST 20% DURING THE DOWNTURN. SO THERE'S NOW A SHIFTING OF THAT TAX BURDEN BACK TO THE COMMERCIAL SIDE AND AWAY FROM THE RESIDENTIAL SIDE. THAT'S THE CHANGE THAT YOU WILL SEE.

McCracken: IF WE KEEP THE TAX RATE THIS COMING YEAR THE SAME AS THE TAX RATE CURRENTLY IS, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE SAYING THAT THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER MIGHT PAY \$2 EXTRA A MONTH AND THAT WAY WE COULD KEEP THE TAX RATE THE SAME NOT RAISE THE TAX RATE BUT KEEP THE TAX RATE THE SAME?

Futrell: IS THAT> FUTRELL: THAT'S RIGHT.

McCracken: I WOULD BE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS?

Thomas: I WOULD CONSIDER THE SAME, AS LONG AS WE CAN MEET WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO TO ADD BACK IN. I MEANT TO ASK YOU A QUESTION ON THE UTILITY TRANSFER. WHEN DID WE SIT THIS POLICY AT 9.1 --

Futrell: THE POLICY, THE RESOLUTION I BELIEVE IS 1999, COUNCILMEMBER, SET AS THE RANGE OF 6.6 TO 9.1%. WE RAISED IT IN 2003, TO THE TOP OF THAT RANGE. IT GAINED US ABOUT 2.7 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE THAT YEAR.

Thomas: 2003, RIGHT?

Futrell: YES.

Thomas: OKAY. I WILL BE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT BECAUSE WITH -- BUT THOSE ADD-BACKS, HAVE TO LOOK AT AS WE LOOK AT IT.

Futrell: OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR. I THINK THAT GIVEN, I THINK THAT THE PERCEPTION A LOT OF FOLKS HAVE HAD IN PARTICULAR IN COMMUNITY IS THAT THIS WOULD BE THE YEAR WHERE WE START ADDING SOME THINGS BACK INTO THE BUDGET, THAT I THINK THAT IT'S REASONABLE TO LOOK BEYOND THE EFFECTIVE RATE. BUT AGAIN KIND OF GOING BACK TO PRIORITIZE SOME OF THE ADD-BACKS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT, CERTAINLY THE SHORTFALLS IN TERMS OF THE COST DRIVERS THAT WE REALLY HAVE NO CHOICE IN TERMS OF ACTUALLY COVERING SOME OF THE FINANCIAL POINT OF VIEW -- FROM A FINANCIAL POINT OF VIEW, THAT'S WHY I KIND OF WANT TO SEE WHETHER THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE ADD BACKS EACH COST, WHAT THEY

EACH COST SO WE KIND OF SEE IF WE NEED TO GO TO NOMINAL OR IN ORDER TO ADD SOME OF THE BASIC SERVICES THAT -- THAT WE THINK ARE MOST IMPORTANT AND THEN -- IS THAT ACTUALLY -- DOES THAT ACTUALLY TAKE US THERE OR -- SO I THINK THAT -- THAT YOU KNOW TO A CERTAIN DEGREE, YOU KNOW, IT MAKES SENSE TO KIND OF KEEP THE RATE AS IT IS. THAT ACTUALLY HELPS US, NOT JUST THIS YEAR, BUT YEARS GOING FORWARD AS WELL. AND IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT WE CAN FURTHER STRENGTHEN ALL OF THE NON-PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS WHICH IS WHERE WE HEAR I THINK A LOT FROM THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF OF WHERE THEY ARE NOTICING SOME GAPS IN SERVICE OR A NEED TO SUPPLEMENT WHAT'S GOING ON IN TERMS OF PARKS AND LIBRARIES AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. BUT -- I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LITTLE MORE DETAIL IN TERMS OF THE ADD BACKS AND SEE THE -- SEE AT LEAST FROM MY POINT OF VIEW EACH COUNCILMEMBER WILL PROBABLY LOOK AT THOSE AND -- SERVICES AND FIGURE OUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT SHOULD BE A PRIORITY GOING FORWARD OR WHAT MAKES SENSE TO BE AS A PRIORITY GOING FORWARD AND WHERE THAT PUTS US IN TERMS OF THE TAX RATE. BUT I THINK, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE AN OPTION ON THE 4.9 MILLION. RELATED TO THE COST DRIVERS. SO -- BUT I WOULD LIKE TO -- TO BE ABLE TO LOOK A LITTLE MORE IN TERMS OF THE OTHER OPTIONS WE HAD FOR DETERMINING WHETHER IT SHOULD BE NOMINAL OR MAYBE SOMEWHAT JUST BELOW THAT OR -- BUT THAT -- THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE HELPFUL. IN TERMS OF MAKING THIS DECISION.

OKAY. COUNCILMEMBER, WE WILL GET THAT INFORMATION TO YOU. LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN REMIND PEOPLE THAT ARE LISTENING TO THE PRESENTATION THAT WE ALWAYS PUT OUR -- WE POST ALL OF THE ANSWERS TO THE BUDGET QUESTION THAT'S WE GET ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE. SO WE WILL GET HOPEFULLY WE HAVE ABOUT A TWO-DAY TURN AROUND AT THE LATEST ON GETTING THOSE QUESTIONS ANSWERED. GETTING THE ANSWERS OUT ON THE WEBSITE WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE THOSE.

Futrell: ALL RIGHT. IF WE ARE READY, WE WILL MOVE TO THE FINAL POLICY AREA. AND IT RELATES TO THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY RATE INCREASES. JOHN, ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE

THIS OR DO YOU WANT ME TO RUN WITH IT? ARE YOU READY FOR IT? YOU ARE WALKING AWAY.

I SAW JOHN AT THE DOOR [LAUGHTER]

I'M READY FOR IT.

Futrell: I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, LET'S JUST CALL JOE UP AND MAKE HIM DO IT.

NO, LET ME DO IT INSTEAD.

YOU SCARED HIM, HUH.

COUNCIL, AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE FACING SOME PROBLEMS IN OUR AUSTIN WATER UTILITY, NOT UNIQUE TO AUSTIN AT ALL WITH CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS NEEDS THAT WE HAVE IN THE UTILITY FOR OUR CLEAN WATER PROGRAM AND OTHER AREAS IN OUR UTILITY. AND ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SOME INCREASING CUSTOMER GROWTH IN OUR UTILITY, IT'S BY NO MEANS ENOUGH TO OFFSET THE -- THE CAPITAL PLAN THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. WE EXPECT THAT WE WILL HAVE TO SPEND SOMEWHERE IN THE RANGE OF \$900 MILLION TO FIX SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'VE HAD AND TO MEET THE DEMANDS FOR NEW GROWTH. AND SO WHAT WE WANTED TO SHOW YOU WAS, THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT WE TALKED ABOUT AGAIN WHEN WE BROUGHT THE FORECAST TO YOU WAS, THAT WE ARE GOING TO -- WE EXPECT IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO FUND THEIR SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME RATE INCREASES OUT IN THE FUTURE AND THERE ARE A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT WAYS THAT -- THAT WE COULD GO ABOUT DOING IT. ONE IS THAT WE COULD DEFER A RATE INCREASE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN FISCAL YEAR '06. AND HAVE A FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT RATE INCREASE IN 2007, WHICH ON A COMBINED BASIS WE ESTIMATE WOULD BE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 11 AND 12%. AND IF WE WERE TO DO THAT, WE WOULD COME BACK AGAIN IN FISCAL YEAR 2009 WITH ANOTHER RELATIVELY LARGE COMBINED RATE INCREASE OF AGAIN BETWEEN 11 AND 12%. OR WE COULD -- WE COULD TAKE A -- A -- AN APPROACH MORE LIKE WE DID WITH THE DRAINAGE UTILITY FOR EXAMPLE WHERE WE SET IN PLACE A FIVE YEAR PLAN TO GET THEM UP TO SPEED AND

THE DRAINAGE UTILITY, I WILL REMIND YOU, IS NEXT YEAR, '06, IS THE LAST YEAR OF THAT FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR THEM. SO WE COULD SET THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY ON THAT SAME PLAN WHERE THERE WOULD BE SMALLER RATE INCREASES WHICH WE ESTIMATE, YOU KNOW, DEPENDING ON WHAT YEAR IT WAS, WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS LOOKED LIKE AT THAT POINT WOULD BE SOMEWHERE IN THE 4.2% TO 5.2% RANGE ON A COMBINED BASIS. SO THIS WOULD -- THIS WOULD ALLOW A STEADY SOURCE OF -- OF FUNDING FOR THE UTILITIES OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME. AND WOULD ALLOW RATEPAYERS TO -- TO NOT HAVE THE LARGER RATE INCREASES IMPOSED ON IN ANY ONE YEAR. SO THE POLICY QUESTION THAT -- THAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO YOU IS WHICH OF THESE RATE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS WOULD YOU PREFER THAT WE BRING FORWARD IN THE BUDGET FOR '06? COMMENTS? >>OUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY?

Dunkerly: MAYOR, I WOULD REALLY PREFER TO SEE IT LEVELED OUT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, I THINK THAT'S EASIER TO TAKE THAN THESE BIG HIKE ON ALTERNATE YEARS, THAT WOULD BE MY SUGGESTION.

Alvarez: IN THIS AREA, I KNOW THAT WE HAVE INCREASED OUR RATES, VARIOUS RATES ON OUR UTILITY BILLS, BUT HAVE WED INCREASES IN THE WATER RATE -- BUT HAVE WE HAD INCREASES IN THE WATER RATE OVER THE LAST [INDISCERNIBLE] YEARS.

WE HAVE. OUR LAST -- WE HAVE HAD INCREASES, WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE ANSWER HERE. FROM WHAT OUR LAST RATE INCREASE WAS.

Futrell: REMEMBER, THIS, COUNCILMEMBERS IS TIED TO BETWEEN THE 800 MILLION AND BILLION DOLLARS OF CAPITAL ON BOTH THE WATER AND WATER AND WASTEWATER SIDE. EVERYTHING FROM THE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM TO NEW GROWTH TO WATER TREATMENT, AND ONCE AGAIN NOT UNIQUE TO OTHER WATER UTILITY. BUT A MASSIVE CAPITAL PROGRAM. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

IT'S THE CURRENT YEAR.

Alvarez: AND WHAT WAS THE INCREASE FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR?

FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR WAS OVER 11 PERCENT COMBINED. AND THEN I THINK THERE WAS A 5.2% RATE INCREASE A COUPLE OF YEARS BEFORE THAT.

Alvarez: WHEN YOU SAY COMBINED, THAT MEANS WATER AND WASTEWATER?

WATER AND WASTEWATER, YEAH.

Alvarez: AND THE INCREASES WOULD BE FOR BOTH WATER AND WASTEWATER?

THE NUMBERS PRESENTED HERE TODAY ARE THE COMBINED WATER AND WASTEWATER. AND SOME YEARS -- IT WILL VARY. SOME YEARS WATER WILL BE A LITTLE HIGHER THAN WASTEWATER AND OTHER YEARS THE OTHER WAY AROUND. DEPENDING UPON THE WAY THE CAPITAL PROGRAM IS GOING, WHAT THE EMPHASIS FOR THAT YEAR WOULD BE, BUT IT IS COMBINED.

Alvarez: AND THEN WITH THIS SUBSTANCE TO FUND IS JUST THE O AND M, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM, OR DOES IT ACTUALLY ALSO FUND CAPITAL?

IT FUNDS CAPITAL. IN FACT, IT'S DRIVEN BY CAPITAL. OUR O AND M IS VERY STEADY INCREASES ON THE ORDER OF THE RATE OF INFLATION. OUR NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES HAS BEEN LEVEL FOR MANY YEARS, SO IT'S REALLY DRIVEN BY THE CAPITAL PROGRAM, THE DEBT SERVICE AND THE TRANSFER OF EQUITY FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAM.

Alvarez: SO THIS DOES HELP US -- I GUESS WE HAVE REVENUE BONDS, IS THAT WHAT THIS HELPS TO FUND?

WE ISSUED THE BOND FUNDING FOR THE FINANCING SO IT'S A DEBT SERVICE AND THEN THE EQUITY FUNDING, 20% POLICY OF PAY AS WE GO.

Futrell: THE BILLION DOLLARS OF CAPITAL THAT WE'VE LAID OUT A NUMBER OF TIMES IN FORECAST THAT COVER

EVERYTHING FROM CLEAN WATER PROGRAM TO NEW GROWTH --

TREATMENT CAPACITY.

Futrell: WATER TREATMENT.

Alvarez: THIS WOULD INCLUDE PART OF THE 800 MILLION YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT OR HOW MUCH WOULD THAT --

Futrell: THAT IS WHAT THIS IS, COMBINED WITH THIS YEAR'S RATE INCREASE.

Alvarez: IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED IN REGARD TO THE BOND PROPOSAL POTENTIALLY FOR NEXT YEAR HAVING SOMETHING THERE FOR -- I THINK THAT WAS FOR DRAINAGE.

Futrell: YES. THERE'S NO WATER AND WASTEWATER PROPOSED IN THE UPCOMING BOND PACKAGE.

Alvarez: OKAY. SO THAT WAS A DIFFERENT 800?

Futrell: IT'S FUNNY HOW THAT NUMBER SEEMS TO BE STICKING OUT. THE DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN IS AN 800-MILLION-DOLLAR NUMBER. THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT'S STICKING IN YOUR MIND.

Alvarez: MAYBE THAT'S WHY I WAS THINKING OF COVERING SOME OF THIS THROUGH BONDS. ALL RIGHT. THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?

Futrell: ALL RIGHT. THAT TAKES US TO CLOSED COUNCIL. THE KEY DATES THAT YOU SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR, JULY 28TH IS THE PROPOSED BUDGET. YOU WILL HAVE A WHOLE SERIES OF BUDGET PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS ALL THROUGH AUGUST, AUGUST 4TH, AUGUST 18th, AUGUST 25TH, SEPTEMBER 1st. THEN YOU HAVE THREE SCHEDULED BUDGET APPROVAL READINGS FROM SEPTEMBER 12TH, 13TH AND 14TH, SO THIS IS YOUR TENTATIVE REMAINING BUDGET CALENDAR.

Mayor Wynn: AGAIN, THE PLAN THEN IS TO GET THIS

PRESENTATION AVAILABLE TO -- AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE WEB AND OTHER FORMATS.

MAYOR, THE PRESENTATION IS UP ON THE WEB RIGHT NOW, ON THE CITY WEBSITE UNDER THE BUDGET CATEGORY.

Mayor Wynn: GOOD. BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME IN ADDITION TO HISTORICALLY WHAT WILL BE OUR BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS IN AUGUST, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE COMMUNITY IS MORE AWARE OF THESE EARLY POLICY DECISIONS, THE BETTER.

Futrell: IN ADDITION TO THAT, ALL THE BUDGET QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, THOSE YOU'VE HEARD TODAY AND OTHERS, ARE ALSO PUT UP ON THE WEB PAGE, SO THE PUBLIC CAN FOLLOW THOSE ALSO.

Mayor Wynn: THANK Y'ALL VERY MUCH. GOOD JOB. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE I KNOW WHERE WE ARE. CITY MANAGER, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WHERE WE'RE GOING IS WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THE TAX RATE THE SAME AS IT WAS THIS YEAR AND THEN PRIORITIZE RESTORING THAT WHICH WAS CUT IN TERMS OF HOW WE GO WITH THE -- WHO GETS NEW DOLLARS. AND THEN MOVING TO THE YEAR 2000 PERCENTAGES IN A WAY -- IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE A FEW YEARS, MAYBE THREE YEARS, THIS WOULD MAINTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY AT ITS CURRENT DOLLARS AND PRIORITIZE AND RESTORING WHAT HAS BEEN CUT. IS THAT THE WAY YOU'RE SEEING THIS? >>

FUTRELL: YES. AND PARTICULARLY IN THAT TRANSITION PLAN WE'LL BE PUTTING TOGETHER SOME SCENARIOS FOR YOU TO SEE WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.

McCracken: AND ONE THING I JUST REALIZED THAT I DID NOT NOTICE. I MAY HAVE MISSED IT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS. I DID NOT SEE CODE ENFORCEMENT. WAS THAT IN THERE?

Futrell: IT IS IN THERE, BUT IT'S ON THE ENTERPRISE SIDE. IF YOU REMEMBER, WE HAVE CONSOLIDATED CODE ENFORCEMENT IN SOLID WASTE SERVICES, SO I HAVE BEEN

SHOWING YOU THE GENERAL FUND IMPACT, BUT WE HAVE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IN CODE ENFORCEMENT.

McCracken: THAT IS CLEARLY A NEED IN THE DOWNTURN WITH CUTS, AND OBVIOUSLY THIS WOULD BE IMPORTANT IN THE COMMUNITY.

Alvarez: MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I THINK MAYBE SOME OF THE WAY WE'RE CALLING THINGS, BUT I REMEMBER THE POLICY BUDGET ACTUALLY BEING A DOCUMENT THAT'S ABOUT THAT THICK AND NOT THIS THICK. SO ARE WE GETTING SOMETHING ELSE OR ARE WE NOT GETTING THAT UNTIL JULY? AND MAYBE WE MIGHT CALL HAD THIS SOMETHING DIFFERENT IF IT'S NOT THE SAME DOCUMENT.

NO, THIS IS OUR MORE EFFICIENT VERSION OF THE POLICY BUDGET. COUNCILMEMBER, WHAT WE PRESENTED IN PRIOR YEARS WAS A LIST OF ALL THE SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THAT EACH DEPARTMENT WAS PROVIDING, AND MORE DETAIL ON THOSE, BUT AS WE'VE GONE THROUGH THE DOWNTURN AND WE'RE FOCUSED ON MORE SPECIFIC ISSUES IN EACH DEPARTMENT, WE'VE SHRUNK DOWN THE POLICY BUDGET TO THIS OTHER.

Futrell: BUT THAT'S ALSO INFORMATION THAT'S ALREADY AVAILABLE IN EXISTING BUDGET DOCUMENTS ALSO ON THE WEB.

IT IS. WE HAVE SPENT A LOT OF EFFORT OVER THE YEARS TO BREAKING OUR BUDGET DOWN INTO VERY GRANULAR DETAIL, EACH ACTIVITY AND SERVICE THAT THE DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE. AND THAT LEVEL OF DETAIL IS AVAILABLE NOW ON THE WEBSITE FOR OUR 2005 BUDGET. SO THESE ARE THEN WOULD BE THE CHANGES IN THOSE AREAS THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED TODAY.

Alvarez: I THINK MY POINT WAS WHEN THE CITY MANAGER PRESENTS THE BUDGET TO US OFFICIALLY, THE LAST

MEETING IN JULY --

Futrell: THE 28TH, I BELIEVE.

Alvarez: WE GET A DOCUMENT THAT'S CALLED THE POLICY BUDGET THAT'S ABOUT THIS THICK, AND WE GET -- AND THEN WE GET FOR EACH DEPARTMENT THE MORE DETAILED. AM I REMEMBERING CORRECTLY?

Futrell: YOU WILL GET A DOCUMENT CALLED THE PROPOSED BUDGET AT THAT TIME, AND IT WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT DOCUMENT WITH ALL THE VOLUMES.

Alvarez: I REMEMBER THERE BEING THE POLICY BUDGET THAT'S KIND OF A SUMMARY OF EVERY DEPARTMENT, AND THEN YOU HAVE THE DETAILED. I THINK THAT'S HOW WE'VE DONE IT EVERY YEAR.

COUNCILMEMBER, YOU'RE CORRECT. WHEN WE -- WHEN THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS BROUGHT FORWARD TO YOU ON THE 28TH, THERE WILL BE FOUR OR FIVE DOCUMENTS. AND THE FIRST DOCUMENT YOU WILL GET IS WE LABEL THAT THE POLICY DOCUMENT, WHICH AS YOU SAID IS -- IT'S THE SUMMARY AND THE GENERAL FUND AND THE SUMMARY, THREE AND FOUR PAGE SUMMARY FOR EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS IN THE CITY. YOU CAN SEE IN ONE SECTION AND ALL THE BACKUP DOCUMENTS ARE THE DETAILED ACTIVITY AND PROGRAM ACTIVITY NUMBERS ON THE DEPARTMENTS.

Alvarez: WHAT I'M SAYING IS MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL THIS SOMETHING ELSE BECAUSE I WAS ANTICIPATING TO GET THE WHOLE DETAIL. BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THAT'S -- IF IT HAS A LOT OF DETAIL YOU CAN START READING IT AND START STUDYING UP. I THOUGHT WE WERE WAY AHEAD OF THE GAME.

Futrell: WE COULD CALL IT THE CLIFF NOTES VERSION. WE'LL WORK ON THAT.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS? THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. JOB WELL DONE.

Futrell: THANKS, GUYS.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US TO OUR 4:00 O'CLOCK ZONING HEARINGS AND APPROVAL OF ZONING ORDINANCES AND APPROVAL OF COVENANT. WE'LL WELCOME MS. ALICE GLASGO.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. ALICE GLASGO, DIRECTOR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. AND OUR ZONING CASES FOR TODAY ARE AS FOLLOWS: ON ITEM NUMBER 29, CASE C-14-04-58, YOU'VE HELD THE PUBLIC HEARING. THIS IS THE SAHARA CLUB EXTENSION LOCATED AT NINE HUNDRED BRAKER LANE. LAST WEEK YOU RECEIVED SOME INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION HAD DONE REGARDING THE REVOCATION OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE, AND YOU -- THE AGENT WAS MADE AWARE OF THAT INFORMATION. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE PROBLEM THAT HAD OCCURRED ON THE SITE. AND HE REQUESTED A POSTPONEMENT TO THIS WEEK. THAT AGENT HAS SINCE THEN RESIGNED FROM THIS CASE. WE'VE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE OWNER ASKING THAT YOU POSTPONE THIS CASE FOR SIX MONTHS SIMPLY BECAUSE HE OBVIOUSLY JUST LEARNED THAT HIS AGENT HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE CASE AND HE WANTS TO PURSUE FINDING ANOTHER AGENT. SO THAT'S THE REQUEST, SIX MONTHS WOULD TAKE THIS CASE TO NOVEMBER THE 17TH OF 2005. SO COUNCIL, YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS. YOU CAN OBVIOUSLY DENY THE ZONING -- EITHER GRANT OR DENY THE ZONING OF CS-1 AS REQUESTED PREVIOUSLY AND AS YOU HAD APPROVED ON FIRST AND SECOND READING. OR YOU COULD GRANT THE POSTPONEMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE OWNER TO NOVEMBER THE 17TH.

Mayor Wynn: MISS GLASGO, BEFORE WE GO ON, SO IF I UNDERSTAND THIS CORRECTLY, THEN THE CLUB IS ACTUALLY NOT OPERATING RIGHT NOW? IT'S CLOSED DOWN BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF LICENSE? OR IS IT STILL OPEN?

WELL, THEY JUST CANNOT SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO THE LICENSE THAT HAS BEEN SUSPENDED HAS TO DO WITH SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, NOT OPERATING A

RESTAURANT.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. COUNCIL, WHAT'S YOUR WILL? ACTUALLY, WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND INTRODUCE ITEM NUMBER 30, AND BY THEN WE'LL --

I'LL READ ITEM 32. ITEM 30 IS OUR NEXT CASE, CONSENT CASE UNDER THIS SECTION OF THE AGENDA WHERE YOU'VE ALREADY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING, CASE C-14-04-12.003. THIS WAS PART OF THE BRENTWOOD HIGHLAND COMBINED NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA. AND THIS REZONING WAS INITIATED FOR 6208 BURNS STREET. YOU HAVE ALREADY APPROVED FIRST READING, SO WE'RE HERE TODAY FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING FOR THIS PROPERTY, ZONING IS FROM MULTI-FAMILY 3 NP TO GR-MU-CO-NP, WHICH STANDS FOR COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL MIXED USE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY. AND THIS WAS READY FOR YOUR APPROVAL. I'D LIKE TO NOTE THAT THERE IS A VALID PETITION AGAINST THE CHANGE IN ZONING AT 24 PERCENT, IT'S THEREFORE -- IT THEREFORE REQUIRES SIX VOTES OUT OF SEVEN. AT A MINIMUM. MAYOR, THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION ON THE CASES UNDER THIS SEGMENT OF THE AGENDA.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO. COUNCIL, WHAT'S YOUR WILL ON ITEM NUMBER 29, THE SAHARA CLUB EXTENSION? WE HAVE ESSENTIALLY A REQUEST FOR A SIX-MONTH POSTPONEMENT TO NOVEMBER 17TH, 2005.

AND OANTER IS HERE IN CASE YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE HEARD THE FIRST READING ON THIS? I KNOW IT'S BEEN POSTPONED MULTIPLE TIMES.

THERE'S A LONG REPORT HERE. LET ME SEE WHEN WE'VE HAD FIRST READING. FIRST READING WAS NOVEMBER 18th OF 2004.

Alvarez: NOVEMBER 18th?

NOVEMBER 18th OF '04.

Alvarez: WE'VE HAD SIX MONTHS SINCE FIRST READING AND THEY'RE ASKING FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS ESSENTIALLY. AT SOME POINT HAS THEIR APPLICATION EXPIRED? THERE WAS SOME DURATION OR LIMITATION TO THE APPLICATION.

WHEN YOU APPROVE FIRST READING, THAT'S WHEN THE CLOCK STARTS TICKING. IT'S ALIVE FOR 365 DAYS WITH AN EXTENSION THAT CAN BE DIRECTED ADMINISTRATIVELY BY THE DIRECTOR, AND THEN A SUBSEQUENT POSTPONEMENT CAN BE RENDERED BY COUNCIL SHOULD THE CASE STAY PENDING LONGER THAN THAT TIME FRAME. BUT THIS ONE HAS HAD -- YOUR FIRST READING WAS NOVEMBER 18th, 2004. SECOND READING WAS APRIL SEVENTH, 2005. AND THEN YOU DIRECTED THE PARTIES TO GO NEGOTIATE, SO IT'S YOUR DIRECTIVE FOR THE PARTIES TO KEEP WORKING.

Alvarez: SO THE EXPIRATION PROVISION DOESN'T APPLY TO COUNCIL'S EXTENDING THE LIFE?

YOU'RE BASICALLY DOING THAT WHEN YOU DIRECT THEM TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING.

Alvarez: SO WHAT -- OKAY. SO IF WE WERE TO POSTPONE IT INDEFINITELY, THEN THE PROVISION -- THERE IS NO EXPIRATION, I GUESS?

YOU WOULD BE EXTENDING IT TO THE REQUEST FOR SIX MONTHS, NOVEMBER THE 18th, YOU WOULD BE GRANTING THE EXTENSION TO THAT DATE. IT DOESN'T EXPIRE AS WELL AS YOU DON'T CONCLUDE YOUR ACTION ON IT. IF YOU ARE WILLINGLY POSTPONING IT TO A SPECIFIC TIME AND DATE, YOU ARE THE COUNCIL SUE YOU HAVE THAT PREROGATIVE.

Alvarez: WE DON'T TYPICALLY POSTPONE THAT LONG, IS THAT RIGHT?

YOU'VE DONE THAT IN SOME CASES. FOR EXAMPLE, IF A CASE WAS WITHIN A NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA, YOU'VE ASKED TO POSTPONE IT FOR SIX MONTHS. WHEN PEOPLE ASK FOR AN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT, YOU'VE ASKED THAT WE STICK TO AT LEAST SIX MONTHS SO

PEOPLE KNOW THAT IT'S COMING. BECAUSE WHEN YOU JUST POSTPONE IT INDEFINITELY, THEN IT LINGERS OUT THERE AND IT EITHER FALLS THROUGH THE CRACKS AND NO ONE REALLY KNOWS WHEN IT'S COMING BACK TO YOU FOR CONSIDERATION. SO WE'VE TRIED TO AT LEAST INITIATE A TIME FRAME SO THAT WE CAN BRING IT BACK AND REVISIT THE CASE.

Alvarez: AND THEN WHEN IT COMES BACK, THEN WE DON'T RENOTICE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT BECAUSE IT'S THIRD READING AND THEORETICALLY THE NOTICE WENT OUT IN OCTOBER, BUT WE WOULDN'T RENOTICE SINCE IT'S BEEN SINCE A LONG TIME?

CORRECT. WE DON'T TYPICALLY RENOTIFY FOR A CASE WHERE YOU'VE ALREADY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING IN WHICH YOU HAVE DONE SO IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE. IT'S JUST BACK FOR THIRD READING NOW AND YOU'VE -- IF YOU POSTPONE IT TO A SPECIFIC TIME AND DATE, THEN WE WOULD NOT RENOTIFY. UNLESS YOU DIRECT US TO DO A COURTESY NOTICE TO EVERYBODY ELSE, BUT IT MAKES EVERYBODY THINK THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING WHEN YOU'RE NOT.

Alvarez: OKAY. THAT'S ALL MY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THAT'S INTERESTING. ITEM NUMBER 3, HOWEVER, IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE FIRST READING, I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER WHAT THAT CASE WAS ABOUT. A SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCE IN SOME WAYS. MISS GLASGO, HELP ME THINK THROUGH THIS. SO TECHNICALLY THE ZONING CASE BEFORE US IS FOR THAT ADJACENT SPACE. THIS ISN'T ABOUT THE EXISTING CLUB AND RESTAURANT. SO POSTPONING, DENYING INDEFINITELY WITHDRAWING OR WHATEVER THIS ZONING CASE DOESN'T HAVE AN IMPACT EITHER WAY ON WHAT WE KNOW AS THE SAHARA CLUB, CORRECT?

THE CASE BEFORE YOU IS JUST FOR THE SPACE IN WHICH THEY KNOCKED A WALL AND EXPANDED INTO SPACE THAT WAS NOT ZONED PROPERLY. SO IT WOULD JUST AFFECT THE PORTION THAT IS NOT ZONED FOR PURPOSES OF SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. SO IT'S A LICENSE -- AND

YOUR ZONING DOES NOT EFFECT -- THE REMAINDER OF THE SITE, AS I'M LOOKING AT THE MAP --

Mayor Wynn: IT'S MUCH LARGER THAN WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT NOW, RIGHT? THIS ZONING CASE IS FOR A MUCH SMALLER SPACE EXIERD TO THE OVERALL BUSINESS, IS THAT RIGHT?

THAT'S CORRECT, JUST FOR A SMALLER SPACE COMPARED TO THE OVERALL BUSINESS, IS THAT CORRECT. SO THIS WOULD JUST ADDRESS THAT PORTION THAT WAS ILLEGALLY EXPANDED.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER.

Slusher: JUST TO FOLLOW-UP ON YOUR QUESTION. THE ORIGINAL PART THAT PRECEDES A LEGAL USE PERMIT WAS 1300 SQUARE FEET. HOW MUCH ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE FOR THE ADDITIONAL PART THAT WAS BUILT WITHOUT THE PERMITS AND AFTER PERMITS WERE DENIED?

THIS ONE SEEMS TO SHOW 5800 SQUARE FEET SEATING AREA.

Slusher: SO IT WAS MORE THAN DOUBLED WHEN THEY KNOCKED THROUGH THE WALL WHERE THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE ZONING FOR THAT KIND OF USE.

CORRECT. IT WOULD BE LARGER THAN WHAT WAS THERE PREVIOUSLY FROM THE AJANING SPACE.

Slusher: THE ADJOINING SPACE IS 1500 FEET?

THAT SOUNDS CORRECT.

Slusher: AND THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US HERE TODAY, NOT THE PART THAT GOT THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT?

THAT'S CORRECT. THAT PART WAS ALREADY DONE. THIS WAS JUST THE ADDITIONAL SPACE THAT DOES NOT HAVE THE PROPER ZONING.

Slusher: OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS.

Thomas: I DON'T KNOW IF SIX MONTHS IS GOING TO REALLY -- WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS CASE FOR A GOOD WHILE. EVEN THE NEIGHBORS HAVE CONCERNS THAT THE TRAFFIC HAS INCREASED AND ALSO OTHER TENANTS IN THIS PARTICULAR BUSINESS PARK HAS BEEN COMPLAINING BECAUSE IT'S AFFECTING THEIR BUSINESSES. SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT SIX MONTHS WOULD DO, PROLONGING IT SIX MONTHS. I THINK THE NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN VERY LENIENT IN TRYING TO WORK WITH MR. GREEN AND I'VE BEEN VERY SYMPATHETIC TOO, BUT IT TROUBLES ME A LITTLE BIT THAT THERE'S THE VIOLATION FROM TABC, THAT BOTHERS ME A LITTLE BIT. SO I'M GOING TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE JUST DENY THIS ZONING AT THIS TIME.

Slusher: SECOND.

Thomas: AND WORK ON SOMETHING ELSE MAYBE IN THAT PARTICULAR LOCATION.

Slusher: MAYOR, I WOULD ADD THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE STAFF AND THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mayor Wynn: SO MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER TO DENY THE ZONING CASE 59. FURTHER COMMENTS? -- ZONING CASE 29. FURTHER COMMENTS? MAYOR PRO TEM.

Goodman: I'LL JUST SAY THAT I THINK THE APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE TAKEN MY ADVICE LAST TIME AND WITHDRAWN THE CASE BECAUSE THERE'S SO MUCH BAGGAGE NOW WITH THIS, AND IT CAME DANGEROUSLY CLOSE ON FIRST READING TO HAVE ZONED ON THE BASIS OF THE PERSON WHO WAS GOING TO BE THE MANAGEMENT. SINCE THEN THAT SURETY AND CONFIDENCE HAS BEEN ERODED, SO THIS CASE I THINK NEEDS TO GO TO BED. AND IF THERE'S A PROPOSAL ON THE FUTURE USE TO START CLEAN AND FRESH AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD STILL WITH THEIR CONCERNS WOULD BE MUCH BETTER SERVED BY A

NEW BEGINNING.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO DENY CASE NUMBER 29. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION TO DENY PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

MAYOR, ITEM 30 STILL NEEDS A MOTION. ITEM 30 WE'RE OFFERING AS A CONSENT ITEM. CONSENT TO APPROVE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF THE ZONING TO GR-MU-CO-NP.

Mayor Wynn: MS. GLASGO, JUST FOR MY SAKE. IT'S BEEN OVER SIX MONTHS SINCE WE'VE HEARD THIS CASE, I BELIEVE, ON FIRST READING. REMIND ME THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND STAFF RECOMMENDATION? I NOTICE THERE'S A VALID PETITION, YET WE PASSED THIS ON A UNANIMOUS VOTE FIRST READING.

CORRECT. THIS IS A CASE WHERE THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS THE PROPERTIES THAT WERE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY 3 WERE UPZONED THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS, RECOMMENDED TO BE UPZONED TO MULTI-FAMILY 3 FOR CONSISTENCY. AND THEN DURING THAT PROCESS THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR THIS TRACT SPOKE TO COUNCIL AND WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE COUNCIL TO ZONE IT DIFFERENTLY, AT LEAST TO ADJOIN THE TRACTS DIFFERENTLY TO THE TRACTS, WHICH THEN LED TO THIS CASE, THE APPLICANT ASKING THE SAME THING, SO YOU -- YOUR ACTION DICTATED THE CHANGE IN ZONING, SO THAT'S WHY THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS OPPOSED STILL TO THE CHANGE TO COMMERCIAL BECAUSE THEIR INITIAL RECOMMENDATION WAS TO KEEP IT ALL MULTI-FAMILY TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE TRACT.

Mayor Wynn: AGAIN, THE ORIGINAL ZAP OR PLANNING

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION?

THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION WAS FOR MULTI-FAMILY.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, COUNCIL? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 30 FOR SECOND -- STAFF IS READY FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING.

YES, FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: (INDISCERNIBLE).

COUNCILMEMBER, DO YOU WANT THE ZONING MAP OR THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP?

Alvarez: PROBABLY WHATEVER APPLIES TO WHAT WE'RE DOING, WHATEVER SHOWS THE EXISTING ZONING AND WHAT WE'RE CHANGING TO.

OKAY. IF YOU CAN SEE, IT WAS PARALLEL TO NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD NORTH OF DENNISON. SEE THIS TRACT TO THE NORTH YOU HAVE GO-MU-NP. THIS WAS THE TRACT ZONED INCONSISTENT TO WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDED. AND THEN THAT TRIGGERED CONSISTENT REQUEST OF THE SUBJECT TRACT. WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM HAD CONSIDERED INITIALLY LOOKING AT THE ENTIRE AREA IS THEY LOOKED AT THE PROPERTIES TO THE SOUTH TO BE ALL MULTI-FAMILY AND THE THREE NP AND MULTI-FAMILY 4 NP TO THE NORTH. THAT WAS THEIR VISION. HENCE THEIR CONTINUED LACK OF SUPPORT FOR THE UPZONING. SO THAT'S WHAT THE MAP LOOKS LIKE ON THE ZONING THAT YOU IMPLEMENTED.

BUT THIS IS THE CASE WHERE THE --

Alvarez: THIS IS THE CASE WHERE THERE'S AN EXISTING BUSINESS THAT OWNS THOSE TWO LONG LOTS THAT REACH ALL THE WAY TO BURNS STREET?

THAT'S CORRECT.

Alvarez: SO IF YOU'RE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ZONED FOR MF-3, THE COUNCIL ACTUALLY ZONED IT FOR COMMERCIAL MIXED USE, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN?

JUST THE REAR TRACT. THE TRACTS TO THE FRONT ARE OBVIOUSLY STILL ZONED CS-MU. THE TRACTS TO THE REAR, AT LEAST THIS ONE, DOES NOT HAVE ANY DEVELOPMENT. I WAS GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE AREA. IT'S NOT DEVELOPED. AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN TEAM, CONTACT TEAM, RECOMMENDED MULTI-FAMILY 3 FOR THOSE PROPERTIES.

Alvarez: I REMEMBER ORIGINALLY UNDER THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN RECOMMENDATION IT WAS MF-3. THE COUNCIL THROUGH THIS NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING INPUT APPROVAL PROCESS DIRECTED STAFF TO INITIATE A COMMERCIAL MIXED USE ZONING FOR THAT TRACT BUT WHEN IT CAME BACK, WE LOOKED AT IT I GUESS MORE CLOSELY AND THEN THE COUNCIL DECIDED THAT IT SHOULDN'T BE COMMERCIAL MIXED USE, IT SHOULD BE MULTI-FAMILY? IS THAT HOW WE GOT TO THIS POINT?

YOU STILL DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND KEEP THE COMMERCIAL ZONING WITH FOUR CONDITIONS. I THINK WHAT YOU REALIZED AT THAT POINT WHEN WE CAME BACK THE SECOND TIME AROUND IS GIVE THEM THE ENORMITY -- TO GIVE THEM CREDIT TO WHAT YOU DO, YOU SEE A LOT OF CASES, GIVEN JUST THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT YOU'VE COVERED AT THAT MEETING THAT ARE AS INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS CAME TO PROTEST, THE NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS DID NOT SPEAK UP. THAT WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS. THEY DID NOT REALIZE THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE A DISCUSSION ITEM, THAT IT WAS GOING TO GO ON CONSENT. BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T HERE TO OPPOSE IT, IT MOVED FORWARD AT THE REQUEST OF THE AGENT.

Alvarez: I SEE. SO WHAT I'M RECALLING IS THE DISCUSSION ON FIRST READING, WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE A

LONG TIME AGO.

IT DID. IT HAS. AT LEAST OVER A YEAR AGO. IT'S BEEN AWHILE.

I'LL JUST HIGHLIGHT THE CONDITIONS YOU APPROVED TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE CONCERNS THAT THE RESIDENTS RAISED. NUMBER ONE YOU PROHIBITED A VARIETY OF USES WHICH WOULD OBVIOUSLY DETER THE KIND OF TRAFFIC THAT MIGHT GO THERE. NUMBER TWO, YOU ADDED A CONDITION WHEN THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY CONCERNS, THE VEHICLE ACCESS TO BURNS STREET WOULD BE LIMITED TO EMERGENCY SINGLE ACCESS DRIVEWAY FOR FIRE, E.M.S. AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES ONLY. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS GOING TO COME UP WITH AN ARRANGEMENT OF HOW IT WAS TO OCCUR AND THEIR CONCURRENCE. AND THAT WOULD BE -- AND ACCESS WOULD BE SOUGHT WITH THE ADJOINING PROPERTY TO THE NORTH. AND CERTAINLY WHEN REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY OCCURS, A FIVE-FOOT BERM WOULD BE INSTALLED BELOW THE EASTERN PROPERTY LINE OF THE PROPERTY BEING REZONED AND ABUTTING THE PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE SAME OWNER. AND A SOLID FENCE WOULD BE INSTALLED FIVE FEET WEST AND PARALLEL TO BURNS STREET. SO THIS THOSE WERE THE CONDITIONS THAT YOU ADDED TO HELP ALLEVIATE THOSE CONCERNS.

Alvarez: THAT'S WHY IT'S TAKEN AWHILE TO GET HERE TRYING TO GET THOSE CONDITIONS HAMMERED OUT?

EXACTLY.

Alvarez: THROUGH CBZ OF ZONING OR THROUGH RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS?

CONDITIONAL OVERLAY.

Alvarez: OR BOTH?

YES. AND I'D LIKE TO STRESS THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS STILL OPPOSED. YOU STILL HAVE THE VALID PETITION WHILE YOU ADDED THESE ELEMENTS. THEY STILL PREFER TO HAVE

THEM ALL MULTI-FAMILY REZONING.

Alvarez: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?
COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME, MS. GLASGO. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF BRINGING TWO PROPERTIES BACK FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SAME TIME. WAS THERE A SECOND PROPERTY THAT GOT ZONED TO GR IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN OR IS THAT THIS ONE?

THIS IS IT? YOUR RECOLLECTIONS ARE PRETTY GOOD. THE PROPERTY TO THE NORTH WAS ONE THAT WAS ZONED GR-CO-NP.

Dunkerley: WHAT NOW?

GR-MU, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. AND THE TRACT TO THE SOUTH IS THE ONE YOU DIRECTED US TO COME BACK AND MATCH THE ZONING TO THE ONE TO THE NORTH. SO THIS ADDRESSES WHAT YOU JUST RAISED.

McCracken: I'M SORRY, I MISSED THIS. DID YOU SAY THIS DOES NOT HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD APPROVAL?

NO, IT DOES NOT. THEY DO NOT SUPPORT THE CHANGE IN ZONING.

McCracken: YEAH. I REMEMBER AT THE TIME THAT I DID NOT SUPPORT THE -- THIS PROPOSAL, AND MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT THIS WAS SUGGESTED AS A POSSIBLE AVENUE OF COMPROMISE, BUT DEFINITELY NOT SOMETHING THAT WAS DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING WE WERE BEHIND. I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD BEFORE WE ACT ON THIS.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT HERE TODAY. THEY DID NOT COME BECAUSE YOU'VE CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THEY JUST WANTED US TO NOTE THAT THEY'RE STILL OPPOSED TO IT.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS A DESIRE THAT THE TRACT THAT'S BEFORE YOU WOULD IDEALLY BE, I GUESS, DENIED, AND THEN STAFF BE DIRECTED TO REZONE THE PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY TO THE NORTH, WHICH IS GR-MU-CO-NP, TO BE REZONED TO MULTI-FAMILY. AND THEN STAFF WOULD BE FURTHER DIRECTED TO INITIATE A PLANNED AMENDMENT ON BOTH TRACTS OF LAND TO REFLECT MULTI-FAMILY, WHICH THEY HAD ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD RECOMMENDED WHEN THIS CAME BEFORE YOU DURING THE PLANNING COMMISSIONING PROCESS. THE PROPERTY OWNER WOULD STILL LIKE THIS PROPERTY TO BE ZONED GR-MU-CO-NP AND WOULD OFFER ONE THING THAT WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE POSSIBLY IN FUTURE, WHICH IS TO LIMIT ALL SCREAS TO BURNS STREET - - ACCESS TO BURNS STREET TO ONLY EMERGENCY ACCESS AND EMERGENCY ACCESS WOULD BE ONLY TO A SINGLE DRIVE. AND THAT'S WHAT THE APPLICANT BRINGS TO THE TABLE. AND THAT'S ACTUALLY -- PART OF THE REASON WHY THIS TOOK A LITTLE TIME TO BRING IT BACK TO YOU IS BECAUSE THE ZONING CASE BEFORE YOU IS ONLY DEALING WITH HALF THEIR PROPERTY AND WHAT THE OWNER HAS AGREED TO DO IS RESTRICT THE EXISTING PROPERTY AND THIS PROPERTY TODAY WITH THAT ACCESS RESTRICTION AND LANDSCAPING. AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD STILL OPPOSES THAT, BUT THEY DO LIKE THE IDEA OF ONLY HAVING EMERGENCY ACCESS OR NO ACCESS ON TO BURNS.

McCracken: MAYOR, THIS IS NOT WHAT I RECALL. WHAT THIS PROPOSAL BASICALLY WAS WAS TO TAKE A RESIDENTIAL STREET AND OPEN UP A COMMERCIAL DRIVEWAY ON TO A COMMERCIAL STREET, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE A CHANGE FROM THE RECOMMENDED LAND USE, WHICH WOULD BE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND INSTEAD TURN THIS INTO A COMMERCIAL DRIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD. AND I DIDN'T THINK THAT THAT WAS AT THE TIME THE RIGHT USE FOR IT. I FULLY SUPPORTED EVERYBODY WORKING TOGETHER TO TRY TO REACH SOME COMMON GROUND. AT THE TIME WE DON'T HAVE THAT AND WE ALSO HAVE A CHANGE IN THE PROPOSAL AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ALSO IS NOT HERE. SO MY PREFERENCE IS EITHER THAT WE DENY IT OR WE POSTPONE IT AND HEAR FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE THE CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED

SINCE THE LAST TIME THIS WAS BROUGHT BEFORE US AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S NOT HERE.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: THE NEIGHBORHOOD, IF BOTH OF THESE PROPERTIES WERE ZONED MF-4, THERE WOULD BE ACCESS, TRAFFIC ON TO THE STREETS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TRAFFIC COUNT WOULD BE OR THE TRIP ESTIMATES WOULD BE, BUT THIS WAS REPRESENTED TO THEM WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE NO TRAFFIC FROM THE -- WITH THE PROPOSAL FROM THE LANDOWNERS VERSUS X NUMBER OF TRIPS FROM THE MULTI-FAMILY?

YES. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS A CONCERN ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL ACCESS.

Dunkerley: NOT TRIPS?

THE TRIPS WOULD BE THE TRUCK TRAFFIC THAT COULD BE POTENTIALLY LEAVING THE PROPERTY, AND THAT'S WHY THE APPLICANT AGREED TO ACCESS ONLY TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM BURNS STREET. AS MENTIONED EARLIER, IT IS CORRECT THAT THE APPLICANT OR THE PROPERTY OWNER BROUGHT FORWARD SEVERAL DIFFERENT DESIGNS FOR THEM TO TRY TO WORK WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD, SO THIS SUGGESTS OPTIONS IN THE END THOSE FAILED, WE CAME BACK AT SECOND READING, AND THEN -- WE CAME BACK AT A LATER DATE AND THEN THE OWNER CONSIDERED OFFERING AND WHAT COUNCIL APPROVED ON FIRST READING WAS TO PERMIT ACCESS -- RESTRICT ACCESS EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY ACCESS ONLY TO BURNS STREET, BUT TO BASICALLY KEEP THE COMMERCIAL ZONING.

Dunkerley: WE'VE TALKED TO THE NEIGHBORS THERE AND SOME OF THEM ARE A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED ABOUT LOSING THE TRAFFIC -- LOSING THAT PROHIBITION AGAINST THE TRAFFIC FROM THAT SITE. SO MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO POSTPONE IT A WEEK AND SEE IF WE COULD GET A NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVE HERE.

OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: SO THE RESTRICTION OR THE CONDITION ON ACCESS TO BURNS STREET YOU SAID WAS FOR EMERGENCY?

IT WOULD BE LIMITED TO EMERGENCY SERVICE, E.M.S. -- E.M.S., POLICE, FIRE.

Alvarez: COMING IN TO THE PROPERTY VIA BURNS STREET?

THAT'S CORRECT. >>

ALVAREZ: SO NOT COMMERCIAL ACCESS.

IT WOULD NOT ALLOW COMMERCIAL ACCESS, CUSTOMERS, EMPLOYEES TO ENTER OR EXIT OFF OF BURNS STREET.

Alvarez: WE DISCUSSED THERE WOULD BE A LIMITATION ON ACCESS AND I ASSUME THAT'S WHY IT WAS A 7-0 VOTE ON FIRST READING. IT'S SORT OF A COMPLEX HISTORY OF THIS CASE AND MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST DO SECOND READING AND IF FOLKS MAYBE WANT TO HEAR FROM THE NEIGHBORS, BUT I THINK -- THEY'VE BEEN PRETTY CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED TO ANY CHANGE HERE AND APPARENTLY ARE STILL OPPOSED TO EVEN THIS PROPOSAL WITH THE CONDITIONS ON THE ACCESS.

THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. THE NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR ACTUALLY E-MAILED ME TODAY AND THEN REALIZED THAT IT WAS ON TODAY, ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA WHEN IT WAS POSTPONED, BUT EITHER WAY IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY'RE STILL OPPOSED. AND ALSO THE PETITION IS STILL VALID AND STANDS TODAY. THE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE IS HERE, MR. BENNETT, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH HIM.

WAS THERE A VALID PETITION ON THIS ON FIRST READING AS WELL?

THAT'S CORRECT.

Alvarez: I SUGGEST WE DO THAT, SECOND READING, BRING IT

BACK IN TWO WEEKS.

I CAN EXPRESSLY INVITE -- I'LL EXPRESSLY INVITE THE NEIGHBORHOOD PEOPLE TO ASK IF THEY CAN BE IN ATTENDANCE WHEN WE BRING THIS BACK.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ AND I'LL SECOND TO APPROVE CASE NUMBER 30 ON SECOND READING ONLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO COME BACK WITH SOME EXPANDED NOTICE JUNE NINTH, 2005. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON SECOND READING ONLY ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

OKAY. NOW WE CONTINUE WITH THOSE ITEMS THAT ARE POSTED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM NUMBER Z-1, CASE C-14-04-30 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1405 AND 1415 EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE. THE EXISTING ZONING IS LO AND SF-3. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE STAFF IS REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO SEPTEMBER THE FIRST SO THAT THIS CASE CAN BE HEARD WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. Z-2 IS GOING TO BE A DISCUSSION ITEM. Z-3 IS DISCUSSION. ON Z-4, WE HAVE A REQUEST TO POSTPONE THE CASE LOCATED AT 1815 WATERSON AVENUE TO JUNE THE 23rd. THIS IS THE FIRST REQUEST FROM THIS GROUP. JIM BENNETT REPRESENTS THE OWNER AND WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST. Z-5 AND Z-6 RELATED TO THE GABLES CASES AND STAFF WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A POSTPONEMENT UNTIL JUNE THE NINTH TO ALLOW THE PARTIES TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING.

Mayor Wynn: MS. GLASGO, YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON Z-1?

TO POSTPONE TO SEPTEMBER THE FIRST OF 2005.

Mayor Wynn: SO COUNCIL, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF DISCUSSION ITEMS, COUPLE OF POSTPONEMENT REQUESTS. MR. BENNETT, ON ITEM Z-4, WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT HIS CASE FOR A REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT,

ALTHOUGH THIS IS HIS FIRST. WELCOME, MR. BENNETT.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, I'M JIM BENNETT, HERE TONIGHT ON BEHALF OF THE ZONING CHANGE. WE'RE AWARE OF COUNCIL'S POLICY ON POSTPONEMENTS AND WE'RE NOT OBJECTING TO THAT POSTPONEMENT. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE 23rd AND WOULD REQUEST THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER JUNE 29TH POSTPONEMENT INSTEAD OF THE 23rd.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. BENNETT.

COUNCILMEMBERS, THE OTHER AGENT WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU TO ADDRESS THIS.

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH.

I'M FROM CLARKSVILLE, BUT AM NOT ON THE BOARD OF THE CCDC, HOWEVER, THE CCDC DID REQUEST THIS POSTPONEMENT. THE CASE JUST CAME OUT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON TUESDAY. TWO OF OUR SPEAKERS FROM THE BOARD OF THE CCDC WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO SPEAK. ONE OF THEM IS IN THE HOSPITAL AND THE OTHER IS OUT OF TOWN. WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THIS AND WE HAVE SPOKEN TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION, HAVE BEEN TWICE BEFORE THE PRK AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU HERE, WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE REQUESTED THE POSTPONEMENT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, SO WE HAVE CONFLICTING OPINIONS AS TO HOW LONG THE POSTPONEMENT REQUEST SHOULD BE GRANTED FOR Z-4. RECOMMENDATIONS? COMMENTS?

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

I GUESS THEY AGREE.

Mayor Wynn: SO MY CALENDAR HERE SHOWS US NOT MEETING ON THE 16TH, SO THE NINTH AND 23rd ARE THE ONLY MEETINGS IN JUNE. MAYOR PRO TEM?

Goodman: EXCUSE ME, I MISSED IF THERE WAS A COMPELLING REASON FOR JUNE 23rd?

Mayor Wynn: TWO OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE CDCC APPARENTLY LIKELY CANNOT ATTEND THE NINTH ONE BECAUSE OF TRAVEL, ONE BECAUSE OF ILLNESS APPARENTLY.

Goodman: OKAY. WELL, JUNE NINTH IS THE LAST MEETING OF THE OLD COUNCIL THAT HAVE SORT OF GONE ALONG WITH THIS CASE. JUNE 23rd WILL BE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW COUNCIL, SO TAKE YOUR CHANCES. [LAUGHTER]

Mayor Wynn: AND OF COURSE, COUNCIL COULD ALWAYS POSTPONE AN ITEM, SO IF IT COMES UP ON THE NINTH AND FOR WHATEVER REASON SOME FOLKS CAN'T ATTEND, WE COULD ALWAYS TAKE ACTION TO POST TONE IT THE EXTRA TWO WEEKS. COUNCIL, THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ON THESE ZONING CASES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, SOME OF THEM, TO POSTPONE Z-1 TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 2005, POSTPONE Z-4 TO JUNE 9TH, 2005, AS WELL AS Z-5 AND Z-6. SO TECHNICALLY WE'RE NOT CLOSING ANY PUBLIC HEARINGS, WE'RE JUST POSTPONING FOUR CASES. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. THOSE FOUR POSTPONEMENTS. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: SO WHAT DID WE DECIDE ON FOUR? WAS IT THE 23rd OR THE NINTH?

Mayor Wynn: I WENT AHEAD AND SUGGESTED JUNE 9TH. AND THAT WAY -- I MEAN, IF THIS COUNCIL WANTS TO HEAR THE CASE, IT WILL HAVE THE OPTION, BUT THEN BASED ON WHETHER FOLKS ARE AVAILABLE OR NOT, THIS COUNCIL CAN ALWAYS INDEPENDENTLY POSTPONE IT TWO MORE WEEKS ON THE 23rd.

Alvarez: BUT IF IT SEEMS LIKE THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL COME BACK ON THE NINTH AND SAY WE WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THE 23rd, SO IT'S -- IF WE KNOW THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO SUGGEST -- I'D BE MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THE

23rd, BUT IT'S REALLY OPEN TO WHAT OTHERS THINK. IN TERMS OF HAVING ACCESS TO ALL THE PARTIES TO COME BACK, IT SEEMS LIKE THERE MIGHT BE A LIKELIHOOD OF POSTPONEMENT.

Slusher: I JUST THINK, MAYOR, THAT'S FINE WITH ME. [LAUGHTER]

Mayor Wynn: JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE, COUNCILMEMBER.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE'RE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COUNCIL ON WHATEVER YOU THINK WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, SPEAKING FROM THE CCDC.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WE RECOGNIZE THAT.

Goodman: MAYOR? LET ME SAY THAT IF EVERYBODY IS STILL SICK OR TRAVELLING ON LIKE THE WEEK OF JUNE NINTH, AND YOU KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THEY WILL BE, THEN WE WILL POSTPONE THAT WITHOUT EXPECTING ANYBODY TO SHOW UP. WE JUST NEED TO GET YOUR WORD. COMMUNICATION.

Mayor Wynn: SO MAYOR PRO TEM, YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO POTENTIALLY HEAR THE CASE ON JUNE NINTH?

Goodman: WELL, I LIKE THIS HOUSE AND I'D LIKE TO VOTE ON IT.

Mayor Wynn: SO --

McCracken: JUNE 9TH.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ INCLUDING THOSE POSTPONEMENTS, TO JUNE NINTH, 2005. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: I JUST WANT TO SAY THE POLICY IS TO POSTPONE ITEM Z-5 AND Z-6, THE GABLES OF WESTLAKE, AND IT'S BEING POSTPONED IN PART BECAUSE I THINK IT'S

ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING EFFORTS THAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO SEE IN MY TWO YEARS HERE OF FOLKS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND GABLES AND EVERYBODY'S REPRESENTATIVE, SPENT A WEEK MEDIATING THIS. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THEY'RE VERY CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT THAT IS SOMETHING TO BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. BUT IT'S ALSO AN OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF GOODWILL AND DETERMINATION BY THE DAVENPORT RANCH AND THE GABLES NEIGHBORHOOD, SO I THINK THEY BOTH DESERVE A TON OF CREDIT FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE AND I WANT TO COMMEND THEM.

Slusher: MAYOR? WHO IS REQUESTING THE POSTPONEMENT? JUST FOR THE RECORD ON Z-5 AND 6?

STAFF. YOU HAVE TWO PARTIES THAT WERE ASKED TO GO NEGOTIATE, SO WE FIGURED STAFF WILL TAKE THE POSTPONEMENT REQUEST. IT WAS HARD TO FIGURE OUT WHICH PARTY TO APPLY IT TO, SO THAT'S WHY STAFF IS OFFERING THE POSTPONEMENT.

Slusher: OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, WE WE HAVE A MOTION ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THESE FOUR POSTPONEMENTS. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO. COUNCIL, I'M LED TO BELIEVE THAT ITEM Z-2 MIGHT BE A LENGTHIER DISCUSSION THAN ITEM Z-3. LET ME CHECK MY SIGN-IN.

MAYOR, I'M TOLD IF THE SIGN-IN WAS CORRECT, THAT THERE ARE TWO SPEAKERS FOR Z-2. I KNOW THE AGENT IS HERE AND I NO THAT SUSANA ALMANZA IS HERE. THOSE ARE THE TWO SPEAKERS. AND I BELIEVE -- IS THAT CORRECT, MS. ALAN IS A AND THE AGENT -- ALMANZA AND THE AGENT. AND THEN ON Z-3 YOU HAVE SIX SPEAKERS.

Alvarez: MAYOR, I SUSPECT MY QUESTIONS ON THIS WILL BE

MORE 10 MINUTES BEFORE WE EVEN GET TO SPEAKERS,
BUT WHATEVER IS YOUR PLEASURE.

Mayor Wynn: BASED ON THAT, LET'S TAKE UP ITEM Z-3. --
COUNCIL, WE HAVE 10 OR 12 MINUTES BEFORE THE 5:30
BREAK WITH SIX REGISTERED SPEAKERS ON Z-3. OF
COURSE, INCLUDING AN APPLICANT PRESENTATION. THAT'S
20 SOME-ODD MINUTES.

HE VOTES FOR BREAK DOWN HIRE.

Mayor Wynn: AGREED. THERE BEING ONLY 10 MINUTES PRIOR
TO THE 5:30 BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS,
AT THIS TIME WE'LL RECESS THE MEETING OF THE AUSTIN
CITY COUNCIL, WE'LL COME BACK AND TAKE UP ITEM Z-3
AND Z-2 IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR BREAK. WE ARE NOW IN
RECESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

USIC MUSIC (music) HONKY TONK BLUES.

IS THAT GOOD? THANK YOU.

SOUND CHECK OR WHAT? OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: WELL, JOINING US TODAY FOR OUR 5:30 WEEKLY
LIVE MUSIC GIG IS KENNETH BRYAN POSING AS HANK
WILLIAMS. KENNETH HAS BEEN CALLED THE PAST, THE
PRESENT AND THE FUTURE OF COUNTRY MUSIC. HIS UNIQUE
STYLE BLEND HONKY TONK, WESTERN SWING, ROCKABILLY
TO PERFORM A SOUND GUIDED BY TRADITION AND RAW
EMOTION. HE'S CURRENTLY STARRING IN HANK WILLIAMS,
THE LOST HIGHWAY AT THE ZACHARY SCOTT THEATER,
JOINED TODAY BY HIS MUSICAL CAST. PLEASE JOIN ME AND
WELCOMING KENNETH BRYAN. [APPLAUSE] [(music) MUSIC
PLAYING (music)(music)] (music) GOODBYE JOE, WE GOTTA
GO, DOWN THE BOYUO, ME ON MY-OH, SON OF A GUN WE'LL
HAVE BIG FUN ON THE BAYOU. (music)(music) TONIGHT WE'RE
GOING TO SEE MY CHERE, PICKING ... [(music) SINGING
(music)(music)] [(music) SINGING (music)(music)] MUSIC MUSIC
[(music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music)] [(music) SINGING
(music)(music)] [(music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music)]

Mayor Wynn: SO HANK, I MEAN KENNETH, HOW MUCH LONGER

DOES IT RUN AT ZACH SCOTT, WHERE ELSE CAN WE SEE YOU.

LOST TIME WILL BE RUNNING UP UNTIL I BELIEVE JUNE 19th. THERE'S A LITTLE RUMOR IT WILL BE EXTENDED, SO PRETTY GOOD RUMOR. BUT WE ARE RUNNING THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY. EVERY DAY AT THE THEATER THERE. AND IT'S -- IT'S BEEN A REALLY GOOD SHOW. WE HAD A GREAT TIME DOING IT. AND I THINK THAT PEOPLE OF AUSTIN REALLY, YOU KNOW, REALLY ENJOYED IT, REALLY ENJOY IT.

SO THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, WHAT TIME ARE THE SHOWS?

STARTS AT 8:00 ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AND THEN WE HAVE A MATINEE SHOW ON SUNDAY. STARTS AT 2:30. AND WE WILL BE PLAYING AROUND TOWN AT THE DON'T THENENTAL, EGOS TONIGHT ACTUALLY AFTER THIS SHOW, ANOTHER SHOW AND ANOTHER SHOW. FOUR SHOWS A DAY WE'RE DOING. I JUST GOT OFF A PLANE ABOUT 40 MINUTES AGO. SO -- BUSY MAN. BUT WE ARE PLAYING AROUND TOWN QUITE A BIT AS WELL.

THAT'S GREAT. OKAY. BEFORE YOU GET AWAY, WE HAVE AN OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION THAT READS: BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS THE LOCAL MUSIC COMMUNITY MAKES MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTIN'S SOCIA, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL DIVERSITY, WHEREAS THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF ARTISTS FURTHER AUSTIN'S STATUS AS ITHE LIVE MUSIC CAPITOL OF THE WORLD, I WILL WYNN THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS DO HEREBY PROCLAIM TODAY AS CONTEND NEATH BRYAN DAY IN AUSTIN, KENNETH BRIAN DAY IN AUSTIN, CALL ON ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING THIS GREAT TALENT.

THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: CONTINUING WITH OUR MUSIC THEME, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME OFFICIALS FROM SAMSUNG AUSTIN HERE IN THE ROOM, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THEM TO COME JOIN US, PLEASE. I SEE DR. H.K. PARK, KIM, BILL CRIER, THE CITY

MANAGER IS GOING TO JOIN ME ON THIS PRESENTATION.
IT'S A OPERATION AND A GIFT. DR. PARK, HOW ARE YOU?
WELCOME. THIS IS A OPERATION AND A GIFT. WE ARE -- A
PROCLAMATION AND A GIFT SAYING THANK YOU TO AUSTIN'S
SAMSUNG SEMICONDUCTOR. THIS IS A PROCLAMATION
ORIGINAL, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IT BRIEFLY, TO AUSTIN
SAMSUNG DATED 2005. WHEREAS AUSTIN SAMSUNG
SEMICONDUCTOR IS CONSIDERED ONE OF AUSTIN'S FINEST
CORPORATE PARTNERS AND MOST RESPECTED
EMPLOYERS, HAS THRIVED IN AUSTIN FOR NEARLY A
DECADE, WHEREAS AUSTIN SAMSUNG SEMICONDUCTOR IS
COMPLETING A THREE-YEAR, \$500 MILLION EXPANSION OF
EXISTING AUSTIN OPERATIONS TO UPGRADE NANO SCALE
SEMICONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGY, IT IS LOCATED IN THE LIVE
MUSIC CAPITOL OF THE WORLD, WHEREAS THIS GUITAR
REPRESENTS THE UNIQUE CULTURAL COMPONENTS THAT
DEFINES AUSTIN. WHEREAS WE HAVE TRULY MADE GREAT
MUSIC TOGETHER IN AUSTIN SINCE 1996, THEREFORE WE
WANT TO THANK DR. H.K. PARK AND SAMSUNG FOR ALL OF
THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUSTIN, TOBY IS GOING TO
OPEN UP THIS GORGEOUS 50-YEAR-OLD -- ONE MORE
LATCH. ORIGINAL CRAFTED GUITAR. WE WILL PRESENT TO
SAMSUNG. FOLKS, PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING A
SPECTACULAR AUSTIN CORPORATE CITIZEN, SAMSUNG. [
APPLAUSE]

IT'S BEAUTIFUL. YES, YES.

MR. MAYOR, ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN HERE, WE REALLY LOVE
TO BE HERE. AND WE TRY VERY HARD TO BE A GOOD
CORPORATE CITIZEN. I'M REALLY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT WE
ARE MAKING A SMALL CONTRIBUTION TO THE AUSTIN
COMMUNITY. WE LOVE AUSTIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [
APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: I BELIEVE MR. HARELIK IS GOING TO JOIN ME
HERE FOR THIS NEXT PROCLAMATION. OUR FIRST FORMAL
PROCLAMATION IS CANCER SURVIVORS DAY. I'M JOINED BY
LEIBEL HARELIK. BE IT KNOWN WHEREAS CANCER
SURVIVORS INCLUDE ANYONE LIVING WITH A HISTORY OF
CANCER, THERE ARE NEARLY 366,000 CANCER SURVIVORS
IN AUSTIN AND WHEREAS SINCE MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION
NEW CANCER CASES WILL BE DIAGNOSED IN THE U.S. THIS

YEAR, INCREASED ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE, SCREENING AND PREVENTION, ESPECIALLY AMONG MINORITIES IN THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED WILL BE A TOP PRIORITY IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. WHEREAS CANCER CENTERS AROUND -- CANCER CENTERS AROUND AUSTIN ARE CELEBRATING LIFE ON JUNE 5th AS PART OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST CANCER SURVIVOR EVENTS, ILL WILL WYNN MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN JOIN ME ME IN SALUTING ALL CANCER SURVIVORS AN THOSE WHO SUPPORT THEM, CALL ON LEIBEL HARELIK TO TELL A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE EVENT, THE DAY, HOW WE HERE IN AUSTIN CAN NOT ONLY RECOGNIZE THESE SURVIVORS AND THEIR LOVED ONES, BUT ALSO HOW WE CAN MORE COMMUNITY OUTREACH, MORE PUBLIC EDUCATION, HELP TO COM ABOUT THE AND ULTIMATELY CURE THE DISEASE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, HONORABLE CITIZENS. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU AN INTERESTING STORY. THE MUSIC THAT YOU JUST HEARD WAS VERY SPECIAL TO ME. MY COUSIN MARK HARELIK IS THE PLAYWRIGHT OF HANK WILLIAMS, LOST HIGHWAYS, THESE GUYS THAT PLAYED ARE VERY SPECIAL TO ME. HE LOST HIS MOTHER WITH BRAIN CANCER WHEN WE WERE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL. WE'VE HAD A HISTORY OF CANCER IN OUR FAMILY. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW ME, I'M A SURVIVOR. I'M THE LANCE ARMSTRONG THAT'S NOT KNOWN FROM THE PROSTATE CANCER WORLD. AT THE TIME OF DIAGNOSIS, I WAS A STAGE 4, MY CANCER HAS METASIZED TO MY PELVIC LYMPH NODES, THERE WAS NO TREATMENT NO CURE. AT THIS TIME I'VE HAD LAP OSCOPIC SURGERY, THAT WAS IN AUSTIN, THERE IS NO CANCER VISIBLE, THAT'S NOT TO SAY IT'S NOT AROUND. IT'S MICROSCOPIC, IT CAN COME BACK AT ANY TIME. MY DEDICATION IS FOR THIS, THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL AWARD THAT I'M ACCEPTING TODAY FOR MORE THAN ONE REASON. WHEN I WAS PRONOUNCED TERMINAL, SO TO SPEAK, I HAD NO ONE TO TURN TO. I CALLED THE HOTLINE AS I WOULD ADVISE ANYBODY TO DO. I HAPPENED TO BE THE H AND R BLOCK HOTLINE FOR CANCER. I TOLD THEM MY PLIGHT, MY STORY, I SAID, WELL, COULD I SPEAK WITH MR. BLOCK. THEY SAID CERTAINLY, TELL ME WHAT STAGE YOU ARE IN. I SAID, WELL, ALL THEY HAVE TOLD ME IS THAT I'M TERMINAL. CAN I TALK TO HIM.

THEY SAID IF YOU ARE TERMINAL FOR SURE YOU CAN TALK TO HIM.

MY FIRST MENTOR IN CANCER WAS MR. BLOCK. WHEN BRINGS ME TO THIS DAY. YOUR MAYOR AND HONORABLE CITIZENS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M WORKING ON FOR THE CITY AND THE REASON THIS IS SO IMPORTANT FOR THIS PROCLAMATION, I'M PROPOSING FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, I HAVE A BENEFACTOR FROM THE BLOCK CANCER FOUNDATION FOR CLOSE TO 850,000 FOR CANCER SURVIVORS, FOR ALL SURVIVORS FOR THE AUSTIN METRO AREA, FOR A CANCER SURVIVORS PARK. ONE OF MY GOALS IS EVERY YEAR THIS DAY WILL BE HELD IN THAT PARK FROM NOW ON. AND I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE AND THANK YOU, MAYOR. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: OKAY, IN OUR NEXT PROCLAMATION, IF YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE THE UNIFORMS, REGARDING STAR FLIGHT'S 20th ANNIVERSARY. I'M JOINED HERE BY SOME PILOTS AS WELL AS RICHARD HARRINGTON, OUR DIRECTOR OF OUR E.M.S. DEPARTMENT. THE PROCLAMATION -- AND TOBY FUTRELL. THE PROCLAMATION READS BE IT KNOWN WHEREAS THE AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY E.M.S. STAR FLIGHT HELICOPTER PROGRAM IS MADE UP OF FLIGHT PARAMEDICS, FLIGHT NURSES, ADMINISTRATORS AND OTHERS WHOSE PRIMARY MISSION IT IS TO PROVIDE LIFE SAVING CARE AROUND THE CLOCK TO THOSE IN NEED. WHEREAS STAR FLIGHT BEGAN OPERATIONS IN MAY OF 1985, AND HAS LOGGED 1.2 MILLION MILES AND TRANSPORTED MORE THAN 18,000 PEOPLE, WHEREAS STAR FLIGHT MISSION INCLUDES AERIAL LAND AND WATER RESCUE AS WELL AS FIREFIGHTING CAPABILITIES AND ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. WHEREAS CENTRAL TEXANS BENEFIT DAILY FROM THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF THESE HIGHLY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS, WE HEREBY EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE VITAL SERVICE THAT THEY PROVIDE TO OUR CITY AND OUR COUNTY. NOW THEREFORE I WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THIS MONTH MAY, 2005 AS STAR FLIGHT HELICOPTER'S 20th ANNIVERSARY AND CALL ON ALL CITIZENS TO HELP ME THANK THESE HEROES WHO DO SO MUCH FOR OUR COMMUNITY. [

APPLAUSE]

MAYOR, THANK YOU. I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO LET WILLIE THE DIRECTOR OF AVIATION WITH THE STAR FLIGHT PROGRAM, SINCE HE ACTUALLY WORKS ON STAR FLIGHT, SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THEM.

THANK YOU. STAR FLIGHT IS THE AVIATION ARM OF THE AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE. IT'S A TANGIBLE PROOF HOW THE COMBINED EFFORTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PROVIDING THIS PROGRAM. STAR FLIGHT WORKS WITH THE EXTENSION SERVICES BEYOND TRAVIS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WE COVER A TOTAL AREA OF 75 NAUGHTCAL MILE RADIUS OF BRACKENRIDGE, 19 COUNTIES. WE PROVIDE BOTH E.M.S. AS WELL AS FIREFIGHTING, RESCUE CAPABILITIES, BOTH LAND AND WATER. AND -- IN THIS ROLE. THERE ARE MANY AVIATION PROGRAMS IN TEXAS. MOST OF THEM ARE PRIVATE VENDORS. AND THEY MAY HAVE THE SAME APPEARANCE AS STAR FLIGHT, BUT NONE CAN ACTUALLY PROVIDE THE VARIETY OF SERVICES THAT'S PROVIDED BY STAR FLIGHT. IN ADDITION TO OUR E.M.S. MISSION AROUND OUR RESCUE MISSIONS, WE ALSO ARE PARTNERED WITH THE LOCAL HOSPITALS TO DELIVER SPECIALTY CARE SUCH AS NEONATAL TRANSPORT AND PEDIATRIC TRANSPORT SERVICES. OUR -- OVER OUR 20 20 YEAR HISTORY, WE HAVE FLOWN A TOTAL OF 1.2 MILLION MILES, COMPLETED 68,625 ACCIDENT FREE LANDINGS AND HAVE TRANSPORTED 18,816 PATIENTS. THERE'S A REASON FOR THIS EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE RECORD THAT WE HAVE. THE COUNTY AND CITY GOVERNMENT HAS COMMITTED TO PRODUCING THIS AND PROVIDING THIS HIGHLY QUALIFIED SERVICE. OUR PILOTS ARE VERY SUPERIOR WITH THEIR DEDICATION AND KNOWLEDGE, WE HAVE SKILL, DEDICATED MECHANICS AS WELL AS HIGHLY TRAINED AND COMPETENT FLIGHT RESCUE PARAMEDICS AND NURSES, I HAVE TWO OF THE FINEST ONES HERE WITH ME TODAY. DAVID CARUSO, AND JIM ALL DAY, ONE OF OUR FLIGHT NURSES AND PARAMEDICS. WITH THAT SAID I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY, FOR THE CITY MANAGER AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PROCLAMATION. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: OUR NEXT PRESENTATION IS A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD AND IT'S RELATED TO SOME FOLKS' QUICK THINKING AND QUICK ACTION AT A FIRE RECENTLY AT THE SAENGERRUNDE HALL, WHICH IS THE OLD HISTORIC HALL NEXT DOOR TO SHULZ'S BEER GARTEN. IT HAPPENED A DAY OR TWO AFTER THAT FIRE I WAS HOSTING A GROUP OF 30 SOME ODD GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, WE DECIDED A MONTH EARLIER WE HAD SCHEDULED TO MEET FOR LUNCH AT SHULZ'S BEER GARTEN, IT WAS REMARKABLE, I WAS EXPLAINING HOW POTENTIALLY TRAGIC THAT FIRE COULD HAVE BEEN, ALSO REMARKABLE HOW ULTIMATELY HOW LITTLE DAMAGE THERE WAS TO THE HALL. SHOLZ'S DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO CLOSE. THEY KEPT THEIR KITCHEN OPEN EVEN THE NEXT DAY. IT WAS CERTAINLY THE RESULT OF OUR PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARRIVED ON THE SCENE. BUT THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD IS REGARDING SOME FOLKS WHO VERY EARLY ON, WHEN FIRST NOTICED THE FIRE, GOT PEOPLE OUT OF THE BUILDING. AND SO WE HAVE THREE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS. THEY ARE TO D.P.S. TROOPER TODD ASHBY, AMY HALL, TO DAVID STRAUD. IF YOU DON'T MIND I'M JUST GOING TO READ ONE OF THEM FOR ALL THREE OF THEM. THE CITY OF AUSTIN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR THEIR COOL HEAD AND ABLE ASSISTANCE DURING THE FIRE AT SAENGERRUNDE HALL -- I ALWAYS MISPRONOUNCE THAT HALL IN APRIL. DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND RECOGNITION, THIS IS PRESENTED IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED DURING THE FIRE THAT INTERRUPTED THE BAR MITZVAH, ENABLED ALL OF THE ATTENDEES TO GET OUT SAFELY. WE JOIN THE REICHMAN AND MENDELSON FAMILIES FOR THANKING THE SAFETY PERSONNEL OF THEIR CALM HANDLING OF A POTENTIALLY LIFE THREATENING SITUATION. THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED THIS 26th DAY OF MAY, 2005, SIGNED BY ME, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ENTIRE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. AND I GUESS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK BETTY TO STEP UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING THAT NIGHT, HOW IT ALL CAME ABOUT, THE GREAT ACTION BY OUR THREE HEROES, BETTY.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THIS GROUP.
THANK YOU TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY PUT

OUT THE FIRE PROMPTLY. BUT OUR PARTY STARTED OFF AND IT WAS GOING GREAT. I THINK EVERYBODY SMELLED SOMETHING AND EVERYONE DISMISSED IT AND BECAUSE OF THESE THREE PEOPLE HERE, EVERYONE GOT OUT SAFELY AND CALMLY WHEN THE EMBERS FELL THROUGH THE CEILING. I ON THE OTHER HAND WOULD HAVE SCREAMED FIRE, FIRE! LET'S GET OUT. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT IT'S BECAUSE OF THESE THREE PEOPLE THAT OUR PARTY WILL - - WE WILL BE BLESSED THAT EVERYONE GOT OUT OKAY. AND IT WILL BE REMEMBERED AS THE HOTTEST PARTY IN TOWN [LAUGHTER] THIS IS DR. MENDLESON WHO WANTS TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS.

AFTER FIVE HARD YEARS OF STUDY, BEN AND MY SON SPENCER HAD A WONDERFUL BAR MITZVAH ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 9th. WE WANTED TO CELEBRATE THAT WONDERFUL DAY SO WE HAD A GREAT BIG PARTY. WHICH MIGHT HAVE TURNED VERY, VERY BAD BUT FOR THESE THREE PEOPLE TO WHOM WE ARE VERY, VERY GRATEFUL. I HAVE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MR. ASH BILLIONS AND DAVID STRAUD IN MY OPINION WAS A HERO LONG BEFORE THAT FIRE. HE IS THE LEADER OF OUR LOCAL BOY SCOUT TROOP, A MAN OF ENDLESS PATIENCE AND TREMENDOUS GIVING TO THE WELFARE OF THE BOYS IN HIS TROOP. HE'S BEEN A HERO OF MINE FOR A LONG TIME.

AGAIN, FOLKS, PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING AND CONGRATULATING AMY HALL, DAVID STRAUD AND TROOPER TODD ASHBY. [APPLAUSE]

Dunkerly: DO WE HAVE SONDR A CREIGHTON HERE? OH, THERE YOU ARE, SONDR A. OKAY. THIS PROCLAMATION IS TO RECOGNIZE SOME OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES ONCE AGAIN. BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS AUSTIN ENERGY, THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARKS AND RECREATION, PUBLIC WORKS, SOLID WASTE SERVICES, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, AND THE AUSTIN WATER QUALITY -- WATER UTILITY PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS PUBLIC WORKS. AND WHEREAS WE RECOGNIZE THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE EMPLOYEES IN THESE DEPARTMENTS TOWARD MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY, NOW THEREFORE I,

WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 22nd, THROUGH THE 28th OF 2005, AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK AND IT'S SIGNED BY OUR MAYOR, WILL WYNN. SO CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY. I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE HERE TO HELP CELEBRATE PUBLIC WORKS WEEK. IF YOU ALL WOULD ALL PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAND UP HERE WITH ME, COME JOIN ME. [APPLAUSE]

I'M HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE AND ACCEPT THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF ALL CITY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ENGAGED IN PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES HERE TODAY REPRESENTING PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN MAINTAINING, REPAIRING AND IMPROVING THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S INFRASTRUCTURE. OUR THANKS GO TO ALL OF YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DEDICATED PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO WORK VERY HARD FOR THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMUNITY, PROVIDING SERVICES THAT WE OFTEN TAKE FOR GRANTED. WE HAVE HERE STREET AND BRIDGE CREWS WHO ARE OUT FIXING POTHOLES AND MAINTAINING OUR VALUABLE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE. WE ALSO HAVE OUR CREWS HERE WHO RESPOND DURING BAD WEATHER EVENTS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL OF OUR CITIZENS, OFTENTIMES WHILE THE REST OF US ARE SLEEPING. SIDEWALK CREWS ARE HERE TODAY AND I WOULD JUST LIKE THEM TO ALL RAISE THEIR HANDS. AND [APPLAUSE] OUR SIDEWALK CREWS HAVE DONE AN EXTRAORDINARY JOB BUILDING SIDEWALKS ALL OVER THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO IMPROVE MOBILITY THROUGHOUT THE CITY. WE ALSO HAVE OUR TRANSPORTATION SIGNAL CREWS TO RECOGNIZE AND ENGINEERS WHO ARE ENSURING THAT OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYMPTOM IS OPTIMIZED. OUR SIGNS AND MARKINGS CREWS TO MAKE SURE THAT CITIZENS WHO CALL IN REQUESTS ARE RESPONDED TO QUICKLY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OF OUR CITIZENS. WE HAVE OUR PROJECT MANAGERS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE CITY FOR THEIR EXPERTISE IN MANAGING ROAD AND UTILITY PROJECTS SUCH AS THE 38th STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS THAT WERE RECENTLY COMPLETED. AND WE ALSO HAVE

THE 45th STREET PROJECT UNDERWAY NOW BOTH UTILIZING OUR ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES. OUR PROJECT MANAGERS ARE ALSO KNOWN FOR BEING EXPERTS IN MANAGING BUILDING PROJECTS, SUCH AS THE BUILDING THAT WE ARE IN TODAY WHICH IS A VERY SPECIAL BUILDING, THE CITY HALL. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO RECOGNIZE RON DAVIS AS A STELLAR EXAMPLE OF A PUBLIC WORKS SERVANT. RON HAS DEDICATED A GOOD PORTION OF HIS CAREER TO MANAGING THE CITY HALL PROJECT, WHICH IT MIGHT INTEREST YOU TO KNOW HAS WON A NUMBER OF VERY PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS. HE OVERSAW THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AND HE LITERALLY LIVED AND BREATHED THIS PROJECT. RON TURNED THE -- TURNED A DREAM OF CITY HALL INTO A REALITY. I THANK YOU FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE] ANOTHER ONE OF OUR GREAT PROJECT MANAGERS, RECENTLY COMPLETED THE CARVER MUSEUM AND LIBRARY EXPANSION WHICH IS ANOTHER NOTEWORTHY PUBLIC WORKS CONTRIBUTION THAT WILL SERVE THIS COMMUNITY FOR YEARS TO COME. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF OUR INSPECTORS WHO ARE OUT ENSURING THAT THE CONTRACTORS CONSTRUCTING OUR PROJECTS ARE DOING IT WITH THE HIGHEST QUALITY POSSIBLE. AND MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW ABOUT THE AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM AND THEY ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN INSPECTING THAT PROGRAM AS WELL. OUR DESIGN ENGINEERS, WHO ARE DESIGNING PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE, A COUPLE OF PROJECTS RECENTLY COMPLETED THAT ARE NOTEWORTHY ARE THE LOYOLA LANE AND CRYSTAL BROOK NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT AND THE DITTMAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROJECT MANAGERS INVOLVED IN THOSE AS WELL IN THE DESIGN. [APPLAUSE]

A FEW MONTHS AGO, WE ACTUALLY WENT THROUGH AND HAD A MOTTO CONTEST AND THE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES CAME UP WITH THIS MOTTO AND I THINK THAT IT'S JUST WONDERFUL AND THE MOTTO IS: BUILDING AUSTIN'S TOMORROW TODAY. AND I THINK THAT THE MOTTO EMBRACES THE CAN-DO ATTITUDE OF THE EMPLOYEES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO TURNED THE DREAMS AND PLANS OF OTHERS INTO A

REALITY. OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE ALSO DESERVING OF THANKS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AND I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THOSE PROJECTS AS WELL. THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AUSTIN ENERGY, WATERSHED PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND AUSTIN ENERGY AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES. SO TO ALL OF YOU I THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION, YOUR EXPERTISE AND YOUR HARD WORK IN BUILDING AUSTIN'S TOMORROW TODAY. I REALLY BELIEVE AUSTIN IS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN BECAUSE OF YOU ALL. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

THIS IS REALLY A FUN AND IMPORTANT RECOGNITION TODAY. I THINK THAT HAVING A TEAM, I GUESS YOU COMPETED IN ILLINOIS, IS THAT RIGHT? GO TO THE CENTER OF OUR COUNTRY AND REPRESENT US IS JUST REALLY, REALLY SPECIAL. SO I KNOW, THERE ARE A LOT OF NAMES HERE, SO IN A FEW MINUTES WE ARE GOING TO READ THE PROCLAMATION AND READ THE NAMES. AND WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE HAND OUT THE PROCLAMATIONS. WE WON'T READ EACH ONE SEPARATELY. BUT I KNOW THAT THERE ARE JUST A LOT OF PROUD PARENTS AND FRIENDS OUT IN THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE JUST SO -- THE BUTTONS ARE PROBABLY BURSTING WHEN THEY SEE ALL OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE UP HERE. IF ANY OF YOU ARE OUT THERE KIND OF RAISE YOUR HAND SO WE CAN APPLAUD YOU, TOO. [APPLAUSE] WE HAVE TWO VERY SPECIAL PARENTS, THEY ARE SPECIAL JUST BECAUSE THEY WORK FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. SO -- SO THE STEINERS, ARE YOU HERE, TOO? THERE'S ONE RIGHT HERE. GREAT. ALL RIGHT. SO WE WANTED TO -- TO RECOGNIZE OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS IN OUR CITY OF AUSTIN FAMILY AS WELL. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE PARENTS. NOW, GETTING ON TO THE IMPORTANT JOB OF RECOGNIZING THE STUDENTS, WHO REPRESENTED US SO WELL, THIS IS A CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS FOR REPRESENTING OUR CITY IN THE RIGOROUS ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS AT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD HELD THIS YEAR IN URBANA, CHAMPAGNE, ILLINOIS. THESE STUDENTS ARE DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND RECOGNITION, WE ARE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE ENTIRE TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR

CONTINUED SUCCESS IN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD
COMPETITIONS. THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED WITH OUR
CONGRATULATIONS THIS 26th DAY OF MAY, IN THE YEAR
2005. THE CITY COUNCIL OF AUSTIN AND IT'S SIGNED BY OUR
MAYOR, WILL WINN, WITH A CITY SEAL ON IT. SO THIS IS THE
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION THAT EACH OF THESE
COMPETITORS WILL RECEIVE. SO WE THANK YOU VERY
MUCH. I WOULD LIKE TO READ THE NAMES AND THEN IF I
COULD HAVE THE TEACHERS THEN COME UP AND -- AND
MAKE A FEW COMMENTS ABOUT THIS -- THIS NATIONAL
COMPETITION. SO FROM KEALING MIDDLE SCHOOL, KEALING.
THEY ARE THE ONES IN THE RED AND BLACK. LET'S SEE IF I
CAN GET THIS, LOKASH ANAN, SHERA BECKNER, JEFF BRAD
SHAW, WELSI CHIN, TREN, RYAN DID YOU BRAVS, ANDREW
ESTES, JAMES FLORES, ADIDA [INDISCERNIBLE], JEFFREY
HOLZGRAPH, HAKSINE YANG, THANK YOU. DUNKERLY IS
HARD TO SAY, TOO. [LAUGHTER] FRASIER -- LILISTRAND,
FRANK LIMA, JANICE PAN, ANDREW, PRECHANT --
[INDISCERNIBLE]

OKAY [LAUGHTER] MAYBE SOMEBODY ELSE SHOULD HAVE
READ THESE. MANOS ZUGINADIA, JACK STEINER, THE
TEACHERS AND COACHES NEED A SPECIAL ROUND OF
APPLAUSE, TOM CAMPBELL, ADRIAN CARALES, LYNN KIRBY,
MARRY MCCALLUM. [APPLAUSE] NOW GOING ON TO THE
L.B.J. HIGH SCHOOL TEAM, THE TEAM CAPTAIN IS ERIC
HILLIS. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, YOU CAN RAISE YOUR
HAND SO WE'LL KNOW WHO WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. ERIC
HILLIS, AMELIA BECKNER, HANNAH SHANG, DON BOWELL,
JONATHAN INEF, ROBIN HARTMAN, ERIC HILLIS, DYLAN
KANER, RYAN NEWTON, ARIANE PAN ZER, CHARLES
PECULIAR, MICHAEL SINGERMAN, ELLIE ZUGINIDAS, OKAY,
JUSTIN SPECTER, PATRICK [INDISCERNIBLE], WAYNE TAI, JIM
WANG, HELEN ZANG, KATY JOHNS, THEIR COACH IS MAY
DYNAN. OKAY. THANKS AGAIN TO -- LET'S DO THEIR COACH
AND THEIR TEAM. [APPLAUSE] NOW IF WE CAN HAVE A
REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH SCHOOL COME UP AND SAY A
FEW WORDS, I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BETTY FOR TRYING
EVERYBODY'S NAME. TO DO THAT COLD IS A BIG
ACCOMPLISHMENT. [APPLAUSE] MY NAME IS LYNN KIRBY,
I'M A COACH FROM KEALING MIDDLE SCHOOL. I'VE HAD THE

HONOR OF COACHING MANY OF THE KIDS FROM BOTH TEAMS BECAUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HAD AN ENTIRE VERTICAL TEAM OF STUDENTS QUALIFY TO GO TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT. SCIENCE OLYMPIAD IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT SPONSORED COMPETITION TO PROMOTE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, BOTH KEALING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND L.B.J. THE LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY QUALIFIED FOR THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT. KEALING AND L.B.J. ARE BOTH SCHOOLS THAT ARE THE PRIDE OF THE EAST SIDE, BUT SERVE STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THESE HARD-WORKING STUDENTS DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB REPRESENTING THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND THE STATE OF TEXAS. AND WE WON SEVERAL MEDALS BY PLACING IN THE TOP FOUR OR FIVE, THREE, FOUR AND FIVE IN SEVERAL OF THE EVENTS. [APPLAUSE] AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, THE STUDENTS YOU SEE IN FRONT OF YOU ARE THE FUTURE OF AUSTIN. [APPLAUSE]

I'M MAY DYNAN, COACH OF THE L.B.J. TEAM. I COULD NOT BE PROUDER OF THIS GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE. WORDS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT. THERE'S REALLY NOTHING MORE TO ADD ABOUT WHAT SCIENCE OLYMPIAD IS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

LISTEN, WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING IS AND WE ARE JUST GRATEFUL FOR THESE STUDENTS WHO ARE WILLING TO PUT SO MUCH TIME IN TO BEING A -- BEING THE TOPS IN THEIR -- IN THIS FIELD, THANK YOU A LOT. [APPLAUSE]

GATHER A LITTLE BIT TO GET SOME PICTURES.

Mayor Wynn: THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, AT THIS TIME I WILL CALL BACK TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. WE HAVE BEEN ON A QUICK RECESS. WHEN WE BROKE AWAY, WE HAD TAKEN UP SEVERAL POSTPONEMENTS OF OUR ZONING CASES, LEAVING TWO HOPEFULLY SHORT DISCUSSION CASES. WE ARE GOING TO TAKE UP CASE Z-3 FIRST. WE WILL WAIT FOR MS. GLASGO OR

MR. GUERNSEY TO GIVE US A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION.

WELCOME BACK, MS. GLASGO. BASED ON COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ'S SUGGESTION, I THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD TAKE UP Z-3 FIRST.

OKAY. STEVE SADOWSKY WILL PRESENT Z-3, THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. I WILL READ THE ITEM AS MR. SADOWSKY COMES FORWARD. ITEM NO. Z-3, IS ONE OF OUR HISTORIC CASES ON TODAY. AND THAT CASE IS CASE C 14-04-00 C 14 H-05-0005, THIS IS THE KAUFER PAPPAYIANOPOULOS STEINBACH HOUSE. EVERYONE WAS GOING TO CHALLENGE US ON THE PRONUNCIATION OF THIS PROPERTY. IT'S LOCATED AT 609 HARTHAN, SINGLE FAMILY 3 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. A SUGGEST TO REZONE IT.

JUST WANT TO HEAR MR. SADOWSKY PRONOUNCE THE NAME.

I'LL GIVE IT A TRY. THE KAUFER PAPPAYIANOPOULOS STEINBACH HOUSE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

OR SAENGERRUNDE HALL, WHICHEVER. [LAUGHTER] GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL. STEVE SADOWSKY WITH THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE. THIS IS A CASE THAT COMES TO YOU UPON A DEMOLITION PERMIT THAT WAS DEMOLITION PERMIT PRESENTED TO YOU THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION. THEY FORWARDED THE CASE WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION, THEY DID NOT HAVE, I BELIEVE, IT WAS A TIED VOTE WHEN IT PROCEEDED FORWARD. THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARD THE CASE. THEY VOTED TO RECOMMEND THE PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE FROM FAMILY RESIDENCE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN TO FAMILY RESIDENCE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN HISTORIC. THE HOUSE WAS BUILT AROUND 1920. LOCATED AT 609 HARTHAN STREET. THE WINDOWS HAVE BEEN REPLACED IN THE HOUSE. IT HAS VINYL WINDOWS NOW. IT HAS LOST SOME OF ITS INTEGRITY OF MATERIALS AND DESIGN. IT WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT TO BE A DUPLEX. A WOMAN BY THE NAME

OF MRS. BARBARA KAUFER BOUGHT THE HOUSE IN 1920. SHE WAS A WIDOWED NURSE. LIVED IN THE HOUSE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. SOLD IT IN 1923 TO -- TO A WOMAN, ANOTHER WIDOW WHO NEVER LIVED IN THE HOUSE. AND BY 1936 THE -- THE PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED BY MR. AND MRS. PAPPAYIANOPOLOUS. THEY LIVED IN THE HOUSE BUT GENERALLY MAINTAINED IT AS A RENTAL USE. JOE AND CLARA STEINBACH BOUGHT IT IN 1945. MOVED IN IN 1951. HE WAS A DRIVER FOR THE FIRESTONE TEST FLEET. THEY LIVED THERE UNTIL 1956. FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS HOUSE IT HAS BEEN REDUCED AS A RENTAL PROPERTY DUPLEX WITH -- WITH A PRETTY WIDE TURNOVER OF TENANTS OVER THE YEARS. STAFF DID NOT RECOMMEND HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR THIS HOUSE. FIRST OF ALL, IT HAS THE APPEARANCE HAS BEEN COMPROMISED OVER THE YEARS. IT'S GOT VINYL WINDOWS NOW, THE ORIGINAL WINDOWS HAVE BEEN REPLACED. THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT THE FRONT PORCH DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE HISTORIC APPEARANCE OF THE FRONT PORCH. IT IS OVER 50 YEARS OLD. THE A VERY TYPICAL BUNGALOW STYLE HOUSE OF WHICH THERE ARE MANY IN THE CITY. IT DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR SIGNIFICANCE AS FAR AS ARCHITECTURAL TYPE AND IT DOESN'T HAVE A SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION THAT STAFF BELIEVES IS NECESSARY TO -- TO WARRANT A LANDMARK DESIGNATION. FOR THIS PROPERTY. AS I SAID IT'S BEEN USED AS A RENTAL UNIT WITH A PRETTY HIGH TURNOVER OF TENANTS SO THERE'S NOT REALLY ANY ONE PERSON OR PERSONS THAT HAS A SIGNIFICANT TENURE AT THE HOUSE. THE HOS, AS I SAID, IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF HARTMAN STREET IN A PROPOSED LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FOR. I DO HAVE TO TELL COUNCIL THAT THE APPLICATION IS A LITTLE BIT PREMATURE BECAUSE THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION HAS BEEN MEETING, THEY MET MAY 16th, ACTUALLY MEETING AGAIN WEDNESDAY NIGHT TO COME UP WITH THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FORMS AND EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED TO GET THESE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS LAUNCHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE. SO STAFF DOES NOT RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC KEYS NATION FOR THIS HOUSE. THAT CONCLUDES

MY PRESENTATION.

THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, STAFF, COUNCIL? CONSIDER THAT TO BE THE APPLICANT'S PRESENTATION SINCE TECHNICALLY AS COMING FROM THE HA-HA -- FROM THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION. AT THIS TIME WE WOULD ONLY HEAR FROM THOSE FOLKS IN SUPPORT OF THE ZONING CASE, THEN THOSE IN OPPOSITION. WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF FOLKS SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS ZONING CASE, Z-3. AND WE WILL START WITH LINDA MCNEILAGE. WELCOME, LINDA. IS CHARLES YESCO HERE? CHARLES, HOW ARE YOU? HOW ABOUT BARBARA BRIDGES? LINDA YOU WILL HAVE SIX MINUTES.

IS BARBARA HERE?

YES, SHE WAS OUTSIDE. TRYING TO SIGN IN ON ANOTHER CASE. THE RULES ARE SHE NEEDS TO BE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBERS. YOU WILL HAVE NINE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR WYNN. AND COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS LINDA MCNEILAGE. I HAVE LIVED AT 6:06 HARTHAN STREET, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ACROSS FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS. HARTHAN STREET IS A RATHER UNIQUE DEAD END STREET WITH ONLY NINE HOUSES FACING ON THE FRONT OF IT, ALL BUILT BETWEEN 1875 AND 1920. TWO OF THESE NINE HOUSES ARE ALREADY CITY OF AUSTIN HISTORIC LANDMARK HOUSES. WHILE A BIT DIVERSE IN STYLE, THIS LITTLE BLOCK HAS A CLUSTER OF HOUSES THAT ARE FUNDAMENTALLY LITTLE CHANGED FOR OVER 85 YEARS. ANY DEMOLITION OF ANY OF THE HOUSES THREATENS THE DISTINCTIVE AND HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THIS SMALL ENCLAVE OF LATE 19th CENTURY AND EARLY 20th CENTURY HOUSES ON THE STREET, A CHARACTER OF WHICH HAS BEEN MAINTAINED IN LARGELY PRISTINE CONDITION FOR THE BETTER PART OF A CENTURY. 609 HARTHAN STREET CONTRIBUTES TO AND IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE HISTORIC FABRIC OF THIS ENTIRE STREET. PRESERVATION OF ALL OF THESE STRUCTURES WOULD BE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES STATED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. THE MAJORITY OF PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 500 FEET OF THIS TRIGGERING PROPERTY WHO RECEIVED NOTIFICATION ARE OPPOSED TO

DEMOLITION AND SUPPORT HISTORIC ZONING. AT LEAST 19 OF THEM HAVE -- HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION AND ALL OF THE PROPERTIES ALONG SIXTH STREET, WHICH ARE ZONED COMMERCIAL, HAVE REGISTERED THEIR OPPOSITION TO DEMOLITION AND THEIR SUPPORT FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION. I WILL NEED TO GET YOU A CHART, I FORGOT TO BRING IT UP. UP UNTIL QUITE RECENTLY, THERE HAS BEEN A TREND TO DESIGNATE GRAND HOMES, LIVED IN BY FAMOUS PEOPLE, AS HISTORIC. A TREND WHICH IS MORE RECENTLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING RATHER ELITIST. WHILE 60 THE HARTMAN STREET IS -- 609 HARTMAN IS NOT WORTHY IN TERMS OF BEING A NAMED ARCHITECT, THE ARCHITECTURE IS NEVERTHELESS QUITE UNIQUE AND UNLIKE ANY OTHER BUNGALOW IN AUSTIN WITH SOME FEATURES OF VICTORIAN HOUSES ON THIS BUNGALOW. IT'S AN EXAMPLE OF A KIND OF RESIDENCE LIVED IN BY THOSE EMPLOYED BY SOME OF THE BUSINESSES THAT WERE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CITY. BUSINESSES SUCH AS SCARBOROUGH'S AND ZALES JEWELERS, IT CERTAINLY MERITS PRESERVATION AND BEING DESIGNATED AS HISTORIC. PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND THE WILL OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS WHO LIVE AND WHO OWN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN THIS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD BY SUPPORTING HISTORIC ZONING FOR THE -- FOR THE KAUFER PAPPAYIANOPOULOS STEINBACH HOUSE. AND BY THE WAY, I WILL HAVE TO SAY THAT HAVING LIVED THERE FOR 35 YEARS, THOUGH THERE WAS A FEW YEARS WHERE THERE WAS SOME RENTERS, I WOULD SAY IN OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS, THE HOUSE HAS BEEN LIVED IN BY OWNER OCCUPIED RESIDENTS. AND, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE KNOWN THEM ALL AND BEEN FRIENDS WITH THEM ALL. SO LET ME JUST SHOW YOU THIS MAP. OOPS. THIS IS THE TRIGGERING PROPERTY AND -- AND ALL OF THESE STREETS, ALL OF THESE PROPERTIES HERE AND HERE AND HERE ARE OPPOSED AND -- TO DEMOLITION AND SUPPORT HISTORIC ZONING. AND ALL OF THESE STREETS ALONG HERE, THIS IS SIXTH STREET, AND SO ALL OF THESE STREETS HERE I MISCALCULATED. SO ALL OF THESE ARE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AND ALL OF THOSE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS SUPPORT HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR THIS HOUSE. SO -- SO PLEASE JOIN WITH THE WILL OF THE

NEARBY NEIGHBORS AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND SUPPORT APPROVAL OF HISTORIC ZONING FOR THIS HOUSE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY?

Dunkerly: BEFORE YOU TAKE YOUR MAP AWAY, CAN YOU SHOW ON THAT MAP WHERE YOU HAVE -- WHERE THE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT WOULD HAVE -- WOULD BE THAT YOU HAVE SUBMITTED?

Mayor Wynn: ACTUALLY, IF YOU COULD SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE --

SORRY.

THANK YOU. IT WOULD BE ALL OF THIS AND THEN IT WOULD BE ALL OF THIS. BECAUSE THESE ARE ALL THE HOUSES THAT FRONT ON HARTHAN STREET FROM -- FROM 6 -- ACTUALLY 600 HARTHAN STREET, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610. 60 WHAT 3 -- NO, 5, 7, 9.

THE WHITE AREAS WOULD BE JUST VACANT LOTS OR SOMETHING.

THE -- YES.

Dunkerly: ON HARTHAN.

THAT'S CORRECT. ALL OF THESE WOULD BE PART OF THE LOCAL HISTORIC, IT WOULD BE THIS AND THIS.

THANK YOU, MS. MCNEILAGE. NEXT SPEAKER IS TERRY MYERS. WELCOME, TERRY. IS DAN GRAYTHY OR -- YOU WILL HAVE SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT. FOLLOWED BY STEVE COALBURN.

THANK YOU. MY NAME IS TERRY MYERS, I'M A HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONSULTANT AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING AS A VOLUNTEER WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO DO THE LOCAL DISTRICT NOMINATION AND I KNOW THAT WE DON'T -- IT MAY BE PREMATURE IN THE SENSE THAT WE DON'T HAVE AN APPLICATION FORM, BUT COUNCIL DID -- DID ASK FOR

HISTORIC DISTRICTS SOMETIME BACK AND WE JUST FOLLOWED THE ORDINANCE AND TRIED TO FOLLOW THE -- THE WILL AND THE FEELING OF THE ORDINANCE TO DO THIS. I ALSO WROTE THE WESELYN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT. IT JUST PASSED THROUGH THE STATE BOARD OF REVIEW THAT DOES NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW. THIS PAST SATURDAY THE 21st, MAYOR WYNN I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY. THIS CITY AND OLD WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COLLABORATED TO HIRE ME TO DO THE SURVEY OF THE LARGER NEIGHBORHOOD, THE WESELYN HISTORIC, WHAT'S KNOWN AS THE WESELYN HISTORIC DISTRICT AND TO WRITE THE NATIONAL REGISTERED HISTORIC DISTRICT. ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING THINGS THAT I SEE IN HARTHAN STREET IS THAT ALL OF THE PROPERTIES ARE HISTORIC. THIS IS A VERY RARE THING IN OUR CITY TO HAVE A WHOLE BLOCK WHERE EVERYTHING IS HISTORIC, ONLY ONE I CONSIDERED NON-HISTORIC, THAT IS BECAUSE THE WINDOWS HAD BEEN REPLACED WITH A BIG PICTURE WINDOW, SOME COLUMNS HAD BEEN REPLACED WITH WROUGHT IRON, BUT THOSE AREN'T THINGS THAT CAN BE REMEDIED AND COME BACK INTO CONTRIBUTING STATUS. THIS PROPERTY WAS BUILT IN 1921, IT'S 84 YEARS OLD. SO IT MEETS THE 50 YEAR CRITERIA. IT IS NOT INDIVIDUALLY LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER, IT IS A CONTRIBUTING BUILDING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER, IF IT'S DEMOLISHED WE WILL LOSE THAT CONTRIBUTING BUILDING. I HAVE TOLD THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND I WILL TELL YOU SINCE WE SUBMITTED THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION LAST FALL, FROM THE TIME THAT WE SUBMITTED IT TO THE TIME THAT IT WENT TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW ON SATURDAY, WE LOST 10 HISTORIC PROPERTIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY WERE ALL CONTRIBUTING EXCEPT ONE. AND AT THIS RATE, WE ARE GOING TO LOSE THE HISTORIC CHARACTER AND FABRIC OF OUR CITY AND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. SO HARTHAN STREET REALLY STANDS OUT AS AN EXCEPTIONAL STREET WITHIN THE LARGER OLD WEST AUSTIN AND WESELYN HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND IS CONTRIBUTING TO BOTH THE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT AND TO THIS DISTRICT. I'M PASSING AROUND, I ASKED COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS TO PASS AROUND A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE HOUSE, IT KIND OF -- I THINK IT MAY BE -- MAYBE REPRESENTS THE

HOUSE A LITTLE BIT BETTER THAN THE ONE THAT YOU HAVE BEHIND YOU. THIS IS REALLY -- IT DOES EMBODY THE DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF A CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW, BUT ALSO HAS THE CLASSICAL REVIVAL COLUMNS AND STAGGERED SHINGLES IN THE GABLE, IT REALLY IS QUITE CHARMING AND LENDS A LOT TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT. I DON'T KNOW THAT THE WINDOWS ARE VINYL. I KNOW THAT THE WINDOW SURROUNDS ARE WOOD AND THE WINDOW TRIM IS WOOD AND IT'S ALL IN PLACE. WHEN I LOOK AT THIS HOUSE THE ONLY THING THAT I SEE NON-HISTORIC ARE THE APPLICATION OF THE SHUTTERS WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN WITH THIS PROPERTY, OF COURSE THOSE COULD BE REMOVED VERY EASILY. I WANTED TO SAY ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T HAVE HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS WITH PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL, IT IS SIGNIFICANT FOR ITS ASSOCIATIONS WITH -- WITH END AN ENORMOUS RATE OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE 1920S, THAT'S WHEN THE BIG ESTATES WERE BROKEN UP FOR SMALLER LOTS, THE ELECTRIC STREET CAR LINE CAME DOWN SIXTH STREET OUT TOWARDS WHERE MOPAC IS NOW. ALL OF THESE BIG ESTATE PROPERTIES WERE BROKEN UP AND THESE HOUSES ON HARTMAN STREET WERE JUST BUILT ONE RIGHT AFTER ANOTHER. AND ON HARTMAN STREET IN PARTICULAR, THEY WERE -- THEY HAD TO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA OF A CERTAIN PRICE RANGE AND THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A VERY NICE, MIDDLE CLASS, UPPER MIDDLE CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD TO LIVE IN. COMMUNITY VALUE, IT HAS EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY VALUE TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON HARTMAN AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE WESELYN HISTORIC DISTRICT. BUT OTHER PEOPLE WILL TALK ABOUT THAT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT IT'S ALWAYS KIND OF HEART BREAKING TO ME. I MEAN I WENT THROUGH -- WE LOST 609 WEST LYNN, WE LOST THE RAILROAD HOUSES, WE LOST A HOUSE ON 9th STREET. ALL OF THESE THINGS SINCE THE CITY AND THE OLD WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HAD ME START THE SURVEY AND I REALLY URGE YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER WHAT THIS HOUSE MEANS TO THIS STREET AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO THE CITY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. MYERS. NEXT SPEAKER IS

STEVE COALBURN. STEVE COLEBURN. FOLLOWING STEVE COLEBURN WAS ROSEMARY MERRYMAN. WELCOME, ROSEMARY, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES. FOLLOWED BY LAURA MOOREHOUSE.

HI, I'M ROSEMARY MARRYMAN ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND ALSO CHAIR OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE. I JUST WANT TO SHARE A LETTER FROM A RESIDENT OF HARTHAN STREET WHO COULDN'T BE HERE. SHE LIVES AT 608 HARTHAN STREET. AND HER LETTER READS: SHORTLY AFTER MY HUSBAND AND I RETURNED FROM HIS POSTING OVERSEAS, WE PURCHASED OUR HOUSE ON HARTHAN STREET IN 1965, I WORKED IN MANY YEARS IN STATE GOVERNMENT UNTIL MY RETIREMENT. I WAS ACTIVE IN MANY ASSOCIATIONS, INCLUDING WOMEN IN COMMUNICATION. HAVING LIVED ON THE STREET FOR 40 YEARS, I CAN SAY IT HAS REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED. I HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN WORKING WITH MY NEIGHBORS IN GATHERING ORAL HISTORIES FROM LONG-TIME RESIDENTS AND I FEEL A SENSE OF SATISFACTION THAT THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED OUR APPLICATION FOR THE WEST LINE NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER DISTRICT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN FORKS THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR -- FOR THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE LETTER YOU PROVIDED US. I BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US AS THE CAPITOL CITY TO PRESERVE EXAMPLES OF EARLY HISTORY I URGE YOU TO APPROVE HISTORIC ZONING FOR 609 HARTHAN STREET. IT IS CLEAR THIS HAS A CONCENTRATION OF HOUSES, TWO OF WHICH ARE ALREADY CITY OF AUSTIN LANDMARKS WHICH PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF AUSTIN'S HISTORY. THANK YOU, MRS. HOWARD J. NEARLY.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, LAURA MORRISON, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES. IF READY FOLLOWED BY STEVE.

GOOD EVENING, I'M LAURA MORRISON, I'M HONORED TONIGHT TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ TWO LETTERS TO YOU FROM WOMEN THAT WERE ASSOCIATED WITH HARTHAN STREET SINCE BEFORE 1920. THE FIRST IS FROM MS. ADA MCCULLOUGH. DEAR MAYOR WYNN,

COUNCILMEMBERS, I REGRET THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO BE AT THE HEARING FOR HISTORIC ZONING FOR 609 HARTHAN, BUT I HOPE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S BEEN DIFFICULT FOR ME TO GET AROUND AS I'M 93 YEARS OLD. I'M WRITING TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE LIVE AT 610 SINCE MY PARENTS BOUGHT THIS HOUSE WHEN I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD. HAVING LIVED IN AUSTIN FOR NEARLY A CENTURY, I HAVE SEEN MANY CHANGES IN OUR CITY. I HAVE MANY RELATIVES WHO NOW LIVE AROUND THE CITY WHILE OTHERS MOVED AWAY AND ONLY RETURNED TO AUSTIN FOR VACATIONS. ONE OF THE THINGS THEY ALL APPRECIATE IS HOW MY HOUSE AND HARTHAN STREET HAS REMAINED ESSENTIALLY AS IT WAS WHEN WE ALL GREW UP PLAYING HOPE HOPSCOTCH ON THE SIDEWALKS. WHEN MY COUSINS AND NIECES AND NEPHEWS COME TO VISIT ME, ONE OF THE THINGS THEY TALK ABOUT IS HOW HARTHAN STREET HAS STAYED PRETTY MUCH THE SAME ALL THESE YEARS BACK TO THE TIME WHEN I WAS A CHILD. I LOVE THE FACT THAT YOUNG COUPLES HAVE BEEN MOVING IN WITH YOUNG BABIES WHO CAN NOW ALSO PLAY IN THE YARDS AND ON THE PORCHES LIKE I ONCE DID. PLEASE VOTE TO APPROVE HISTORIC ZONING AS IT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THE KIND OF HOUSES THAT WERE BEING BUILT WHEN I WAS GROWING UP. IT AND THE OTHER HOUSES ON HARTHAN ARE A LIVING LEGACY OF AUSTIN'S HERITAGE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT AND ALL OF THE HOUSES ON HARTHAN BE PRESERVED AS A BLOCK THAT WILL SHOW FUTURE GENERATIONS A FINE EXAMPLE OF A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD AND A PICTURE OF OUR CITY'S EARLY DEVELOPMENT. THAT'S FROM MS. ADA MCCULLOUGH. THEN THE SECOND ONE IS FROM BILLY NEWMILLER. I AM THE DAUGHTER OF W.O. HARPER, WHO IS PROBABLY A PLUMBER'S NAME THAT YOU RECOGNIZE. AND I'M 80 YEARS OLD. I WAS BORN AT 604 1RS STREET WHERE ANY PARENTS LIVED FROM THE TIME THEY WERE MARRIED UNTIL THEY DIED. THE HOUSE I GREW UP IN IS NOW AN AUSTIN CITY LANDMARK AS IS 602 HARTHAN. 606 WHILE NOT CURRENTLY LISTED WAS ON THE HERITAGE SOCIETY HOMES TOUR IN 1981. ALL OF THE HOUSES ON HARTHAN STREET WERE BUILT BEFORE 1930. 609 IS DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HOUSE IN WHICH I GREW UP. WE ALWAYS ENJOYED SITTING ON OUR FRONT PORCH AND LOOKING ACROSS THE STREET AT THAT

BUNGALOW WHICH LOOKS TODAY AS IT DID THEN. ALL THIS SPEAKS TO THE FACT THAT THE HOUSES OF HARTMAN STREET ARE A RICH RESOURCE OF AUSTIN'S ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY. I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF GROWING UP ON HARTMAN STREET, I AM DELIGHTED TO KNOW THAT THE CURRENT OWNERS OF THE NIXON HARP HOUSE, WHICH IS ON THE WEST SIDE, HAVE A YOUNG DAUGHTER, GEORGIA KAY WHO WILL SOON I HOPE BE USING MY PLAY HOUSE WHICH IS STILL INTACT IN THE BACK YARD JUST AS MY FRIENDS AND I DID SO VERY MANY YEARS AGO. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU USE THE POWER VESTED IN YOU TO APPROVE HISTORIC ZONING FOR THE 609 609 HARTMAN STREET. WARM REVERENDS. I HAVE COPIES OF THESE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, STEVE COLEBURN. OUR LAST SPEAKER. SIGNED UP IN FAVOR OF THE ZONING CASE.

WELCOME, STEVE, THREE MINUTES. >>

HONORABLE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, MY NAME IS STEVE COLEBURN, I'M THE CHAIR OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE FOR THE OLD WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. YOU'VE HEARD A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAK TODAY ABOUT THE -- ABOUT THE HOUSE AND THE STREET THAT THE HOUSE IS ON. HARTMAN STREET AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND TO THE CITY. IT'S AN ENCLAVE THAT IS UNIQUE IN THE CITY AS WAS MENTIONED. THAT ALL OF THE PROPERTIES ARE HISTORIC OR POTENTIALLY HISTORIC AND THAT IS THE REASON FOR OUR ASKING FOR IT TO BE THE FIRST LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT. IT MEETS THE CRITERIA, THE CURRENT CRITERIA, WHICH FIRST OF ALL IT MUST BE AT LEAST 50 YEARS OLD, WHICH OBVIOUSLY IT IS. SECOND IS THAT IT RETAIN SUFFICIENT INTEGRITY OF MATERIALS AND DESIGN TO CONVEY ITS HISTORIC APPEARANCE. AND AS TERRY MYERS HAS SPOKEN TO YOU ABOUT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A COUPLE OF MINOR AND RELATIVELY EASY CHANGEABLE CONDITIONS, SUCH AS THE WINDOWS AND PORCH AND SHUTTERS, THE HOUSE ITSELF IS STILL -- HAS THE INTEGRITY OF ITS ORIGINAL DESIGN AND MATERIALS. THEN IT MUST BE EITHER IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, WHICH WHILE IT'S NOT, IT IS A CONTRIBUTING

PROPERTY FOR US. OR AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: A, ARCHITECTURE. AND TERRY MYERS HAS AGAIN SPOKEN TO YOU ABOUT HOW IT DOES EMBODY THE DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RECOGNIZED ARCHITECTURAL STYLE OF A CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW WITH CLASSIC REVIVAL COLUMNS. SO IT MEETS THAT CRITERIA. THEN THE SECOND OF TWO IS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS AND THE PROPERTY HAS SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION WITH THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTIN AND THAT AREA OF AUSTIN FROM THE 1920S. AS SUCH IT REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT PORTRAYAL OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF THAT GROUP OF PEOPLE AT THAT TIME. FINALLY, THE THIRD OF THE TWO THAT ARE NECESSARY, SO MORE THAN IS NECESSARY, IS THE VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AND I THINK THAT SHOULD BE VERY OBVIOUS TO YOU FROM AGAIN THE WORK THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS PUT IN, THE -- ALL OF THE LETTERS, THE NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING THE COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORS AROUND IT, ALL DESIRING IT TO BE HISTORIC SO THAT WE DON'T DESTROY THIS ENCLAVE OF HISTORIC HOMES THAT -- THAT IS REALLY SO MUCH A PART OF AUSTIN. THERE ARE LOTS OF AREAS IN AUSTIN WHERE IT'S APPROPRIATE TO BUILD NEW AND MODERN AND DIFFERENT STYLES OF HOMES. BUT IMAGINE, IF YOU WILL, 10 HOMES OR NINE HOMES ALL HISTORIC AND ONE NOT. IT REALLY DOES DESTROY THE INTEGRITY OF THAT NEIGHBORHOOD AND OF THAT HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD. SO WE -- WE SINCERELY ASK YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE HISTORIC ZONING FOR THIS PROPERTY AND NOT TO ALLOW IT TO BE DEMOLISHED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, THAT'S ALL OF THE FOLKS SIGNED UP IN FAVOR. A COUPLE OF FOLKS WANTED TO SPEAK, CHECKED NEUTRAL. WE WILL CALL ON MARY KEYS, JULIE [INDISCERNIBLE] MARY, WELCOME, THREE MINUTES.

NEUTRAL BUT -- I'M AGAINST HISTORIC ZONING.

Mayor Wynn: HANG ON.

JULIE -- ORCHID? JULIE HERE? ARE YOU IN FAVOR, NEUTRAL, AGAINST.

I'M AGAINST. I'M SORRY. EXCUSE ME, I'M FOR. I'VE BEEN

OBTVIOUSLY OUT THERE I CAN'T HEAR YOU. SORRY.

YOU ARE FOR THE HISTORIC CASE?

THAT IS CORRECT.

OKAY. PLEASE YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES, WELCOME.

MY NAME IS JULIE ORCHID, ALIVE ACROSS THE STREET AT 604 HARTMAN, WE ACTUALLY HAVE ZONED OUR HOUSE RISCAL WE ACTUALLY MOVED FROM A CONTEMPORARY NEIGHBORHOOD INTO AN HISTORICAL AREA. GEORGIA KAY HERE WAS MENTIONED IN THE LETTER. SHE'S ACTUALLY THE NEXT GENERATION TO GROW UP ON THIS WONDERFUL STREET THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE DOMED HISTORICAL AND KEPT HISTORICAL. IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO SEE CERTAIN CONTEMPORARY HOMES GO UP IN THE AREA WITH SUCH HISTORICAL PRESERVATION IN THE AREA. WE WANTED TO COME BY AND SPEAK OUR MIND ON HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR YOU US TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. WE HAVE ACTUALLY MET THE PEOPLE, THE LADY THAT WAS ACTUALLY BORN IN THE HOME. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO US, WE HOPE TO SEE GEORGIA KAY AND OTHER KIDS GROW UP AND PLAY IN A PLAY HOUSE THAT'S BEEN THERE FOR LIKE 95 YEARS, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MS. ORCHID. I THINK AS ALL OF THE FOLKS SIGNED UP IN FAVOR. MS. KEYS WELCOME BACK.

Mayor Wynn: WHEN I LOOK AT THIS CASE, THE APPLICANT APPEARS TO BE THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION, IS MS. KEYS THE APPLICATION FOR THE DEMOLITION PERMIT, THE PROPERTY OWNER?

THAT'S CORRECT.

Mayor Wynn: WHY DON'T YOU START SPEAKING.

I BASED THE PRESENTATION ON THAT AMOUNT OF TIME.

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH.

OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: THIS IS A STRANGE CASE, TYPICALLY, YOU KNOW, AN APPLICANT WOULD BE GIVEN FIVE MINUTES FOR A PRESENTATION. THIS CASE, OUR APPLICANT WAS THE CITY STAFF EVEN THOUGH STAFF RECOMMENDED AGAINST IT. HISTORY RIRK LANDMARK COMMISSION, AN AFFIRMATIVE RECOMMENDATION, SORT OF A HYBRID OF PERSPECTIVE. TAKE FIVE MINUTES AND GIVE US YOUR CASE.

OKAY. THANK YOU. [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC]

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MARY ALICE KEY, HERE TO REPRESENT MY FAMILY WHO OWNS THE HOME. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF MAINTAINING OUR CURRENT ZONING. WE WOULD LIKE TO VUKT A NEW HOME ON THE SITE AND ARE AGAINST HISTORIC ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY. A FORMAL LETTER OF OBJECTION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. THIS PROPERTY WAS CONSIDERED WITH BUILDING NEW CONSTRUCTION, IT WAS NOT MARKETED AS A HISTORIC PROPERTY NOR IS IT CURRENTLY IN A NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT OR A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT. JUST AN APPLICATION. IN FACT THIS PROPERTY HAS HAD AT LEAST FIVE BROKEN CONTRACTS IN ITS PAST WHEN WE PURCHASED IT. SO THE HOUSE HAD SEVERAL MONTHS TO ATTRACT ALL POSSIBLE BUYERS. INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE INTEREST IN HISTORICAL HOMES. THOSE BUYERS TOOK A PASS ON IT. I BELIEVE THE BUYERS AGREED THE HOUSE WAS OLD, BUT NOT HISTORIC, THEREFORE DID NOT WANT TO SPEND A LARGE SUM OF MONEY ON AN EXTENSIVE HISTORIC RENOVATION. THAT IS OUR POSITION AT WELL. THIS HOUSE IS OLD AND NOT HISTORIC. THE PROPERTY WAS PASSED OVER BY THE OPEN MARKET, ALSO PASSED OVER BY MEMBERS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. I HAVE SPOKEN TO IWAN AND ASKED WHY THEY ARE NOT FINDING PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT FUNDING TO PURCHASE THESE PROPERTIES AND THEY HAVE TOLD ME THAT IT HAS RUN OUT. I'M SURE IF THEY WERE CREATIVE THEY COULD WORK WITH LOCAL BANKS INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT OR INVESTIGATE HOW TO CREATE A LAND TRUST. INSTEAD I BELIEVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENCOURAGES A ZERO

TOLERANCE POLICY FOR OWNERS WHO CHOOSE NOT TO REHAB. WHICH ACCORDING TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AT THIS POINT ALL SUGGESTIONS ON DESIGN AND HOUSING STOCK ARE TO BE OBSERVED BY THE OWNER ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. BUT PRESERVATION IS ENCOURAGED NOT REQUIRED. AUSTIN IS A PROGRESSIVE CITY WITH A GROWING POPULATION, ECONOMIC VITALITY AND UNFORTUNATELY MAJOR TRAFFIC PROBLEMS. I FIND IT UNREALISTIC TO TELL PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ESCAPE TRAFFIC AND SPRAWL THAT THEY CAN'T BUILD THEIR DREAM HOME IN ONE OF THE CLOSEST NEIGHBORHOODS CONNECTED BY SIMILAR INFRASTRUCTURE TO DOWNTOWN. TO DEEM ALL HOUSING IN THIS AREA UNOFFICIALLY OFF LIMITS TO URBAN IN FILL DOES NOT HELP WITH THE MISSION OF SMART HOUSING. I SEE THE AREA FROM MOPAC TO THE WEST, I-35 TO THE EAST, AND SOUTH TO THE RIVER AND ENFIELD TO THE NORTH AS BEING PART OF THE URBAN CORE. THE CITY COUNCIL JUST PASSED CBD ZONING FOR THE RAINEY STREET NEIGHBORHOOD. BUT THE CITY OFFERED A NO COST ZONING ROLLBACK FOR THIS AREA. THEY ALSO OFFERED THAT BACK IN 1974. THIS IS A TIME WHERE I FEEL THE NEIGHBORHOOD SHOULD BE UPZONED, NOT DOWN ZONED. IN OTHER WORDS MAINTAINING THE MF ZONING ORIGINAL SF 3 AND INCLUDING POSSIBLY EVEN DMU. BACK IN 1974, 90 -- ROUGHLY 90 PROPERTIES UTILIZED THAT ROLLBACK AND FOR 2004, 60 UTILIZED THAT. THIS PART OF TOWN IS ALSO IN A LOW INCOME CENSUS TRACT. ON THE MAP RIGHT HERE, THAT REFLECTS IT. I AM SURE THAT YOU WOULD ALL AGREE THAT THOSE INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTED ARE NOT THE HOMEOWNERS DUE TO THE AFFLUENCE OF THE AREA. THOSE ARE SOME OF THE YOUNGER PEOPLE WHO WANT ACCESS TO A CLOSE-IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOW THEY GAIN ACCESS IN AN AMPLE VARIETY OF VARIOUS KINDS OF RENTAL UNITS IN COMBINATION WITH DOWN ZONING AND THE UNKNOWN VARIABLE OF POSSIBLY CREATING A STRICT LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT THAT WOULD MAKE IT IMPROBABLE TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP MIXED AND CREATIVE HOUSING. AND THIS TRACT CLEARLY SHOWS HOW MANY OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE ARE SO MANY THEY ARE DOMINATING THE CENSUS TRACT. IF YOU LOOK AT THAT MAP, AREAS LIKE PEMBERTON

HEIGHTS AND TARRYTOWN DON'T SHOW THAT SAME KIND OF A PATTERN. ACTUALLY THE PATTERN IS CLOSER TO WHAT THE UNIVERSITY HAS, THAT'S ON THE MAP THAT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU. IN THE OLD WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, OWANA SUPPORTS THE SAME VISION, HOW CAN THAT BE ACHIEVED IF WE ARE PRESERVING ALL OF THE CURRENT HOUSING STOCK IN THE ENTIRE AREA. THE LARGE GEOGRAPHIC AREA NEAR DOWNTOWN WILL BE FROZEN IN A TIME CAPSULE. ALL OPPORTUNITY WILL END AT THE MOST THERE WILL BE GARAGE APARTMENTS, BUT ALL OPPORTUNITIES WILL END FOR VISIONARIES WHO WANT TO CREATE URBAN IN FILL PROJECTS, PERFECT FOR SMART HOUSING. CITIES CONTINUE ON A SPRAWL PATTERN IF THEY ARE NO NATURAL BOUNDARIES, IN OUR CASE WE HAVE THAT. HIGHWAYS TO THE EAST AND WEST. THE LANGUAGE SAYS BOUNDARIES ARE IN PEOPLE'S MINDS BUT IN MANY CASES THE ACTIVITIES THEMSELVES ARE MADE MORE SHARP, MORE VIVIDLY, MORE ALIVE IF THE BOUNDARY WHICH EXISTS IN PEOPLE MIND IS ALSO PRESENT PHYSICALLY IN THE WORLD. IF THE CITY AGREES THAT THEY CAN USE THE NATURAL BOUNDARIES FOR THE URBAN CORE AND CONTINUE TO RESPECT HISTORIC PROPERTIES ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND RETAIN SUPERIOR EXAMPLES, NOT HOLD ALL HOUSING STOCK HOSTAGE. IF THE PROPOSED LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT IS TOO STRICT IT WILL EXCLUDE ITSELF. I WAS ASKED IF I WANTED TO GET TWO PERMITS FOR VISITOR PARKING. I APPRECIATE THE OFFER, BUT THAT'S ABOUT LUXURY AND AGAIN ELITIST SECLUSION AND SEPARATION. THE CELEBRATION OF THE CAR IN SUBURBIA. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

THEY SHOULDN'T EVEN BE REVIEWED, SO THERE'S SOME MISCOMMUNICATION ON THE OTHER SPEAKERS IN TERMS OF HOW MANY DEMOLITION PERMITS HAVE BEEN PULLED. IT MIGHT BE EASIER, AGAIN, IF YOU JUST WANT TO ASK ME QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: VERY GOOD. SO YOU ARE THE CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER?

MY MOTHER IS THE CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER AND SHE'S

IN THE AUDIENCE, AND I AM THE AGENT, APPLICANT.

Mayor Wynn: AND YOUR MOTHER HAS OWNED THE PROPERTY FOR HOW LONG?

WE PURCHASED IT IN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR.

Mayor Wynn: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. COUNCIL, WE HAVE ONE LATE SIGN-UP, LOOKS LIKE PETER MCNEILAGE. WELCOME, PETER. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

MAYOR WYNN, MAYOR PRO TEM GOODMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, WHAT I WANT TO BEGIN BY DOING HERE IS READING A LETTER BY SIMON AT KINSON, WHO IS A WORLD REKNOWNED URBAN PLANNER AND HISTORICAL ARCHITECT REGARDING THIS HOUSE. THIS IS AN ATTRACTIVE CRAFTSMAN STYLE URBAN COTTAGE WITH A LOWER FLOOR. ITS MAIN ASSET IS ITS CONTRIBUTING QUALITY TO THE OVERALL SCALE AND CHARACTER. CLEARLY THIS ROAD AND AREA NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED AS AN HISTORIC DISTRICT WITH ITS GRANDER HOUSES TO THE WEST SIDE AND WELL SCALED COTTAGES TO THE EAST. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THIS BUILDING BE SAVED DUE TO ITS CONTRIBUTING QUALITIES TO ONE OF AUSTIN'S UNIQUE STREETS. I HAVE UNDERTAKEN A DETAILED INSPECTION OF BOTH FLOORS OF THE HOUSE, PLUS THE RETAINING STRUCTURE AND FOUNDATION. WE DID SO WITH A VIEW TO RESTORING THE BUILDING AS IT HAS CONSIDERABLE SPACE AND GOOD QUALITY OF ROOMS ON BOTH FLOORS. WORK NEEDS TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE RETAINING WALL AND THE LOWER FLOOR REQUIRES FINAL FITTING OUT. THESE BE QUITE MANAGE BELIEVE SURPRISES AND -- ENTERPRISES AND WERE POINTED OUT TO US BY THE SELLING AGENT TO RESTORE THE PROPERTY TO A GOOD INNER CITY HOME. I WOULD THEREFORE ASK YOU TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO BOTH PROTECT THIS BUILDING AND THE QUALITIES OF HARTHAN STREET. AND THEN PREVIOUSLY, ON A PERSONAL NOTE, EVERY DOMINO EFFECT IS DEPENDENT ON THE FIRST DOMINO FALLING. THE STREET THAT THIS HOUSE IS ON IS THE FIRST ONE TO BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL UNDER THE DECEMBER ORDINANCE DERIVING FROM THE WORK OF THE HISTORIC LANDMARK TASKFORCE. IF WE ALLOW THIS HOUSE TO BE DEMOLISHED, IT COULD BE THE FIRST DOMINO

IN A TREND TOWARDS MAKING THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, LIKE SO MANY NEIGHBORHOODS IN CITIES LIKE HOUSTON, NEIGHBORHOODS WITHOUT A DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER OR COHERENT TRADITION. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO NOT TOPPLE THIS DOMINO. PLEASE SUPPORT AUSTIN'S HISTORIC HERITAGE BY APPROVING HISTORIC ZONING FOR THE KAUFER-PAPPAYIANOPOULOS-STEINBACH HOUSE: AND A VERY BRIEF FOOTNOTE. THE APPLICANT AND THE FIANCE HAVE JUST RECENTLY DEMOLISHED A HOUSE ELSEWHERE IN THE AREA, NAMELY ON NINTH STREET, AND WE DON'T FEEL THAT THIS IS A VERY GOOD PORE TENT. IT'S JUST SITTING THERE, NOW A VACANT LOT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL THE FOLKS SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. THE FOLLOWING FOLKS HAVE SIGNED UP IN FAVOR OF THE HISTORIC ZONING CASE, BUT NOT WISHING TO SPEAK, BLESS THEIR HEARTS. MICHAEL METCO. LORRAINE ATHERTON, MICHAEL MEYER, ROYCE GORY, KEVIN LEWIS, KATHY TOVVO AND LINDA TEEN. SO QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? I HAVE A QUESTION FOR MR. GURNSEY. WE HEARD TESTIMONY FROM MS. CIES THAT I GUESS THEY HAVE A VALID PETITION AGAINST THE ZONING CASE, OR SHE IMPLIED THAT THEY HAVEN'T SENT A FORMAL PROTEST. I GUESS THAT IN EFFECT IS A VALID PETITION, CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT, SIR.

Mayor Wynn: SO ALTHOUGH OUR SUMMARY DOESN'T SHOW THAT, THIS CASE HAS A VALID PETITION.

I BELIEVE IT CAME IN JUST YESTERDAY.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: MS. KEYES, CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT THE INTENTION IS OF THE PROPERTY IF YOU GO AHEAD AND DEMOLISH IT?

ACTUALLY, I'M GLAD YOU ASKED ME THAT BECAUSE I DIDN'T PLAN MY TIMING REAL WELL ON THIS. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ASKED ME WHAT WE PLANNED TO PUT ON THE

SITE, AND I ANSWERED THE QUESTION HONESTLY. I REALLY HAVE NO SPECIFIC PLANS. AS YOU KNOW, THEY'RE EXPENSIVE TO DRAW UP. BUT WHAT I DID KNOW IS -- AND I STARTED TO TELL YOU TODAY AND OFFER FULL DISCLOSURE BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE IF THEY THOUGHT I WAS BEING CAGEY OR SOMETHING. I HAVE SOME INFORMATION ON WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT. A SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOUNDATION FOR THIS SITE WITH A SPECIAL DRAINAGE AND EROSION PLAN, AND AN OUTDOOR AREA THAT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE LANDSCAPE. I ALSO HAVE A LETTER IN THERE FROM A POOL COMPANY, AND THAT ADDRESSES THAT, AND A PICTURE OF THE CURRENT DECK THAT'S OUT THERE. WHAT I'M PICTURING IS BETTER MATERIALS BEING USED, BRINGING THE INSIDE OUT AND THEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OUTDOOR SPACE IN THE BACK. I ALSO MENTIONED -- WELL, I HAVEN'T MENTIONED IT YET, BUT I'M WILLING TO DISCUSS WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD -- LET ME SEE WHAT I HAVE HERE. I PLAN ON A RESPONSIBLE DEMOLITION BY HAND, WHICH WILL NOT HARM THE SITE, AND A RESPONSIBLE NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT WILL BE PROPERLY ENGINEERED, ARCHITECT DESIGNED. I AM OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS ON THE FRONT FACADE, IF DEEMED NECESSARY, BUT AFTER READING THE APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL NOMINATION, I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD BE SUGGESTED BECAUSE OWANA SEEMS TO REFER TO ALL NEW BUILDINGS AS POST MODERN OR FAUX BUNGALOW. SO I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD FEELS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE STREET IN TERMS OF NEW CONSTRUCTION.

McCracken: CAN YOU TELL ME IS THIS GOING TO BE -- I THINK YOU SAID YOUR MOM, IT'S HER HOUSE ACTUALLY, NOT YOURS.

YES, BUT WE'RE GOING TO LIVE IN THAT AS WELL. AND THE PROPERTY THAT THEY ADDRESSED, IT WAS DEMOLISHED, BUT IT'S OLD HOUSING STOCK. IT NEVER EVEN CAME BEFORE HISTORIC REVIEW. IT WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT. I DON'T THINK THAT'S AN ESTABLISHED -- IT'S AN ESTABLISHED PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR, BUT THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH DEMOLISHING AN OLDER HOUSE.

McCracken: I GUESS I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW

IF THIS IS BEING DONE FOR INVESTMENT OR IF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME OR WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF TEARING DOWN A HOUSE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD?

IT'S GOING TO BE A HOME AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT ZONING AND THE GRANDFATHERING, I'M ABLE TO PUT IN ANOTHER UNIT. TYPICALLY -- WHAT'S THERE RIGHT NOW IS MORE OF A RENTAL CONFIGURATION, SO IT'S A THREE-BEDROOM, TWO BATH ON TOP. TWO-TWO ON THE BOTTOM. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS A HOMEMADE OF QUALITY MATERIALS WITH A UNIT FOR MY MOTHER. SO IT WOULD TAKE ON THE DUPLEX IDEA, BUT IT WOULD BE CONFIGURED LIKE A GUEST HOUSE. AND I WOULD EVEN CONSIDER MAYBE PUTTING IN ANOTHER UNIT IF THAT'S SOMETHING THE COUNCIL IS INTERESTED IN WITH DENSITY IN TERMS OF LIKE A LITTLE EFFICIENCY OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I MEAN, I'M OPEN TO WHATEVER, BUT I DO WANT TO HAVE THAT SECOND -- REALLY A HOME WITH A GUEST HOUSE ESSENTIAL.

McCracken: AND THEN WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF THE HOME RIGHT NOW? IS IT STRUCTURALLY SOUND?

YOU HAVE AN ENGINEER'S REPORT IN THAT PACKET. IT QUOTES IT AT \$52,000 TO REPLACE THE FOUNDATION, PLUS I SPOKE WITH THE ENGINEER LAST WEEK, HE TOLD ME THAT IT COULD BE ABOUT 15 TO \$20,000, INCLUDING HIS ON-SITE FEES AND PATCHWORK THAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE. AND HE ALSO SAID -- AND AGAIN, PERHAPS I COULD HAVE HIM COME HERE PERSONALLY IF THIS MOVES FORWARD. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S NECESSARY AT THIS POINT. BUT HE FELT COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE WITH ME TELLING YOU THAT HE STILL HAS -- HE WOULD RECOMMEND A NEW HOME AND A NEW FOUNDATION, AND HE STILL HAS RESERVATIONS ON IF THAT WOULD BE THE END OF THE DEAL ONCE THAT FOUNDATION IS DONE. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I INCLUDED THAT INFORMATION ON EXPANSIVE CLAYS BECAUSE IT'S JUST A CHRONIC PROBLEM IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA.

McCracken: ON THE OTHER HOME THAT YOU DEMOLISHED ON WEST NINTH, I UNDERSTAND IT DIDN'T COME UP FOR

HISTORIC. WAS THAT AN INVESTMENT HOME? PROPERTY?

NO. THAT'S MY FIANCE'S HOME AND IT'S IN HIS NAME AND HE'S GOING TO LIVE IN IT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE BOTH THESE HOMES AND MAYBE MY MOM WILL LIVE IN ONE. BUT WE ARE GOING TO LIVE IN BOTH OF THESE HOMES AT ONE POINT OR ANOTHER.

McCracken: CAN YOU TELL ME IN TERMS OF THE OTHER HOUSE THAT YOU BUILT, DID YOU -- WHAT YOU -- WHAT YOU BUILT ON THE OTHER SITE?

WHAT'S BUILT ON THE OTHER? CONTEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION.

McCracken: THANK YOU. AND I THINK THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

BUT AGAIN, LIKE I OUTLINED, IF THIS REALLY IS AN ISSUE, I WOULD -- I'M REALLY OPEN MINDED TO WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE. WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY BEFORE IS I JUST WANT A CERTAIN KIND OF FOUNDATION, A CERTAIN OUTDOOR SPACE, AND NONE OF THAT REALLY AFFECTS THE HISTORIC DISTRICT ANYWAY BECAUSE IT'S ON THE BACK. AND THE RULES FOR A DISTRICT IS JUST ON THE FRONT. BUT THE DISTRICT IS EVEN VERY QUESTIONABLE TOO BECAUSE THE DISTRICT THEIR PROPOSING ISN'T OURS. THE DISTRICT IS ALL THE WAY UP TO MOPAC TO -- I WOULD LIKE MORE ELABORATION ON WHAT IS A SPECIFIC DISTRICT BECAUSE I READ THE APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL STATUS AND IT CLEARLY OUTLINES BORDERING THOSE ROADS UNLESS THAT'S SOME KIND OF OTHER APPLICATION THEIR WORKING ON FOR JUST HARTMAN.

McCracken: OKAY. I GUESS WE'LL HEAR FROM SOME OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON THAT ISSUE. THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

McCracken: CAN YOU ADDRESS THAT QUESTION ABOUT WHERE THE DISTRICT WOULD BE? AND THEN I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION ABOUT THAT.

THE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT THAT WAS APPROVED

ON THIS PAST SATURDAY, SO IT'S NOT AN APPLICATION, IT HAS BEEN APPROVED AND SENT FORWARD TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, DOES GO FROM BAYLOR TO -- FROM THE BACK LOTS OF LAMAR TO MOPAC, FROM SIXTH STREET TO ROUGHLY GOES ALONG 13TH STREET ON THE NORTH. AND IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THIS IS 984 PROPERTIES IN THE INNER CITY. IT'S SIMILAR IN SOME WAYS TO THE OLD WEST AUSTIN DISTRICT TO THE NORTH WITH ABOUT 2500 PROPERTIES. BUT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH THE HARTMAN DISTRICT, IT'S A SUBSET OF THAT LARGER NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT, AND IT ACTUALLY HAS A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF CONTRIBUTING PROPERTIES. LIKE I SAID, THEY'RE ALL HISTORIC, ONE IS JUST A NON-CONTRIBUTING PROPERTY, BOTH IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT, AND IN WHAT WE PROPOSED AS A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT.

McCracken: SO THE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT WOULD BE FOR HARTMAN THEN?

YES. FOR ALL THE HOUSES THAT FRONT ON TO HARTMAN. AND I THINK SHE HAD A QUESTION ABOUT SOME LOT THAT SEEMED TO BE VACANT LOTS. THOSE LOTS ARE ACTUALLY THE BACK LOTS OF A HOUSE THAT FRONTS ON TO BLANCO. AND IT'S A VERY STEEP DROPOFF THERE, SO IT'S UNLIKELY THAT THAT THAT WOULD BE A BUILDING SITE. IT'S A VERY STEEP DROP OFF, SO IT WOULDN'T AFFECT THE CHARACTER OF HARTMAN.

McCracken: MY SECOND QUESTION ON THE HISTORIC DISTRICT IS WHAT REALLY CONCERNS ME ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DEMOLITION IS SOMETHING THAT I WITNESSED WHEN I LIVED IN HOUSTON, WHICH IS WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH IS IT HAD GONE FROM BEING A NEIGHBORHOOD SIMILAR TO THIS TO BEING ZERO LOT LINE McMANSIONS. THE PLACE IS JUST UNRECOGNIZABLE. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WITH THE HISTORIC DISTRICT, LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS, THAT WE WOULD HAVE SOME ABILITY TO REGULATE -- THE DISTRICT WOULD HAVE SOME ABILITY TO REGULATE THE SCALE OF THE HOME?

ABSOLUTELY.

McCracken: LET ME ASK YOU THIS: IF, SAY, THIS WERE TO BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE DISTRICT WERE CREATED, WOULD THERE BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAT CONFORMS TO THE SCALE AND SETBACKS AND CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AFTER THE DISTRICT WAS APPROVED?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RULES ARE. WE'RE STILL KIND OF IN LIMBO WITH WHAT THE EXACT REGULATIONS AND THINGS WOULD BE. I THINK, OF COURSE, THE NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INPUT OR THE CITY HAVE INPUT AND NOT JUST VOLUNTARY, BUT MANDATORY RULES ABOUT SCALE AND SIZE AND SET BACK AND USE AND THE KINDS OF THINGS. BUT OUR FIRST PREFERENCE IS TO SAVE THE HOUSE. AND WE KIND OF FEEL THAT AN ENGINEER CAME TO MY HOUSE AND TOLD ME I NEEDED A NEW FOUNDATION FOR \$12,000. THIS IS ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO. I'M STILL SITTING THERE WITHOUT THE FOUNDATION AND MY HOUSE IS JUST FINE. THIS HOUSE IS AN 84-YEAR-OLD HOUSE, AND IT STILL HAS OUTSTANDING INTEGRITY FOR ITS SIDING MATERIALS, ITS ROOF STRUCTURE, ITS PORCH, THAT SORT OF THING. SO I THINK IT'S A LITTLE BIT DISINGENUOUS TO SAY THIS HOUSE IS FALLING APART OR NEEDS TO BE -- HAVE THIS 50,000-DOLLAR FOUNDATION ON IT. BUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD, I'M SURE -- I'M HOPING I'M SPEAKING FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT THEY WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE ORIGINAL HOUSE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ONE THING TO MS. KIE. IF IT'S A NATIONAL REGISTER PROPERTY, IT COMES IN FOR A 20% TAX REHAB CREDIT. THAT IS A VERY GOOD TAX REHAB CREDIT. AND IF IT'S A LOCALLY ZONED HISTORIC PROPERTY, IT ALSO COMES IN FOR THE TAX ABATEMENT. ANOTHER THING ABOUT THE -- YOU KNOW, ABOUT DENSITY. THIS IS ALREADY A DUPLEX AND HAS BEEN A DUPLEX FOR MANY YEARS. THIS NEIGHBORHOOD IS DENSE, AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY IT'S NOT A BAD THING, BUT WHY TEAR DOWN SOMETHING THAT'S ALREADY UTILIZING THE SPACE AS WELL AS IT CAN TO PUT UP SOMETHING ELSE THAT MAY NOT BE IN KEEPING WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

McCracken: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: THIS PARTICULAR STREET I THINK IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT HAS VIRTUALLY ALL THE HOUSES INTACT. AND THE ONE THAT PROBABLY ISN'T CONTRIBUTING, BUT COULD BE MADE CONTRIBUTING VERY EASILY. I HAVE ONE QUESTION. THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WANTED TO BE THE FIRST LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT AND THEY WORKED VERY HARD. SINCE THE FORMS WEREN'T IN THEY DID THE BEST THEY COULD AND TURNED IN THAT APPLICATION IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT, YOU HAVE TO HAVE AT LEAST 51% OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS APPROVE THAT APPLICATION, AND I'D LIKE TO -- I ZOOM THAT YOU -- I ASSUME THAT YOU HAD AT LEAST 51% APPROVAL. COULD YOU TELL US ABOUT THAT?

YES. WE HAVE 77% APPROVAL.

Dunkerley: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON CASE Z-3. THAT WOULD INCLUDE CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Dunkerley: MAYOR, I WOULD LIKE ONE -- LET ME MAKE ONE OTHER COMMENT. MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THE PRESERVATION PLAN THAT WAS TURNED IN TO OUR HISTORIC OFFICER, HAD THEY COMPLETED -- HAD IT BEEN APPROVED AS THE LOCAL DISTRICT, THIS HOUSE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS. IS THIS CORRECT DR. SADOWSKY? -- MR. SADOWSKY?

YES, MA'AM. THAT IS CORRECT. A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT FOR ANYTHING THAT'S CONTRIBUTING, ANY PROPERTY THAT'S CONTRIBUTING TO THAT DISTRICT, WOULD REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS NOT ONLY FOR DEMOLITION, BUT FOR RELOCATION AND FOR ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken.

McCracken: WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS IF -- IT SOUNDS LIKE WHAT'S INTENDED TO REPLACE THIS HOUSE WOULD, AT LEAST IN MY OPINION, SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF WHAT IS A TRULY HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD. WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS? GRANTING HISTORIC ZONING OR ALLOWING THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO BE CHANGED?

WELL, THE OLD WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OR HARTMAN STREET HAS TURNED IN AN APPLICATION FOR THE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT. THAT CAN BE PRESENTED TO THE LANDMARK COMMISSION ONCE THE-- ONCE THE NOMINATION FORM IS APPROVED. THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE LANDMARK COMMISSION IS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, AND I'VE INCLUDED A COPY OF THIS NOMINATION IN THEIR PACKET FOR THEM TO REVIEW. I THINK IF THEY WANT TO BRING IT TO THE COMMISSION IN JUNE, WE HAVE TIME TO DO THE NOTICE AND BRING IT UP UNTIL JUNE. I THINK IT WOULD PROBABLY BE PREFERABLE TO TAKE -- PREFERABLE TO TAKE IT UP IN JULY BECAUSE IN LOOKING THROUGH THE NOMINATION, IT DOES FOLLOW THE ORDINANCE, BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE MISSING, THE NOMINATION STILL NEEDS TO BE TWEAKED A LITTLE BIT BEFORE IT REALLY COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE. SO I THINK THE LANDMARK COMMISSION MIGHT BE THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO BRING IT UP. AS FAR AS WHETHER THE FILING OF THAT APPLICATION -- ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT IS NOTIFICATION FEES OR EVEN A FEE FOR FILING THIS APPLICATION SINCE WE'VE INSTITUTED FEES FOR FILING OTHER APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC ZONING. I MEAN, THAT'S ONE THING THAT THE LANDMARK COMMISSION WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER. SO I THINK MAYBE ONE OPTION WOULD BE TO GO WITH HISTORIC ZONING ON FIRST READING BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE -- AND I THINK THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO HELP US ON THIS -- WHETHER LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT APPLICATION WOULD APPLY TO THIS DEMOLITION PERMIT BECAUSE THE DEMOLITION PERMIT WAS FILED SO LONG AGO BEFORE THE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT APPLICATION WAS FILED. I THINK IT'S PROBABLY SAFE TO SAY THAT ONCE THE APPLICATION GOES BEFORE THE LANDMARK

COMMISSION AND THEY MAKE A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION ON IT, IT COMES BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THEN THE COUNCIL THAT NEW CONSTRUCTION ON THIS SITE WOULD NEED A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRESERVATION PLAN FOR THE HARTMAN STREET DISTRICT.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? MOTIONS?

Thomas: MAYOR, ARE YOU READY FOR A MOTION?

Mayor Wynn: I'M READY.

Thomas: PASS ON FIRST READING ONLY FOR HISTORIC ZONING. AND THAT THE TWO PARTIES GET TOGETHER ON THE SECOND AND THIRD READING.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN TO APPROVE -- CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE HISTORIC ZONING, Z-3, ON FIRST READING ONLY. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN.

McCracken: YEAH. I MEAN, THERE'S NO -- IT APPEARS THIS HOUSE IS ARCHITECTURALLY AND STRUCTURALLY SOUND. IF WE WANTED TO GET HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR OTHER HOMES IN THIS AREA THAT WERE NOT SALVAGEABLE. THIS HOUSE IS HIGHLY SALVAGEABLE. THE PLAN TO WHAT WOULD REPLACE IT WOULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE THE CHARACTER OF ONE OF OUR WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOODS, SO I THINK IT DOES REQUIRE US TO PROTECT THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS? MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE. FIRST READING ONLY. ALL IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN-ZERO. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'VE GOT A BUNCH OF FOLKS WAITING AND WE HAVE ONE MORE ZONING CASE, WITH ONLY THREE PEOPLE SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK.

WE'LL BE THROUGH WITH ZONING. I'D LIKE TO ANNOUNCE NOW, JUST TO GIVE PEOPLE SOME HEAD'S UP, COUNCIL, THAT MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE THAT WE THEN TAKE SOME OF OUR LATER EVENING ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE. AND I WOULD RECOMMEND AND PREFER THAT WE DIDN'T TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 35, WHICH IS OUR PRESENTATION OF THE GROUP SOLUTION REPORT IMMEDIATELY AFTER ZONING AND THEN COME BACK AND TAKE UP THE REST OF THOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS. WE HAVE A BIG CROWD HERE TONIGHT. FRANKLY, I'D LIKE TO SEE AS MUCH OF THIS PRESENTATION AS POSSIBLE. SO WITH THAT LET'S TAKE UP OUR LAST ZONING CASE, ITEM Z-2. MISS GLASGO, WELCOME.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. ITEM NUMBER Z- 2 IS CASE NUMBER C-14-05-0026. THIS IS A CASE THAT PERTAINS TO THE MONTOPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. I'M STANDING HERE CLOSER TO THE MAP BECAUSE THIS PLAN WAS ADOPTED IN SEPTEMBER OF 2001, SO I NEED TO TAKE YOU BACK TO 2001 TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND SO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. THE MONTOPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN WAS OUR FIRST PLAN WHERE WE COMBINED ZONING WITH A PLAN, WITH A PLAN THAT ADOPTED TODAY. AT THAT TIME IN FRONT OF YOU YOU HAD THE JOKE TRACT. IT WAS A TRACT I'M POINTING OUT HERE. THE BLUE SHOWN IN HERE THAT EXTENDS INTO THE RED AND ALL THE WAY UP TO ED BLUESTEIN COMPRISED THE JOCKEY TRACT. THE JOCKEY TRACT REZONING APPLICATION WAS FILED AT A TIME WHEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN WAS IN PROGRESS AND AT THE TIME THERE WAS OPPOSITION TO UP ZONING THAT PROPERTY TO COMMERCIAL TO ALLOW THE JOCKEY TRACT PROCESS TO PROCEED TO ALLOW HORSE RACING. GIVEN THAT POSITION, THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED PURCHASING THE PROPERTY, BUT THOSE NEGOTIATIONS DID NOT WORK OUT AND AS A RESULT WE NEGOTIATED ON HOW TO HANDLE THE PROPERTY THAT WAS REFERRED TO AS THE JOCKEY TRACT. THE COMPROMISE WAS THAT THE PROPERTY THAT'S REFERRED TO AS THE JOCKEY TRACT WOULD BE DESIGNATED ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP IN THIS BLUE COLOR SIMPLY BECAUSE WE WANTED A VARIETY OF RESIDENTIAL USES TO BE CONSIDERED. THE

NEIGHBORHOOD HAD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS TO HAVE RESIDENTIAL USES, SPECIFICALLY AT THAT TIME MORE DETACHED HOUSING, HENCE WHY THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING DEPARTMENT WAS CONSIDERING ACQUIRING THE PROPERTY TO DEVELOP SMART HOUSING. SINCE THE NEGOTIATIONS DID NOT ALLOW THE CITY TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY, THE OWNERS AT THAT TIME ASKED THAT WE DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY WITHOUT CHANGING THE ZONING TO ALLOW FOR FLEXIBILITY AT A TIME WHEN THE OWNERS KNEW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO AND THAT THE STAFF WOULD INITIATE APPROPRIATE ZONING. WE ADDED A NOTE TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: THE MAP -- NOTE UP THERE IS RATHER SMALL, SO I AM GOING TO READ IT TO YOU FROM THE MAP. THE NOTE WHICH WE ATTACHED AND WHICH YOU ADOPTED IN SEPTEMBER OF 2001 READS AS FOLLOWS: RESIDENTIAL USES MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ZONING OPTIONS, SMALL LOT AMNESTY, LOT INFILL, SECONDARY APARTMENT INFILL, SINGLE-FAMILY 4-A, WHICH IS THE SMALLEST LOTS, SINGLE-FAMILY 6, AND MULTI-FAMILY 4. THOSE WERE THE OPTIONS THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR REZONING. WE HAVE SINCE THEN -- I AM GOING TO CHANGE FROM THIS MAP AND SHOW YOU THE ZONING THAT EXISTS TODAY. SINCE YOU ADOPTED THE PLAN YOU HAVE REZONED SEVERAL TRACTS. THE JOCKEY TRACT SINCE THEN HAS BEEN REZONED. TO THE SOUTH YOU HAVE SINGLE-FAMILY 4-A, WHICH WAS REZONED AFTER A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPER ACQUIRED THIS PROPERTY. TO THE NORTH YOU HAVE THE SUBJECT TRACT THAT IS CURRENTLY ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY 2 WITH A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN COMBINING DISTRICT. THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY WOULD LIKE TO BUILD APARTMENTS. HE IS SEEKING MULTI-FAMILY 4. STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAVE RECOMMENDED MULTI-FAMILY 3. THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST IS CONSISTENT WITH A NOTE WE ATTACHED TO THE PLAN, WHICH WAS TO ALLOW ANY OF THOSE OPTIONS. SO COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER ANY ZONING DISTRICT THAT WAS CALLED UP ON THIS PLAN. THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE HAVE NOT PROPOSED A PLAN AMEND SIMPLY BECAUSE THE PLAN OUTLINES WHAT OUGHT TO BE SOUGHT AT THE TIME WHEN THE OWNERS WERE WILLING TO SEEK ZONING CHANGES. I WILL BRIEFLY JUST

HIGHLIGHT THE DIFFERENCES IN THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AS FAR AS DENSITY GOES. IF YOU WERE TO GRANT MULTI-FAMILY 3 ZONING, THE PROPERTY CAN BE DEVELOPED FOR MULTI-FAMILY USES OR FOR SINGLE-FAMILY IF THE OWNER CHOOSES TO DO THAT; HOWEVER, MULTI-FAMILY 3 ZONING WOULD ALLOW A NET DENSITY OF 286 UNITS. THAT'S WHAT THE APPLICANT CAN NET ONCE PARKING IS CONSIDERED, DETENTION, LANDSCAPING AND ALL OTHER ON SITE REQUIREMENTS. THAT'S THE NET DENSITY. I WILL PAUSE HERE AND ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AFTER YOU HEAR FROM SPEAKERS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO. SO TECHNICALLY THE APPLICANT -- IS THE APPLICANT OR AGENT HERE?

THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS THE APPLICANT, SO THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY WOULD BE SPEAKING AS AN OWNER, BUT NOT -- SIMILAR TO THE OTHER CASE. SO WE ARE THE APPLICANT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, MAYOR.

Alvarez: MAYOR? CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT TO US, PLEASE, WHY THE CITY IS THE APPLICANT?

WE ARE THE APPLICANT BECAUSE THE COMMITMENT WE MADE WHEN THE PLAN WAS ADOPTED IS THAT FOR WHAT WAS CALLED THEN THE JOCKEY TRACT. SINCE WE INITIATED ZONING FOR ALL THE OTHER TRACTS, THAT WE WOULD THEN COME IN AND INITIATE THE ZONING AS STAFF IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE OTHER TRACTS AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT FOR -- AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT FOR PUTTING IN ABAY ENS OF THE REZONING AT THE TIME WHEN WE REZONED EVERYTHING ELSE IN 2001.

Alvarez: AND I HAVE IN MY FILE FOR THIS NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA THE ZONING CHANGE THAT WAS APPROVED IN OCTOBER OF 2002, ABOUT A YEAR OR MORE LATER. AND SO -- WHICH THE CITY INITIATED. AND I THOUGHT WE HAD KIND OF LAID SOME OF THESE ISSUES TO REST AT THAT TIME. I WAS KIND OF SURPRISED TO SEE THAT THE CITY WAS THE APPLICANT HERE, BUT I'LL GET TO SOME OF THE SPECIFICS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THIS. FROM THE INFORMATION I HAVE IN MY FILES, I'LL LET THE APPLICANT

AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS SPEAK TO THE ISSUE FIRST.

Mayor Wynn: THEN COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WHY DON'T WE HEAR FROM THE PERSON HERE IN FAVOR OF THIS CASE, MS. ANNETTE BODAY. IS JAN DAVIS HERE? WELCOME. I THINK YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT. THEN YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SUSANA ALMANZA.

GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND MAYOR. I'M REPRESENTING THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF THIS PROPERTY. AND ALICE DID A GREAT JOB ON RECAPING THE HISTORY OF THIS SITE AND I'M GOING TO TRY TO GIVE ANOTHER OVERVIEW, ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE. IT'S QUITE COMPLICATED, BUT HOPEFULLY THIS WILL HELP ANSWER COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ'S QUESTION AS TO WHY THE CITY IS THE APPLICANT. THIS TRACT WAS -- THERE WAS AN ACTIVE ZONING CASE ON THIS TRACT, WHICH IS THE ENTIRE BLUE AREA. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE SITE I THINK YOU CAN SEE IT ON YOUR SCREEN, THERE'S A RECTANGULAR PIECE TO THE WEST. THAT IS THE SUBJECT TRACT THAT'S BEFORE YOU TONIGHT. AND THAT WHOLE BLUE AREA, THE RECTANGULAR PIECE AND THE BIGGER BLUE PIECE, WAS WHAT WAS KNOWN AS THE JOCKEY TRACT. WHEN THE PLANS FELL THROUGH FOR THE HORSE RACING TRACT VENUE, THERE WAS ALWAYS TWO OWNERS. THERE WAS A SEPARATE OWN FOUR THE RECTANGULAR TRACT AND THE BIGGER TRACT. TC STEINER OWNED THE BIGGER TRACT AND A MR. WAGNER OWNED THE SMALLER REC TANK GAW LAR TRACT. MR. WAGNER SOLD THE SUBJECT TRACT THAT'S BEFORE YOU TONIGHT, THE SMALLER RECTANGULAR TRACT TO MY CLIENT, JAN DAVIS. SO IN 2003 THE BIGGER PORTION, THE CITY INITIATED ZONING ON THE BIGGER PORTION ON BEHALF OF MR. STEINER TO COMPLETE THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS FOR MONTOPOLIS. AND WHAT WAS APPROVED IN 2003 WAS -- OOPS, EXCUSE ME. WAS MF 3, WHICH IS THE ORANGE PORTION, AND SF 6, WHICH IS THE DARK YELLOW PORTION. THAT WAS DONE IN 2003. TC STEINER THOUGHT THAT WAS A REASONABLE MIXED RESIDENTIAL, IT CONFORMED WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, FUTURE LAND USE MAP THAT WAS DESIGNATED FOR THE TRACT. SOON AFTER THIS ZONING WAS APPROVED -- KEEP IN MIND THAT BECAUSE OF THE SEPARATE OWNERSHIP, OUR SMALL TRACT WAS NOT

INCLUDED AS PART OF THIS ZONING CASE. IT WAS GOING TO COME BACK LATER, WHICH IS HERE TONIGHT. THE CITY WAS GOING TO INITIATE ON THE SMALLER PIECE. SOON AFTER THIS WAS ZONED MF-3, I'LL POINT OUT THAT THE ORANGE PORTION IS 28 ACRES AND THE YELLOW PORTION IS 37 ACRES. SO YOU HAVE 28 ACRES OF MF-3 AND 30 ACRES OF MF-6. SOON AFTER THIS WAS DONE TC STEINER WAS APPROACHED BY CENTEX HOMES AND THEY HAD A PRODUCT THAT WAS A SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED PRODUCT THAT FIT IN SINGLE-FAMILY 4-A ZONING. THEY INITIATED A DOWN ZONING ON THEIR OWN THAT WAS APPROVED BY BY COUNCIL. SO THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE THERE TODAY, GROUND IS BREAKING ON 278 DETACHED SMALL LOT SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES. IT'S ON THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT. THEY'LL PROBABLY BE FINISHED OUT WITHIN THE YEAR. SO WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR, THIS AREA WAS APPROPRIATE FOR 28 ACRES OF MF-3 LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO. WE'D LIKE TO MOVE 10 ACRES OF THAT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 28 ACRES TO THE WEST. OUR TRACT IS THERE IN THE ORANGE. 500 FEET AND PROVIDE 10 ACRES OF MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP. AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD STILL GAINS A NET OF 18 ACRES OF SINGLE-FAMILY BECAUSE THEY'RE GETTING THAT WHOLE AREA NOW, THAT 65 ACRES, THE 37 PLUS THE 28, OF SF-4-A, AND OUR CLIENT SEES A NEED FOR MULTI-FAMILY THERE. THERE'S BEEN A BRAND NEW MULTI-FAMILY PROJECT THAT JUST BROKE GROUND ON GROVE AVENUE. THERE WAS A RIBBON CUTTING ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO FOR SOME SMART HOUSING DOWN THE ROAD, AND OUR CLIENT SEES A MIX OF HOUSING HERE JUST LIKE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATED. THERE WAS CONSENSUS FOR THE MF-3 IN 2003. MS. ALMANZA AND PODER DID SUPPORT THE SF-6 AND MF-3. AND IN FEBRUARY I DID APPROACH PODER AND MS. ALMANZA, KNOWING THAT SHE LIVES IN THE AREA, TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL FOR MF-3. AND I GAVE HER MAPS AND SOME INFORMATION AND LETTING HER KNOW THE CITY WAS GOING TO INITIATE THIS CASE AND ASKED HER TO PLEASE GET BACK WITH ME WITH MY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE. SHE DIDN'T. I THEN CALLED HER FEBRUARY 24TH AND SHE HAD SAID SHE HADN'T HAD TIME, SHE WAS OUT OF TOWN, TO POLL THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND SHE WOULD GET BACK TO

ME. SHE DIDN'T. QUITE FRANKLY I WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THERE WAS OPPOSITION. MAYBE I'M NAIVE, BUT I THOUGHT THAT BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T CONTACT ME BACK AND BECAUSE SHE SUPPORTED THE MF-3 PREVIOUSLY THAT THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION. I FEEL LIKE -- WE AGREE WITH THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF MF-3. WE FEEL LIKE WE CAN MAKE THAT WORK. BECAUSE IT'S ACROSS THE STREET FROM MF-3 LIKE ZONING AND LIKE USAGE THAT FACE EACH OTHER. IT PROVIDES A TEXTBOOK BUFFER BETWEEN THE STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL AND MIXED USE ON RIVERSIDE AND THE SINGLE-FAMILY NORTH ON FRONTIER VALLEY. SO WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION. WE HAD A UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR MF-3. AND WE HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT TONIGHT TO HELP PROVIDE A -- SOME MORE MIX OF HOUSING IN THIS AREA, WHICH, YOU KNOW, IT'S GREAT TO SEE THAT THE AREA IS BUILDING OUT AS THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN FUTURE LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATED, A MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL. THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL IN NOT GETTING A HORSE RACING TRACK VENUE AND PROVIDING QUALITY HOUSING IN THIS AREA, AND THAT'S WHAT IS HAPPENING AND THEY SHOULD BE APPLAUDD FOR THAT. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THAT MIX. WITH THAT I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. THE NEXT SLIDE I HAVE ACTUALLY IS A PROGRESSION OF WHAT'S HAPPENED. 2003, COUNCIL APPROVED MF-3. 2004 THEY APPROVED SF-4-A. AND THEN THE SCENARIO, THE LAST SCENARIO IS THE LAND USE PATTERN THAT WOULD OCCUR WITH THE APPROVAL OF MF-3 TODAY AND IT'S A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE OF GOOD PLANNING. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. SO THAT'S THE SPEAKER IN FAVOR OF THE ZONING CASE. WE NOW GO TO A COUPLE OF FOLKS WHO WISH TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. SUSANA ALMANZA, WELCOME. IS CORAZEN --

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: SO YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES, SUSANA. AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY PAT JOHNSON.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M

SUSANA ALMANZA WITH THE VARGAS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY, TOO, I DID MEET WITH HER AND I TOLD HER, WE'LL FIGHT YOU ALL THE WAY IF YOU TRY TO DO MULTI-FAMILY ZONING TO UP ZONE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TO MULTI-FAMILY BECAUSE WHEN WE HAD THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, REGARDLESS OF WHAT SHE'S PUT IN AT THE END, YOU ALWAYS SNEAK THESE LITTLE THINGS AT THE END, THE COMMUNITY SAID WHAT THEY WANTED WAS THEY WANTED TO RETAIN THE INNER CORE OF MONTOPOLIS, THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. AND AROUND IT COULD BE THE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PUT IN THERE. THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO SAY IS THAT THE PROCESS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN WAS NOT ADHERED TO. THE FIRST THING YOU DO IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO A ZONING CHANGE, I DON'T CARE WHAT KIND OF AGREEMENT YOU MADE IN THE PAST, THE FACT IS THIS IS A ZONING CHANGE. THIS CASE HAD TO GO TO THE COMMUNITY FIRST FOR THE MEETING, THEN PROCEED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THEN THE CITY COUNCIL. THAT IS NOT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PROCESS. I CALLED WHEN I GOT THE NOTICE AND TOLD THEM, HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON, THIS HASN'T COME BEFORE THE COMMUNITY PLAN. HE SAID I'D GET BACK TO YOU. YES, I WAS OUT OF TOWN. I'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF TRAVELLING. I TOOK IT FOR GRANTED THAT THE CASE WOULD BE PULLED BECAUSE IT HADN'T COME BEFORE THE COMMUNITY. THE NEXT THING I KNOW, THERE IS SET FOR CITY COUNCIL. AND OF COURSE I BEGAN THE PROCESS. WE DID HAVE A COMMUNITY MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY. THEY ALL STATED THEY DIDN'T WANT THE MULTI-FAMILY. YOU HAD A LOT OF VALID PETITIONS WITH YOU WHICH ARE NOT VALID IN YOUR TERM BECAUSE WE DON'T OWN THE LAND SURROUNDING IT, BUT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN DON'T WANT THE MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONING. AND I'M GOING TO GO NOW -- I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS ALREADY ON THE ZONING CASE, SO LET ME JUST SHOW YOU. ON THE GROVE PLACE THAT YOU JUST SAW HER TALK ABOUT, THERE'S 184 UNITS DONE. THAT YOU CAN SEE, 184. SAFE PLACE HAS 25 UNITS ON GROVE BOULEVARD. THE BOULEVARD HAS BUILT 20 AND IS GOING TO BUILD 120. THE COUNTRY CLUB TOWNHOMES HAS 40 UNITS ON GROVE BOULEVARD. THE FAIRWAY APARTMENTS HAS 128 UNITS. RIVERSIDE MEDICINE ALS HAS 240 UNITS ON

MONTOPOLIS DRIVE. TOWN VISTA APARTMENT HAS 280 UNITS. AND THIS IS A SITE OF 1805 FRONTIER VALLEY DRIVE, ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY 2, AND IF YOU LOOK DIRECTLY DOWN THERE, YOU CAN SEE THE HOUSING BACK THERE. I DON'T KNOW IF -- RIGHT HERE IS THE CENTEX HOMES. IT'S GOING TO BE ADJACENT -- IF YOU LOOK, THERE'S A CEMENT TRUCK THERE ADJACENT TO THIS PARTICULAR PROPERTY. SHE SAYS WE NEED MIXED HOUSING IN THE AREA. WELL, HELLO, WE HAVE 1,517 UNITS OF MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY. CAN YOU UNDERSTAND WHY OUR COMMUNITY SAYS WE WANT TO SUSTAIN OURSELVES, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE BUILD OUR COMMUNITY AND NOT HAVE SO MUCH TRANSITION, THAT WE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND WE KEEP IT THAT WAY WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE 1,017 UNITS, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP THAT SINGLE-FAMILY ZONING IN OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHY WE FOUGHT THE HORSE RACE TRACK. AND WHEN SHE SAYS WE AGREED TO MULTI-FAMILY 3, YOU KNOW WHAT, IF YOU'VE GOT YOUR BACK AGAINST THE WALL, YOU WANT SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING, BUT HELL, YOU DON'T OWN THE PROPERTY, DO YOU? YOU HAVE TO THEN SAY, OKAY, WE'VE GOT TO MAKE A EXROPTION. I THANK THE CREATOR BECAUSE THE CREATOR BOUGHT 17 TOX HOMES AND AT LEAST WE'RE HAVING SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED HOUSING, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR US TO UP ZONE SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING. THE OTHER THING I WANT TO SAY IS IF YOU GO BACK TO THAT MAP THAT ALICE GLASGO WAS PUTTING ON, THIS ONE RIGHT HERE, THE OTHER COLOR MAP. ALSO, SHE TALKED ABOUT WHAT'S ADJACENT TO THIS PARTICULAR PROPERTY. WELL, THIS PARTICULAR PROPERTY WERE TWO SEPARATE PROPERTIES FROM THE HORSE RACE TRACK. BUT IF YOU LOOK TO THAT YELLOW, THAT SINGLE-FAMILY ZONING NEXT TO IT. ALL THAT BLUE IS YELLOW NOW. ALL OF IT IS YELLOW. THE THING IS THAT THAT WAS SINGLE-FAMILY ZONING BEFORE WE WENT IN TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROCESS. IT WAS ALREADY SINGLE-FAMILY ZONING. SO THAT IS A CHANGE THAT IS HAPPENING. THERE'S SINGLE-FAMILY ADJACENT TO IT, SINGLE-FAMILY ACROSS, AND -- OKAY. AND IF YOU LOOK, RIGHT HERE, DOWN HERE WHERE THE CITY IS GOING TO -- WAS SUPPOSED TO BUILD THE ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES AND THE MOBILE HOMES ARE DOWN HERE. SO IT'S NOT AS IF

WE DON'T HAVE -- ALREADY GOING TO HAVE MORE SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES. AND IT ONLY MAKES SENSE IF WE HAVE 1,017 MULTI-FAMILY UNITS, WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER UNIT. THAT PARTICULAR PROPERTY COULD DEVELOP 60 MORE HOUSES IN THE AREA, AND THAT'S WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE, NOT THE PEOPLE WHO OWN THE PROPERTY, NOT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ABSENT LANDLORDS WHO DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT WHAT GOES THERE, BUT THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE THERE EVERYDAY, THEY WANTED SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA, AND THAT'S WHY WE AGREED WITH THIS. SO WHAT I'M ASKING YOU TODAY IS NOT TO UPZONE THIS AREA. WE HAVE 1,017 MULTI-FAMILY. WE'VE GOT OUR SHARE. DOWN THE STREET THERE'S MORE OF A SHARE, THERE'S APARTMENT CITY. I THINK ALL OF YOU KNOW THAT. WE HAVE OUR SHARE. SO I'M ASKING DO NOT UPZONE THIS PROPERTY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. PAT JOHNSON? WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES. YOU'RE OUR LAST SPEAKER.

THE YOUNG LADY WAS UP HERE THE FIRST TIME AROUND, SHE WORKED IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR SEVERAL YEARS. I GUESS THIS IS THE GOING AWAY PRESENT THE CITY GIVES HER, REZONES HER PROPERTY FOR WHAT SHE WANTS. YOU KNOW, I GOT INVOLVED IN THIS WHEN THE FIRST NOTICE WENT OUT FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. WITHIN THE 300 FEET OR THE 900 FEET, THE MOST IMMEDIATE PEOPLE THAT THIS REZONING AFFECTS DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH, DON'T UNDERSTAND ENGLISH AND DON'T READ ENGLISH, BUT YET THE NOTICE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS IN ENGLISH. AND NOTHING ON THERE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT SPANISH. NOW, IF THAT ISN'T A VIOLATION OF SOMEONE'S CIVIL RIGHTS OF NOTIFYING THEM OF A PUBLIC HEARING THAT AFFECTS THEM DIRECTLY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS? WE DON'T WANT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX ON FRONTIER VALLEY, PERIOD. CAN YOU IMAGINE CENTEX SELLING THOSE BRAND NEW HOMES OVER THERE UNDER DEVELOPMENT WITH A THREE-STORY APARTMENT COMPLEX LOOKING DOWN THOSE PEOPLE'S BACKYARDS? WOULD YOU WANT THAT IN YOUR BACKYARD, MAYOR, TO HAVE AN APARTMENT COMPLEX BACKED UP TO YOUR HOME? NO. WE DON'T WANT THE EXTRA TRAFFIC. WE DON'T WANT THE

EXTRA CRIME. I DON'T CARE IF YOU PUT SENIOR CITIZENS IN THOSE PLACES. THE CRIME IS GOING TO COME TO THOSE PEOPLE. THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH CRIME. WE DON'T WANT THE TRAFFIC, DON'T WANT THE EXTRA CRIME, AND THIS LADY OVER HERE WHEN I CALL HER HUSBAND WHEN I GOT THAT FIRST ZONING NOTICE, WHEN I IDENTIFIED MYSELF TO HIM, HE SAID, OH, I'VE ALREADY HEARD ABOUT YOU FROM THE CITY MANAGER. YOU'VE GOT AN AXE TO GRIND. YES, I DO, TOBY, I GOT AN AXE TO GRIND WHEN THE CITIZENS ARE BEING ABUSED. ASK MR. DAVIS. HE'S THE ONE WHO SAID THAT. AND I SAID, WELL, I GET ALONG REAL WELL WITH THE CITY MANAGER. WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT SHE THINKS I HAVE AN AXE TO GRIND? IS IT CONSIDERING ME HAVING AN AXE TO GRIND WHEN I COME UP HERE AND ADDRESS MY COUNCIL DURING GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT OUR CITIZENS.

Mayor Wynn: WE WERE DISAPPOINTED YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP TODAY ACTUALLY.

I KNOW. I COME UP HERE ALL THE TIME. [LAUGHTER] BUT THE ISSUE HERE IS NOTIFYING THE PEOPLE. YOU'VE GOT TO SEND THE NOTICE OUT IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH. I WENT TO THAT -- I WENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND I GAVE THEM A GOOD EARFUL AND I TOLD THEM DURING THAT COMMITTEE MEETING, I SAID, HOW IS PEOPLE IN SPANISH SUPPOSED TO KNOW THERE'S A PUBLIC HEARING? WELL, THERE'S A LINE DOWN ON THE BOTTOM, THE DOCUMENT WAS TYPED IN 12 FONTS AND THE LITTLE LINE ON THE BOTTOM WAS IN FOUR FONTS. SPANISH PEOPLE GET IT, THEY OPEN IT, DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, THEY DON'T LOOK AT THE BOTTOM AND THEY THROW IT AWAY. SO THE PEOPLE THAT THIS ZONING AFFECTS DIDN'T EVEN RECEIVE PROPER NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN THE FIRST PLACE. IF THIS HAD BEEN A CUT AND DRIED DEAL BECAUSE THIS WOMAN WORKED IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THEY DIDN'T PAY NO FEES LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE, AND APARTMENT COMPLEXES ON FRONTIER VALLEY IS NOT WHAT WE WANT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. JOHNSON. COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL OF OUR SPEAKERS. LET'S SEE, FERNANDEZ SIGNED UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK, ALSO IN OPPOSITION. COMMENTS,

QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. YOU KNOW IT'S SERIOUS WHEN THE COUNCILMEMBER GOES DOWN TO THE FLOOR.

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYBODY HAS GOT THEIR OWN MAPS, SO I BROUGHT MY OWN TO DESCRIBE AT LEAST, AGAIN, THE -- TO DESCRIBE MY RECOLLECTION OF THE EVENTS OR THE VARIOUS CASES WE HAVE. AND SO THIS IS WHAT MS. GLASGO SHOWED EARLIER AS THE CURRENT FUTURE LAND USE MAP. AND I WANTED TO PLACE HERE, JUST FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES, AND COUNCIL, YOU HAVE A COPY OF THAT ONE DATED MAY 5TH, 2005. AND THIS IS A DRAFT, FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM 2001. AND YOU'LL NOTICE THAT THIS IS VERY DIFFERENT COLOR SCHEME HERE, AND I WON'T SAY THIS WAS THE FIRST MAP BECAUSE THAT WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS BECAUSE THE AREA ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE IS A BROWN SHADE, FORMERLY WAS JUST COMMERCIAL, BUT IT WAS CHANGED TO COMMERCIAL MIXED USE AS IT MOVED THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. BUT YOU SEE THAT THE INTENT OR THE RECOMMENDATION, HAVING GONE THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS, WAS TO TRY TO PRESERVE AS MUCH OF THAT LAND AS POSSIBLE AS A SINGLE-FAMILY -- FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT. NOW, YOU'LL NOTICE THE SHADED AREA IN BLUE, WHICH WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS PROVIDED BY OUR AVIATION DEPARTMENT TOWARD THE END OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS, AND SO THEY RAISED CONCERNS THAT THESE WERE THEIR LONG RANGE PROJECTIONS FOR NOISE, SO THEY DIDN'T WANT SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPED IN THAT SHADED AREA. AND SO -- THE NEXT MAP. YOU'LL NOTE IN THAT SHADED AREA, ALL THE LAND COLORED YELLOW FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT WAS CHANGED TO RED FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE A SITUATION WHERE WE DEVELOPED SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY OR SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AND THEN AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE HAD TO BUY THEM OUT BECAUSE OF NOISE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AIRPORT. SO YOU SEE, AT LEAST A THIRD, IF NOT MORE OF THE LAND THAT WAS RECOMMENDED INITIALLY FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT WAS CHANGED ALMOST

INSTANTANEOUSLY. AND THEN YOU'LL NOTICE THE BLUE PORTION, WHICH FORMERLY WAS YELLOW AND WHICH WAS THE LAND ASSOCIATED WITH THE AUSTIN JOCKEY CLUB TRACT -- AND AGAIN AS MS. GLASGO MENTIONED, THIS WAS - - WHEN THIS CASE FIRST STARTED, THIS WAS PLANNED FOR A HORSE RACE TRACK RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF MONTOPOLIS. AND SO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REALLY MOBILIZED AGAINST THAT PROPOSAL AND REALLY GOT BEHIND THE IDEA OF SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT. AND WHEN WE STARTED DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY RIGHT HERE OF MOVING OR CHANGING THAT FROM YELLOW TO BLUE TO HAVE DIFFERENT HOUSING OPTIONS, THEN THE APPLICANT HAD PROVIDED A MAP FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATING WHAT THEIR INTENT WAS. I'LL TRY TO GET AS MUCH OF THIS ON THE SCREEN AS POSSIBLE. BUT HERE WOULD BE RIVERSIDE DRIVE ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE. AND YOU'LL NOTICE THAT THAT NOTE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD FUTURE LAND USE MAP THAT SAID WE WANTED THESE TYPES OF RESIDENTIAL USES WAS ACTUALLY PREMISED ON THIS MAP RIGHT HERE. AND WHAT IT SHOWED WAS WE WANT TO TRY TO RESPECT THE CORE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR RESPECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT AS SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT AND MAYBE IN ORDER TO MAKE THE PROJECT WORK IN TERMS OF PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THEY ON THE EDGES WANTED TO PROVIDE THE MULTI-FAMILY. SO YOU SEE AT THE VERY TOP THAT TRACT THAT'S SHOWN IN SF-4-A IS ACTUALLY ZONED SF-4-A, I BELIEVE, AND THAT'S ACTUALLY THE TRACT THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SO IT REALLY -- AGAIN, THE INTENT OF -- THE REASON THAT WE HAD INCLUDED THIS BLUE AREA IN THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, WHICH I THINK IS AN ANOMALY BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE DID THAT IN ANY OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A TEMPORARY THING THAT WAS NEVER RECTIFIED, BUT THE INTENT WAS TO TRY TO MAXIMIZE SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT AND THEN HAVE MULTI-FAMILY, IF THERE WAS GOING TO BE ANY, ON THE PERIPHERY. AND SO I THINK THAT THAT'S STILL THE INTENT OR SHOULD BE THE GOAL THAT WE TRY TO ACHIEVE. AND IF YOU TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THE AREA TO THE EAST OF THE TRACT IN QUESTION IS GOING TO BE SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, IT REALLY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ZONING THAT ADJACENT TRACT

OR THE SUBJECT TRACT TO MULTI-FAMILY WOULD REALLY WORK VERY WELL IN THAT SITUATION. AND SO I WANTED TO JUST KIND OF RUN THROUGH THAT BECAUSE THERE WAS -- I DON'T KNOW. THERE'S A LOT OF HISTORY HERE, AS EVERYONE SAID, AND THIS IS AT LEAST MY RECOLLECTION OF THE HISTORY. AND I REALLY THINK THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO PRESERVE THE SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTIES IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA. AND AS MS. ALMANZA HAD STATED, YOU CAN'T TRAVEL DOWN RIVERSIDE DRIVE WITHOUT NOTICING THAT THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENT, AND ACTUALLY IN THAT -- ONE OF THE GOALS IN THE PLAN WAS TO -- THE PLAN DID SPEAK TO MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT IN IS SENSE OF WANT TO FOCUS SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT IN THIS CORE AREA OF MONTOPOLIS AND HAVE THE MULTI-FAMILY ON THE PERIPHERY SOUTH OF RIVERSIDE ESSENTIALLY. AND SO THE LAST THING I WOULD NOTE IS THAT RIGHT AT MONTOPOLIS DRIVE AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE, THIS TRACT RIGHT HERE, IN THE ORIGINAL MAP THAT I SHOWED FROM 2001 WAS ZONED YELLOW. BECAUSE AGAIN THAT'S IN THE CORE OF THE MONTOPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD AND THAT WAS PROPOSED AS -- FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. I BELIEVE THAT LITERALLY ON THE DAY WE APPROVED THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, WE ALSO APPROVED A CHANGE OF THAT SINGLE-FAMILY TRACT TO MULTI-FAMILY, AND NOW WE HAVE A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT ON THAT TRACT. SO WE ALREADY SEE HOW THIS ONE DECISION HERE WENT AGAINST THE INTENT OR SPIRIT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THAT WAS THE SMART HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT THAT DID GET APPROVED. AND SO I SEE THIS AS ANOTHER THING THAT WOULD CHANGE THE SPIRIT OF WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH. SO MAYOR, I PERSONALLY WON'T BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE CHANGE, BUT I'LL OPEN IT UP TO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM OTHER FOLKS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS.

Thomas: QUESTION FROM STAFF. SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE MEETINGS, CAN YOU EXPLAIN

WHAT HAPPENED? YOU MET WITH THE COMMUNITY AFTER YOU CAME BACK WITH THE PROPOSAL TO DO THE MF?

YES, I'LL BE GLAD TO EXPLAIN THAT.

Futrell: ALICE, ALSO, BECAUSE I WANT TO GET THE QUESTION ANSWERED ALSO, WOULD YOU GIVE AN EXPLANATION ON THE SPANISH LANGUAGE AND THE ERROR THAT OCCURRED THERE AND WHAT WE'VE DONE TO CORRECT THAT?

YES. I'LL BE GLAD TO. COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS, THIS IS A ZONING CHANGE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT. YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT TWO YEARS AGO COUNCIL ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE THAT PRESCRIBES HOW A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT OCCURS. THAT'S THE PROCESS BY WHICH BEFORE YOU COME TO THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS THAT AN OWNER GOES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACT TEAM ON A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT. WHEN IT'S A REZONING THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, THAT PROCESS DOES NOT APPLY; HOWEVER, IN RETROSPECT, GIVEN THE AGE OF THIS CASE, WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT, AND THAT'S WHY WE HAD THE SECOND MEETING. SO TECHNICALLY UNDER THE ORDINANCE THERE IS NO PLAN AMENDMENT BEFORE YOU, WHICH HAS A SEPARATE PROCEDURE AS FAR AS GOING TO THE CONTACT TEAM, BUT JUST FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES, THAT SHOULD HAVE OCCURRED AND SO I AGREE WITH MS. ALMANZA THAT GIVEN THE AGE OF THE CASE, JUST AS A COURTESY THAT SHOULD HAVE OCCURRED, AND THAT OCCURRED LATER. NOW, BACK TO THE NOTICE. WHEN WE DO NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS, WE OBVIOUSLY, ALL OUR DOCUMENTATIONS ARE TRANSFERRED INTO SPANISH. THE REZONING PROCESS, WE HAVE INDIVIDUAL ZONING CASES LIKE THIS ONE THAT DO NOT COVER A LARGER AREA. THE NOTICE ITSELF HAS A STATEMENT AT THE BOTTOM, AT LEAST IT DID. NOW WE'VE REVERSED IT TO THE TOP SO WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR MAIL THE FIRST THING YOU SEE IS IN SPANISH AND IT TELLS YOU IN SPANISH TO CALL A NUMBER TO EXPLAIN WHAT IS BEING CHANGED. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO SINCE THEN WE REALIZED THAT WE DID HAVE A TRANSLATION THAT SOMEHOW GOT THROUGH SOME CHANGES. SO WE HAVE REINSTITUTED THAT PROCESS, AND SO THAT WAS ANOTHER

ADJUSTMENT IN OUR STREAMLINING PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN CORRECTED.

Thomas: AFTER THE FIRST READING IF THIS PASSES ON THE FIRST READING, HAD YOU PLANNED TO GO BACK WITH THE COMMUNITY?

STAFF HAD A MEETING THIS MONDAY.

Thomas: THIS PAST MONDAY?

YES, THIS PAST MONDAY. AND THERE WERE ABOUT THREE PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE ACCORDING TO THE REPORT STAFF.

Thomas: COULD THAT BE BECAUSE OF THE NOTICES? I DON'T KNOW WHY THE LOW TURNOUT, WHETHER IT WAS THE NOTICE OR NOT. I CAN'T GIVE AN ANSWER AS TO WHY THERE WAS A LOWER TURNOUT.

Thomas: OKAY. I WOULD FEEL COMFORTABLE IF WE WOULD GO BACK AND COMMUNICATE BETTER THAN WE DID BEFORE I WOULD BE ABLE TO -- I DON'T THINK I CAN SUPPORT THE MF-3. I WOULD STILL CONSIDER IT BECAUSE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN -- SORRY, I'M LOOKING AT THE WRONG CASE. LIKE COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SAID, SINGLE-FAMILY. I STILL FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IF WE WOULD GO BACK AND COMMUNICATE WITH THE COMMUNITY A LITTLE BIT BETTER BEFORE I WOULD BE WILLING TO SUPPORT ANYTHING BEFORE WE COME TO COUNCIL AGAIN. THAT'S WHERE I'M AT. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: I WILL SECOND IT FOR THE POSTPONEMENT. I DON'T THINK THAT I COULD VOTE FOR IT ON EVENING FIRST READING. BUT WHAT I WOULD ASK IS -- IS THAT WE HOWEVER THIS IS GOING TO GET RESOLVED IS THAT WE GO BACK, WE ACTUALLY CHANGE THIS LAND USE MAP, SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE THIS BLUE RESIDENTIAL DESIGNATION BECAUSE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A TEMPORARY DESIGNATION. WE HAVE BEEN FAR ENOUGH ALONG NOW

THAT WE KNOW WHAT THESE ZONING CATEGORIES SHOULD BE, WE HAVE ALREADY REZONED THE VAST MAJORITY OF THIS TRACT SO I THINK WE SHOULD ALSO THEN GO BACK AND MAKE SURE THAT THE -- THAT THE LAND USE MAP REFLECTS THE ZONING AND BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ZONING THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE. AND SO THEN WE INITIATE THAT PROCESS TO -- TO MAKE THE -- THE LAND USE MAP CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT ZONING. BECAUSE AGAIN YOU CAN CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT WE HAVE THIS BLUE DESIGNATION, RESIDENTIAL DESIGNATION ON ANY OTHER FUTURE LAND USE MAP. BUT I COULD -- I COULD BE CORRECTED AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE. BUT, YOU KNOW, THAT -- BUT THIS WAS, I THINK, INTENDED TO BE A TEMPORARY DESIGNATION ONCE WE WERE ABLE TO WORK THROUGH SOME ISSUES WITH THE OWNERS OF THE STEINER TRACT AND I THINK WE ARE WELL BEYOND THAT NOW. WE SHOULD HAVE A FUTURE LAND USE MAP THAT REFLECTS THE EXISTING ZONING AND WHAT SEEMS TO BE DEVELOPING NATURALLY WHICH I THINK, YOU KNOW, IS ACTUALLY FAIRLY CONSISTENT WITH THE -- WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD VISION AS ORIGINALLY ARTICULATED. THANKS, MAYOR.

COUNCILMEMBERS, WE ARE -- IF YOU ARE GOING TO POSTPONE THIS CASE, OUR INTENT WAS OBVIOUSLY ONCE YOU CONCLUDED ON REZONING OF EVERYTHING IN BLUE, THEN THAT WOULD HAVE US COME BACK TO YOU WITH A PLAN TO CLEAN IT UP. SO DEPENDING ON HOW LONG YOU WANT TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM, WE CAN COME BACK WITH THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP THAT REFLECTS WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY ZONED THUS FAR AND WHATEVER YOU PLAN TO DO ON THE SUBJECT TRACT, TOO. SO WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT.

THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS' SUGGESTION I THINK WAS ABOUT A MONTH.

30 DAYS ON THE POSTPONEMENT.

Mayor Wynn: WHICH WOULD TAKE US TO A JUNE 23rd MEETING. WOULD YOU -- WOULD YOU THINK AS WELL? COUPLE, MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE THAT WE NOT

CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, LEAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN. THEN WE HAD THREE OR FOUR SPEAKERS -- WE ONLY HAD THREE OR FOUR SPEAKERS AS IT WAS. MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ TO POSTPONE OR CONTINUE THIS CASE ON JUNE 23rd, 2005. FURTHER COMMENTS? MAYOR PRO TEM?

Goodman: JUST BECAUSE I WON'T BE HERE IN A MONTH, I DO WANT TO SAY ONE OF THE VERY FIRST PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION STUDIES THAT WE DID WAS THE SOUTH AUSTIN STUDY. IT WAS OF A PROLIFERATION OF MULTI-FAMILY. THAT WAS BACK IN THE REAL ESTATE BOOM. THE ONLY THING APPARENTLY THEY COULD THINK OF TO DEVELOP IN SOUTH AUSTIN WAS APARTMENTS AND SO THEY DID. SO WE HAD A STEADY -- COUNCILMEMBER ROGER DUNCAN SPONSORED THAT STUDY FOR US. WE WERE RIGHT. THOSE NUMBERS WERE JUST ABOUT THE SAME AS THE ONES WE ARE SEEING HERE. IT IS TOO MUCH. SO IF I WAS HERE TO VOTE, SUZANNA, [LAUGHTER], I WOULD GO FOR SF. THANKS, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM. MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE TO CONTINUE THIS CASE ON JUNE 23rd, 2005. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. S SO, COUNCIL, AGAIN MY RECOMMENDATION BASED ON THE CROWD AND OUR INTENT TO HAVE AS MUCH COMMENT AND PUBLICITY AS WE CAN, I WILL RECOMMEND THAT WE TAKE UP ITEM NO. 35 NEXT. HOWEVER, APPARENTLY THERE'S SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT POSTPONING ITEM NO. 32. IF WE ARE GOING TO DO THAT, WE SHOULD GO AHEAD AND POSTPONE IS NOW SO THOSE FOLKS CAN GO HOME.

Slusher: I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SENTIMENT OF THE REST OF THE COUNCIL IS, I WAS JUST CONCERNED THAT WE WOULD KEEP THE -- I THINK JUST A FEW PEOPLE ON THAT, TOO MANY TO GO AHEAD AND HAVE IT NOW, I THINK, BUT THAT WE KEEP THEM SITTING HERE ALL OF THE TIME, HAVE

THIS OTHER HEARING, BE WORN OUT, COME BACK, POSTPONE IT THEN, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE FOR NOTHING, I JUST WANTED TO THROW THAT OUT. IF THE OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS WANT TO HEAR IT AFTER THIS, I'M FINE WITH THAT.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS?

Thomas: I WAS GOING TO MAKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE.

Slusher: SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER TO POSTPONE ITEM NO. 32 FOR -- FOR TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 9th, 2005. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 5-0 TO 2 WITH COUNCILMEMBERS MCCracken AND DUNKERLY TEMPORARILY OFF THE DAIS. AGAIN, I APOLOGIZE FOR EVERYBODY WAITING, WE HAD A NUMBER OF CASES TO TRY TO GET THROUGH. WE DEFINITELY WANT TO HEAR NOW ITEM NO. 35. WE WILL COME BACK TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS LATER TONIGHT, THOSE ITEMS 31, 33, AND 34. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NO. 35, THE PRESENTATION BY CITY STAFF AND GROUP SOLUTIONS REGARDING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE IN AUSTIN.

Goodman: MAYOR? I'LL BE OFF THE DAIS FOR A SHORT TIME, I'VE GOT TO CATCH A PHONE CALL, BUT I'LL BE BY A MONITOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

Futrell: WE ARE GOING TO KICK-OFF HERE.

Mayor Wynn: A QUICK NOTE. I WILL POINT OUT TO FOLKS WHEN YOU SEE A COUNCILMEMBER OR MYSELF PERHAPS LEAVE THE DAIS, THE MEETING IS ACTUALLY TELEVISED AND AUDIO BACK IN THE BACK, SO WE ARE HEARING ALL OF THE

DISCUSSION, ACTUALLY EVEN SEEING THE TESTIMONY, DON'T THINK THAT THERE'S -- THAT'S NOT BEING DONE. CITY MANAGER?

Futrell: MAYOR, I WOULD LIKE TO KICKOFF WITH A BACK DROP, THEN I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MIKE McDONALD, THEN WE WILL MOVE TO RABINA BEFORE WE START THE PUBLIC HEARING. YOU KNOW, WE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE, BUT WHEN I THINK OF AUSTIN, I THINK OF WHAT THE REST OF THE COUNTRY HAS IN MIND. SO IT'S NO SURPRISE TO ME WHEN AUSTIN WINS EVERY AWARD THERE IS AND EVERY NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR BEING THE BEST PLACE IN THE COUNTRY TO LIVE, TO WORK, TO RETIRE, TO PLAY. TO START A BUSINESS OR TO RETIRE. JUST RECENTLY, OUR PARK SYSTEM AS AN EXAMPLE, WON THE BEST IN THE NATION. WE WIN THOSE KIND OF AWARDS OVER AND OVER ALL THE TIME. RICHARD FLORIDA, AUTHOR OF THE CREATIVE CLASS, TOUTS AUSTIN AS A LIBERAL ENCLAVE WITH THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT ATTRACTS THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST TO STAY HERE IN AUSTIN. WE ARE RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP PLACES FOR HISPANICS TO LIVE IN THIS COUNTRY. OUR ASIAN COMMUNITY HAS DOUBLED SINCE 1990 AND IS THRIVING. BUT WHILE AS A COMMUNITY WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON EMBRACING AND VALUING CONVERSE COMMUNITY, A DIFFERENT SENT -- SENTIMENT EMERGES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE FOREFRONT FOR ME AS WE EXPERIENCED THE SERIES OF SERIOUS INCIDENTS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT RACE RELATIONS AND ERODED TRUST IN OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. AND ALTHOUGH IT BEGAN AS TROUBLE BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, IT WAS INCREASINGLY CLEAR TO ME THAT THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF EQUAL TREATMENT WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT'S LARGER THAN THAT. IN THE COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS THAT FOLLOWED, A CONTRADICTORY PICTURE OF AUSTIN EMERGES. IT'S CLEAR THAT AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE DESCRIBING A DIFFERENT QUALITY OF LIFE EXPERIENCE IN OUR CITY. AND I'M TROUBLED BY THIS CONTRADICTION, BY THIS MARKED CONTRAST IN HOW OUR COMMUNITY IS BEING VIEWED. TO

GET A BETTER HANDLE ON IT, WE INITIATED A STUDY TO TRY TO ANSWER TWO BASIC QUESTIONS. IS THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN AUSTIN DIFFERENT? THAN THAT OF OTHER AUSTINITES? AND THEN A SECOND QUESTION, IS THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN AUSTIN MARKEDLY DIFFERENT THAN THE QUALITY OF LIFE AFRICAN-AMERICANS EXPERIENCE IN OTHER CITIES? AND TO BEGIN ANSWERING THOSE QUESTIONS, WE CREATED A SCORE CARD, WE LOOKED AT 10 DIFFERENT INDICATORS, BOTH DIRECT AND INDIRECT MEASURES OF QUALITY OF LIFE. THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE SCORE CARD WAS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY ON MARCH 24th. WITH THIS DATA IN HAND, THE COUNCIL DIRECTED US TO BEGIN A 60-DAY FACILITATED COMMUNITY DISCUSSION, TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCORPORATING KEY STRATEGIES ON IMPROVING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE CITY'S OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. ACTING ASSISTANTS CITY MANAGER MIKE McDONALD AND RABINA JOHNSON OF GROUP SOLUTIONS FACILITATED THESE MEETINGS. I'M HOPING THAT THE FEED BACK-AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THESE FORUMS WILL ASSIST THE CITY IN ENSURING THAT OUR UNIQUE QUALITY OF LIFE IS ENJOYED BY ALL. BUT BEFORE I TURN THE PRESENTATION OVER TO MIKE AND RABINA, I WOULD LIKE TO READ TO YOU TWO FINDINGS. THE FIRST: AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE FAR AND AWAY THE MOST ALIENATED GROUP IN OUR COMMUNITY. THEY REPORTED THE GREATEST DISSATISFACTION AND MORE FREQUENT DISCRIMINATION THAN ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP. THE SECOND: PERHAPS THE BROADEST CONCLUSION THAT CAN BE DRAWN FROM OUR STUDY IS THAT RACE RELATIONS REMAIN A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN AUSTIN, A FINDING THAT SEEM INCONGRUENT WITH AUSTIN'S IMAGE AS A PROGRESSIVE, ENLIGHTENED CITY WITH FEW SOCIAL PROBLEMS. NOW, WHAT I WANT YOU TO KNOW IS THAT THESE FINDINGS ARE NOT FROM OUR WORK. THESE FINDINGS ARE OVER FIVE YEARS OLD. THEY WERE TAKEN FROM THIS STUDY, FROM A 2000 POLICY RESEARCH PROJECT ON ETHNIC AND RACE RELATIONS IN AUSTIN DONE BY DR. RICHARD SCHOTT, IT'S GOING TO SOUND EERILY FAMILIAR TO YOU WHEN YOU HEAR THE REPORT TODAY. MY

POINT IS THAT WHATEVER WE DO HERE TODAY WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT BACK HERE IN FIVE YEARS WITH THE SAME FINDINGS AND NO PROGRESS. [APPLAUSE] WE NEED TO RESOLVE THE CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN WHAT WE SAY WE BELIEVE AND WHAT WE ACTUALLY DO. TO GET AT THE HEART OF THE RACE ISSUE THAT CONFRONTS US IN AUSTIN TODAY. WE HAVE TO DO MORE THAN LISTEN, WE NEED TO LOOK INSIDE OURSELVES, WE NEED TO BROADEN THE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE. YOU CAN'T SOLVE A PROBLEM UNTIL YOU ADMIT THAT YOU HAVE ONE. THEN WE NEED TO ACT. WE HAVE TO ACT INDIVIDUALLY, WITH PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY, AND THEN WE NEED TO ACT AS A COMMUNITY TO FIX THE LEAK IN OUR SOUL. BECAUSE WE HAVE GOT A SOUL LEAK HERE SOMEWHERE. A LEAK IN THE SOUL OF AUSTIN. AND IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THE TIRE. WE ARE WOBBLING DOWN THE ROAD AND THE STAKES ARE TOO HIGH TO NOT GET IT STRAIGHT. MIKE McDONALD IS GOING TO START OUR PRESENTATION AND HE'S FOLLOWED BY RABINA.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, CHIEF.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER. MAYOR AND COUNCIL, AS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN WHO GREW UP IN AUSTIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU BOTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY FOR ALLOWING ME TO HAVE A ROLE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. I CAN IDENTIFY PERSONALLY WITH MANY OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY AND THAT MS. JACKSON WILL REPORT TONIGHT. A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES: THE SOCIAL SCENE IN THIS COMMUNITY WAS ONCE DIFFERENT. I REMEMBER IT PERSONALLY. THERE WERE MANY CHOICES, FOR ME AND OTHER YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICANS THAT WERE GROWING UP IN THIS COMMUNITY. NOW, OF COURSE, WE WERE NEVER IN HOUSTON OR DALLAS, BUT CERTAINLY THERE WAS AN ATTRACTION HERE. PEOPLE CAME EVERYWHERE FROM WACO, KILLEEN, UP FROM SAN ANTONIO BECAUSE IN THIS PARTICULAR REGION AUSTIN WAS THE DRAW. ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS MANY OF MY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLASSMATES THAT WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH ME, EARLY ON WERE FRUSTRATED WITH THE JOB MARKET HERE WHEN WE CAME OUT. AGAIN, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A MORE VIBRANT SOCIAL SCENE, I THINK FOR A LONG TIME THERE'S BEEN A

CHALLENGE WITH REGARDS TO THE JOB MARKET. MANY OF THEIR SIBLINGS AND FAMILY MEMBERS HAD ALREADY RELOCATED AND EVEN AS I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL, WE WOULD HEAR ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WERE OFFERED IN OTHER COMMUNITIES. AND -- WHICH CAUSED MANY OF THEM TO LEAVE. I PERSONALLY CAME CLOSE TO LEAVING BECAUSE OF EARLY FRUSTRATIONS WHEN I FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL. BUT I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO COME ACROSS SOME OPPORTUNITIES AND I REMAINED. IN THE LAST 10 YEARS I DEVELOPED FRIENDSHIPS WITH MANY AFRICAN AMERICANS WHO RECEIVED CORPORATE TRANSFERS FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES. MOST OF THOSE RELOCATED. THEY WOULD MAKE THE COMMENTS IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, THE WEATHER IS GREAT HERE, IT'S A VERY SAFE COMMUNITY TO RAISE A FAMILY. BUT IN MANY CASES, AS I GOT INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ABOUT THEM REMAINING HERE IN THIS COMMUNITY, THEY WOULD OFTEN TALK THAT THIS WAS A TEMPORARY STOP, A TICKET THAT THEY HAD TO PUNCH UNTIL THEY COULD GET TO ANOTHER COMMUNITY. PART OF WHAT THEY COMPLAINED ABOUT IS THAT AUSTIN LIKED CULTURAL ATMOSPHERE THAT THEY WERE ACCUSTOMED TO WITH SOME OF THE COMIEWBTS COMMUNITIES THAT THEY CAME FROM. COUNCIL, EARLY IN THIS PROCESS, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ASKED: WHY DID THE FORUMS PRIMARILY CONSIST OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IF THIS IS AN AUSTIN ISSUE? PER YOUR DIRECTION, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO OBTAIN THE PERSPECTIVE AND INPUT FROM MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY WHO WERE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE SCORE CARD BEFORE WE COULD HAVE A LARGER COMMUNITY DIALOGUE. COUNCIL, IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, AUSTIN HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF MANY PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS. INCLUDING ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY, START OF BUSINESS OR RETIRE. THE TOP PLACE FOR HISPANICS TO LIVE. THIS TREND HAS CONTINUED WITH THE MAY, 2005 ISSUE OF FORBES, NAMING AUSTIN THE NUMBER 3 OUT OF 150 METROPOLITAN AREAS IN THE NATION. AUSTIN GOT HIGH MARKS FOR EDUCATION ATTAINMENT, NET MIGRATION TO THE AREA AND THE COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS IN THIS CONDITION. HOWEVER, THE PICTURE IS NOT THE SAME FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN

COMMUNITY. IN JUNE OF 2004, BLACK ENTERPRISE, ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZED AFRICAN-AMERICAN PUBLICATIONS REVEALED ITS TOP 10 CITIES FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY. AUSTIN DID NOT MAKE THE LIST. SOME OF THE CITIES THAT WERE INCLUDED WERE ATLANTA, WASHINGTON D.C., DALLAS, NASHVILLE, HOUSTON, CHARLOTTE, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND COLUMBUS. TEXAS IS A RICH STATE. A RICH -- TEXAS IS A STATE RICH IN INSTITUTIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, WITH AUSTIN BEING HOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, HUSTON TILLOTSON, ST. EDWARD'S AND CONCORDIA UNIVERSITIES. YET NOT A SINGLE SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF TEXAS MADE THE LIST OF THE TOP 50 COLLEGES FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE OCTOBER 2004 ISSUE OF BLACK ENTERPRISE. THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA IDENTIFIED THAT MINORITY TRAVELERS WERE A LARGE AND GROWING MARKET WITH SOME -- SOME OF THE FAVORITE DESTINATIONS FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS BEING LOCATED IN THE SOUTH. ONCE AGAIN, AUSTIN DID NOT MAKE THE TOP 10 LIST. SOME OF THE CITIES INCLUDED WERE ATLANTA, ORLANDO, DALLAS, LAS VEGAS AND CHARLOTTE. COUNCIL, WE MAY NOT CURRENTLY APPEAR IN ANY OF THESE RANKINGS. HOWEVER, BY UNITING WITH THE COMMUNITY WE CERTAINLY BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE THE TOP -- THE TOP OF ALL OF THESE LISTS. BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF WORK. HISTORICALLY, AS AFRICAN-AMERICANS, WE HAVE SO MUCH TO BE PROUD OF. NOWHERE HAS A RACE OF PEOPLE THAT WILL ONCE -- THAT WAS ONCE IN BONDAGE COME SO FAR, SO QUICKLY. [APPLAUSE] HOWEVER, WE DO NOT DO IT ALONE. WE WERE NOT IN POWER. IT TOOK THE WILL OF THE LARGER SOCIETY TO OVERCOME THE INJUSTICES OF THE PAST. JUST AS IT WILL TAKE THE WILL OF THIS ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO CORRECT THE MANY NEGATIVE TRENDS REVEALED IN THE SCORE CARD AND EMPHASIZED BY THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE FORUMS THAT TOOK PLACE. WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO MS. JACKSON, OF GROUP SOLUTIONS.

THANK YOU.

WELCOME, MS. JACKSON.

THANK YOU. AS YOU KNOW, WE WERE HIRED IN APRIL BY

THE COUNCIL TO LOOK AT QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. YOU ASKED US TO DO THAT AND BE BACK WITHIN 60 DAYS AND WE ARE HERE TO REPORT OUR FINDINGS TONIGHT. THE SCORE CARD WAS RELEASED IN LATE MARCH. IT WAS ONE OF MANY, MANY DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE LOOKED AT THE ISSUES OF RACE AND PAIRTY IN AUSTIN. THE SCORE CARD REVEALED TO 28 CITIES, COMPARABLE CITIES, THAT AUSTIN HAD HIGHER INCOMES AND OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION WAS MORE EDUCATED. BUT THAT SCORE CARD ALSO REVEALED SOME NEGATIVES. IT REVEALED THAT AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN AUSTIN TRAILED OTHER AUSTINITES ON EACH OF THOSE 10 VARIABLES. IT ALSO REVEALED THAT AUSTIN LACKS THE VIBRANT CULTURAL AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE HAVE HERE FOR OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS. OUR CHARGE WAS TO HOLD FACILITATED DISCUSSIONS IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND TO USE THAT INFORMATION TO FRAME ACTIONABLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WE WERE ALWAYS GUIDED BY THE CHARGE, WHAT CAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT DO TO RETAIN AND ATTRACT AFRICAN-AMERICANS SO THAT THE CITY MAINTAINS A DIVERSE ECONOMY AND CULTURE. TO GIVE YOU A BIT OF BACKGROUND, ON THE METHODOLOGY, WE HAD SIX FORUMS OVER THE COURSE OF A WEEK, THEY WERE HELD AT LUNCH TIME, THEY WERE HELD IN THE EVENING, WE HAD 60 PANELISTS PARTICIPATE, WE HAD 70 -- I MEAN, PARDON ME, 700 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANTS. WE HAD 250 WRITTEN COMMENTS. WE RECEIVED 75 E-MAILS AND WEBSITE COMMENTS. AFTER THE FORUMS, WE HAD AN ADDITIONAL 20 PEOPLE WORKING WITH GROUP SOLUTIONS AS A PART OF A SOLUTIONS GROUP AND FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE EVENTS, WE HAD STANDING ROOM ONLY FOR THE MEETING. WE BEGAN EACH MEETING WITH A QUESTION AND THE QUESTION THAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU. WE ASKED THE COMMUNITY, DO AFRICAN-AMERICANS EXPERIENCE CHALLENGES DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS IN AUSTIN? AND AS THE MEETING FACILITATOR WE SET GROUND RULES WHERE WE ASKED PEOPLE TO GIVE EVERYBODY ELSE THE RESPECT AND LET PEOPLE ANSWER HONESTLY WITHOUT FEAR OF REPRISALS AND SO WE HAD, OF THE 700 PEOPLE, THERE WERE ONLY FIVE PEOPLE, I -- I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT FOLKS FELT COMFORTABLE IN THE

ENVIRONMENT. BUT ONLY FIVE PEOPLE THAT SAID THAT THAT WAS NOT TRUE. SO YOU HAD 695 FOLKS THAT SAID OVERWHELMINGLY YES. WHETHER THE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE BEING PREDOMINANTLY AFRICAN-AMERICANS, BUT THERE WERE ALSO OTHERS FROM THE COMMUNITY THERE. AGAIN THE COMMUNITY SAID A RESOUNDING YES. THAT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES DIFFERENT CHALLENGES. SO WE SPENT THE REST OF THE TIME EXPLORING WHAT THOSE CHALLENGES WERE. AND WE FOUND THAT CHALLENGES FALL INTO BASICALLY 8 CATEGORIES. AND YOU SEE THOSE CATEGORIES BEFORE YOU. A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT, CHALLENGES WITHIN THAT -- WITHIN THE ISSUE OF ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT, JOBS, POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EAST AUSTIN INVESTMENT, HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT A LITTLE -- A LITTLE BIT ABOUT EACH OF THOSE AND WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAID TO US. WITH REGARDS TO A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT, WE HEARD THAT AUSTIN IS NOT WELCOMING. AND WELCOMING REFERS TO A SENSE OF BELONGING. A FEELING LIKE THE COMMUNITY IS YOUR OWN. AND GOING TO GIVE THE -- GIVE THEM A MOMENT TO CATCH UP WITH ME. GO BACK ONE, JUST ONE SLIDE. GREAT. THAT AUSTIN IS NOT WELCOMING AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS. THAT THERE IS NOT THAT SENSE OF BELONGING. AND UNWELCOMING IS IMPACTED BY NOT SEEING THE CULTURE OR HAVING LIMITED SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE OR HISTORY NOT BEING INTEGRATED INTO THE MAIN STREAM. WE ALSO HEARD FROM OUR STUDENTS THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FACE PARTICULAR CHALLENGES HERE, DURING A TIME WHEN THEY ARE IN SCHOOL AND WHERE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS ARE SO IMPORTANT, WHERE PEOPLE ARE FORMING BONDS, WORKING WITH THEIR CULTURE, LOOKING AND STARTING LIVES FOR THE FUTURE, THERE ARE VERY FEW OPTIONS HERE IN AUSTIN. WITH REGARDS TO ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT, WE HEARD THAT OUR ARTISTS AND OUR MUSICIANS LACK ACCESS. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY ARE FINDING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND VENUES, WHETHER IT BE VENUES TO SHOWCASE THEIR ART OR VENUES TO PLAY THEIR MUSIC. WE HEARD THAT THERE IS -- THAT OUR PROMOTERS, OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROMOTERS ARE HAVING A DIFFERENT TIME FINDING VENUES. THAT PEOPLE

IN GENERAL FEEL UNWELCOME ON SIXTH STREET. THAT NOT ONLY DO THE ARTISTS AND PROMOTERS FEEL UNWELCOME ON SIXTH STREET, BUT MANY TIMES OUR CITIZENS FEEL UNWELCOME ON SIXTH SIXTH STREET. WE HEARD THAT MANY TIMES VENUE OWNERS ARE RELUCTANT TO BOOK AFRICAN-AMERICAN EVENTS CONSISTENTLY FOR FEAR THAT THE CLUBS WILL TURN BLACK, WHATEVER THAT IS. AND THAT IF THEY TURN BLACK, THAT THEIR ANGLO CUSTOMERS WILL NOT WANT TO ATTEND THERE ANYMORE. WE HEARD THAT THE RESOURCES AND ASSETS IN AUSTIN IS BLESSED WITH -- AND AUSTIN IS BLESSED WITH MANY RESOURCES WITH REGARDS TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT THEY ARE NOT PUBLICIZED. SO WHEN THINGS ARE HAPPENING, AFRICAN-AMERICANS DON'T KNOW THEY ARE GOING ON. THAT MARKETING IS REALLY IMPORTANT, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THIS COMMUNITY. THAT IF WE ARE GOING TO CHANGE THE PERCEPTION OF AUSTIN, THAT WE HAVE TO WORK FIRST WITH OUR LOCAL CITIZENS AND THEN THAT WE HAVE TO SHARE THAT MESSAGE WITH THE WORLD. COUNCILMEMBERS, I HATE TO TELL YOU, BUT THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD DOESN'T INCLUDE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC. [APPLAUSE] IT'S NOT -- IT'S NOT OUR LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. SO WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT CHANGING. IT'S NOT TRUE RIGHT NOW. WE HEARD ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE SOUTH-BY-SOUTHWEST AND AUSTIN CITY LIMITS FESTIVAL AND OTHER EVENTS MORE INCLUSIVE. THOSE ARE ACTIVITIES THAT ATTRACT NATIONAL RECOGNITION AND YET PEOPLE HERE OF COLOR CANNOT FIND ANYTHING OR VENUES THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE SAME THING WITH AFRICAN-AMERICANS COMING IN. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO ATTRACT PEOPLE TO THE EVENTS BECAUSE YOU CANNOT FIND ENTERTAINMENT THAT IS APPEALING. WE HEARD OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR MORE VENUES, THERE WAS CONCERN ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF PROGRAMMING FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS ON THE PUBLIC AIRWAYS LIKE KUT, KLRU, ET CETERA. THAT TOM JOYNER, WHICH IS A VERY IMPORTANT NATIONALLY SYNDICATED RADIO STATION -- [APPLAUSE] -- IS NOT HERE IN AUSTIN AND THAT IS AN ISSUE IN TERMS OF KEEPING UP WITH WHAT IS GOING ON OUTSIDE OF AUSTIN AND WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD. WE HEARD THAT MIDTOWN LIVE IS AN

IMPORTANT ASSET. [APPLAUSE] IT'S ONE OF THE FEW VENUES THAT'S BEEN HERE AND WHERE PEOPLE HAVE FELT WELCOME AND EAGERLY AWAITED AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. WE ALSO HEARD THAT AUSTIN IS NOT A SMALLER DALLAS OR A HOUSTON. THAT EVEN A HOLDING STEADY FOR THE DIFFERENCE IN SIZE, THERE'S JUST SO MUCH LESS TO DO HERE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS. WITH REGARDS TO JOBS, WE HEARD THAT NOT FINDING JOBS WITH WAGES TO ADEQUATELY SUPPORT FAMILIES WAS A MAJOR PROBLEM. AND THAT FAMILIES ARE BEING SEPARATED AS ONE SPOUSE LEAVES THE COMMUNITY TO WORK SOMEPLACE ELSE OR PEOPLE ARE UNDEREMPLOYED. WE ALSO HEARD THAT IT IS A PROBLEM FOR THE COMMUNITY TO BE UNDERUTILIZING ITS CAPITAL INVESTMENT. ITS PEOPLE INVESTMENT. PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR VARIED OPTIONS. TO MAKE SURE THAT WHILE WE ARE RECRUITING, HIGH TECH BUSINESSES, THAT WE ARE ALSO RECRUITING LOW TECH BUSINESSES AND SEMI SKILLED BUSINESSES. THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESSES THAT WE ARE RECRUITING, THAT THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT AND ACCESS TO HIGHER PAYING JOBS ONCE WE GET IN. WE HAVE PEOPLE GET IN THOSE JOBS. WE HAVE HEARD THAT TRAINING AND INTERNSHIPS AND MENTORSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. THAT PART OF THE REASON THAT YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICANS FIND ANOTHER COMMUNITIES ATTRACTIVE ALSO HAS TO DO WITH -- WITH JOBS OUTSIDE OF THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD BE REMISS IF I SAID IT WAS THE ONLY REASON BECAUSE THAT IS NOT TRUE. BUT HAVING TRAINING AND INTERNSHIPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE WANTING TO STAY HERE AND MAKING THOSE OFFERS AS ATTRACTIVE AS WHAT THEY ARE SEEING OUTSIDE. WE ALSO HEARD THAT THE CITY IS VERY IMPORTANT IN SETTING THE STANDARD. THAT OTHERS LOOK TO THE CITY THAT -- THAT -- SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT CITY -- THE CITY HIRES AND LOOKS WITHIN ITS OWN RANKS. THERE WERE DEPARTMENTS LIKE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT WERE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE REVIEWED. WITH REGARDS TO BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE WHOLE ISSUE WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY, AS YOU KNOW, JOBS AND BUSINESSES ARE THE UNDERPINNING OF A COMMUNITY AND A FAMILY'S

FINANCIAL WELL-BEING. THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS ACCESS TO CAPITAL. AND WE HEARD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NEED FOR OPTIONS THAT ADDRESSED HIGH RISK LOANS, THE NEED FOR LOWER INTEREST LOANS FOR START-UP BUSINESSES, WE HEARD ABOUT THE UNIQUE AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS THAT OUR CONTRACTORS WERE HAVING AND PROGRAMS THAT ALLOWED THEM TO BORROW ON THEIR CONTRACTS THAT THEY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED. WE HEARD THAT THE EXISTING M/WBE ORDINANCES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO GROWING OUR BUSINESSES. IT ENSURES THAT AFRICAN-AMERICANS PARTICIPATED IN THE JOBS AND THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE CITY HAS. AND CURRENTLY, THERE ARE ORDINANCES ON THE BOOKS THAT SOME COMPANIES ARE NOT ADHERING TO. SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THOSE ORDINANCES ARE ON THE BOOKS AND IT IMPORTANT THAT THERE -- THAT THEY ARE ENFORCED. THAT INSURANCE AND OTHER CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS LIKE FOR INSTANCE RIGHT NOW THE CITY HAS -- REQUIRES ON CONTRACTS FOR -- FOR CONTRACTORS TO HAVE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF HEALTH INSURANCE AND SOME OF THOSE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT THE NORM IN SOME BUSINESS. AND WHILE WE RESPECT AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COUNCIL IS ATTEMPTING TO DO, THE REQUEST IS THAT THOSE TYPE OF ISSUES BE EVALUATED IN LIGHT OF -- OF A DUAL DESIRE TO BOTH MAKE SURE THAT OUR WORKPLACE IS ADEQUATELY TAKEN CARE OF AND MAKING SURE THAT SMALL SMALL BUSINESSES, PARTICULARLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN BUSINESSES CAN GROW SO THAT THEY ARE AROUND TO DO THE THINGS THAT COUNCIL IS WANTING TO HAVE DONE. WE TALKED ABOUT IN THE GROUPS, THE COMMUNITY TALKED ABOUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES THAT INCLUDED THE CAPITAL CITY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER, WE TALKED ABOUT LINKING THE -- THE CORPORATE INCENTIVE PACKAGES TO SPECIFIC JOB AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. WE HEARD THAT SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ALSO NEED ACCESS TO INFORMATION, BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF BUSINESS PEOPLE IN WAITING, SO TO SPEAK. PEOPLE THAT HAVE BUSINESSES IN THEIR HOMES, PEOPLE THAT HAVE BUSINESS IDEAS, FOLKS THAT REALLY WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND TAKE PART IN THE

AMERICAN DREAM TO OWN THEIR OWN BUSINESS AND THEY ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING THE INFORMATION THAT THEY NEED TO GET STARTED. INFORMATION LIKE MICROLENDING RESOURCES AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE. WITH REGARD TO EDUCATION, I NEED TO PREFACE BY SAYING THAT THE COMMUNITY IS AWARE THAT EDUCATION IS PRIMARILY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HERE. BUT PARTICIPANTS BOTH VERBALLY AND IN WRITTEN COMMENTS NOTED THAT QUALITY EDUCATION IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT GOAL THAT THE CITY NEEDS TO GET INVOLVED. THERE IS TREMENDOUS FRUSTRATION OUT THERE WITH THE JOB THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE BY THE -- BY THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. THERE'S FRUSTRATION, THERE'S ANGER, PARDON ME, THERE'S CONCERN ABOUT THE INEQUALITY, INEQUITY IN THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AND THE QUALITY OF FACILITIES. AGAIN, THE THOUGHT IS THAT THIS ISSUE IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY, THAT THE CITY HAS A ROLE TO PLAY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS NOT THE CITY'S PRIMARY ROLE AND THAT THERE IS ANOTHER TAXING JURISDICTION -- TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. THEY -- THE PANELISTS AND OUR WRITTEN COMMENTS ALL TALKED ABOUT INTERNSHIPS AND JOBS FOR GRADUATES AND THE NEED FOR -- FOR CREATIVE SOLUTIONS. SOLUTIONS THAT LOOKED AT DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY THAN THE WAY THEY HAD BEEN DONE BEFORE. FOR INSTANCE, PUTTING THE MOST EDUCATED AND TENURED TEACHERS IN LOWER PERFORMING SCHOOLS AS OPPOSED TO THE NEWEST TEACHERS THERE. [APPLAUSE] WHEN WE DISCUSSED HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS VERY, VERY OBVIOUS WAS THAT NOT ALL IN AUSTIN HAVE EQUALLY BENEFITED FROM THE CITY'S FINANCIAL SUCCESS. WE HEARD RESIDENTS TALK ABOUT ESCALATING TAXES AND GENTRIFICATION AND PEOPLE CONCERNED THAT THEY WERE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN HOMES THAT HAD BEEN IN THEIR FAMILY FOR YEARS. MAYBE MULTIPLE GENERATIONS. I HAD SEVERAL PEOPLE ACTUALLY BRING TAX BILLS TO THE MEETINGS AND SHOW HOW MUCH THEIR TAXES HAD ESCALATED IN A SINGLE YEAR, BASED ON RISING PROPERTY VALUES AND MANY PEOPLE ARE -- ARE EMPLOYED AND YET THEIR SALARIES ARE NOT RISING FAST ENOUGH TO KEEP UP WITH

RISING PROPERTY COSTS. [APPLAUSE] THE ELDERLY IN AUSTIN ARE BEING ADVERSELY IMPACTED, AS ELDERLY FOLKS ARE NOT ABLE TO KEEP THEIR HOMES UP OR MAINTAIN THE TAX BURDEN. WE HEARD THAT AUSTIN NEEDS MORE HOUSING OPTIONS. HOUSING OPTIONS IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS. AFFORDABLE HOUSING. MIDDLE AND UPPER INCOME HOUSING TO SUPPLEMENT HOUSING THAT IS ALREADY THERE IN EAST AUSTIN, BUT HOUSING IN MANY, MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE ALSO HEARD HOW IMPORTANT EAST AUSTIN IS TO THE COMMUNITY. NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE. AND AS YOU KNOW, MOST OF -- MOST AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN AUSTIN NO LONGER LIVE OR THE MAJORITY NO LONGER LIVE IN -- IN EAST AUSTIN OR NORTHEAST AUSTIN. HOWEVER, EAST AUSTIN AND NORTHEAST AUSTIN STILL HAVE THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND IT'S JUST LIKE WHEN YOU GO TO HARLEM, WHEN YOU THINK OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, YOU THINK OF EAST AUSTIN. SO PEOPLE GO TO EAST AUSTIN FOR CHURCH, PEOPLE GO TO EAST AUSTIN FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND EAST AUSTIN NEEDS TO BE INVESTED IN AND THE CULTURAL ASSETS THAT ARE THERE PROTECTED. [APPLAUSE]

COUNCILMEMBERS, I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT TALK ABOUT POLICE-COMMUNITY INTERACTIONS. IT WAS BROUGHT UP IN EACH OF THE SIX FORUMS. THE ISSUES THAT WE HEARD OVER AND OVER AGAIN WERE ISSUES LIKE POLICE INSENSITIVITY AND RACIAL PROFILING. ISSUES THAT YOU WOULD NOT HEAR FROM THE GENERAL COMMUNITY IF WE WERE TO HAVE THE SAME CONVERSATION. THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT TREATMENT DURING TEXAS RELAYS AND OTHER EVENTS THAT ARE PREDOMINANTLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN, A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CULTURAL SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS. ONE RESPONDENT BY COMMENT CARD SAID NOT ONLY DO WE NEED CULTURAL SENSITIVITY TRAINING, WE NEED JUST GOOD OLD FASHIONED CUSTOMER RELATIONS TRAINING. PEOPLE WANTED THE POLICE TO BE ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB, AND THEY WANTED THEM TO TREAT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AS RESPECTFULLY AS THEY DID OTHERS. AND WE HEARD THAT WHILE POLICE RELATIONS OR INTERACTIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY WERE STRAINED, THEY WERE EVEN MORE SO AFTER THE

MIDTOWN LIVE INCIDENT. THAT THAT WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THIS COMMUNITY. NOT ONLY LOCALLY, BUT OUTSIDE OF THIS AREA AS WELL. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO -- I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF A QUALITY OF LIFE SOLUTIONS GROUP THAT HELPED GROUP SOLUTIONS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FORUMS, GO THROUGH THE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT WE HAD RECEIVED THAT HELPED US LOOK THROUGH THE PAGES AND PAGES OF HANDWRITTEN NOTES THAT WE HAD TAKEN, THAT HELPED US SORT THROUGH THE PAGES AND PAGES OF WEBSITE INFORMATION. AND HELPED US TO DEVELOP HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS OR HIGH PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WE WERE GUIDEDLY THAT ORIGINAL QUESTION: WHAT CAN THE CITY OF AUSTIN DO TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN AFRICAN-AMERICANS SO THAT WE HAVE A DIVERSE ECONOMY AND CULTURE? OUR RECOMMENDATIONS SOUGHT TO BE FOCUSED AND ACTIONABLE AND WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OR RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND AN ACTION PLAN WILL BE DEVELOPED TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. SO WITH THAT IN MIND, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT -- ONE LAST THING, WE WERE ALSO ASKED BY THE CITY TO COME BACK WITH A FINITE SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS. UNDERSTANDING THAT ONCE YOU FINISHED A SET, YOU COULD ALWAYS DELVE DEEPER, RECONVENE THE COMMUNITY, BUT RECOGNIZING THAT YOU WOULD HAVE BETTER SUCCESS IF THE NUMBER WAS FINITE AND YOU COULD ADDRESS THOSE BEFORE MOVING ON. SO IN OUR WORK, WE SOUGHT TO FIND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE SHORT TERM AND WE ARE CALLING SHORT TERM SIX MONTHS OR LESS, OR INTERMEDIATE TERMS AND THAT'S LESS THAN TWO YEARS. SO THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU WILL SEE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE THINK THE CITY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS WITHIN A SHORT TERM OR INTERMEDIATE TERM TIME FRAME. SO THE RECOMMENDATIONS. IN THE AREA OF ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY DEVELOP A MARKETING CAMPAIGN TO MARKET AUSTIN'S AFRICAN-

AMERICAN CULTURE, HISTORY AND OTHER RESOURCES, TO AFRICAN-AMERICANS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF AUSTIN. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT IS CREATED TO SHOWCASE THOSE ASSETS AND PRESERVE THEM. WE RECOMMEND AUSTIN PROMOTE ITS AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE, IN HISTORY, RESTAURANTS, EVENT, ARTISTS, ET CETERA, THROUGH THE EXISTING AUSTIN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU WEBSITE AND IN THE OFFICIAL AUSTIN VISITORS GUIDE. WE WANT THAT THE -- THAT THE CONVENTION AND/OR WE WANT THE CITY TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY LIAISON WITHIN THE ACVB, A PERSON THAT IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE, THAT'S SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. SOMEONE MENTIONED THAT IN A DIFFERENT FORUM AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAD SOMEONE THAT WORKING FOR THEM IN THE POSITION OF A CULTURAL RESOURCE PERSON FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS THAT DID NOT KNOW WHO MAIZE WAS, MAIZE IS A VERY IMPORTANT AFRICAN-AMERICAN GROUP AND THE PERSON THAT WAS REPRESENTING OR PUTTING THINGS TOGETHER DID NOT KNOW WHO THAT WAS. AND SO THE DESIRE IS TO HAVE SOMEONE WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN THAT UNDERSTANDS OUR CULTURE AND KNOWS WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE CULTURE. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE -- THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO INCLUDE AFRICAN-AMERICAN SIGNATURE EVENTS AND IN THE REPORT WE HAVE LISTED THOSE -- A NUMBER OF THOSE. FOR INSTANCE, TEXAS RELAYS AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AND THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION AND BATTLE OF THE BAND AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY EVENTS AND THE HEMAN SWEATT SYMPOSIUM. THE KEI SUMMER FEST. THOSE SIGNATURE EVENTS BE PROMOTED BY THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AS A MEANS OF PROMOTING THE CITY AND RECRUITING TOURISTS. RECOMMENDATION IS THAT OUR LOCAL ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS AND FILM MAKERS AND OTHERS, THAT WE ENSURE THAT THOSE ARTISTS AND FILM MAKERS AND MUSICIANS, ET CETERA, ARE INCLUDED IN EVENTS, PARTICULARLY EVENTS FOR WHICH THE CITY SPONSORS FUND OR CO-SPONSORS. WE HEARD STORIES ABOUT PLACES LIKE THE -- [APPLAUSE] -- IF HE FACILITIES WHERE ARTISTS HAVE A HARD TIME

GETTING A SHOWING. EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE CITY FACILITIES. OR EVENTS LIKE, AGAIN, SOUTH-BY-SOUTHWEST. THAT THE CITY IS INVOLVED IN AND YET IT IS SO VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC OR FILM. [APPLAUSE] THERE'S A RECOMMENDATION, THE LAST RECOMMENDATION IN THIS AREA IS THAT THE CITY CREATE AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL FUND FOR A MARKETING AND SUPPORTING OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO AND TARGETED AFRICAN-AMERICANS. POLICE INTERACTIONS. THE REQUEST -- SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS BE ENHANCED AND THAT CLEAR POLICY DIRECTIONS BE DEVELOPED OR IMPROVED, THAT SPECIFY AND SPEAK TO THE CONTINUUM OF FORCE. THE COMMUNITY IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE COMMUNITY BEING INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING, BEING INVOLVED IN ROLE PLAYING AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY TO INTERACT WITH THE POLICE AND THAT THE SAME TYPE OF TRAINING ON CULTURAL SENSITIVITY BE PROVIDED FOR CITY EMPLOYEES THAT ARE WORKING IN THE AREA PROVIDING CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN BUSINESSES. [APPLAUSE] FINALLY, IN THAT AREA, THAT -- THAT POLICE OFFICERS THAT HAVE PROBLEMS WITH WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, CONSISTENT PATTERNS OF ABUSE AND INSENSITIVITY BE IDENTIFIED, THAT THAT BEHAVIOR BE DOCUMENTED IN THEIR FILES AND THAT OFFICERS WHO BEHAVE INAPPROPRIATELY ARE APPROPRIATELY DISCIPLINED. [APPLAUSE] IN THE AREA OF HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, THERE WERE SO MANY HOUSING ISSUES THAT WERE SO IMPORTANT THAT THE GROUP DID NOT HAVE TIME TO DELVE INTO THEM FULLY. WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NEEDED A SECOND WEEK OF FORUMS JUST TO WORK ON THE ISSUE OF HOUSING. SO THE RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE CITY DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING NEEDS AND HOUSING ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORTH AND UNDER THAT ITEM THERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT THAT HOUSING POLICY OR THE HOUSING APPROACH WOULD LOOK AT, THE WHOLE ISSUE OF TAX FORECLOSURES AND GENTRIFICATION AND THE PROBLEMS THAT WE SPECIFIED ARE MENTIONED WITH REGARDS TO THE ELDERLY AND NEW HOUSING OPTIONS, BE

THEY AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS, OPTIONS FOR MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES AND OPTIONS FOR UPPER CLASS FAMILIES. A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT IN EAST AUSTIN BE BROUGHT UP TO THE LEVEL OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT IN OTHER AREAS OF THE CITY. [APPLAUSE] USING -- USING THE ARSENAL OF TOOLS THAT'S AVAILABLE TO THE CITY. THAT THE CITY BUY DOWN THE COST OF LAND IN EAST AUSTIN BY MAKING THE LAND AVAILABLE, THE LAND THAT IS CURRENTLY ON THE CITY'S ROLLS, MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS. THAT THE CITY ENCOURAGE MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT IN EAST AUSTIN. BY IMPROVING STREET SCAPES, ALONG COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS, DEVELOPING CITY FINANCED PARKING, IMPROVING NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENHANCING AND EXPANDING THE EXISTING FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. WITH REGARDS TO EDUCATION, THE RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE CITY INCREASE COLLABORATIONS WITH THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ON JOINT USE FACILITIES, ON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, OMEN TORING AND LOW -- ON MENTORING IN LOW PERFORMING SCHOOLS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTIONS THAT IMPROVE QUALITY EDUCATION TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND REDUCE COSTS. WITHWITH REGARDS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT, THAT THE CITY PARTNER WITH THE CAPITAL CITY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER AND THE GREATER AUSTIN CHAMBER TO ENSURE THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN BUSINESSES ARE REPRESENTED ON RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION STRATEGIES AND THOSE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION STRATEGIES REFLECT THE NEEDS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BUSINESS AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. AND THAT RECRUITMENT EFFORTS SHOULD INCLUDE BUSINESSES THAT CREATE AND RETAIN JOBS WITH ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW TECH, SEMI SKILLED AND NON-TECHNICAL WORKERS ALIKE. THAT THE CITY TARGET FOR EXPANSION AND RECRUITMENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN BUSINESSES THAT RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR JOBS AND SOCIAL VENUES. THAT YOU USE INCENTIVES AVAILABLE TO THE CITY, INCENTIVES SUCH AS FEE, REDUCTIONS AND TAX ABATEMENTS AND EXPEDITED SITE PLANS TO ASSIST THOSE BUSINESSES THAT

ARE TARGETED. THAT YOU LINK RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE PACKAGES FOR CORPORATIONS TO SPECIFIC HIRING, CONTRACTING AND PURCHASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS. AND THAT YOU INVOLVE AFRICAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE CAPITAL CITY CHAMBER OR THE URBAN LEAGUE AS A PART OF THAT NEGOTIATION. THAT THE CITY REVIEW ITS OWN HIRING AND COMPENSATION PRACTICES TO ENSURE THAT AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE HIRED IN APPROPRIATE NUMBERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND IN DECISION MAKING MANAGEMENT POSITIONS THAT IMPACT THE AREAS THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IN THIS REPORT. THAT PROGRAMS BE EXPANDED TO INCREASE ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN BUSINESSES. AND THAT EXISTING PROGRAMS BE EVALUATED TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE RAISED BEFORE IN TERMS OF HIGH RISK LOANS AND LOANS FOR CONTRACTORS AND LOW INTEREST LOANS. THAT THE CITY ENFORCE M DISTURB W.B.E. ORDINANCES, THAT CONTRACTS BE MONITORED FOR COMPLIANCE, THAT INCENTIVES AND CONSEQUENCES ARE USED TO ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE. THAT INSURANCE AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS ON ADVERTISED CONTRACTS BE BASED ON THE RISK TO THE CITY AND THE VALUE OF THE CONTRACT AND THAT SMALL BUSINESS NOT BE HELD TO THE SAME REQUIREMENTS THAT LARGER, MORE EXPOSED BUSINESSES ARE HELD TO. AND THAT INFORMATION BE INCREASED TO SMALL BUSINESSES OR INFORMATION BE INCREASED SO THAT THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE INTERESTED IN SMALL BUSINESSES KNOW WHERE TO FIND THAT INFORMATION AND DO THAT BY LISTING PROGRAMS AND DESCRIPTIONS ON THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S WEBSITE. A COUPLE OF GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS. RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY AFTER THIS PROCESS CREATE A MONITORING AND REVIEW PROCESS THAT ALLOWS THE CITY AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO EVALUATE THE SUCCESS OF CHANGING THE -- OF THE CHANGING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN AUSTIN. AND THAT THIS QUALITY OF LIFE DIALOGUE BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE EARLY ROUND OF DISCUSSION AND INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY

NOT HAVE AS WELL AS THE BROADER AUSTIN COMMUNITY. THE BROADER AUSTIN COMMUNITY AS REPRESENTED BY CORPORATE LEADERS, CIVIC LEADERS, INTERESTED CITIZENS AND OTHERS. AND IN THE REPORT, THERE'S A LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE READY TO PARTNER WITH THE CITY, ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE URBAN LEAGUE AND THE CHAMBER AND NAACP AND CHURCHES AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS AND THE NATION OF ISLAM. THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEDIA AND MANY, MANY ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN AUSTIN FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS. AND SO IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST THANK THE COMMUNITY, THERE ARE MANY, MANY, MANY PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM THAT ATTENDED THE FORUMS, SOME OF YOU IN THIS ROOM ATTENDED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE FORUMS. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN THE ROOM THAT PARTICIPATED AS PART OF THE PANELS THAT TURNED IN E-MAIL CARDS THAT TURNED IN WRITTEN CARDS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK FOLKS THAT TOOK THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER. THERE'S SOME THAT SAID DURING THE FORUMS WE ARE AVAILABLE TO DO ANYTHING AND SOME OF YOU DID THOSE THINGS. I'M LOOKING AT ONE PERSON NOW. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR THEIR SHARING OF TIME, THEIR TALENTS AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CHIEF FOR HIS EXCELLENT GUIDANCE AS OUR EXECUTIVE SPONSOR. [APPLAUSE] WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR CITY MANAGER AND OUR COUNCIL FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO LOOK AT THIS ISSUE AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HEAR. WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. JACKSON, VERY, VERY IMPRESSIVE.

THANK YOU.

AND IMPORTANT. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A -- WE HAVE A BUNCH OF FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP WISHING TO GIVE US SYSTEM. MY INSTINCT IS TO TRY TO GET AS MUCH OF THAT IN AS POSSIBLE. MY GUESS IS THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY INSPIRE SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OF EITHER CHIEF McDONALD OR MS. JACKSON. EARLIER WE TALKED ABOUT HAVING, I

THINK THERE'S AN AGREEMENT TO HAVE THREE GENTLEMEN START OUR PUBLIC TESTIMONY. NELSON LINDER OF THE NAACP, GREG MARSHAL OF CAPITAL CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND JEFFREY RICHARDS OF THE URBAN LEAGUE. SO IF THAT'S ACCEPTABLE, GENTLEMEN. IN ANY ORDER YOU WANT. WELCOME, GENTLEMEN.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MADAM MAYOR PRO TEM AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THE CITY MANAGER FUTRELL. MY NAME IS JEFFREY RICHARD, I'M THE NEW PRESIDENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE AND IT IS A PLEASURE, AN HONOR TO BE WITH YOU THIS EVENING. WE HAVE HEARD SOME POWERFUL MESSAGES TONIGHT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR -- FOR YOUR COURAGE TO EVEN ASK THE QUESTIONS. AND THAT'S IMPORTANT. AND I HOPE THAT WHEN WE ARE DONE TONIGHT THAT WE ARE REALLY NOT DONE. LET ME SAY THAT I REPRESENT THE AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE WHOSE MISSION IS TO ASSIST AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND DISADVANTAGED CITIZENS IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT EQUALITY IN JUST A MOMENT, BUT I AM JOINED I THINK SIGNIFICANTLY AND SYMBOLICALLY ON MY RIGHT AND LEFT BY MR. GREG MARSHALL OF THE CAPITAL AREA -- CAPITAL CITY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR. NELSON LINDER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE STANDING HERE TOGETHER TONIGHT. I SAID THAT THE URBAN LEAGUE'S SYMBOL IS ABOUT EQUALITY. AND I WEAR THAT ON MY LAPEL PIN. IT MEANS SOMETHING. IT'S NOT ABOUT GREATER THAN. AND IT IS NOT ABOUT LESS THAN. IT IS A SIMPLE AND PROFOUND STATEMENT ABOUT EQUALITY. IT ISN'T EVEN ABOUT WHAT OUR OWN GREAT COUNTRY CALLED US, THREE-FIFTHS OF AT ONE POINT WITH THE SCOTT DECISION. IT IS SIMPLY ABOUT EQUALITY. THERE MAY BE MANY BOARD MEMBERS OF THE URBAN LEAGUE HERE, FORMER AND PRESENT, PERHAPS EVEN OUR CHAIRPERSON BOBBIE BARKER WHO IS AN EXECUTIVE WITH TEXAS GAS SERVICES IN THE AUDIENCE. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THEM IF THEY ARE, THEY HAVE WAVED THEIR HAND. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. OUR ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU SEE

HERE ARE DISTINCT. BUT WE REPRESENT A SINGLE CONTINUUM. THAT IS WE WANT HUMAN PROGRESS FOR ALL. IN THAT REGARD, WE HAVE ONE COMMUNITY, IT IS NOT IN UNISON BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE A SINGLE NOTE, BUT IT IS HARMONY TOWARD WHICH WE CAN HAVE A BEAUTIFUL SONG EVEN THOUGH WE ALL PLAY DIFFERENT ROLES AND SING DIFFERENT NOTES. I SEE THAT -- I SEE IT AS ONE CONCEPT. THAT IS WE EACH WANT TO DO THESE ORGANIZATIONS WHAT WE DO BEST AND HAVE BEEN DOING BEST. I THINK YOU KNOW THE URBAN LEAGUE. THE URBAN LEAGUE HAS BEEN IN THIS COMMUNITY SINCE 1977, 28 YEARS, FOR EACH OF THOSE 28 YEARS WE HAVE DONE A NUMBER OF THINGS IN THIS COMMUNITY WITH THE HELP OF NOT ONLY THE CITY OF AUSTIN BUT THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS AND CORPORATE LEADERS AND ORDINARY CITIZENS WHO CARE. I BELIEVE IT'S OUR -- IT'S OUR JOB TO REACH ACROSS BOUNDARIES WHETHER THEY BE ECONOMIC, RACIAL, AND OTHER IMAGES THAT WE MIGHT HAVE TO ACHIEVE THAT PROGRESS. WE HAVE A SLIDE THAT -- A WORD DOCUMENT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW. SORT OF AS A CONCEPT. ABOUT WHAT WE ARE THINKING OF. SIMPLY, YOU MAY NOT BE VERY EASY TO SEE, BUT IT'S SORT OF A TRIANGLE. EDUCATIONAL FULFILLMENT, WHICH HAS TO DO WITH GETTING A GREAT GROUNDING IN LIFE, THEN A JOB, THEN BETTER GROUNDING AND THEN A BETTER JOB. I THINK THE URBAN LEAGUE'S STRONG SUIT HAS BEEN IN THAT REGARD FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING. ONE OF MY FRIENDS GARY FARMER SAYS THE QUALITY OF LIFE BEGINS WITH A JOB. AND I MIGHT ADD TO THAT, BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE BEGINS WITH A GREAT EDUCATION SO YOU CAN GET A BETTER JOB. ON THE OTHER SIDE, THERE IS -- AT THE TOP OF THAT TRIANGLE YOU MIGHT SAY CONCEPTUALLY IS ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT. BECAUSE AFTER ALL, WE DO WANT TO DO BETTER THAN WE DID BEFORE. AND THAT HAS A LOT OF -- COMBINED IN THAT RUBRIC. I THINK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND ECONOMIC ASPECT WOULD BE SOCIAL JUSTICE. I CALL IT SORT OF A COMMUNITY HIERARCHY OF NEEDS. YOU HEARD OF THE HIERARCHY, I JUST BELIEVE THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT NEED TO EXIST TO BEGIN WITH BEFORE WE BUILD UPON THEM. I THINK THAT'S QUITE IMPORTANT. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY FINALLY BEFORE I TURN IT OVER I WAS TOUCHED PARTICULARLY BY CITY

MANAGER FUTRELL'S COMMENTS BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS INSTRUCTIVE THAT SHE READ A QUOTE THAT SOUNDED TO ME LIKE IT WAS WRITTEN A FEW DAYS AGO. BUT IT WAS WRITTEN FIVE YEARS AGO, A HALF DECADE AGO. IDEALLY THAT QUOTE SHOULD SOUND ANCIENT, MUSTY, OLD, BUT THAT IT DOES NOT. IT SOUNDS PERSONAL, POIGNANT, PRESENT. I WOULD HOPE THAT FIVE YEARS FROM NOW, WE WILL BE AT THE POINT TO WHERE WE CAN SAY THAT USED TO BE. [APPLAUSE] I'LL JUST CLOSE BY SAYING WHEN THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY COME TO A DECISION TO MAKE SOME CHANGE, TO MAKE SOME DIFFERENCE TO THE ACTION PART, BEYOND THE WORDS, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE URBAN LEAGUE WILL BE THERE AS WE HAVE BEEN FOR THE LAST 28 YEARS, HELPING REPAIR HOUSES, HELPING EDUCATE PEOPLE WITH -- WITH -- TO GET A G.E.D., HELPING TEACH COMPUTER SKILLS. WE'LL BE THERE. I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER NOW TO MY COLLEAGUE GREG MARSHALL FROM THE CAPITAL CITY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER.

THANK YOU. WELCOME MR. MARSHALL. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

A RISING TIDE FLOATS ALL VESSELS, AND I APPLAUD YOU ON THAT. I SPENT MANY YEARS IN CORPORATE AMERICA AND SPENT MANY MUCH TIME IN RACE RELATIONS SEMINARS. AND MANY OF IT WAS ABOUT AFRICAN-AMERICAN, AND I REALLY WASN'T SURE WHAT WE NEEDED TO SAY TO ONE ANOTHER. SO I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO STEP INTO THIS OPPORTUNITY AND ALLOW US THE OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN TO WORK TOGETHER. I WANT TO STEP BACK FOR A SECOND AND ACKNOWLEDGE CHIEF MCDONALD AND ALSO RJW CONSULTING. THEY'VE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB, A DIFFICULT JOB, AND THE RESULTS OF IT HERE TONIGHT IS JUST THE BEGINNING. AS RICHARD MENTIONED, THE CAPITOL CITY CHAMBER, THE NAACP AND THE URBAN LEAGUE AND OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE COMMITTED TO CELEBRATING THE SYNERGIES THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR ORGANIZATIONS. OUR GOALS FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE, EDUCATIONAL FULFILLMENT AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN UNITING THESE THREE ORGANIZATIONS AND THEY STAND READY TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE THE CITY'S EFFORTS TO

APPROVE ITS ABILITY TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN AFRICAN-AMERICANS. THE CAPITOL CITY CHAMBER'S ROLE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN SINCE 1981 TO PROVIDE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE TO ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE. , TO BE AN ADVOCATE IN ECONOMIC ISSUES AS THEY RELATE TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN BUSINESSES HERE IN THE CITY AND TO SUPPORT THE AUSTIN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AND THE CITY'S EFFORTS TO ATTRACT AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONVENTIONS AND TOURISM. THERE ARE SOME SOLUTIONS TO THESE ISSUES THAT ARE RELATIVELY SIMPLE RKTs SUCH AS THIS EXAMPLE. I BELIEVE WE'VE GOT A SLIDE. WE TALKED BEFORE, ONE OF THE SUGGESTIONS WAS TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE LOOK OF AUSTIN TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN FOLKS OUTSIDE OF THE COMMUNITY. THIS WEBSITE WE DREW UP VERY QUICKLY. FRANKLY, IT WAS DONE BY ONE OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS, MICHAEL IN ABOUT 36 HOURS. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SHORT-TERM, I THINK THAT REALLY FITS INTO THAT DESCRIPTION. SO GIVEN THE MISSION, WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE CITY'S EFFORTS. SOME OF THESE ISSUES ARE COMPLEX. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOLUTIONS FOR RJW'S EFFORT AND I WAS STRUCK BY THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES AND THE TIME THAT WE BELIEVE THAT IT WILL TAKE TO COME TO SOLUTIONS. THE NEED NOW IS TO MOVE DELIBERATELY, DOGGEDLY AND STRATEGICALLY TO IMPLEMENT CHANGE. AND THAT MEANS THAT WE ASK THAT THE COUNCIL NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TONIGHT, BUT INSTEAD IT CONTINUE ITS INITIAL EFFORTS TO SEEK DIALOGUE, TO SEEK INPUT AND TO SEEK GUIDANCE FROM THE COMMUNITY. ISSUES THAT -- THERE ARE MANY ISSUES THAT RESULT, THAT LIE BEYOND EVEN WHAT YOU'VE SEEN HERE TONIGHT AND OUR ORGANIZATIONS ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY STAND TO WORK WITH YOU TO DEVELOP A PROCESS WHERE WE STAND ARM IN ARM SO THAT AS A COUPLE OF PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED TONIGHT, WE'RE NOT STANDING HERE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW SCRATCHING OUR HEAD AND WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LAST FIVE YEARS. SO AGAIN, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT FOR THIS BEGINNING AND YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. NOW, I WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO THE THIRD MEMBER OF OUR TRIAD, MR. NELSON LINDER,

PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. MARSHALL. WELCOME, MR. LINDER. [APPLAUSE]

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL. LET ME FIRST SAY THIS HAS BEEN A VERY CALMING KIND OF EXPERIENCE. WE'VE LEARNED QUITE A BIT OVER THE LAST 30 DAYS THAT HAS OPENED MY MIND ON EVERY LEVEL. I WILL BE BRIEF AND TO THE POINT. BECAUSE IN MY LAST VISIT TO THE COUNCIL WE WERE ADDRESSING THIS BEGINNING PROCESS. WE TALKED ABOUT THE CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE LACK OF SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, WHAT THAT REALLY REQUIRED, BUT ALSO WE TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE WERE EXPERIENCING AS AFRICAN-AMERICANS A WHOLE DIFFERENT QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS CITY. THAT PREMISE WAS OUR FOUNDATION FOR BEGINNING THIS PROCESS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE FOCUS ON THOSE PARTICULAR ISSUES. SHE TALKED ABOUT ALSO CRITICAL INCIDENTS, AND IN MY MIND THOSE WERE CALLED POLICE BRUTALITY BECAUSE FOLKS LOST THEIR LIVES IN MANY OF THOSE INCIDENTS AND THAT PARTICULAR PROCESS CREATED IN MANY WAYS THE TENSION THAT WE FIND IN THIS CITY. SO SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND ALSO CRITICAL INCIDENCE ARE TWO KEY WORDS IN THIS WHOLE PROCESS, BUT WE DON'T ADDRESS THE CRITICAL INCIDENCE, THIS WHOLE PROCESS BECOMES VERY COMPETITIVE. SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE ARE AND WHY WE'RE HERE. OF COURSE THIS IS NOT ROCKET SCIENCE, AS YOU SAID EARLIER. THE VISION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PROCESS BECAUSE ONCE YOU IDENTIFY YOUR VISION, THE PLAN SIMPLY FOLLOWS THE VISION. AS YOU CAN SEE, A FEW ORGANIZATIONS ARE HERE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. IT TOOK NO MONEY, BUT IT TOOK COMMITMENT, INTEREST AND A VERY FIRM DESIRE. MY POINT IS WHEN YOU DESIRE TO DO SOMETHING, YOU NORMALLY DO. AND THAT PROCESS HAS BEEN MISSING FROM PREVIOUS CITY COUNCILS IN THE HISTORY OF THIS CITY. SO DESIRE AND WILL POWER WILL DRAW US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, NOT POLITICS AS USUAL. [APPLAUSE] ONCE AGAIN, THIS IS NOT ROCKET SCIENCE. YOUR CHIEF DEMOGRAPHER SAID THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT DALLAS AND

DC, THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT WE DON'T HAVE, A VIABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH ATTRACTS PEOPLE AND MAINTAINS PEOPLE, AND OUR INFRASTRUCTURE IS THE BASIS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND OWNERSHIP. SO WHEN YOU START WITH SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, THAT IS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FRAMEWORK THAT BUILDS MOST CITIES. FOR THOSE FOLKS WHO DON'T KNOW, IT'S AFRICAN-AMERICANS WHO ARE REALLY NO DIFFERENT. LIKE MOST FOLKS WE WANT GOOD SCHOOLS, JOBS THAT PAY DECENT WAGES, WE WANT PARK FACILITIES, WE WANT A WORKPLACE FREE OF ANY DISCRIMINATION. WE WANT RESPECT FROM OUR POLICE FORCE. WE WANT DUE PROCESS AND DUE CONSIDERATION ON EVERY LEVEL. LET'S BE HONEST, IN 1928, THIS VERY CITY HAD A THING CALLED THE MASTER PLAN THAT CREATED AND DICTATED POLITICS FOR THE FUTURE. BUT TONIGHT WE HAVE AN ENORMOUS OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE WE HAVE THE ABILITY, IF WE HAVE THE DESIRE, TO CHANGE THE WHOLE PROCESS AND TO FRAME THIS CITY FOR THE FUTURE. AS I SAID ON MARCH 25TH, IT'S GOING TO TAKE WILL POWER, DESIRE, PRINCIPLE AND INTEGRITY AND NOT POLITICS AS USUAL. I'M GOING TO CHALLENGE YOU TO ALSO REVEAL ANOTHER CRITICAL INCIDENT THAT WAS VERY CRITICAL, AND IT'S CALLED MIDTOWN LIVE, BECAUSE MIDTOWN LIVE PROVIDED MUCH OF THE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IN THIS WHOLE PROCESS. IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT INSTITUTION IS IMPORTANT TO THIS COMMUNITY AND IT MUST BE ADDRESSED IN A POSITIVE WAY, IN A REAL WAY, AND IN AN IMMEDIATE WAY. WE NEED TO ADDRESS THAT RIGHT AWAY AND MAKE SURE THAT WE START OFF ON A POSITIVE FOOTING WITH A FIRM, EXCUSE THE LANGUAGE, DOWN PAYMENT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. [APPLAUSE] LET ME CLOSE BY SAYING THAT WHAT WE SEEK WE ALREADY HAVE, BUT IT'S NOT COORDINATED AND NOT COMPREHENSIVE. IN 1999, ACTUALLY, 2001, THE AUSTIN INTERLEAGUE COMMISSION THEY TALKED ABOUT BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AUSTIN, AND THEY DID IT, BUT THEY JUST DIDN'T INCLUDE US. SO TONIGHT YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO DISTINGUISH YOURSELVES, JUST LIKE LINCOLN DID IN THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION, LIKE L.B.J. DID IN THE GREAT SOCIETY. TO HAVE A GREAT SOCIETY IS GOING TO TAKE SOCIAL

COMMITMENT AND INTEGRITY. WE MIGHT ADD AS WELL THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO DO THINGS BASED ON PRINCIPLE, NOT BASED ON POLITICS. AND FINALLY, OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD A VERY TOUGH TIME THE PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS. I WANT TO THANK PERSONALLY COMMANDER SAM HOLT FOR HIS WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY ON THE STREET LEVEL, INCREASING COMMUNICATIONS AND ALSO LETTING US KNOW THAT OUR POLICE DO CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR PEOPLE. FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS -- [APPLAUSE] THANKS TO A POLICY OF DISABILITIES, NOT DEADLY FORCE, WE HAVE HAD NO INCIDENTS OF LOSS OF LIFE. THAT DESERVES RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION. [APPLAUSE] AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK ASHTON CUMBERBACK FOR THE WORK HE DOES AT THE POLICE MONITOR'S OFFICE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO CALL, COMPLAIN AND HAVE THE PROPER ATTENTION PAID TO THEIR ISSUES WHEN THEY DO HAVE PROBLEMS. [APPLAUSE] YOU DIDN'T GATHER A WHOLE LOT OF DATA, BUT I THINK THE CHALLENGE IS THE PROPER CONTEXT. IF YOU CAN FIT THE DATA IN THE PROPER CONTEXT, WE CAN ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. WE NEED A COVENANT THAT IS MUCH MORE FIRM AND MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE. SO LET'S BUILD A COVENANT AND ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AS WE GO FORWARD. LIKE MY COLLEAGUES, WE DON'T NEED ACTION TONIGHT, WE WANT A SERIOUS COMMITMENT BASED ON DIALOGUE, HONESTY AND RESPECT. AND I THINK PERSONALLY WE HAVE A GREAT CITY COUNCIL AND A GREAT MAYOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GENTLEMEN. COUNCIL, WE HAVE IT LOOKS LIKE ABOUT, OH, 18 OR 20 FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US. I THINK THAT'S MORE THAN FAIR. WE'LL LET THEM DO THAT. SO LET'S TAKE THEM IN ORDER WITHOUT OBJECTION. OUR FIRST SIGNED UP SPEAKER IS GAVINO FERNANDEZ. WELCOME FNLGHT YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY AKWASI EVANS.

GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL, MY NAME IS GAVINO FERNANDEZ WITH EL CONCILIO. WE'RE BASICALLY HERE TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND OUR NEIGHBORS. AS AN AUSTIN NATIVE, BORN AND RAISED IN IN

COMMUNITY, I HAVE WITNESSED HOW SOME GOVERNMENTS HAVE TREATED PEOPLE THROUGHOUT MY LIFETIME LIVING IN EAST AUSTIN. THE CHALLENGE HAS BEEN PLACED BEFORE YOU AS OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. YOU ARE THE ONES THAT ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR PEOPLE. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL LOOK AND TAKE THIS INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED AND THIS COUNCIL DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO FORM A TASKFORCE WITH PEOPLE PROSECUTE THE COMMUNITY AND COME BACK WITH A PLAN ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS , BECAUSE IF THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN, UNFORTUNATELY, THIS COULD END UP JUST BEING ANOTHER STUDY. AND WE HAVE SEEN QUITE A FEW OF THOSE THROUGHOUT MY LIFETIME, AND WHEN IT COMES TO ADDRESSING ISSUES IN EAST AUSTIN. I ALSO HOPE THAT THE CULTURE WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES ALSO HAVE A CHANGE. WHAT'S FRIGHTENING TO ME AS AN EAST AUSTINITE, THE UNFORTUNATE SITUATION AT MIDTOWN LIVE WAS THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE, THAT THESE EMPLOYEES KNEW THAT THEIR COMMENTS WERE BEING EITHER RECORDED ON THE COMPUTER. AND UNFORTUNATELY THAT DID NOT STOP THEM FROM MAKING THOSE TYPE OF REMARKS. AND WHAT FRIGHTENS ME IS WHAT TYPE OF COMMENTS DO THEY MAKE WHEN THERE ARE NO MICROPHONES, THERE ARE NO RADIOS. [APPLAUSE] MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, THAT'S THE FEAR THAT'S INSTILLED IN MANY OF OUR PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, THAT I HOPE THAT WITH WHATEVER HELP THAT WE CAN PROVIDE IN BRINGING THIS TO ONE COMMUNITY -- YOU'RE RIGHT, TOBY, WE DON'T WANT TO BE HERE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW AND SAY WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE, BECAUSE WE HAVE THE RESOURCES, THE INTELLIGENCE AND THE CAPACITY NOT ONLY EDUCATIONWISE, WE HAVE THE UNIVERSITIES NUMEROUS, WE HAVE THE CORPORATIONS, MAYOR, WHERE YOU AS THE LEADER OF THIS COMMUNITY CAN INFORM THOSE CORPORATE COMPANIES THAT ARE HERE IN AUSTIN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EDUCATION AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND I THINK THAT ANOTHER WAY IN WHICH THIS COUNCIL OR THE COMING COUNCIL CAN ILLUSTRATE THE COMMITMENT AND IMPROVING THIS RELATIONSHIP IS BY -- [BUZZER SOUNDS] - - WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY COMES TO ELECT OUR NEXT

MAYOR PRO TEM, AND THAT THAT BE OUR COUNCILMEMBER DANNY THOMAS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: AKWASI EVANS. WELCOME. AND SUES SUES HAS ALSO DONATED HER THREE MINUTES TO YOU. YOU WILL HAVE SIX IF YOU NEED IT. ALTHOUGH SHE'S ABOUT TO TAKE IT BACK.

I JUST NEED 30 SECONDS, MAYOR. MAYOR, I'M SUSANA ALMANZA WITH PODER. AND I TOO WISH AND PRAY THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FOLLOWED THROUGH SO AUSTIN, THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TASKFORCE, THE THE GENTRIFICATION REPORT, A LOT OF THESE THINGS SIT ON THE SHELF AND I KNOW A LOT OF THE PROBLEM IS LACK OF INCOME AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THE AFRICAN AND MEXICAN-AMERICAN SHARE A LOT OF THE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING TODAY. SO I'M JUST HERE IN SUPPORT THAT WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THOSE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR. COUNCILMEMBERS, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY MANAGER. RACISM IN AUSTIN IS NOTHING NEW. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'VE ALL LIVED WITH AND ENDURED FOR AS LONG AS WE'VE BEEN HERE. BUT WHAT IS NEW IS THE WILLINGNESS OF THIS COUNCIL TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE AND TO HIRE RJW GROUP SOLUTIONS TO DO A QUALITY OF LIFE STUDY, TO EXAMINE AND BRING YOU BACK THE RECOMMENDATION ABOUT THE ENORMITY OF THE DISPARITIES THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CITY. AND THEY ARE ENORMOUS. WE LIVED IN THE SAME ENVIRONMENT, BLACK AND WHITE AUSTIN, WHILE OPERATING IN DIFFERENT WORLDS. WE HAVE DIFFERENT PSYCHOLOGICAL MAKEUPS AND DIFFERENT LIFE EXPECTATIONS. WHEN YOU WALK INTO A STORE, YOU EXPECT TO GET WAITED ON, AND YOU DO. WHEN I WALK INTO A STORE, I EXPECT FOR YOU TO GET WAITED ON IF YOU WALK IN BEHIND ME. THAT'S THE WAY IT HAPPENS. WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH RACISM BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO PRACTICE IT HAVE FELT LIKE THEY COULD DO SO WITH IMPUGNTY. THE PROBLEM WE HAD WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHEN THE NAACP AND THEIR SUPPORTERS WENT DOWN AND HAD TO PROTEST OUTSIDE

OF THE STATION EVERYDAY WAS BECAUSE AUSTIN FELT LIKE THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH IT. AND TOO OFTEN THEY DID. AND THAT HAS TO STOP. YOU HAVE A UNIQUE AND GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO POLISH UP AUSTIN'S IMAGE. AND WITH MIDTOWN LIVE IT DID GET TARNISHED, TARNISHED TERRIBLY. AND I AGREE WITH NELSON LINDER, THAT IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO PUT ON THE FRONT BURNER AND ADDRESS IMMEDIATELY. YOU HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THERE ARE MANY MORE THAT RJW JUST DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GET INTO OR GO INTO. THE PROBLEM IS, AGAIN, IMMENSE, AND SO IT'S GOING TO TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF WORK ON YOUR PART AND OUR PART TO CREATE A SOLUTION. WHAT WE'RE HOPING YOU DO IS TO CREATE A STARTING POINT WHERE SOMETHING CAN BE IMPLEMENTED, EXAMINED, ANALYZED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, EVALUATED, AND WE CAN MEASURE THE RESULTS TO SEE IF AND HOW WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS. AUSTIN IS A BEAUTIFUL CITY. THAT'S WHY MOST OF US MOVED HERE. I'VE BEEN HERE ALMOST 30 YEARS AND I'M ONE OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT I WANT TO GET OUT OF DODGE BECAUSE AUSTIN IS SO UNFRIENDLY. I OWN A BUSINESS, AND ONENONE OF MY EMPLOYEES HAVE A LIVING WAGE. THEIR EMPLOYER DOESN'T HAVE A LIVING WAGE, SO THEY CAN'T GET ONE. [LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE] BUT I'M STUBBORN AND HARDHEADED AND I LOVE AUSTIN. I MAY COMPLAIN ABOUT IT, BUT I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE. I'M GOING TO STAY HERE AND FIGHT THIS FIGHT UNTIL IT'S WON, AND I'M GOING TO FIGHT IT WITH THESE GOOD PEOPLE, WITH THE URBAN LEAGUE, THE NAACP, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE GOOD PEOPLE WHO SIT ON THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. PLEASE DO WHAT WE HOPE YOU WILL DO, THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. EVANS. LET'S SEE. WILLIAM KUKHENDAL? HE SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. SIR, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY BRENDA MALEK.

SORRY FOR NOT BEING READY. MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, MAYOR PRO TEM AND CITY MANAGER, FIRST LET ME JUST SHARE WITH YOU THAT I DO HAVE THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF SERVING ON THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ARE ELATED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS DISCUSSION, BUT I ALSO WANT TO BE BRIEF AND SHARE TIME WITH OTHERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AND REMIND YOU AS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THIS FINE COMMUNITY THAT YOUR CREDIBILITY IS ON THE LINE. AND THAT MEANS THAT AS HONORABLE PUBLIC SERVANTS, YOU'RE GOING TO RISE TO THE CHALLENGE AND WE ARE GOING TO EXPECT AND WORK TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT CHANGE. YOU CAN CALL ON US AT ANY TIME, YOU CAN CALL ON ME INDIVIDUALLY, WE'LL DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO SUPPORT THE PROCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME.

THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER, THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. MY NAME IS BRENDA MALIK, AND I DIDN'T BRING WITH ME ANY PREPARED COMMENTS, MAINLY BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE GOING TO BE, SO I DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER I WAS GOING TO SUPPORT THEM OR JOIN IN THE MARCH. BUT AFTER HEARING THE REPORT TODAY, I CAN SOUNDLY VOTE AMEN. I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE THIS FORUM TODAY WITHOUT TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY, THOUGH, TO THANK TOBY FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO OPEN UP THIS DIALOGUE. [APPLAUSE] TOBY, I KNOW IT PROBABLY SOUNDS LIKE I'M SUCKING UP BECAUSE I'M AN AUSTIN EMPLOYEE, BUT AS A NATIVE AUSTINITE I FEEL LIKE I HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THANK YOU BECAUSE IT HAS ENERGIZED OUR COMMUNITY AT ALL LEVELS, AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THAT. I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT RAVINA JACKSON AND RJW HAVE DONE. [APPLAUSE] RAVINA HAS WORKED WITH THE CITY IN A LOT OF OTHER INITIATIVES AND HAS DONE SOME FINE WORK THERE. I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF THINGS I WAS DISAPPOINTED ABOUT, AND I WANT TO BRING TO THE FOREFRONT. I WAS REALLY SAD TO SEE THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS BROUGHT OUT TO GIVE THEIR INPUT IN A DISCUSSION WHEN IT WAS REALLY A FOCUS GROUP. AND I'M BRINGING THIS UP BECAUSE IN OUR AUDIENCE -- AND WE HAD A PRESS RELEASE THAT CAME OUT THAT SAID COME OUT, GIVE YOUR INPUT, BUT WE COULD HAVE HAD A FOCUS GROUP ON CHANNEL 6 AND WE

COULD HAVE ALL STAYED IN OUR PROSPECTIVE PLACES AND WATCHED AND THEN COME HERE TONIGHT. I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT, BUT IN THOSE AUDIENCES YOU HAD TEACHERS, PREACHERS, DOCTORS, LAWYERS, MOTHERS, GOVERNMENT WORKERS, ARMY OFFICIALS, ANY NUMBER OF RESPECTED MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WERE NOT ABLE TO ACTUALLY GIVE THAT INPUT. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THE AUDIENCE BACK HERE, ARE THERE SOME PEOPLE HERE THAT CAME TO THE FORUMS AND WERE NOT ABLE TO SPEAK? [APPLAUSE] AND THE REASON I'M SAYING THAT IS BECAUSE IT'S SUCH A RICH RESOURCE. [BUZZER SOUNDS] AND I THINK WHAT I WANT TO DO IS ASK THIS COUNCIL AND MS. MANAGER TO TRY TO CAPTURE THAT OPPORTUNITY THAT WE LOST, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE A SIGN-UP SHEET. SO YOU DON'T KNOW ALL OF THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE, ALL OF THE GREAT MINDS AND GREAT HEARTS AND GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT YOU COULD HAVE HAD HAD YOU HAD THAT SIGN-UP SHEET. OPEN UP SOME KIND OF MECHANISM OR FACILITY TO TRY TO GET THAT INFORMATION BACK SO THAT WE CAN USE THAT RESOURCE IN COMING MONTHS AND FUTURE INITIATIVES. AND ALSO USE THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE WITHIN THE CITY AS WELL. YOU'VE GOT A WONDERFUL PROCESS IMPROVEMENT GURU IN THE CITY BY THE NAME OF DR. DITVY. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE US FOCUS ON SOLUTIONS TO ALL THIS DIALOGUE THAT WE'VE HEARD FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND YOU'VE GOT PEOPLE HERE NOW THAT TRUST THAT THE DIALOGUE IS GOING TO BE PUT INTO ACTION AND THERE WILL BE SOME REAL CHANGE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARGARITA (INDISCERNIBLE). SORRY IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING THAT.

I'M RIGHT HERE. [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: PLEASE APPROACH THE MICROPHONE, MA'AM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR. I DID WANT TO RELINQUISH MY MOMENTS TO MY COLLEAGUE, BUT I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND SAY SOMETHING VERY BRIEF, IF I MAY. I AM A FACULTY MEMBER OF THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE. I TEACH SOCIOLOGY. AND I DID PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THE

FORUMS THAT WERE PRESENTED, AND I ENJOYED THEM VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DID GO WITH, THOUGH, AFTER I LEFT THE FORUMS, I BEGAN TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY, SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. I BEGAN TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT A HISTORY AND FOUND THAT AFTER LISTENING TO WHAT MOST OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY WAS THINKING IS THAT I BEGAN TO INVESTIGATE BECAUSE THAT IS MY JOB AS A PROFESSOR AND AS A TEACHER. I DISCOVERED THEN THAT IN THE 1920'S, THE 1930'S, WHAT WAS REVEALED IS THAT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAD LIVED A LIFE OF SQUALOR, HAS CONTINUED TO BE SEPARATE AND UNEQUAL. AND I'M WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT HISTORY HAS CHANGED THAT MUCH. BACK IN THE 1920'S, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY WAS ALSO ASKING AND YELLING, DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SQUALOR. BUT DID THE CITY RESPOND? NO, IT DID NOT. WHAT HAS BEEN CONSISTENT IN TERMS OF HISTORY IS THAT WE CONTINUED TO BE SEPARATE AND UNEQUAL. THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO BE SEPARATE AND UNEQUAL. THE MASTER PLAN OF 1928 WAS IMPLEMENTED, BUT WHAT WERE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DID THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, DID THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE PROVIDED, WERE THE PROMISES KEPT? AND I AM NOT CERTAIN THAT THEY WERE. IF WE CONTINUE ON THIS PATH, WE WILL CONTINUE THEN TO BE A VERY -- A CITY THAT IS CONTINUOUSLY SEEN AS A CITY THAT DOES NOT, DOES NOT RECEIVE THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AS IT SHOULD BE, AND THAT IS TO WELCOME IT. THE PROMISE THEN THAT YOU CITY OFFICIALS MUST PROVIDE THEN IS A CHANGE, A RADICAL CHANGE TO THE SQUALOR THAT WE FACE AT THIS POINT. AND I WANTED TO SAY ALSO THAT I MUST SPEAK TRUTH TO MY STUDENTS, AND TRUTH SAYS TO ME THAT IF WE LOOK AT HISTORY, WE DO NOT WANT TO REPEAT HISTORY. WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS CHANGE IT. AND I HOPE THAT THAT BE THE CONCLUSION THEN AND THE RESOLUTION OF THIS PARTICULAR FORUM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MARGARITA. [APPLAUSE] RICHARD FRANKLIN? RICHARD FRANKLIN. WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY

RUDOLPH WILLIAMS. LET'S SEE, AND RICHARD -- IS BILLY CARR STILL HERE? WELCOME, BILLY. SO RICHARD, BILLY IS OFFERING YOU HIS THREE MINUTES. YOU WILL HAVE ON UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

I'M A BIT DISTURBED BY THIS WHOLE -- WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE. AND THE REASON BEING, I WENT TO THE FORUMS AND DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO BE HEARD BY ANYTHING THAT WAS GOING ON AT THE TIME. I'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF WORK ON THE EAST SIDE, WORK WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE OVER THERE, AND I'M ALWAYS LEERY WHEN THE GOVERNMENT GETS INVOLVED IN TRYING TO SOLVE THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROBLEM. THE REASON I SAY THAT IS WE HAVE URBAN RENEWAL, WE'VE HAD SINCE, WHAT, '68, WE'VE HAD NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND NOW YOU HAVE ARA. AND ALL I'VE NOTICED IS YOU HAVE LESS JOBS, LESS PEOPLE, LESS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES. AND THAT'S WITH THE HELP OF THE GOVERNMENT. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT IT RIGHT NOW AS WHERE DO WE GO AND WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? AND THE FORUMS THEMSELVES ACTUALLY AFFORD US THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALL BE HERE TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO MEET AND CONGREGATE. WE FINALLY MET AT THE FORUMS. AND I HAVE THE SIGN-UPS SHEETS. I PASSED THE SIGN-UP SHEET MYSELF. I GOT OVER 200 NAMES OUT OF THOSE FORUMS AND I'VE BEEN SENDING THEM OUT TO EVERYBODY OUT THERE AND LET THEM KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AND WE REALLY NEED TO GET TOGETHER AS A GROUP OF PEOPLE. AND IT'S MY DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT AFTER WE START TALKING TO PEOPLE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR POLITE THAT A LOT OF THESE THINGS WE NEED TO DO OURSELVES AND THEN BRING THE CITY INTO IT. THE REASON I SAY THAT, I'M LOOKING AT OVER \$30 MILLION HAVING BEEN SPENT ON THE EAST SIDE ON PROJECTS, THE MILLENNIUM CENTER, THE CARVER MUSEUM, THE STREET JONES BUILDING, AND IT HASN'T CREATED ANYTHING. THE REALITY IS YOU CAN'T USE THE MILLENNIUM CENTER FOR BOWLING LEAGUES WITH 1212 TEAMS. THE CARVER CENTER WAS SET UP WITH A 135 SEAT THEATER. NO ONE CAN GO IN THERE AND HAVE A PLAY OR PRIEWKS AND MAKE MONEY. THE ARA HASN'T PRODUCED ANYTHING. I GO DOWN THE STREET, THE STREETS ARE EMPTY. EMPTY

LOTS, NO BUILDINGS. NOW THEY WANT TO PUT UPTOWN HOMES ON THE ECONOMIC CORRIDOR. WE'RE CREATING NO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, NO ENGINES TO FUEL THE SITUATION. AND THE PEOPLE ARE STILL OUT HERE SUFFERING. AND WE WANT TO CLAP OUR HANDS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON. THIS STORY HAS BEEN TOLD OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN FOR 150 YEARS IN THIS CITY. AND IT'S TIME TO STOP IT. AND THE PART THAT BOTHERS ME THE MOST IS THE FACT THAT A LOT OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS WHO SHOULD BE IN THIS ROOM ARE NOT HERE. A LOT OF THE WELL-TO-DO S AFRICAN-AMERICANS WHO SHOULD BE IN THIS ROOM ARE NOT HERE. THEY SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT HOW TO PULL US OUT OF THIS QUAGMIRE. WE CAN DO THINGS FOR OURSELVES IF THE GOVERNMENT WILL GET OUT OF THE WAY OF OUR SUCCESS. IF YOU WILL REMOVE URBAN RENEWAL, OPEN UP THE FREE MARKET FORCES, WELCOME DOWN THERE OURSELVES BECAUSE IT'S GOTTEN WORSE, NOT BETTER IN THE LAST 30 YEARS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO ASK WHEN WE HAD THE COUNCIL ON LEADERSHIP IS THAT THESE ARE THE LEADERS THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW IN THE CITY. AND NOW WE'RE WORSE OFF NOW THAN WE WERE FIVE YEARS AGO. WHY ARE PEOPLE LIEFG IN RECORD NUMBERS? THE QUESTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN ASKED INSTEAD OF MIDTOWN AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS BURNED DOWN AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE MONEY, THE QUESTION SHOULD BE ASKED WHY HASN'T ANYONE BUILT IS BACK UP? [APPLAUSE] AND AND CLUBS MAKE MONEY. SO WHERE IS THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN OUT HERE WHO HAS MONEY TO SAY LOOK, I'LL INVEST IN THE CLUB, I CAN INVEST IN MY OWN PEOPLE. WE WE'VE GOT SOME PEOPLE DOING IT RIGHT NOW. WE'VE GOT PEOPLE VERY POSITIVE ABOUT GETTING THINGS DONE. I CHALLENGE THIS GROUP RIGHT HERE AND SOME OTHER PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM TO GO OUT HERE AND REMOVE URBAN RENEWAL OR NEIGHBORHOOD REMOVAL IT NEEDS TO BE CALLED. AND THAT'S FOR REAL. GO DOWN TO THE EAST SIDE AND SEE. YOU'VE GOT 20 PARCELLS OF LAND THAT AREN'T PAYING ANY TAXES AND YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT. REMOVE URBAN RENEWAL. LET US GET STARTED WITH OUR LIVES. THAT'S WHAT MY CHALLENGE IS TO YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. FRANKLIN. [APPLAUSE]

RUDOLPH WILLIAMS, WELCOME, SIR. IS ANTOINETTE MAGUNA HERE? SEE DONATING HER TIME AND YOU WILL HAVE SIX MINUTES.

THAT'S MY WIFE AND I'M GLAD SHE DID. I'M GLAD -- I'M SORRY, WHAT THE GENTLEMAN'S NAME IS.

Mayor Wynn: RICHARD FRANKLIN.

I'M GLAD HE STARTED OFF BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO APPEAR TO BE THE FIRST PERSON ABOUT BEING NEGATIVE ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE OCCURRED. WHEN I WENT TO THE FORUM, I WAS DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE THE AVERAGE PERSON JUST -- THEY HAD A PANEL, SOMEBODY HAD PICKED THE PANEL, I DON'T KNOW WHO PICKED THE PANEL, BUT THE REGULAR RESIDENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I WAS SCRIBBLING ON A THREE-BY-FIVE CARD AS MUCH AS I COULD IN THE PERIOD OF TIME I HAD AND HOPED AND PRAYED THAT SOME OF THOSE THINGS SHOWED UP IN THAT REPORT. AND I WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT SOME OF THE FINDINGS DID SHOW UP IN THIS REPORT. BUT THEN I WAS DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS I THOUGHT WERE LACKING. NOW, I REALLY AND TRULY THINK THERE'S PROBABLY ONLY TWO ISSUES THAT ARE CRITICAL. OTHER THAN MAYBE GETTING SHOT BY THE COPS, THE PRIMARY ISSUE -- [LAUGHTER] -- SHOULD BE GENTRIFICATION. IT REALLY SHOULD. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THE HISTORY OF EAST AUSTIN, AND I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO CORRECT HISTORY BECAUSE IT CAN'T BE DONE. HISTORY HAS OCCURRED. BUT THE EFFORT HAS TO BE MADE TO MAINTAIN THE CORE OF THE COMMUNITY THAT WE'VE ESTABLISHED. AND NOT SEE IT WASHED AWAY LIKE CLARKSVILLE AND SOME OF THE OTHER MINORITY COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE DISAPPEARED. I TALKED TO BETTY DUNKERLEY ABOUT THIS WHEN SHE WAS RUNNING, AM I RIGHT, BETTY? AND BETTY SAID SOMETHING THAT DISAPPOINTED ME. SHE SAID, THAT'S THE APPRAISAL SYSTEM, THAT'S TRAVIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, AND WE CAN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. AND I'M SAYING THAT YOU CAN. I'M SAYING I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN AISD HERE, THE SCHOOL BOARD HERE, THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HERE, WHOEVER ELSE I WOULD

CALL A TAXING ENTITY. BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE -- AND I'M NOT EVEN SAYING THAT IT'S JUST Y'ALL, BUT THIS APPRAISAL DISTRICT TOO THAT SEEMS TO BE SOME OUT OF CONTROL NON-ENTITY THAT THAT MAKES THE APPRAISALS BASED UPON SOMETHING THAT I THINK THEY'RE PULLING OUT OF THEIR IMAGINARY BUTTS AND CREATING THINGS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THESE APPRAISALS ARE BASED UPON SPECULATION THAT I JUST DON'T SEE THE REALITY OF. AND THEN RIGHT BEHIND IT COMES THE TAXES. AND THE TAXES OCCUR EVERY YEAR AND THEY ONLY GO UP. AND FOR THE REGULAR CITIZENS IN THE ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED AREA OF EAST AUSTIN, IT'S DEVASTATING. NOW, WHAT CAN THE CITY COUNCIL DO ABOUT IT? I DON'T KNOW! BECAUSE ONE, YOU'RE ONLY A PORTION. YOU'RE NOT EVEN THE BIGGEST TAXER. AISD IS THE BIGGEST TAXER. BUT NOBODY SEEMS TO -- CAN FIND THEM OR CAN TALK TO THEM, SO I THINK YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE LEAD. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO -- DO Y'ALL COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER? [LAUGHTER] LOCAL TAXING ENTITIES ARE DESTROYING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY, WE SURVIVED SEGREGATION, RED LINES AND POLICE ACTION, BUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR HELP, AND THE OTHER TAXING ENTITIES' HELP TO ALLOW US TO SURVIVE INTO THIS NEXT PHASE. [APPLAUSE] NOW, BESIDES GENTRIFICATION, IT'S NOT JUST THE POLICE. OUR FUTURE IS BEING DESTROYED. BLACK FOLKS, HISPANIC FOLKS, OUR FUTURE IS BEING DESTROYED BY OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT'S NOT JUST THE COPS, IT'S THE JUDGES, IT'S THE PAROLE OFFICERS, IT'S THE ECONOMIC DEATH. IT'S LIKE FOR A KID, A 16-YEAR-OLD OR EVEN A 25-YEAR-OLD, OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS LIKE A HUGE SINKHOLE THAT'S JUST PULLING THEM IN AND NOT LETTING THEM HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUT. NOW, I HAVE A FEW RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THEY'RE VERY MINOR. THEY'RE NOT MINOR, THEY'RE PROBABLY TOO HUGE JUST FOR Y'ALL TO DEAL WITH, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND A WAY WORKING WITH TRAVIS COUNTY, WORKING WITH AISD, WHO IS THE BIGGEST BIG TAXER AND THE ONE THAT IS THE LEAST PRODUCTIVE. [APPLAUSE] I WAS REALLY DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AND THE AISD AND WHOEVER ELSE TAXES US, THEY CAN GO TO THE STATE

LEGISLATURE AND LOBBY, DON'T PUT A TAX CAP ON US. WE NEED THE MONEY. BUT THEN WHEN WE COME TO YOU AND TALK TO YOU, WE REALLY CAN'T GET THE TAX RELIEF THAT WE NEED TO SURVIVE, TO KEEP OUR HOMES. OKAY. SO SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE ABOUT THE TAX SITUATION. I DON'T MEAN JUST AT THE CITY LEVEL. I MEAN ACROSS THE BOARD, ALL LOCAL TAXES. AND THE WAY WE'RE APPRAISED FOR OUR TAXES, IT HAS TO BE DEALT WITH. SECOND, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT PLACES A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THAT KID THAT'S CAUGHT WITH TWO JOINTS OR MAYBE EVEN A BAG OF MARIJUANA IN HIS POCKET OR SOMETHING. ONE OF THE KIDS THAT LIVES NEXT DOOR TO ME, HE ALWAYS GETS ARRESTED FOR DRIVING AROUND WITH NO DRIVER'S LICENSE. OKAY. NOW, MAYBE HE SHOULDN'T DRIVE AROUND WITH NO DRIVER'S LICENSE, BUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS GOING TO MAKE HIM AN EVEN WORSE CRIMINAL. [APPLAUSE] HE CANNOT PAY -- HE CAN'T GET A JOB BECAUSE HE HAS A RECORD FOR THIS, THIS AND THIS. AND BELIEVE ME, WHAT HE HAS A RECORD FOR IS NOT MUCH, BUT HE'S GOT A RECORD. SO HE DRIVES AROUND IN HIS CAR AND HE WORKS ODD JOBS AND HE MIGHT EVEN BE SELLING DRUGS TO PAY HIS PAROLE OFFICER. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE? HE'S NOT GETTING ANY DRUG COUNSELING, HE'S NOT GIVEN MY JOB EDUCATION. HE'S NOT GIVEN ANY OPPORTUNITY TO GET A JOB. INSTEAD OF GIVING TAX BREAKS TO BUSINESSES AND TAXING RESIDENTS, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IF A BUSINESS COMES IN AND SAYS THEY WANT A TAX BREAK OR WHATEVER, YOU SAY, OKAY, LOOK, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HIRE SOME OF THESE KNUCKLE HEADS ON THE STREET THAT AIN'T DOING ANYTHING AND TEACH THEM HOW TO DO IT.

Mayor Wynn: MR. WILLIAMS, I'M SORRY, BUT YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED AND IF YOU COULD PLEASE CONCLUDE. A LOT OF FOLKS WANT TO SPEAK ALSO.

I'M SORRY. I GOT WORKED UP. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I HOPE YOU TAKE THESE COMMENTS SERIOUSLY.

Mayor Wynn: WE DO. THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE] LET'S SEE, MARLA PHILLIPS. WELCOME, MA'AM. YOU WILL HAVE

THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY MELVIN WREN.

(SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE) I JUST SAID HELLO TO YOU IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. I'M WITH THE CULTURAL SELF-ESTEEM ACADEMY. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. I'M TALKING TO YOU GUYS IN THE AUDIENCE. AND YOU GUYS UP THERE. EVERYONE HERE IS COMMITTED TO THE ISSUE OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND HOPEFULLY FOR ALL THE CITY OF AUSTIN. MS. FUTRELL, THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU IN MY CLASS OF THIRD GRADERS, HELLO IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, THE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, I'M STILL HERE TALKING ABOUT EDUCATION. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SERIOUSLY LISTENING WITH YOUR HEART AND I KNOW YOU GUYS WILL TAKE ACTION. I AM A RESIDENT OF EAST AUSTIN. I WAS BORN HERE IN AUSTIN. I TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY TO EVERY CONTINENT ON EARTH AND I AM THE MIDDLE CHILD OF A SINGLE PARENT. AND I KNOW WHAT AUSTIN CAN DO. I WENT TO HARVARD AND STANFORD AND I CAME BACK HOME SO THAT ALL OF THE CHILDREN HERE COULD HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES I DID, TO SEE THE WORLD. AND I KNOW THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT THE PLANS, AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK GROUP SOLUTIONS. CAN WE GIVE THEM ANOTHER HAND? EXCELLENT JOB. [APPLAUSE] REALLY EXCELLENT JOB. EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN DONE HAS JUST BEEN A REAL QUALITY, EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY. BEING HERE, GOING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND I'M A PROUD GRADUATE OF HUSTON-TILLOTSON COLLEGE, I HAVE TO TELL YOU THE FIRST TIME IN ALL OF MY POLITICAL ACTIVISM IN THE AREA OF EDUCATION THAT I'VE ACTUALLY SEEN THE CITY COUNCIL RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. AND I KNOW THAT YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO GET THINGS DONE. AND I STAND BEHIND YOU, I STAND WILLING TO HELP YOU. AND I KNOW THAT EVERYBODY HERE FEELS THE SAME WAY. WE FEEL SIMILARLY. IT'S THE SAME PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE SAME BATTLES. SO I THANK YOU GUYS TOO FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. WHAT I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU GUYS ABOUT IS THE NEED FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN. IF THERE'S A CHILD IN

WESTLAKE OR WEST AUSTIN THAT GOES TO A SCHOOL THAT'S DOING REALLY WELL AND WE HAVE CHILDREN IN EAST AUSTIN THAT AREN'T DOING SO WELL, THAT'S NOT ALL RIGHT. WE REALLY NEED TO RAISE EVERYBODY'S STANDARD OF LIVING. IF I'M DOING OKAY AND AND YOU'RE NOT OKAY, WE'RE NOT OKAY, BECAUSE EVENTUALLY THERE'S GOING TO COME A TIME WHERE WE NEED TO ADDRESS EVERYBODY'S NEED. I DON'T WANT TO GO OVER MY TIME, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR WHAT IT IS YOU'VE DONE. I WANT TO CONTINUE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN STANDS BEHIND YOU IN WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO AND WE STAND READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO BACK YOU UP POLITICALLY, SOCIALLY, CULTURALLY. AND WE HAVE ALL THE RESOURCES AND MATERIALS THAT WE NEED RIGHT HERE IN THIS ROOM. SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO US AND DIALOGUE WITH US. AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS. [APPLAUSE] [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] >>... BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE STEPPING OUT IN THE WAY YOU DID IS VERY UNIQUE. YOU ARE THE FIRST CITY MANAGER THAT I HAVE KNOWN OF SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE IN 1977 TO DO THAT AND I FEEL THAT WE WILL SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR EFFORTS AS WELL AS WELCOME ENCOURAGE THE COUNCIL. THE GROUP SOLUTIONS SHOULD BE THANKED. I RECOGNIZE THEIR PROCESS IS NOT FAMILIAR TO EVERYONE. THEY HAD A VERY CHALLENGING JOB TO DO AND THEY HAD A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME TO GET IT DONE. THEY COULD NOT HAVE GONE INTO THE PUBLIC FORUMS WITH PEOPLE AT NIGHT, IT SHOULD BE UP TO THE COUNCIL TO SET UP A TIME AND A DATE TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY PERSONS TO HAVE THAT PUBLIC FORUM WHERE ANY AND ALL PEOPLE CAN GET THIS INFORMATION. WHEN I PARTICIPATED ON THE CITIZENS PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE, WE MADE SURE THAT THE REPORTS GOT IN THE HANDS OF EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP, EVERY COMMUNITY GROUP, EVERY CITIZEN, ANY AND EVERYONE WHO WANTED TO ACTUALLY HAVE A COPY OF THAT REPORT. THIS SHOULD BE DONE TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY AND EVERYONE WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL OR TO COME TO THE PUBLIC FORUM TO GIVE -- TO LET THEIR VOICES BE HEARD. AND ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO LET THEIR VOICES BE HEARD.

THE OTHER THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT IS THAT -- I THINK THERE WERE A LOT OF UNIQUE THINGS ABOUT THE FORUM LED BY GROUP SOLUTIONS. I THINK THERE WERE SOME THINGS THAT WERE NOT SO UNIQUE. YOUR COUNCIL PERSONS SIT HERE TONIGHT AS OTHER COUNCILS HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, SOME OF THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT -- THAT WERE SPOKEN OF BY DR. MARGARITA DESERTO WERE THE FREEDMAN COMMUNITIES AND THOSE FREEDMAN COMMUNITIES MANY OF THEM WENT BEFORE COUNCIL, ASKING FOR BASIC SERVICES, CLARKSVILLE WENT IN THE '30S AS WELL AS WHEATSVILLE REPEATEDLY ASKING FOR THE BASIC SERVICES, JUST LIKE THE COLONIAS, THEY WERE SAYING THE PIPES ARE IN THE GROUND, EVERYTHING IS RIGHT HERE, WE CAN'T GET WATER AND WASTEWATER INTO OUR SCHOOLS. NOTHING OCCURRED. BY THE TIME YOU GOT TO A CERTAIN POINT IN HISTORY, THOSE SCHOOLS WENT OUT OF EXISTENCE LONG BEFORE THEY GOT THE BASIC SERVICES. THE COMMUNITIES WERE ABSORBED THROUGH GENTRIFICATION, COMMUNITIES WERE ABSORBED THROUGH HIGHWAYS. THE COMMUNITIES WERE ABSORBED IN DIFFERENT MANNERS. AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE HEARD SOME OF THEM. LET ME JUST READ FOR THE RECORD SO THAT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT WHERE BRACKENRIDGE IS WAS ONE FRIENDS COMMUNITY IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA. YOU ALSO HAD AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY OVER WHERE WHEATSVILLE, IN OTHER WORDS WHERE YOU HAVE THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HELPED SQUEEZE THAT OUT ALONG WHERE THAT BECAME A TRASH OR DUMP SITE, THAT SOUNDS [INDISCERNIBLE] IN TERMS OF AUSTIN. CLARKSVILLE PART OF IT WAS LOST DUE TO MOPAC. THE HIGHWAY MONIES THAT CAME IN DEPEND UPON WHO WAS DIRECTING IT AND THE PEOPLE WHO DIRECTED THE MONIES INTO THE COMMUNITIES ABSORBED THEM. YOU HAD FOR THE RECORD ROBERTSON HILL, PLEASANT HILL, MASON TOWN, GREGORY TOWN, HORSE PASTURE, WHEATSVILLE, CLARKSVILLE, SOUTH SIDE COMMUNITY, WEST SIDE COMMUNITY, RIVER -- RED RIVER STREET COMMUNITY AND BARTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY. THESE WERE HISTORICALLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, THEY WERE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT AND AS AUSTIN GREW, IT PULLED THOSE COMMUNITIES IN. IT DID NOT

PROVIDE THEM WITH THE TYPES OF SERVICES AND THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THEM IS ASKING FOR. IF YOU GO BACK IN YOU WILL FIND OUT THEY WERE ASKING FOR THE SAME KINDS OF THINGS THAT THESE PERSONS ARE ASKING FOR THIS TIME AROUND. SO AUSTIN HAS A HISTORY OF NOT DOING ANYTHING AS IT RELATES TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND ITS HISTORY WHICH IS LOCKED UP IN THE HISTORICAL LIBRARY. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY FOR THE RECORD THAT IT NEEDS TO BE OPEN MORE OFTEN. IT NEEDS MORE STAFF. IT NEEDS TO GO OUT TO THE COMMUNITY WHERE ALL OF AUSTIN CAN FIND OUT ABOUT ITS HISTORY, ESPECIALLY ITS HISTORY RECEIPTED TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND AS -- RELATED TO AFRICAN-AMERICANS, AS IT WAS POINTED OUT IN THIS KOCH REPORT OF 1928, THAT ON PAGE 57 IS WHERE YOU FIND THAT IT DIRECTED THE CITY TO GO AHEAD AND TO MOVE THOSE CITIZENS EAST OF -- EAST OF EAST AVENUE, WHICH IS NOW I-35. AS A RESULT OF PUSHING ALL OF THE CITIZENS, UNLIKE PERSONS HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, THAT BECAME THAT NEGRO DISTRICT, WHICH LATER EVERYBODY CALLS EAST AUSTIN. THE THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, WE STILL HAVE A SEGREGATED CITY. OUR POLICIES BECAUSE WE DID NOT GO BACK AND MAKE ANY CORRECTIONS TO THEM ARE -- ARE SEGREGATED POLICIES. YOU SIT IN THE CITY COUNCIL BUILDING TODAY, WHICH WAS IN A -- WHICH IS STILL IN A DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. THIS IS AN URBAN RENEWAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. WHEN THE COUNCIL TOOK ACTION, REACHED THE GOAL TO HAVE A PERSON DEVELOP THE POWER PLANT IT DID NOT IMPOSE URBAN RENEWAL BOARD ON THIS DISTRICT. WHEN PEOPLE TALK ABOUT GOVERNMENT NOT BEING INVOLVED AS THEY SAY WITH US WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, THAT'S A MISNOMER. ROSS PEROT HAD A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACT WITH -- WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD. DICK CHENEY WAS INVOLVED WITH GETTING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS TO HIS COMPANY. GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS AND PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER AND WE JUST HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO GET GOVERNMENT WORKING WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE AS IT HAS WITH OTHERS. WITHIN THIS DISTRICT WAS WHERE THE FEDERAL MONEYS WENT AND MOST OF THE FEDERAL MONEYS WENT IN THIS DOWNTOWN AREA WITHIN THIS DISTRICT. YOU HAD THE

CONVENTION CENTER, PARMER AND YOU UM, THESE FACILITIES, THIS LAND OWNED BY THE CITY AS A RESULT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, THIS URBAN RENEWAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN, YOU TOOK AWAY HOUSES AND NOW WE HAVE ISSUES RELATED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE URBAN RENEWAL, ORIGINAL URBAN RENEWAL SLUM AND BLIGHT STUDY, THE SLUM STUDY, BASED UPON HEALTH CONDITIONS. HEALTH CONDITIONS DETERMINE THAT YOU CAN TAKE SOMEBODY'S PROPERTY. AND THE PRESENT SITUATION WITH THE 11th, 12th STREET, THE HEALTH CONDITIONS GO DOWN TO THE ZIP CODE, NOT TO THE BLOCK. THAT IS POTENTIALLY -- I WOULD SAY IT OPENED, WE -- ILLEGALLY IMPOSED URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT, 11th AND 12th STREET BECAUSE THE HEALTH CONDITIONS GO DOWN TO THE ZIP CODE AND NOT TO THE BLOCK. ALSO THE FACT THAT YOU ARE USING TWO STANDARDS. SEGREGATED STANDARDS. ONE STANDARD FOR EAST OF I-35, ONE STANDARD FOR WEST OF I-35. I THINK OUR HISTORY TELLS US AND GIVES US A MESSAGE. AND I THINK AS POINTED OUT, LET US NOT REPEAT OUR HISTORY AND I THINK THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE HISTORY. I THINK IT'S ALSO EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN YOU SIT HERE TONIGHT, YOU CAN DO AS OTHERS HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, DO NOTHING, OR YOU CAN SIT DOWN AND SAY LET'S FIND A WAY TO INCLUDE ALL OF AUSTIN, JUST IT WAS DONE IN THE CITIZENS PLAN, IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM AND FIND A WAY TO CURE THIS CANCER THAT EXISTS IN THE COMMUNITY ONCE AND FOR ALL. RECOGNIZING THAT YOU DON'T ALWAYS GET RID OF ALL OF THE CANCER, BUT AT LEAST LET'S MAKE THE PATIENT OR THE COMMUNITY HEALTHY. IF YOU RIDE THROUGH EAST AUSTIN TODAY, IF YOU RIDE THROUGH CERTAIN STREETS LIKE 11th STREET TO -- ACROSS, TO THE DEAD ENDS, YOU START REALIZING THAT THERE'S TWO TYPES OF AUSTIN, JUST RIGHT AROUND HUSTON TILLOTSON, TAKE TIME TO DO THAT AS COUNCILMEMBERS AND START REALIZING THERE ARE TWO KINDS, TWO CITIES. ONE HAPPENS TO BE MORE AFFLUENT. ONE IS NOT. ALSO HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT YOUR PRESENT HOUSING SITUATION IS THIS, THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THE RECOMMENDATION THERE -- IS THERE FOR A

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM. MOST OF THE TAX CREDIT PROPERTIES ARE EAST OF I-35. MOST THE BOND PROGRAMS EAST OF I-35, MOST AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS EAST OF I-35, MOST OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING IS EAST OF I-35. WHEN YOU WERE COMING ALONG AND LOOKING FOR A HOUSE, YOU DID NO LOOK EAST OF I-35 -- YOU DID NOT LOOK EAST OF I-35. PRETTY MUCH THE REASON WHY [BUZZER SOUNDING] IT WAS BECAUSE THAT TYPE OF HOUSING ONLY EXISTS EAST OF 35, NOT WEST OF I-35. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I WOULD SAY LET'S LOOK AT OUR HISTORY, NOT REPEAT IT. LOOK FOR WAYS AND SOLUTIONS BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY. LET'S WORK WITH GROUP SOLUTIONS NOT ONLY NOW BUT IN THE FUTURE TO COME UP WITH WAYS OF DOING THAT. THANK YOU AGAIN.

THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] DARYL PIERCE, WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY AUDREY Mc--

Thomas: MAYOR, IF YOU DON'T MIND. HE BROUGHT UP AN INTERESTING POINT THERE ABOUT THE URBAN LEAGUE. CAN WE GET MAPS? I NEED TO SEE THAT. I'M ASKING THE CITY MANAGER TO FIND OUT WHAT HE SAID ABOUT THE URBAN LEAGUE, IF THEY ARE HAVING DIFFERENT STANDARDS ON DIFFERENT SIDES --

ON URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICTS, YES.

THE WHOLE DISTRICT OF THE CITY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MR. PIERCE.

GOOD EVENING MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, TO THE CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MIKE McDONALD. I, TOO, THIS EVENING SHARE IN THE THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO BE A CATALYST IN ASSISTING OUR COMMUNITY WITH FACING A VERY MONUMENTAL CHALLENGE, ONE THAT WE CLEARLY BELIEVE THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED. WE CLEARLY ALSO UNDERSTAND AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN HERE IN THIS CITY THAT THE CITY IS NOT NECESSARILY THE PANACEA TO THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE, BUT CATALYST TO THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE, THERE'S OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ALSO HAS A

ROLE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE AS A COMMUNITY HAVE A
ROLE AS WELL. WHAT I WANT TO USE MY BRIEF MINUTES
FOR WITH YOU BRIEFLY AS A STAKEHOLDER, ONE OF THE
STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY, HAVING AN
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH THE LEADERSHIP THAT
STANDS BEHIND ME WITH THE THREE ORGANIZATIONS THAT
SPOKE TO YOU EARLIER THIS EVENING IS TALK ABOUT NEXT
STEPS. WHAT I SUGGEST TO YOU THIS EVENING IS THAT WE
HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF INFORMATION, SOME CITIZENS OF
COURSE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME OUT AND
HEAR THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INFORMATION. YOU HAVE
HAD OTHER CITIZENS WHO HAVE SHARED WITH YOU SOME
OF THEIR THOUGHTS, WHO FELT PERHAPS THAT THEIR
INFORMATION WAS NOT CAPTURED OR THEY DIDN'T HAVE
AN OPPORTUNITY FULLY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES. WHAT I
WOULD SUGGEST IN ORDER TO TRY TO MAINTAIN SOME
MOMENTUM, THAT WE DON'T FIND OURSELVES AS MANY
HAVE ALREADY ARTICULATED FIVE YEARS FROM NOW,
REPEATING OUR HISTORY, HAVE NOT MADE THE PROGRESS
IN WHICH I BELIEVE WE ALL ARE COMMITTED TO, IS THAT WE
WOULD DO THE FOLLOWING. THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE
THAT WE SET A PUBLIC HEARING, MAYOR, IN THE VERY NEAR
FUTURE, MAY 23rd, STANDS IMMEDIATELY ON THE
FOREFRONT OF MY MIND WITH A TIME CERTAIN AND OUR
HOPES IS THAT THAT WOULD GIVE ONE, THE COMMUNITY AN
OPPORTUNITY TO DIGEST AND TAKE IN WHAT HAS BEEN
SHARED. I BELIEVE ALSO GIVE YOU, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY
STAFF ALSO TO FULLY BE ABLE TO DID I DIGEST WHAT HAS
BEEN SHARED. ALSO GIVE THE COMMUNITY AN
OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SOME DIALOGUE AMONGST SELF
AND COME BACK WITH HOPEFULLY SOME CONSENSUS AND
CLEAR THOUGHTS THAT HAVE BEEN WELL THOUGHT
THROUGH AND PRAYED OVER AS WELL ON WHAT THE
COMMUNITY'S RESPONSE IS TO THE REPORT. WHAT WE
ALSO WOULD ASK FOR YOU TO CONSIDER WOULD BE TO
HAVE -- CONTINUE TO HAVE CITY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO
THE COMMUNITY SO AS THERE'S QUESTIONS AND THERE'S
DIALOGUE ABOUT THE INFORMATION THAT WAS OUTLINED IN
THE REPORT, THERE WOULD BE CITY RESOURCES
AVAILABLE THAT COULD ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS
AND/OR PROVIDE INFORMATION. AND LASTLY WHAT I WOULD
SUGGEST IS THAT -- AGAIN TO KEEP MOMENTUM MOVING

FORWARD IS THAT THAT PERHAPS WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY AT LEAST FOR CITY STAFF TO BEGIN TO LOOK AT A FRAMEWORK OF TIME. IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR SUPPORT THIS EVENING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 23rd, THAT COULD BE PART OF A -- OF AN ACTION PLAN THAT REFLECTS YOU ARE GOING TO RECEIVE THAT FEEDBACK AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO SUBSEQUENTLY DATES FOLLOWING? AND SO IF EVERY 30 DAY POINT SAY THEREAFTER THERE'S SOME CHECK-IN POINT, MILESTONES THAT YOU CREATED, AT LEAST THAT WOULD SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY THAT YOU HAVE A CLEAR PLAN IN MIND THAT WOULD ENSURE THAT WE DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE MOMENTUM THAT WE HAVE, IT WOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT WE CAN BEGIN THE COLLABORATION AND MAINTAIN THAT COLLABORATION, THAT WE ARE IN A POSITION TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN FINISH THE RACE THIS TIME WITH SOME SUCCESS STORIES. THAT'S WHAT WE WOULD ASK YOUR LEADERSHIP ON IN TAKING THAT ACTION THIS EVENING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. PIERCE. I APOLOGIZE IF I DIDN'T CALL YOU UP EARLIER WHEN I CALLED UP OUR OTHER PARTNERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

THAT'S FINE, MAYOR. EXCUSE ME. DID I SAY MAY 23rd, MAYOR? I MEANT JUNE 23rd.

JUNE, RIGHT, WE HAVE A SCHEDULED MEETING ON JUNE 23rd. I WILL FULLY SUPPORT IT, I SUSPECT THE CITY MANAGER WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO HOST THAT AND HAVE THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC HEARING.

THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS HAS HAPPENS TO YOU MENTALLY MAYOR, WHEN YOU PASS 40, I HAVE BEEN WELL INFORMED ABOUT THAT. I HAVE JOINED THAT CLUB.

YOU DON'T LOOK IT. YOU LOOK WELL. MR. MACKEY, WELCOME, SIR, THREE MINUTES FOLLOWED BY DORIS WILLIAMS.

GOOD EVENING. TO MR. MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY

MANAGER, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, I SPEAK AS A NATIVE AUSTINITE. WHEN I SAY A NATIVE AUSTINITE, I'M LOOKING AT A PERIOD OF TIME, INCLUDING MY JUVENILE ADOLESCENT AND ADULT YEARS, EXTENDING OVER ABOUT 60 YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN IN AND AROUND AUSTIN AND I GREW UP IN EAST AUSTIN. WAS EDUCATED IN THE AUSTIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WENT TO -- HUSTON TILLOTSON FROM THERE. I LEFT, CAME BACK, LEFT CAME, LEFT, CAME BACK, LEFT, FINALLY CAME BACK AND STAYED. SO -- SO I HAVE A PERSPECTIVE ON SOME OF THE THINGS, SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT RELATE TO AUSTIN AND SOME OF THE FACTORS THAT -- THAT I THINK ARE OF VALUE TO THE PROCESS THAT WE ARE ENGAGED IN AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND YOU AS OTHERS HAVE DONE FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO PUT THIS PROCESS IN PLACE. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE CITY STAFF, THE MEMBERS OF -- OF THE RESEARCH GROUP FOR THEIR ROLE IN PULLING TOGETHER THE -- THE INITIAL SCORE CARD FOR PULLING TOGETHER THE FORUMS FOR COLLECTING INFORMATION FOR -- FOR GENERATING THE RESPONSES, ORGANIZING THE -- THE RECOMMENDATIONS. A LOT OF WORK WAS DONE AND IT'S VERY IMPRESSIVE. WE HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE DOCUMENT THAT LOOKS GREAT. HOWEVER, WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR, AS I SEE IT, ONLY EXAMINES AND EXPLORES THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. THERE'S A LOT MORE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO REFLECT ON VARIOUS ADAGES, ONE ADAGE THAT I KIND OF LIKE TO LOOK AT, I LIKE TO THROW OUT EVERY SO OFTEN SAYS THAT THE PRODUCT IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE MACHINE THAT MANUFACTURERS IT. SO IF WE ARE GOING TO BE GENUINE IN OUR EFFORT HERE, IF IT IS THE -- IS THE DESIRE OF THIS COUNCIL TO DESIGN MECHANISMS AND PROCESSES, THAT EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY IMPACT THE STATUS OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE EXPERIENCED BY AFRICAN-AMERICANS, IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, THEN SEVERAL IMPERATIVES MUST BE IN PLACE. AGAIN, I'LL DRAW ON THE ADAGE, MR. RHEN MENTIONED IT, HE WHO FORGETS HIS HISTORY IS DESTINED TO REPEAT IT. IT'S BEEN MENTIONED BY SEVERAL OTHERS. I THINK MR. McDONALD MENTIONED IT. A COUPLE OF OTHERS BROUGHT TO SURFACE THE ISSUE OF HISTORY. AND YOU MIGHT WONDER WHY HISTORY IS IMPORTANT TO US. WHY WOULD HISTORY BE IMPORTANT AT THIS POINT IN TIME. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT

THAT WE DEVELOP INSTRUMENTS AND MECHANISMS TOGETHER [BUZZER SOUNDING], INFORMATION, THAT WILL REFLECT ON THE HISTORICAL CONDITIONS THAT EXISTED IN AUSTIN, EAST AUSTIN, IN PARTICULAR. AND AS WE EXAMINE, WE LOOK AT THOSE FACTORS THAT SERVE TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN PROFESSIONALS AND OTHERS TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WE SHOULD ASK QUESTIONS. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE DECLINE OF THAT -- OF THAT SOCIAL, THAT CULTURAL, THAT ECONOMIC, POLITICAL STRUCTURE THAT MR. McDONALD TALKED ABOUT THAT HE REMEMBERED. CERTAINLY THAT I CAN REMEMBER, THAT EXISTED IN THE CLIMATE OF -- OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY THAT IS NO LONGER THERE. WE SHOULD ASK WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT ARE SOME OF THOSE FACTORS THAT CAUSE THE DESIGN TO REACH ITS PRESENT STATE. AND THEN WE SHOULD ASK HOW DO WE CORRECT FOR THAT DECLINE. WHAT MECHANISMS DO WE PUT IN PLACE TO CORRECT THAT DECLINE. AS WE DO THIS, WE -- WE CANNOT BE HASTY ABOUT IT, IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME, WE HAVE GOT TO REALIZE THAT -- THAT THE DECLINE TOOK PLACE OVER TIME. AND IT WENT THROUGH A METAMORPHOSIS. IN ORDER TO RECLAIM, REBUILD, THEN WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO AGAIN ENGAGE IN A METAMORPHIC PROCESS. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO INVEST IN THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT WE NEED. I WOULD ASK THE OTHER COUNCIL TO PROCEED, BUT PROCEED WITH DELIBERATION. PROCEED WITH ANTICIPATION. PROCEED WITH A VISION AND PROCEED IN A WAY THAT -- THAT WILL EXPLORE ALL OF THOSE HAZARDS THAT WOULD PREVENT US SO THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY THAT MAY THREATEN OUR REPEATING OUR HISTORY AND BEING BACK HERE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW. THE GREATEST --

Mayor Wynn: MR. MACKEY, YOUR TIME IS UP, WE HAVE MORE FOLKS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] DORIS, BEFORE YOU COME UP, COUNCIL I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO WAIVE RULES, GO PAST 10:00. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE?

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

WELCOME, MS. WILLIAMS. CHANGE SIDES, OKAY. YOU WILL HAVE UP TO THREE MINUTES AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JAMES -- JANE CHAMBERLAIN.

MAYOR WYNN AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, MY NAME IS DORIS WILLIAMS AND I LIVE IN PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS. EVEN THOUGH I LIVE IN PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS, I CONSIDER MYSELF A PART OF THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY BECAUSE I'M ALSO A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER WHO EMPLOYS PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. IT HAS BEEN A LONG NIGHT. AND I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF TIME BECAUSE PRETTY MUCH THE THINGS THAT I HAVE TO SAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN SAID. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD AS SAYING THAT -- FOR SAYING THAT FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I HAVE RECEIVED THIS REPORT, SO I SUPPORT THAT THE EARLIER STATEMENTS WHERE THAT SAYS THAT -- LET US HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FINDINGS OF THIS REPORT, I COMMEND THE PEOPLE WHO DID ALL OF THE WORK, THAT WENT INTO THIS REPORT. BUT I DO FEEL THAT WE NEED TO HAVE TIME DIGEST THE REPORT, TO BE ABLE TO -- TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ADDITIONAL INPUT THAT NEEDS TO GO IN. BECAUSE I DID ATTEND THE FORUMS, I THINK I ATTENDED THREE OF THE SIX FORUMS. AND I HAVE TO SAY, TOO, THAT IT WAS KIND OF ORCHESTRATED IN TERMS OF -- OF THE COMMUNITY NOT REALLY BEING ABLE TO GIVE INPUT ONLY THROUGH -- THROUGH THREE BY FIVE CARDS. SO I -- I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE CITY WOULD HOLD THE FORUMS IN THE COMMUNITY SO THAT THE AVERAGE CITIZEN WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY BOTH AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND NON-AFRICAN-AMERICANS BECAUSE TO HAVE INPUT INTO THESE FINDINGS. SO I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE UP ANY MORE TIME. IT'S A LONG NIGHT. I KNOW PEOPLE ARE TIRED, READY TO GO HOME, BUT I WANT TO GO ON RECORD AS SAYING THAT GIVE US TIME TO DID DIGEST THIS, COME BACK TO YOU, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH, THANK YOU, MS. WILLIAMS. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: WE, TOO, CONSIDER YOU PART OF THIS COMMUNITY. JANE CHAMBERLAIN, WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO THREE MINUTES, YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY

NYL YA [INDISCERNIBLE]

THANK YOU, MAYOR. MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER. I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M OUTRAGED AND ASHAMED AND EMBARRASSED BY THE TESTIMONY I HEARD AT THE FORUMS I ATTENDED FOR THE -- FOUR OF THE SIX FORUMS, I HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO PEOPLE LIKE ALBERTA PHILLIPS, RICHARD SMITH, AKWASI EVANS, I CAN'T STAND IT ANY LONGER. I CAME AWAY FROM THE FORUMS WITH A SENSE THAT -- WELL AT HAVING HEARD THAT -- THAT AUSTIN IS THE MOST RACIST CITY IN TEXAS. AND I HAVEN'T REALLY HEARD THAT REPEATED HERE MUCH TONIGHT. BUT EVERYONE SEEMED TO AGREE THIS WAS THE CASE. THE MOST RACIST BIG CITY IN TEXAS. AND ANOTHER THING THEY SAID WAS HOUSTON IS NOT LIKE THAT. AND THIS KIND OF -- THREW ME FOR A LOOP BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS KIND OF THOUGHT OF HOUSTON AS, YOU KNOW, YOU HEAR THINGS AND WE ASSUMED IT WAS KIND OF A RACIST STRONG HOLD. BUT THIS DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE CASE ANY LONGER. WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOUSTON AND WHAT HOUSTON HAS DONE TO CHANGE THIS. I GOT ON THE WEBSITE AND LOOKED AT THE POLICE -- THE HOUSTON WEBSITE AND LOOKED AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE, I THINK THE COMMENT THEY -- DEFINITELY CHANGED, THEIR MISSION STATEMENT USING WORDS LIKE DEMOCRATIC VALUE, COOPERATION, QUALITY OF LIFE. I CAME AND LOOKED AT OUR OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AND IT -- IT'S VISION STATEMENT WAS WE WANT AUSTIN TO BE THE SAFEST CITY IN AMERICA. AND WHILE I REALLY APPRECIATE A.P.D.'S DESIRE TO FIX A MEASURABLE GOAL AND THAT CERTAINLY IS A MEASURABLE GOAL, I THINK ANYBODY WHO WATCHES THE NEWS THESE DAYS KNOWS THAT THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO GO ABOUT TRYING TO BE SAFE. AND THAT A LOT OF THE SOLUTIONS OUR LEADERS ARE CHOOSING TOWARDS SAFETY TURN OUT TO BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. THE HOUSTON POLICE MISSION STATEMENT AND I HAVE COPIES HERE OF BOTH MISSION STATEMENTS IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM. THEY SPELL OUT IN SOME DETAIL HOW THEY PLAN TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. THEY HAVE A VALUE STATEMENT THAT READS LIKE A BLUEPRINT FOR A CONTENTED, DIVERSE SOCIETY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT CHANGED HOUSTON, BUT MAYBE THEY HIT

BOTTOM AND REALIZED THAT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IS MORE ABOUT CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE THAT ALLOWS US ALL TO -- TO THRIVE THAN IT IS ABOUT AWARDING BENEFITS ON THE BASIS OF RACE. [BUZZER SOUNDING] MAYBE AUSTIN HAS HIT BOTTOM. MAYBE IT'S TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT RACISM HURTS US ALL. I APPEAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND WHITE CITIZENS, IT'S UP TO US TO LOOK THIS PROBLEM FULL IN THE FACE, ACKNOWLEDGE IT, WALK AROUND IT, WALK AROUND INSIDE IT. DESCRIBE IT AND GET RID OF IT. NO MORE BAND DAIDZ FOR THIS CANCER. BAND AIDS FOR THIS CANCER. THE LAWS TO DEFEAT RACISM ARE IN PLACE. WHAT WE LACK IS A PUBLIC CONSENSUS THAT REQUIRES POLICE, PRESIDENTS, JUDGES, JURIES, AND EVEN SHOP KEEPERS TO ENFORCE THEM. TO CREATE THIS CONSENSUS AND TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTION -- THE RECOMMENDATIONS WE HAVE HEARD HERE TONIGHT WILL TAKE A NEW SORT OF ORGANIZATION. AND I WAS THINKING AUSTIN ENERGY HAS BECOME WORLD FAMOUS FOR ITS INNOVATIONS. HOW ABOUT A NEW CITY DEPARTMENT CALLED AUSTIN SYNERGY? THAT EMPLOYS NOT BUREAUCRATS AND SOCIAL WORKERS, BUT CREATIVE CITIZENS OF GOODWILL AND GOOD HUMOR OF ALL RACES AND PROFESSIONS TO HELP BUILD THE KIND OF CITY REFLECTED IN HPD'S MISSION STATEMENT. AUSTIN SYNERGY COULD FIELD A PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN THROUGH CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, MEDIA, AND THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AN UNCOOL THING TO BE DOING. TO ENABLE US ALL TO FACE OUR PREJUDICES. TO TELL A NEW STORY ABOUT WHO WE HAVE BEEN AND WHO WE WANT TO BE IN THE FUTURE.

Mayor Wynn: I NEED FOR YOU TO CONCLUDE, YOUR TIME IS UP.

I'M SORRY.

I NEED YOU TO CONCLUDE YOUR TIME IS UP.

OKAY, I'M ALMOST DONE. I -- I HEARD SEVERAL YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICAN PANELISTS PLEADING FOR THEIR HISTORY, AUSTIN SYNERGY COULD PRODUCE THE DOCUMENTARY FILM TO DO A LOCAL LEVEL WHAT ALEX HALEY'S ROOTS DID NATIONWIDE IN THE '70S, IT COULD SET

UP A TRUTH IN RECONCILIATION COMMISSION AS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO BRING OFFENDERS AND VICTIMS TOGETHER IN A HEALING EXCHANGE, IT COULD PROVIDE REGULAR PUBLIC FORUMS TO AIR ALL POINTS OF VIEW, IT COULD PRACTICE AND TEACH THE NEW TECHNIQUES FOR PUBLIC DISCOURSE THAT HAVE EMERGED FROM THIS ATMOSPHERE OF INTOLERANCE. THAT'S BASICALLY ALL I WANTED TO SAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE] IT'S NYELA, ISN'T IT? I WAS TRYING TO REMEMBER IT. WELCOME BACK.

YOU SHOULD HAVE IT DOWN.

I ONLY CALLED ON YOU ONCE, WELCOME BACK, THREE MINUTES.

TWICE. GOOD EVENING, I'M REALLY TIRED AND I KNOW THAT YOU ALL ARE TOO. I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK ON JUST TO ECHO SOME OF THE SENTIMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXPRESSED TONIGHT, ALSO FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. MY NAME IS NYELA SAN COLFA, IT IS AN AKHAN WORD FROM GHANA, WEST AFRICA. IT MEANS ONE WHO RETURNS TO THE PAST TO CLAIM WHAT IS THEIRS, TO RETURN TO THE PRESENT AND MOVE FORWARD WITH IT. MORE SIMPLY, YOU CAN GO BACK AND CORRECT YOUR MISTAKES. EVEN MORE SIMPLY, INDIRECTLY -- AND DIRECTLY, RETURN AND TAKE IT. SO -- SO I LIVE BY THAT AND I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE OF -- OF MY COMMUNITY, THE AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES HERE IN AUSTIN, TO ALWAYS STAND UP AND FEEL THAT YOU CAN COME BACK AND RECLAIM WHAT IS YOURS. I ASKED THAT THE PANEL HERE, THE COUNCILMEMBERS, DO THE SAME OR HELP US TO DO THE SAME. I'M AN ARTIST HERE, AS I EXPRESSED EARLIER TODAY, AT CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS, I'M ABOUT TWO SECONDS READY TO GET OUT OF DODGE BUT I LOVE IT HERE. AUSTIN IS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE. I'VE ENJOYED AND APPRECIATED AND NEEDED TO RAISE MY DAUGHTERS HERE THE WAY I HAVE. THEY TURNED OUT WONDERFULLY. I THINK THAT IT'S LARGELY DUE TO THE ENVIRONMENT, THE TYPE OF CITY THAT AUSTIN IS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT LACKS IN A LOT OF WAYS, AND SO I -- SO I PLEAD WITH YOU ALL TO -- TO LOOK AT A LOT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE

BEEN MADE IN RELATIONSHIPS, OF COURSE, TO THE ISSUES. BUT ALSO TO CONCENTRATE ON THE ISSUE OF GENTRIFICATION, THE LACK OF PEOPLE OF COLOR HERE ESPECIALLY IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, TO EARN A DECENT, A LIVING WAGE AND AGAIN THE ISSUE OF -- OF HOUSING AND THAT -- AND THAT IN ORDER FOR OUR COMMUNITY, THE AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO THRIVE, NOT JUST SURVIVE, WE HAVE TO BE SUPPORTED. AND AS AN ARTIST IN THIS COMMUNITY AND ACTIVIST IN ALL OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT I AM, THE QUALITY OF MY LIFE CAN BE IMPROVED BY PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, TO -- TO SUPPORT ME IN MY ENDEAVORS, WHICH I CAN IN TURN, TURN AROUND AND GIVE THAT MUCH MORE BACK TO MY COMMUNITY [BUZZER SOUNDING] AND THAT IS THE GOAL THAT -- THAT -- THAT FUELS MY REASONS FOR WANTING TO STAY. BECAUSE I DO WANT TO BE OF SERVICE. I DO WANT TO LEND WHAT I HAVE TO OFFER BACK TO THE CITY. AND ESPECIALLY MY COMMUNITY. SO IT HAS TO BE -- GO BOTH WAYS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, NYELA. SO COUNCIL THAT'S ACTUALLY ALL OF THE FOLKS SIGNED UP FORMALLY WISHING TO ADDRESS US. ANYBODY ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO -- TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL. A IMUNCH OF PEOPLE SHOWED, CHECKED NOT WISHING TO SPEAK. ANYBODY -- BERTHA, WELCOME.

GOOD EVENING, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER. FOR THE RECORD THE AUSTIN BLACK CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION DID PARTICIPATE IN THIS FOCUS GROUP FORUM. WE HAVE BEEN OUT ON THE BATTLEFIELD FOR 19 YEARS TRYING TO ADVOCATE AND RECOMMEND INITIATIVES THAT WOULD MAKE IT BETTER IN TRYING TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY GOVERNMENT. I WANT TO TELL MY FOUR BROTHER FRIENDS THEY NEED TO AMEND THAT LITTLE CHART THAT YOU HAD UP THERE AND PUT THE ABCA UP THERE, TOO, BECAUSE WE ARE TEAM PLAYERS, TEAM MEMBERS, TOO, WE PARTICIPATED. I KNOW IT HAD TO BE A SLIGHT -- OMISSION TO NOT HAVE SEEN IT BECAUSE A LOT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HERE FOR THE BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAME FROM OUR INPUT. AND SPECIFICALLY, ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

OF SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCES. BECAUSE THAT'S ALL WE HAVE LEFT. THAT IS ALL THAT WE HAVE LEFT. AND IT NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED, IT NEEDS THE SUPPORT IT NEEDS TO ENFORCE THAT ORDINANCE THE WAY IT SHOULD BE, TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. A LOT OF THINGS THAT THIS CITY, THE CITY IS ALREADY DOING A LOT OF THINGS. IT'S JUST THAT THEY ARE NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED OR THEY DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN THOSE POSITIONS TO CARRY OUT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE INITIATIVES. AND I CONCUR WITH WHAT BRENDA MALIK SAID, THANK YOU, BRENDA. I WAS SOMEWHAT MIFFED A LITTLE BIT WHEN I ATTENDED BECAUSE I DID NOT KNOW THAT THIS FOCUS GROUP WAS JUST GOING TO BE THE PEOPLE SAYING WHAT THEY THINK, HOW THEY FEEL, WHAT THEY SEE, WHAT THEIR EXPERIENCE IS. I THOUGHT THE BEST WAY TO HAVE DONE THIS, OF COURSE THIS IS HINDSIGHT, WOULD HAVE BEEN TO HAVE THE PUBLIC MEETING TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO EXPRESS WHATEVER THEY FELT LIKE BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE QUIET UPSET WITH THAT. BUT RABINA DID A STELLAR JOB IN DOING WHAT HER SCOPE OF WORK TOLD HER TO DO. SO SHE CARRIED OUT WHAT SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO DO. BUT TO SAY -- THE COMMUNITY, THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT I KNEW THAT ARE NATIVE AUSTINITES, PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS 30, 40 YEARS, SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE TALKING ABOUT THE BUSINESS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PIECE. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON THE NATIVE AUSTINITE COMMITTEE, NOT, YOU KNOW, SURE WE HAVE OUR NEIGHBORS IN PFLUGERVILLE AND ROUND ROCK, HOWEVER THE PEOPLE WHO PAY TAXES PAY INTO THIS TAX BASE. WE SHOULD HAVE HEARD FROM THEM. AND ASKED OUR BROTHERS IN THE SURROUNDING CITY TO JOIN US AND MAYBE WE CAN GO HELP THEM. SO I WAS JUST A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FORMAT AND WE WILL CONTINUE. WE NOT ONLY PARTICIPATED IN THE FOCUS GROUP, WE WERE ALSO PART OF THE SOLUTION PIECE. SO - - SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE. I WILL CONTINUE TO CALL THEM IF I SEE THAT OUR NAMES ARE NOT ON THE LIST. I WILL CALL AND ASK FOR US TO HAVE OUR INPUT. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US.

THANK YOU, MS. HADNOT. STACY DUKESRON, WELCOME,

YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER. I'M HERE TODAY, I ACTUALLY DID SPEAK ON A PANEL, YES, I DO LIVE IN PFLUGERVILLE, BUT I HAVE TWO PROPERTIES THAT I OWN IN AUSTIN, I DO PAY TAXES ON THOSE PROPERTIES. I AM VERY ACTIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY STILL AND SO IS MY FAMILY, BUT TONIGHT I SPEAK FOR MYSELF. STACY DUKES-RAMON. AS A RESULT OF THE FORUMS, I APPRECIATE YOU ALLOWING US TO HAVE THAT PROCESS, I HOPE THAT EVEN THE OUTCOMES THAT COME IN JUNE THAT THE COUNCIL CONTINUES TO INCLUDE EVERYONE, NOT TO EXCLUDE AS A RESULT OF WHAT COMES OUT OF THAT FINAL REPORT, MEANING WHATEVER COMES OUT IS THE GUIDELINE FOR THE FUTURE OF BLACK AUSTIN. THERE WILL BE OTHER DISTRICTS THAT COME TO THIS COUNCIL, I'M HOPING THAT THE COUNCIL WON'T USE POLICIES TO SAY WELL THIS WAS NOT ALIGN UNDERSTAND THE FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT, THEREFORE NOT OUTLINED IN THAT THAT OTHER INITIATIVES CANNOT TAKE PLACE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I HAVE TO GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE TO THE CITY MANAGER AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT TOBY FUTRELL AND I HAVE HAD OUR DIFFERENCES IN THE PAST. I CAN SAY THAT I CAN BELIEVE THAT IN THE FUTURE SHE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK VERY HARD TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES. MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, SHE TRIED VERY HARD TO MAKE SOME CHANGES. THAT IS ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS IF WE START LOOKING AT THAT GROUP, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS SOME VERY GRAVE PROBLEMS WITH THEM AND -- IN THEIR HIRING PRACTICE, IN THEIR RESPONSE TIMES, EVEN IF WE LOOK AT MIDTOWN, WHAT HAPPENED TO MIDTOWN, AT THE TIME IT TOOK TO PUT THE FIRE OUT, THAT DEPARTMENT HAS SOME MAJOR ISSUES. IT HIRED ITS FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE THIS YEAR IN OVER 25 YEARS AND THAT FEMALE WAS FIRED. WITHIN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF HER EMPLOYMENT. I KNOW THAT OUR CITY MANAGER WORKED VERY HARD WITH THAT ORGANIZATION TO MAKE SOME CHANGES, I HOPE SHE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT. IN ADDITION SHE'S WORKED VERY HARD WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND AS A RESULT WE MAY HAVE SOME ISSUES STILL WITH

POLICING ISSUES. BUT IN HIRING PRACTICES, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS REALLY TURNED THINGS AROUND AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE BEING INCLUDED. SO I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE HER CREDIT. THE OTHER ISSUE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT AS A RESULT OF THIS IS THAT MANY OF US AS AFRICAN-AMERICANS WHEN WE HAVE ISSUES WITH COUNCIL, ONE, WE DON'T SHOW UP TO COUNCIL MEETINGS, I'M GLAD TO SEE A LOT OF US SHOWED UP TONIGHT. A LOT OF US GO TO DANNY OR OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE. DANNY HAS BEEN THERE FOR A LOT OF US, HE CONTINUES TO BE THERE FOR US. HOWEVER I THINK THAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY SHOULD GO TO ALL OF OUR COUNCILMEMBERS. OUR MAYOR HAS BEEN VERY [APPLAUSE] -- OUR MAYOR HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR COMMUNITIES, THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY WHO HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ASK FOR EVERYONE'S TIME AND WE SPEAK TO EVERYONE WHEN THERE'S AN ISSUE FACING OUR COMMUNITY AND WE ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT. BECAUSE IF WE DON'T, WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THOSE THAT DON'T SUPPORT US [BUZZER SOUNDING] GIVE US THE TOUGHEST TIME. I THINK YOU ALL KNOW WHO I'M SPEAKING TO. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: ARE THERE ANY OTHER CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US. A NUMBER OF FOLKS FORMALLY -- FORMERLY CHECKED THE NOT WISHING TO SPEAK BOX. WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY HAS A CHANCE. I AGREE, I SUSPECT THE COUNCIL DOES TOO WITH THE SUGGESTION WE HEARD EARLIER FROM MR. PIERCE AND OTHERS, THAT WE POST A PUBLIC HEARING, THURSDAY, JUNE 23rd, FOR FULL PUBLIC INPUT AND TESTIMONY AS TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE TODAY. I TRUST WE WILL MAKE THIS REPORT VERY, VERY PUBLIC BOTH ON THE CITY WEBSITE, AVAILABLE IF LIBRARIES, OTHER CITY FACILITIES. AND ALLOW THE COMMUNITY TO ABSORB IT. WE GREATLY THANK THE URBAN LEAGUE, THE -- THE CAPITAL CITY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE NAACP, THE NATION OF ISLAM WHO ALL STEPPED UP AND AGREED TO TAKE THIS NEXT MONTH TO -- TO MAKE SURE THAT AS MANY PEOPLE

ARE AWARE OF THESE FINDINGS AND PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS AS POSSIBLE. SO THAT IN A MONTH'S TIME WE CAN GET HOPEFULLY A DRAMATIC AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY INPUT FOR US TO THEN COME UP WITH THESE ACTIONABLE ITEMS, BOTH SHORT TERM, INTERMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM. SO I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU ALL'S PATIENCE AS WE GOT THROUGH THIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH EVERYBODY IN THIS COUNCIL AND THE CITY MANAGER TO NOT LOSE MOMENTUM.

Futrell: I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO IF I COULD, TWO QUICK THINGS, MIKE, CAN YOU TALK JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE NOON CONCERTS THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE IN JUNE AT CITY HALL AND WHILE MIKE IS COMING UP, CORA, OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, WE ARE GOING TO BE ASKING HER TO WORK WITH THE AUSTIN FILM SOCIETY IN STARTING IN JUNE WITH ANY LUCK WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO EXPAND OUR MOVIES IN THE PARK, FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK INTO EAST AUSTIN. SO THAT'S GOING TO BE ONE OF OUR FIRST ATTEMPTS AT BREAKING ONE OF OUR DOWNTOWN PROGRAMS THAT'S BEEN VERY, VERY SUCCESSFUL STARTING THIS SUMMER HOPEFULLY AS EARLY AS JUNE. AND THEN IN -- IN APPRECIATION OF JUNETEENTH MIKE McDONALD HAS BEEN WORKING ON TRYING TO GET SOME FREE NOON CONCERTS HERE AT CITY HALL WHERE WE ARE GOING TO FOCUS ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN LOCAL BANDS. AND [APPLAUSE] -- AND FOOD.

Mayor Wynn: A LITTLE WAYS AWAY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, I'M THE HONORARY CHAIR OF THE CAPITAL CITY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD OUT AT BRENT ROCK FALLS. I CHALLENGE YOU TO GET A TEAM TOGETHER, TO SEE IF YOU CAN BEAT THE MAYOR'S TEAM.

ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, COUNCILMEMBERS. WHAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE IS THE CONTINUATION OF A SERIES THAT STARTED LAST MONTH, DURING CINCO DE MAYO, WHERE THIS MONTH WE ARE GOING TO BE CELEBRATING AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE. BASICALLY BE CALLED [INDISCERNIBLE], EACH WEEK A SERIES OF DIFFERENT ARTISTS. MR. CATFISH, A LOCAL

VENDOR HERE, WILL BE OFFERING LUNCH ALONG WITH THE ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED. THERE WILL BE AN ARRAY OF ENTERTAINMENT, LOCAL ARTISTS THAT HAVE APPEARED HERE QUITE OFTEN, KYLE TURNER, PAMELA ARC, W.C. CLARK, THERE WILL BE QUITE A LINEUP EACH WEEK TO CELEBRATE THE MONTH OF JUNETEENTH.

Futrell: JUST A COUPLE OF QUICK THINGS WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO GET GOING IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS WHILE WE ARE TAKING SOME TIME TO ABSORB THE REPORT AND COME BACK WITH OUR PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 23rd. THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CHIEF. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?

Thomas: YES.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS?

Thomas: FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANKS ROBINA JACKSON AND GROUP SOLUTIONS FOR AN EXCELLENT JOB. [APPLAUSE] I MEAN A VERY THOROUGH JOB SO WE HAVE IT IN OUR FACE RIGHT NOW. I DO WANT TO SAY TO THE GROUP THAT WANT TO COME BACK ON THE 23rd, YOU MADE IT CLEAR THAT YOU WANTED STAFF, SOME OF THE CITY STAFF, AVAILABLE AND I'M GOING TO PULL -- I'M GOING TO PULL THE CITY MANAGER'S LEG ON THIS ONE. I WOULD LIKE FOR DR. BEBE TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE GROUP SO WHEN THEY COME BACK, THEY CAN HAVE SOME CONCLUSION OF WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. I KNOW THEY HAVE THEIR OWN SET OF GOALS. BUT WE HAVE HEARD A LOT TONIGHT. WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT EDUCATION. WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT HOUSING. WE'VE HEARD ABOUT INACTIONS WITH OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT. WE'VE HEARD ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES, THE SOCIAL FABRICS, WE HEARD ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS. WE HAVE DONE THIS IN 2000, BUT THIS IS 2005. WE DON'T WANT ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION SITTING ON THE SHELF. TO COLLECT DUST. IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT WE HAVE A PROBLEM DEALING WITH OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. BUT I COMMEND THE BROTHERS SAYING WITH MR. RICHARDS -- NO? RICHARDS AND MR. MARSHALL AND MR. LINDER, TO COME TOGETHER AND DEAL

WITH THE ISSUES. DEAL WITH THE EDUCATION, DEAL WITH THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, AND DEAL WITH SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WE DO HAVE WITH OUR PUBLIC SAFETY. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE? IT'S GOING TO TAKE EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM. EVERYBODY IS GOING TO TAKE SOME SACRIFICE AND -- IN DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES THAT ARE GOING ON IN AUSTIN. I'M -- I'M SURE LIKE CHIEF McDONALD, I HAVE BEEN HERE ALL OF MY LIFE, I HAVE SEEN SOME POSITIVE, I HAVE SEEN SOME VERY NEGATIVE. AND IT'S 2005, SO -- SO WE REALLY NEED TO COME TOGETHER. WE NEED TO MOVE OUR PERSONALITIES OUT OF THE WAY, OUR DIFFERENCES, AS AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS NEED TO COME TOGETHER. BUT ALSO WE ARE INVITING EVERYBODY ELSE TO THE TABLE. CITY OF AUSTIN CAN DO SO MUCH. BUT THAT PRIVATE SECTOR HAS TO COME TO THE TABLE, ALSO, WITH THOSE RESOURCES WHERE THERE'S MONEY TO BE. WE AS THE CITY OF AUSTIN KNOW WHERE THOSE RESOURCES ARE. WE NEED TOO COME TOGETHER AND -- WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER AND WORK TOGETHER. PUT THIS CITY BACK TOGETHER LIKE WE ALWAYS HAVE SEEP. WE HAVE SEEN SOME GOOD AND POSITIVES, BUT THIS IS 2005, WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD. SO THAT EVERYBODY THAT LIVES IN THIS GREAT CITY HAS A QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERYBODY. NOW, THERE WAS SOMETHING MENTIONED EARLIER ABOUT AN ISSUE THAT WE HAD ABOUT A CLUB. WE NEED TO ALSO DEAL WITH THAT ISSUE ALSO. AS A COUNCIL. AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD [APPLAUSE] TO SOME KIND OF SOLUTION TO DEAL WITH THAT. WE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THAT BACK TWO MONTHS AGO ABOUT HOW WE SHOULDN'T DO THIS, HOW WE SHOULDN'T DO THAT. BUT WE HAVE TO TREAT EVERYBODY JUST LIKE WE TREAT EQUALLY WHEN THEY COME TO THE TABLE, BUSINESS PEOPLE. FOR OPPORTUNITIES. SO WE STILL NEED TO DEAL WITH THAT ISSUE. COUNCIL AND MAYOR. AND WE NEED TO DEAL WITH IT AS SOON AS WE CAN. TALKING TO MS. CASH, AND TALKING TO THE CASH FAMILY, THESE ARE ICONS IN THIS CITY. THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT HAVE WORKED HARD, EDUCATOR AND HAS A BUSINESS THAT WE AS A -- AS THE CITY OF AUSTIN HAS TO FIND SOME TYPE OF WAY IN DOING IT, TREATING THEM JUST LIKE ANYBODY ELSE. MY PRAYERS THAT WE -- MY PRAYER IS THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER, AFRICAN-

AMERICAN, ASIAN, HISPANIC, EVERYBODY. BECAUSE THIS CITY IS TRULY ONE OF THE BEST CITIES TO LIVE IN, SO WE HAVE GOT SOME ISSUES THAT WE NEED TO WORK ON. GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER?

Slusher: I HESITATE TO FOLLOW COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS, BUT I WANT TO BACK UP WHAT HE SAID IN A LOT OF WAYS. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY EVERYONE FOR THE COOPERATIVE AND MOVING FORWARD SPIRIT HERE TONIGHT. I REALLY HAVE BEEN MOVED BY THAT. I WANTED TO THANK MS. JACKSON FOR JUST A GREAT INCREDIBLE JOB THAT SHE'S DONE. I KNEW GOING INTO IT IF ANYBODY -- THAT SHE WAS THE PERSON FOR THE JOB. AND SHE DIDN'T LET ANY OF US DOWN. I DON'T THINK. THE -- I THINK THE FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS HERE ARE ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL. IT GOES BEYOND THAT AND WE HAVE HEARD SUGGESTIONS BEYOND THAT. BUT I THINK ECONOMICS AND EDUCATION ARE THE TWO FUNDAMENTAL AREAS THAT NEED THE MOST WORK. AND THOSE ARE INTRICATELY TIED TOGETHER. THE CITY HAS A LOT OF WORK TO DO, BUT I WAS -- I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT -- FOLKS SAY THAT IT'S NOT JUST THE CITY GOVERNMENT THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE EVERYBODY. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO ALL WORK IN THIS TOGETHER. AND ONE OF IT IS PERSONAL. WITH EACH OF US REALLY. BECAUSE I -- BECAUSE I GO TO A LOT OF PLACES AND IN AUSTIN THERE'S A LOT OF CIRCLES OF FOLKS, A LOT OF CIRCLES OF FRIENDS, THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM THAT JUST NEVER CROSS. THAT WOULD BE -- THAT WOULD BE ONE AREA WHERE WE COULD ALL TRY TO INCLUDE PEOPLE THAT AREN'T HERE IN THIS ROOM TONIGHT. COULD MAKE SOME PROGRESS. SO I -- I'LL CONTINUE TO -- TO WORK ON THAT MYSELF AND HOPE OTHERS WILL, TOO. AND LIKE COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS SAID, THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS TO GET INVOLVED. THE CORPORATE SECTOR IN PARTICULAR HAS TO GET -- THEY ARE SOMEWHAT INVOLVED. THEY NEED TO GET MUCH MORE HEAVILY INVOLVED. WE REALLY NEED, WE REALLY NEED THAT INVOLVEMENT. AND I TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT EDUCATION. I WOULD ENCOURAGE FOLKS HERE TO -- TO CONTACT AISD, WITH YOUR CONCERNS. ONE PERSON SAID, I THOUGHT THEY HAD A GOOD POINT, THAT TO SUMMARIZE

WHAT THEY SAID WAS THE GOVERNMENTS NEED TO COMMUNICATE MORE WITH EACH OTHER. I THINK THAT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE AND NEED TO BE MORE COOPERATIVE, BUT I THINK THE OTHER FORMS OF GOVERNMENT ALSO NEED TO HEAR FROM THE FOLKS HERE TONIGHT. NOW, I READ IN -- SOMETHING THAT BOTHERED ME, I DON'T MEAN TO SINGLE ANYBODY OUT, BUT -- BUT I READ IN THE PAPER RECENTLY WHEN THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THE TEST SCORES, OF COURSE TEST SCORES NOTHING -- LET ME JUST SAY THAT'S ANOTHER WHOLE ISSUE THAT GOES BEYOND JUST THIS CITY. IS THE WAY KIDS, THIRD GRADERS AND FIFTH GRADERS, SO CONCENTRATED ON JUST PASSING THAT TEST RATHER THAN THE FUNDAMENTALS REALLY OF EDUCATION OR THAT LITTLE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION BEYOND JUST WHETHER THEY CAN PASS THE TEST, BUT THAT -- PUT THAT ASIDE, THE SUPERINTENDENT SAID OF THE AISD SAID THAT HIS GOAL WAS FOR THE KIDS HERE TO -- TO MEET THE URBAN AVERAGE. AND TO ME AVERAGE IS JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH. I THINK WHAT -- AND THE ARTICLE IN THE PAPER SHOWED THAT HOW THE SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES, THE SCORES OUT THERE ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN IN THE URBAN AREA. I THINK THAT AUSTIN SCHOOL DISTRICT'S GOAL SHOULD BE TO HAVE, TO MEET WHAT THE SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES HAVE. THEY SHOULD HAVE VERY HIGH GOALS AND I WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT WHEN YOU SAY THAT YOU WANT TO TAKE ALL OF THE KIDS IN THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AVERAGE THEM OUT, WHEN YOU PUT ALL OF THE SCORES TOGETHER, YOU COME OUT TO THE URBAN AVERAGE, THEN THAT'S MEANING A LOT OF KIDS, YOU ARE CONSIGNING THEM TO -- CONSIGNING THEM TO BELOW AVERAGE SCORES AND BELOW AVERAGE EDUCATION. THAT'S JUST NOT ACCEPTABLE -- NOT ACCEPTABLE AND THAT'S NOT THE WAY WE ARE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD BECAUSE REALLY TO MAKE ECONOMIC PROGRESS THE FUNDAMENTAL THING THAT NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE THERE IS EDUCATION, AT THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL, ON UP AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO COLLEGE AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET THAT IF WE ARE JUST URBAN AVERAGE. SO -- [APPLAUSE] -- THANK YOU. JUST SO SUM IT UP. WE NEED THE BUSINESS SECTOR, THE GOVERNMENT SECTOR, ALL OF US INDIVIDUALLY AND PERSONALLY NEED TO ALL WORK TOGETHER AND I THINK IF

WE CAN DO THIS KIND OF THING ANYWHERE I THINK WE CAN DO IT HERE IN AUSTIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TONIGHT. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER.
COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR, I WANTED TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR PARTICIPATING, MS. JACKSON FOR FACILITATING THIS BEGINNING OF A COMMUNITY DIALOGUE AND I REALLY DO THINK THAT THAT'S WHAT THIS IS, IS THAT THE BEGINNING AND WE DIDN'T HAVE A 60 DAY OR 30 DAYS DIALOGUE AND THAT WOULD BE THE END OF IT, THAT'S I THINK THAT -- I THINK THAT -- THAT THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING, AS -- AS IS CLEAR FROM WHAT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM THE REPORT AND FROM THE COMMENTS IN THE REPORT AND ALSO THE COMMENTS THAT WE HAVE HEARD TODAY. BUT I WANTED TO JUST REITERATE THAT THERE'S MANY LAYERS TO THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT, THAT WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THAT ARE PART OF THIS DIALOGUE. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO KIND OF MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT REERNSARENAS AND DIFFERENT LAYERS TO THIS DISCUSSION, BUT OF COURSE IT'S THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A.P.D. AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS ONE VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THIS DISCUSSION THAT DOES GET -- DID GET MENTIONED. BUT THAT I THINK IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT. WE TALKED ABOUT OTHER QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, OTHER CHALLENGES FACING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, WE NEED TO ADDRESS THOSE FROM A VERY CULTURALLY SPECIFIC POINTS OF VIEW. BUT THERE'S ALSO I THINK A BROADER RACE RELATIONS ISSUE IN TERMS OF HOW -- OF HOW I THINK AMERICANS AND LATINOS AND ASIANS AND NATIVE AMERICANS, HOW THEY ALL FIT INTO THIS COMMUNITY AND HOW -- HOW ALL -- THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY KIND OF RELATES AND CAN COME TOGETHER AS ONE OF THE SPEAKERS SAID, IN A MULTI-CULTURAL POINT OF WAY FROM A -- FROM A MULTI-CULTURAL POINT OF VIEW TO BRING THIS COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND SO I THINK THAT THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD WE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER

HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER ACROSS RACIAL LINES AND THEN FINALLY I THINK THIS ONE IS ONE THAT -- WAS ALLUDED TO EARLIER, BUT WE HAVE MANY DIFFERENT SLOGANS OR THAT -- THAT WE USE TO DEFINE OUR CITY AND LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD IS ONE OF THEM. SO WE HAD A -- WE'VE HAD A LOT OF APPLAUSE WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF -- THAT OTHER PUBLIC OR OF THIS GROUP HERE THAT AFRICAN-AMERICANS DON'T FEEL THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD OR THAT IMAGE THAT WE HAVE THAT -- IN TERMS OF THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD AND I THINK THAT'S THE SAME FOR LATINO MUSIC AND -- AS WELL. I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT THOSE VERY IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD ALSO ARE INTEGRATED AND THEY ARE HIGHLIGHTED AND CITY MANAGER CALLED ATTENTION TO THE MUSIC SERIES COMING IN JUNE AND IT WAS CHIEF McDONALD MENTIONED ALSO THAT WE HAD A LATINO MUSIC SERIES NOON CONCERT SERIES IN MAY. SO WE NEED TO CONTINUE THAT BUT ALSO WE -- COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A -- ON A PROJECT IN EAST AUSTIN TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF LATINO AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSICIANS IN THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD BECAUSE AGAIN WE ACKNOWLEDGE IT ALREADY THAT THAT'S ONE OF THE SHORTCOMINGS, YOU KNOW, THAT -- WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED, SO I THINK THAT -- THAT'S ONE THING THAT WE CAN DO. WE ARE ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE CITY OF IDEAS. WHICH I THINK TIES INTO THE NEED FOR US TO COME TOGETHER AND COME UP WITH FRESH IDEAS ABOUT HOW WE RELATE TO EACH OTHER AND FINALLY I THINK THE FRIENDLY CITY IS ANOTHER ONE THAT GETS USED OR REFERRED TO FROM TIME TO TIME AND AGAIN WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY FEELS A PART OF -- OF THE -- OF THESE LABELS AND OF THESE DEFINITIONS THAT WE HAVE FOR OURSELVES AND THAT THAT'S ALSO PART OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO THROUGH THIS PROCESS. IT'S MAKE SURE THAT WE BECOME MORE INCLUSIVE AND MORE TOLERANT AND MORE UNDERSTANDING OF ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. SO I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR BEING A PART OF THIS, BUT I -- THIS IS

JUST A BEGINNING AND I -- SO I WANT TO COMMIT TO WORK TOGETHER ON ALL OF THESE VARIOUS LEVELS TO MOVE FORWARD AS A COMMUNITY. THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM?

Goodman: THANKS, MAYOR. SINCE YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE THE NEXT HEARING ON JUNE 23rd, AND I WON'T GET TO BE HERE, BUT NEW COUNCILMEMBERS WILL BE HERE AND IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY WILL BE WALKING IN COLD IN ESSENCE, THEY WILL BE BORN ON THE 23rd NOT HAVING DONE ANY OF THIS BEFORE. I WANTED TO ALSO THANK ROBINA AND ANYBODY WHO PARTICIPATED BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SO EASY FOR THIS TO HAVE JUST BECOME A GOOD INTENT BUT AS WITH OTHER THINGS THAT WE HAVE TRIED BEFORE, ALSO WHERE WITH GOOD INTENT, DIDN'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO GO FORWARD WITH THEM. DIDN'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO -- HOW TO KEEP PEOPLE ENGAGED. AND WHERE TO GO. WHAT DIVERGENT PATHS WHAT WE WOULD SUCCEED FROM TRADITION WOULD TAKE US THERE. I WANT TO THANK RABINA. MAYBE I SAID THAT THE WRONG WAY. MAYBE IT WAS HARD NOT TO LET THIS BECOME JUST ANOTHER ATTEMPT. BUT I REALLY THINK THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER NOW AND THERE IS A DESIRE TO DO SOMETHING WITH THIS. BECAUSE AUSTIN IS A GREAT CITY. BUT IT'S DEFINITELY NOT PERFECT. AND WE ALL WANT TO LIVE IN A PERFECT CITY. LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD CANNOT BE OUR REAL NAME IF WE DON'T HAVE VENUES FOR ALL THAT MUSIC. AND YOU KNOW WE HAVE GOT LEGENDS HERE. I MEAN SPEAKING OF WHAT CHIEF McDONALD WAS TALKING ABOUT, PAM HART, AND W.C. CLARK, MY GOODNESS. SO THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN JUST WHAT IS -- WHAT IS ON THE SURFACE AND THERE ARE TOO MANY THINGS FOR US TO DO UP HERE. WE CAN'T THINK OF THEM ALL. AND WE CAN'T FIND THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF THE QUESTIONS IF SOMEBODY IS NOT HELPING US. ECIDE ON WHAT THE QUESTIONS ARE AND WHAT THE ANSWERS ARE. SO AS -- AS COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER AND I GO OFF, I WANTED TO SAY I DON'T REMEMBER WHO SAID IT, I WON'T SAY THEIR NAME ANYWAY IF I DO REMEMBER, BUT THERE WERE THINGS THAT I THOUGHT WERE IMPORTANT AND THOSE WERE THINGS THAT I SAW, THAT I COULD HELP WITH. ONE OF THOSE WAS

THE MILLENNIUM. AND ONE OF THOSE WAS CARVER. AND THE EXPANSION OF THE MUSEUM AND THE LIBRARY. AND ONE OF THEM WAS VISION VILLAGE. AND ONE OF THEM -- WELL, THERE ARE -- THERE ARE A LOT. THEY ARE IN THAT VEIN. I THOUGHT THEY WERE GOOD IDEAS AND I THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD PURSUE HELPING THEM COME INTO BEING AND I'M SORRY THAT SOME -- OH, A.R.A., RIGHT. I'M SORRY THAT SOMEONE THOUGHT THOSE WERE NOT WORTH DOING. AND I STILL THINK THEY WERE. AND I THINK THAT THE CITIZENS PLANNING COMMITTEE WORK THAT MELVIN WELL REMEMBERS WAS AN EXCELLENT FIRST STEP TOWARD SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE NEEDED TO ADDRESS TONIGHT IN GOVERNMENT WORLDS MOVE SO SLOWLY THAT WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THAT ONE. BUT NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING WAS A MECHANISM TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE THINGS THAT -- THAT ARE COMING UP NOW STILL. GENTRIFICATION, VENUES, FOR WHATEVER. THE KIND OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES THAT WE SOMETIMES NEED AND WANT TO SEE IN A CERTAIN PLACE THAT ARE CONVENIENT. AND SO ON, SO FORTH. SO -- SO AS I -- AS I LEAVE, THIS IS MY SWAN SONG NOW, I SAW A LOT OF GREAT PEOPLE IN HERE TONIGHT THAT I'VE KNOWN OVER THE YEARS IN KIND OF DIFFERENT VENUES. AND I HAVEN'T REALLY SEEN THEM TOGETHER ALL IN ONE PLACE UNLESS IT WAS LIKE THE URBAN LEAGUE DINNER. BUT THEY WERE ALL KIND OF HERE TONIGHT. AND WE DO NEED ALL TO TALK TO EACH OTHER, I THINK. SO -- SO AFTER I GET OFF THE COUNCIL, I WILL HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME. SO I BELIEVE THAT I'LL BE TALKING TO YOU FROM THAT SIDE OF THE DAIS, COUNCIL. I WILL HAVE GREAT FUN BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU WHAT I WANT [LAUGHTER] AND THEN I DON'T HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO IT. BUT I HAVE --

Mayor Wynn: LIKE YOU DON'T DO THAT NOW? [LAUGHTER]

Goodman: NO, I NEVER DO THAT. SO I REALLY THINK THIS FEELS DIFFERENT. AND I REALLY THINK THAT SOMETHING IS GOING TO COME OF THIS AND EVERYBODY IS DETERMINED THAT IT WILL. SO -- THAT WILL BE GOOD. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM. COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY?

Dunkerly: --

Mayor Wynn: A QUICK REMINDER, WE HAVE THREE MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS TONIGHT.

Dunkerly: I KNOW. BUT WE REALLY DO NEED TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO GROUP SOLUTIONS AND TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS. ONCE AGAIN WHO -- WHO CAME FORWARD WITH A LOT OF COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS AND A DOCUMENT THAT NOT ONLY THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO TAKE A MONTH TO LOOK AT, BUT I THINK THAT WE AS A COUNCIL NEED TO TAKE SOME TIME AND REALLY STUDY AND LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS AS WELL. I WAS -- I WAS AMAZED, SURPRISED, VERY PLEASED AT ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAME OUT TODAY TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT. IT CERTAINLY GAVE ME A LOT OF HOPE. AND THE -- REALLY CONTINUED BELIEF THAT THIS IS TOO IMPORTANT AN ISSUE NOT TO TAKE VERY, VERY SERIOUSLY. AND TO WORK VERY HARD ON MAKING SOME REALLY POSITIVE STRIDES. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO JUNE THE 23rd. AS JUST BEING THE FIRST STEP OF MANY STEPS THAT WE PURSUE OVER THE NEXT MONTHS AND MAYBE EVEN A YEAR -- MAYBE YEARS BECAUSE SOME OF THESE ISSUES ARE VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH. BUT I THINK THAT WE HAVE SOME SHORT-TERM THINGS THAT WE CAN DO AS WELL AS MAKE SOME GOOD PLANS AND GOOD STRIDES AND GOOD EFFORTS FOR THOSE MID-RANGE AND LONG-TERM GOALS. SO -- SO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER.
COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: YEAH, I -- I MYSELF LIKE I KNOW ALL OF US TONIGHT CAME WITH AN OPEN HEART AND AN OPEN MIND, OPEN EARS. AND I LEARNED A LOT. I KNOW BETTER NOW TONIGHT, SOMETHING THAT -- THAT A LOT OF US ARE NOT FROM AUSTIN, SO WE DON'T KNOW INTERNALLY THE HISTORY THIS COMMUNITY HAS WHICH, YOU KNOW, WE KNOW IT'S MORE PROGRESSIVE REPUTATION, BUT IT IS VERY HELPFUL FOR ME TO BE REMINDED THE FACT THAT THIS CITY, UNLIKE EVEN A LOT OF TEXAS CITIES HAD, OFFICIAL SEGREGATION. THAT WHEN WE HAD THE GRAND

BOULEVARD FOR THE FRIENDS COMMUNITY, THAT'S WHERE WE PUT THE INTERSTATE. WHEN WE HAD AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN COLLEGE, THAT'S WHERE THE -- THEY PUT THE AIR FORCE BASE THAT WHEN WE HAD A -- A CENTER OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THAT AT ONE POINT THAT'S WHERE THEY PUT THE AIRPORT. IT'S A CONTINUAL LACK OF RESPECT IN THE HISTORY AND -- AND THOSE THINGS ARE THINGS THAT YOU CAN'T FORGET BECAUSE THEY ARE PART OF THE D.N.A. OF YOUR COMMUNITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT BETTER TONIGHT AND I THINK THAT I HAVE -- THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOU WILL HEAR A LOT FROM A LOT OF FOLKS WHO ARE WHITE IN THE COMMUNITY IS THE FRUSTRATION, I'LL -- BECAUSE THEY DON'T CONSIDER THEMSELVES RACIST. I DON'T. AND I CAN TELL YOU HAVING WORKED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN HOUSTON, THAT I BELIEVE WHEN I HEAR A WHITE WILL SAY IN AUSTIN COMPARED TO WHAT I HEARD WHITES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN HOUSTON, THAT MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IS THAT THIS CITY, WITH THAT WHITE -- THAT WHITES IN THIS CITY HAVE A DIFFERENT, BETTER, MORE ENLIGHTENED ATTITUDE. THE HOUSTON OF THE COMMUNITY. I DO BELIEVE THAT. ON -- THE HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY. ON THE OTHER HAND AFTER TONIGHT I UNDERSTAND MUCH BETTER THAT AUSTIN DOES NOT MAKE PEOPLE FEEL WELCOME. I UNDERSTAND THAT. RABINA AND JOHN, I APPRECIATE THAT, YOU ALL HAVE REALLY MADE THAT POSSIBLE. JOHN I THANK YOU, TOO. I UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU HAVE A WEBSITE THAT COMPLETELY DOES NOT OR HAS VERY LITTLE ABOUT WHAT IS THE AVAILABLE FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY THAT SENDS A MESSAGE THAT DOWNTOWN CARE AND THAT WHAT WE CHOOSE TO CELEBRATE, WHAT WE CHOOSE TO PROMOTE, WHAT WE CHOOSE TO PAY ATTENTION TO SEND A MESSAGE ABOUT WHAT WE CARE ABOUT. WE DO NEED MOVEMENT, WE DO NEED FORWARD PROGRESS. WE ALSO NEED TO GET BACK TO BEING BROTHERS AND SISTERS AGAIN, WE NEED TO LOVE EACH OTHER LIKE BROTHERS AND SISTERS. I LOVE EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM LIKE A BROTHER AND A SISTER. I'M GLAD WE CAME HERE TONIGHT TOGETHER. TO START WORKING TOGETHER, LISTENING AND LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER. MY FRIEND JEFFREY RICHARD, UNDER 40 ELECTED OFFICIAL, I THOUGHT JEFFREY SAID IT THE BEST,

WHEN HE SAID WE DON'T ALL SING THE SAME NOTE, BUT TOGETHER WE MAKE A BEAUTIFUL HARMONY. SO GOD BLESS YOU ALL, GOD BLESS ALL OF US, LOVE YOU, THANKS A LOT. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WORK, YOUR PATIENCE AND THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR WHAT WE ARE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF ITEMS I THINK WE CAN GET DONE RATHER QUICKLY. THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEM 31, 33, 34. IF STAFF IS READY. YOU ARE NO HELP AT ALL, DAVID. COUNCIL, ITEM NO. 31. FOLKS, IF I CAN COULD YOU TO PLEASE TAKE YOUR CONVERSATIONS OUT IF THE FOYER, IT WOULD HELP US. WE HAVE A FEW MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO TRY TO GET DONE. YOU ARE WELCOME TO HANG AROUND THE BUILDING AS LONG AS YOU WANT, PLEASE TAKE YOUR CONVERSATIONS OUT INTO THE FOYER. THANK YOU. 31 IS CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO EXHIBIT A AFFECTING THE GREENCHOICE ENERGY RIDER. WELCOME MR. JUAN GARZA.

MAYOR, I'LL KEEP THIS REAL BRIEF. WE ARE HERE AGAIN WITH OUR WORLD FAMOUS I THINK GREENCHOICE PROGRAM. WE ARE ON OUR FOURTH BATCH. WE ARE PROPOSING FOURTH BATCH AT 3.5 CENTS PER KILOWATT HOUR. AND AS YOU ALL KNOW, THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT ESSENTIALLY WE PASSED THROUGH THE COST TO OUR CUSTOMERS, AUSTIN ENERGY DOES NOT MAKE A PROFIT ON GREEN CHOICE. WE USE IT AS A WAY FOR OUR CUSTOMERS TO HEDGE AGAINST THE INCREASING COST OF FUEL, OF NATURAL GAS ESPECIALLY. I AM HERE TO -- TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING GREEN CHOICE. BUT WE URGE YOU TO APPROVE A NEW RATE AT 3.5 CENTS PER KILOWATT HOUR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. GARZA, QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL? COMMENTS? WE HAVE NO CITIZENS SIGNED UP ON ITEM NO. 31, THESE -- 3 OR 31, THESE TWO ARE RELATED. REMIND ME, MR. GARZA, DOES THIS GO THROUGH OUR ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION OR OUR RESOURCES COMMISSION, HOW DOES THIS --

WE HAVE TAKEN IT THROUGH THE ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION, THEY APPROVED IT. WE TOOK IT TO THE R.M.C., THEY DID NOT VOTE ON IT, BUT THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT THEY SUPPORTED IT. IT WASN'T ON THE AGENDA AS THE VOTING ITEM, BUT WE DID HAVE THEM REVIEW IT AND RECEIVED VERY FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THEM.

GREAT, THANK YOU. AGAIN, QUESTIONS? OF STAFF? COMMENTS? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN -- SINCE -- ARE THERE ANY CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS US ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NO. 31 REGARDING OUR GREENCHOICE ENERGY RIDER? HEARING NONE I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO BOTH CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE ORDINANCE POSTED AS ITEM NO. 3 ON THE AGENDA. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM. TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE REGARDING OUR GREENCHOICE PROGRAM. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE? AYE.

OPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER TEMPORARILY OFF THE DAIS. THANK YOU ALL, THAT TAKES US TO OUR TWO ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARINGS, 33 AND 34. WELCOME MS. COLLIER.

GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS VIRGINIA COLLIER WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT, ITEM NO. 33 IS A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED WATERSEDGE LIMITED PURPOSE ANNEXATION AREA. ORDINANCE READINGS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 23rd. THIS AREA INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY 418 ACRES LOCATED IN TRAVIS COUNTY EAST OF THE AUSTIN BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER EVER THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 71 EAST AND DOCTOR SCOTT DRIVE. THE WATERSEDGE AREA IS BEING PROPOSED FOR A CONSENTUAL LIMITED PURPOSE ANNEXATION AND PHASED TO FULL PURPOSE STATUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPER'S REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION. COPIES OF THE PLANNING STUDY AND REGULATORY PLAN ARE LOCATED ON THE TABLE BEHIND ME THIS EVENING, THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? IF

NOT, ONE CITIZEN SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. IF HE'S STILL HERE HE GETS THE AWARD TONIGHT. STEVE BROWNE. STEVE BROWNE SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS PROPOSED ANNEXATION. ALTHOUGH THIS IS JUST A PUBLIC HEARING, NOT ACTION. ARE ANY OTHER CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS US REGARDING THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NO. 33, THE LIMITED PURPOSE ANNEXATION OF THE WATERSEDGE ANNEXATION AREA? HEARING NONE I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken, ALL IN FAVOR.

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Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER OFF THE DAIS.

ITEM NO. 34, THIS IS ALSO THE SECOND OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE HARRIS BRANCH APARTMENTS SMART HOUSING ANNEXATION AREA. ORDINANCE READINGS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 23rd. THIS AREA INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY 21 ACRES AND IS LOCATED IN TRAVIS COUNTY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF DESSAU ROAD AND PARMER LANE. THIS TRACT IS THE SITE OF A PROPOSED SMART HOUSING DEVELOPMENT THAT INCLUDES 250 UNIT APARTMENT COMMUNITY. UPON ANNEXATION THE CITY WILL TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY AND IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING SERVICES NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. COPIES OF THE SERVICE PLAN ARE AVAILABLE THIS EVENING ON THE TABLE BEHIND ME. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. COLLIER, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? IF NOT, ARE THERE ANY CITIZENS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US REGARDING THIS PUBLIC HEARING, THE ANNEXATION OF THE HARRIS BRANCH APARTMENTS SMART HOUSING AREA? HEARING NONE I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE.

SO MOVE.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS,

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING. ALL IN FAVOR.

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Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER OFF THE DAIS. THANK YOU, MS. COLLIER. SO, COUNCIL THAT I THINK -- MS. SPENCE, THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR ACTION ITEMS.

[INDISCERNIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: WE DID A COMBINED MOTION ON 3 AND 31. CLOSED THE 31 PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVED THE ORDINANCE ITEM NO. 3. COUNCIL ACTUALLY LEAVES US WITH ONE ITEM WHICH IS OUR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM, SO AT THIS TIME WE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO TAKE UP AGENDA ITEM 25 RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH OUR FIREFIGHTERS. THIS IS OUR LAST ITEM OF THE EVENING. I DON'T EXPECT US TO BE IN CLOSED SESSION THAT LONG. WE WILL COME OUT IN A FEW MINUTES SOLELY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION.

Mayor Wynn: WE ARE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION, IN CLOSED SESSION RETALKED ABOUT ITEM NO. 25 REPRESENTED TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OF FIREFIGHTERS. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. WE ARE BACK IN OPEN SESSION ONLY TO ADJOURN, THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. 11:39 P.M.

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