

Closed Caption Log, Council Meeting, 08/10/06

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Mayor Wynn: GOOD MORNING, I'M AUSTIN MAYOR WILL WYNN, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME DR. DAVID HANEY THE SENIOR PASTOR AT RIVER BEND BAPTIST CHURCH TO LEAD US IN OUR INVOCATION, PLEASE RISE.

WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU WOULD GIVE THOSE GATHERED IN THIS ROOM TODAY THE GRACE TO KNOW THE RIGHT THINGS TO DO. THE COURAGE TO ALWAYS DO THEM. WE ASK THIS IN THY NAME.

THANK YOU, THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT AT THIS TIME I WILL CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, WHICH IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 10th, 2006, APPROXIMATELY 10:14 A.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 301 WEST SECOND STREET. BEFORE I GO THROUGH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS ON THIS WEEK'S POSTED AGENDA, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE CITY MANAGER TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO -- TO ALERT US AND INFORM US ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN A SECURITY ISSUE NATIONWIDE AND OBVIOUSLY IT'S GOING TO BE AFFECTING THE BERGSTROM AIRPORT.

Futrell: UPDATE EVERYBODY ON WHAT THEY CAN EXPECT HERE IN AUSTIN, AT THE AIRPORT WHILE THE NCAA AND ACTUALLY THE WORLD IS WORKING WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO RESPOND, I WOULD ASK BRUCE TO GIVE US AN UPDATE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNCIL, JUST TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF

UPDATE, THE HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT AT THE U.S. HAS IMPLEMENTED THE ORANGE SECURITY LEVEL FOR NATIONAL AIRPORTS. SPECIFICALLY AIRPORTS IN THE NATION, INCLUDING AUSTIN. SPECIFIC THREAT AS YOU KNOW IS FOR THE TERRORIST TO BOARD AN AIRCRAFT WITH OBJECTS CONTAINING...ING LIQUID COMPONENTS, LATER FORMED INTO A BOMB, EXPLODED ON THE AIRCRAFT. AS ABIA WE ARE IMPLEMENTING SEVERAL SECURITY MEASURES, SEVERAL OF THESE MEASURES ARE VISIBLE AND SEVERAL OF COURSE ARE NOT VISIBLE. SOME OF THE MORE VISIBLE MEASURES THAT YOU WILL BE SEEING AT THE AIRPORT IN AUSTIN IS THE INCREASED CANINE PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE AIRPORT AREA. WE HAVE OFFICERS STATIONED AT ALL OF OUR SCREENING CHECK POINTS AT THE AIRPORT. WE WILL HAVE OFFICER PRESENCE IN THE BAGGAGE CLAIM AND BOARDING GATE AREAS. INCREASED OFFICER PRESENCE APPROACHING THE TERMINAL, LEAVE THE TERMINAL AREAS. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE STERILE AREA WITH ANY LIQUIDS, BOTTLED WATER, DRINKS, SOFT DRINKS, COFFEE, LOTION, CREAMS, ANYTHING LIKE THAT NEEDS TO BE CHECKED INTO CHECKED BAGGAGE PRIOR TO LEAVING. WHICH AGAIN COULD CAUSE DELAYS IF WE DON'T DO THAT. TSA PERSONNEL, THAT'S THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL WILL BE PRESENT AT THE BOARDING GATES, WILL BE DOING CHECKS TO ENSURE PEOPLE THAT PURCHASE DRINKS IN THE AIRPORT DON'T BOARD THE AIRCRAFT WITH THOSE DRINKS, LEAVE THEM IN A STERILE AREA. ALSO WE WILL SEE INCREASED PATROLS AROUND THE AREA PERIMETER. THERE ARE DELAYS OCCURRING THROUGHOUT THE AIRPORT SYSTEM. MOSTLY THIS IS DUE TO INCREASED SCREENING TIMES THAT I JUST MENTIONED AS WELL AS PREFLIGHT INSPECTIONS FOR BOARDING THE AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER AT OUR AIRPORT THERE CURRENTLY ARE NO DELAY, WAIT TIMES NORMAL THROUGH THE SCREENING PROCESS. HOWEVER IT IS RECOMMENDED BECAUSE OF THE CHECKS AND THE PEOPLE HAVING TO TAKE THE TIME TO TAKE OUT THE WATER AND RECHECK LUGGAGE, ET CETERA, THEY ARE RECOMMENDED FOLKS ARRIVE 90 MINUTES TO TWO HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED FLIGHT. THAT'S CURRENT UPDATE. ANY QUESTIONS?

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS OF THE CHIEF, COUNCIL?

Futrell: ALL RIGHT, THE LAST CONTINUING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE IS OBVIOUSLY THERE'S GOING TO BE AN EFFECT THAT'S GOING TO SNOW BALL DURING THE DAY AS FLIGHTS COULD GET DELAYED FROM OTHER AIRPORTS INTO OUR AIRPORT. SO ONCE AGAIN THE KEY PIECE OF ADVICE IS IF YOU ARE FLYING OUT TODAY, LOOK FOR 90 MINUTES TO TWO HOURS IN ADVANCE AT THE AIRPORT TO GIVE YOU THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME TO BE SURE THAT YOU DON'T MISS YOUR FLIGHT. THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S POSTED AGENDA. I WILL GO THROUGH THOSE QUICKLY. ITEMS 33 AND 34 RELATED TO TREE TRIMMING CONTRACTS WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 24th. ITEM NO. 40 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 58, WE SHOULD INSERT THE PHRASE AND WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS UNDER CHAPTER 14-8 OF THE CODE. THIS IS FOR THE AISD 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND PARADE. ITEM NO. 59, WE SHOULD INSERT THE -- THE ORDINANCE NUMBER 040826-58, AND THE PHRASE WHICH ESTABLISHED THE NORTH UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. NOTE THAT I WILL BE JOINING COUNCILMEMBERS LEFFINGWELL, THE MAYOR PRO TEM AS A CO-SPONSOR. PUBLIC HEARING THEM ITEM NO. 76, WE SHOULD INSERT THE PHRASE AND CONSIDER ACTION. WE ARE HAVING BOTH THE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN APPEAL OF A PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION. OUR TIME CERTAINS FOR TODAY, AT 11:00 A.M. HERE IN A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE CONSENT AGENDA, WE WILL HAVE MORNING BRIEFINGS. THOSE WILL BE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE PROPOSED 2006-2007 BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS AND REC, LIBRARY, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGETS, BRIEFING HERE IN A FEW MINUTES. AT NOON WE WILL BREAK FOR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS. AT 3:00 WE WILL HAVE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. AT 4:00 WE HAVE OUR ZONING AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESTRICTIVE

COVENANTS. WE WILL NOTE NOW THAT ON ITEM NO. 73, I'M TOLD THAT COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL WILL BE REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT OF THAT ITEM, WE TECHNICALLY CAN'T TAKE THAT UP UNTIL AFTER 4:00 P.M. 5:30 WE BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, OUR PERFORMANCE TODAY IS FROM KID'S ACTING. AT 6:00 PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS. SO FAR, COUNCIL, THERE ARE -- THERE ARE THREE ITEMS PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA. ITEM NO. 2, PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA BECAUSE IT ACTUALLY REQUIRES A ROLL CALL VOTE PER STATE LAW. COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ HAS PULLED OFF ITEM NO. 30. AND THEN TECHNICALLY ITEM NO. 61 AS IT RELATES TO ITEM NO. 2 WILL ALSO BE OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I WANT TO SAY A QUICK WORD OF EXPLANATIONS OF ITEMS 33, 34, THE TREE TRIMMING CONTRACTS. AS YOU JUST SAID THEY ARE POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 24th AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT -- THAT WE DID CONVENE A TREE TRIMMING TASK FORCE THAT SPENT MANY LONG HOURS IN TRYING TO WORK OUT SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS. AND SOME OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE FORWARDED TO THE CITY STAFF TO TRY TO WORK THEM OUT, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THEM. THAT PROCESS HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED. BUT I HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY THE CITY MANAGER THAT IT WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE ACTION IS TAKEN ON AUGUST 24th.

AND PROBABLY THE ONLY OTHER CAVEAT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADHERE, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING OUR RESPONSE AND AN ACTION PLAN ON THAT REPORT. WE WILL THAT OUT IN ADVANCE OF THE 24th. I HAVE COMPLETELY A TOUR OF A HANDFUL OF NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ON THE TREE TRIMMING ISSUES. I DO WANT TO STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE RUNNING LOW ON THIS CONTRACT. WE WILL PROBABLY BE OUT OF CONTRACTIBILITY BY THE 24th. AND SO WHEN WE BRING THIS BACK TO YOU ON THE 24th, WE WILL BE AT A VERY CRITICAL POINT IN TIME FOR GETTING THAT ITEM BROUGHT FORWARD.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FURTHER ITEMS TO BE PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA? THEN HEARING NONE, I WILL READ THE CONSENT AGENDA THIS MORNING NUMERICALLY. OUR CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE TO APPROVE ITEMS NUMBER 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 26, 27, 28, 29, 31... 3, 32 -- 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 ITEM 57 ARE THE FOIMENTS TO APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THAT I WILL READ INTO THE RECORD. ASIAN RESOURCE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD SNEACIAL..... [INDISCERNIBLE] AS A CONSENSUS REAPPOINTMENT. TO THE ELECTRIC BOARD, RANDY [INDISCERNIBLE] IS COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN'S REAPPOINTMENT. TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION, RAUL ALVAREZ IS COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ'S APPOINTMENT. ETHICS REVIEW DISCUSSION, KATHRYN KYLE IS A CONSENSUS NOMINATION REPRESENTING THE AUSTIN BAR ASSOCIATION, VELMA PRICE IS A CONSENSUS CONFIRMATION. RENAISSANCE MARKET COMMISSION, JEFFREY BECKAGE IS A CONSENSUS REAPPOINTMENT. SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION, CASEY WALKER IS A CONSENSUS REAPPOINTMENT. TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS, ROSE LANDCASTER IS A CONSENSUS REAPPOINTMENT. TO THE WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION RONNIE JONES IS COUNCILMEMBER COLE'S APPOINTMENT. THAT'S ITEM NO. 56 ON OUR CONSENT AGENDA. CONTINUING ON, ITEM 58, 59, 60, AND THAT WILL BE OUR CONSENT AGENDA. I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

MAYOR? YES, COUNCILMEMBER --

CITY CLERK, ACTUALLY. [LAUGHTER]

JUST A COUPLE OF CORRECTIONS FOR THE CONSENT ITEM. 33 AND 34 SHOULD BE CONSENT WITH POSTPONEMENT UNTIL 8-24.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ITEM 40 SHOULD BE CONSENT WITHDRAWN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. AGAIN COUNCIL SO -- SO ITEMS 33

AND 34 CONSENT FOR POSTPONEMENT TO AUGUST 34th --
AUGUST 24th, EXCUSE ME. AND ITEM 40th TO BE
WITHDRAWN. I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

MOVE APPROVAL.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL,
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken TO APPROVE
THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. COMMENTS?
COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

MAYOR, ANOTHER SMALL STEP IN OUR CONTINUING
EFFORTS TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY AND -- HERE IN AUSTIN.
IT RELATES TO -- TO CNG INSTALLATIONS, I WOULD JUST
LIKE FOR MR. JOHN STEPHENS TO IN A FEW BRIEF
EXPLANATORY REMARKS ABOUT THAT EFFORT.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. THERE ARE THREE ITEMS ON
THE AGENDA RELATED TO A PROJECT THAT WE HAVE BEEN
WORKING ON FOR SOME TIME NOW. WHICH IS THE
INSTALLATION OF A COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUELING
FACILITY OUT ON TODD LANE. LAST -- AT THE LAST COUNCIL
MEETING IN JULY, COUNCIL APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF
SIX VEHICLES THAT WILL BE RETROFITTED FROM DIESEL TO
BURNED COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS. THE THREE ITEMS
THAT YOU HAVE ON THE AGENDA TODAY ARE RELATED TO
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ACTUAL FACILITY ITSELF. OUR
GOAL WITH THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN TO FIND AN
ALTERNATIVE TO DIESEL FUEL, ESSENTIALLY FOR TWO
REASONS. ONE IS BECAUSE IT WILL HELP US GREATLY
REDUCE THE EMISSIONS FROM -- FROM DIESEL FUEL AND
ALSO BECAUSE IT HELPS US DIVERSIFY OUR FUEL SOURCE.
WE HAVE CHOSEN THIS TODD LANE SITE BECAUSE THAT'S
WHERE SOLID WASTE VEHICLES ARE PARKED OVERNIGHT.
THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 300 OF THOSE THAT MAY
POTENTIALLY AT SOME POINT BE CONVERTED TO CNG OR
LARGE NUMBER OF THEM. WE STARTING WITH THE
CAPACITY TO FUEL 35 TRUCKS. IN THE FUTURE WE WILL BE
CONVERTING MORE OF THESE AS WE GO, WHICH WILL ALSO
HELP US BRING THE COST OF THE FUEL, COST OF THE CNG
FUEL DOWN ULTIMATELY TO WHERE I THINK IT WILL BE A
COMPETITIVE WITH DIESEL. SO THIS ALLOWS US TO -- TO
CARRY FORWARD WITH THAT PROJECT. I THINK THAT IT'S

ALSO A GOOD SIGNAL TO ANY GRANTING AGENCIES OUT THERE THAT THE CITY WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO HANDLE ALTERNATE FUEL SOURCES LIKE THIS, SO WE MAYBE ABLE TO COMPETE FOR SOME FUTURE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES. SO I THINK THIS IS A GREAT PROJECT AND WE ARE HAPPY TO SEE IT GET UNDERWAY.

THANK YOU, WE KEEP MAKING THESE SMALL STEPS PRETTY SOON WE ARE GOING TO GET SOMEWHERE [LAUGHTER]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. STEPHENS. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? I WILL JUST SAY ITEM NO. 60, I WILL THANK COUNCILMEMBERS KIM AND LEFFINGWELL WELL FOR SPONSORING THIS. ITEM NO. 60 IS -- IS ANOTHER SMALL BUT IMPORTANT STEP AS WE TALK ABOUT ENERGY POLICY, FUNDAMENTALLY HOW THAT AFFECTS OUR AIR QUALITY HERE IN THE AUSTIN AREA. AND THIS IS A RESOLUTION THAT DIRECTS THE CITY MANAGER TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO -- TO BRING FORTH TO COUNCIL HOW WE WOULD GO ABOUT HAVING CODE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOMES BUILT IN AUSTIN BY 2015, THE 0 ENERGY -- BE 0 ENERGY CAPABLE HOMES. ESSENTIALLY WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT NEW HOMES BUILT AFTER 2015 BECAUSE OF LIKELY DRAMATIC ENERGY EFFICIENCIES, PERHAPS REDUCING ENERGY USE BY SAY 60 TO 70% PER HOME, DEFINED WITH ONSITE GENERATION, LIKELY PHOTOVOLTAIC TECHNOLOGY, CLEARLY THE FUTURE IS 0 ENERGY CAPABLE HOMES. THE NATIONAL AIA, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS TARGETED THE YEAR 2030 FOR A NATIONAL PLAN TO HAVE ALL HOMES BE 0 ENERGY CAPABLE. WE BELIEVE IN AUSTIN WE CAN DO THAT SOONER THAN THAT. IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR AUSTIN TO -- TO, YOU KNOW, REVISIT OUR BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS SO AS PART OF THAT EFFORT WITH THE TASK FORCE OF BUILDERS AND ARCHITECTS AND -- AND TECHNICIANS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW BY CHANGING OUR CODE WE CAN TARGET 0 ENERGY CAPABLE HOMES, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOMES BY 2015, ANOTHER SMALL STEP, BUT ALSO ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP AS AUSTIN CONTINUES TO -- TO PLAY A DISPRO.....
DISPROPORTIONATE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY, THE FACT THAT WE CAN TARGET AND WILL ATTEMPT TO DELIVER 0 ENERGY CAPABLE HOMES, YOU

KNOW, IN OUR -- IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE IS AN IMPORTANT STEP, I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT. COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. FIRST OF ALL ENVIRONMENT, SECOND OF ALL BECAUSE OF THE COST OF FUEL, IT'S GOING TO HELP US AS A REGION MAKE AUSTIN MORE AFFORDABLE IF PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO USE THAT EXTRA PONY FOR OTHER NEEDS FOR THEIR HOMES, OTHER THAN THEIR ELECTRIC BILL. WE WOULD ALL LIKE TO SEE SAVINGS IN THAT RESPECT RIGHT NOW. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS ACTUALLY BEING DONE IN CALIFORNIA FOR -- FOR CERTAIN SUBDIVISIONS. STILL VERY SMALL THE NUMBER OF SUBDIVISIONS THAT CAN DO THIS. WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE IN AUSTIN IS NOT REALLY NEW BUT IT IS EXPANSIVE IN THE SCOPE AND THE -- AND THE AMBITIOUS ATTEMPTS HERE AND THE GOAL TO MAKE ALL NEW SUBDIVISIONS, ALL NEW HOMES 0 ENERGY BY 2015. ALSO, THIS IS -- THIS IS SOMETHING THAT -- SOMETHING THAT WILL BE RAISED BY MYSELF, I'M SURE BY THE MAYOR AT THE NATIONAL -- THE CITIES AND THE CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AS A MODEL FOR OTHER COUNTRIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL AS OTHER CITIES AROUND THE NATION. SO I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THIS AND I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM AND THE OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS AND THE TASK FORCE MEMBERS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? 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. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF DISCUSSION ITEMS. FIRST AND FOREMOST ITEM NO. 2, IS OUR FORMAL ADOPTING OF THE MAXIMUM PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET. IF YOU REMEMBER BEGINNING LAST YEAR, I BELIEVE, STATE LAWS REQUIRES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO GO THROUGH A VERY SCRIPTED FORMAT WHEN WE TAKE THIS UP. STAFF HAS BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO

I BELIEVE PUT A SCRIPT IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY SO WE CAN JUST FOLLOW ALONG. BUT WE WILL RECOGNIZE MAYBE A BRIEF STAFF EXPLANATION.

FIRST OF ALL, MAYOR, THIS IS ALSO TIED TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF COUNCIL WOULD LIKE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION BEFORE THEY TAKE ACTION ON THIS, THIS CAN BE DELAYED. BUT WE ARE ALSO READY TO PROCEED WITH THE INFORMATION ON IT. THE LAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION THE TAX CODE WAS SIGNIFICANTLY AMENDED TO NOW REQUIRE -- A FORMAL VOTE IF -- IF A TAXING AUTHORITY RAISES THE TAX RATE ABOVE THE LOWER OF THE EFFECTIVE RATE, OR THE -- OR THE ROLL BACK RATE. I WILL CALL THAT THE STATUTORY MAXIMUM. ANY RATE ABOVE THE LOWER OF THE COLORADO-BACK RATE OR THE EFFECTIVE RATE THAT A TAXING AUTHORITY WANTED DID ADOPT MUST BE APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE. IN ADDITION THERE'S A REQUIREMENT THAT VERY SPECIFIC NOTICE OF A HEARING THAT THERE BE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SPECIFICALLY WORDED NOTICE OF THAT HEARING BE MADE BY THE TAXING AUTHORITY. YOU WILL RECALL THAT LAST YEAR THERE WAS SOME STATUTORY LANGUAGE. IT'S VERY DIFFERENT THIS YEAR, THE REASON FOR THAT IS LAST YEAR THERE WAS A BILL PASSED THAT HAS -- DOLLAR AMOUNTS ALL KINDS OF CALCULATIONS REQUIRED. PASSED WITH A SEPTEMBER 1st EFFECTIVE DATE, WHICH MEANT IT MISSED THE TAX CYCLE FOR 2005. THE LEGISLATURE WENT IN AND ADOPTED A SECOND BILL THAT GAVE US THE LANGUAGE THAT WE HAD TO USE LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR THE LANGUAGE IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU SAW LAST YEAR. THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE PROMISE GATES A -- PROMULGATES A MODEL FORM, STAFF IS PREPARING A NOTICE THAT TRACKS THAT MODEL FORM.

MY SENSE IS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION ON THAT ITEM, NO EXECUTIVE SESSION. WANT TO CONFIRM THAT. SO WE WILL TAKE UP THESE TWO ITEMS, NUMBER 2 ADOPTING THE MAXIMUM PROPOSED TAX RATE AND THEN ITEM NO. 61 SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM NO. 2 FIRST. I WILL JUST READ MY SCRIPT HERE. STATE TAXATION TAX LAWS REQUIRE THAT WE TAKE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE TAX RATE WE DECIDE TO PROPOSE. IF THAT RATE IS HIGHER THAN THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF 39.86 CENTS,

PER \$100 IN VALUATION, WE WILL TAKE UP ITEM NO. 61 SCHEDULED TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THIS PROPOSED TAX RATE. SO -- SO HAVING READ THAT, I WILL NOW ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM NO. 2. COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: IT IS -- I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS -- WAS POSTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO THE POSTING, SPECIFICALLY THE LANGUAGE. SO MY QUESTION IS, IF WE VOTE ON THIS NOW, ARE WE -- DO WE STILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSTING LANGUAGE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION?

THE LANGUAGE OF THE NOTICE OF HEARING, WHICH IS ALL THAT WOULD BE PUBLISHED TODAY, IS SET BY STATUTE. COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO -- TO ADVISE STAFF IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ADDITIONS TO THAT LANGUAGE, IN CONNECTION WITH ITEM 61, I BELIEVE, WHICH IS SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

Leffingwell: WELL, THIS VERY SAME ISSUE CAME UP LAST YEAR AND WE DID DISCUSS IT PRIOR IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE EXACT REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSTING LANGUAGE. AND I REALLY DON'T WANT TO GET INTO IT RIGHT HERE, BUT I WOULD RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT WE DO WAIT UNTIL EXECUTIVE SESSION TO TAKE THIS ITEM UP.

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH. THAT'S A VALID -- SLOWING DOWN. SO THEN COUNCIL WITHOUT OBJECTION, I AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, WE WILL TABLE ACTION ON ITEMS NUMBER 2 AND 61. WE ARE POSTED TO TAKE THOSE UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH WE WILL COULD AT SOME POINT LATER THIS MORNING WE WILL DO AT SOME POINT LATER THIS MORNING. THANK YOU ALL.

COUNCIL, LET'S SEE. I GUESS THAT TAKES US BACK TO ITEM NO. 30 PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ RELATED TO TAXICAB FRANCHISE.

Martinez: THANKS, MAYOR. I KIND OF CAME ON TO THE COUNCIL RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS PROCESS ROY'S

TAXI BEING SOLD, THE POTENTIAL FOR A THIRD FRANCHISE COMING ON LINE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR AWARDED A NEW FRANCHISE WAS BASED ON A LOTTERY SYSTEM. IT'S SOMETHING THAT I BELIEVE IS NOT A GOOD PUBLIC POLICY. SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T USE FOR ANY OTHER DECISION MAKING IN AWARDED FRANCHISES. SO YOU KNOW I THINK BEFORE WE GET INTO TOO MANY DETAILS OF THE ITEM BEFORE US, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE NOT CONDUCT THE LOTTERY SELECTION AND THAT WE NOT ADOPT THE ORDINANCE THAT'S BEFORE US. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS DIRECT CITY STAFF TO CREATE A MERIT CRITERIA BASED SELECTION PROCESS FOR AWARDED THE FRANCHISE, THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, THEY HAVE PASSED SOME RECOMMENDATIONS THE OTHER NIGHT THAT I THINK GIVE US A GOOD STARTING POINT TO CREATE A MERIT BASED SYSTEM. I REALLY WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THE WORK BECAUSE THEY CREATED A GROUND TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE THAT MET TWO TIMES A WEEK UNTIL THEY WERE ABLE TO COME UP WITH -- WITH WHAT THEY BELIEVED WAS -- WAS YOU KNOW A BETTER SYSTEM OF SELECTING ANY FRAN -- A NEW FRANCHISE. WITH THAT AS A STARTING POINT, I WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT STAFF TO COME BACK TO US AND BRING BACK SOME CHANGES TO THE CODE THAT CREATES THE MERIT BASED SYSTEM THAT I BELIEVE IS THE BEST WAY OF MAKING THIS TYPE OF DECISION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. I GUESS THAT I WILL ENTERTAIN -- BEFORE I ENTERTAIN A PARTICULAR MOTION A FEW QUESTIONS OF STAFF, I GUESS. IS -- I AGREE WITH THE CONCEPT OF COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ'S COMMENTS THAT IS I, TOO, AM NOT COMFORTABLE WITH JUST A SIMPLE LOTTERY FORMAT. BUT OF COURSE THAT BEGS THE QUESTION, IN PRACTICAL TERMS HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE, I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE ACTION THAT THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION TOOK, BUT HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE STAFF TO -- TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF --

WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS, WE HAVE REVIEWED THE CRITERIA, WE THINK THAT THEY HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB. HAS A GREAT STARTING POINT. THERE ARE REALLY A COUPLE OF MINOR THINGS THAT WE THINK

WE NEED TO TWEAK. WE THINK THAT WE CAN DO THAT WITHIN A MATTER OF THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AND RETURN ON AUGUST 24th WITH THE CODE CHANGE. WE CAN ALSO RETURN WITH THE FINAL MATRIX, RIGHT AFTER THAT WE WOULD GO INTO THE SELECTION PROCESS.

Martinez: GREAT.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

Cole: I WOULD LIKE TO SECOND COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ'S MOTION. ALSO DIRECT THE STAFF IN THE MERIT AND QUALIFICATION CONSIDERATIONS TO LOOK AT THE FINANCIAL STRENGTH OF THE COMPANIES AND ALSO THEIR A.D.A. ACCESSIBILITY.

THOSE ARE BOTH INCLUDED IN THE CRITERIA.

A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE TO POSTPONE ITEM NO. 30 TO AUGUST 24th, 2006, DIRECT CITY STAFF TO COME BACK AT THAT TIME WITH A MATRIX FORMAT FOR AWARDED TAXICAB FRANCHISE.

I THINK ACTUALLY WITH THAT MOTION YOU WOULD BASICALLY BE DISAPPROVING THE LOTTERY SYSTEM THAT ITEM THAT IS POSTED FOR ACTION TODAY. THEN THAT WOULD JUST GO AWAY AND THEN WE WOULD COME BACK WITH CODE CHANGES FOR THE NEW SYSTEM.

THANKS FOR THE CLARIFICATION. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? I GUESS MY REQUEST WOULD BE ONCE AGAIN IN ADVANCE OF COMING TO COUNCIL, IF THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION COULD SEE THAT FINAL IN THE RECOMMENDATION BY STAFF.

RIGHT. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH THEM AND THEY HAVE A MEETING ON MONDAY AND THEN THEY ARE GOING TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING THE FOLLOWING MONDAY AND SO WE WILL BE WORKING REAL CLOSELY WITH THEM AND ABSOLUTELY BE WORKING TOGETHER ON THE CRITERIA.

MAYOR, I DEFINITELY WANT TO THANK THE

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND STAFF. I KNOW IT WAS THROWN ON THEIR LAP HERE AT THE LAST MANUSCRIPT BEFORE WE WERE ABOUT TO SELECT VIA LOTTERY. I REALLY APPRECIATE THEIR HARD WORK AND THE EFFORTS THAT THEY HAVE PUT IN TO COME UP WITH A BETTER SYSTEM IN SELECTING A FRANCHISE.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: I THINK THAT IT'S BETTER THAT WE TAKE OUR TIME, LOOK AT A BETTER WAY TO SELECT OUR NEW TAXICAB FRANCHISE BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE COME TO OUR CITY, OFTENTIMES THE FIRST IMPRESSION THEY GET IS AT THE AIRPORT, WHO GREETES THEM, THAT SMILING FACE. I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER NOT LIGHTLY AT ALL. THAT WE REALLY WANT THE BEST SERVICE FOR OUR RESIDENTS, AS WELL AS FOR OUR VISITORS. FOR THEM TO FEEL WELCOME, FOR THEM TO FEEL THAT AUSTIN IS A WONDERFUL PLACE, INCLUDING THE -- THE SERVICE THAT THEY GET FROM OUR TAXICAB PROVIDERS. SO I -- I SUPPORT THE WORK OF COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ AND THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO LOOK AT A BETTER WAY TO SELECT THE NEW FRANCHISE.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS? WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE. 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. COUNCIL, I BELIEVE THAT'S ALL OF OUR DISCUSSION ITEMS PRIOR TO OUR BUDGET PRESENTATIONS. SO -- WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE WILL NOW GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO TAKE UP POTENTIALLY ITEM NO. 63, RELATED TO LEGAL ISSUES OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 25-8 ITEM 64 RELATED TO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EEOC AND ITEM NO. 66 RELATED TO LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING THE STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS OF ADOPTING THE MAXIMUM PROPOSED TAX RATE. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. I ANTICIPATE US COMING BACK PRIOR TO NOON IN ORDER TO HAVE THE

BUDGET PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: WE HAVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WE TOOK UP ITEM NUMBER 66 RELATED TO THE STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAXIMUM TAX RATE. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE CAN NOW TAKE UP ITEMS NUMBER 2 AND 61 CHRKS WE HAD BEGUN DISCUSSING EARLIER. ITEM NUMBER IT 2 IS THE TECHNICAL ADOPTING OF THE MAXIMUM PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 AND ITEM NUMBER 61 IS SETTING THE PROPOSED AMOUNT OF THE RATE. WE'LL TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 2 FIRST AND THEN STATE TRUTH AND TAXATION LAW REQUIRES THAT WE TAKE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MAXIMUM RATE. IF THAT RATE IS HIGHER, WE WILL THEN TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 61 TO SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THAT PROPOSED TAX RATE. SO I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER 2.

Dunkerley: MAYOR, I MOVE THAT WE PROPOSE A TAX RATE OF 41.26 CENTS PER 100-DOLLAR VALUATION TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION DURING THE BUDGET APPROVAL READINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN TO PROPOSE A MACK MUSLIM TAX RATE OF 41.26 CENTS PER \$100 OF VALUATION TO CONSIDER ADOPTING DURING THE BUDGET APPROVAL READINGS IN SEPTEMBER. SO THERE WILL NEW BE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION AND I'LL ASK THE CITY CLERK TO PLEASE CALL THE ROLL. COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: THIS IS JUST TO CONSIDER -- WE CAN DO SOMETHING THAT IS UP TO THIS RATE, BUT WE CAN DEFINITELY ADOPT A RATE THAT IS BETWEEN THE EFFECTIVE AND I GUESS THE RATE THAT WE'RE SAYING IS THE ROLLBACK RATE, IS THAT CORRECT?

YES. THIS IS THE MAXIMUM RATE YOU COULD POSSIBLY

ADOPT, AND CAN YOU ADOPT ANY RATE LOWER THAN THAT.

Kim: SO IF WE WANT TO DO STRATEGIC ADDS AND THERE ARE WAYS TO DO IT WITHOUT HAVING TO DO IT WITH ADDITIONAL DOLLARS, EITHER REPROGRAMMING DOLLARS OR FINDING OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO HELP PARTNER WUSS OR SOME OTHER CREATIVE WAYS OF DOING THAT, WE DON'T WANT TO -- I KNOW I PERSONALLY AM GOING TO LOOK FOR WAYS THAT WE CAN USE EXISTING RESOURCES TO DO SOME OF THE ADDS THAT I'M CONSIDERING FROM CITIZEN REQUESTS. SO MY HOPE IS THAT WE WILL DO SOMETHING LR THAN THIS RATE BY BEING CREATIVE AND LOOKING AT THE NEEDS IN THIS COMMUNITY BURKE ALSO BEING SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FEELING THE BRUNT OF INCREASED APPRAISALS AND A HIGHER TAX BILL. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ?

Martinez: IS THIS THE PROPER TIME TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THINGS MAY COME UP WITH THE PROPOSED TAX RATE?

Mayor Wynn: SURE. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SOAKED THE TABLE.

Martinez: I HAVE A QUESTION. IF WE WERE TO STICK TO THIS RATE, CITY MANAGER, WHAT TYPE OF REVENUE WOULD THAT GENERATE?

WHEN YOU SAY THIS RATE, THE RATE YOU'RE SETTING AS THE MAX, ABOUT 8.4 MILLION.

Martinez: OKAY. WITH THAT SAID, ONE OF THE THING THIS I WANT TO REQUEST THAT WE CONSIDER IS A FIVE PERCENT HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR RESIDENTS, FOR HOMEOWNERS IN AUSTIN. I THINK THAT WHATEVER RATE WE ADOPT, OBVIOUSLY WE'VE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS AS A MEAT AND POTATOES TYPE OF YEAR, AND I FIRMLY AGREE THAT WE NEED TO REINVEST IN SOME OF THE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE, BUT BY LOOKING AT THE FIVE PERCENT HEM INSTEAD EXEMPTION, IT WOULDN'T KICK IN UNTIL NEXT YEAR, SO WHATEVER RATE WE ADOPT, WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT REVENUE TO INVEST THIS YEAR IN OUR

COMMUNITY, BUT MAYBE NEXT YEAR PROVIDE SOME TAX RELIEF FOR OUR HOMEOWNERS WHO ALSO HAVE BEEN FOOTING THE BILL FOR US AND ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO FOOT THE BILL. IT MY UNDERSTANDING THAT A FIVE PERCENT HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WOULD BE ABOUT SIX MILLION DOLLARS, SO THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE HAVE A FULL YEAR TO LOOK AT HOW THAT'S GOING TO IMPACT NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET WHEN WE ACTUALLY REALIZE THAT REVENUE LOSS IF YOU WILL. BY PROVIDING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. SO I WOULD LIKE SOME MORE INFORMATION FROM STAFF, BUT THESE ARE JUST ROUGH NUMBERS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON HOW THAT WOULD IMPACT OUR BUDGET, WHAT IT WOULD COST, AND HOW WE WOULD PLAN FOR THAT IN THE FUTURE. BUT I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY NEED TO CONSIDER IN TERMS OF IF WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT A BUDGET THAT IS INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED, THAT DOES COMMIT TO THINGS LIKE STREET MAINTENANCE AND ROADS, THAT WE ALSO LOOK TO PROVIDING SOME RELIEF AT SOME POINT TO THE HOMEOWNERS IN AUSTIN. AND SO I'M GOING TO ASK COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THAT AS WE GO THROUGH THIS BUDGET DISCUSSION. I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS DEFINITELY NECESSARY AND WARRANTED, AND COULD PROVE TO BE A GOOD THING FOR NUS THE LONG RUN.

WHAT WE WILL DO IS WE WILL TREAT THAT AS A BUDGET QUESTION, GET THAT OUT TO THE FULL COUNCIL. WE WILL INCLUDE BOTH PROCESS, TIME LINES AND POTENTIAL COST. JUST AS A MARKER, THIS YEAR BEING THE FIRST YEAR EVER -- WELL, EVER SINCE THE DOWNTURN THAT WE'VE HAD ADDITIONAL DOLLARS OUTSIDE OF OUR BASE BUDGET AND COST DRIVERS WITHIN EFFECTIVE, IT EQUATES ALMOST TO - - IN FACT, IT WAS AROUND 6.1 MILLION AND OUR EARLY ESTIMATES OF ABOUT FIVE PERCENT HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ARE SIX MILLION. I DO THINK WE NEED TO SPEND MORE TIME TO HONE THAT NUMBER AND BE SURE WE'RE GIVING YOU THE CORRECT NUMBER AND ALSO TO BE SURE YOU HAVE ALL THE PROCESS QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT TIME LINES AND WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO PUT THAT IN PLACE.

Martinez: THANK YOU.

Dunkerley: MAYOR, ALONG THOSE LINES, CITY MANAGER, WHEN DO YOU THAT BUDGET QUESTION, IF YOU COULD PLUG THOSE ASSUMPTIONS INTO THE FORECAST AND SEE WHAT IT DOES NOT ONLY NEXT YEAR, PU FIVE YEARS OUT -- BUT FIVE YEARS OUT. THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: AND ALSO, EARLIER THIS YEAR THE COUNCIL FANS L.I. REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO ACTUALLY GO WITH A LOWER APPRAISAL CAP, AND THE REASON WHY IS BECAUSE I DO AGREE WITH YOU, COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ THAT, IT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE PROTECT OUR HOMEOWNERS FROM RAISING TAX APPRAISALS, AND A GOOD REASON WHY, THAT'S THE ONLY TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT IS IN THE INCOME PRODUCING IN THE -- ANYWHERE IN TEXAS. AND SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE FOUND, AND I THINK GREG CANALLY, YOU MIGHT HAVE IT NOW, BUT IT SHOWED THAT WE COULD STILL MEET EVERY DIME OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE COMMUNITY AT OUR CURRENT TAX RATE OF 41 -- OUR CURRENT TAX RATE IS 44.3. WE ARE SIMPLY DISCUSSING TODAY HOW MUCH OF A RATE CUT. BUT WE COULD DO A TAX RATE OF 41.62 CENTS, AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS WE COULD GIVE A FIVE PERCENT APPRAISAL CAP, AND SO GREG, CAN YOU RUN THIS THROUGH WHAT HAPPENS WITH APPRAISAL CAPS VERSUS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS. THIS WAS A REASON WHY WE CHOSE APPRAISAL CAPS OVER HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS.

GREG CANALES, CURRENTLY THERE IS AN APPRAISAL CAP F THAT CAP WAS CHANGED ANOTHER SEVEN PERCENT OR FIVE PERCENT, THERE WOULD BE A NEGLIGIBLE IMPACT ON THE TAX RATE ITSELF AND A NEGLIGIBLE IMPACT ROAST..... ON THE REVENUE WE COLLECT. THERE WOULD BE NO IMPACT ON A REVENUE STANDPOINT ON GOING FROM A FIVE OR SEVEN PERCENT CAP. AS OPPOSED TO AN EXCEPTION, WE WOULD LOSE SIGNIFICANT REVENUE THAT WE COULD NOT RECAPTURE, AND AS CITY MANAGER WE'LL RUN THOSE NUMBERS AS PART OF THE BUDGET QUESTION.

McCracken: SO I THINK WE ARE ALL IN PHILOSOPHICAL

ALIGNMENT ACROSS THE BOARD THAT IT IS IMPORTANT WE MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE COMMUNITY, MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO PAVE OUR ROADS AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE SCRUBBING TOILETS IN THE PARKS. CHRIS WE'RE NOT CURRENTLY DOING. WE'RE NOT DOING SOME REAL BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES, WE'RE NOT KEEPING KIDS SAFE ENOUGH AFTER SCHOOL AND THAT REQUIRES DOLLARS. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IS HOW DO WE PROTECT HOMEOWNERS ON TAX APPRAISALS AND ALSO MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO KEEP KIDS SAFE AFTER SCHOOL AND MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO SCUB TOILETS AND PARKS AND REC CENTERS AND MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO KEEP UP THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE TAXPAYERS. WHAT WE HAVE FOUND IS IF YOU DO THE APPRAISAL CAP CAP STUDY, WHAT IT DOES -- APPRAISAL CAP ROUTE, WHAT IT DOES IS OFFERS ALL THE PROTECTION FOR HOMEOWNERS AND IT STILL ALLOWS US TO MEET MOST OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO KEEP KIDS SAFE, TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE AND INVEST IN JOB TRAINING FOR FOLKS. WE CAN MEET ALL OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROTECT HOMEOWNERS. THE CHALLENGE WITH THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IS IT DOESN'T PROTECT AGAINST THE RATE OF INCREASE AND IT HAS A VERY SIGNIFICANT HIT ON BUDGET SO THAT UNFORTUNATELY -- BECAUSE I DON'T -- YOU AND I ARE IN AGREEMENT, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS. WHAT THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION DOES IS IT WILL CAUSE US TO HAVE TO SLASH OUR BUDGET ON THINGS LIKE KEEPING KIDS SAFE AFTER SCHOOL AND SLASH OUR BUDGET. [PHONE RINGING]. MY BUDGET..... BAD. I THINK WE COULD GET A SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON OF THE BUDGET OF WHETHER WE CAN STILL MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE EXTENT AND PROTECT HOMEOWNERS, WHICH NUMBERS WORK THE BEST. BECAUSE WE CAME UP WITH THAT, BUT I THINK IT IS ALWAYS GOOD TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT THIS TOO.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

Martinez: I FIRMLY UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S SOMETHING THIS WE AS A COUNCIL ARE GOING TO HAVE AS AN ONGOING CHORE EVERY YEAR, BUT DURING AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, WE WERE ABLE TO FIND -- CLOSE A 70-MILLION-DOLLAR GAP. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE IS SIX

MILLION DOLLARS AND ANALYZED INDEXING THAT WOULD INCREASE SOMEWHAT. IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME WORK, BUT I THINK THAT'S WHY WE WERE ELECTED TO MAKE VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS. SO I DO WANT TO TAKE A STRONG LOOK AT THIS AND SEE THERE'S ANY WAY THAT WE CAN PROVIDE SOME DARRELL RELIEF. -- SOME ADDITIONAL RELIEF.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I WANTED TO ASK YOU IF WE HAD THE OPTION CURRENTLY AS A CITY TO SET FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMS FOR HOMEOWNERS -- EXEMGHTS..... OWE EXEMPTION FOR HOMEOWNERS A FIXED AMOUNT JUST AS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES AND OTHER ENTITY, SAY, FOR EXAMPLE, FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, \$10,000, INSTEAD OF A PERCENTAGE, BECAUSE THAT IN ESSENCE WOULD BE A MORE PROGRESSIVE RELIEF SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD IN EFFECT BENEFIT INSTEAD OF HIGHER INCOME HOMEOWNERS HAVING MUCH MORE RELIEF THAN THOSE WHO HAVE MODEST HOMES OR YOUNG COUPLES TO THE ELDERLY OR HAVE A FIXED INCOME AND WOULD BENEFIT MORE THAN A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR INCREASE THAN SOMEONE WHO WAS A MILLIONAIRE.

WE WERE ATTRACTED TO THAT IDEA ALSO WHEN SOME OF THE FIRST IDEAS CAME UP WITH WHETHER OR NOT TO HAVE A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. AND JOHN DID A LOT OF RESEARCH ON THIS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESPOND?

I'M GOING TO DEFER A COMPLETE ANSWER TO YOU UNTIL WE CAN GO BACK AND LOOK AT IT. I BELIEVE WE HAVE ONLY THE OPTION OF SETTING AN AMOUNT RATHER THAN A PERCENT, AND IT HAS TO BE --

McCracken: NO, OPPOSITE.

A PERCENT RATHER THAN AN AMOUNT. BUT IT HAS TO BE AT LEAST A MINIMUM OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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Kim: SO WE DO HAVE AN OPTION OF SETTING A SET

AMOUNT?

NOT A SET AMOUNT, A PERCENTAGE. KIM QUIM A PERCENTAGE ONLY.

JUST THE OPPOSITE, COUNCILMEMBER. WHEN WE LOOKED AT IT, AND WE CAN HAVE THE LAW DEPARTMENT STEP UP TOO, BUT IT APPEARED WE ONLY HAD THE ABILITY TO DO A PERCENTAGE, A MUNICIPALITY CAN ONLY DO A PERSONAL, BUT THEY DO GIVE A FLOOR AS TO WHAT THAT PERCENTAGE -- TIRKS HAS TO RESULT IN AN EXEMPTION OF AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND.

FOR THE AVERAGE HOME? FOR WHAT.

FOR ALL HOMESTEADED PROPERTY. IN OTHER WORDS, IF THE CITY CHOSE TO DO A TWO PERCENT EXEMPTION, WHICH FOR A VERY HIGH VALUE HOME COULD GET YOU ABOVE FIVE THOUSAND DLARKSZ IT WOULD HAVE TO BE AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND WHEN YOU GOT DOWN TO THE LOW END OF THE ASSESSED VALUE FOR A HOME.

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Kim: TO THE GREATER OF FIVE THOUSAND OR THE TWO PERCENT FOR IT -- THE LESSER OF?

IT WOULD BE THE GREATER OF FIVE THOUSAND OR TWO PERCENT.

WE'RE IN A LITTLE DISPREAMENT. LAW, DO YOU WANT TO STEP UP?

THERE MAY JUST BE SOME CONFUSION. THE PERCENTAGE THAT IS SET HAS TO RESULT IN AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EVERY HOMESTEAD. SO IF THE PERCENTAGE IS SET AT ONE PERCENT AND THAT'S LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR SOME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, IF WE HAVE TO KEEP RAISING THE RATE UNTIL --

EVERY SINGLE HOME IN AUSTIN SITS HITS AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THEN EVERYONE GETS THAT SAME PERCENTAGE. I SEE. THAT'S A DIFFERENT

INTERPRETATION.

IT IS.

WE'LL ALSO TAKE THIS AS A BUDGET QUESTION AND ANSWER AND WE WILL JUST DO A LITTLE MORE RESEARCH, LOCK THIS DOWN FOR YOU. IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE'VE LOOKED THAT THE.

Kim: BECAUSE THIS MAY BE SOMETHING TWOAPT PURSUE AS A LEGISLATIVE CHANGE, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE AS A COUNCIL MAY WANT TO PURSUE AND WORK WITH TML IS HAVING THAT OPTION OF INSTEAD OF FIXING US TO A NEARJ WE CAN DO A FIXED AMOUNT JUST LIKE OTHER JURISDICTIONS DO CURRENTLY.

McCracken: JUST TO KIND OF GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, BECAUSE WHAT YOU SEE IS THE COUNCIL IN COMPLETE FIS PHILOSOPHICAL ALIGNMENT. IF YOU WERE TO DO A FIVE PERCENT HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ON A 100,000-DOLLAR HOUSE, THAT WOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION IN THE TAX BILL OF 22.15 DOLLARS; HOWEVER, SINCE THE TAX APPRAISALS CAN INCREASE 10 PERCENT A YEAR, THAT -- FOR INSTANCE, SOUTH EASTERN EAST AUSTIN HAS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF INCREASES IN APPRAISALS. AND THEN -- AND IRONICALLY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE IN THE COUNTY IS OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, SOME IN WESTLAKE. INSIDE THE CITY OF AUSTIN THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE IS IN SOUTHEAST AUSTIN. THE HIGHEST RATE OF TAX APPRAISAL INCREASES ARE IN EAST AUSTIN AND IN 78704 ZIP CODE. SO AN EXAMPLE, IF HAD YOU A FIVE PERCENT HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WITH THE 10 PERCENT APPRAISAL CAP, YOU WOULD REDUCE YEAR ONE THE TAX BILL BY \$22.15, BUT IF THE TAX APPRAISAL INCREASED BY 10 PERCENT, IT WOULD ACTUALLY GO UP BY 44 BUCK, SO YOU WOULD ACTUALLY LOSE THE ENTIRE ADVANTAGE. YEAR TWO, YOUR APPRAISAL COULD STILL INCREASE BY 10 PERCENT AND 10 PERCENT. SO IT'S WIPED OUT EVEN BEFORE YEAR ONE ON A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. IF WE WENT WITH A FIVE PERCENT APPRAISAL CAP, IT DOESN'T REQUIRE US TO CUT A DIME IN OUR COMMITMENTS TO PROTECTING KIDS AFTER SCHOOL, PAVING OUR ROADS AND SCRUB THE TOILETS AT PARKS. WE

DON'T HAVE TO CUT A DIME FROM IT. AND THE OTHER BENEFIT OF IT IS THAT WHAT YOU CAN DO IS YOU CAN MAKE SURE THAT THAT 100,000-DOLLAR HOMEOWNER PAYS ZERO DOLLARS MORE BECAUSE WE'RE CUTTING THE TAX RATE TODAY BY AT LEAST SIX PERCENT. SO IF THE APPRAISAL CAP WERE FIVE, IN OTHER WORDS, EVERYBODY BY LAW IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN WOULD BE PAYING LESS THAN TAXES AS A HOMEOWNER AND APPRAISAL CAP WITH NO BUDGETARY IMPACT. WHEREAS THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WOULD BE WIPE OUT BY THE APPRAISAL INCREASES IN YEAR ONE AND COMPOUND ITSELF AFTERWARDS. SO THAT'S WHY I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T CAUSE US TO SLASH OUR COMMITMENTS TO THE LESS FORTUNATE AND KIDS AND BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE, BECAUSE DON'T HAVE TO CUT OUR COMMITMENTS AT ALL AND BECAUSE WE CAN HAVE SUPERIOR COMMITMENT TO HOMEOWNERS, THAT'S WHY THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL CONCLUDED THAT THE APPRAISAL CAP WOULD BE A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO PROVIDE THAT PROTECTION. AND I KNOW COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL AND I HAVE EACH IN PREVIOUS YEARS ALSO LOOKED AT THE PERCENTAGE VERSUS FLAT DOLLAR BECAUSE I AGREE THAT THE FLAT DOLLAR IS A MUCH FAIRER WAY TO DO IT AND THE FLAT DOLLAR IS NOT AN OPTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, ONLY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE A HELPFUL LEGISLATIVE CHANGE TOO.

McCracken: COUNCILMEMBER COLE.

Cole: THIS HAS BEEN CALLED A MEAT AND POTATOES BUDGET, AND I THINK THAT THE HARD CHOICE THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE IS WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE GOING TO ADD THE JELLY TABLES -- VEGETABLES --

FOR A BALANCED DIET.

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Cole: TO ME THAT WOULD INCLUDE SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORTH IN 'THE UNFUNDED CITY MANAGER'S DISCUSSIONS. OF COURSE I RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO PROTECT THE HOMEOWNER FROM BOTH RISING

APPRAISALS AND UNNECESSARY TAXATION, BUT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A BALANCE THAT WE'RE GOING HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT AND WE NEED TO HEAR FROM THEM ABOUT THAT BALANCE. AND THOSE VEGETABLES INCLUDE MANY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ITEMS ALONG WITH PARKS, OPEN SPACE, STREET MAINTENANCE, LIBRARIES AND EVEN MAINTAINING OUR WATER CAPACITY. SO I HOPE THAT WE REMEMBER OUR VEGETABLES AS WE TRY TO DECIDE WHAT TAX RATE TO ADOPT.

Mayor Wynn: AGAIN, COUNCIL, WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE FOR THE PROPOSED MAXIMUM TAX RATE OF 41.26 CENTS PER \$100 OF VALUATION TO CONSIDER ADOPTING DURING OUR BUDGET APPROVAL READINGS IN SEPTEMBER. IF THE CITY CLERK COULD CALL THE ROLL, WE WILL HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE.

COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

Martinez: AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: '83.

MAYOR WYNN?

AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: AYE. COUNCILMEMBER COLE?

Cole:.

Mayor Wynn: SO THE \$41.26 VALUATION PER \$100 PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO, SO NOW COUNCIL WILL TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 61. IN ITEM NUMBER 2 THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE TAX RATE PROPOSAL OF 41.26 CENTS PER \$100 IN VALUATION, WHICH IS HIGHER THAN FEHT ACTIVE TAX RATE. IN ITEM NUMBER 61 THE COUNCIL WILL SET THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THURSDAY, 6:00 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 ITS AND THURSDAY, AUGUST 31st, 2006, AS REQUIRED BY TRUTH IN TAXATION LAWS TO BE HELD AT THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT AUSTIN CITY HALL, 3. 3 WEST SECOND TREAT DOWNTOWN, AUSTIN, 78701, IN ADDITION, COUNCIL WILL SET THE MEETING DATE THAT COUNCIL WILL ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR '06-'07 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2006. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2006, AND/OR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2006, ALSO TO BE HELD HERE IN THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS. I WILL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION FOR ITEM NUMBER 61. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 61. AND APPARENTLY WE DON'T NEED TO HAVE A ROLL CALL ON ITEM NUMBER 61. SO A MOTION AND A SOAKED THE TABLE TO APPROVE THIS SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. OKAY. SO COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US A FEW MINUTES LATE TO OUR BUDGET PRESENTATION, SO I'LL RECOGNIZE THE CITY MANAGER.

Futrell: TODAY, COUNCIL, WE ARE GOING TO BE IN A SERIES OF BOTH BRIEFINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS WALKING THROUGH OUR KEY GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS, GIVING AN OVERVIEW OF THEIR BUDGET IN A LITTLE MORE DETAIL THAN WE DID IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET. TODAY WE'LL BE STARTING WITH THE CADRE OF DEPARTMENTS THAT INCLUDE PARKS, LIBRARY, HEALTH, HOUSING AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES. AND I THINK TO GET STARTED, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MIKE MCDONALD, WHO IS OVER THIS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS, IS GOING DO AN INTRO.

THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER. FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER COLE'S LEAD, WE'RE HERE TO GIVE YOU YOUR VEGETABLE

PRESENTATION. [LAUGHTER] WE'RE PLEASED TO PRESENT THE 2007 PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, WHICH CONSIST OF PARKS AND RECREATION, LIBRARY, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES. THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS CAN BE FOUND IN VOLUME I OF YOUR BUDGET DOCUMENTS. BEFORE WE PRESENT, I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST GIVE YOU A CONSOLIDATED OVERVIEW OF THE GENERAL FUND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL DEPARTMENT BUDGETS. I WILL BE PRESENTING COMBINED BUDGET FUNDING LEVELS AND YOUR HISTORICAL INVESTMENT, CHANGES IN STAFFING LEVELS, AN OVERVIEW OF STRATEGIC ADDS FUNDED AND UNFUNDED IN THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET. AND AN OVERALL CITIZEN'S SURVEY RANG. 'S SURVEY RANKING. COWRNG THE OVERALL PROPOSED 2007 INVESTMENT IN THE GENERAL FUND IS 525.3 MILLION. THE 84.6 MILLION THAT YOU SEE IS DEDICATED TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS 16% OF THE GENERAL FUND. 'LAST YEAR'S GENERAL FUND INVESTMENT IN THESE DEPARTMENTS WAS 77.6 MILLION. THIS YEAR'S INVESTMENT OF 84.6 MLG.....84.6 MILLION IS A 7 MILLION OR NINE PERCENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S FUNDING. COUNCIL, THE NEXT CHART DEPICTS FIVE YEARS OF YOUR PREVIOUS INVESTMENTS IN THE GENERAL FUND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS. THE CHART SHOWS THE CONTINUED INCREASE IN THE INVESTMENTS SINCE 2004 WHEN WE EXPERIENCED A DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY. HOWEVER, THE 84.6 MILLION THAT WE ARE PROPOSING THIS YEAR IS STILL 1.8 MILLION BELOW OUR INVESTMENT FIVE YEARS AGO IN 2002. THE 45.5 TEMPORARY POSITIONS ARE 56% OF THE 81 CONVERSIONS THAT THE CITY MANAGER IS PROPOSING CITYWIDE. COUNCIL, WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN FUNDING THE SALARIES OF THESE TEMP AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS, THE EMPLOYEE BEN SFITS THE ONLY INCREASE ASSOCIATED WITH THESE CONVERSIONS. AS THE CITY MANAGER MENTIONED EARLIER, DEPARTMENTS WERE ASKED TO IDENTIFY CRITICAL NEEDS ABOVE LAST YEAR'S FUNDING. CITYWIDE DEPARTMENTS IDENTIFIED OVER 23 MILLION IN CRITICAL STRATEGIC NEEDS. WE FURTHER REDUCED THAT AMOUNT TO 7.2 MILLION FUNDED

IN THE STRATEGIC ADDS, AND 6.7 MILLION UNFUNDED IN STRATEGIC ADDS. THE 895,000 OF THESE STRATEGIC ADDS ARE FUNDED IN THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THERE REMAINS 2,173,000 IN UNFUNDED DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPTZ. THE HEALTH AND HOUSING DIRECTORS WILL BE PRESENTING MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THESE UNFUNDED STRATEGIC ADDS. COUNCIL, A PRIORITIZATION OF CITY SERVICES BY CITIZENS FROM ONE TO 10 RANKS HOUSING FIFTH, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES SEVENTH, PARKS EIGHTH AND LIBRARIES NINTH. PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE THE HIGHEST RANKINGS. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE WITNESSED A CONTINUOUS INCREASE IN CITIZEN USAGE OF THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS. COUNCIL, THIS LAST SLIDE PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF THE FORMAT IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENTS WILL PRESENT THEIR BUDGETS. YOU WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CITIZENS SURVEY DATA, GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET INFORMATION, HIGHLIGHTS OF THEIR BUJTZ, STRATEGIC ADDS THAT ARE FUNDED AND UNFUND UNDERSTAND THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET, AND INTERNATIONAL CITY MANAGER'S ASSOCIATIONS STATISTICAL DATA. THE ICMA DATA REPORTED BY DEPARTMENTS WILL BE FROM 2005 BECAUSE THIS IS THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE. BECAUSE SOLID WASTE SERVICES IS AN ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENT, THERE WILL BE A SLIGHT DEVIATION IN THE FORMAT IN WHICH THEY WILL PRESENT. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO TURN THE PRESENTATION OVER TO WARREN STRUSE YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHIEF AND GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL. I WOULD LIKE TO JUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION FIRST AND FOREMOST TO PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE PRESENTATION AND THAT IS THE VOICE OF OUR CUSTOMER, OUR CITIZENS. AND IF WE CAN, I'D JUST LYING TO INDICATE TO YOU THAT YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AS INDICATED ON YOUR CHART ABOVE INDICATES THAT YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS STABLE WITH RESPECT TO ITS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT IT'S

PROVIDING. YOU CAN SEE FROM THE FIGURE ON THE MEASUREMENTS, YOU CAN SEE THAT ACTUALLY THERE'S A MODEST INCREASE IN CITIZEN SATISFACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE CITIZENS SURVEY IN OUR PROGRAMS FOR OUR YOUTH, FOR OUR SENIOR ACTIVITY SENIORS, FOR OUR QUALITY OF PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALSO AT OUR AUSTIN NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER. SO YOUR PROGRAMS ARE STABLE. CITIZEN SATISFACTION IS INDICATING SUCH, HOWEVER, THE SECOND MESSAGE OF THE CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS INDICATES NOT AS QUITE A POSITIVE MESSAGE WITH REGARDS TO THE APPEARANCE OF OUR PARK ARE GROUNDS. YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE A THREE PERCENT DECREASE IN CITIZEN SATISFACTION FOR THE APPEARANCE OF OUR PARK GROUNDS CHRK INCLUDES OUR GROUNDS AND RECREATION BUILDINGS AND THEIR SURROUNDINGS GROUNDS. THIS SLIDE, COUNCIL, LET ME TAKE YOU THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND FACTS ABOUT THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. OUR GENERAL FUND INCLUDES BOTH OUR REVENUE SIDE AND THE EXPENDITURE SIDE OF THE LEDGER. WE HAVE THE REVENUE SIDE OF THE DEPARTMENT, WE GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$3 MILLION THIS YEAR IN REVENUES. WE'RE ANTICIPATING AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 200 THU DOLLARS IN REVENUES FOR NEXT YEAR FOR AN INCREASE OF ABOUT FIVE PERCENT OF REVENUE INCREASE. THIS REVENUE INCREASE IS PROBABLY FACILITATED BY A COUPLE OF NEW THINGS TA WE'RE DOING, WHICH I THINK ARE EXCITED. WE ARE GOING TO BE HEATING TWO OF OUR SWIMMING POOLS IN THE CITY. ONE OF THEM IS BALCONES, WHICH WE STARTED LAST YEAR. AND THE ONE OTHER IS VIC NICHOLS POOL, WHICH WE WILL HEAT HOPEFULLY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FALL SEASON THF YEAR. WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKING FOR A SMALL REVENUE INCREASE, A SMALL ENTRY FEE FOR THOSE POOLS DURING THE WINTERTIME JUST SIMPLY TO OFFSET THE GAS PRICES FOR THE PREET HEATING. WE ALSO HAVE A PART OF THAT REVENUE ESTIMATE INCREASE IS WE'RE GOING TO GO UP MODESTLY ON OUR RENTAL FEES FOR OUR FACILITIES. THERE WILL BE VERY MODEST INCREASES AND WE HAVEN'T HAD AN INCREASE IN SEVERAL YEARS, SO WE FEEL THAT WILL ALSO ASSIST US IN SOME GENERATION OF SOME REVENUE. THE EXPENDITURE SIDE OF THE PARKS AND

RECREATION GENERAL FUND, THIS YEAR OUR BUDGET IS \$27.2 MILLION. 2007 WE'RE IT FORECASTING A 34.4-MILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET, ABOUT A 15% INCREASE. WE HAVE 433 F.T.E.'S, AN INCREASE OF 73 F.T.E.'S. LET ME... ME TELL YOU HOW THESE 73 COME ABOUT. WE ARE EXCITING AND ANTICIPATING NEW FACILITIES COMING ON BOARD NEXT YEAR. THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL STRRKS THE TOWN LAKE PARK AND THE TURNER ROBERTS RECREATION CENTER WHICH WILL INDICATE THAT WE WILL BRING ON 18 NEW F.T.E.'S TO STAFF THOSE FACILITIES. THE SECOND PART IS THE TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT CONVERSIONS. THE CHIEF TALKED ABOUT THAT AWHILE AGO IN THIS PRESENTATION. WE ARE CONVERTING IT 43 F.T.E.'S FROM TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT THIS YEAR IN OUR PROPOSED BUDGET. AND STRATEGIC ADDS. AS A CITY MANAGER INDICATED, WE'RE LOOKING AT STRATEGIC ADDS IN THOSE AREAS THAT WE'RE VULNERABLE IN. WE'RE ADDING 12 F.T.E.'S IN THOSE ADDS IN OUR RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND WE'LL HIGHLIGHT THOSE IN A MOMENT. ONE TIME CRITICAL CAPITAL, WE'RE PROPOSING 4 TELEVISION THOUSAND DOLLARS OF CRITICAL CAPITAL FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THAT CRITICAL CAPITAL IS FOR, AS I INDICATED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS SHEET, FOR THE THREE NEW FACILITIES THAT ARE COMING ON BOARD. ENTERPRISE FUNDS, THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS A GENERAL FUND AND ALSO HAS AN ENTERPRISE NAWND WE OPERATE THREE PROGRAMS IN THAT ARE TRULY ENTERPRISE. THE FIRST AND LARGEST IS THE GOLF INTRAIZ FUND WHICH OPERATES FIVE OF THE CITY GOLF COURSES. THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURES ARE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR THOSE. WE DO HAVE A ONE F.T.E. CONVERSION FROM TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT. I THINK IT'S NOTEWORTHY AT THIS POINT ON GOLF TO INDICATE THAT WE DO HAVE ALSO A REVENUE INITIATIVE FOR THE GOLF FUND, AND THAT IS WE ARE SUGGESTING OR RECOMMENDING A SMALL MODEST GREEN FEE INCREASE OF ONE DOLLAR FOR HANCOCK, MORRIS WILLIAMS, JIMMY CLAY AND LIONS MUNICIPAL. WE'RE ALSO ASKING AND REQUESTING A FIVE DOLLAR INCREASE FOR GREENPHIZE AT OUR PREMIUM GOLF COURSE, KAISER, SIMPLE L.I. ON THE WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. I THINK IT IS FRIDAYS, WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS FOR KAISER FOR THE

GREEN FEE THERE. OUR SECOND ENTERPRISE NAWND WE HAVE IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION ACCIDENT THE RECREATION ENTERPRISE FUND. THIS IS OUR FEE-BASED PROGRAMS THAT WE OFFER AT ALL OF OUR RECREATION CENTERS, AT THE DAUGHERTY CENTER AND ALSO THROUGH THE AWE QUAWT TICKS PROGRAM. IT HAS A 3 PI 7-MILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET AND 34 F.T.E.'S, OF WHICH FURNISH AND A HALF OF THOSE F.T.E.'S WILL BE CONVERSIONS THIS YEAR FROM TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT. THE LAST OF THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS IS OUR SOFTBALL FUND. SOFTBALL PROGRAM. IT'S THE SMALLEST OF THE THREE FUNDS. IT'S 850,000-DOLLAR PROGRAM, HAS NINE AND A HALF F.T.E.'S, OF WHICH TWO AND A HALF OF THOSE F.T.E.'S ARE TEMPORARY TO FULL TIME. THIS INCLUDES OUR SOFTBALL PROGRAM AT KREIK, THE HAVENS, AND SOME AT BUTLER SOFTBALL COMPLEX. THE HIGHLIGHTS, I THINK THIS IS THE ONE THAT'S MOST EXCITING FOR ME. NEXT YEAR WILL BE A BUSY YEAR. WE WILL HAVE THE OPENING OF OUR MEXICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER SCHEDULED FOR AROUND MARCH OF 2007. MANY OF YOU ATTENDED THE GROUND MACK BRAIK THG YEAR. WE ALSO HAVE THE NEW URBAN PARK COMING ON BHORD, OUR NEW TOWN LAKE PARK. WE HAD A GROUNDBREAKING NOT TOO LONG AGO. WE'RE UNDER CONSTRUCTION THERE AND LEGISLATE IT HAD TO OPEN THAT IN -- SLATED TO OPEN THAT IN JUNE OF 2007. ALSO, TURNER ROBERTS RECREATION CENTER WHICH WE RECENTLY A GROUND BREAKING THERE, AND THAT'S THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT THAT WE'RE HAVING WITH THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OVER AT COLONY PARK. THAT'S AN EXCITING PROJECT THAT SHOULD OPEN IN 2007 AS WELL. WE ALSO HAVE INCREASED LIFEGUARD SALARIES. AS MANY OF YOU HAVE READ IN THE PAPER, THERE IS A LIFEGUARD SHORTAGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IT'S NOT JUST HERE IN AUSTIN, BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY. ABILITY TO GET OUT AND RECRUIT AND RETAIN LIFE GUARDS. WHAT WE'VE DECIDED TO DO THIS SUMMER IS WE HAVE INCREASED THEIR SALARIES THIS SUMMER AND WE INTEND TO FORECAST THOSE SALARY INCREASES INTO NEXT YEAR TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR HIGH QUALITY GUARDS AS WELL AS RECRUITING AND RETAINING THOSE GUARDS IN THE FUTURE. STRATEGIC ADDS, AIZ INDICATED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PRESENTATION, WE

HAVE TWO AREAS OF VULNERABILITY THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS YEAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS OUR BUILDING AND GROUNDS, OUR RECREATION CENTER BUILDING AND GROUNDS ASSISTANCE. WE'RE PROPOSING FIVE NEW F.T.E.'S TO STAFF OUR NORTHWEST RECREATION CENTER, OUR AUSTIN RECREATION CENTER, OUR HANCOCK RECREATION CENTER, GIVENS, DOTTIE JORDAN AND ALAMO RECREATION CENTERS. OUR A PART OF THAT STRATEGIC ADD IS ONE THAT I'M VERY INTERESTED IN, AND THAT IS THE ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS. WE'RE PROPOSING SIX F.T.E.'S. THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE POPULAR DESTINATION AREA THAT IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC. THIS ADD BACK WILL ENHANCE QUALITY AND REPAIRS AND SECURITY, TO DETER VANDALISM. WE'RE ACTUALLY ANTICIPATING OVER 400,000 PEOPLE NEXT YEAR TO ATTEND THE ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS. WE'RE EXCITE BD THIS. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. SOME THAT WE'LL BE UNDERGOING THIS NEXT YEAR, \$500,000 ARE ALLOCATED FOR THE BARTON SPRINGS FOOL POOL FOR A STRATEGIC RENOVATION PACKAGE TO BRING THE POOL BACK. WE'VE STARTED DISCUSSION OZ THAT TO DETERMINE WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS IN STORE FOR THOSE DOLLARS. SO ENSURE THAT WE PRIORITIZE THOSE DOLLARS CORRECTLY IN OUR RENOVATION AND REPAIRS. \$500,000 ALSO RENOVATED AND PROPOSED FOR REPAIRS THROUGHOUT THE PARK SYSTEM. ALSO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT ARE SLATED FOR 2007 THAT WILL BE ONGOING THROUGH 2007 WILL BE GUS GARCIA RECREATION CENTER. IEBL COMING TO COUNCIL SOON WITH THE RCA TO APPROVE THAT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. ALSO, A GREAT PROJECT THAT'S SOON TO BE BID AND TO BE UNDERWAY WILL BE THE ROY G. GUERRERO COLORADO REQUIRE PARK WHICH WE'RE ANTICIPATING SOON TO BE BID. INTERESTING, NOT SHOWN, BUT I THINK IMPORTANT THAT WE ALSO TALK ABOUT THIS, BUT ALSO SCHEDULED FOR CONSTRUCTION IN 2007 IS THE JOHNNIE MORRIS TENNIS CENTER COMPLEX THAT WE HAD PLANNED. IT WILL BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN 2007 AND HOPE TO HAVE IT READY IN THE FIRST PART OF 2008. KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES, THE MESSAGE ON THIS KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TO US IS THAT ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS ARE SEEING INCREASES, WHICH IS GOOD. YOU CAN SEE A NUMBER OF INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM PEAPTZ.

WE'RE INSTRUCTING MORE YOUTH EACH SUMMER. OUR PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM CONTINUE TO GO UP. OUR NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE GARDEN CENTER IS SEEING INCREASES AS WELL AS OUR NUMBER OF DEMAND FACILITY MAINTENANCE WORK ORDERS. SO AS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO INCREASE SO DOES OUR DEMAND FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS. THE NEXT THREE SLIDES ARE THE ICMA COMPARISON. WE'LL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF HOW YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS DOING COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE CITIES THROUGH THE COUNTRY. THE FIRST SLIDE IS THE COMPARISON WITH MANY CITIES ON THE NUMBER OF TOTAL DEVELOPED PARK ACREAGE PER ONE THOUSAND POPULATION. YOU CAN SEE THAT AUSTIN IS FARING QUITE WELL IN TEXAS AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE 16.15 ACRES PER ONE THOUSAND CITIZEN AS FAR AS NUMBER OF PARKLAND ACREAGE WE HAVE. THE SECOND SLIDE IS THE NUMBER OF STAFF PER 100 ACRES OF PARKLAND. AND AS I INDICATED TO THE CITY MANAGER, THIS SHOWS THAT YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS EXTREMELY EFFICIENT. WE'RE AT 1.8 STAFF AND CAN YOU SEE THE CHART FOR YOURSELF. IN THE LAST CHART IS THE ICMA COMPARISON WHICH I LOOK AT WITH RESPECT TO THE DOLLARS AVAILABLE PER CITIZEN OR PER CAPITA. THAT IS AN ICMA COMPARISON AND WE COMPARE THE NUMBER OF DOLLARS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED PER CITIZEN IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SERVICES. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT DALLAS IS AT \$38 PER CITIZEN IDENTIFIED AND ALLOCATED FOR THEIR PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES. AUSTIN IS AT \$44.56 PER CITIZEN, AND THEN PHOENIX, TUCSON AND PORTLAND YOU CAN SEE GRADUALLY RISE TO WHERE PORTLAND IS \$80 PER CITIZEN ALLOCATED FOR ITS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SERVICES. COUNCIL, THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. STRUSE. QUESTIONS IN...?
COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN.

McCracken: I SEE THAT THERE ARE SOME PROPOSALS IN THIS BUDGET TO ADDRESS SOME LOSSES OR SOME LACK OF MAINTENANCE CREWS FOR OUR PARKS AND

RECREATION CENTERS. CAN YOU TELL US HOW MANY FACILITIES WILL HAVE A DEDICATED MAINTENANCE CREW TO SCRUB THE TOILETS AND MAKE SURE THE PLACES ARE CLEAN AND SAFE AND THING LIKE BASIC FUNCTIONS LIKE THAT? HOW MANY EXTRA FACILITIES WILL GET MAINTENANCE WITH THESE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES PROPOSED HERE SNIRKS WE ACTUALLY HAVE A CORRECTION DOOT TA AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GAVE IT IN YOUR PRESENTATION ON THE NUMBER OF REC CENTERS THAT HAVE THE MAINTENANCE.

IMPLIED TO SAY THAT THE FIVE NEW F.T.E.'S WILL ENSURE THIS WE HAVE BUILDING AND GROUNDS ASSISTANCE AT ALL OF OUR RECREATION CENTERS. THAT'S A GOOD SIGN. WE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES, BUILDING MAINTENANCE, CHANGE AIR CONDITIONING FILTERS, DO ALL OF THOSE TYPES OF THING THAT ARE NECESSARY ON A DAILY BASIS TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF OUR RECREATION CENTERS. THERE ARE SOME AREAS THAT STILL ARE NOT COMPLETELY STAFFED, AND THOSE ARE -- SUCH AS SOME OF OUR MUSEUMS THAT ARE NOT COMPLETELY STAFFED WITH STAFF, BUT ALL OF THE RECREATION CENTERS, YOUR LARGE CLIMATE CONTROLLED FACILITIES ARE STAFFED WITH BUILDING AND GROUNDS ASSISTANCE.

McCracken: I GUESS CURRENTLY WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MAINTENANCE CREWS TO SCRUB THE TOILETS AND CHANGE THE LIGHT BULBS AND MAKE SURE PEOPLE ARE SAFE AND LOOKED AFTER, BUT THIS BUDGET WILL AT A MINIMUM FUND THAT VERY BEHAVING RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR PARK SYSTEM, IS THAT RIGHT?

THAT'S CORRECT. THIS IS YOUR SECOND YEAR TO TO INVEST IN THIS, AND IT WAS TO CLOSE THAT GAP SO THAT ALL OUR MAJOR FACILITY VZ A DEDICATED CREW. OUR SMALLER FACILITIES ARE STILL SHARING ROTATING CREWS, BUT OUR MAJOR FLT FACILITIES WILL ALL HAVE A DEDICATED CREW WITH THIS ADD.

McCracken: HOW MANY WILL NOT HAVE ON-SITE MAINTENANCE CREW DEDICATED EVEN AFTER THESE FIVE

EMPLOYEES ARE ADD UNDERSTAND.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT LARGE CLIMATE CONTROLLED FACILITY SNZ.

.....SNZ.

McCracken: HOW MANY OF OUR PARKS AND REC CENTERS WON'T HAVE DEDICATED MAINTENANCE?

COWRKS THEY WILL ALL HAVE -- COUNCILMEMBER, THEY WILL VUL A BUILDING AND GROUNDS ASSISTANCE EXCEPT FOR TWO OF OUR SMALL MUSEUMS, AND THOSE WILL BE THE ELIZABETH NEY AND THE O'HENRY. THOSE TWO SMALL ONES.

YOU SHARE A CREW THERE, IS THAT CORRECT?

McCracken: SPLAIP TO ME THEN -- EXPLAIN TO ME THEN THE DISTINCTION, THE LAST MEETING WE WERE TOLD THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE 17 PARKS AND REKZ CENTERS WITHOUT DEDICATED MAINTENANCE. AND THIS BUDGET WOULD REDUCE THAT TO 12 PARKS AND REC CENTERS WITHOUT DEAD INDICATED MAINTENANCE.

THAT WAS INCORRECT INFORMATION. WE WERE SEVEN FALTZ SHY OF HAVING DEDICATED, NOT 17 FOVMENT WE CLOSED THE GAP WITH THESE FIVE AND TWO OF THOSE WE WILL SHARE WITH BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

AND THIS WOULD BE YOUR SECOND YEAR OF AN INVESTMENT OF GETTING BACK TO AFTER THE CUTS OF HAVING DEDICATED CREWS AT ALL OF YOUR BASIC FACILITIES.

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McCracken: SO WE WENT SEVERAL YEARS WITHOUT MAINTENANCE EXCEPT SPORADIC, RUBBER BAND AND SHIEW STRING TYPE OF APPROACH -- SHOESTRING TYPE OF PROAVMENT.

WE ASKED THE STAFF TO PICK UP THAT JOB, WHICH A LOT

OF TIME THE PRIORITY DO DICTATE WHAT WE DO.

McCracken: AND THEN THERE'S A PROPOSAL THAT SIX EMPLOYEES AT THE ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN. CAN YOU DESCRIBE FOR US WHAT HAPPENING AT THE GARDEN THAT PROMPTED THE ASSESSMENT THAT WE NEEDED SIX EMPLOYEES THERE?

COUNCILMEMBER WHARF HAS OCCURRED SINCE 2001 FROM THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, WHAT HAPPENED IS MANY OF THOSE POSITIONS THAT WE HAD BACK IN 2001 OBVIOUSLY THOSE POSITIONS WERE LOST DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. WHAT WE'RE DOING AT THIS POINT WITH THE SIX, WE ARE REBUILDING OUR ABILITY OVER AT ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS TO BRING IT BACK TO ITS PRIOR 2001 LEVELS AND IT IS OUR DESIRE TO BRING THE MAINTENANCE AND THE QUALITY OF ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS BACK TO THAT LEVEL AS WELL IN 2000 SO. WE'RE EXCITED BY THIS INFUSING AT ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS. WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO THAT AND REMEMBER THE GARDENS THAT THEY WERE PRIOR TO THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN.

SO HAVE YOU EVERYTHING HERE FROM MAINTENANCE TO REPLANT TO GO SECURITY BECAUSE WE WERE HAVING VANDALISM, SOME OF THE PLANTS STOLEN. IT'S A FULL CADRE OF STAFFING BACK INTO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS. I DON'T KNOW THAT MANY PEOPLE REALIZE, BUT WHEN YOU SURVEY THE BOTANICAL GARDENS STATEWIDE IN OTHER CITIES, I THINK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE, AUSTIN HAS BY FAR THE MOST VISITORS GOING THROUGH OUR BOTANICAL GARDENS. WE'RE ESTIMATED TO DO 440,000 PEOPLE THROUGH THAT FACILITY THIS YEAR. I MEAN, IT'S HUGE AND ENJOYED AND USED IN OUR COMMUNITY. TWO, THREE TIMES MORE THAN LIKE FACILITIES IN OTHER CITIES.

CITY MANAGER, I COULDN'T AGREE MORE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT AND I HEAR IT EVERY TIME THAT I VISIT WITH OUR CITIZENS IN ZILKER IS ZILKER IS OUR PEOPLE'S PARK AND ZILKER BOTANICAL'S GARDEN IS THE PEOPLE'S GARDEN. FANNED YOU'VE ATTEND UNDERSTAND WHILE OR IN THE PAST YOU WILL FIND IT'S FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH. WE'RE SERVING SO MANY PEOPLE AND I THINK IT AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR

CORE SERVICE.

McCracken: I KNOW THAT WE HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS OF SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF DETERIORATION IN THE TAX FUNDED FACILITY AT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN. CAN YOU GIVE US SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON THIS TAXPAYER FUNDED FACILITY BECAUSE WE WEREN'T FUNDING BASIC MAINTENANCE?

ONE OF THE BIGGEST ASPECTS OF RUNNING GARDENS,, LEEM ESPECIALLY LIKE THE ONE WE HAVE; TO PROVIDE GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE AND GOOD CUSTOMER EDUCATION SOARNGS SURE THAT WHEN THEY COME ON BOARD THAT THERE'S OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES SO. ENSURE THAT WE KEEP OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN ON THE TRAILS TO MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF THE TRAIL. WHAT WE LOST, COUNCILMEMBER, DURING THAT TIME WAS THE A LOT TO MONITOR THE USE OF THE GARDENS. AND TO EDUCATE FOLKS IN THE USE OF THE GARDENS. SO WHAT HAPPENS A LOT OF TIMES IS HEAVY USE, UNMANAGED, WILL CAUSE DETERIORATION AND VANDALISM AND DESTRUCTION OF YOUR DPAR DENZ. WE INTEND TO PUT THAT BACK INTO PLACE. WE INTEND TO MANAGE THE GARDENS AS THEY NEED TO BE MANAGED, EDUCATE OUR USERS, MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND PLEASE STAY ON THE TRIAL, MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND HOW SENSITIVE THE PLANTS AND GARDENS ARE AND PROTECT OUR GARDENS. SO I THINK THAT'S THE IMPORTANT PART OF IT.

GIVE SOME SPECIFIC EXAMPLES. I THINK OUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM WAS BROKEN FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, SO WE COULDN'T WATER IN THE GARDEN.

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McCracken: LET ME GUESS, BEING ABLE TO WATER IN A BOTANICAL GARDEN IS PROBABLY IMPORTANT. [LAUGHTER]

THAT'S PROBABLY JOB ONE.

I THINK THE LOTUS POND, OUR CIRCULATION THERE WAS --

I CAN GIVE AWE NUMBER OF EXAMPLES. WE HAVE PARKING LOT TISSUES. WE HAVE THE CREEK AND THE PONDS OBVIOUSLY HAVE ISSUES WITH MAINTENANCE. WE HAVE THE -- SO MANY OF THE PUMPS THAT NEED TO BE REDONE. ELECTRICAL ISSUES THAT WE'LL CERTAINLY ADDRESS. USE BY SO MANY FOLKS WE HAVE WE HAVE 2 MANAGE IT PROPERLY. WE HAVE THEFT AND VANDALISM.

McCracken: THE REASON WHY I ASK THESE THINGS IS IF YOU GIVE ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE, THE PUBLIC SEES A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BASIC THINGS LIKE PEOPLE START VAN.... VANDALIZING STUFF, TAXPAYER ASSETS DETERIORATE AND CRUMBLE AND FALL APART, AND I THINK THIS COMMUNITY HAS A RIGHT TO ASK DO WE WANT ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI LEVELS OF PUBLIC INVESTMENT BECAUSE HERE ARE THE IMPACT IF YOU PURSUE THOSE MOALGZS, YOU GET DID HE TEAR RAIGHT FACILITIES.

Kim: CAN I TALK ABOUT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS SINCE WE'RE ON THAT SUBJECT? I DID GET CONTACTED BY PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED OF A NUMBER OF THINGS, INCLUDING THE THEFTS OF I GUESS PLANTS AND OTHER THINGS IN THE PARK AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHERS WOULD GO INTO THE PARK AND STEP ON TO THE GREENS AND TO AREAS THAT THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE SECURITY THERE, PEOPLE TO MONITOR AND STOP THAT. IT WAS KIND OF JUST THROW THE BRIDE ON TO THE GRASS OR -- AND DAMAGE THE PLANTS, THOSE KIND OF THINGS WERE HAPPENING. NOW THAT WE'RE ABLE TO ADD SOME STAFF THERE, WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE STICKING TO ONLY PARTS THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE. ANOTHER THING I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS THAT WE HAVE THE IT TANIGUCHI GARDENS. RIGHT NOW THAT GARDEN IS NEEDING SOME REGULAR MAINTENANCE THAT IT'S NOT RECEIVING RIGHT NOW.

McCracken: MAYOR, A COUPLE MORE QUESTIONS HERE. I KNOW THAT LAST YEAR WE RESTORED SOME CUTS, SOME BUDGET CUTS, AND WE RESTOR SOME BUDGET CUTS TO AFTER COOL PROGRAMS AND SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AT OUR PARKS. CAN YOU TELL US WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER BUDGET CUTS TO OUR AFTER SCHOOL AND

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS THAT ARE BEING RESNORD
THIS PROPOSED BUDGET?

NO, COUNCILMEMBER, THERE'S NO NEW PROGRAMS THAT
ARE BEING RESTORED IN HERE AS FAR AS PROGRAMS AND
OUR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT
THE FACT THAT WE DO HAVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN
ALL OF OUR 17 RECREATION CENTERS. WE ALSO HAVE A --
YOU RESTARTED LAST YEAR 10 MORE PLAYGROUND SITES
FOR SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM, WHICH WAS VERY
ACTIVE THIS YEAR. AND I WANTED TO ADD THAT MINI
FREEMAN IS HERE. THEY ALSO ANYWHERE 80 FIVE NEW
TEEN SITES IN FIVE NEW LOCATIONS AS WELL, WHICH IS A
REAL UNDERSERBED PART OF OUR YOUTH TOO. WITH THAT
ADD LAST YEAR WE WERE ABLE TO DO ADDITIONAL FROMZ
OUR YOUTH IN THE SUMMER. BUT IN THIS BUDGET, NO,
THERE ARE NO ADDITIONS AT THIS POINT.

Futrell: WARREN, GIVE A MARKER OF THAT. I DON'T HAVE THE
NUMBERS, BUT EVEN WHEN WE RESTORED LAST YEAR,
TAKE US TO ABOUT 30 SOME-ODD --

IT WENT FROM 30 TO 40.

Futrell: RIGHT AFGHANISTAN BEFORE THE DOWNTURN, HOW
MANY -- RIGHT BEFORE THE DOWNTURN HOW MANY SITES
DO WE HAVE?

56.

Futrell: SO WE'RE BACK TO 40, BUT BEFORE WE STARTED
CUTTING PROGRAMS WE WERE AT 56. AND YOU WOULD
EXPECT ACTUALLY THAT THAT 56 WOULD HAVE GROWN
OVER TIME, BUT IT EVEN IF YOU GO THAT POINT IN TIME WE
BEGAN CUTTING, WE'RE STILL NOT BACK TO THOSE LEVELS.
THIS BUDGET IS A WHOLE LEVEL BUDGET WITH THE FEW
THINGS THAT WE'VE HIGHLIGHTED OUR ADDING. NO CUT TO
HOUR, BUT NOT DAITIONZ. DAITIONZ.

McCracken: SO WE HAVE AFTER COOL PROGRAMS AND
SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS THAT WERE CUT DURING
THE DOWNTURN THAT HAVE STILL NOT BEEN RESTORED

FUNDING AS OF TODAY, RIGHT?

WE SURE DO, SHROWT ABSOLUTELY. WE HAVE TWO AWARD WINNING PROGRAMS, WHICH WAS THE ROVING LEADER PROGRAM, WHICH ALSO OUR TOTALLY COOL, TOTALLY ART PROGRAM, WHICH WAS REDUCE ADD GREAT DEAL. THOSE TWO PROGRAMS WE WOULD LOVE TO REINSTATE THOSE AS WELL BECAUSE THEY WERE VERY, VERY PRODUCTIVE.

IN FACT, NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS.

ABSOLUTELY.

McCracken: I THINK THAT GETS TO POINT TOO THAT WE GO AHEAD DPET TO THIS PENNY WISE, POUND FOOLISH QUESTION THAT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SAFE PLACE FOR KIDS AND TEENAGERS TO BE AFTER SCHOOL, YOU MAY THINK YOU SAVED YOURSELF ABOUT A DOLLAR A MONTH, BHAW YOU'VE REALLY DONE IS -- ONE THING I LEARNED AS A PROSECUTOR ON THE UNITED WAY SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE IS THERE'S A CRIME SPIKE AT 3:30 IN THE AFTERNOON AT EVERY SNI AMERICA, INCLUDING AUSTIN. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SAFE PLACE FOR KIDS TO BE AFTER SCHOOL, THEN WHAT YOU'LL HAVE IS THE ALTERNATIVE, WHICH IS YOU LOSE KIDS, KIDS GET -- THEY DENT HAVE SOMEWHERE SAFE TO GO, THEY'RE PUT AT HARM AND YOU LOSE A GENERATION OF KIDS AND LIKE I SAID, I'LL REPEAT THIS, BUT IF YOU WANT TO LIVE IN ALABAMA OR MISSISSIPPI, THEY'LL SAVE YOU A BUCK A MONTH AND NOT LET THEIR KIDS HAVE A SAFE PLACE AFTER SCHOOL. MY FINAL QUESTION IS ON GRAFITTI, I THINK PARKS HANDLES SOME OF THE GRAFITTI ABATEMENT, IS THAT RIGHT?

THE GRAFITTI IS CENTRALIZED EFFORT AND I THINK I COULD BETTER DEFER THAT ONE, CITY MANAGER.

IT IS ACTUAL CENTRALIZED IN HEALTH AND WE'RE GOING TO BE COVERING THAT AS WE GET TO THAT SECTION.

McCracken: GREAT, THAKZ. Y'ALL ARE REALLY THE FRONT LINES OF MAKING AUSTIN THE KIND OF DMAWNT WE ALL A-- COMMUNITY THAT WE ALL ASPIRE TO BE.

Mayor Wynn: I'D LIKE TO BE RESPECTFUL OF FOLKS ON THEIR LUNCH HOUR ON CITIZEN COMMUNICATION, I'D LIKE FOR US TO TABLE THIS BUDGET PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION, LET TAKE UP THOSE CITIZENS WHO ARE HERE ON THEIR LUNCH HOUR AND THEN WE CAN COME BACK AND PICK UP BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AGAIN. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, CHIEF, MR. STRUSE. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

I HAVE A TWO MINUTE VIDEO I'D LIKE TO SHOW. WE'RE OUTSIDE THE AUSTIN VISITOR AND INFORMATION CENTER ON SIXTH STREET NEAR BRAZOS. THE AUSTIN VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER INVITES PEOPLE TO FIND OUT WHAT AUSTIN HAS TO OFFER. TO INVITE EVERYONE IN, EXCEPT, WELL, PEOPLE THAT ARE JUST A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. I TRIED GETTING IN AND THRS NOT MUCH ACCESS FOR PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS. THEY SAID THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE ACCESSIBLE BECAUSE THERE IS ANOTHER INFORMATION CENTER THAT IS ACCESSIBLE. HMM. I'M NOT SO SURE I LIKE THAT IDEA. IF THAT'S TOO BOLD, MAYBE SOMETHING LOW INCOME BIT LIKE THIS. SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT LIKE THIS. IN THE IMMORTAL WORZ OF CURLY...

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, KEEP ON SUCKING UNTIL YOU DO KEYED.

....SUCCEED.

PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO GINO AT GINOSPLACE.ORG.

I'D LIKE TO ASK THE COUNCIL -- [INAUDIBLE]. I'VE SPOKEN TO THE MANAGEMENT, BUT THEY JUST DON'T SEEM TO CARE. THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL WE HAVE TO SAY.

NEXT SPEAKER IS SARAH STRATMAN. WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTE AND BE FOLLOWED BY PATTY SPRINKLE.

GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNCILMEMBERS. I'M HOAR TO TALK ABOUT THE WEST BOULDIN CREEK TRIBUTARY AND THE BOULDIN MEADOWS SUBDIVISION SITE. THIS OVERVIEW MAY BE A PICTURE THAT YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH, BUT -- AND YOU'VE GIVEN US A LOT OF TIME AND ATTENTION ON THIS

MATTER FOR WHICH WE ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE AND WE'LL ASK YOU TO LOOK AT IT ONE MORE TIME BECAUSE WE SEEM TO HAVE A CASE OF A VANISHING FLOODPLAIN. WE COME HERE AGAIN WITH THE QUESTION THAT HAS YET TO BE ANSWERED, WHICH IS WHY IS THIS TRIBUTARY ON THE SITE WHICH IS A REGULAR AND SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF FLOODING NOT CLASSIFIED AS A FLOODPLAIN? ONE ANSWER IS THAT THE MODEL USED TO CALCULATE THESE THINGS DOESN'T SHOW THAT IT HAS ENOUGH CONTRIBUTE..... CONTRIBUTING ACREAGE OF DRAINAGE. UNFORTUNATELY THAT MODEL LEAVES OUT AN ENORMOUS AREA THAT IS SOUTH OF THE SITE. THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE CEEM MATT TIFK WHAT'S HAPPENING. I THINK YOU MAY HAVE HEARD US TALK ABOUT IT, BUT BASICALLY RAIN FALLS, IT DRAINS TOWARDS CULVERT, IT HITS A RAILROAD BERM, AND THAT DRAINAGE FROM THE LARGE SOUTH SATISFACTORY DIVERTED SOUTH ON -- SOUTH AREA IS DIVERTED SOUTH ON TO THE BOULDIN MEADOWS SITE. THE FACTS ON THE GROUND IS ALTHOUGH 60 ACRES FITS THE MODEL, THERE ARE SOME 300 ACRES THAT ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE SITE. THE PHOTO THAT YOU SEE THERE IS A PHOTO FROM MAY SIX OF THIS YEAR, AN INCH AND A HALF RAIN, SHOWING THE OUT LIT OF THAT CULVERT ON THE LIGHTSEY CULVERT ON TO THE BOULDIN MEADOWS SITE. THE CITY STAFF DOCUMENTS THAT THE LARGER DRAINAGE AREA IS SOME 300 ACRES. CITY CODE STATES THAT ALL PROPERTIES THAT CONTRIBUTE DRAINAGE MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATIONS, SO MANY MORE THAN 60 ACRES CONTRIBUTE DRAIMG..... DRAINAGE TO THIS DEVELOPMENT. SO WHY ISN'T THIS AREA ACCOUNTED FOR? THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF REASONS, BUT THEY ALL SEEM TO FALL UNDER THE RUBRIC OF IT'S STANDARD OF PRACTICE TO ONLY LOOK AT WHAT CONTRIBUTES DIRECT SOURCE FLOW AS OPPOSED TO WHAT IS CONTRIBUTING SPILL OVERFLOW. STANDARD OF PRACTICE AND ENGINEERING AND ANY OTHER FIELDS, PERHAPS NINE OUT OF 10 TIMES THOSE MODELS OR THOSE METRICS ARE CONSISTENT, ECONOMICAL, PERFECTLY ADEQUATE. BUT WHEN THE RESULTS ARE IN BASIC DROIKS WHAT ANY -- CONTRIBUTION TO WHAT ANY OBSERVER TO THE SITE CAN SEE WITH THE NAKED EYE, YOU HAVE TO SAY WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? YOU HAVE BEEN VERY ACCESSIBLE IN TERM OF

LOOKING INTO THIS ISSUE, BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T GOT TONE THE MAIN POINT, -- GOTTEN TO THE MAIN POINT, WHICH IS THIS AREA IS NOT BEING INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATIONS. INDEPENDENT ENGINEERING REVIEWS HAVE SAID IT DOES CONTRIBUTE DRAINAGE. PLEASE EMPOWER STAFF TO STEP OUT OF THE LIMENTZ LIMITS OF CURRENT STANDARD OF PRACTICE AND USE CITY CODE WHICH IS USED TO CALCULATE BASED ON FULL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL PROPERTIES CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SARAH. NEXT SPEAKER IS PATTY SPRINKLE, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JENNIFER GALE.

HI, THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE CITY MANAGER FOR TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT BOULDIN MEADOWS. WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK IN TRYING TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION FOR US. AS SARAH SAID, THE QUESTION STILL IS WHY IS THIS TEA CUP OVER HERE NEXT TO THE OTHER TEA CUP NOT BEING COUNTED IN THE DRAINAGE AREA. WE STILL FEEL THAT THE CITY'S MISSING THIS CRITICAL PIECE OF INFORMATION AND THAT THEY'RE NOT ACKNOWLEDGING THIS DRAINAGE AREA. THE CITY CODE IS CLEAR, ALL PROPERTY OWNERS MUST ACCOUNT FOR THE WATER, ALL WATER FLOWING ON TO THE PROPERTY. WHILE THE CITY IS USING A STANDARD OF PRACTICE GUIDE LIEP TO DETERMINE THE FLOODPLAIN, THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO A FAILURE OF THE INITIAL DATA SET TO FULLY DEFINE THE FLAIP. THAT'S WHERE I THINK THE PROBLEM OCCURS. HOW DID THIS FAILURE OCCUR, WE REALLY DON'T KNOW. IT COULD BE A TECHNICAL ERROR, IT COULD BE A MECHANICAL ERROR OR IT COULD BE HUMAN ERROR THAT'S CONTRIBUTED TO THIS PROBLEM. IF YOU TAKE 10 ENGINEERS OR 100 ENGINEERS AND YOU ALL STUDY THE SAME DATA WITH THE SAME MODEL, YOU WILL GET THE SAME ANSWER AND IT STILL DOESN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION OF HOW DO WE ACCOUNT FOR THE FLOODING THAT OCCURRED ON MAY SIXTH. IF THIS IS NOT A FLOODPLAIN, WHY IS IT FLOODED? I'M A NURSE AND WHAT I'VE LEARNED OVER THE YEARS IS THAT EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES COME TO GO THE FOREFRONT OF WHAT WE KNOW NOW TO BE THE NEW STANDARD OF PRACTICE. AND I WANT THE CITY TO LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE IN THIS

SITUATION. I FEEL THAT WE'RE NOT. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYBODY IN THE CITY. TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE EXISTING PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE PEOPLE WHO WILL PURCHASE A LOT ON THERE AND BUILD AND WE NEED TO MAP THE FLOODPLAIN CORRECTLY IN ORDER TO FREEWAY THE SAFETY OF ALL THE CITIZENS. WE NEED TO IDENTIFY THAT CRITICAL WATER QUALITY ZONE. WE NEED TO EXCLUDE BUILDING IN THIS ZONE. WE NEED TO LOOK AT THIS WHOLE AREA INSTEAD OF AS TWO TEA CUPS, AS A GIANT SOUP BOWL CHRKS IT IS, WHICH FORMS A TRIBUTARY WHICH FLOWS INTO WEST BOULDIN CREEK CHRKS ULTIMATELY FLOWS INTO TOWN LAKE, WHICH IS OUR DRIPPING WATER. AS WE PUSH FOR URBAN DENSITY IN THE CENTRAL CITY, WE OWE IT TO THE EXISTING PROPERTY OWNERS SO SPEND OUR TAX DOLLARS WISELY, TO ACT WITH PRUDENCE AND CAUTION WHEN WE ALLOW DEVELOPMENT ALONG URBAN WATERSHEDS, TO PREVENT ADVERSE EFFECT, INCLUDING LOCALIZED FLOODING, WHICH IS PROJECTED TO BECOME A MAJOR PROBLEM. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AT OTHER CITIES FROM THIS SUMMER TO SEE WHAT DEVELOPMENT HAS DONE. I URGE THE CITY TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN CODE AND TO APPLY THE DEVELOPMENT CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FLOODING AND PROPERTY RIGHTS OF OWNERS. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY TRIED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE UPPER DRAINAGE AREA THOOS THAT'S CHANNELLED INTO THE WEST BOULDIN CREEK AREA. GRANTED THIS IS A MAN-MADE TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURE, BUT NONETHELESS, IT IS A TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURE. THE CITY NEEDS TO INVESTIGATE THIS FULLY BEFORE WE ALLOW THIS SUBDIVISION TO GO FORWARD. THE NEIGHBORHOOD REALLY IS JUST ASKING TO YOU FOLLOW ITS CODE AS SET FORTH BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: JENNIFER GALE, WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY PAUL ROBINS.

HI, AUSTIN. IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK FROM OUR SUMMER VACATION. STARTING ON AUGUST 15TH OUR CHILDREN ARE BACK IN SCHOOL STARTING NEW ADVENTURES IN EDUCATION. CITY MANAGER FUTRELL, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER KIMS, MCCracken, BRAND NEW COUNCILMEMBERS MICHAEL MARTINEZ AND SHERRI COLE,

GOOD LUCK TO YOU. IF YOU NEED ANY HELP LET ME
NECESSITY. I'M THERE FOR YOU. AND LEE LEFFINGWELL AND
BETTY DUNKERLEY, ATTORNEY DAVID SMITH, STAFF AND
HARD WORKING IMEEVMENTZ WE NEED MORE RAIN. SEE
WHAW CAN DO. IT'S SIEM FOR FOOTBALL AND EVEN -- IT'S
TIME FOR FOOTBALL AND EVEN HOTTER, DRYER WEATHER.
I'M JENNIFER GALE, RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR AND ALSO
COLLECTING SIGNATURES TO RUN FOR THE 25TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. I'M STILL HAVING TROUBLE WITH
JAIME PADRE, THE DOOR MAN WHO HAS BEEN HERE FOR
MANY YEARS. HE CONTINUES TO HARASS AND DO
OFFENSIVE THINGS. AND THERE'S A BUS DRIVER FOR
CAPITAL METRO 8240 TODAY WHO CONTINUES TO HARASS
CUSTOMERS AND DRIVE EXTREMELY DANGEROUSLY. THE
(INDISCERNIBLE) ORDINANCE IS STILL AM
BIGIOUS.....STILL AMBIGIOUS AND IT TARGETS PEOPLE
WHO HAVE LITTLE OR NO MONEY. I WENT TO TRIAL ON TWO
OF THOSE TICKETS THIS YEAR, A JURY TRIAL. YOU HAVE TO
REPEATEDLY GO BACK TO EACH TRIAL TO THE COUNTY
CLERK'S OFFICE. IT'S NOT YOU SET UP A TRIAL, YOU HAVE A
TRIAL. I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME HAVING TO PREPARE FOR
BOTH OF THOSE TRIALS. AND IT WAS DISMISSED ON BOTH
OF THE TRIALS. WHEN I HAD MY JURY TRIAL, PROSECUTOR
MEGAN AND OFFICER WRIGHT, EVEN THOUGH I TALKED TO
THEM SAYING THEY HAD NO EVIDENCE, THEY WENT AHEAD
AND PROSECUTED ME. I RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS DECISION
OF NOT GUILTY. THIS ORDINANCE IS AMBIGUOUS. THAT
MEANS IT'S UNLAWFUL. THE FACT THAT IT TARGETS THE
HOMELESS, THAT MEANS THE HOMELESS HAVE TO RUN FOR
COVER EVERY SINGLE DAY ALL DAY LONG. THIS ORDINANCE
THAT WAS CREATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE
REMOVED. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU FOR THE \$40,000 THAT I'VE
ALREADY ASKED YOU FOR THIS COMING COUNCIL MEETING
OR I'LL ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000, MAKING IT \$60,000 FOR
THE WHOLE THING. ESPECIALLY PAY ME MY 40 -- PAY ME MY
\$40,000 OR GET OFF MY COUNCIL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JENNIFER. PAUL ROBBINS, YOU
WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY DEBBIE
RUSSELL, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ONMASON. JOHN
MASON.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITIZEN OF AUSTIN, MY NAME IS PAUL

ROB....ROBBINS, I'M A CONSUMER ADVOCATE, AND I'M INVITING THIS COUNCIL AND OTHERS IN THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER ISSUES TO A RECEPTION AT NOON NEXT TUESDAY IN CITY HALL CHAMBERS. AT THIS RECEPTION THE NEW ISSUE OF THE AUSTIN ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTORY WILL BE RELEASED. AT THIS RECEPTION I WILL BE SPEAKING WITH OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY EXPERTS TO DESCRIBE HOW AUSTIN CAN BE THE CLEAN ENERGY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. THIS IS WHAT ONE OF THE CHAPTERS IN THE NEW DIRECTORY IS ABOUT. CONSIDER THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT HAS CAUSED THE WORLD TEMPERATURES IT SET RECORDS WHILE ARCTIC SEA ICE IN GLASSIERS ARE MELTING. GASOLINE COSTS GOWP EVERY TIME SOMEONE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SNEEZES. ELECTRICITY COSTS ARE GOING UP. AUSTIN IS DAIPGIOUSLY CLOSE TO -- DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO BEING OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH AIR QUALITY LAWS. ALMOST 60% OF U.S. SOIL IS IMPORTED, ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF THIS IS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST. WE'RE ABOUT 140,000 U.S. TROOPS ARE STATIONED TO PROTECT THIS OIL. THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTORY HAS GONE INTO GREAT DETAIL ABOUT MANY OF THESE PROBLEMS, BUT IT HAS ALSO FOCUSED ON SOLUTIONS, AND AUSTIN CAN BE IN THE CENTER OF CREATING THEM. WE CAN HELP OUR OWN CITIZENS LOWER BILLS, CLEAN THE ENVIRONMENT AND CREATE JOBS. THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTORY WILL ALSO HAVE THINGS IN IT, SUBJECTS IN IT, INCLUDE LOCALLY GROWN FOOD, GREEN BUILDING, COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING, WATERSHED PROTECTION, AND LIST AND DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS. SO AGAIN, I'M INVITING YOU AND CITIZENS INTERESTED TO COME NEXT TUESDAY IN THESE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT NOON. STU. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, PAUL. GREAT PUBLICATION. DEBBIE RUSSELL, WELCOME. YOU WILL BE IS FOLLOWED BY NON-ETTE MASON.

-- JOHNETTE MASON.

I'M HERE TODAY NOT TO TALK ABOUT RED LIGHT CAMERAS BECAUSE THAT'S ON HOLD, YEAH, BUT I AM HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT SEVERAL COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND POINT

TO SOME STARTS ON RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OFFERED IN THE PAST. ONE THING I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT OF RECENT NOTE IS THE AUSTIN DEMOCRACY CO-LIG CASE AGAINST THE CITY OF AUSTIN RECENTLY HAD A WIN IN COURT, AND WE HAVE NOW, AS WE SEE IT, HELPED TO PROTECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT, FREE SPEECH AND FREE ASSEMBLY HERE IN AUSTIN. AND WE HAVE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE WANTED TO SEE COME OUT OF THAT, BUT I DON'T THINK WE ACTUALLY ARE GOING TO COME OUT OF THE COURT SYSTEM. SO WE HOPE THAT THESE WILL GET IMPLEMENTED AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS IN THE FUTURE. AS I JUST SENT YOU AN E-MAIL THAT HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'VE SEEN THROUGH IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF THIS GROWING CONCERN OF THE FEAR AND INCREASING NUMBER OF INCIDENTS THAT WE -- THAT WE SEE DUE TO -- SEE ARE DUE TO A LACK OF INTERNAL ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WE FEEL THAT BECAUSE WE'RE GIVING SIGNIFICANT TAX DOLLARS AWAY, AND WE'RE NOT DEMANDING EQUITABLE ACCOUNTABILITY AND WE FEEL THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PLAY A MORE DIRECT AND MEANINGFUL ROLE IN THE FUTURE, THE NEAR FUTURE. TODAY WE ARE A COMBINATION OF COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ACTIVISTS ARE SPITTING A LETTER TO THE -- SUBMITTING A LETTER TO THE MANAGER'S OFFICE. THIS LETTER IS ASKING SPECIFICALLY RIGHT NOW FOR OUR INCLUSION THROUGH SOME SPECIFIC (INDISCERNIBLE) WHILE WE SEARCH FOR A NEW CHIEF OF POLICE. WE WANT TO BE MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS. WE FEEL THAT THAT SEARCH AS WELL AS THE SEARCH FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE THAT WE CAN HELP TO START FINE TUNE SOME OF THESE ISSUES. I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT SINCE WE JUST HAD THE RECENT DECISION THAT SCHROEDER WILL NOT BE REINSTATED, I HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THE DOCUMENT FRZ THE ARBITRATION HEARING AND THERE ARE A LOT OF INTERESTING AND TELLTALE STUFF COMING OUT OF THAT. FOR INSTANCE, OUR CITY ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE CITY DID ADMIT THAT THE INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT DID NOT CONSIDER ALL VIABLE OPTIONS AND COMPARE IT AGAINST THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. WHEN THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE IS BEING ROUTINELY THROWN OUT IN

THESE TYPES OF DECISIONS ON DEADLY CASES, WE HAVE A PROBLEM, WE HAVE A BROKEN SYSTEM AND WE REALLY HAVE SOME FIXES TO DO. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT WE NOW HAVE 65 PERCENT OF OUR BUDGET DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY. WE REALLY NEED TO SEE SOME ACCOUNTABILITY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN A MORE DIRECT LEVEL, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. RUSSELL.

McCracken: MAYOR, I JUST WANTED TO LET --

MAYOR, I JUST WANTED TO LET MS. RUSSELL KNOW THAT WE WILL BE BRINGING SOME OF THE STAKEHOLDERS, SOME OF THE KEY COMMUNITY LEAD STORIES THE TABLE SO THAT WE CAN ADDRESS SOME OF THESE ISSUES THAT WE'RE REFERRING TO. AND THE MAYOR AND I HAVE BEEN IN DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT. HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY TASKFORCE BACK UP AND RUNNING SOON.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: HOW WILL WE INVOLVE THE PARTIES IN THE SELECTION OF THE NEW POLICE CHIEF?

WELL, FIRST OF ALL, DON'T EVEN HAVE A CANDIDATE POOL, BUT THE PROCESS THAT WE'RE ANTICIPATING RIGHT NOW, WE'RE DOING A NATIONAL RECRUITMENT. THE PROCESS IS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE DID FOR BOTH THE POLICE CHIEF AND THE POLICE MONITOR WHERE WE USE -- WE BRING IN STAKEHOLDERS AFTER WE HAVE NARROWED TO A TOP SET OF CANDIDATES AND WE BRING IN NEIGHBORHOOD STAKEHOLDERS, THE ASSOCIATION GROUPS. WE BRING A REP FROM EACH OF THESE. ACLU HAS ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED IN THAT IN THE PAST. THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET THE TOP CANDIDATES AND GIVE FEEDBACK, NOT THEIR RECOMMENDATION ON WHO TO HIRE, BUT FEEDBACK ON WHATS THEY SAW AS STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES OF THE CANDIDATES BEFORE WE COME FORWARD AND PRESENT TO THE COUNCIL MY RECOMMENDATION A HIRE.

OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOHNETTE MASON, WHO IS TO BE FOLLOWED BIANA BELL ACUNA. WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY NICOLE MARTINEZ. WELCOME. YOU WILL EACH HAVE THREE MINUTES.

WE'RE GOING TO BE SHARING OUR TIME. I'M NICOLE MARTINEZ.

AND I'M ANNA BELL ACUNA.

I'M AN INTERP WITH PODER.

I'M ANNA BELL ACUNA AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE (INDISCERNIBLE) FOR WHY.

AT THE LAST CITY COUNCIL MEETING PODER PRESENT ADD MEETING ON THE YOUNG SCHOLARS FOR JUSTICE SUMMER PROGRAM. THE VIDEO DISCUSSED THE MANY PROJECTS WE COMPLETED THIS SUMMER, ONE OF WHICH WAS A REEN PROJECT.....RESEARCH PROJECT ABOUT YOUTH SERVICES IN AUSTIN. THIS YEAR THERE WAS TWO PROGRAMS ONE AT THE PODER OFFICE AND ONE AT DOVE SPRINGS RECREATION CENTER. THE PROCESS WAS TO HAVE YOUTHS SHARE THINK CONCERNS AND NEEDS ABOUT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY. THE FORUM WAS THE CONTINUATION OF A PROJECT START UNDERSTAND 2002..... 2002. THEY TRAVELED TO A TOTAL OF 13 SITES, SERVING OVER 200 YOUTH AND 13 PARK DIRECTORS. THESE EFFORTS LED TO THE SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYMENT OF MORE FEMALE PARK DIRECTORS AND INCREASED FEMALE PARTICIPATION. THEY ALSO ASKED FOR AN INCREASE IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET BURKE SAW NO IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS AREA. THUS TWO FORUMS WERE HELD THIS SUMMER TO DETERMINE HOW YOUTH SERVICES CAN BE IMPROVED BY THE CITY. DISCUSSED IN THE FORUM WERE THE FOLLOWING AREAS, PARKS AND RECREATION, YOUTH EMPLOYMENT, CULTURE AND ARTS, EDUCATION AND AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO UPDATE YOU ON OUR FINDINGS AND ASK THAT YOU ADOPT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSIDER INCREASING FUNDING FOR YOUTH SERVICES THIS 84. WE WILL HIGHLIGHT SOME

OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS AND LEAVE YOU WITH THE FULL REPORT CONTAINING ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION CENTER WERE YOUTH NEED MORE OPTIONS FOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS GREATER VARIETY OF TEAMS AND CLUBS. WE ALSO NEED MORE FEMALE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS LADIES SOFTBALL, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, ARTS AND CRAFTZ AND SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES. ALL SUMMER ACTIVITY AT THE REC CENTER SHOULD BE MORE AFFORDABLE OR FREE WHEN POSSIBLE. ALSO, HOURS OF OPERATION NEED TO BE CHANGED TO ACCOMMODATE YOUTH. MORE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS ARE NEEDED TO WHERE YOUTH CAN LEARN REAL LIFE SKILLS. ALL HIGH SCHOOLS IN AUSTIN SHOULD HAVE A CAREER PLANNING SUPPORT CENTER. LIVING WAGES SHOULD BE AT LEAST EIGHT DOLLARS AN HOUR. MORE JOBS THAT TEACH SURVIVAL SKILLS AND PREPARE YOUTH FOR EVERYDAY LIFE ARE NEEDED. FOR CULTURE AND ARTS, YOUTH NEED NOR DANCE AND ART CLASSES OFFERED TO THEM. CLASSES THAT INTEREST YOUTH NEED TO BE AFFORDABLE, OFFERED AT ALL RECREATION CENTERS SUCH AS HIP HOP DANCE, MUSIC RECORDING, THEATER AND ART CLASSES. THE CITY OF AUSTIN SHOULD OFFER PAID INTERNSHIPS FOR ALL CULTURAL AND ARTS VENUES FOR EDUCATION. ALL AISD TEACHERS SHOULD BE CERTIFIED. AISD NEEDS MORE AFRICAN-AMERICAN, LATINO TEACHERS. THERE SHOULD BE A CONTRACT FOR TEACHERS TO STAY A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS. YOUTH NEED LESS BOOK WORK AND MORE HANDS ON ACTIVITIES. THERE NEEDS TO BE LESS FOCUS ON STATE TESTING AND MORE FOCUS ON LIFE SKILLS. THERE'S A LACK OF PEOPLE OF COLOR HISTORY IN AISD CURRICULUM. ALL SCHOOLS SHOULD HAVE A COLLEGE PREP CLASS AND CAREER CENTER. FOR AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT, POLICE OFFICERS NEED TO CREATE A MO POSITIVE PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. DAILY FORCE POLICY NEEDS TO BE CHANGED FROM SHOOT TO KILL TO SHOOT TO DISABLE. THE POLICY ON RACIAL PROFILING SHOULD BE CITED IN THE A.P.D. PROCEDURE HANDBOOKS. COPS WHO HAVE A HISTORY OF RACIAL PROFILING SHOULD BE REPRACTICE

PANNED AND BE REQUIRED TO TAKE SPECIAL TRAINING
RACIAL PROFILING AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

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THIS CONCLUDES OUR REPRESENTATION. WE KNOW THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED SERVICES FOR ALL YOUTH, ESPECIALLY YOUTH OF COLOR AND LOW INCOME YOUTH. MANY FAMILIES ARE PROVIDING TO PROVIDE THE BASICS FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND RELY ON THE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THIS IS WHY WE STRONGLY FEEL THESE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE AS ACCESSIBLE AND HIGH QUALITY AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE REMEMBER OUR YOUTH, OUR FUTURE AND CONSIDER ADOPTING THE YSJ'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE THE PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET SO THAT SOUTH SERVICES CAN BE INCREASED FOR OUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, LADIES. JUST TO CONFIRM, JOHNETTE MASON WANTED TO ADDRESS US. SO COUNCIL, THAT ENDS OUR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. MY RECOMMENDATION ACTUALLY -- I JUST TALKED TO CHIEF MCDONALD ABOUT THIS, IS WE CAN NOW TAKE OUR LUNCH BREAK WHILE WE GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF ITEMS TO TAKE UP. AND THEN WE CAN COME BACK AND CONCLUDE THE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. I ANTICIPATE THAT BEING POSSIBLY 2:00 OR SO. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE WILL NOW GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO TAKE UP POTENTIALLY ITEM 63 RELATED TO CHAPTER 245 CLAIMS BY A.M.D. AND STRATUS AND/OR ITEM 64 RELATED TO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND EEOC CHARGE REGARDING AN EEOC CHARGE. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. I ANTICIPATE US COMING BACK PROBABLY AROUND 2:00 OR SO TO CONTINUE OUR BUDGET PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: WE ARE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION N EXECUTIVE SESSION WE TOOK UP ITEM 63 AND 64. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. WE'VE NOW ENDED OUR EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DAY. WE'RE GOING BACK TO OUR BUDGET PRESENTATIONS. IF YOU REMEMBER, WE HAD THE BRIEF

OVERVIEW BY CHIEF MCDONALD AND HAD HAD DIRECTOR WARREN TRUCE WALK US THROUGH -- STRUSE WALK US THROUGH THE PARKS PROPOSED BUDGET. WE HAD A FEW QUESTIONS THAT WERE BEING ASKED WHEN WE TOOK OUR BREAK. SO COUNCIL, QUESTIONS, FURTHER COMMENTS FOR THE PARKS DIRECTOR? COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ?

Martinez: THANKS, MAYOR. DIRECTOR STRUSE, I WANTED TO ASK YOU A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS WITH REGARDS TO THE BUDGET AND A COUPLE OF ITEMS WITHIN THERE. I'VE BEEN APPROACHED BY SOME FOLKS ABOUT THE SOFTBALL I GUESS FEES THAT WE -- THE FEES THAT THE PLAYERS ARE HAVING TO PAY EACH SEASON, AND I WAS SHOWN A LIST OF SOME 30 OR 40... 40 CITIES, AND IT SHOWED THAT ON A PER CAPITA BASIS THAT OUR SOFTBALL PLAYERS, THEIR FEES ARE EXPONENTIALLY HIGHER THAN OTHER CITIES. AND I KNOW WE BROUGHT THEM COUNCIL LAST YEAR, I WAS TOLD ABOUT THAT. I WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR THAT WE DID BRING THEM DOWN LAST YEAR, BUT WE ARE STILL STARLLY HIGHER THAN OTHER CITIES. AND I WANTED TO KNOW IF WE HAD ANY MORE OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE THOSE FEES.

COUNCILMEMBER, LAST YEAR -- WE HAVE BEEN AN ENTERPRISE FOUND A NUMBER OF YEARS IN SOFTBALL. AND SOFTBALL HAS REMAINED FAIRLY FLAT ON THE REGISTRATION OF OUR TEAMS FOR THE LAST FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS. THE ENTERPRISE FUND IS I WOULD SAY RIGHT NOW IS BREAKING EVEN, BUT OTHER THAN THAT IT'S NOT PROFITABLE AT ALL. WE DID LAST YEAR MADE A DECISION TO TRY TO BECOME MORE COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER SOFTBALL LEAGUE ARPD THE URBAN EDGES OF THE CITY IN OTHER AREAS SUCH AS ROUND ROCK GEORGETOWN AND MANY OF THE OTHER AREAS THAT ARE PROVIDING SOFTBALL, OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES. SO WE DROPPED IT ABOUT \$25 A TEAM TO SEE IF INDEED IT WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE DID HAVE A MODEST INCREASE IN REGISTRATION THIS YEAR ACCORD TO GO MY OBSERVATIONS, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT I CAN SAFELY SAY THAT I CAN ATTRIBUTE IT TO THE SMALL DECREASE IN THE FEES. WE ARE INDEED FROM OUR SURVEY, WE ARE INDEED THE HIGHEST ON TEAM REGISTRATION ON PRICES. WE ARE AT 3 SFIT..... \$378 RIGHT NOW PER TEAM FOR AN EIGHT-WEEK LEAGUE. OTHER CITIES ARE RANGING BETWEEN 300

AND \$350 PER TEAM, SO WE ARE A LITTLE BIT HIGHER. THERE ARE NO ACTIONS IN THIS BUDGET TODAY TO REDUCE THE PRICES FOR THOSE TEAM AT THIS POINT ANY LOWER THAN THEY CURRENTLY ARE.

Futrell: THERE ARE TWO THINGS TO KNOW. ONE, THEIR SURVEY IS CORRECT, WE ARE THE HIGHEST. TWO, WE COULD NOT FIND IN THAT SURVEY ANOTHER CITY THIS HAS THE SYSTEM SET UP THE WAY WE DO WHERE IT 100% ENTERPRISE, 100% PAYS FOR ITSELF. THOSE ARE THE TWO DISTINCT DIFFERENCES. WE DID AN INTERESTING ANALYSIS WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE PARTICIPATION OVER TIME. FROM ABOUT THE LATE '80'S UNTIL SEPTEMBER 11TH, WE HAD INCREASE UNDERSTAND PARTICIPATION ABOUT 24%. AND THEN JUST IN THOSE FOUR YEARS AFTER SEPTEMBER 11TH, WE DROPPED ALMOST THE EXACT SAME AMOUNT IN PARTICIPATION. SO THERE WAS THIS BRAIG POINT THAT YOU CAN -- BRAIG POINT THAT YOU CAN SEE IN THE GROWING PARTICIPATION AND THEN ABSOLUTELY GOING BACK DOWN. WE'RE LOOKING AT IT SOME MORE, BUT THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS BUDGET THAT CHANGES IT THIS YEAR.

Martinez: DOES THAT TREND CORRELATE TO THE ECONOMY?

Futrell: WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT WHAT COULD BE IN THAT TREND. THERE ARE SOME LOGICAL THINGS THAT YOU CAN EXPECT, AND WARREN, HELP ME WITH THIS. ONE IS AS THE SUBURBAN CITIES GROW AROUND US, THERE'S MORE AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES CLOSER TO WHERE PEOPLE LIVE, SO THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES IN ROUND ROCK AND CEDAR PARK AND LEANDER ARE ALSO DRAWING SOME OF THAT PARTICIPATION BACK OUT. IT WAS REAL CLEAR THERE WAS AN ECONOMIC BREAK BECAUSE YOU COULD SEE RIGHT AT SEPTEMBER 11TH, THEN IT BEGAN TO TANK THIS WAY INSTEAD OF GOING UP THIS WAY. AND THEN THERE ARE A COUPLE OTHER REASONS.

I THINK YOU TOUCHED ON THE MOST IMPORTANT. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLEXES BUILT AROUND THE CITY. YOU CAN DRIVE TO LEANDER APPEARED CEDAR PARK AND YOUR.....GEORGETOWN AND BUDA AND TRAVIS COUNTY THAT HAVE INCREDIBLE COMPLEKSZ. SO I THINK -- WE USED

TO BE THE BEST GAME IN TOWN, NO PUN INTENDED, AND NOW THAT GAME IS MORE ON THE OUT SKIRTS. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO THOSE AREAS THAT ARE CLOSE AND ADJACENT TO THEM. I THINK THAT TRULY IS ONE OF THE MAJOR PARTS OF THAT. THE CITY MANAGER AND I WERE DISCUSSING AS THE DOWNTOWN GROWS AND INCREASES IN DENSITY AND AS WE BECOME A DENSER CITY, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE BECOMING MUCH MORE POPULAR. SOING IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE COMPETITIVE BOAT AT KREIK AND AT HAVENS. I THINK WE CAN SEE AN INCREASE IN OUR USAGE.

FOUR FE NON-NON-WE TRACKED WAS THE GROWTH OF SOCCER SEEMS TO BE ALSO IMPACTING THIS A LITTLE BIT AS PEOPLE ARE KIND OF BRANCHING OUT INTO OTHER GAMES THAT ARE FORMING LEAGUE PLAY.

THAT'S TRUE.

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Martinez: MAR I JUST TOPT SEE IF THERE'S ANY WAY WE CAN REDUCE THOSE FEES AND I WOULD LIKE TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT IF I CAN HELP IN ANY WAY. THE SECOND THING I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT IS YOU MENTIONED THE JOHNNIE MORRIS TENNIS CENTER. AND I WANTED AN UPDATE ON WHAT WE'RE PROJECTING IN TERM OF HOW MANY TENNIS COURT, HOW MUCH AISD IS JOINTLY FUNDING WITH US AND WHAT WE BELIEVE WE CAN DO ON OUR SIDE OF IT?

THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. JOHNNIE MORRIS TENNIS CENTER, WE'RE IN THE DESIGN PHASE RIGHT NOW, AND IT LOOKS RIGHT NOW, DUE TO THE DESIGN OF THE LOCATION AND SO FORTH, THAT -- I'M OF THE MYSTIC. I'M OPTIMIST STICK OF 12 COURTS BEING CONSTRUCTED. WE HAVE ABOUT \$12 MILLION -- THAT'S ANOTHER COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WITH AISD. THEY'RE COMING TO THE TABLE WITH THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION DOLLARS FOR BUILDING ADDITIONAL COURTS AS WELL TO THAT. WE HAVE ABOUT TWO MILLION AND THEY'RE BRINGING ABOUT 750,000 TO THE TABLE. SO WE HOPE TO BE ALE TO GET A PRO SHOP, ALL

THE INFRASTRUCTURE, ALL THE PARKING LOTS, AND CONSERVATIVE 10 COURTS. I HOPE TO HAVE 12 DEPENDING ON WHAT THE BEDS COME IN AT. BIDS COME IN AT. WE LOOK TO HOPEFULLY GET THE BID DOCUMENTS READY BY THIS FALL AND HOPEFULLY HAVE IT BID BEFORE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR APPEARED HOPEFULLY V.....HOPEFULLY HAVE IT CONSTRUCT UNDERSTAND 2008. IDEALLY COUNCILMEMBER WE WOULD THRIEK HAVE 10 COUNT FOR JOHNNIE MORRIS TENNIS COMPLEX. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE BREAKS ON KIND OF AN EXPONENTIALLY ON FOUR, SO IF YOU HAD 12 COURTS OR 16 WOULD BE THE IDEAL SITUATION FROM FRUS A PROGRAMMATIC STANDPOINT.

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Martinez: DO WE ENTER INTO ANY TYPES OF AGREEMENT WATER AND WASTEWATER A PRIVATE -- AGREEMENT WATER AND WASTEWATER A PRIVATE VENTURE OR PRIVATE CLUB THAT WANTS TO ADD TO WHAT WE'RE PROJECTING?

TO MY KNOWLEDGE WE HAVE NOT CONSIDERED A PRIVATE TENNIS FIRM, NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE IN OUR HISTORY. OBVIOUSLY WE LOOKED AT THE USTA, UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION HOPEFULLY FOR ADDITIONAL GRANTS AND WE'RE TILL STILL OUT THERE LOOK AGHT THAT TO SEE IF THERE'S ALTERNATIVE FUNDING, BUT WE HAVEN'T LOOKED AT A PRIVATE VENTURE ON THIS ONE. THIS IS A VENTURE BETWEEN THE AUSTIN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT THIS POINT. PAIR MAYOR COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL. LEFFINGWELL.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE BOTANICAL CENTER THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT BEFORE THE BRAIG HERE. THAT -- THE CITY MANAGER MENTION THAT HAD WE'RE ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY VISITED BOTANICAL CENTERS IN THE STATE, IN THE COUNTRY, AND ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THAT IS IT'S STILL PUBLICLY OWNED, ADMISSION IS FREE, I BELIEVE. MOST OF THE BOTANICAL CENTERS ARPD THE COUNTRY HAVE ENTERED INTO SOME KIND OF QUASI PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WHERE GROUPS TAKE OVER THE MANAGEMENT AND ACTUALLY

THERE WAS AN EFFORT HERE PROBABLY FOR SNOWN DO THAT HERE IN AUSTIN AND THEN THEY CHARGE FEES FOR ENTRANCE. THAT BEING SAID, THIS PARTICULAR GROUP HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN DOING A LOT OF VOLUNTEER LABOR, AND BASICALLY KEEPING THE BOTANICAL GARDENS AFLOAT AND FROM TURNING BROWN OR FROM BEHAVELY LOSING IT THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS. AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF SIMILAR VOLUNTEER GROUPS ALL OVER TOWN THAT WORK. WE TALKED JUST LAST WEEK ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF BARTON SPRINGS. WE GOT THE FRIENDS OF DEEP ED DIRKS THE TOWN LAKE PARK FOUNDATION, THE TOWN LAKE TRAIL FOWPTION, ON AND ON. WE RELY VERY HEAVY LOY THAT AND ON VOLUNTEER HELP TO KEEP OUR PARK SYSTEM UP. SO THAT BRINGS ME TO MY QUESTION. LOOKING AT THESE GRAPHS HERE, THE ONE ON PAGE 18, PORTLAND HAS ABOUT SIX ACRES -- PARK ACRES PER ONE THOUSAND POPULATION. AND THEN AUSTIN, OF COURSE, HAS 16 OR ABOUT THREE TIME AS MUCH. AND THEN WHEN YOU COMPARE THAT TO EXPENDITURES, PORTLAND AGAIN SPENDS NOT QUITE, BUT ALMOST TWICE AS MUCH DOLLARS PER CAPITA. SO JUST KIND OF REAL BACK OF THE NAPKIN STUFF, IT LOOKS LIKE PORTLAND IS SPENDING ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE TIMES AS MUCH IN TERMS OF DOLLARS PER ACRE THAN WE DO. SO THAT TELLS US SOMETHING. AND I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT TELLS US YET. DOES IT TELL US THAT WE'RE GETTING ALL OF THIS EXTRA BANG FOR THE BUCK OUT OF VOLUNTEER GROUPS OR THAT WE'VE GOT -- THAT WE'RE NOT SPENDING AS MUCH PER ACRE AS OTHER CITIES DO.

COUNCILMEMBER, I'LL MAKE AN OBSERVATION ON YOUR COMMENT. I THINK YOU HIT ON BOTH ACCOUNTS. FIRST OF ALL, I FEEL THAT YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION IN AUSTIN PROBABLY HAS IN MY OBSERVATION FROM MY TRAVELS THE MOST ACTIVE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, THE MOST ACTIVE FOUNDATION PROGRAMS OF ANY CITY I'VE SEEN. AS I TRAVEL. WHAT I SEE ON THE ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS IS A WONDERFULLY EXCITING DES DESTINATION AREA THAT HAS BEEN SINCE ITS INCEPTION 50 YEARS AGO TO BE A PLACE TO COME FREE OF CHARGE TO SEE THE GARDENS AND EDUCATE YOURSELF AND FRIENDS ON BOTANICAL OPPORTUNITY AND HAS IT TAKEN ON SUCH AN INCREDIBLE HISTORY IN ZILKER PARK. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY

POSITION THAT IF WE WANTED A REAL BOTANICAL, LIKE A BELL AND GRAPH OR A MOOD DICE, THE THING WE MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE IS LET'S LOOK AT A SPOT IN AUSTIN, LET'S LOOK AT A PIECE OF PARKLAND, SOMEWHERE WE CAN START THAT TUPT. IN MY OPINION, ZILKER IS NOT THE PLACE TO TRY TO EXPAND BECAUSE ZILKER IN AND OF ITSELF IS FINITE. BUT IF WE'RE LOOKING FOR A REAL STATE-OF-THE-ART, AND I USE BELLINGRAPH BECAUSE I THRU. LOVE IT. IF WE WANT TO HAVE ENTRY FEES AND SOMETHING OF THAT MAGNITUDE, I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT A SPOT THAT WE CAN TRY THAT OPPORTUNITY VAND THE RIGHT LOCATION TO START IT WHERE YOU HAVE WHUN, 100 ACHE DOARZ.....100 ACRES TO DO IT. I DON'T KNOW THAT ZILKER IN AND OF ITSELF IS THE PLACE TO TRY TO EXPAND AND GROW BECAUSE IT IS SO FINITE.

Futrell: BUT WARREN, THE QUESTION WAS REALLY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT OUR GRAPHS, WHAT YOU SEE IS WAY MORE ACRES PER PERSON AT A MUCH LOWER INVESTMENT IN MAINTAINING THOSE ACRES. AND I THINK YOU'VE GOT THE TWO THINGS GOING, COUNCILMEMBER, THAT YOU MENTIONED, THIS EXTRAORDINARILY ACTIVE COMMUNITY THAT PARTICIPANTS WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, AND TWO, YOU HAVE A VERY, VERY EFFICIENT, LEAN STAFF THAT PRODUCES THE OUTCOME. IT SO LEAN AT THIS POINT WHERE YOU'RE BEGINNING -- JUST LOOK AT OUR SURVEY NUMBERS. FOR THE FIRST TIME HAVE YOU A NUMBER DROPPING BELOW THE 90'S IN SATISFACTION. BECAUSE IT'S FRAIG AROUND THE EDGES A LITTLE, OUR INVESTMENT IS NOT WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE FOR OUR PARK SYSTEM.

AND ALSO, COUNCILMEMBER, ONE OF THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAD EARLIER ABOUT THE REC CENTERS WAS SORT OF AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT PARKS HAS HAD TO DO IN THE PAST WHERE THEY HAD TO BE CREATIVE IN ROTATING STAFF. SO WHAT YOU'LL SEE IN SOME OF THESE FACILITIES IS THAT ALTHOUGH THEY MAY NOT HAVE DEDICATED STAFF, THE EMPLOYEES DID STEP UP, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE DOWNTURN, WHERE THEY ALLOWED MANAGEMENT TO BE CREATIVE IN SOME OF THE SCHEDULING, BUT THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FACILITIES. AND WE DID HAVE TO

TAKE CARE OF THAT BECAUSE THEY DID EXPERIENCE CUTS.

Leffingwell: SERM I'M AWARE THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR PARK SYSTEM STAYING AFLOAT AND SERVICEABLE AT LEAST THRU DOWNTOWN YEARS, BUT I WAS, AS THE CITY MANAGER SUGGESTED, TRYING TO SUGGEST THAT MAYBE WE ARE STILL A LITTLE LEAN. WE'VE MADE SOME PROGRESS THIS YEAR, AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL CONTINUE TO DO THAT UNTIL WE GET BACK TOWP POINT WHERE WE CAN TAKE CARE OF OUR PARK SYSTEM THE WAY WE WANT TO. I WANTED TO ASK YOU ONE MORE QUESTION ABOUT ENTERPRISE FUNDS. YOU MENTIONED THAT THE SOFTBALL FUND WAS BARELY BREAKING EVEN. BHOWT OTHER ONES, GOLF AND RECREATION? ARE WE BREAKING EVEN ON THOSE TWO ENTERPRISE FUNDS?

YES, SIR, WE ARE BREAKING EVEN. I THINK THE INTERESTING THING ABOUT GOLF IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF SOFTBALL. GOLF IS MUCH EASIER TO SEE THE TRENDS EVEN THAN SOFTBALL. GOLF OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS, WE'VE HAD IN EXCESS OF 20 COURSES WITHIN OUR SERVICE AREA. 20 YEARS AGO WHEN WE HAD THE JIMMY CLAY AND MUN YUVMET AND MORRIS WILLIAMS, WE WERE THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN. NOW WITH THE SATURATION IN GOLF COURSES AND MANY OF YOUR DEVELOPMENT DWOEMENT OTZ EDGE OF TOWN, PEOPLE ARE TRAVELLING TO THOSE COURSES. SO OUR ROUNDS HAVE GONE DOWN. THEY HAVE GONE DOWN AT ALL OF OUR COURSES. IT HASN'T BEEN REAL GRRKS BUT WE ARE SEEING A DOWNWARD TREND ON OUR COURSES SIRPLY BECAUSE THE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THERE THROUGHOUT THE CITY. BUT WE ARE HOLDING OUR OWN IN GOLF. WE ARE DOING SOME THING THAT OUR GOLF COURSE PROGRAM IS VERY CREATE TIVMENT WE'RE DISCOUNTING, WORKING AND MARKETING REAL WELL. WE'RE GET NG THE..... GETTING IN THE TRENCHES WITH OART COURSES.

Leffingwell: WE ARE BREAK EVEN AT LEAST?

WE ARE BREAKING EVEN AT THIS POINT.

Leffingwell: HAS THE BERGSTROM GOLF COURSE BEEN

CLOSE AND TIRKS HAS.

Leffingwell: SO WE ARE BEGIN TO GO RESPOND IT THE DEMAND OR LACK OF IT WITH RIGHT SIZING OUR NUMBER OF GOLF COURSE SITES.

THAT'S CORRECT. AS WE TALKED ABOUT LAST YEAR, COUNCILMEMBER, YOU MAY RECALL WHEN WE CLOSED BERGSTROM AND WE WERE IN HOPES OF 50 TO 75 PERCENT OF OUR LOSSES AT BERGSTROM COULD WE COME TO OUR OTHER COURSES AND WE'RE SEEING THOSE NUMBERS COME BACK.

Futrell: THE ONLY THING I WANT TO STRESS THERE IS YOU HAVE TWO FUNDS THAT ARE BARELY MAKING IT ON THE ENTERPRISE SIDE. BREAKING EVEN, BUT SOMETIME UNDER OR JUST SLIGHTLY OVER. AND IT'S GOLF AND SOFTBALL, RIGHT IN.

RIGHT.

Futrell: THOSE ARE TOUGH ONES FOR US RIGHT NOW. THEY'RE JUST BARELY HOLDING THEIR OWN ON THE PART.

BUT YOU DO HAVE A GREENS FEE INCREASE TO AT LEAST PARTIALLY ADDRESS THAT PROBLEM.

WE DO. AND WE MADE SURE THAT WE'RE CHECKING WITH OUR COMPETITION TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT PRICING OURSELVES OUT OF THE MARKET IN OUR GREENS FEES AND WE'VE DONE DUE DILIGENCE ON MAKING SURE PRICES ARE COMPETITIVE AND WE'RE TAKING A STRAIGHT REVENUE APPROACH AT THIS AND I THINK WE'LL SEE SOME REVENUE INCREASES.

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Leffingwell: I THINK WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM?

Dunkerley: MR. TRUCE, GOING BACK TO THE -- MR. TRUCE,

GOING FWOOK THE TENNIS CENTER ISSUE, A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WHEN WE MOVED, I PROPOSED A 16 COURT TENNIS CENTER FROM SOUTH AUSTIN. I WAS REALLY PLEASED THAT YOU CAME UP WITH THE DPREAMENT WITH AISD TO JOINTLY WORK ON A CENTER, BUT FROM WHAT YOU WERE SAYING EARLIER, WE WILL STILL BE FOUR COURT SHORT OF A 16-COURT CENTER. AND WHAT IS THE FRIES THOSE COURTS? I KNOW YOU LIKE TO GET THEM IN TWO'S, BUT IS IT 150,000?

PAPER,..... MAYOR PRO TEM, TO BE SAFE ON THE PRICE AND SOMETIMES THIS GETS ME IN TROUBLE WHEN I'M PUTTING PRICES THROUGHOUT, BUT TO BE SAFE, WITH ADDITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE, LIGHTS, POSSIBLY WHEN YOU DO ADDITIONAL FOUR COURTS YOU MAY KICK IN SOME DARRELL PARKING, WE'RE THINKING 150 IS PROBABLY A GOOD FIGURE.

PER COURT?

PER COURT.

Dunkerley: YOU WOULD NEED THOSE IN SETS OF TWO COURT.

YES, MA'AM.

Dunkerley: OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS OR DISMENS..... COMMENTS? THANK YOU ALL. CHIEF?

YES, MAYOR. THE NEXT PRESENTING DEPARTMENT WILL BE LIBRARY. AND OUR LIBRARY DIRECTOR, BRENDA BRANCH.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MS. BRANCH.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR WYNN, MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLEY AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS. IMPLIED TO PRESENT THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2006-2007 BUDGET, PROPOSED BUDGET. SURVEY RESULTS INDICATE THAT CITIZEN SATISFACTION HAS INCREASED IN ALL AREAS SHOWN. THE VAILT OF MATERIALS AT LIBRARIES IS UP 2..

2.7%. THE OVERALL RAIGHT OF LIBRARY SERVICES IS UP 2
PI.....2.3 PERCENT. YOUTH PROGRAMS, THE HIGHEST RATING
IS UP 1 PI 1 POINT.....1.1%.PHOTOGRAPHY LIBRARY
REVENUES ARE EXPECTED TO STAY RELATIVELY CONSTANT
AT \$800,000. EXPENDITURES ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE
BY 7.2% TO \$22 MILLION. THE MAJORITY OF WHICH FUNDS
PUBLIC SERVICE AT \$13 MILLION. THIS BUDGET PROPOSES
AN INCREASE OF SEVEN NEW F.T.E.'S, TWO FOR THE NEWLY
EXPANDED SPICEWOOD SPRINGS BRANCH LIBRARY
PROJECTED TO OPEN IN JANUARY OF 2007. AND FIVE F.T.E.'S
FOR STRATEGIC ADD BACKS WHICH I'LL TALK ABOUT LATER.
ONE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS BUDGET IS THE EXPANSION OF THE
NEW SPICEWOOD SPRINGS BRANCH LIBRARY, WHICH WILL
DOUBLE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE. AINTSD PROJECTED TO
OPEN AS I SAID IN JANUARY OF 2007. THE 99,000-DOLLAR
FUNDING ADDS TWO F.T.E.'S AND SOME ADDITIONAL O AND
M. THIS CURRENT YEAR WE OPENED..ED BRANCHES THE
ONE DAY PER WEEK THAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN
CLOSED DURING THE DOWNTURN, AND WE WERE GRATEFUL
TO RECEIVE THE PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RESTORATIONS TO
OPEN -- TO REOPEN THE BRANCHES. HOWEVER, WE DID NOT
RECEIVE THE SUPPORT STAFF WHICH IS VITAL TO
SUPPORTING THE PUBLIC SERVICES. OUR TOP PRIORITY
THIS YEAR IS TO STRATEGICALLY RESTORE THOSE
SUPPORT POSITIONS WHICH ENABLE THE LIBRARY TO RUN
EFFECTIVELY. PROPOSED STRATEGIC ADD BACKS INCLUDE
THESE ADDITIONAL FIVE F.T.E.'S, ONE SECURITY GUARD,
WHICH WILL DECREASE SECURITY INCIDENTS SYSTEMWIDE
BY FIVE PERCENT. TWO ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS WHICH
WILL DECREASE DELAYS IN RESPONDING TO CUSTOMER
INQUIRIES IN THE BILLING AREA BY 42%. ONE HUMAN
RESOURCES SPECIALIST AND ONE ACCOUNT ASSOCIATE
WHICH WILL IMPROVE WORK FLOW IN THE EMPLOYMENT
AND FINANCE AREAS. OUR BACKLOG IS SO GREAT IN THESE
AREAS THAT WE HAVE HAD TO PULL
APPROXIMATE.....PEOPLEFROM PUBLIC SERVICE AREAS
WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED. GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE WORK
LOAD, WE HAVE ONE EMPLOYEE TO SCREEN 1 150 TO 200
APPLICATIONS. THESE ARE RES STORE RAITIONZ OF
PREVIOUSLY ELIMINATED POSITIONS, SO THERE IS
AVAILABLE WORK SPACE IN YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS
TO ACCOMMODATE THESE POSITIONS, NO PUBLIC SPACE

WILL BE NEEDED. AS YOU KNOW, AUSTIN VOTERS APPROVED SEVEN LIBRARY PROJECTS IN THE 1998 BOND ELECTION AND ALL OF THESE ARE EITHER COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS. THE LIBRARY'S 2006-2007 CIP INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TWIN OAKS BRANCH, THE LAST PROJECT TO COME OUT OF THE 1998 BOND LEFNLGHTS.....ELECTION, WHICH IS PROJECTED TO OPEN IN MARCH OF 2009. WE'VE HELD THREE DESIGN MEETINGS WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE ARE ALL VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS NEW BRANCH. WE PROJECT THAT KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES WILL BE AFFECTED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS: TOTAL ANNUAL VISITS WILL INCREASE BY 3.4 PERCENT TO 3.3 MILLION VISITS. THE PERCENT OF CUSTOMERS WHO FIND THE TITLE THAT THEY ARE SEEKING WILL INCREASE BY 1.1% TO 81%. AND THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS WILL INCREASE BY 17.6% TO 1600 VOLUNTEERS. ICMA COMPARATIVE STATISTICS SHOW THAT THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED BORROWERS AS A PERCENT OF POPULATION IS VERY HIGH AT 61.2%. AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES TOTAL VISITS PER CAPITA IS ALSO HIGH AT 4 PI 6 VISITS PER CAPITA AS COMPARED TO OTHER LIBRARIES. THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION. I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COMMENT? ECONOMIC. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: MS. BRANCH, OUR AUSTIN BRANCH LIBRARY SYSTEM IS ACTUALLY PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT OR ALONG WITH PARKS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM PLACES FOR DOIDZ HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO GO AFTER SCHOOL AND ACTUALLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO BETTER IN LIFE THROUGH THEIR WIRED FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS ARE AT THE LIBRARIES. CAN YOU TELL US WHERE WE STAND IN TERMS OF OUR INVESTMENT IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT OUR BRANCH LIBRARIES IN THIS BUDGET COMPARED TO THE PAST YEAR'S BUDGETS, AND PARTICULARLY PRIOR TO 2001?

WE HAD PREVIOUSLY ELIMINATED THREE WIRED FOR YOUTH LIBRARIANS. THOSE HAVE BEEN RESTORED SO. OUR WIRED FOR YOUTH CENTERS, WE HAVE 10 WHICH ARE LOCATE IN THE EAST AND SOUTH BRANCHES HAVE BEEN TOTALLY

RESTORED AND ARE OPERATING AT FULL STAFFING LEVELS. ADD WE PROVIDE A LOT OF PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUTH IN THE WIRED FOR YOUTH CENTERS AND EACH OF THEM ARE STAFFED SO WE HAVE OVERSIGHT BY STAFF IN ALL OF THOSE CENTERS. WE HAD ONE -- WE HAD THREE YOUTH SERVICES POSITIONS THAT WERE ELIMINATED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND ONE OF THOSE IS A -- IS A YOUTH LIBRARIAN, YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN WHO IS ON THE YOUTH TEAM IN THE SOUTH. WE HAVE THE SOUTH SERVICES BY TEAMS. AND SO WE'RE ONE SHORT IN THAT AREA. THE OTHER TWO POSITIONS WERE MANAGEMENT POSITIONS IN THE YOUTH SERVICES AREA. SO WE HAVE ADDED -- WE HAVE BROUGHT OUR WIRED FOR YOUTH FULLY STAFFED AND OPERATIONAL, THE 10 FACILITIES THAT WE HAVE. AND OUR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS REMAIN PRETTY MUCH UNTOUCHED, PRETTY MUCH THE SAME LEVEL.

McCracken: WHERE DO YOU ESTIMATE THE LIBRARY SYSTEM IS VERSUS COMMUNITY NEED? I SEE WE HAVE VERY STRONG COMMUNITY NEED, BUT PARTICULARLY I AM VERY INTERESTED IN THE ROLE OF... THAT THE LIBRARY SYSTEM PLAYS IN OUR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND HELPING TO KEEP KIDS SAFE AFTER SCHOOL, GIVE THEM A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE AND IN THE SUMMERS. SO WHERE ARE WE VERSUS WHERE YOU HAVE SEEN THAT WE SHOULD BE AS A COMMUNITY IN THAT AREA?

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WE WOULD IDEALLY LIKE TO HAVE A WIRED FOR YOUTH CENTER IN EVERY LIBRARY. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SPACE ISSUES IN SOME OF OUR LIBRARIES WHERE WE HAVE DIFFICULTY ADDING THE SIX OR SO COMPUTERS THAT WE WOULD NEED TO HAVE THAT AND TO FULLY BE EFFECTIVE. AND WE WOULD THRIEK HAVE A YOUTH LIBRARIAN IN EVERY LIBRARY. RIGHT NOW WE SPLIT -- WE ARE IN TEAMS TO TRY TO COVER THE ENTIRE CITY, AND WE DON'T HAVE A YOUTH LIBRARIAN IN EVERY LOCATION. SO OUR ULTIMATE GOAL WOULD BE TO HAVE A YOUTH LIBRARIAN IN EVERY LOCATION AND A WIRED FOR YOUTH IN EVERY LIBRARY LOCATION. AND I CAN GET THAT INFORMATION FOR YOU TO TELL YOU WHERE IDEALLY WE WOULD LIKE TO GO. AND

OBTAINING WE WILL HAVE TO DO THAT OTHER TIME.

McCracken: I THINK IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IF WE COULD FIND OUT PERHAPS THERE ARE BRANCH LIBRARIES WHERE THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR KIDS WHO DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER IN THEIR HOME TO HAVE A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN GO USE A COMPUTER, GET TRAIPO ON, HAVE A PLACE TO GO DO THEIR HOME WORK. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW IF THERE ARE PLACES WHERE WE HAVE A HUGE PENT UP NEED FOR A SAFE, POSITIVE PLACE FOR KIDS TO GO IN THE SUMMER, THINGS LIKE THAT. SO WHERE ARE THE GAPS RIGHT NOW IN TERMS OF OUR AFTER COOL PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY THE WIRED FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS AND THEN ALSO LITERACY, AND THEN A SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS TOO SINCE THE LIBRARY SYSTEM IS REALLY SO CRITICAL IN MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE AND HAVE A POSITIVE PLACE TO BE.

WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION AND WE CAN GET IT TO YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURS QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? THANK YOU, COUNCIL. THANK YOU, MS. BRACKENRIDGE.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR, OUR NEXT PRESENTING DEPARTMENT WILL BE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. OUR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR, DAVID LURIE.

THANK YOU, CHIEF. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, COUNCIL. I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE MELANIE MILLER WHO IS OUR FINANCIAL OFFICER AND BUDGET OFFICER FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AS YOU PROBABLY ARE AWARE, OUR MISSION IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TO PROMOTE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELL-BEING, PROMOTING COMMUNITY-WIDE WELLNESS, PREVENTING DISEASE AND PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND POTENTIAL EPIDEMICS OR OUTBREAKS. FIRST SLIDE RELATES TO THE CITIZEN SATISFACTION OR SURVEY RULTZ,..... SURVEY RESULTS. AND I WOULD ASK YOU NOT TO FOCUS TOO MUCH ON THE NEGATIVES THAT ARE SHOWING THERE. THESE ARE GENERAL RESPONSES FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE,

NOT SIGNIFICANTLY STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT IN TERM OF THE VARIANCES, AND I WOULD SAY IN TERM OF THE PERCENTAGES, 85%, 90% SATISFACTION RATE, 88% ARE GENERALLY FAVORABLE. AND WHEN WE LOOK MORE CLOSELY WITHIN OUR PROGRAMS IN TERM OF PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY UTILIZE SERVICES WITHIN THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHERE WE HAVE DONE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEYS, WE REGULARLY SEE RESULTS IN THE 90 PERCENT PLUS RANGING. WE ALSO HAVE A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES OF THAT IN TERMS OF OUR CONTRACT THAT IS SPECIFIC FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THE ONE AREA HERE THAT IS OF CONCERN I THINK IN TERM OF THE REDUCTION HAS TO DO WITH ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES. I THINK THAT'S A FACTOR OF CONTINUED GROWTH WITH FLAT RESOURCES, AND THE IMPACT THAT HAS ON OUR RESPONSE TIMES IN TERMS OF ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES. THE NEXT SLIDE IS A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET FACTS RELATED TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. TOTAL EXPENDITURES 54.6 MILLION. THE ONE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE HERE IS IN THE REVENUE WHERE YOU SEE AN INCREASE OF 20.7%. AND THIS IS PRIMARILY RELATED TO A CHANGE IN THE FEES FOR VITAL RECORDS, BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES AND THOSE FEES ARE SET BY THE STATE AND THERE WAS RECENTLY A CHANGE THERE THAT RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN THE FEE STRUCTURE. WE ALSO HAVE PROPOSED A CHANGE IN THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR ANIMAL SERVICES, PARTICULARLY THE RECLAIMING OF ANIMALS. AND AS PART OF OUR EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP, WE ARE PROPOSING SOME INCREASES THERE FOR ANIMALS THAT ARE RECLAIMED THAT ARE NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED. AND ALSO ESCALATING FEES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN SITUATIONS IN WHICH ANIMALS ARE BROUGHT TO THE SHELTER MULTIPLE TIMES. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

I LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD HERE THAT.....I END UP FEEDING FOUR AND FIVE CATS A DAY MYSELF, AND IT'S JUST -- YOU KNOW, IT'S A NATURE OF WHERE WE LIVE. BUT I ALSO HAVE FOUND THAT IT'S LIKE HURTING CATS, DEALING WITH SOME OF THE ANIMAL COMMUNITY.

I JUST WANT TO HAVE THE MOST IMPACT ON REDUCING OUR KILL RATE, ON IMPROVING EDUCATION AND OUTREACH, BECAUSE I THINK WE CAN DO MUCH MORE TO HELP THE SITUATION ON THE PREVENTATIVE SIDE AS OPPOSED TO CONTINUING DOWN THIS ROAD OF TAKING IN SO MANY STRAYS AND THEN JUST PUTTING THEM TO SLEEP, SO TO SPEAK.

AND THAT'S PRECISELY WHY WE WANT TO MOVE THE FOCUS TO THAT FRONT END IN TERMS OF PREVENTION BECAUSE WE CAN'T KEEP UP WITH IT AT THE OTHER END, SO WE... IF WE CAN GET FOCUSED ON PREVENTION AND REALLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS THAT ARE LOOSE AT LARGE, ENDING UP IN THE SHELTER, THAT'S WHERE WE KNOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT IN TERMS OF THE EUTHENASIA RATE.

MR. LURIE, I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT -- SINCE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ANIMAL CONTROL, I KNOW THAT THE ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION IS LOOKING AT A PROPOSAL FOR DIFFERENT -- DIFFERENT FEE SCHEDULES TO ENCOURAGE OR TO REQUIRE MANDATORY SPAY, NEUTER, AS WELL AS A FEE SCHEDULE THAT ENCOURAGES MICRO CHIPPING WHICH WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR US TO RETURN PETS. THIS PROPOSAL, I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A COST ASSOCIATED, IF THERE'S A FISCAL AMOUNT. DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA HOW MUCH THAT WOULD COST THE CITY? WOULD THERE BE ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE CITY TO PUT THIS PROGRAM IN PLACE?

WELL, A COUPLE THINGS I WOULD SAY ABOUT THAT, AND WE DID START THE DISCUSSING ABOUT THE MANDATORY SPAY, NE YU. TER COMMUNITY WIDE SENSE, BUT THAT FOCUS INTO MORE PRACTICAL SENSE. WE WORKED WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AGREED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE IMPLEMENTING AND ONE ISN'T SO MUCH A COST AS IT IS THE FEE STRUCK.....STRUCTURE AND IT HAS TO DO WITH DIFFERENT FEES FOR RECLAIMING ANIMALS AT THE SHELTER. A MUCH HIGHER FEE, IF YOU'RE GOING TO RECLAIM AN ANIMAL AND IT'S INTACT, IT'S NOT SPAYED.

AND WE DO THAT ALREADY, DON'T WE?

BE DO, BUT THIS INCREASES THE DIFFERENCE IN THE FEE STRUCTURE AND IT ALSO HAS EVEN HIGHER FEES FOR MULTIPLE OFFENSES, IF YOU WILL. SO THAT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE A COST. JUST SIMPLY AN ORDINANCE CHANGE OR A FEE CHANGE FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THAT WE COULD EASILY IMPLEMENT AND I THINK WOULD SERVE AS A GREAT INCENTIVE FOR PEOPLE TO GET THEIR ANIMALS SPAYED. IN THE PROJECT HUMANE AUSTIN, LET ME GET TO THE NUMBERS AND GIVE YOU A BREAKDOWN IN TERMS OF THE MICRO CHIPPING. IN THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL, WHICH AGAIN WAS NOT FUNDED -- THIS IS AN UNFUNDED STRATEGIC AD OF \$155,000, THAT INCLUDES THE ONE FTE EDUCATOR WE TALKED ABOUT. IT ALSO INCLUDES \$30,000 FOR A SPAY NEUTER PROJECT, PARTICULARLY FOCUSED ON FAIRLY CATS, BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN CATS COMING INTO THE SHELTER, AND ALSO -- 40,000 -- I MAY HAVE GOT MY NUMBERS MIXED UP. YEAH, 30,000 FOR THE FERIL CATS SPAY PROJECT, ANOTHER 30,000 FOR SPAY CLINICS IN GENERAL, AND THEN 30,000 FOR MICRO CHIPPING.

THAT'S GOOD. I WAS CONCERNED THAT WE WEREN'T ADDRESSING THE FERILE CAT PROBLEM BECAUSE INITIALLY WHEN I GOT THE PROPOSAL, IT WASN'T ADDRESSING THE FERILE CATS. I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE ABLE TO LOOK AT SOMETHING AND AT LEAST HAVE A PRICE TAG TO CONSIDER FOR DEALING WITH THAT, OR START TO DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM.

RIGHT.

THANKS. ANOTHER QUESTION I HAVE HAS TO DO WITH CONVENIENCE STORES AND FOOD PERMITS. I MET WITH A NUMBER OF CONVENIENCE STORE OWNERS WHO WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE FEES PER STORE WERE THE SAME AS PER RESTAURANT WHEN THEY SELL -- MY UNDERSTANDING IS PRECOOKED ITEMS, LIKE HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS AND THE PRE WRAPPED HAMBURGERS. CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT THAT?

SHANNON IS HERE, SHANNON JONES MAY HAVE SOME INFORMATION ON THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, BUT I DO THINK WE'VE GOT A FEE SCALE THAT RANGES, DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT.

SHANNON, COME ON AND COME DOWN, SEE IF WE CAN HELP.

COUNCIL MEMBER, THE FEES ARE BASICALLY SET ACROSS THE BOARD, SO REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT, THE FEES REMAIN THE SAME, AND SINCE IT'S NOT SO MUCH FOR WHAT'S DONE BUT HOW IT'S PREPARED, SO FOR INSTANCE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PREPARED ITEMS, THOSE THINGS WILL BE -- SAME ALL THE TIME, SAME IN TERMS OF PERMITTING IS REQUIRED SOCIAL AS IF WE WOULD GO INTO A RESTAURANT. SO THOSE FEES ARE BASICALLY THE SAME IN THAT AREA.

AND THEY WERE SAYING THAT THAT'S UNFAIR, THAT THEY..... THEY AREN'T A FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT. THEEFER JUST CONVENIENCE STORES, WHICH HAVE VERY LITTLE OVERHEAD, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF THEIR SALES IS REALLY FOOD SALES, OTHER THAN, YOU KNOW, PREPACKAGED ITEMS OR THOSE THAT YOU WOULD JUST PUT IN THE MICROWAVE OR PUT ON THE MACHINE TO HEAT UP THE HOT DOGS, PRECOOKED HOT DOGS. AND MAYBE WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT, BUT THAT'S THE COMPLAINT THAT I'VE GOTTEN FROM THEM, THE OWNERS WILL HAVE SOMETIMES FIVE STORES, EIGHT STORES, AND THESE FEES REALLY ADD UP. SO I WANTED TO ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE ON THAT.

ONE THING THAT WE CAN DO AND MAYBE LET'S TURN THIS INTO A BUDGET Q AND A, IF WE COULD. WHY DON'T WE DO SOME SURVEYS OF THE OTHER MAJOR TEXAS CITIES AND SEE WHAT THEY'VE DONE WITH THEIR FEE SCHEDULE.

THAT WOULD BE GREAT. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR MR. LURIE?
COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN?

MCCRACKEN: YEAH, FROM THE GRAFITI QUESTIONS, YOUR PRESENTATION -- WHAT IS OUR POLICY THAT YOU'RE

IMPLEMENTING AT THE MOMENT ON GRAFITI REMOVAL?
HOW SOON IS IT SUPPOSED TO BE REMOVED, WHO BEARS
THE COST OF GRAFITI REMOVAL, THINGS LIKE THIS?

OUR GOAL HAS BEEN WITHIN 30 DAYS. WE'VE BEEN DOING
MUCH BETTER THAN THAT. WE REMOVE IT PROBABLY
WITHIN FIVE TO TEN DAYS. HOWEVER, IT'S STRICTLY
COMPLAINT DRIVEN, SO WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY VERY LIMITED
RESOURCES, SO WE'RE RESPONDING TO COMPLAINTS. WE
HAVE A BACKLOG OF ABOUT 90 COMPLAINTS AT THE
PRESENT TIME AND TYPICALLY A SINGLE COMPLAINT
GENERATES MAYBE FOUR OR FIVE TAGS. I WONDER, VINCE,
DID YOU WANT TO COMMENT IN TERMS OF THE
RESPONSIBILITIES OF PRIVATE -- PRIVATE OWNERSHIP AND
SO FORTH AS FAR AS WHO PAYS FOR GRAFITI ABATEMENT?

OBVIOUSLY RECOGNIZING WE'RE WAY BEHIND THE CURVE
HERE. WE HAVE PUT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. THEY DON'T
YOU A HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE WAY. BUT WE'RE TRYING
TWO THINGS. NOT ONLY PUTTING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
AND THE PROGRAM VINCE IS OVER THAT HAS BEEN VERY
EFFICIENT FOR THE RESOURCES IT'S HAD, WHICH HAVE
BEEN VERY FEW, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE DOWNTURN,
BUT ALSO A NEW PROGRAM USING COMMUNITY
RESTITUTION WORKERS, THAT WE'RE GOING TO PAIR UP
WITH. GREG TUMI HAS BEEN A GOOD JOB FOR US ON RIGHT-
OF-WAY MOWING, AND....HE'S GOING TO PUT DO PUT HIS
HAND AT COMMUNITY RESTITUTION RESOURCES HERE AND
WE'RE GOING TO SEE HOW MUCH HEADWAY WE CAN MAKE.

COUNCIL MEMBER, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE
HOMEOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING THE GRAFITI
ON HIS PROPERTY AND WE DO MOST -- WE CAN ASSIST THE
HOMEOWNER IN THAT BUT HE'S THE ONE THAT'S
ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE. WE DO MOSTLY PUBLIC --
PUBLIC AREAS THAT WE DO GRAFITI REMOVAL. WE DO
BUSINESSES, THINGS LIKE THAT. WHEN WE DO IT FOR THE
HOMEOWNER WE DON'T CHARGE THEM FOR THAT REMOVAL,
BUT THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY IS WITH THE HOMEOWNER.

AND THAT -- MY PERCEPTION IS THAT THE GREATER
PROBLEM HAS BEEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES AND IN PUBLIC
RIGHTS OF WAY, IS THAT AN ACCURATE STATEMENT WHERE

THE PROBLEM PRE.COM NENTLY..... PRE.COM NENTLY IS?
GIVE US AN ANALYSIS, WHERE IT'S CONCENTRATED
GEOGRAPHICALLY AND WHAT TYPES OF PROPERTIES.

WELL, WE REALLY SEE IT ALL AROUND THE CITY, BUT THERE
ARE A FEW AREAS WHERE WE SEE A SIGNIFICANT
INCREASE, AND THAT WOULD BE IN THE UT AREA FOR ONE,
AN AREA IN SOUTH AUSTIN, 78745 AREA, AND BARTON
CREEK AREA, 78704. 04, 05 AND 45 ARE THE MAIN AREAS
WHERE WE'RE SEEING AN INCREASE. IN THE UT AREA OF
COURSE A LOT OF IT IS BUSINESSES. THEY GET HIT WITH
THE GRAFITI.

AND OUTSIDE THE UT AREA IS IT BUSINESSES OR IS IT
RESIDENCES OR IS IT PUBLIC FACILITIES AND RIGHTS OF
WAY?

I KNOW THERE'S LOOTS OF -- TONY WAS TELLING ME THAT
THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS WITH TELEPHONE POLES AND
UTILITY BOXES, THOSE -- THOSE KINDS OF THINGS ARE THE
THINGS THAT WE THEY HAVE, YOU KNOW, THE MOST
GRAFFITI ON, WHERE THEY DO MOST THE CLEAN-UPS, BUT I
CAN'T REALLY TELL -- SAY WHETHER IT'S -- OTHER THAN
THAT, WHETHER IT'S BUSINESSES OR RESIDENTIAL,
PRIMARILY.

AND COUNCIL MEMBER, THERE'S A COUPLE OF REALLY
GOOD THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO OCCUR HERE. AS THE
CITY MANAGER STATED WE HAVE INITIATIVES ACROSS THE
BOARD THAT'S GOING TO ASSIST, SUCH AS COMMUNITY
CORPSE. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBERS, ABOUT THE 75
PERCENT INCREASE, THAT'S WHERE THE UNIT -- IT DOESN'T
INCLUDE WHAT THE COMMUNITY COURT WILL BE ABLE TO
ACCOMPLISH, AND AS THE CITY MANAGER WAS SAYING
EARLIER, WHEN WE STARTED USING COMMUNITY
RESTITUTION WORKERS TO HELP US WITH THE RIGHT-OF-
WAYS, IT REALLY CREATED A RESOURCE WHERE THE PARKS
DEPARTMENT COULD CONCENTRATE ON THESE AREAS. SO
WE SEE PROMISE THERE. ALSO IN THE COMMUNITY MEETING
THAT WE HAD WITH SOME OF THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT
HAVE REALLY BEEN CONTACTING YOUR OFFICES AND US
ABOUT SOME OF THESE COMPLAINTS, WE'RE CERTAINLY
GOING TO ATTACK SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT THEY

TALKED ABOUT. THEY TALKED ABOUT THE TELEPHONE POLES AND HOW THEY WOULD RUN IN -- YOU KNOW, RUN INTO WALLS WHEN THEY WOULD TRY TO CONTACT A TELEPHONE COMPANY OR STATE PROPERTY. SO WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS WORK WITH THEM. AND ONE OF THE OTHER COMPLAINTS WAS THE COMMON GRAY PAINT THAT WE USE EVERYWHERE AND CAN WE CUSTOMIZE THINGS A LITTLE BIT AND PART OF WHAT WE HAVE LOADED IN HERE IS IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WE WORK WITH THE OWNER -- BECAUSE AS VINCE SAID, IT IS FIRST THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, BUT IN THE EVENT WE RUN INTO PROBLEMS WHERE THEY DON'T WANT TO GET IT REMOVED OR THEY'RE NOT PLEASED WITH THE GRAY PAINT, WE CAN CUSTOMIZE IT A LITTLE BIT OR EVEN WORK WITH THE STATE, BECAUSE FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, THAT CONTRACTOR LIKE THE GRAFITI THAT YOU SEE, THEY'RE ONLY WANTING TO USE ONE COLOR AND IT'S NOT APPEALING. SO WE'RE LISTENING TO ALL OF THOSE AREAS, AND WE'RE GOING TO ALSO ENSURE THAT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY -- THE GRAFITI OFFICER THAT APD IS GOING TO BE REASSIGNING TO FOCUS ON THE REPEAT OFFENDERS THAT WE THINK SOME OF THE GROUPS THAT ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE AND OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT, THEY'RE GOING TO BE AWARE OF THESE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE IN GRAFITI AND COMMUNITY COURT TO HELP REMOVE THE GRAFITI. BOTTOM LINE WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO SYSTEM EYES THIS A LITTLE BIT. IF APD ARRESTS SWN SOMEONE FOR GRAFITI THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO SEE OCCUR. BUT THE TRACKING SYSTEM THROUGH 311 IS GOING TO HELP US SEE THAT WE SEE IT'S REMOVED IN A TIMELY MATTER.

THE AREAS THAT WE'RE HAVING SPIKES IN GRAFITI, YOU SAID THAT IN GENERAL WE ARE REMOVING IT WITHIN FIVE TO TEN DAYS. IS THAT WITHIN FIVE TO TEN DAYS FROM BUSINESSES AND PUBLIC FACILITIES OR.

WE DON'T REALLY DIFFERENTIATE IN THE -- THAT WE'RE TRACKING THAT RIGHT NOW AND WE ARE CLOSER TO TEN DAYS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THE HIGH VOLUME OF COMPLAINTS WE'VE GOT.

AND IT'S FROM THE TIME -- REMEMBER, WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW, HONESTLY, I THINK VINCE YOU HAD ONE

PERSON, WEREN'T YOU DOWN TO ONE STAFF PERSON AT ONE POINT?

YES, MA'AM, ONE STAFF PERSON.

YEAH, I MEAN, WE'VE REALLY CUT THIS DOWN VERY HARD DURING THE DOWNTURN, BUT IT'S -- AND SO IT WAS ALL COMPLAINT DRIVEN AND THE TIME FRAME IS FROM THE POINT OF THE COMPLAINT, WHEREVER IT CAME FROM. ONCE IT CAME TO US AND IT GOT LOGGED TILL WE COULD GET OUT THERE TO HELP CLEAN IT UP.

I ACTUALLY HAD ONE FTE -- ONE REGULAR FTE AND ONE TEMPORARY, BEING CONVERTED THIS YEAR.

AND THEN WHAT IS, IN YOUR EXPERIENCE, THE KIND OF BEST PRACTICES FOR HOUSE AND G HOW IT SHOULD BE REMOVED?

BEST PRACTICE IS 24 TO 48 HOURS, BECAUSE THEN IT DOESN'T EVENLY COURAGE.....ENCOURAGE THE GRAFITI ARTISTS TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT.

SO NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES ARE THAT IT'S REMOVED WITHIN 24 TO 48 HOURS AND WE'RE WITHIN TEN DAYS RIGHT NOW. AND THEN LET ME ASK YOU THIS. DO WE HAVE A DIFFERENT POLICY ABOUT HOW FAST GRAFITI IS REMOVED WHEN IT'S GANG-RELATED? WHICH IS A CLEARLY SIGNIFICANT COMPONENT.

IN TALKING WITH TONY, HE DOESN'T REALLY FEEL LIKE GANG-RELATED IS THAT SIGNIFICANT A COMPONENT. THERE ARE GROUPS OF PEOPLE THAT USE THE SAME SIGNATURE, BUT THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY -- THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO GANGS, LIKE STREET GANGS. SO.

BUT WHEN CHIEF MCDONALD TALKED TO YOU ABOUT BLENDING THE WORK COMUPT IS DOING, POLICE IS DOING AND HEALTH IS DOING, THIS IS GOING TO GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY WITH A REINFORCED OPPORTUNITY FROM POLICE TO BE SURE WE'RE PAYING ATTENTION TO THAT AND

LOOKING FOR EARLY SIGNS OF IT.

BUT ALSO GETTING TO YOUR QUESTION, I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU WERE LEADING TO WITH THE GANGS. IF YOU HAVE GANG GRAFITI GO UP, IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET IT DOWN BECAUSE ANOTHER GANG WILL COME INTO THAT AREA AND PAINT OVER THAT. SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO TRY TO PRIORITIZE GANG GRAFITI.

SO I GUESS AT THE MOMENT THEN WE DON'T HAVE ANY KIND OF FORMAL POLICY THAT PRY OR TIEZ REMOVING GANG GRAFITI FAST..... FASTER THAN WE WOULD OUR OTHER STUFF.

WHEN IT GETS REPORTED TO 311 WE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS AND WE DON'T HAVE STAFF TO GO OUT AND LOOK AT IT AND THEN DECIDE TO GO OUT AND CLEAN IT, SO WE JUST TAKE IT AS IT COMES OR AS HIGHER PRIORITIES COME. AND SO WE GO OUT AND IDENTIFY AT THAT TIME AND CLEAN IT UP AT THE SAME TIME. SO WE CAN'T DIFFERENTIATE, YOU KNOW, JUST FROM THE 311 RESPONSE WHICH -- WHAT TYPE IT IS. IN THE MEETING THAT WE HAD WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS, THEY BROUGHT UP THIS ISSUE OF GANG, AND ONE OF THE THINGS I TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO THEM IS WHEN YOU CREATE AN OFFICER LIKE THIS, IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THAT OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE SFO.... FOR ALL THE GRAFITI THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK WITH THE INVESTIGATIVE UNITS AND PARTICULARLY THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE. SO PART OF WHAT COMMANDER HINKLE AND I TALKED ABOUT WAS THE THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICERS GETTING INVOLVED WITH CALLING IN SOME OF THIS..... SOME OF THIS GRAFITI, PARTICULAR..... PARTICULARLY THAT WHICH HAS TO COME DOWN. SO WE DO HAVE A WAY AS WHOA..... WE WORK THROUGH THE SYSTEM TO PRIORITIZING CERTAIN KINDS OF GRAFITI.

I GUESS WHAT I WOULD LIKE -- THE INFORMATION I WOULD LIKE IS THIS. FOR STARTERS, IF WE ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT EIGHT TO NINE DAYS BEHIND THE NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES IN GRAFITI REMOVAL, WHICH IS IN OTHER WORDS 80 TO 90 PERCENT OFF FROM WHERE WE SHOULD BE, AND I KNOW WE'RE TRYING TO DO BETTER IN THIS

BUDGET, BUT WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW FIRST IS UNDER THE PROPOSED BUDGET NUMBERS WHAT DO WE ANTICIPATE WHERE WE'LL GET IN TERMS OF CATCHING UP TO WHERE THE NATIONAL STANDARD?

WHAT WE'LL TAKE A ESTABLISH AT IS DOING TWO THINGS. WITH THE RESOURCES WE HAVE IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET RIGHT NOW, WHAT IS THE ANTICIPATED TURNAROUND FROM THE POINT OF A COMPLAINT AND THEN MAYBE WHAT WE'LL DO IS GIVE YOU A SECOND NUMBER, WHICH IS WHAT DO WE THINK IT WOULD TAKE TO GET US TO 24 TO 48.

RIGHT. BECAUSE WE NEED TO KNOW. AND ALSO IN THE FINAL COMPONENT, THAT WOULD BE -- I'D LIKE INFORMATION ON THE MOST DANGEROUS ASPECT OF THE GRAFITI, WHICH IS THE GANG TAGGING, AND IF WE HAVE A -- AT A MINIMUM WE SHOULD BE IN THIS BUDGET KNOCKING IT DOWN TO 24 HOURS ON GANG GRAFITI.

I THINK WE CAN WORK ON THAT, WORKING WITH OUR POLICE DISTRICT REPS WHERE HE... THEY HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THEIR DISTRICT AND CAN CALL THOSE IN IN A PRIORITIZED FASHION.

SO I'D LIKE INFORMATION ON HOW WE CAN ACCOMPLISH, AT A MINIMUM, GETTING THE GANG GRAFITI PENTAGON IN 24 HOURS. BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS YOU HEARD, WHEN NEW YORK CITY DECIDED TO TACKLE CRIME BACK IN 1994, THE VERY FIRST THING THEY DID, BEFORE THEY HIRED MORE POLICE OFFICERS, BEFORE THEY DID ANYTHING ELSE, THEIR FIRST PRIORITY WAS TO REMOVE THE GRAFITI FROM SUBWAYS, AND THEY HAD A THIRD OF THE NATION'S CRIME REDUCTION -- CRIME REDUCTION WAS IN NEW YORK CITY ALONE IN THE MID-'90S AND THEY FOCUSED ON THINGS, GETTING GRAFITI FROM THE SUBWAYS. BUT THIS IS IMPORTANT STUFF, NOT JUST BECAUSE IT MAKES THE CITY UGLY, BUT IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE -- THAT SENSE OF DISORDER, THE BROKEN WINDOWS PROBLEMS, SO IT'S PART OF JUST MEETING OUR MINIMUM RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE COMMUNITY, WHICH I THINK WE'RE HEARING EXAMPLE AFTER EXAMPLE, BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET DOWNTURN, THAT WE ARE NOT MEETING OUR MINIMUM RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE COMMUNITY. AND SO THIS IS --

WE'RE DOING BETTER. WE NEED TO DO A LOT BETTER.....
BETTER ON THIS. AND THEN, DAVID, I'D LIKE INFORMATION
ON, WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN IN TERMS OF FEDERAL BUDGET
CUTS, IN STATE BUDGET CUTS THAT IMPACT OUR
RESPONSIBILITIES HERE IN THE COMMUNITY?

WELL, IN TERMS OF OUR GRANT FUNDING THAT WE'VE
RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL LEVEL AND THE STATE
LEVEL, WE'VE ACTUALLY DONE PRETTY WELL. IT'S BEEN
PRETTY STABLE. WE'VE SEEN A SLIGHT REDUCTION, OR
ANTICIPATING A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN OUR STEPS GRANT.
THERE WAS QUITE AN INFUSION OF MONEY FOR
PREPAREDNESS....NESS AND THAT'S STARTING TO DECLINE
A LITTLE BIT. 10 TO 15 PERCENT. THERE WAS A SMALL HIV
PREVENTION, I GUESS CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT THAT
EXPIRED, BUT HAVING SAID THAT, WE'VE ALSO SEEN SOME
SLIGHT INCREASES IN TERMS OF OTHER HIV PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT FUNDING. SO I MEAN, IN GENERAL, IN
TERMS OF OUR SITUATION IN THE DEPARTMENT, IT'S BEEN
PRETTY STABLE.

I KNOW HE'S ABOUT TO TELL US A DIFFERENT STORY.

AND THE REASON THAT IT REALLY PROBABLY ISN'T FAIR IS IN
AN ODD WAY AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, BECAUSE OF BYE ON
TERRORISM AND THE INCREASE EMPHASIS ON HEALTH-
RELATED ISSUES IN THE WAR ON TERRORISM, WE FOUND
SOME, NEW AREAS IN THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
AREAS,, BUT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THAT PAUL WAS
LOSING THAT MONEY OUT OF HOUSING, HAND OVER FIST.

I KNOW WE'RE ALL AWARE OF THE SIGNIFICANT BUDGET
CUTS IN OUR HOUSING FROM -- AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS. WE'LL HEAR ABOUT THAT
NEXT. BUT THIS BUDGET IS FLAT IN TERMS OF WHAT WE
INVEST IN FOLKS WHO, YOU KNOW, WANT JOB TRAINING SO
THEY CAN WORK HARD, HAVE BETTER FUTURES. IT'S FLAT IN
MEETING, YOU KNOW, HEALTH CARE FOR FOLKS WHO HAVE
NO DENTAL INSURANCE OR HEALTH INSURANCE, IT'S FLAT IN
INVESTING IN A LOT OF OUR -- A LOT OF OUR COMMUNITY
NEEDS. AND...IN YOUR EXPERIENCE, ARE THE NEEDS FLAT,
IN THE COMMUNITY, DAVID, OR WHAT ARE THE NEEDS?

THE SHORT ANSWER IS NO. WHAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING, THE WORK -- WHAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING IN TERMS OF HEALTH DISPARITIES AND THE FOCUS WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO HAVE AND IMPLEMENT AS IT RELATES TO MORE OUTREACH, MORE SCREENING, MORE EARLY SEVERE INTERVENTION, WE'RE DOING MORE. WE'VE GOT SOME RESOURCES TO DO THAT. IS MORE NEEDED, COULD WE DO MORE, COULD WE HAVE A GREATER IMPACT IN TERMS OF THOSE DISPARITIES? I WOULD SAY ABSOLUTELY. I THINK THE ENTIRE SOCIAL SERVICE ARENA IS ONE WHERE WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO KEEP PACE WITH THE GROWING NEEDS, THE GROWING DEMANDS, YOU KNOW, IN THIS COMMUNITY.

CAN YOU GIVE US SOME SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF AREAS WHERE WE'RE SEEING, YOU KNOW, HUMAN SUFFERING OR THINGS THAT PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THAT WE NEED INVESTING IN? REAL WORLD EXAMPLES, MAYBE NOT REAL STORIES, BUT I REMEMBER A YEAR AGO I HEARD THAT A LOT OF KIDS DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO A DENTIST AND THEY'RE HAVING HORRIBLE, YOU KNOW, DENTAL PROBLEMS AND MOUTH DISEASES AND, YOU KNOW, GUM DISEASES, AND, YOU KNOW, FOR A SMALL INVESTMENT WE COULD ALLEVIATE SUFFERING IN CHILDREN FROM DENTAL AND MOUTH DISEASES. I MEAN, WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES LIKE THAT THAT YOU'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW?

WELL, AGAIN, I MEAN, I THINK IN GENERAL AND PROBABLY, DAVID OR SOMEONE FROM THE COMMUNITY CARE DEPARTMENT COULD TALK MORE SPECIFICALLY IN TERMS OF WHAT THE CLINICS ARE EXPERIENCING, BUT IN GENERAL ACROSS THE BOARD I WOULD SAY WHETHER IT'S HEALTH, WHETHER IT'S SOCIAL SERVICES, BASIC NEEDS, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THE PROBLEM, AS I VIEW IT, IS THE ACCESS IS NOT WHAT IT OUGHT TO BE. IT'S KIND OF SIMILAR TO YOUR POINT ABOUT THE GRAFITI. IT'S THE TURNAROUND TIME, IF YOU WILL. PEOPLE HAVE TO WAIT. THEY HAVE TO POSTPONE. THEY HAVE TO DELAY ACCESS, THEY DELAY EARLY CARE AND AS A RESULT THEIR PROBLEMS GET WORSE. AND SO THEN WHEN THEY DO ENTER THE SYSTEM, IT'S MUCH MORE SUBSTANTIAL, BOTH IN TERMS OF THEIR IMPACT PERSONALLY BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF THE COST TO CARE FOR THEM. SO I THINK IT'S REALISTIC TO SAY, IN

GENERAL, YOU WILL SEE THAT OCCURRING ACROSS THE BOARD.

WELL, I THINK WE NEED HELP, AS WE TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT NEEDS WE AREN'T MEETING IN THE COMMUNITY WITH OUR PUBLIC INVESTMENTS. WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF THINGS THAT WERE NOT GETTING UP TO OUR MINIMUM STANDARDS, THAT WE BELIEVE ARE MINIMUM STANDARDS TODAY. IF YOU COULD GIVE US SOME INFORMATION OF WHERE YOU SEE -- YOU SAID THE NEEDS ARE GROWING. THAT'S MY EXPERIENCE TOO, BUT WHERE YOU SEE THE NEEDS GROWING AND WHAT THAT GAP IS, JUST TO KEEP PACE. THIS IS A QUESTION FOR GREG CANALE, AND I TOLD HIM I WAS GOING TO ASK HIM THIS, BUT THE CITY MANAGER, COULD YOU TELL US -- I KNOW YOU TOLD US IN THE LAST BUDGET PRESENTATION TWO WEEKS AGO, BUT YOU SAID THAT THERE WAS A SURVEY, AND YOU SAID, OKAY, YOU DID A SURVEY IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE SAID THEY WOULD PAY FOR PUBLIC INVESTMENTS. CAN YOU GIVE US INFORMATION ON THAT AS GREG TELLS US IN THE NEXT QUESTION.

ACTUALLY, GREG, HELP ME WITH THE NUMBERS BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THEM RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF ME, BUT WE HIRED A PROFESSIONAL FIRM TO STATISTICALLY PULL FROM DIFFERENT AREAS OF TOWN, NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST, CENTRAL, AND WE HELD SIX TOTAL FOCUS GROUPS OF CITIZENS AND WE LAID OUT INFORMATION ON OUR BUDGET, OUR TAX RATE, WHAT'S IN THE BUDGET, AS WELL AS UNMET NEEDS, AND THEN FRAMED THE QUESTIONS, ARE THESE IMPORTANT TO YOU AND WHAT WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PAY ADDITIONALLY ON A TAX RATE ON ACHIEVE THEM? AND THEN WHAT KIND OF RESULTS WE FOUND, WALK THROUGH THEM, BECAUSE I WAS SURPRISED.

I THINK THE MAIN RESULT WAS THAT OVER 80 PERCENT OF THE PARTICIPANTS WERE WILLING TO PAY AT LEAST \$20 MORE FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES, THE UNMET NEEDS THAT WE WALKED THEM THROUGH AS PART OF A STRATEGIC ADD PACKAGE.

AND THE FOCUS ARE EMS, AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

A LOT OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE NOT FUNDING YET, BUT BASIC LE -- THE RESULTS WERE 80 PERCENT OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID THAT THEY WOULD PAY AT LEAST \$20 MORE A YEAR TO FUND THE THINGS THAT THAT CURRENTLY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FUNDING BUT WHICH ARE NOT IN THIS BUDGET TODAY.

AND GREG, THERE WAS ANOTHER STATISTIC, WAS IT ALMOST 40 PERCENT THAT WERE WILLING TO GO UP TO.

I BELIEVE 40 -- ALMOST \$40.

YEAH, SO A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THAT 80 WERE ACTUALLY WILLING TO DO DOUBLE.

WE LET OUT A RANGE OF OPTIONS OF HOW MUCH MORE EACH TAXPAYER WAS WILLING TO PAY AND THEY FILLED IT IN AND THAT'S -- THE SUMMARY RESULTS ARE THOSE TWO.

AND ONCE AGAIN, WHAT WAS INTERESTING TO ME WAS THIS WAS A WIDE RANGE OF FOLKS LIVING IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF TOWN, DIFFERENT INCOME LEVELS, DIFFERENT JEPDERS, ETHNICITY. IT WAS NOT JUST ADVOCATES IN A PARTICULAR AREA.

OKAY. SO WE KNOW FROM THE ACROSS THE BOARD CITYWIDE THAT AT LEAST 80 PERCENT OF AUSTINITES SURRENDER VAIFD.....SURVEYED WOULD PAY \$20 OR MORE TO FUND INVESTMENTS THAT WERE NOT YET BEING FUNDED IN THE BUDGET, SO WE'RE MAKING POLICY DECISIONS ON ALL THIS. BUT THEN WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US -- YOU GAVE THIS INFORMATION EARLIER TODAY, BUT THE MEDIAN TAX APPRAISAL FOR A HOME IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN -- YOU HAVE IT HERE AT \$160,000 -- \$164,101, CORRECT? SO WHAT I CALCULATED IS THE TAX RATE THAT WE AUTHORIZE DAY OF 41.26 CENTS, THE MEDIAN HOME -- THE MEDIAN TAXPAYER IN AUSTIN WILL PAY \$661 AT 41.26 CENTS. WHAT WAS THE IMMEDIATE YA YAN TAX APPRAISED HOME VALUE LAST YEAR WHEN WE DID THE BUDGET?

LET ME SAY, WE NEED TO GET THAT OUT TO ALL COUNCIL, WITH ALL THE MEDIAN HOME PRICES. THAT'S JUST FOR THE TRAVIS COUNTY PIECE. WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR

WILLIAMSON COUNTY. WE'LL RERUN THAT NUMBER
BECAUSE IT...IT WILL BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT.

AND THAT WAS TRAVIS COUNTY
CONDOMINIUM.....WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

RIGHT. LAST YEAR THAT NUMBER WAS \$50,181,000.

I CALCULATED WHAT THE MEDIAN TAX BILL WAS FOR
AUSTINITES LAST YEAR AT OUR CURRENT TAX RATE OF 44.3
CENTS. THAT WAS \$669. SO IN OTHER WORDS, ALTHOUGH 80
PERCENT OF AUSTINITES SAID THEY WOULD PAY AT LEAST
\$20 MORE TO FUND THE THINGS WE'RE NOT FUNDING YET,
ACTUALLY 50 PERCENT OF THE TAXPAYERS ARE PAYING
LESS IN TAXES UNDER THE TAX RATE WE AUTHORIZED
TODAY. THE MEDIAN TAXPAYER UNDER THE TAX RATE WE
AUTHORIZED TODAY WILL PAY \$661 AND THE MEDIAN
TAXPAYER LAST YEAR PAID \$669. SO WHILE PEOPLE WOULD
PAY 20 BUCKS MORE THEY'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO PAY 9
BUCKS LESS, 8 BUCKS LESS.

COUNCIL MEMBER, IT'S ABOUT A \$11 DIFFERENT BETWEEN
LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR ON THAT -- ON THAT TAX BILL,
AGAIN. IT'S FOR THE MEDIAN TAXED HOME, WHICH IS VALUE
OF HOME RATE IN THE MIDDLE, 50 PERCENT ABOVE, AND 50
PERCENT BELOW.

THERE'S A GOOD REASON WE LOOK AT MEDIAN AS OPPOSED
TO AVERAGE FLT SOMEONE HAS A \$2 MILLION HOME AND
THEIR TAX APPRAISAL GOES UP 10 PERCENT, THEIR TAX
APPRAISAL WILL GO UP 200,000 BUCKS, BUT THAT CAN
WILDLY SKEW THE VAST MAJORITY OF US WHO DON'T LIVE IN
\$2 MILLION HOMES. THE FACT IS 50 PERCENT OF AUSTIN
TAXPAYERS WILL END UP PAYING LESS, EVEN THOUGH 80
PERCENT WOULD PAY MORE FOR THE THINGS THAT WE
CONSIDER TO BE OUR BASIC MINIMUM INVESTMENTS IN...
FOR THIS COMMUNITY COMMUNITY.

THANKS.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER COLE?

I HAVE SOME OTHER QUESTIONS OF DAVID, PROBABLY ON

THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. WHEN YOU PRESENTED EARLIER WE TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE GROUPED IN INCREASES IN THE NEED FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND I SPECIFICALLY WANTED TO ASK YOU IF YOU WERE AWARE OF ANY OF THE NUMBERS IN THE AIDS SERVICES THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED.

THE NUMBERS IN TERMS OF THE FUNDING LEVELS?

COLE: YES -- OR -- YES.

YEAH, I THINK WE HAD THAT IN THE FORM OF A.

I THINK WE HAD A BUDGET Q AND A ON IT, BUT LET'S SEE IF WE CAN FIND IT FOR YOU.

I.

COLE: I THINK I DO REMEMBER IT AS A BUDGET QUESTION, BUT IN PARTICULAR I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD COMMENT NOT ONLY ON THE FUNDING LEVELS, AND I CAN GET THAT IN THE FORM OF THE BUDGET QUESTION, BUT ABOUT THE INCREASE IN THE NEEDS NEEDS IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, IF YOU'RE AWARE OF THOSE.

RIGHT. WE'VE CERTAINLY SEEN SOME DIFFERENT PATTERNS IN TERMS OF HIV AND HIGHER RATES AMONG AFRICAN-AMERICANS. MR. VALDEZ, OUR MEDICAL DIRECTOR, I'D LIKE TO ASK HIM TO COME FORWARD TO KIND OF HELP ARTICULATE THAT FOR US, BECAUSE I KNOW HE HAS A PRETTY GOOD HANDLE ON SOME OF THE DATA.

COUNCIL MEMBER, YOU WERE CORRECT, WE'VE SEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY RISE -- THE INCREASED CASES SEEM TO BE COMING WITH AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH IS A VERY DISTURBING TREND TREND.

THAT'S CORRECT, COUNCIL MEMBER. AS MR. LURIE AND TOBY RIGHTLY STATED, WHAT WE'RE SEEING, A LARGE PERCENTAGE INCREASE AMONGST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. WHEN WE LOOK AT WOMEN IN GENERAL AND HIV DISEASE, THAT CATEGORY, AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN

MAKE UP OVER 50 PERCENT OF THAT GROUP AND UPWARD CLOSER TO 60 PERCENT OF THAT GROUP. AND WE DO HAVE -- WHICH I DON'T HAVE THE FULL REPORT WITH ME, BUT IT IS ON OUR WEB SITE, A COMPLETE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, AND WE CAN CERTAINLY SEND THAT TO YOU AND ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR YOUR REVIEW AND WE'RE ACTUALLY IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING FOR 2005. THE DATA LAGS A BIT, ABOUT A YEAR FROM THIS DAY, FROM US CLEANING THE DATA BUT WE'LL HAVE A 2005 HIV UPDATE WHICH WE'LL BRING TO YOU. WE ALSO SEE AMONGST AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN A HIGHER RATE OF HIV TRANSMISSION AND DISEASE PRODUCT GRETION, PARTICULARLY AIDS IN HIV AMERICAN MEN, WHICH IS PROBABLY AN INDICATOR OF WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THAT LACK OF ACCESS TO SERVICES, WHERE HIV HAS REALLY BECOME A CHRONIC DISEASE AND SO AS AN INDICATOR PROGRESSING ON TO AID, DEMONSTRATING THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT ACCESSING PRIMARY CARE, NOT ACCESSING, THAT PREVENTION THE PRODUCT GRETION TO AIDS. SO WE HAVE SEEN THAT BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY PROVIDE YOU WITH THAT INFORMATION.

LET ME ASK YOU ABOUT THE FAITH BASED FUNDING AND THE WHITE HOUSE PROJECT IN PARTICULAR. DO YOU MIND GIVING A LITTLE BACKGROUND ABOUT THOSE TWO ITEMS?

I THINK MAYBE SHANNON CAN HELP US WITH THIS. COUNCIL MEMBER, WE WERE DOING, IF YOU'LL NOTICE, THAT WAS ONE OF THE TOP PRIORITIES IN OUR AFRICAN QUALITY OF LIFE, WAS TO PROVIDE SOME SPECIALIZED OUTREACH TO THE KINDS OF DISEASES AND HEALTH RISKS THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTING OUR MINORITY AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITY.

COUNCIL MEMBER, WE HAVE FAITH BASED INITIATIVE WORKING WITH CHURCHES, IT'S CALLED B 5 STANDARD BLACK FAITH BASED HEALTH INITIATIVE AND THE GOAL OF THAT IS TO WORK WITH SPECIFIC TARKTED CHURCHES AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCHES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, TO ADDRESS THESE TYPES..... TYPE OF DISPARITIES WITH HIV. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO EMPHASIZE IN TRAVIS COUNTY, AFRICAN-AMERICANS RANK FIRST IN 10 OF THE 15 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AND THOSE DEATHS ARE CONTRIBUTED TO THE DISEASES THAT WE FIND. HIV BEING

ONE BY FAR. 5 PERCENT OF THE CASES OF HIV ARE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN AND THEY REPRESENT.

IN THE NEW CASES.

NEW CASES.

THEY REPRESENT ONLY ABOUT 9 TO 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, SO THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT DISPARITY: THE CITY IS TRYING TO REACH OUT, UTILIZING THE CHURCHES TO RESPOND TO THAT.

AND HOW WOULD YOU SAY THE PROGRAM IS GOING?

GIVEN THE LIMITED RESOURCES WE HAVE I THINK WE'RE DOING A GOOD JOB IN GETTING STARTED. WE'VE GOTTEN ABOUT 19 CHURCHES ENGAGED NOW. WE'RE TRYING TO REACH OUT TO MORE. RIGHT NOW IT'S PRIMARILY AN EDUCATIONAL EFFORT, GETTING CHURCHES TO WORK WITH THEIR PENNSYLVANIA RIGSERS...ERS, BENEFIT, WE'D LIKE TO DO MORE IN THE AREA OF SCREENING AND OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITIES AROUND THOSE CHURCHES AS WELL, BUT AT THIS POINT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING SO FAR.

THANK YOU. LET ME SWITCH GEARS A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE I WANT TO MOVE TO SICK HE WILL CELL. I KNOW THE CITY HAS FUNDED THAT IN THE PAST AND IT'S MY GENERAL UNDERSTANDING THAT FUNDING HAS BEEN FLAT. IS THAT CORRECT? FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS?

COUNCIL MEMBER, THAT'S CORRECT. THE CICLE CELL FUNDING HAS BEEN FLAT. THAT'S FUNDED THROUGH A TRANSFER FROM AUSTIN ENERGY AND THE CITY CONTRIBUTION TO THAT HAS BEEN \$50,000 PER YEAR. THERE'S ALSO A COUNTY CONTRIBUTION. I THINK THAT'S 34,000. IS THAT RIGHT?

EITHER 34 OR 38. I CAN'T REMEMBER NOW.

34,000.....34,000 FROM TRAVIS COUNTY. THERE WAS A SEPARATE CONTRACT. WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT DOING THIS YEAR IS THE COUNTY TRANSFERRING THAT FUNDING OVER TO US HERE AT THE CITY AND THEN WE WILL WORK IN

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SICLE CELL ORGANIZATION TO CONTINUE ON WITH THAT PROJECT. BUT YOU ARE CORRECT, THE FUNDING HAS BEEN LEVEL.

AND JUST ALSO, ANOTHER CLARIFIER, WHEN COUNCIL MEMBER LEAF WAS TALKING ABOUT THE 3 1/2 PERCENT,, BECAUSE SICLE CELL WENT THROUGH A DIFFERENT PROCESS WHEN WE ADDED IT, IT IS NOT INCLUDED FOR THAT 3 1/2 PERCENT INFLATIONARY INCREASE AT THIS POINT IN THE UNFUNDED STRATEGIC ADS. IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING WE WANT TO LOOK AT WHEN YOU'RE EVALUATING.

COLE: I DEFINITELY WANT TO LOOK AT THAT THAN I ALSO WANT TO ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCREASED NEED IN THE AUSTIN AREA FOR SICLE CELL.

ONE OF THE CHALLENGES OF SICLE CELL, IT'S NOT A REPORTABLE DISEASE SO ACTUALLY KNOWING THE NUMBERS IS VERY DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY. WE HAVE DONE SOME VERY PRELIMINARY DATA FROM THE ICC TO INDICATE THAT..... THE DISCHARGE CASES OF THIS IN THE COMMUNITY. THOSE NUMBERS ARE RELATIVELY SMALL. ONE OF THE THINGS WE DO KNOW IS WITH THE IMPACT OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AND OTHER, COMING FROM NEW ORLEANS AS A RESULT OF KATRINA, THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT THE SICLE CELL ASSOCIATION HAS SEEN HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. MS. THOMAS INDICATED SHE'S..... SHE'S SEEN A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF NEW FOLKS COMING IN AND PARTICIPATE IN HER PROGRAM.

WE HEARD FROM MS. THOMAS AND SHE TALKED ABOUT THE INCREASE AND I BELIEVE SHE'S GOING TO BE HERE DOING THE PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY AND AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER AND STAFF TO PUT THE SICLE CELL COAL A INCREASE AS THE CAN INCREASES.

WE'LL ADD THAT THEN TO OUR LIST THAT WE'RE KEEPING RIGHT NOW.

AND AS THE MANAGER POINTED OUT, THAT WAS A REQUEST THAT CAME US... TO US KIND OF MIDYEAR. IT WAS NOT PART OF OUR STANDARD SOCIAL SOLVESES CONTRACTING, SO IT

ISN'T BUILT SO THE BASE OF SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACTS AND THEREFORE WAS FUNDED SEPARATELY, SO THERE OUGHT TO BE A WAY TO PULL TOGETHER. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS.] THE CITIZENS SURVEY SHOWED WE'RE RELATIVELY FLAT, AND THOSE ONE PERCENT IMPROVEMENT ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; HOWEVER, AS I SAID, WE REMAIN INSTEAD IN THE AFFORDABILITY OF LOW INTEREST LOANS. THE MISSION OF OUR DEPARTMENT IS TO PROVIDE THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY WITH HOUSING AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES. THESE SERVICES BENEFIT THE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY SO THEY CAN HAVE ACCESS TO LIVEABLE NEIGHBORHOODS AND HELP INCREASE THEIR OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY. DOLLARS BOTH LOCAL AND FEDERAL ARE USED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO PROMOTE THOSE ACTIVITIES. I PRESENT THIS HOUSING CONTINUUM IN THE COUNCIL. IT HAS SERVED AS THE FRAMEWORK FOR OUR HOUSING STRATEGY AND ALSO PROMOTES COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS AMONG HOUSING PROVIDERS. BY FOCUSING ON THESE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF HOUSING WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO INVEST STRATEGICALLY IN A MANNER THAT HAS STRUCTURED OUR HOUSING PROGRAMS IN A WAY THAT PEOPLE CAN FIND SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN THIS COMMUNITY. THE DOLLARS THAT ARE IN THIS BUDGET ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRIORITIES AND THE INVESTMENTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THAT ACTION PLAN WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO H.U.D. ON AUGUST THE 15TH. THIS NEXT CHART SHOWS -- IN NEXT CHART SHOWS THE SOURCES OF FUNDS, WHICH SHOWS THAT GRANTS COMPRISE 83 PERCENT OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE NAID HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. OUR DEPARTMENT HAS SEVEN DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCES, AND SOME ARE GRANTS THAT HAVE SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS ON HOW THEY CAN BE SPENT. THIS YEAR WE'RE REQUESTING A TOTAL OF \$30.1 MILLION IN FUNDING, OF WHICH 17.7 IS NEW FUNDING AUTHORITY WITH 12.4 MILLION BEING CARRIED FORWARD. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THESE FUNDING SOURCES ARE -- AND THESE INCLUDE PROGRAM INCOME AND CARRY FORWARD AMOUNTS IN THESE ACTIVITIES, BUT 10.64 MILLION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, WHICH IS 35.3

PERCENT OF OUR BUDGET. \$12.55 MILLION IN THE HOME INVESTMENT GRANT. 1.29 UNTIL MAY GENERAL 1.29 IN THE GENERAL FUND AND \$2.3 MILLION IN THE HOUSING TRUST FUND. WE HAVE REDUCED OUR F.T.E.'S FROM 68 TO 66 DUE TO THE COMPLETION OF A LEAD-BASED PAINT GRANT THAT EXPIRED THIS PAST YEAR. ON THE USES OF FUNDS SIDE, YOU WILL SEE THAT NEARLY 66% OF THE FUNDS THAT WE RECEIVE WILL BE USED TO CREATE OR RETAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOUSE COUNTS. ANOTHER 25 PERCENT WILL BE USED FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, BUT WHEN YOU HONE IN ON THOSE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT \$2.2 MILLION OF THESE \$7.5 MILLION OF FUNDING ARE USED TO FUND DEBT SERVICES FOR THE AUSTIN RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS, THE MILLENNIUM YOUTH CENTER AND REPAYMENT ON LOANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE 11TH AND 12TH STREET REVITALIZATION EFFORT. DEBT SERVICE NOW IS 11% OF OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL BLOCK ALLOCATION. NOW I'D LIKE TO REPORT SOME BUDGET FACT RELATED TO OUR REQUEST FOR THE UNFUNDED STRATEGIC ADDS. THE CITY MANAGER IN HER PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL ASKED FOR A REVIEW OF OUR REQUEST OF THE UNFUNDED STRATEGIC ADDS AND INSTRUCTED THAT AN UPDATE BE INCLUDED IN THIS PRESENTATION. AS YOU KNOW, THIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS HAVE RECEIVED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF CUTS IN THE LAST YEAR, AND AS A MATTER OF FACT IN THE LAST THREE YEARS A 22% REDUCTION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. HOWEVER, FOR THIS CHART WE HAVE COMBINED OUR TWO LARGEST FEDERAL ALLOCATIONS, OUR HOME AND OUR CDBG GRANTS, AND WHEN THEY'RE ANALYZED TOGETHER YOU'LL SEE THAT THERE'S BEEN A 17 PERCENT REDUCTION, ALMOST TWO MILLION DOLLARS. AND THIS LAST YEAR, THIS NEXT YEAR THERE WILL BE A 1.1 MILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION IN BOTH HOME AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. CARRY FORWARD DOLLARS ARE USED TO HELP FUND PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED THRU EXISTING CONTRACTS DURING THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THESE FUNDS ARE FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND ARE RESTRICTED BY FEDERAL REGULATIONS IN SOME CASES. FOR EXAMPLE,

HOME FUNDS CANNOT BE USED FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, THEREFORE THE FUNDS ARE NOT ALWAYS INTERCHANGEABLE AMONG PROGRAMS. SECONDLY, MANY OF OUR HOUSING INVESTMENTS REQUIRE MULTI-YEAR FUNDING. WHILE WE MAY ALLOCATE AND INCUMBERSOME FUNDS IN ONE YEAR, THEY MAY NOT BE SPENT UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR. THIS HAS BEEN TRUE AS AN EXAMPLE IN THE MONTOPOLIS SUBDIVISION WHICH WE'RE BRINGING FORWARD TO YOU TODAY FOR THE....AHFC BUDGET WE'RE SPENDING ON FRONTIER VALLEY. WE CURRENTLY HAVE THE LOWEST BALANCE OF FEDERAL DOLLARS IN OUR LINE OF CREDIT IN WASHINGTON THAT WE'VE HAD FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS SINCE I'VE BEEN DIRECTOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO REQUEST FUNDS THAT WE KNOW WILL BE SPENT THIS NEXT YEAR PER THE CITY MANAGER'S..S DIRECTION, AND I WILL GIVE YOU MORE DETAILS ON THE DETAILS OF THOSE STRATEGIC ADDS IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES. FIRST I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN THIS NEXT YEAR. AGAIN, CONSISTENT WITH THE ANNUAL PLAN, THE GOALS ARE THAT SOME 37,000 HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE SERVED THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. THOSE INCLUDE, AND THESE ARE IMPORTANT TO HIGHLIGHT, THE REVITALIZATION OF 11TH AND 12TH STREET IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUSTIN REVITALIZATION AUTHORITY AND THE URBAN RENEWAL BOARD. SMALL BUSINESS LOANS AND LOAN PACKAGING SERVICES THAT PROVIDE ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR JOB CREATION. PUBLIC FUNDING -- FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SERVICES INCLUDING FAIR HOUSING, LANDLORD AND TENANT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE AUSTIN TENANT'S COUNCIL, AND PUBLIC SERVICES THAT ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE PUBLIC PUBLIC DEPARTMENT INCLUDING CHILD CARE, SENIOR SERVICES AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES. ON THE HOUSING FRONT, WE PLAN TO SERVE MORE THAN 4,200,000 HOLDS. THE SERVICES WE PROVIDED THINKING BACK THROUGH THE HOUSING CONTINUUM, THROUGH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDE TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH IS A RENTAL SUBSIDY FROM VERY LOW INCOME FAMILY. OUR EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE, AND THE ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER

REMOVAL PROGRAM WHICH WE OPERATE THROUGH THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, THE RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, OUR ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND OTHER HOME OWNERSHIP ACTIVITIES. IN THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR WE'RE EXTREMELY EXCITED ABOUT TWO MAJOR NEW INITIATIVES. ONE, THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION WILL BE IMPLEMENTING THE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST FIRST IN THE MONTOPOLIS AREA. THIS COUNCIL HAS PROCEEDED TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND GIVE US DIRECTION TO GO FORWARD WITH THE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST. SO WE ARE LOOKING TO CREATE AT LEAST 16 UNITS IN THE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST IN MONTOPOLIS AND IN OTHER AREAS. AND THEN WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUSTIN HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SOMETHING CONSISTENT WITH THE WORK WE'VE DONE AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE, A HOUSING SMARTS PROGRAM FOR HOUSING COUNSELING. ONE OF THE KEY AREAS OF NEED IN THIS COMMUNITY IS MORE EDUCATION ON CREDIT COUNSELING, HOUSING COUNSELING, WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ABLE TO STAY IN YOUR HOME. AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO INCREASING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUSTIN HOUSING AUTHORITY SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE AN ANCHOR OF QUALITY TRAINING THAT OTHER SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS, OTHER HOUSING PROVIDERS CAN USE AS A RESOURCE. AND AS A BENCHMARK ESSENTIALLY TO EXPAND THE SERVICES THAT WE HAVE IN THAT REGARD SO WE CAN FIND A QUALIFIED POOL OF APPLICANTS FOR THE HOUSING THAT'S BEING GENERATED THROUGH THE POLICIES OF COUNCIL. AND SO WHEN WE EVALUATE OUR PERFORMANCE, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT THE FOLLOWING KEY MEASURES, THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS, ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS THERE ARE SERVED, THE NUMBER OF HOME BUYERS SERVED, AND THEN WHEELS LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF SMART HOUSING SINGLE-FAMILY UNITS OCCUPIED. SO CAN YOU SEE IN THIS CATEGORY DWOA HAVE A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS SERVED IN OUR ESTIMATE. THE NUMBER OF HOME BUYERS SERVED WILL INCREASE SLIGHTLY, BUT THE NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS WILL BE INCREASED WE ESTIMATE BY ANOTHER 25% BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESS OF THIS

PROGRAM. BACK TO THE TRAGIC ADDS, THE 1.2-MILLION-DOLLAR GAP THAT WE ARE REQUESTING FUNDING FOR. WE'RE REQUESTING .2 MILLION IN STRATEGIC ADD BACKS IN ORDER TO RESTORE FUND TO GO THE CURRENT YEAR CONTRACT FUNDING LEVEL AND OUR MOST CRITICAL PROGRAM SERVING THOSE MOST IN NEED. THE RECOMMENDATION IS BASED UPON THE STAFF ANALYSIS, DIRECTION THAT THE FUND WOULD BE SPENT, AND CITIZEN COMMENTS RECEIVED AT RECENT PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE CITY COUNCIL. THE ADDITIONAL 1.2 MILLION THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS ADDING, \$248,466 FOR YOUTH SERVICES, CHILD CARE SERVICES, ELDERLY SERVICES, TENANTS RIGHTS, NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT AND RELATED COSTS. THIS FUNDING WOULD RESTORE THOSE AGENCIES TO THE FY '06 CDBG CONTRACT FUNDING LEVEL. WE RECOMMEND ADDING \$384,281 FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BANK, MICROENTERPRISE ACTIVITY, SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED COFTZ, AND AGAIN, RESTORING THOSE ACTIVITIES TO CURRENT YEAR CONTRACT FUNDING LEVEL. AND FINALLY, WE RECOMMEND ADDING \$567,253 FOR THE EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE AND THE ARCHITECTURE BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM, RESTORING THEM TO THEIR FY '06 CONTRACT AMOUNT. AND OUR TWO COMMUNITY SCORECARD COMPARISONS ARE THE OUTSIDE CAPITAL LEVERAGED, AND ACCORD TO GO ICMA IT DEMONSTRATES THAT OUR BENCHMARK OF USING LEVERAGING RANKS US HIGHLY. WE HAVE LOOKED AT DALLAS AND TRIED TO FIGURE OUT WHY THEY ARE SO HIGH. THEY HAVE RECENTLY DISCOVERED DOWN PAYMENT SIS TEPS, WE UNDERSTAND, AND IT'S BECOME A VERY POPULAR PROGRAM AND THEY HAVE SOME 550,000 HOUSES THAT THEY FUNDED WITH DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE AND THEN THEY LEVERAGE THE WAY THEY GO SO HIGH AS TO LEVERAGE THAT WITH THE PRIVATE MORTGAGES. WE HAVE ABOUT 180 FAMILIES THAT WENT THROUGH THE DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR. AND THEN THE SECOND CHART SHOWS THAT WE ARE LEEGD THE PACK IN ICMA COMPARISON CITIES PRIMARILY IN THE AREA OF TOTAL NEW HOUSING UNITS COMPLETED WITH PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND THIS

IS PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESS OF THE SMART HOUSING PROGRAM. AND SO YOU CAN SEE THAT IN THIS -- JUST SO YOU'LL KNOW THAT IN FY '05 WE COMPLETED 3,099,000 HOUSING UNITS IN SMART HOUSING IN BOTH SINGLE AND MULTI-FAMILY. AND FINALLY, WHILE I DON'T HAVE A KITTEN SLIDE, I DO HAVE SOME PICTURES. WE'VE HAD SOME YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS PAST YEAR AND I'M VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THIS DEPARTMENT HAS DONE, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WAS HELPING THE OVER CLOSE TO 2,000 KATRINA EVACUEE FAMILIES FIND HOUSING HERE IN AUSTIN. WE ADMINISTERED FEMA'S 403 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH CONTINUES TO BE EXTEND ODD A MONTH-BY-MONTH BASIS AT THE LAST MOMENT. SO WE APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP WE'VE HAD NOT ONLY WITH THE HEALTH HELL DEPARTMENT IT AS MENTIONED BY DAVID, BUT ALSO THE LANDLORDS IN THIS COMMUNITY WHO HAVE BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE TO OUR NEEDS AND SYMPATHETIC TO THE SYSTEMS THAT THEY'VE HAD TO OPERATE UNDER. A COUPLE OF OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT I'D JUST LIKE TO MEPTION, ON MAY THE 16TH WE CELEBRATED THE GRAND OPENING OF THE VILLAS ON SIXTH, WHICH IS ANOTHER REALLY PHENOMENAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. 160 UNITS RESERVED FOR FAMILIES AT 50 PERCENT OR BELOW MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME WITH 136 OF THEM RESERVED FOR FAMILIES BELOW 60% OF MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME FIVE BLOCKS FROM DOWNTOWN. WE BROKE GROUND AND YOU'LL HAVE THE AHFC ACTION ON THE SUBDIVISION ON MONTOPOLIS ON FRONTIER VALLEY. WE ARE PARTNERING WITH BOTH THE GUADALUPE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND WE ARE PARTNERING WITH FOUNDATIONS COMMUNITIES AGAIN ON THE THIRD SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY FACILITY. BOTH OF THOSE NONPROFITS, GREAT PARTNERS OF OURS, WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR RECEIVING TAX CREDITS FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS. LAST WEEK THEY WERE BOTH NUMBER ONE IN THE PRIORITY FOR THE STATE, SO THOSE DWOAMENTZ SEEM AS IF THEY WILL CERTAINLY BE A REALITY THIS LAST YEAR. I'M ALSO PROUD OF OUR RIB WITH ARA AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WE DO, OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND VERY PROUD OF THE 66 STAFF THAT WE HAVE WORKING OVER

THERE TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES TO FOLKS. AND WITH THAT I'LL BE GLAD TO ANNE ANY TO ANSWER ANY DWHEAZ THE COUNCIL MAY HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: MR. HILL GERKSZ..... HILGERS, ONE OF THE IT PROGRAMS I WORKED ON WERE TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE TO THE CLONE I.....COLONIAS ON THE BORDER, FINANCIAL ISSUES AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION ISSUES OR LAND USE ISSUES, AND I WANTED TO EXPLORE THAT FOR AUSTIN, AND IN PARTICULAR IN EAST AUSTIN. I WANTED TO TRY AND DO THAT WITHOUT NEW REVENUE OR ADDING AN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AND PROBABLY REPROGRAMMING SOME OF OUR FUNDS. DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR THAT?

SURE, DOI ACTUALLY. I THINK THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT AVENUES WE CAN PURSUE TO GET THAT ACCOMPLISHED. ONE IS WE HAVE A SMALL MATERIALS REBATE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES SOME ACCESS TO SOME MATERIALS. WE HAVE A PROGRAM, HANDS ON HOUSING, THAT'S DONE BY AUSTIN AREA INTERRELIGIOUS MINISTRIES. THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HAS THE RESTORE, PLUS I THINK THE HOUSING SMARTS COUNSELING PROGRAM MIGHT HAVE SOME TUPTS FOR US TO EXPAND SOME OF THE TRAINING THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. I THINK -- APPEARED..... AND THEN THE NEXT ADVICE WOULD BE TO LOOK FOR HOME DEPOT OR LOWE'S OR SOME OTHER PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP POTENTIALLY THAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO HERE. I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO WORK FWHU..... WITH YOU IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO STRUCTURE AS PART OF THE HOUSING SMARTS PROGRAM, BUT ALSO ENHOUSING WHAT WE'VE DONE WITH OUR MATERIALS REBATE PROGRAM, WITH WHAT HANDS ON HOUSING IT DOES AND WHAT HABITAT DOES, WHO IS ALSO LOOKING TO EXPAND INTO MORE VOLUNTEER BASED HOME OWNERSHIP REHAB. I REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN THAT, BUT PERHAPS WE COULD FIND WAYS THAT PEOPLE CAN HELP THEMSELVES WHILE WE'RE TRAINING THE COMMUNITY ON PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AS WELL.

Kim: GREAT. I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THAT DISCUSSION. IT SEEMS LIKE SOME OF THESE EXOAPTS ARE IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT THEY'RE SCATTERED, SO THEY'RE NOT IN ONE PLACE WHERE ONE CAN GO AND GET FULL ASSISTANCE TO BE ABLE TO FIX THEIR HOMES THEMSELVES, WHICH IS REALLY -- THERE'S AN ADVANTAGE IN TERMS OF JUST GETTING IT DONE QUICKLY AS WELL AS JUST THE COST SAVINGS FROM SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO TAKE THAT JOB ON THEMSELVES WITH THE HELP OF MAYBE THEIR NEIGHBORS OR THEIR FAMILY AS WELL.

I THINK IT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA.

Kim: IT WAS AN AWARD WINNING PROGRAM FROM H.U.D., A NATIONAL AWARD WINNING PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO TEXAS HAS THAT MODEL. I'M NOT AWARE OF IT IN OTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY, BUT IT'S BEEN AROUND SINCE I THINK 1995 IS WHEN THEY STARTED THE PROGRAM AND IT HAS BEEN A MODEL FOR THAT. ANOTHER QUESTION I HAVE HAS TO DO WITH THE I.D.E.A. ACCOUNTS. I KNOW I'VE ASKED YOU THIS IN THE PAST, BUT HOW DO WE SUPPORT I.D.E.A. ACCOUNT. DO WE SAY FOR YOUR TENANTS WHO ARE LOW TO MEDIAN INCOME, WE WILL SET UP ACCOUNTS SO THAT SOME WILL GO TOWARD A DOWN PAYMENT IN THE FUTURE?

I GUESS THE BEST ANSWER TO THAT IS WHAT WE DO IS SUPPORT THE NONPROFITS WHO DEVELOP THE I.D.E.A. ACCOUNTS WITH THEIR CLIENTS MORE DIRECTLY. THE TWO BEST EXAMPLES I CAN COME UP WITH RIGHT NOW ARE FOUNDATIONS COMMUNITIES AS YOU KNOW HAS A GREAT IDA ACCOUNT WHERE THEY MATCH TWO TO ONE DOLLAR WHERE THEY MATCH EVERY ONE DOLLAR THAT THE TENANT PUTS IN TO AN ACCOUNT, THEN FOUNDATIONS COMMUNITY MATCHES THAT TWO TO ONE. ANOTHER ONE THAT IS REALLY A GREAT MODEL THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT IN THIS COMMUNITY IS THE HOUSING AUTHORITIES FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM IS ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT BEHAVING.....BASICALLY IS AN IDA ACCOUNT AS WELL. OUR FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN USED DIRECTLY FOR IDA ACCOUNTS OTHER THAN HOW WE SUPPORT THOSE NON-PROFITS. I ALSO KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER NONPROFITS IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT HAVE

PROGRAMS AND ARE VERY INTERESTED IN FINDING WAYS TO -- GEP, IT REALLY GOES BACK TO THE CONTINUUM, HELPING PEOPLE WHO ARE IN RENTAL PROPERTIES OR IN HOUSING GET INTO HOME OWNERSHIP. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT AN IDA COUNTY CAN BE USED FOR IS THE DOWN PAYMENT ON A HOME. THE FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY BANK IS A GREAT ONE FOR ME BECAUSE I THINK LAST YEAR ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS PROGRAM RECEIVED \$35,000 FOR A DOWN PAYMENT ON A HOME AFTER HAVING BEEN IN THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM FOR OVER THREE YEARS. ON THAT'S THE KIND OF SUCCESS THAT THEY HAVE HAD. AND FOUNDATIONS COMMUNITIES AGAIN, OF ALL THE PARTNERS WE HAVE, THEY I THINK HAVE HAD THE MOST EXPERIENCE IN USING THAT AS A TOOL OF MOTIVATION, OF CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FAMILY, AND SO I THINK THAT THE MORE WE CAN ENCOURAGE THAT WITH -- AND PERHAPS EVEN THROUGH SOME OF THE SELECTION PROCESSES IN OUR RHDA GRANT, THAT MIGHT BE A WAY THAT WE CAN PURSUE SUPPORTING THOSE KIND OF ACTIVITIES MORE DIRECTLY.

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Kim: CAN I GET A LIST OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO PROVIDE THE NONPROFITS THAT DO WORK WITH APARTMENTS OR HOUSING AUTHORITY THAT DO HAVE IDA ACCOUNT FOR TENANTS AS WELL AS HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN VAPG OF THAT OR ARE IN THE PROGRAM RIGHT NOW? I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT IS -- HOW SUCCESSFUL THAT'S BEEN AND WHERE HAS IT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND HOW CAN WE LEARN FROM THAT AND HOW CAN WE EXPAND ON THAT? BECAUSE HOME OWNERSHIP IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR BUILDING WALLS AND SAVINGS IN A FAMILY.

YOU SURE CAN.

Kim: I ALSO WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND. I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THAT FUND. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME HOW DO THE MONIES GO INTO THAT FUND AND WHAT IS THE MONEY USED FOR AND WHAT IS THE BALANCE IN THAT FUND?

THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT POOLS OF FUNDS THAT

MAKE UP -- THAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO, SEVEN DIFFERENT SOURCES. THE HOUSING TRUST FUND ITSELF IS A FUND THAT WAS PART OF THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND ORIGINALLY. IT WAS A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. I USED TO CALL IT AN AS IF TRUST FUND. THE REALITY IT'S JUST A DIRECT APPROPRIATION OF A MILLION DOLLARS. AND WHAT HAPPENED WITH THAT TRUST FUND WAS THAT WE ALLOCATED -- THE RULES ON THAT WERE THAT IT HAD TO BE USED FOR NEW RENTAL PROPERTIES UNDER -- SERVING PEOPLE UNDER 50% OF MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME. AND IT BEEN USED FOR THE MODERATE REHAB PROGRAM, THE SMALL MATERIALS REBATE PROGRAM. THAT PROGRAM, THE SMALL MATERIALS REBATE PROGRAM, AT ABOUT A TWIE THOUSAND DOLLAR PER YEAR ALLOCATION. AND WE'VE RECENTLY ADDED TO THAT SUPPORT FOR THE TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AND THAT RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR VERY, VERY LOW INCOME FAMILIES IS SOMETHING ELSE THAT WE'VE ALLOCATED THE HOUSING TRUST FUND TOWARDS. RIGHT NOW THE CURRENT BALANCE, ALTHOUGH WE'LL BE ENCUMBERING MONEY RIGHT NOW, BUT THE CURRENT BALANCE IS A LITTLE OTHER TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN THAT ACCOUNT RIGHT NOW. WE HAVE PROGRAMS THAT ARE -- WE HAVE REQUESTS FOR THOSE DOLLARS THAT WE'RE EVALUATING AND KIND OF HAVE EARMARKED FOR THOSE FUNDS, BUT THAT'S THE BALANCE OF THAT PROGRAM RIGHT NOW. AS A MATTER OF FACT, PART OF THE -- THE \$300,000 THAT WE'RE LOOK TO GO FUND THE HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM IS REALLY THE ORIGINAL ALLOCATION FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, 25 PERCENT OF IT WAS ACTUALLY SET ASIDE FOR A LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM THAT WAS FOR FIVE YEARS. THAT LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM HAS EXPIRED, AND WE CAN NOW HAVE ACCESS TO THOSE FUNZ, SO THEY'VE BEEN MADE VEIL, SO THAT'S ONE OF THE WAYS WE WANT TO USE THE HOUSING TRUST FUND DOLLARS FOR THAT. AND THEN AGAIN IT REALLY IS PART OF OUR RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, IT JUST IS MORE TARGETED. THAT'S HOW IT'S USED. THE OTHER ONE I WOULD WANT TO MENTION IS IT LOOKS AS IF WE'RE BEING VERY SUCCESSFUL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD UNIVERSITY OVER LAY TRUST FUND AND THAT IS A NEW TRUST FUND WHERE PEOPLE HAVE PAID A FEE IN LIEU OF AND WE ARE ESTIMATE NG OUR BUDGET

BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, AT SOME POINT NEXT YEAR WE'LL HAVE CLOSE TO HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN THAT TRUST FUND. WE ARE START TO GO ARE CONVERSATIONS RIGHT NOW WITH CO-OPENS WHO ARE COMING TO US THAT ARE OPERATING IN UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAY, ASKING US HOW WE CAN ACCESS THOSE DOLLARS APPEARED WE HAVE PROJECTS THAT THEY WANT TO COME FORWARD TO HELP SUBSIDIZE THEIR DEVELOPMENTS. THAT TRUST FUND HAS TO BE USED INSIDE UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD AREA. SO IT'S A SEPARATE POT OF MONEY, BUT IT IS A TRUST FUND, SO I WANT TO INCLUDE THAT IN MY RESPONSE '.

SO THAT'S A DENSITY BONUS BEHAVINGLY? IT'S BEEN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS SO FAR THAT'S BEEN ACCUMULATED. HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SET UP?

ABOUT \$100,000 IS I THINK WHAT WE HAVE CURRENTLY. I THINK WE ESTIMATE IN THIS BUDGET WITH THE PROJECTS COMING FORWARD THAT WE'LL HAVE ABOUT A MILLION -- HALF A MILLION DOLLARS BY THE ED OF NEXT YEAR, AND THAT -- THE DEVELOPMENT IS JUST, AS YOU KNOW, JUST STARTING IN THE UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAY AREA. THE ISSUE FOR OUTSIDE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASKFORCE IS PEOPLE ARE CHOOSING TO DO THE FEE IN LIEU OF AND NOT SO MUCH THE UNITS AND SO THOSE ARE SOME OF THE BALANCING ISSUES THAT WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WITH THAT. BUT AGAIN, HOFF A MILLION DOLLARS IN A TRUST FUND IN AN AREA WHERE WE KNOW WE HAVE A NONPROFIT WHO HAS BUILT AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUCCESSFULLY FOR 50 YEARS LIKE THE CO-OPENS CO-OPS HAVE.

Kim: CAN I GET A LIST OF ALL THOSE THINGS THAT YOU MENTIONED GOING AND OUT OF THE TRUST FUND AND KIND OF A HISTORY OF OUT LAYS? I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT APPEARED JUST TO UNDERSTAND IT MORE BECAUSE GABLES, IN THEIR PROJECT WITH THE MASS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, MADE A COMMITMENT OF A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS WITH THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT WOULD THOSE FUNDS POSSIBLE PROGRAM FOR? WE MAY WANT TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THAT, BUT I DON'T KNOW RIGHT NOW. I

JUST WANTED TO GET THAT INFORMATION.

JUST TO BE CLEAR ABOUT THAT, I WOULD CERTAINLY DO THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I UNDERSTAND IS THEY COMMIT IT HAD TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THE COUNCIL HAS THE DETERMINATION OF HOW YOU WANT TO PROGRAM THAT MONEY. SO GETTING THIS INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THE FUNDS WERE USED WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN MAKING THAT DETERMINATION IN THE FUTURE.

Kim: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS OF MR. HILL MR. HILGERS? THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

MAYOR, THE FINAL DEPARTMENT PREPTING TODAY IS SOLID WASTE SERVICES AND OUR DIRECTOR WILLIE RHODES.

I ASSUME YOU HAVE DINED SUFFICIENT LOY THE MEAT AND VEGETABLES AND NEED SOMEBODY TO PICK UP THE TRASH, SO HERE I AM. [LAUGHTER] I'M WILLIE ROADS, DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES AND I AM YOUR TRASH MAN FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THE FIRST SLIDE IS ON THE CITIZENS SURVEY RULTZ. RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION SURVEY, IT HAS GONE UP. OUR BRUSH BULK PICKUP SERVICES, IT HAS GONE UP TO 83.3%. AND APPEARANCE OF NEIGHBORHOODS WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO MONITOR NOW HAS GONE UP -- IT LOST GROUND A LITTLE BIT, BUT IT'S AT 79.9%. IT'S A HIGH RATE FOG THE APPEARANCE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS. THE NEXT ONE CONCERNS OUR BUDGET. OUR PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FY 2007 IS \$53.8 MILLION IN EXPENDITURES. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE NUMBERS DO NOT INCLUDE THE LANDFILL FUNZ FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES. I WOULD STAND FOR YOU ONCE AGAIN TO ANNOUNCE THAT SOLID WASTE SERVICES SUPERINTENDENT PROPOSING A RATE INCREASE IN OUR TWO MAJOR FEES, OUR PAY AS YOU THROW GARBAGE FEES OR THE ANTI-LITTER FEES. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SOME FEES, INCREASES IN SOME MINOR FEES THAT WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT AT A LATER DATE. FOR EXPENDITURES ARE INCREASES ARE GOING UP BECAUSE OF EXPENDITURES DUE TO CUSTOMER GROWTH AND ANNEXATIONS. THE PAY AS YOU THROW FEES WE'RE SEEING AN INCREASE IN THERE WHICH COVERS THE

WEEKLY COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND YARD TRIMMINGS. ANTI-LITTER FEES, WHICH ARE GOING UP SLIGHTLY, FEES WHICH ALSO COVER COLLECTION OF TWICE A YEAR BRUSH AND BULKY COLLECTION, STREET SWEEPING, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LITTER ABATEMENT. AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES ARE ALSO SEEING A SLIGHT INCREASE FOR NEXT YEAR. EVEN THOUGH EXPENDITURES ARE TO EXCEED OUR REVENUE, OUR BUDGET WILL BE BALANCED BASE ON THE ENDING BALANCE FROM FY '06. THIS INCREASE THAT WE'RE SEEING IN OUR ENDING BALANCE IS DUE TO COST SAVINGS WE HAVE DONE IN OUR BUDGET AND INCREASES IN REVENUE FOR THE YEAR. OUR FOALGHTS FELT COWPT THAT WE'RE PROPOSING FOR NEXT YEAR IS 420, WHICH INCLUDES SEVEN NEW ADDED F.T.E.'S, WHICH I'LL TALK ABOUT SHORTLY. THE SEVEN NEW F.T.E.'S WE'RE PROPOSING WILL BE BROKEN NEWSPAPER THIS MANNER. FOR OUR PAY AND YOU THROW PROGRAM, WE'RE'DING FOUR NEW F.T.E.'S. THREE IS IN DPAR BADGE COLLECTION AND ONE WOULD BE IN YARD TRIMMINGS MINGS AREA. THESE F.T.E.'S ARE NEEDED FOR THE EXPANSIVE GROWTH IN OUR SERVICE LEVELS AND ANNEXATIONS THAT WE ARE SEEING FOR THE FUTURE. IN WASTE DIVERSION, WE'RE SEEING A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES, AND THIS WILL BE ALL CONCERNING OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM THAT IS PROJECTED TO START ON JANUARY 2008. IN FY '07 WE'RE PLANNING TO PURCHASE OR SORTING EQUIPMENT, FIDE A NEW HOME FOR THE RECOVERY FACILITIES AND MOVING VACANT POSITIONS FROM OUR PAY AS YOU THROW AREA TO OUR WASTE DIVERSION AREA AND FILL IN THOSE POSITIONS FOR THE NEW ALL IN ONE RECYCLING PROGRAM. IN CODE CLIENS WE'RE ONLY PROPOSE TO GO ADD ONE NEW F.T.E. AND I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER ABOUT WHY WE'RE ONLY RECOMMENDING ADDING ONE NEW F.T.E. IN CODE COMPLIANCE. CONCERNING OUR LANDFILL, WE WANT TO GYP THE PROCESS FOR CLOSING THE FM 812 LANDFILL IN FY 2007 WITH CLOSURE IN '08. AS COUNCIL WERE IN 1999, WE CLOSED THE CITY OF AUSTIN FM 812 LANDFILL FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE. THAT WAS DUE TO THE OPENING OF THE BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE LANDFILL THEN BEGAN TAKING FEE INDEED MATERIAL. SINCE THAT SWITCH THE LANDFILL EXPENDITURES HAVE EXCEEDED THE REVENUES. WE'VE

BROUGHT FORTH AN ITEM LAST YEAR TO THE COUNCIL TO TRY TO GET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LANDFILL AND THAT WAS NOT APPROVED, AND SO AT THIS POINT IN TIME WE TOOK A LOOK AT WHAT ELSE WE COULD DO AT THE LANDFILL. WE HAVE HIRED A CONSULTANT WHO HAS WALKED US THROUGH THE PROCESS AND IS THEREFORE MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE THE LANDFILL, THE ONLY PRUDENT OPTION THAT WE HAVE REMAINING. THEREFORE AS WE BEGIN THIS PROCESS IN FY 2007, WE WILL COME BACK TO YOU FOR THE 2008 BUDGET WITH A INDICATE THAT WE WILL CLOSE IT, THE CITY OF AUSTIN FM 812 LANDFILL. CLOSING THE LANDFILL DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN WILL NOT HAVE A PRESENCE OUT THERE. WE WILL HAVE A PRESENCE AT THAT LANDFILL FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS ONCE WE CLOSE IT, SO THERE WILL BE FUTURE BUDGETS FOR THE FM 812 LANDFILL. IN OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, WE'RE PROPOSING TO HAVE SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR NEW EQUIPMENT. AS COUNCIL IS AWARE, WE ALSO RECENTLY PURCHASED SIX GARBAGE TRUCKS. THIS WILL ALSO INCLUDE PURCHASING IT TWO NEW HYBRID TRUCKS TO TRY THEM OUT FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. OUR CLOSED LANDFILL ASSESSMENT WILL HAVE A FUNDING OF \$500,000. THIS IS CONTINUING OUR WORK ON THE WYNN COOK LANDFILL SITE APPEARED TO BEGIN THE WORK ON THE LOOP 360 SITE AND COVER UP SOME OTHER LANDFILL AREAS THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON -- HAVE IN THE WORKS. AND THOSE SITES WILL BE COMING FORWARD TO COUNCIL FOR ACTIONS AT A LATER DATE. OUR KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES. THE TOTAL WASTE STREAM FOR THE WAY PAI AS YOU THROW AREA WHICH INCLUDES GARBAGE COLLECTED, RECYCLING AND YARD COLLECTED IS PROJECTED TO GO UP ONE PERCENT. IT OUR PERCENT OF RESIDENTIAL WASTE STREAM DIVERTED IS PROJECTED TO GO UP .1 PERCENT IN 2007 TO 27.54 PERCENT. THIS NUMBER HAS FALLEN OFF IN OUR PREVIOUS YEARS AND MAINLY DUE TO THE MATERIAL WE'RE COLLECTING. THERE HAS BEEN A BIG SWITCH FROM DALLAS INTO PLASTIC BOTTLES, THEREFORE THE WEIGHT OF THE MATERIAL IS GOING DOWN. WE HAVE ANALYZED THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL GOING TO THE LANDFILLS, AND THIS MATERIAL HAS BEEN CONSTANT. SO THE ONLY THING WE CAN CORRELATE THIS TO IS THE RATE OF THE MATERIAL THAT

WE'RE COLLECTING IS GOING DOWN. THE NUMBER OF HOUSING CASES VIOLATED IS EXPECTED TO GO UP 13 PERCENT DUE TO INCREASED CODE ENFORCEMENT AREA AND CODE ENFORCEMENT. CODE ENFORCEMENT, AS COUNCIL IS AWARE, WE BEGAN A NEW PROCESS WITH CODE COMPLIANCE. IN FY 2005, COUNCIL APPROVED MOVING THE HOUSING AND ZONING AREAS TO SOLID WASTE SERVICES. AT THE SAME TIME WE ADDED SIX NEW F.T.E.'S IN THAT BUDGET. WE ALSO BEGAN A TOTAL REVIEW OF THE CODE AREAS. SINCE THEN WE'VE GOT -- WE'VE UTILIZED THE HELP OF DR. CLARENCE BIBBY, A CITY EMPLOYEE, TO HELP US FINALIZE HOW WE WANT TO DEAL WITH CODE COMPLIANCE. THEREFORE ALL THE THINGS ON THIS SLIDE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THIS TIME FRAME. WE WORK WITH THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS, POLICE, HELP, WATERSHED PROTECTION, NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING, COMMUNITY COURT AND MUNICIPAL COURT IN ITS EFFORT TO TRY TO RESTRUCTURE CODE COMPLIANCE AREA. SINCE THEN WE HAVE DEVELOPED FOUR GEOGRAPHIC ZONES WITH COMMON BOUNDARIES WITH A.P.D. COMMUNITY POLICING. WE HAVE FILLED ALL THE VACANT POSITIONS AND BEGAN THE PROCESS OF GOING FROM THREE DISTINCT DISCIPLINES TO MULTIPLE DISCIPLINE INVESTIGATORS. WE BEGAN WRITING SOP'S, SHORED UP OUR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF, OBTAINED A DEDICATED ATTORNEY, VISITED WITH 31 SNOATIONZ ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. WE DID A PILOT IN EAST AUSTIN WITH A.P.D. BY DRIVING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY POLICING DISTRICTS AND DOING A HOUSE BY HOUSE ADD LOT BY LOT SURVEY RESULTING IN OVER 1700 ABANDONED CARS BEING TAGGED AND ALSO CODE VIOLATION CHZ I'M PLEASED TO ANOWPS HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. WE INITIATED NEW CITATION WRITING PROCESS, PURCHASED UNIFORMS FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATORS AND CREATED A NEW DISTINCTIVE MARK FOG ALL CODE ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES. WE ALSO RIEWSD RIEWSD YOU NUMBER OF PHONE NABZ CAN YOU CALL IF FOR CODE VIOLATIONS FROM SEVEN NUMBERS TO ONE, WHICH IS 311. WE'RE WORKING ON THE PROJECT WHICH SHOULD COME ONLINE FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT IN 2007. BY DOING THE ABOVE WE WE THE NEED TO CONTINUE TRAINING, FIEBL..... FINALIZE OUR

SOP....SOP'S. WE ARE PROPOSING TO ADD A FULL-TIME ATTORNEY TO CODE ENFORCEMENT AND CONTINUE WITH THE HELP OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMANDA PROGRAM. WHILE ALL THESE INITIATIVES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED WE'RE REQUESTING ONLY ONE F.T.E. FOR 2007. HOWEVER, I NEED TO REMIND THAT IN THE OTHER AREAS OF MUNICIPAL COURT THERE WILL BE A DEDICATED ATTORNEYS OVER THERE FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND SO THIS WILL BE ABLE TO HELP US WITH OUR CASES. WHAT HAS BEEN THE RESULT IN CODE ENFORCEMENT? THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED. SPRINGDALE ROAD IS ONE AREA WHERE WE NEED TO DO CLEANUP WORK. BEFORE THAT IS AFTER THE CLEANUP HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. THE SLIDE ON THE RIGHT IS ON HIGHWAY 71, AND MY CODE ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATORS ARE REQUESTING NOW A HELICOPTER BECAUSE IT TOOK THEM SEVERAL WEEKS TO LOCATE THIS BEFORE WE WERE ABLE TO FIND IT AND DO THE EFFECTIVE CLEAN UP. THE CLEANUP IS SHOWN UNDER NEEDS THAT SLIDE. FROM THE SLIDE THAT I'M MOST PROUDEST OF FROM THE ORGANIZATION IS THE PAY AS YOU THROW AREA, THE LAST SLIDE. THIS LAST SLIDE SHOWS THE AVERAGE TONS OF REFUSE COLLECTED PER ACCOUNT. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS SOMETHING WHERE WE HAVE (INDISCERNIBLE). FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES ON .68 TONS PER ACCOUNT GOES TO THE LANDFILL ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THE ONLY CITY ON THIS ICMA COMPARE ON THAT BEATS US IS SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. AND IN CALIFORNIA, THOSE CITIES ARE -- HAVE A MANDATED 50% RECYCLING PROGRAM AND THEY MUST MEET THAT. AND THIS IS THE REASON WHY THEY HAVE DEFEATED THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WE EXPECT WITH OUR ALL IN ONE RECYCLING PROGRAM IN 2008 THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DROP THIS NUMBER SIGNIFICANTLY AND HOPEFULLY SEE A NEW NUMBER TO KEEP SHOOTING. AT THIS TIME THIS COMPLETES MY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS FOR THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES AND I WILL TAKE ANY QUESTION THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? MAYOR PRO TEM?

Dunkerley: A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. AND I MAY HAVE JUST MISSED THIS, MR. RHODES. ON PAGE 57 WHEN YOU'RE

TALKING ABOUT YOUR NEW F.T.E.'S, YOU HAVE FOUR NEW ONES IN YOUR PAY AS YOU THROW. AND ONE IN CODE COMPLIANCE. BUT I THINK YOU HAVE SEVEN IN ALL.

RIGHT. AND WE HAVE TWO SUPPORT STAFF THAT I DID NOT TALK ABOUT.

Dunkerley: OKAY, GREAT. THE OTHER QUESTION, AND I MAY NOT HAVE HEARD YOU QUEKT CORRECTLY. HOW MANY OF THE CMG VEHICLES ARE YOU GOING TO GET?

COUNCIL APPROVED US PURCHASING SIX CNG VEHICLES.

Dunkerley: AND THE LAST QUESTION I HAVE RELATES TO PAGE 59 ON YOUR RESIDENTIAL WASTE STREAM DIVERTED CHART. WITH A NEW ZERO WASTE GOAL IN OUR LONG-TERM PLAN, WHAT SHOULD WE SEE THAT GOAL DROP TO OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR SO?

ZERO WASTE WILL ENCOMPASS -- WILL NEED SEVERAL PLANS THAT NEED TO COME INTO EFFECT FOR ZERO WASTE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT OUR ALL IN ONE RECYCLING PROGRAM. CURRENTLY WE'RE SEEING A 30% INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL THAT WE'RE COLLECT NG THAT RESIGHING WILLING PROGRAM. SO IF YOU PUT THAT AND GO CITYWIDE WITH THAT, YOU HOPE TO SEE THE DIVERSION RATE GO UP TO 27, GO UP INTO THE MID 30 PERCENT RANGE. IF YOU IP ACT SOME OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING WASTE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SEE THE DIVERSION RATE GOING UP, BUT YOU MAY NOT SEE IT SO MUCH IN THE DIVERSION RATE BECAUSE IT MAY NOT REACH THE TRASH AREA WHERE WE'D BE ABLE TO COUNT IT. SO IF YOU CAN DIVERT IT FROM NOT BEING COLLECT ON THE CURB, THEN THAT'S A CREDIT THAT CAN YOU ACHIEVE.

Dunkerley: AND THE CITIES YOU'VE LOOKED AT THAT HAVE HAD FAIRLY SUCCESSFUL ZERO WASTE DIVERSION GOALS AND HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS THERE, WHAT DO YOU USUALLY SEE AS THE AMOUNT DIVERTED OVER LONG TIME -- FIVE-YEAR PERIOD OR SOMETHING.

CURRENTLY THERE'S NO CITY WITH A FIVE-YEAR RECORD.

MOST CITIES ARE JUST ADOPTING THE ZERO WASTE PLANS, AT LEAST FOR LONG-TERM PLANS OR 50 HP YEAR PLANS, SO THERE'S NO CITY THAT HAS A FIVE-YEAR PLAN THAT WE CAN LOOK AT.

I KNOW WE CAN NEVER GET TO TRULY ZERO WASTE, BUT I WAS JUST WONDER HUMAN BEING WHAT THE LOPG TERM.....LONG-TERM HOPES WERE. SO AS YOU TIP.... CONTINUE TO MONITOR THAT ADD GET INFORMATION, I HOPE YOU WILL SHARE IT WITH US.

I WILL. ONE OF THE THINGS YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WITH ZERO WASTE IS IT TAKES MORE THAN WHAT WE'RE TALK BEING IN OUR RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM. IT TAKES PLANS THAT WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE A ROOK AT THE.....LOOK AT THE PRODUCTS COME TO GO OUR AREA AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO AFFECT CHANGE IN THAT.

AND THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES THAT YOU CAN BUILD AROUND YOUR RECYCLING PROGRAMS. I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF INTERLOCKING PROGRAMS THAT REALLY HELP SUPPORT THAT. AND SOME OF IT DEPENDS ON DEVELOPING THE RIGHT MARKETS FOR THESE PORL PROJECTS. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO JUST EVERY NOW AND THEN GET AN UPDATE ON WHAT THE LATEST AND DR.EST..... AND GREATEST IS IN THIS AREA.

WE'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: FIRST OF ALL, YOU'VE GOT TO GO TO ZERO WASTE BECAUSE THE MAYOR PROMISED EVERYBODY WE WOULD JUST A FEW YEARS AGO. [LAUGHTER] BUT ANYWAY, CONGRATULATIONS OZ THAT VERY LOW RATE THAT YOU HAVE WITH ONLY ONE CITY, MAJOR CITY THAT'S AHEAD OF YOU. CERTAINLY ON THE RIGHT TRACK THRVMENT THE FIRST QUESTION IS YOU'RE ADDING ONE F.T.E. TO INSPECTORS. HOW MANY -- WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL AFTER THAT ONE IS ADDED?

THAT WOULD GIVE US 41 INVESTIGATORS IN THAT AREA.

Leffingwell: AND DO YOU FEEL LIKE THAT'S AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OR ARE WE STILL BUILDING ON THAT?

WE'LL STILL BE LOOKING AT BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE. ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE DONE WITH THE CODE ENFORCEMENT AREA IS TEAP TAKEN IT FROM THREE DISTINCT FUNCTIONS INTO ONE MULTISCIPLIN INVESTIGATOR. WHERE YOU SEE OTHER CITIES THAT SAY WE HAVE ONE INSPECTOR FOR 10,000 REZ DEPARTMENTS, WE WILL HAVE ONE INSPECTOR FOR 19,000 RIZ DENTS. -- RESIDENT. BECAUSE ONE INVESTIGATOR WILL BE DOING THREE DISCIPLINES, IT'S HOW YOU COUNT WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Leffingwell: IT'S NOT EXACTLY APPLES TO APPLES.

RIGHT, BUS THOSE CITIES HAVE INSPECTORS FOR HOUSING, INSPECTORS FOR ZONING, INSPECTOR FOR HIGH WEED AND GRASS WHERE WE HAVE ONE INSPECTOR DOING ALL THREE OF THOSE DISCIPLINES.

AND COUNCILMEMBER, JUST THAT, BECAUSE WE HAVE ADDED AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF RESOURCES. WE STARTED FRRL GROUND ZERO. THE LAST TWO YEARS YOU DID SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THOSE RESOURCES. AND I THINK WE HAVE MAXIMIZED THEM. WILLIE'S SHOP HAS CROSS-TRAINED THEM, CONSOLIDATED THEM, BUILT DISTRICTS AROUND THEM, BUT I DO THINK EVEN WITH THE CROSS-TRAINING AND EVEN WITH THE RESOURCES THAT.....IT THAT WE'RE PROBABLY BEHIND THE CURVE THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE.

Leffingwell: I DO THINK WE NEED TO KEEP BUILDING ON THAT AS TIME GOES BY. I'M REALLY INTERESTED IN THE SINGLE POINT RECYCLING. I THINK THAT'S A VSH EXCITING PROGRAM AND YOU MENTION THAT HAD YOU WILL BE DOING IT CITYWIDE FOR YARN 2008. ARE YOU GOING TO BEGIN TO PHASE IN SOONER OR ARE YOU GOING TO PHASE IT IN ALL AT ONCE?

IT WILL BE FROM JANUARY OF 2008. THE LITERATURE -- IT

WILL BE IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR CARD CAN YOU COMBINE IT ALL IN ONE APPEARED WE'LL BRING PIK ITEM.

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Leffingwell: ARE YOU GOING TO DISTRIBUTE THE CARTS IN.

WE'RE GOING DISTRIBUTE THE CARTS ON A WEEK BY WEEK BASIS.

Leffingwell: PRIOR TO JANUARY 2008.

PRIOR TO JANUARY 2008 WE'LL BE DISTRIBUTING SOME CART, BUT WE WON'T BE DISTRIBUTING TO ALL 165,000 CUSTOMERS AT THAT TIME.

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Leffingwell: BUT YOU WON'T ACTUALLY BEGIN THE PROGRAM, THE SINGLE POINT, UNTIL JANUARY 2008.

THAT'S CORRECT.

Leffingwell: OFNLGHT.....OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

Martinez: I CAN'T SEE MY SCREEN, SO I DON'T KNOW IF THIS THING IS ON. I WANTED TO ASK IF WE'RE LOOKING INTO -- WHAT WE'RE DOING IN TERMS OF USING OR CONVERTING TO THE USE OF BIO DIESEL FUEL IN SOME OF OUR FLEETS?

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THROUGHOUT. THERE IS A CONFERENCE ON BIO DIESEL THAT WILL BE HELD IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. WE'RE SENDING SOME OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS TO THAT CONFERENCE TO MAKE SOME TYPE OF DETERMINATION OF WHERE WE NEED TO GO. AS YOU KNOW WE'RE LOOKING AT THE CNG VEHICLES. WE'RE ALSO PURCHASING HYBRID GAR BAMG TRUCKS. SO PIEIO DIESEL IS -- BIO DIESEL IS ANOTHER ONE WE NEED TO LOOK AT. WHAT WE WILL END UP WITH WE DOPT KNOW, BUT WE WILL HAVE SOME TYPE OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL OR ALTERNATIVE

TRUCKS TO COLLECT THE GARBAGE IN IN THE FUTURE.

Martinez: OKAY, THANK YOU. PAIR MAYOR THANK YOU, MR. RHODES.

MAYOR, THAT CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATION.

Futrell: THE FIRST HALF OF OUR PRESENTATION? [LAUGHTER]

THE FIRST THIRD OF THE PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER. THAT'S THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT. S.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CHIEF. I DON'T HAVE A SUMMARY MERE IN FRONT OF ME, CITY MANAGER, BUT CAN SOMEONE REMIND US AGAIN, SO ESSENTIALLY WE HAVE EACH WEEK YOU SELECT A SERIES OF GENERALLY RELATED DEPARTMENTS WHERE YOU WILL GIVE US OUR DETAILED BUDGET PRESENTATIONS. WE OF COURSE ASK SOME QUESTIONS HERE INDICT AS, BUT FUNDAMENTALLY WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS THROUGH OUR BUDGET QUESTION FORMAT.

EXACTLY RIGHT. FOR MEETINGS THAT HAVE YOU ALL THROUGH THE REST THF MOTT YOU WILL HAVE A PRESENTATION WITH ANOTHER GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS FOR EACH ONE OF THOSE APPEARED THEN A PUBLIC HEARING THAT EVENING WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN COME DOWN, SFOA THE , SPEAK TO THE ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO THE QUESTIONS YOU'RE ASKING ON THE DAIS THAT WE ARE RECORDING AND WE WILL GET YOU ANSWERS TO, YOU WILL FIND ALL OF THE BUDGET Q AND A GOING UP ON THE WEB PAGE SO CITIZENS CAN FOLLOW ALONG APPEARED SEE -- BOTH THE QUESTIONS BEING ASKED APPEARED HOW THEY'RE BEING ANSWERED. LET SEE, YOU HAVE..... HAVE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READOGSEPTEMBER 11TH, 12 THE AND 13TH. OKAY. I'M CLOSE. AND ANYTHING ELSE, GREG, TO ADD?

NO, I THINK THERE'S TWO MORE MEETINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFINGS.

WHAT'S MY NETION GROUP OF DEPOSITS THAT WILL COME?

THE NEXT GROUP WILL BE OUR PUBLIC SAFETY
DEPARTMENTS.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY, GREAT. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.
WE'LL TAKE SOME PUBLIC TESTIMONY TONIGHT ON ANY
ASPECT OF THE BUDGET, BUT WE TED TO GROUP THEM IN
THE SAME DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS THAT WE HAD
TODAY. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, IF YOU
REMEMBER EARLIER IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WE TOOK UP
ITEM NUMBER 64 RELATED TO AN EEOC ISSUE, AND I
BELIEVE WE'RE READY FOR A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION
AND POSSIBLE ACTION.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, MY NAME IS LAURIE ISLOLE. I'M HERE TO
SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY ABOUT APPROVING A SETTLEMENT
WITH ACTION EEOC NUMBER 31 CA 00865 NIELD 2000 AND
CURRENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE US EQUAL EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION AGRICULTURING
DISCRIMINATION TO THE CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY TEST USED
BY THE AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT IN SELECTING NEW
FIREFIGHTERS. THIS IS 1.. 190,000-DOLLAR SETTLEMENT AND
STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? HEARING
NONE, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY
COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY
COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO APPROVE THIS SETTLEMENT ITEM
NUMBER 67 AS OUTLINED BY STAFF. FURTHER COMMENTS?
HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

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Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF
SEVEN TO ZERO. MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO
ZERO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT TAKES US LATE TO
OUR AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION. SO AT THIS
TIME WE WILL RECESS THE MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY
COUNCIL, CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE AUSTIN
HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
MR. HILGERS?

THANK YOU, PLPT. MR. PRESIDENT. TWEACIALTION I AM BRINGING BEFORE YOU SEVERAL ITEMS WHICH I WILL DO AS EX-PE DIRSLY AS POSSIBLE. NUMBER ONE IS TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILL WYNN AS PRESIDENT AND BETTY DUNKERLEY AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION. MAYOR.....

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY MR. LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY MR. MARTINEZ. HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.? OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

AHFC ITEM NO. 2 IS TO Prief THE MINUTE OF THE JUNE 8TH 2006 MEETING OF THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION.

I'LL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION. MOTION MADE BY VICE-PRESIDENT, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER COLE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS POSTED. ALL IN FAVOR? , OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

THE FLEEKs..... THREE ITEMS ARE HOUSING RELATED FOR ACTUAL PROJECTS. AHFC ITEM NUMBER 3 IS TO AUTHORIZE THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A LOAN TO AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE FOR HABITAT INCORPORATED, AN AFFILIATE OF AUSTIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UNDER OUR ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$518,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 20 VACANT LOTS IN THE FRONTIER AT MONTANA SUBDIVISION TO BE DEVELOPED FOR 20 SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES FOR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME BUYERS. THE LOTS WILL BE DEVELOPED FOR AFFORDABLELY PRICED SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES FOR LOW AND MODERATELY INCOME BUYERS. THE BUILDOUT OF THESE LOTS WILL OCCUR IN TWO STAGES ARKS BUILDER BLITZ STARTING OCTOBER 7TH, 2006, AND THE REMAINING 14 HOMES WILL BE COMPLETED DURING 2007. THE HOMES WILL BE SOLD TO FAMILIES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING AUSTIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S HOMEOWNER PROGRAM APPEARED THE BUYERS WILL NOT EXCEED 80% OF THE AUSTIN AREA MEDIAN INCOME AND IT WILL BE A LOT LOWER THAN THAT IF IT'S SCIPT WITH HABITAT STANDARDS. THEY HAVE RESPONDED TO A REQUEST FOR A PROPOSAL FOR THESE

LOTS. I JUST OBVIOUSLY MENTIONED IN THE INTEREST OF TIME THAT WE WERE VERY EXCITED THIS BEING AN ANCHOR PART OF THIS NEW SUBDIVISION OF MONTOPOLIS. WE HAVE HAD -- HABITAT HAS HAD A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY IN MONTOPOLIS AND BUILDING HOMES, AND IN FACT WE'VE HAD A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH HABITAT APPEARED CONTINUE TO HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM AS A PARTNER. THEY WILL PROVIDE A ZERO BR RATE MORTGAGE TO THE HOME BUYERS FOR A TERM OF UP TO 30 YEARS. THE TOTAL PROJECT COST FOR THIS WILL BE ABOUT \$2.2 MILLION, SO WE'RE LEVERAGING OUR \$518,000 TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. SO WITH THAT I WOULD RECOMMEND STRONGLY FOR THE APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST AND OF COURSE MICHAEL WILLARD, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AUSTIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS HERE IF HAVE YOU ANY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS FOR STAFF? BOARD MEMBER KIM?

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Kim: IS THIS ITEM DISBROWS THE LAND?

THIS ITEM IS ACTUALLY TO ALLOW THEM TO ACQUIRE THE LAND, THAT IS IS THAT CORRECT.

Kim: HOW ARE THEY GOING TO PUT UP THE REST OF THE COSTS IN TERMS OF JUST MATERIALS?

I'LL LET MICHAEL ANSWER HOW HE FINANCES HIS PROJECTS. MICHAEL?

COUNCILMEMBER KIM, THE WAY WE FUND THE REST OF OUR HOUSES IS THROUGH EITHER PRIVATE DONATIONS OR SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE HOMES. THEY COME FROM CHURCHES, CORPORATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS. THAT'S WHERE THE LEVERAGE COMES WITH OUR PROGRAM.

Kim: AND WHAT ARE YOU NOTICING ABOUT THE LAND PRICES? HOW MUCH IS IT PER LOT?

FOR THIS?

Kim: FOR THIS PROJECT.

I BELIEVE IT'S \$25,000 PER LOT.

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Kim: AND HOW BIG ARE THE LOTS?

THE LOTS, THEY VARY IN SIZE, BUT TYPICALLY ABOUT 40 BY 100 WOULD BE I THINK TYPICAL FOR THIS PROJECT.

Kim: OKAY. AND WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED GENERALLY?

THEY'RE LOCATED AT -- OFF RIVERSIDE IS FRONTIER VALLEY. THEY'RE AT THE END OF FRONTIER VALLEY. THE WHOLE SUBDIVISION WILL BE BETWEEN FRONTIER VALLEY AND MONTANA.

Kim: IS IT NEXT TO THAT MOBILE HOME PARK?

YES.

YES, MA'AM, IT IS. ACTUALLY, THIS SUBDIVISION IS -- WAS THE SUBDIVISION THAT WE HAD ORMGly..... ORIGINALLY PROPOSED WITH AUSTIN ENERGY SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHICH THE PRICES OF THOSE HOMES EBBED UP NOT BEING CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WANTED. THE HISTORY OF THIS LAND IS THIS LAND WAS GOING BECOME A MOBILE HOME PARK ACTUALLY SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND WE WERE REQUESTED BY THEN COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA BEFORE HE WAS PAIR TO ACTUALLY GO AND -- BEFORE HE WAS MAYOR TO ACTUALLY GO AND TRY TO GET AHOLD OF THAT LAND. WE THEN FOUND OUT THAT AUSTIN ENERGY ACTUALLY OWNED THE LAND BEHIND THAT PARTICULAR TRACT OF LAND, SO WE'VE BEEN PUTTING THIS SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT DEAL TOGETHER FOR MANY YEARS. WE'VE BEEN -- ALSO THEN WE DID A BID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, SO WHAT HABITAT IS ACTUALLY PURCHASING ARE THE 20 DEVELOPED LOTS IN THIS SUBDIVISION. AND SO IT BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, BUT IF YOU'LL DRIVE OUT TO FRONTIER VALLEY AND LUKE AT THE BASE OF THAT, RIGHT NEXT TO THAT MOBILE HOME PARK WHERE YOU'RE TALK BEING, YOU'LL SEE THE STREETS

BEING PICKED UP IN AND THE HOUSES WILL BE READY FOR CONSTRUCTION IN LATE OCTOBER, EARLY NOVEMBER.

Kim: I THINK IT'S A GOOD LOCATION BECAUSE WE WANT MORE HOME OWNERSHIP ON RIVERSIDE WHEREAS NOW WE SEE A LOT OF RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH APARTMENTS AND THAT AREA IS CHANGING AND WE'D LIKE TO SEE -- I'M GLAD THAT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS GOING TO DO A PROJECT IN THE CITY LIMITS OF AUSTIN. I KNOW IT IS CHALLENGING WITH THE PRICE OF THE LAND, SO I'M GLAD WE'RE ABLE TO HELP OUT WITH THAT. WHEN WILL YOU NEED VOLUNTEERS? THIS IS A CHANCE TO PLUG HABITAT.

WE'LL BE STARTING CONSTRUCTION OCTOBER 11 WITH A KICKOFF AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ALL OF Y'ALL JOIN FOR THAT CONVENIENCE. THAT'S FOR OUR BUILDERS BLITZ WHERE WE'RE HAVING BUILDERS COME IN AND HAVE FIVE HOUSES IN THAT PROJECT AND BUILDING THE REST OF THEM OUT OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED IS WE HAVE 20 HABITAT HOMES. WE ALSO ARE PLANNING TO DO 16 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST HOMES FOR THE CORPORATION AND WE HAVE AN RFP OUT FOR NONPROFIT AND SMALL BUILDERS TO PURCHASE THOSE LOTS SO THEY CAN BUILD HOUSES. ALL OF THE HOMES WILL BE BUILT FOR FAMILIES WITH A MAXIMUM INCOME OF 80% OF MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, AND WE WILL OBVIOUSLY TRY TO FIND WAYS TO -- TRY TO FIND WAYS TO MAKE THOSE DOLLARS -- THOSE PRICES LESS BECAUSE OF THE FAMILIES, THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY OF MONTGOMERY TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SERVING THAT COMMUNITY AND ALLOWING PEOPLE FROM THAT COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE EXTENT THAT WE POSSIBLY CAN. WE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF MONTGOMERY FOR OVER A YEAR ON A MONTHLY BASIS WITH INTERFAITH AND DORIS ROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH FOLKS AND WE'LL BE CONTINUING TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND TARGET MARKET TO GO THAT COMMUNITY SO THAT THEY HAVE THE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE ACCESS TO THESE PROPOSALS. WE TARGET 80% OF MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME WITH VERY LITTLE SUBSIDY. IN THE SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN TOLD TO FAMILY OF 60 TO 65% OF MEDIAN FAMILY

INCOME SO. WHEN THEY'VE BEEN PRODUCED. THOSE HAVE BEEN -- THOSE HAVE BEEN IN DISWITONZ. WE HAVE ACTUALLY A SMART HOUSING SUBDIVISION IN CENTEX JUST A STONE'S THROW AWAY FROM THIS DEVELOPMENT. SO HAVING THE ABILITY TO CREATE LOWER COSTS, HIGH QUALITY HOMES RIGHT NEXT TO A SMART HOUSING SUBDIVISION WHERE THE HOUSES ARE GOING TO BE HIGHER PRICED BECAUSE THEIR MARKET DRIVEN IS ANOTHER REASON WHY THIS ONE IS SO IMPORTANT. IN ADDITION TO BEING ABLE TO HAVE THE SMART HOUSING PROGRAM WORK WHICH IT'S DONE SUCCESSFULLY, AS BOARD MEMBER KIM MENGED, NOT ONLY IT'S THE COST OF LAND, BUT THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND TRANSPORTATION COFTZ HAVE GONE UP 25 PERCENT IN THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF. SO THE ABILITY TO MEET THESE TARGETS IS BECOMING MORE APPEARED MORE DIFFICULT. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT ENHANCING THE SMART HOUSING PROGRAM. WE ALSO OF COURSE HAVE OUR DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. WE HAVE OUR MORTGAGE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM. SO WHAT YOU'RE START TO GO SEE IS YOU HAVE TO ADD SUBSIDIES OR SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THAT LOWER LEVEL OF AFFORDABILITY, WHICH AGAIN LEADS TO WHY WE NEED HOME OWNERSHIP COUNSELING, OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR NONPROFIT SOZ WE CAN HAVE THE ABILITY TO NOT ONLY MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A PRODUCT THAT IS AS LOW COST AS POBLG POSSIBLE, BUT THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE READY TO QUAWL ANY FO THAT PRODUCT WHEN -- WE HAVE PEOPLE READY TO QUALIFY FOR THAT PRODUCT WHEN IT'S FINISHED. WE'VE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL, PU WE'RE CHALLENGED CONSTANTLY. THE MORE THE MARKET GOES ON THE UP... UPTICK, THE HARDER IT IS FOR TO US COULD OUR SCROB.

SO THE 16 LOTS YOU'VE MENTIONED, THESE ARE FOR BID FOR OTHER NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS.

ACTUALLY WHARKS YOU FIND....., WHAT YOUFIND IS -- WE HAVE ABOUT FIVE UNITS, 46 UNITS THAT PEOPLE CAN BID ON RIGHT NOW, SMALL BUILDERS CAN BID ON. THEY HAVE TO MEET OUR DESIGN STANDARDS, OUR AFFORDABILITY STANDARDS, OUR SMART HOUSING STANDARDS. WE'VE TALKED TO NONPROFITS,

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, FOR EXAMPLE, IS ONE THAT'S DONE WORK IN SAINT ON'S, -- ST. JOHN'S, SO THEY CAN APPLY TO THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD ON THOSE LOTS.

WHAT IS THE REMAINING CAPACITY AVAILABLE IN THAT AREA IF THERE IS ANY?

IN THIS SUBDIVISION THAT'S THE 81 UNIT SUBDIVISION IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. NOW, WHAT -- AGAIN, THE PRESSURES OF THE MARKETPLACE ARE LOOKING AT EITHER MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES THERE. YOU HAVE, AS YOU KNOW, RIVERSIDE MEADOWS THERE. YOU HAVE TOWN LAKE STRAYS THERE. YOU HAVE A LOT OF INCREASED CENTERS IN CREATING MORE MULTI-FAMILY. AND AND AS YOU KNOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD WANTS SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES, SO WE HAVE THOSE COMPETING INTERESTS. THE MARKETABILITY OF THE LAND MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR SOMEONE TO SAY THEY'LL JUST SELL IT FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING. SO THERE IS SOME VACANT LAND IN MONTOPOLIS STILL. WRE...WE DON'T OWN ANY AS A FINANCE CORPORATION finance corporation..... AT THIS POINT IN TIME. SO THESE 81 UNITS ARE FAIRLY PRECIOUS SO THE FUTURE OF THAT AREA. LASTLY WHAT I'D SAY IS WE NEED FAIRLY SERIOUS EFFORTS ABOUT EDUCATING THE RESIDENT COMMUNITY NOW IN HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOME OF OUR OTHER PROGRAMS. THE BEAR YES REMOVAL, THE -- THE BARRIER REMOVAL, THE MMG REPAIR, THE ARCHITECTURAL REMOVAL PROGRAM, WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO LEVERAGE THEIR ABILITY AS HOMEOWNERS TO DO HOME EQUITY LOANS AND MAYBE FINDING REPLACEMENT HOMES FOR THEMSELVES SO THAT WE REPLACED ONE WOMAN'S HOME LAST YEAR, 82-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WHO HAD FLIFD THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR 45 YEARS AND WE GAVE HER A NEW HOME. THE DILEMMA IS THAT THAT'S JUST SO EXPENSIVE WE CAN'T DO THAT AS MUCH AS WE WOULD THRIEK. AND WE'LL BE GLAD TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOUR OFFICE AND SHOW YOU WHAT YOU KNOW IS OUT THERE BECAUSE I KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST IN THAT AREA.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF, BOARD IN IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON THIS SNUM..... ITEM?

MOTION MADE BY BOARD MEMBER COLE, SECONDED BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AS PRESENTED BY STAFF. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

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

ACTUALLY, THE NEXT ITEM IS RELATED TO THIS, AND IT IS REALLY ESSENTIALLY TO ALLOW US AS THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION TO BE ONE OF THOSE SPONSORING ENTITIES FOR THIS, BESIDES LOANING THE MONEY TO THE AUSTIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, WE ACTUALLY WANT TO WORK PORLLY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUSTIN ENERGY AND ACTUALLY BEING A CO-SPOARNS. SO THIS -- CO-SPOARNS. SO THIS AUTHORIZES THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION TO MAKE UP TO \$60,000 AVAILABLE FOR THAT SPONSORSHIP FOR ONE OF THE HOUSES OUT THERE. WE ARE SPOPSERRING AND WE PLAN TO DO SOME VOLUNTEER WORK, ALTHOUGH I'VE TOLD MICHAEL I CAN'T COMMIT TO ALL THE WEEKENDS TO ACTUALLY BUILD THE HOUSE AS A DEPARTMENT, BUT WE SURE WANT TO DO SOME VOLUNTEER WORK OUT THERE OURSELVES TO SHOW OUR COMMITMENT TO WHAT THEY'RE DOING AND OUR PARTNERSHIP TO THEM. THAT'S WHAT THIS AHFC ITEM TO NEGOTIATE THE EXCUSE OF A DEFERRED PAYMENT LOAN, \$60,000 TO SPONSOR A HOME IN FRONTIER VALLEY.

Mayor Wynn: AND A TOOL BELT FOR COUNCILMEMBER KIM. [LAUGHTER]

THEY HAVE THEM, I'LL PROMISE YOU.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS OF STAFF? I THINK IT'S ONLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN JOIN CORPORATE AUSTIN AND BE A SPONSORING ENTITY OF ONE OF THESE HOUSES. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY BOARD MEMBER KIM, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MCCracken TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AS PRESENTED AS SPONSORING A HOME. ALL IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? MOTION

PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THE NEXT TWO ITEMS ARE FOCUSED ON THE RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THESE ARE TWO PROJECTS, DIFFERENT PROJECTS IN SCOPE AND TARGET POPULATION, BUT SIMILAR IN THEIR RESULTS. THE FIRST ONE IS TO APPROVE THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A LOAN TO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS UNDER THE RHDA PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$123,163 IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS TITLE 14, SECTION 85 FRRT PERFORMANCE GOALS TO ASSIST IN THE REHABILITATION OF FOUR UNITS OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR VERY LOW HOMELESS MILITARY VETERANS. THE ACTION PROVIDES US THE A LOT TO NEGOTIATE WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE HOMELESS IN THIS CONTRACT. TO PROVIDE THESE FOUR UNITS OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING THAT THEY HAVE A HISTORY OF SERVING AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN AUSTIN. REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN WILL BE DEFERRED TO A YEARLY BASIS FOR THE DURATION OF THE 20-84 PERIOD. PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST WILL BE FORGIVEN AT THE EPD OF THE LOAN TERM CONTINGENT WITH COMPLIANCE OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT. THE FOUR PROPERTIES COMPROMISE A TOTAL OF 15 BEDROOMS THAT BENEFIT THE VETERANS IN THE PROGRAM. YEARLY INCOMES OF THE CLIENTS DO NOT EXCEED 30% OF THE AUSTIN MEDIAN INCOME, WHICH IS 14,009-DOLLARS FOR ONE PERSON HOUSEHOLD. AND MONTHLY RENTS ARE BASED ON A SLIDING SCALE NOT TO EXCEED 30% OF THE CLIENT'S MONTHLY INCOME. THESE CLOINTS.....CLIENTS NORMALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM FROM THREE TO 18 MONTHS. 18, DURING WHICH TIME THEY RECEIVE CRITICAL SUPPORT OF SERVICES, COMMUNITY FOIP THE HOMELESS IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CERTIFIED BY THE CITY AS A COMMUNITY HOUSING ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED IN 1990. THIS PROMG IS A TOTAL COST IN THE REHABILITATION -- IS A TOTAL COST OF 549,000, SO \$123,000 OF THAT IS OURS AND 4.. 426 IS IN OWNER EQUITY. WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE HOMELESS AND WE AGAIN SUBMIT THIS TO YOU -- WE

RECOMMEND THIS TO YOU FOR YOUR PASSAGE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, BOARD? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

MOVE APPROVAL.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY VICE-PRESIDENT DUNKERLEY, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MCCracken TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AS PRESENTED BY STAFF. FURTHER COMMENT? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

AND FINAL ITEM TO BRING BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY IS TO APPROVE THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A LOAN TO NMF 7 INCORPORATED UNDER THE RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE FEDERAL REGULAR LAITONZ, THE SAME ONES I JUST READ FOR LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES AT 1507 WEST 39TH AND A HALF STREET. A LOAN WILL BE NEGOTIATED AT \$250,000, REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN WILL BE DEFERRED ON A YEARLY BASIS FOR THE DURATION OF A 10 YEAR PERIOD. PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST WILL BE FORGIVEN AT THE EPD OF THE LOAN TERM CONTINGENT WITH COMPLIANCE OF THE LOAN GREALT. THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL RETARDATION DEPARTMENT FOR LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL DISAILTZ. DUE TO MANY YEARS OF USE AND LIMITED RESOURCES FOR MAJOR REPAIR, THE PROPERTY IS IN CRITICAL NEED OF RENOVATION. THIS PROGRAM WILL SERVE AS MATCHING DOLLARS. FOLLOWING ACQUISITION, THE H.U.D. GRANT FUNDS WILL BE USED TO REHAB THE UNITS FOR UP TO 40 YEARS WITH PLOINT RENT SUBSIDIES. FOR NOT LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE AND THEIR COMMITMENT FOR TO THE BENEFIT OF MHMR CLIENTS. THE PROPERTY INCLUDES 19 ONE BEDROOM, ONE BATH UNITS AND A LAUNDRY ROOM. IT WILL SERVE PERSONS WITH CHRONIC MENTAL I AMNESS WITH INCOMES OF LESS THAN 50% OF AUSTIN MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME. AND RESIDENTS AGAIN WILL PAY NO MORE THAN 30% OF THEIR ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME FOR MONTHLY RENT AND UTILITIES WITH

H.U.D. RENT SUBSIDIES PAYING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TENANT RENT AND ACTUALLY OPERATING COSTS. SO THIS ONE I WOULD JUST HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT AGAIN WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE WITH MHMR AND BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS RESOURCE FOR SOWS HOUSING. OUR \$250,000 IS BEING RAISED WITH A TOTAL OF 1.6 MILLION TO MAKE THIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT A REALITY AND TO IMPROVE THESE COFTZ. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO TAKE A PERSONAL MOMENT AND THANK THE STAFF MEMBER, GARY ADRIAN, WHO CONTINUES TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM AND WORKS DILIGENTLY MONTH AFTER MONTH WITH THESE NONPROFITS TO UP NEGOTIATE, UNDERWRITE THESE DEALS. HE HAS DONE A REMARKABLE JOB FOR THE CITY. WITH THAT I'D BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF I CAN, AND THERE ARE SOME FOLKS HERE WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS IF WE HAVE ANY.

Mayor Wynn: ANY QUESTIONS, BOARD IN COMMENT? I TOO APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MHMR. IT'S BEEN - - DESPITE THE CHALLENGES AND THE SEEMINGLY LACK OF COOPERATIVE FUNDING, A LITTLE BIT OF PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. COMMENTS? I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY BOARD MEMBER KIM, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AS PRESENTED. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

THAT'S ALL THE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY.
THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

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Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD, WE STAND ADJOURNED. I'LL CALL BACK TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL APPEARED WE'LL NOW GO TO OUR ZONING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS. WELCOME MR. GUR GUERNSEY.

OUR FIRST ITEM IS ITEM 68, CASE C-14-06-0099, THE GOODRICH PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2105 GOODRICH

AVENUE. THIS IS APPROVED SECOND AND THIRD READING REQUEST FROM FAMILY RESIDENCE OR SF-3 DISTRICT ZONING TO URBAN FAMILY RESIDENCE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. ON THE DAIS YOU SHOULD HAVE A YELLOW COPY OF THE 'REVISED ORDINANCE AND THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. THAT CONCLUDES THE ITEMS WHERE THE HEARINGS HAVE BEEN CLOSED.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. SO COUNCIL, THE SUGGESTED CONSENT AGENDA WOULD BE THE SINGLE ITEM NUMBER 68 TO APPROVE ON SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO APPROVE THIS ITEM 68 FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. LET ME MOVE ON INTO THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS. OUR FIRST ITEM IS ITEM NUMBER 69, CASE C-14-06-00116 LOCATED AT 1710 WEST SLAUGHTER LANE. THIS IS A REZONING REQUEST WHERE THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED A POSTPONEMENT. THIS IS THEIR FIRST POSTPONEMENT REQUEST TO YOUR AUGUST 24 ITS MEETING. THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM NUMBER 70. THIS IS CASE C-14-06-0086, BILL'S AUTO PARTS. FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 8200 SOUTH CONGRESS AVENUE. THIS IS A REZONING REQUEST FROM DEVELOPMENT RESERVE DISTRICT ZONING AND SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE STANDARD LOT DISTRICT ZONING TO LIMITED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES DISTRICT ZONING. THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED TO GRANT LIMITED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING FOR TRACT 1, AND RURAL RESIDENCE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONE FOG TRACT 2. THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 71 IS CASE C-14-06-0092, AUSTIN DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC. THIS IS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12201, 12303 AND 1230..... 12301 TOMANET TRAIL AND 2312, 2316, 2400, 2402 AND 2404 CEDAR BEND DRIVE. THIS IS A REQUEST FROM LIMITED OFFICE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING TO GENERAL OFFICE

CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT THE GENERAL OFFICE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONE AND THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON ALL 3D READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 72 IS CASE C-14-06-0131, RIATA PHASE NINE FOR THE PROPERTY ON DIEHL TRAIL. THIS IS A REQUEST FROM GENERAL IF OFFICE MIXED USE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING TO GENERAL OFFICE MIXED USE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED TO GRANT THE GENERAL OFFICE MIXED USE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING OR THE GO-MU-CO DISTRICT ZONING. THE APPLICANT HAS ASKED TO MODIFY THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION BY ADDING TWO CHANGES. CURRENTLY THE PROPERTY IS LIMITED TO A HEIGHT OF 60 FEET AND THAT'S UNDER THE G.O. DISTRICT STANDARDS. AND THE AGENT REQUESTED THAT THE BUILDING COVERAGE BE INCREASED TO THE G.O. STANDARD OF 60%. CURRENTLY IT STANDS AT 50%. AND THAT THE IMPERVIOUS COVER INCREASE FOR THE ZONING OF IMPERVIOUS COVER FROM 70% TO 80%, WHICH IS ALSO IN LINE WITH THE G.O. DISTRICT. WITH THOSE TWO CHANGES, IF COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THOSE, THE DIRECTION WOULD BE CLEAR ENOUGH THAT WE COULD DO THIS ON ALL THREE READINGS TODAY OR WE COULD DO AS THE COMMISSION REQUESTED.

Mayor Wynn: AND THE -- SO THESE ADDITIONAL ENTITLEMENTS, WERE THEY PRESENTED TO THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION OR IT DID THE OWNER APPLICANT COME UP WITH THEM AFTER THE FACT?

THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS REQUESTED TODAY THAT THEY WOULD LIKE DOWNTOWN CONSIDER. WHEN IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION, THIS ITEM WAS APPROVED ON CONSENT FOR THE GO-MU-CO ZONING, BUT IT DID NOT INCLUDE THE TWO ITEMS THAT WERE REQUESTED TODAY.

Mayor Wynn: SO THE CO I GUESS, THE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY FOR OTHERWISE THE APPROVED G.O. ZONING

SOMEHOW LIMITED BOTH THE BUILDING COVERAGE AND THE IMPERVIOUS COVER?

THAT'S CORRECT, MAYOR. WHEN IT WAS APPROVED, IT WAS LIMITED TO THE L.O. SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HEIGHT, WHICH WAS ALLOWED FOR 60 FEET. AND WHAT THE APPLICANT'S AGENT HAS REQUESTED IS THAT THE BUILDING COVERAGE AND THE IMPERVIOUS COVER REFLECT THE G.O. DISTRICT IS IT, WHICH WOULD BE 60% BUILDING COVERAGE AND IMPERVIOUS COVER OF 80% FOR THE IMPERVIOUS COVER, WHICH WOULD MATCH THE G.O. DISTRICT STANDARDS.

Mayor Wynn: IT JUST SEEMS TO ME THAT THE COMMISSION MUST HAVE -- THEY HAD TO HAVE TAKEN THE ACTION THAT THEY..... THEY DID TO OTHERWISE HAVE IT BE ALLOWED TO HAVE THE G.O. HEIGHT, BUT THEN SPECIFICALLY WANTED OTHER L.O. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

THE APPLICANT'S AGENT IS HERE THIS EVENING. IF YOU WANT TO GO ON TO THE NEXT ITEM, WE CAN GO TO THAT AND INVITE THE AGENT TO COME UP AND SPEAK TO YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THE NEXT ITEM THERE'S A COUPLE OF SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION, SO WE WILL HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ON 73. SO THIS WOULD BE OUR LAST CONSENT ITEM, NUMBER 72. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO DISCUSS THIS ONE BRIEFLY.

VERY GOOD.

Mayor Wynn: SO COUNCIL --

Leffingwell: MAYOR? I'M LOOKING AT THE COMPUTER AGENDA AND IT SAYS NUMBER 74 IS C-14-06-0079, BUT IN MY PRINTED AGENDA IT SHOWS AS 73, SO WHICH IS THE CASE, MR. GURN CITY S.S.I.?

.....MR. GUERNSEY?

ITEM 73 IS A PROPERTY ON BLUEBONNET LANE,.. IS THAT WHAT?

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Leffingwell: APPEARED THE COMPUTER AGENDA IS INCORRECT IN.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, I THINK I CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CLERK'S DISPOSITION, THE 3:00 O'CLOCK AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION IS POSTED AS 68, BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR REGULAR AGENDA, IT HAS NO NUMBER ATTACHED TO IT. AND I THINK THAT'S WHERE THE DISCREPANCY IS. THERE IS IT -- THERE IS AN OFFSET IN TERM OF THE NUMBERING. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU GO TO THE POSTED AGENDA ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND NOT THE CITY CLERK'S DISPOSITION, YOU WILL FIND THAT THE THREEP.M. AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION IS NOT NUMBERED, BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT HAVE YOU ON THE CLERK'S DISPOSITION. ONE SHOWS THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION ITEMS BEING NUMBERED AS 68, WHILE THE ZONING ITEMS PICK UP AS 69 AND ON, WHEREAS THE PAPER AGENDA AND THE WEBSITE SHOW NO NUMBERING AT ALL FOR THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION WITH THE NUMBERING PICKING UP WITH NUMBER 68 BEING THE GOODRICH PIECE. BECAUSE I WAS FLIPPING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE AGENDAS AS WELL AND IT WAS A LITTLE CONFUSING.

STAFF UNDERSTANDS THAT ITEM 73 IS CASE C-14-06-0079 FOR A PROPERTY ON BLUEBONNET LANE.

Leffingwell: YEAH. AND I HAD SUGGESTED EARLIER THAT I BE REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT ON THIS CASE TO ALLOW THE PARTIES, THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE APPLICANT TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT'S POSSIBLE AT THIS POINT POINT.....POINT, BUT WE HAD UNDERSTOOD EARLIER THAT IT WAS, SO I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A POSTPONEMENT UNTIL AUGUST 24TH.

VERY GOOD. SO COUNCIL, OUR RECOMMENDED CONSENT AGENDA ON THE ZONING CASES WHERE WE HAVE NOT YET HELD A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO POSTPONE ITEM 69 TO AUGUST 24TH, 2006. ITEM 69 BEING THE 1017 WEST SLAUGHTER CASE. AND TO APPROVE -- CLOSE THE PUBLIC

HEARING AND APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS CASES 70 AND 71. AND THEN TO POSTPONE ITEM 73, WHICH IS THE BLUEBONNET CREEK PROPERTY TO AUGUST 24TH, 2006. YOU ARE COUNCIL, WE CAN GO BACK AND TAKE TALK UP ITEM NUMBER 72, THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SORT OF LATE REQUEST BY THE APPLICANT.

MAYOR, MAYBE I'D JUST INVITE THE APPLICANT'S AGENT TO COME FORWARD, ALICE GLASGO, AND SHE CAN EXPLAIN THE CHANGE.

Mayor Wynn: HAVE YOU EIGHT MINUTES, MS. GLASGO?

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, I AM ALICE GLASGO AND I AM THE FORMER PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I AM REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE MYSELF THAT WAY FOR A LITTLE WHILE. ITEM 72 WAS HEARD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. IT WENT BY CONSENT AFTER WE HAD MET WITH JOINING PROPERTY OWNERS -- WITH ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS. THIS IS PART OF THE RIATA DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS THE LAST TRACT THAT WAS INTENDED TO BE PART OF HIS -- TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THIS TRACT, BUT WAS NOT FINISHED SEVERAL YEARS AGO BECAUSE THE -- THERE WAS AN INTEREST TO BUILD AN OFFICE PROJECT, THEN THE PROPERTY WAS ZONED TO G.O. WITH THE CONDITIONAL OVERLAYS THAT LIMITED TO AN OFFICE DEVELOPMENT. WELL, THAT DID NOT OCCUR APPEARED THE RIATA DEVELOPERS WOULD NOW LIKE TO FINISH THE PREVIOUS PHASE WITH APARTMENTS. THE SITE COMPROMISES 17 ACRES AND ON 17 ACRES WE'RE PROPOSE TO GO DO JUST 306 UNIT AS OPPOSED TO A HIGHER DENSITY GIVE THEM A LAND. WE JUST FINISHED OUR FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT YESTERDAY AND WE DISCOVERED THAT WE NEEDED TO HAVE THE G.O. IMPERVIOUS COVER AND BUILDING COVERAGE WHILE WE CAN COMPLY WITH THE OTHER SITE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS. SO OUR UNIT IS AT 17 UNITS PER ACRE, WHICH IS VERY COMPARABLE TO MF-1 DENSITY. AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE SLIGHT INCREASE IN IMPERVIOUS COVER AND BUILDING COVERAGE TO MAKE THE PROJECT FEASIBLE. THE SITE AS CAN YOU SEE IS IN A HORSESHOE SHAPE, AND THE DEPTH KIND OF VARIES FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES, AND THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR FLEX ILLUSTRATE IN

THE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT. -- FLEXIBILITY IN THE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS FOR MS. GLASGO, COUNCIL? WE HAVE NO CITIZENS SIGNED UP OTHERWISE ON THIS ITEM. SO MS. GLASGO, IS IT AS SIMPLE AS THAT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL OPINION THESE TWO ADDITIONAL INCREASES IN THE ENTITLEMENTS IS EFFECTIVELY REQUIRED FOR YOUR CLIENT TO DELIVER WHAT WAS THE AGREED PROJECT WITH THE ADJOINING NEIGHBORS?

CORRECT. THE NUMBER OF UNITS WON'T CHANGE AT ALL. THE NUMBER OF UNITS WERE ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS. DID I ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

Mayor Wynn: THAT HELPS ME. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: SO WHAT THE REASON FOR THE RESTRICTION THAT WAS PLACE ODD IT BY THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION?

THAT WAS A CARRYOVER FROM THE ORIGINAL CONDITION THAT WAS IN 2000 FOR THE OFFICE DEVELOPMENT. AND THIS DEVELOPMENT IS GOING TO BE MULTI-FAMILY.

Leffingwell: SO WHAT YOU'RE REQUESTING IS IN LINE WITH NORMAL ZONING FOR G.O.?

THAT IS CORRECT.

Leffingwell: IT'S THE NORMAL IMPERVIOUS COVER?

THAT'S CORRECT. KY PUT A CHART UP TO JUST SHOW YOU. IT'S GOING TO SHOW THE CHART THAT SHOWED THE DIFFERENCES IN IMPERVIOUS COVER UNDER THE ZONING DISTRICT. THAT'S RATHER TINY. SO YOU CAN SEE THAT UNDER L.O. ZONING YOUR MAXIMUM BUILDING COVERAGE IS 50%. UNDER G.O. IT'S 60. AND IMPERVIOUS COVER IS FROM 70 TO 80% UNDER THOSE TWO DISTRICT. WE WILL BE COMPLYING WITH A VEGETATIVE BUFFER OF 25 FEET ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE SIDE WHERE IT JOINS THE SINGLE-

FAMILY. AS YOU CAN SEE THE SETBACKS ARE DIFFERENT. WE'RE AGREEING TO A 25-FOOT SET BACK BUFFER SURROUNDING THE PROPERTY.

Leffingwell: SO THERE WAS NO CONSCIOUS ATTEMPT TO RESTRICT YOUR BUILDING COVERAGE AND IMPERVIOUS COVER BEYOND THAT REQUIRED -- DICTATED BY THE ZONING YOU HAD, IT WAS JUST AS A RESULT OF SOME PREVIOUS AGREEMENT, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

CORRECT. THE CURRENT CONDITIONS WERE UNDER THE PREVIOUS ZONING THAT WAS IN 2000. AND WE DID NOT REALIZE THAT UNTIL RECENTLY THAT WE NEEDED ADDITIONAL --

Leffingwell: BUT THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION DID NOT CONSIDER WHAT YOU'RE REQUESTING NOW, THEY JUST TOOK IT ON CONSENT AS A CARRYOVER FROM THE PREVIOUS ENTITLEMENT?

THAT'S CORRECT.

McCracken: I THINK THIS IS FINE. THIS SEEMS CONSISTENT WITH GOOD PLANNING AND SO I'LL SUPPORT IT.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS THIS CASE NUMBER 72, WITH THOSE ADDITIONAL ENTITLEMENTS AS READ INTO THE RECORD BY MR. GUERNSEY WHO ASSURES US THEY COULD QUICKLY CHANGE THE ORDINANCE TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS.

Mayor Wynn: WILL THAT WORK PLRKS GUERNSEY?

YES. AND I ALREADY HAD A DISCUSSION WITH OUR ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY AND WITH THAT DIRECTION THAT THE BUILDING COVERAGE AND THE IMPERVIOUS COVER WOULD INCREASE THAT THAT CAN BE DONE STOIL ALL THREE READINGS. THAT'S CLEAR ENOUGH DIRECTION.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE.
FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR
PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF
SEVEN TO ZERO.

THAT CONCLUDES OUR ZONING AND PLANNING ITEMS.

Mayor Wynn: SO COUNCIL, PERFECT TIMING. WE WILL NOW
RECESS THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. STAY
TUNED FOR LIVE MUSIC FROM KIDS ACTING AND THEN
SEVERAL PROCLAMATIONS AND WE'LL TAKE UP OUR PUBLIC
HEARINGS SHORTLY AFTER 6:00 P.M. WE'RE NOW IN RECESS.
SHAKESPEAR SHAKESPEAR. [PLAYING MUSIC] PERFORMING
ARTS SCHOOL IN THE AUSTIN AREA LOCATION. KIDS ACTING
IS VOTED BEST ACTING CAMP NUMEROUS TIMES BY THE
AUSTIN CONTINUE CONTROL CELS READERS POLICY AND
FAMILY MAGAZINE. THEY TAUGHT LBJ'S GRABBED GRAND
GRANDCHILDREN, AND EVEN MY WIFE MIND I. AND SO, IN
FACT, A VERY SPECIAL PART OF MIND I'S LIFE HAS BEEN DD
CLARK AND SHE'S HERE TODAY. IF YOU COULD TELL US A
LITTLE BIT ABOUT KIDS ACTING AND WHAT WE'RE GOING TO
SEE HERE TODAY.

IT IS SHORT SO WE'LL DO THIS. KIDS ACTING HAS BEEN IN
BUSINESS FOR 27 YEARS HERE IN AUSTIN, WHICH IS WHY WE
TAUGHT YOUR WIFE. IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'S DOING IT NOW. AND
WE HAVE TAUGHT THOUSANDS OF KIDS IN THE CENTRAL
TEXAS AREA. WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEE TODAY, WE HAVE
A PRODUCTION CALLED BUGS, WHICH HAD ORIGINAL MUSIC
BY JIMMY DALE GILL MORE, THE AUSTIN LOUNGE LIZ ARDZ,
EMILY CAITS AND MANY MANY MORE. ACCOMPANYING THE
KIDS TODAY IS NOEL AL FORD, WHO IS OUR MUSE AL
DIRECTOR, COMPOSER AND ARRANGER, AND THESE ARE
PERFORMERS WHO ARE IN BUGS AND THEY ARE GOING TO
DO A BIT OF A POLITICAL SONG, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND.

CITY HALL. [LAUGHTER].

AND IT'S CALLED JUST SAY YES AND IT IS SUNK BY
GOVERNOR ANN ANTS RICHARDS AND THE SINCOFANTS, BY
STEVE FROM HOLTS. [MUSIC PLAYING]

JUST SAY YES WHEN SOMEONE ASKS YOU. JUST SAY YES

WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW. JUST SAY YES TO THOSE WHO LOVE YOU. REMEMBER THIS. I WAS CLEVER, I WAS FUNNY, YOU'VE GOT TO GET THEM TO SAY YES. HOW I LOVE TO BE THE GOVERNOR OF ALL THE BUGS AND MAKE THE INSECTS MASTICATE THEIR WORDS. THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GOING TO BE. JUST SAY YES. [CLAPPING]

OKAY. YOU-ALL ARE REALLY GOOD. YOU NEED TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF. ALL THESE GREAT ACTORS. EACH ARE FILM STARS HERE IN AUSTIN. SO WHY DON'T EACH OF YOU JUST TELL US YOUR NAME AND THEN DEDE -- OR ONE OF YOU TELL US ABOUT -- BECAUSE THE MUSICAL IS PLAYING RIGHT NOW, RIGHT? SO START UP HERE. [INDISCERNIBLE].

CAN YOU TELL US ALL ABOUT THE MUSICAL?

YEAH, THE MUSICAL IS RUNNING THIS WEEKEND, IT'S THE FINAL WEEKEND. IT HAS PERFORMSES FRIDAY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. CHILDREN WHO BRING A BOOK DONATION TO READING IS FUNDAMENTAL GET IN FOR HALF PRICE. IF YOU WANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERFORMANCES, YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEB SITE, WWW.KIDSACTINGSTUDIO.COM, OR CALL 458 KIDS, AND AGAIN IT'S THIS WEEKEND IS THE FINAL WEEKEND AT ST. STEPHEN'S, AND AS YOU CAN TELL IT'S GOT THINGS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN IT. [INDISCERNIBLE].

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND WHEREAS THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF ARTISTS FURTHER AUSTIN'S STATUS AS THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, THEREFORE, THE WILL WYNN, THE MAYOR OF AUSTIN, HE'S RIGHT OVER THERE, DOES HERE BY PRODUCT CLAIM AUGUST 10, 2006 AS KIDS ACTING DAY IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. GUYS, YOU-ALL ARE AWESOME. EVERYBODY HAS GOT TO SEE THIS. [CLAPPING]

ONE OF THE THINGS I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY REGARDING THE AUSTIN MUSIC INDUSTRY IS THAT WE HAVE WRITTEN SEVEN ORIGINAL MUSICALS, AND I DON'T THINK YOU CAN NAME A TEXAS SONGWRITER THAT HASN'T HELPED US. WILT....WILL I NELSON, RAY BENSON, JOE ELY, JIMMY LAFAY, BRUCE HANCOCK, HARSH A BALL. IF YOU THINK OF ANY

PERFORMER HERE IN CENTRAL TEXAS THEY HAVE ALL
DONATED GENEROUSLY TO HELP THESE KIDS MAKE GREAT
MUST..... MUSICALS. [CLAPPING]

WHILE THE KIDS BREAK DOWN OVER ON THAT SIDE OF THE
ROOM, WE'LL START OUR PROCLAMATIONS OVER HERE. OUR
FIRST PROK..... PROCLAMATION THIS WEEK CAN.....IS
REGARDING MEET THE LEARNED DAY AND I'LL READ THE
PROK LITIGATION AND ROSY WILL TALK ABOUT THE CITY
SPONSORSHIP AND WHAT THE PROGRAM IS ABOUT AND
HOW YOU CAN HOPEFULLY BENEFIT FROM IT. THIS PROK.....
PROCLAMATION READS, BE IT KNOWN THAT ACCESS TO
CAPITAL IS THE NUMBER ONE BUSINESS NEED FOR
BUSINESS OWNERS WANTING TO START OR, BUT SHOPPING
FOR LOANS A DISCUSSING FINANCES CAN BE AN
INTIMIDATING EXPERIENCE. MEET THE LEARNED FAIR AIMS
TO GIVE ON TREMENDOUS PRE NURSE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO LEARN ABOUT THE LOAN PROCESS AND MEET THE
LENDERS OF MORE THAN 40 LENDING INSTITUTIONS IN A
RELAXED ENVIRONMENT. THE CITY'S SMALL BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SEEKS TO ENSURE THAT SMALL
BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN ARE AWARE OF THE
RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM SO THEY CAN HAVE
ADEQUATE CAPITAL TO GET THEIR BUSINESS OFF THE
GROUND. SO THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF AUSTIN,
DO HERE BY PRODUCT CLAIM AUGUST 11, 2006 AS MEET THE
LEARNED FAIR DAY IN AUSTIN, AND CALL ON ROSY TO SAY A
FEW WORDS ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND HOW YOU CAN
BENEFIT FROM IT. ROSY?

THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, MAYOR WYNN. I'D LIKE TO INVITE
ALL OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE TO ATTEND TOMORROW'S
MEET THE LEARNED. AS....LENDER. AS THE MAYOR SAID IT IS
OUR THIRD ANNUAL MEET THE LENDER EVENT. WE HAVE
MORE THAN 45 EXHIBITORS THERE. WE HAVE 7 BANKS,
COMMUNITY LEARNED, CREDIT UNIONS THAT MAKE LOANS
TO BUSINESSES. THE TARGET AUDIENCE ARE ANY SMALL
BUSINESS OWNER WHO HAS A BUSINESS, THINKING OF
STARTING A BUSINESS, WANTING TO EXPAND THEIR
BUSINESS AND THEY NEED TO GET CONNECTED TO A BANK.
WE'VE HAD OVER 575 PEOPLE ATTEND LAST YEAR. THE
FIRST TIME WE HAD MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE, ATTEND THE
FIRST TIME AND IT'S NOT ALWAYS ALL ABOUT THE NUMBERS.

IT'S ALSO ABOUT THE RESULTS. AND WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SEVERAL BUSINESSES THAT ATTENDED LAST YEAR'S EVENT DID GET LOANS. THEY WERE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY CONNECT TO BANKERS THERE AND ACTUALLY GOT LOANS TO EXPAND THEIR BUSINESS, TO START THEIR BUSINESS, TO EXPAND THEIR INVENTORY. AND I HAVE SOME OF..... SOME OF THE STAFF MEMBERS HERE FROM OUR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TEAM AND HAVE WORKED VERY HARD IN MAKING THE EVENT A SUCCESS, SO I EVEN SIEWRJ EVERY ONE OF YOU TO COME AND JOIN US TOMORROW. IT STARTS AT 2:00. WE HAVE TWO TRAINING SESSIONS THAT WILL RUN CON CURRENTSLY, UNDERSTANDING THE LOAN PROCESS AND GETTING YOUR FINANCIALS READY. WE HAVE FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER RONNIE REYNOLDS IS GOING TO BE SEECHG THE CLASS ON GETTING YOUR FINANCIALS READY. WE HAVE TWO WOMEN FROM UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ARE GOING TO BE TEACHING THE CLASS ON UNDERSTANDING THE COMMERCIAL LOAN PROCESS. THE EXHIBIT HAUL OPENS AT 5:00 AND IT WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8:00, SO I ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU-ALL TO COME AND JOIN US TOMORROW. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, ROSY. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING ROSY AND HER STAFF FOR A GREAT EVENT TOMORROW.

WELCOME. OKAY. I'M JOINED BY STEVEN RAY WHO WILL SAY A FEW WORDS AFTER I READ THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 21, 2006 AS THE JOHN HENRY FALK FREE SPEECH DAY IN AUSTIN. THE PROCLAMATION READS THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION SECURES AND PREFERS OUR RIGHT TO FREE SEARCH THAT THAT ARE SO ESSENTIALLY IN A DEMOCRAT SOCIETY AND AUSTINITE JOHN HENRY FAWK WAS A GREAT DEFENDER OF FREE SPEECH AND WHEREAS PUBLIC ACCESS, COMMUNITY TELEVISION, PACT, IS A FREE SPEECH PLATFORM AVAILABLE TO ALL AUSTIN CITIZENS, WHICH DEPENDS ON SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE, AND WHEREAS PACT'S PUBLIC ACCESS TV REREU.N. AND FREE SPEECH CONDUCTED ON AUGUST 18, 2006, TO AUGUST 20, 2006, WILL HONOR THE LEGACY OF JOHN HENRY FAWK AND HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AS A DEFENSOR OF THE

FIRST AMENDMENT AND HIS BIRTHDAY IS ON AUGUST 1, 2006, SO THEREFORE I WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF AUSTIN, DO HERE BY PRODUCT CLAIM AUGUST 21, 2006 AS THE JOHN HENRY FAWK FREE SPEECH DAY IN AUSTIN AND CALL ON STEVEN RAY TO TELL US A FEW THINGS ABOUT ACCESS TV, THE EVENT AND HOW WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF... OF THIS. STEVEN?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE IT. MY NAME IS STEVEN RAY AND I'M THE OUTREACH DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION. I THINK THAT IF JOHN MEN RI FAWK WERE HERE WITH US TODAY HE WOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THE STRIDES THAT AUSTIN HAS MADE TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE FIRST AMENDMENT IN FREE SPEECH AND ONE OF THE PRIME EXAMPLES OF THAT IS PUBLIC ACCESS COMMUNITY TELEVISION, AUSTIN'S ELECTRONIC SOAPBOX, AND I WANT TO -- I WANT TO SAY THAT GARY CHAP MAN, WHO IS WITH THE LBJ SCHOOL, WAS THE SPEAKER AT ONE OF THE VERY EARLY JOHN HENRY FAWK FIRST AMENDMENT CONFERENCES THAT HAPPENED IN THE '90S, AND HE'LL BE A KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT A REUNION AND FREE SPEECH FORUM THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING HERE ON AUGUST 18, 19 AND 20. HE'LL BE SPEAKING ON THE 19TH. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS INVITE ANYONE WHO HAS NEVER SEEN AUSTIN'S PUBLIC ACCESS COMMUNITY TV STATION TO COME TO AN OPEN HOUSE AND ALSO A STAND-UP AND SPEAK OUT THAT WE'LL BE HAVING. IT WILL BE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, FROM 10:00 TO NOON, AND AUSTIN'S ACCESS TV FACILITY IS IN EAST AUSTIN AT 1143 NORTHWESTERN AVENUE IN EAST AUSTIN. AND YOU CAN ALSO GO TO PACT AUSTIN.ORG ON OUR WEB SITE FOR A MAP AND THAT SORT OF INFORMATION. I APPRECIATE THIS HONOR AND JUST AS A FINAL FOOTNOTE, AS ONE OF OUR PRODUCERS AT PACT IS WORKING ON A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT JOHN HENRY FAWK AND HOPES TO HAVE THAT COMPLETED IN A YEAR FROM NOW SO THAT IT CAN BE SCREENED ON JOHN HENRY FAWK'S BIRTHDAY IN 2007. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

OKAY. MY LAST SHORT PROCLAMATION IS ACTUALLY JUST A COMMERCIAL FOR THE 2006 NATIONAL POETRY SLAM,

WHICH IS OCCURRING HERE IN AUSTIN. WE HAVEN'T HOSTED THIS SINCE 1998. IT'S A BIG DEAL. IT BEGAN YESTERDAY AND THERE ARE 75 TEAMS OF FOUR FROM 75 DIFFERENT CITIES FROM NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE. THERE ARE THE PRELIMINARIES THAT WERE HELD LAST NIGHT AND ARE BEING HELD TONIGHT ARE FREE. THERE'S EIGHT DIFFERENT VENUES UP AND DOWN CONGRESS AVENUE FROM AS FAR SUIT AS RIEWT A MIE A ALL THE WAY THROUGH AND TO THE PARAMOUNT THEATER. FRIDAY NIGHT, TOMORROW NIGHT, WILL BE THE PAID OR TICKETED SEMI FINALS FOR THE TEAMS AND FINALS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS AT THE PARAMOUNT. IT'S A GREAT EVENT, A GREAT SHOW. PHENOMENAL SORT OF CREATIVE ATMOSPHERE. IF YOU HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED IT, YOU SHOULD. AND THEN SATURDAY NIGHT OVER AT THE PALMAR SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER WILL BE THE TEAM FINALS, ALSO A TICKETED EVENT. I THINK THE TICKETS ARE ABOUT 10 OR \$12. SHOULD EXPECT 1100 PEOPLE AT THE PARAMOUNT FRIDAY NIGHT, PROBABLY 3,000 PEOPLE AT THE PALMAR SPECIAL EVENTS ON SATURDAY NIGHT FOR THE NATIONAL POETRY SLAM FINALS AND AUSTIN IS VERY PROUD TO HOST A LOT OF FUN, CREATIVE VIBRANT PEOPLE IN TOWN THIS WEEKEND. THANK YOU-ALL VERY MUCH. AND IF YOU GET A CHANCE, GO SEE SOME POETRY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

SO THE COUNCIL IS STILL IN RECESS AND WE'LL START UP OUR PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AT 6:00 P.M. THANK YOU.
STEVE..... ON A..BLANK BLANK.....

THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT AT THIS TIME I'LL CALL BACK TO ORDER THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. WE'VE BEEN IN RECESS SINCE 5:30. IT'S NOW 6:08:00 P.M. WE'VE HAD THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONDUCT THIS EVENING, AND COUNCIL, IF YOU'LL BEAR WITH ME I THINK WE CAN SEQUENCE THEM IN A WAY TO BE AS EFFICIENT WITH EVERYONE'S TIME. FIRST I'D LIKE TO CALL UP NO. 76, WHICH IS TO CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPEAL OF A PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION I'LL SAY, THOUGH, THAT THE APPEAL IS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTIN CITY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. I HAPPEN TO LIVE IN THE BUILDING AND AM A DUES-PAYING MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, SO I WILL BE RECUSING MYSELF AND LEAVING THE DAIS, FOR WHAT I THINK IS GOING TO BE A SHORT

DISCUSSION ANYWAY, AND WE'LL TURN THE DAIS OVER TO MAYOR PRO TEM BETTY DUNKERLEY.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. AT THIS TIME NO. 76, THE ITEM IS TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPEAL BY EYE AND ENGLISH, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTIN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE SITE PLAN PERMIT TO ALLOW A COCK COCKTAIL LOUNGE WITHIN THE DMU AT 817 WEST 5TH STREET. APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW THE COCKTAIL LOUNGE TO USE, WITH THE DMU, THE DOWNTOWN MIXED USE ZONING DISTRICT AND LIMIT THE HOURS OF OPERATION FROM 7:00 TO 12:00. AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO TURN THE MIC OVER TO OUR STAFF TO GIVE A REPORT ON WHAT THIS AGREEMENT MEANS.

THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M GEORGE ZACH LACK WITH THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT. SINCE THIS ITEM WAS SCHEDULED FOR YOUR AGENDA THERE HAS BEEN AN AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE APPELLANT AND THE APPELLEE, AND THAT IS CONTAINED IN THE YELLOW PAGE THAT WAS DISTRIBUTED ON YOUR DAIS FOR ITEM NO. 76. BASICALLY THE AGREEMENT STATES THAT THE COCKTAIL LOUNGE WILL CLOSE NO LATER THAN 2:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS AND NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE OTHER NIGHTS OF THE WEEK. THIS IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE CONDITION THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED ORIGINALLY WITH THIS -- WITH THIS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. IN ADDITION, SOUND EM... EMANATING FROM THE SITE WOULD BE LIMITED TO 75 DECIBELS AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY A.. AND ALL DAYS OF THE YEAR, AND THIRDLY, THE BAR OWNER OR OPERATOR WILL OBTAIN A SOUND PERMIT FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN AS REQUIRED BY CITY CODE PRIOR TO USING ANY SOUND EQUIPMENT AND ANY SUCH SOUND EQUIPMENT WILL BE CUT OFF NO LATER THAN 10:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY, 11:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY AND MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AND IN ADDITION NO SOUND EQUIPMENT MAY BE TURNED ON BEFORE 10:00 A.M. BOTH PARTIES ARE IN AGREEMENT ON THESE CONDITIONS, AND THEREFORE WE WOULD OFFER THIS TO YOU FOR APPROVAL

WITH THE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS ITEMIZED.

THANK YOU. I THINK WE HAVE THREE SPEAKERS SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM, BOB WOODY. WANT TO STEP FORWARD? AND AFTER BOB WE HAVE ANDY ERLIN, FOLLOWED BY ANN ENGLISH.

HI, BETTY AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. THERE IS ACTUALLY A CORRECTION TO BE MADE IN MR. ZAP LAK'S NUMBERS THERE. THAT'S ONE THING I'LL TALK ABOUT. I BELIEVE IT'S 2:00 A.M. INSTEAD OF 2:00 P.M., JUST SO WE KNOW. WE'VE MITIGATED WITH THE FOLKS AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE MAYOR LIVES AND MET WITH IAN INGLES, HE'S HERE TONIGHT. WE'VE GOT OUR ISSUES SQUARED AWAY IN THAT REGARD. THIS IS A NEAT LITTLE PROPERTY THAT CAN BE TURNED INTO A PATIO LOUNGE AND THAT'S -- WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE IT INTO A HIGHEST AND BEST USE BASED UPON WHAT'S BEEN THERE IN THE PAST, WHICH HAS BEEN A CAR DEALERSHIP, CAR LOT, AND BY DOING AWAY WITH THAT THEN IT'S CONGRUENT WITH WHAT THE DOWNTOWN -- WE HOPE TO SAY, THE GROWTH -- SMART GROWTH OR WHATEVER WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW. AND THAT'S REALLY ALL I HAVE TO SAY. I'M HELPING THEM WITH SOME OF THEIR PROCESSES AND LICENSING.

DUNKERLEY: THANK YOU. ANDY IRWIN? WE HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL SPEAKER, JASON SUP. IF YOU GET READY RIGHT AFTER MR. ENGLISH, WILL BE ALL THE SPEAKERS WE HAVE ON THIS ITEM. MR. IRWIN. IN.

HELLO. THANKS FOR HEARING ME. I'M ONE OF THE OWNERS OF THE BUSINESS THAT WE'RE LOOKING TO PUT THROUGH. THE OTHER GUY WAS JASON, WHO WILL COME UP... UP AND SPEAK IN A MOMENT. JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW, WE MET WITH IAN WITH THE APPEAL THAT HE FILED AND WE CAME UP WITH A GREAT AGREEMENT. HE'S HAPPY ABOUT IT AND SO ARE WE, AND WE JUST LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND MAKING EVERYTHING HAPPEN. SO THANK YOU-ALL VERY MUCH.

DUNKERLEY: IAN ENGLISH? I HEAR WE HAVE AN INJURED PARTY COMING TO THE MIC.

RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET. THAT WAS MY MISTAKE. WE WORKED OUT AN AGREEMENT RETHINK IS A REASONABLE AND A GOOD ONE, AND ALL THE PARTIES HAVE DEALT IN GOOD FAITH, AND WE WERE MAINLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NOISE ISSUES AND WE DID NOT WANT THE 85-DECIBEL TYPICAL LIMIT, AND IT TURNED OUT THAT JAIS AND AND ANDY REALLY DIDN'T NEED THAT AND WE MET MANY TIMES, WORKED REAL HARD ON THIS, AND I THINK IT'S TO THE CREDIT OF BOTH SIDES THAT WE CAME TO AN AGREEMENT, AND WE SUPPORT THE AGREEMENT. WE URGE THE COUNCIL TO SIGN OFF ON IT. IT LIMITS THE NOISE TO 75 DECIBELS, WHICH IS THE LIMIT THAT IS MORE USED IN THE OTHER RESIDENTIAL PARTS OF THE CITY. AND I WOULD SUBMIT THAT IN THE FUTURE DOWNTOWN PROBABLY OUGHT TO CONSIDER A LIMIT LIKE THAT FOR -- BECAUSE WE'RE GETTING MORE AND MORE RESIDENTS DOWNTOWN. I THINK IT MIGHT BE GOOD FOR THE FUTURE. BUT WE WOULD URGE THE COUNCIL TO ALLOW IT.

DUNKERLEY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU.

DUNKERLEY: JASON?

THIS IS GOING TO BE KIND OF REDUNDANT. GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JASON SUPT AND I'M OWNER OF THE PATIO BAR PROJECT, AND I THINK THAT EVERY PARTY THAT'S BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS PRETTY MUCH MUTUALLY FEELS LIKE WE'VE WORKED IT OUT IN A WAY THAT THE COMMUNITY AT THE CORE OF WHERE WE'RE AT IS HAPPY AND I THINK THAT'S ALSO GOING TO HELP OUT THE GREATER VISION OF AUSTIN AND THE IDEA OF A DENSE COMMUNITY DOWN THERE. BEYOND THAT,.... THANK YOU.

DUNKERLEY: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS TOPIC? IF THERE AREN'T, I'D LIKE TO SEE IF I CAN GET A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND TO ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CORRECTED TIME OF 2:00 A.M. RATHER THAN 2:00 P.M.

LEFFINGWELL: SECOND.

DUNKERLEY: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND. ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

DUNKERLEY: AYE. THANK YOU. AND I'LL TURN THIS BACK OVER TO THE MAYOR.

MAYOR WYNN:.....MAYOR.

DUNKERLEY: DO I KNOW WHAT ORDER -- I'M NOT SURE WHAT ORDER HE WANTS TO TAKE THESE ITEMS. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM. OKAY. SO TWO MORE HEARINGS, ITEM 74 RELATED TO OUR BUDGET PRESENTATION AND FEEDBACK AND ITEM 75 RELATED TO ANNEXATION. WE HAVE FAR, FAR MORE SPEAKERS HERE TO TALK TO US ABOUT BUDGET, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, AND SO BY RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL, WITH EVERYBODY'S UNDERSTANDING, I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE UP THE ITEM NO. 75 AND SEND, YOU KNOW, MORE PEOPLE HOME SOONER AND THEN WE'LL STAY HERE AND TAKE BUDGET TESTIMONY AS LATE AS FOLKS WANT TO STAY. SO ITEM NO. 75, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON ISSUES RELATED TO THE FULL PURPOSE ANNEXATION OF THE LOST CREEK MUD ANNEXATION AREA, APPROXIMATELY 789 ACRES IN TRAVIS COUNTY, LOCATED WEST OF CAPITAL OF TEXAS HIGHWAY, WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF LOST CREEK BOULEVARD AND CAPITAL OF TEXAS HIGHWAY. FULL PURPOSE ANNEXATION IS ANTICIPATED IN DECEMBER 2008 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION PLAN. AND WE'D APPRECIATE A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION.

DUNKERLEY: AND I THINK WE'LL START OFF WITH ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER LAURA HUFF MAN.

THANK YOU MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. WE ARE HERE THIS EVENING TO HAVE THE FIRST OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT WILL ESSENTIALLY KICK OFF AN ANNEXATION PROCESS. WHAT I THOUGHT WE COULD DO TONIGHT IS TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT THAT PROCESS IS, WHAT WE HAVE HERE TONIGHT TO DO, AND WHAT WE'LL

DO IS GO THROUGH THE PROPOSED SERVICE PLAN WITH YOU. I THINK PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO TALK ABOUT YOU HAVE FRONT IS THAT ANNEXATION IS A TOOL THAT IS GIVEN BY THE STATE, AND HOW YOU DO IT IS STRICTLY REGULATED BY THE STATE. SO WE'RE ENTERING INTO A VERY FORMAL PROCESS THAT IS KICKED OFF WITH TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND THE WAY THE STATE LAW IS STRUCTURED IS WE HAVE THREE YEARS TO DISCUSS THE SERVICE PLAN. THAT'S THE PLAN THROUGH WHICH WE WILL DELIVER CITY SERVICES UPON ANNEXATION. ACCORDING TO STATE LAW WE CANNOT ANNEX ANY SOONER THAN DECEMBER 2008, BUT THROUGH AN AGREEMENT THAT DATE CAN BE NEGOTIATED. SO WE ARE BEGINNING THE PROCESS TONIGHT. YOU ARE NOT SCHEDULED FOR ANY ACTION. LET ME TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ANNEXATION FROM A STATEWIDE PERSPECTIVE. TEXAS, UNLIKE OTHER STATES, DOES NOT HAVE STRONG REVENUE SHARING BETWEEN THE STATE AND LOCALITIES, SO AS A RESULT CITIES ACROSS TEXAS ARE DEPENDENT UPON PROPERTY TAXES, SALES TAXES, ALL THE THINGS YOU'VE BEEN DISCUSSING AS PART OF YOUR BUDGET PROCESS. THAT MEANS THAT THE TOOL OF ANNEXATION IS PROBABLY THE PRIMARY TOOL THAT CITIES HAVE TO MANAGE THEIR GROWTH. IT IS A TOOL THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ALL TEXAS CITIES BECAUSE THAT IS THE WAY THAT YOU PLAN FOR THE ORDERLY GROWTH OF YOUR UTILITIES, YOUR LAND PLANNING, YOUR POPULATION AND YOUR TAX BASE, AND FUNDAMENTALLY IT IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR TEXAS CITIES. SEVERAL YEARS AGO THIS ISSUE CAME UP AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND QUESTIONS WERE RAISED ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT CITIES' ABILITY TO ANNEX SHOULD BE LIMITED, AND ONE OF THE RESULTS OF THAT DEBATE WAS THIS THREE-YEAR PROCESS. BUT PART OF THAT DEBATE WAS EDUCATING TEXAS CITIES AND THE LEGISLATURE ON WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF CITIES LOST THIS TOOL. AND RAY PERRY DLES MAN, WHO IS AN ECONOMIST, CONDUCTED A STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO TEXAS CITIES WERE THEY TO BE REBE RESTRICTED ON THEIR ABILITY TO ANNEX. IT IS AN ECONOMETRIC ANALYSIS AND I WANT TO READ TO YOU THE RESULTS OF THAT STUDY, AND IT'S A SI NOPZ FROM HIS 2003 REPORT. AGAIN, IT WAS A STATEWIDE STUDY OF WHAT WOULD OCCUR IF CITIES LOST THEIR ABILITY TO ANNEX.

AND WHAT MR. PERRY MAN SAYS IS THIS: THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY DEMONSTRATE THE PROFOUND CONSEQUENCES OF MEASURES DESIGNED TO RESTRICT ANNEXATION. , IN FACT, THE ENTIRE CHARACTER OF THE TEXAS ECONOMY WOULD BE CHANGED IN A WAY WHICH NOTABLY LIMITS ITS CAPACITY TO SUPPORT FUTURE GROWTH AND PRODUCTS PAID. PROPERTY APART. THE INABILITY TO EXPAND IN AN UNFETTERED MANNER CREATES A MARKET FAILURE AND THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY THE FULL COST OF THEIR EXPANSION. AND MR. PERRY MAN GOES ON TO DESCRIBE THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS THAT WOULD ACCRUE TO TEXAS CITIES. HE NOTED IN THAT STUDY THAT THE AUSTIN METROPOLITAN REGION WOULD BE ONE OF THE MOST AFFECTED REGIONS IN THE STATE. THE REASON I PROVIDE THE BACKDROP IS BECAUSE CITIES HAVE TO ANNEX IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND SLIEF. THERE ARE.....THRIVES THRIVE. THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT REASONS THAT CITIES ANNEX. THEY ANNEX IN AN ORDERLY FAX TO EXTEND THEIR BOUNDARIES, TO LAPPED LAND USE TOOLS, THEY EXTEND. IT IS A TOOL THAT HAS BEEN WELL USED IN OUR STATE FOR MANY, MANY DECADES. THE OUTGROWTH OF THIS DISCUSSION OF THE STATE WAS TO CREATE A PROCESS THAT TOOK A LITTLE BIT LONGER AND REQUIRED COLLABORATION BETWEEN CITIES AND THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREA, AND SO WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH TONIGHT IS THE RESULT OF THAT DISCUSSION AT THE STATE LEVEL. WE WILL HAVE THREE YEARS DURING WHICH WE CAN DISCUSS WITH THE RESIDENTS OF LOST CREEK WHAT MATTERS TO THEM, WHAT SERVICES ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM, HOW CITY SERVICES WILL BE DELIVERED. WE ARE ESSENTIALLY THIS EVENING KICKING THAT PROCESS OFF. SO WITH THAT I'M GOING TO ASK VIRGINIA COLORADO YEAR TO WALK COLLI RE. TO WALK THROUGH WITH THE THE SERVICE PLAN. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO SAY ABOUT THE SERVICE PLAN THAT IT IT TOO IS A FUNCTION OF THE STATE LAW SO IT HAS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW AND WE HAVE PREPARED THE SERVICE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW. IT IS A DRAFT. PART OF THE PURPOSE OF THE NEXT THREE YEARS IS FOR US TO DISCUSS THAT DRAFT, AND AT THE END OF THAT TIME YOU WILL ADOPT A FINAL SERVICE PLAN AND

ANNEX. AND AGAIN, THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL ACTION TONIGHT. THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING IS NEXT WEEK, NEXT MONDAY EVENING AT 6:30. IT WILL BE HELD ON-SITE, AND THEN FROM THERE WE ENTER INTO THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LOST CREEK CITIZENS. SO WITH THAT I'LL ASK VIRGINIA COLLIER TO COME UP AND WALK YOU THROUGH THE SERVICE PLAN.

WELCOME, MS. COLLIER.

THANK YOU, GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND CITY STAFF. TONIGHT I'LL BRIEFLY WALK YOU THROUGH THE SERVICE PLAN AND OUTLINE THE NEXT STEPS OF THE THREE-YEAR PROCESS THAT WE WILL NEED TO COMPLETE OVER THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF PRIOR TO ANNEXATION. PLEASE NOTICE THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CITY STAFF HERE THIS EVENING AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS THAT WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND ADDRESS YOUR CONCERNS. IT'S CITY STAFF THAT ARE HERE TO TALK ABOUT ANNEXATION COULD RAISE YOUR HANDS. I ALSO WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE LOST CREEK MUD BOARD WHO HAVE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN EFFORTS TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH RESIDENTS IN MEANS NOT AVAILABLE TO CITY STAFF AND IT IS EASY TO SEE HOW THE LOST CREEK MUD HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND HAS SURVIVED SOME 30 YEARS THAT OTHER DISTRICTS IN OUR AREA HAVE NOT WEATHERED SO WELL. FIRST LET ME DESCRIBE TO THE AREA THAT WE ARE PROPOSING FOR ANNEX ACHES. THE LOST CREEK ANNEXATION AREA ENCOMPASSES 789 AREAS. IT IS LOCATED WEST OF CAPITAL OF TEXAS HIGHWAY, ADJACENT TO THE CITY'S FULL PURPOSE JURISDICTION ON THE SOUTH AND THE CITY OF WEST LAKE HILLS ON THE EAST. THE ANNEXATION AREA INCLUDES THE LOST CREEK MUD AND THE ADJACENT AREA OF HIGHWAY AND IS BOUNDED BY BARTON CREEK ON THE SOUTH AND THE WEST. SEVERAL PROPERTIES AROUND CAPITAL OF TEXAS HIGHWAY WERE ANNEXED IN 1983. AS A RESULT APPROXIMATELY 44 ACRES OF LAND IN THIS AREA IS CURRENTLY IN THE CITY'S LIMITED PURPOSE JURISDICTION AND THE BALANCE OF THE AREA IS IN THE CITY'S ETJ. IN ADDITION TO THE MUD THERE ARE SEVERAL OFFICE TRACKS ALONG LOOP 360 THAT CURRENTLY, AND ARE NOT CONTIGUOUS, BUT UPON ANNEXATION OF THE MUD THESE

WILL BECOME CONTIGUOUS AND WILL OPEN FOR ANNEXATION AT THE TIME OF THE ANNUAL ANNEXATION PROGRAM. ONE OF THE BIG CONCERNS THAT I'VE HEARD SO FAR FROM RESIDENTS CONCERNS THE CONSENT OF THE DRAFT SERVICE PLAN. WE BEGIN WITH THE VERY BASIC INFORMATION CONCERNING CITY SERVICES AND THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MUD WE'LL TAYLOR THE SERVICE PLAN TO MAKE A MORE SPECIFIC AND FINAL SERVICE PLAN TO BE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AREA. THIS IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS AND SPECIFIC NEEDS BOTH HERE TONIGHT AS WELL AS TO YOUR MUD BOARD SO THAT WE CAN INCORPORATE THESE AND ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES IN THE SERVICE PLAN. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE LAW, OUR DRAFT SERVICE PLAN INCLUDES THREE MAY.... MAIN COMPONENTS. THE FIRST IS EARLY ACTION PROGRAM, WHICH INCLUDES SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE AREA COMMENCING ON EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANNEXATION, INCLUDING POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, MAINTENANCE OF WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES, ROADS AND STREETS, STREET LIGHTING AND PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS. THE SECOND IS ADDITIONAL SERVICES, WHICH INCLUDE THOSE SERVICES NOT REQUIRED BY STATE LAW BUT AVAILABLE CITYWIDE, SUCH AS WATER SHIP PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, THE USE OF CITY LBS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BENEFITS AND A BUNDLE OF SERVICES THAT ARE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS ANTI-LITTER SERVICES. AND FINALLY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND THAT'S WHERE WE'LL INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO THIS AREA. THE FIRST CITY -- I'LL DEFER TO THE CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR PROVIDING THESE SERVICES FOR MORE SPECIFICS BUT WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT THE AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY DISCUSSING WITH TRAVIS COUNTY ESD NO. 9 AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT AND WHEN LOST CREEK BECOMES PART OF THE CITY WE WOULD PROPOSE TO ADD THE AREA TO THAT AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT. ALSO RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR CURRENT SOLID WASTE PROVIDER FOR TWO YEARS

UPON ANNEXATION AND WILL NOT PAY FOR CITY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION DURING THAT TIME. LOST CREEK RESIDENTS ARE CURRENTLY UTILIZING AUSTIN WATER THROUGH THE MUD AND THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY IS IN THE PROCESS OF INVESTIGATING AND PLANNING TO PROVIDE A CITY WASTEWATER SERVICE TO THE AREA. IN GENERAL, THE CITY BEGINS PROVIDING SERVICE -- SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY OTHER ENTITIES, SUCH AS THE COUNTY AND THE MUD AND WILL BEGIN PROVIDING SERVICES NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS UPON ANNEXATION. IN ADDITION, AS FULL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO VOTE IN ALL AUSTIN ELECTIONS, INCLUDING THE ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND BOND ISSUES. THINGS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE INCLUDE YOUR STATUS WITH EANES ISD, AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE WEST BANK LIBRARY DISTRICT AND YOUR UTILITY SERVICE. AMONG OTHER CONCERNS THAT I HAVE HEARD, DEED RESTRICTION ENFORCEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL PARKS, LANDSCAPING AND HOLIDAY DECORATIONS ARE ACTIVITIES HIGHLY VALUED BY THE RESIDENTS AND MAY BE CONTINUED BY A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OR POSSIBLY A LIMITED DISTRICT, IF THIS.....THAT IS THE DESIRE OF THE MUD, TO ENTER A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY. IN OUR LAST COMMUNICATION WITH THE MUD THEY INDICATED AN INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE PARKS AND WERE NOT CERTAIN ABOUT HOW THE OWNERSHIP OF ONE OF THE PARKS, THE BOULDERER TRAIL PARK WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE ANNEXATION. HOWEVER WE'LL BE WORKING WITH THE MUD BOARD TO ADDRESS THE PARKS APPROPRIATELY IN THE FINAL SERVICE PLAN. BEFORE I CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION AND MOVE ON TO THE MAIN REASON WE'RE HERE THIS EVENING, TO HEAR FROM THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA, LET ME REMIND EVERYONE THAT OUR COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE BROADCAST ON CHANNEL 6 AND IN CASE YOU HAVE A NEIGHBOR THAT WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS EVENING, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH TONIGHT'S MEETING IN RERUNS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. THE CHANNEL 6 PROGRAM SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEB PAGE, AND FINALLY, IF YOU LEAVE HERE THIS EVENING AND THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE THAT YOU MIGHT

HAVE LIKED TO ASK OR MAKE ANOTHER COMMENT, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME DIRECTLY. MY NUMBER IS 974-2022. I'D ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO STRESS TO YOUR MUD BOARD MEMBERS SO THAT WE CAN INCLUDE YOUR INPUT IN SERVICE PLAN DISCUSSIONS. I WILL CONTINUE TO COMPILE YOUR QUESTIONS AND EMAILS AND LETTERS AND WILL BE POSTING ANSWERS AND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUES DISCUSSED THIS EVENING TO OUR WEB PAGE. IT'S WWW.CI.AUSTIN.TX.US. AND THAT INCLUDES MY PART OF THE PRESENTATION.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MS. COLLIER. SO WE'LL GO TO OUR PUBLIC HEARING. SO WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF FOLKS, 17...17 FOLKS THAT WISH TO ADDRESS THIS BUT A HANDFUL OF FOLKS HAVE OFFERED TO DONATE TIME TO THOSE SPEAKERS AND OUR RULES ARE THAT SOMEBODY TO... HAS TO BE TO BE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBERS IN ORDER TO DONATE THEIR TIME TO SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO SPEAK. I HAD AN EMAIL EARLIER THAT PERHAPS RICK SHERRI WANTED TO GO FIRST. IS THAT STILL THE CASE? STEP FORWARD, RICK. AND A HANDFUL OF FOLKS ARE OFFERING TO DONATE TIME TO YOU. I SEE HOWARD FALK EN BERG. NANCY NAVES? RICK CON WAY OR LA JOIST CROWS? SO RICK, YOU HAVE TO UP TO 12 MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU MAYOR WYNN, PRO TEM DUNKERLEY AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS RICK SHERRI. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOST CREEK MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT. I SPEAK TONIGHT AT THE UNANIMOUS DIRECTION OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND WITH THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF OUR CUSTOMERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE RESIDENTS OF LOST CREEK, SOME OF WHOM ARE LINED UP BEHIND ME TO SPEAK TONIGHT AND MANY MORE WHO WILL BE SPEAKING AT THE HEARING ON MONDAY. SINCE I KNOW THIS IS THE END OF A LONG DAY FOR THE COUNCIL, I'LL KEEP MY REMARKS BRIEF. THE DISTRICT WILL BE MAKING A MORE DETAILED PRESENTATION AT THE HEARING ON MONDAY. A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF OUR POSITION ON ANNEXATION OF LOST CREEK IS IT'S NOT WORTH IT. IT'S NOT WORTH IT FOR THE CITY. IT'S NOT WORTH IT FOR LOST CREEK. MORE SPECIFICALLY, WE BELIEVE THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION IS PREMATURE. FIRST, THE CITY CANNOT IMPROVE ON ANY OF THE

SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOST CREEK BY THE LOST CREEK MUD OR BY OUR SERVICE PARTNERS, THE WEST LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT, TRAVIS COUNTY OR THE WEST BANK LIBRARY. , IN FACT, MANY OF OUR SERVICES LIKE DEED RESTRICTION ENFORCEMENT WILL BE LOST COMPLETELY UNDER ANNEXATION AND OTHERS LIKE PARKS, TRAILS AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION AREAS WILL SUFFER FROM A LOWER LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE THAN IS CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT. IN OUR MEETINGS WITH THE STAFF PREVIOUSLY THEY HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CITY CANNOT IMPROVE ON THESE SERVICES. THE TEXAS ANNEXATION STATUTE REQUIRES THAT THE CITY MATCH THE SUPERIOR SERVICE LEVELS CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT IN FOUR AREAS: OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES, ROADS AND STREETS, PARKS AND PUBLICLY OWNED FACILITIES. THE DISTRICT HAS THE HIGHEST TCEQ COMPLIANCE RATING FOR OUR WASTEWATER OPERATIONS, SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER THAN THE CITY'S AVERAGE RATING. WE HAVE EIGHT FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WORKING FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AND A WASTEWATER PLANT LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. OUR PHYSICAL PLANT..... PLANT IS MAINTAINED BY FOUR FULL-TIME FULLY RATED WATER ON WASTEWATER OPERATORS WHO PROVIDE 15 MINUTE RESPONSE TO ALL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS DURING BUSINESS HOURS AND 30 MINUTES OUTSIDE OF BUSINESS HOURS. THEY GENERALLY PROVIDE SAME-DAY SERVICE TO ALL NON-EMERGENCY CALLS. OUR PARKS, TRAILS AND BEAUTIFICATION AREAS ARE MAINTAINED BY A FULL-TIME GROUNDS KEEPER AND ALL OF THESE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL MANAGER, SPEND ALL OF THEIR TIME ATTENDING TO THE NEEDS OF LOST CREEK. THE DRAFT ANNEXATION PLAN THAT WAS RELEASED BY THE CITY ON JULY 14 AND I BELIEVE PRESENTED TONIGHT, ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T SEE ALL OF THE DETAILS TO SEE WHETHER IT'S CHANGED SINCE THEN, BUT AS IT WAS STRUCTURED ON JULY 14 IT'S INADEQUATE AND DOES NOT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE LAW. NOT ONLY DOES IT FAIL TO ADDRESS HOW THE CITY PLANS TO MATCH THESE SERVICE LEVELS, IT DOES NOT EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE SUPERIOR. IT ALSO SPECIFIES THAT FIRE PROTECTION WILL

BE PROVIDED BY THE AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHOSE CLOSEST STATION TO LOST CREEK IS 3 1/2 MILES FARTHER THAN THE WEST LAKE FIRE STATION THAT CURRENTLY SERVES US. NOR DOES THE DRAFT ANNEXATION PLAN ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION OF THE CITY TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES TO CONNECT LOST CREEK TO THE CITY WASTEWATER SYSTEM, NOR DOES IT SPECIFY HOW THAT WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. IN OUR EARLIER MEETINGS WITH THE STAFF, THEY DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION AND SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT THOSE FACILITIES COULD BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 2008 AT A COST OF 8 1/2 TO \$9 MILLION. BUT THE CITY STAFF WOULD NOT RELEASE THEIR ENGINEERING STUDY TO US SO WE COMMISSIONED OUR OWN. NAY SMITH ENGINEERING COMPLETED THAT STUDY FOR US LAST WEEK USING THE ROUTES IDENTIFIED BY THE CITY STAFF. ALL OF THE PROPOSED ROUTES MUST CROSS BARTON CREEK AND WOULD REQUIRE DIRECTIONAL BORING THROUGH THE HILLS AND BLUFS SOUTH OF BARTON CREEK. THEY ALSO REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION OF AT LEAST TWO LIFT STATIONS TO RAISE THE RAW SEWAGE 300 FEET AND FORCE IT TO TRANSPORT IT THREE MILES SOUTH TO THE INTERCEPTOR. OUR ENGINEERS ESTIMATE THE COST OF THIS PROJECT AT 14 TO \$25 MILLION, AND DEPENDING ON WHICH ROUTE IS USED, PLANNING, DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTION COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE THAN THE TWO AND A HALF YEARS REMAINING BEFORE THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION DATE. NAY SMITH HAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT THE LEAST EXPENSIVE ROUTES FOR THIS PROJECT PASS THROUGH THE BALCONES CANYON LAND PRESERVE AND HABITAT OF THE GOLDEN CREEK WHAT..... WHAT ARE BLER, WHICH PROPOSE DISRUPTION OF THESE ENVIRONMENTAL SENSE..... SENSITIVE AREAS DURING THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES. FINALLY THE STAFF HAS REFUSED FOR THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS TO RELEASE THEIR COST BENEFIT STUDY OF LOST CREEK, SO WE ALSO HAD TO COMMISSION OUR OWN. THE CITY STAFF REPORT WAS FINALLY RELEASED TWO DAYS AGO AND THEY ESTIMATE THAT ANNEXATION OF LOST CREEK WILL PRODUCE A POSITIVE NET PRESENT VALUE TO THE CITY IN 2011 USING A \$9.5 MILLION COST FOR THE WASTEWATER LINE EXTENSION. OUR ANALYSIS, USING INCREMENTAL COST OF USING LOST CREEK'S HIGHER

SERVICE LEVELS AND CONNECTING US TO THE CITY WASTEWATER SYSTEM WILL EXCEED REVENUES BY AN AVERAGE OF \$2 MILLION PER YEAR FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST TEN YEARS OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION. WE'VE NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO STUDY THE CITY STAFF'S FINANCIAL ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE WHY THEIRS IS SO MUCH DIFFERENT THAN OURS, BUT WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT BY MONDAY'S HEARING. WE ENCOURAGE THE CITY STAFF AND THE COUNCIL TO DO THE SAME. IF ANY ASSUMPTIONS IN OUR STUDY REGARDING THE CITY'S PROJECTED COST AND SERVICE LEVELS ARE NOT ACCURATE WE WOULD WELCOME FEEDBACK. WE DO KNOW THAT WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY REGARDING THE ADDITIONAL FEE REVENUE THAT WOULD BE PAID TO -- BY LOST CREEK RESIDENTS AFTER ANNEXATION FOR THE SERVICES THEY CURRENTLY RECEIVE FROM THE LOST CREEK MUD. SPECIFICALLY, THE RESIDENTS OF LOST CREEK WILL PAY APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION MORE PER YEAR FOR THOSE SERVICES. THAT'S MORE THAN \$1,800 IN ADDITIONAL TAXES AND FEES PER LOST CREEK HOUSE PER YEAR FOR A LOWER LEVEL OF SERVICE. WE BELIEVE ANNEXATION OF LOST CREEK IN DECEMBER 2008 IS A BAD DEAL FOR THE CITY, BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND BAD FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LOST CREEK. WE URGE THE COUNCIL TO CLOSELY AND CRITICALLY REVIEW THE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS, ENGINEERING REPORTS AND LEVEL OF SERVICES THE CITY WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET. WHEN YOU DO, WE BELIEVE YOU WILL COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION WE HAVE AND DELAY THE ANNEXATION OF LOST CREEK UNTIL CONDITIONS ARE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOST CREEK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. SHERRI.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

MAYOR WYNN: QUESTIONS OF MR. SHERRI, COUNCIL?

I DO HAVE ONE OTHER REQUEST FOR THE COUNCIL. WE'VE BEEN INFORMED THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE ATTENDING A CAMPO BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT, WHICH IS THE SAME NIGHT THAT OUR SECOND

HEARING IS SCHEDULED. WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE TIME FOR THAT HEARING BE DELAYED UNTIL 8:00 P.M. TO GIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS A CHANCE TO GET TO THE HEARING AFTER THE COMPO BOARD MEETING. WE'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THE FULL COUNCIL AT THAT TIME RATHER THAN JUST A QUORUM.

WELL, MY INSTINCT IS, MR. SHERRI, I, FOR ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WHO SIT ON CAMP OH, AND I'M GOING TO SKIP CAMP OH OR SEND MY ALTERNATE OR AID TO THE CAMP OH MEETING, MY INSTINCT IS ANOTHER CAMP OH MEMBER OR TWO WILL LIKELY DO THAT AS WELL, SO THERE MAY NOT BE THE FULL COUNCIL WHEN WE START THE MEETING BUT MY INSTINCT IS THE.... THE CAMP OH MEETING WON'T GO NEARLY AS LONG AS OUR PUBLIC HEARING OUT IN LOST CREEK WILL, SO -- OUR HISTORIES OF THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE THAT THEY LAST ALL NIGHT LONG, AND SO MY PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR US TO START AT 6:30. I'LL BE THERE AT 6:30, AND AT LEAST THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE AND I THINK YOU'LL SEE THE OTHER MEMBERS ARRIVING SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AND WAY WE'LL HAVE MORE HOURS IN THE EVENING TO GET MORE FEEDBACK IN, IF YOU DON'T MIND.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, SIR. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GRANT MCCALL. WELL....WELCOME. GRANT. IS STEPHANIE AND BRANDON SCOTT HERE? STEPHANIE AND BRANDON SCOTT? HOW ABOUT JAY MOSCOW? OR ROWS A LEE CHIELDZ? SO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. MAYOR WYNN, MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLEY, DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOOD EVENING. I'M GRANT MAKE CALL, PRESIDENT OF LOST CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE EXISTED FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY 4,000 NEIGHBORS AND OVER 450 HOMES. WE ARE NEITHER RICH NOR POOR. WE ARE, IN FACT, A COMMUNITY OF MIDDLE CLASS CITIZENS. OUR AVERAGE HOME PRICE IS VALUED AT \$322,000. RECENTLY WE HAD A TOWN HAUL MEETING REGARDING ANNEXATION, WHICH TURNED OUT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF OUR MEMBERS TO REVIEW THE

PROPOSED ANNEXATION. BASED ON THESE MEETINGS, PHONE CALLS, EMAILS AND NUMEROUS PERSONAL DISCUSSIONS, I CAN TELL YOU WITHOUT HESITATION THAT OUR MEMBERS ARE OVERWHELMINGLY OPPOSED TO ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN. RICK SHERRI'S OUTLINED WHY ANNEXATION IS A BAD DEAL FOR..... DEAL FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND I KNOW THAT THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO YOU. HOWEVER I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON WHY ANNEXATION IS A BAD DEAL FOR THE CITIZENS OF LOST CREEK. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE ALL WEARING BADGES TONIGHT INDICATING THAT IT ISN'T WORTH IT. THIS IS TRUE FOR THE CITY AND IT IS PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LOST CREEK. SO WHY IS ANNEXATION A BAD DEAL TO LOST CREEK? THE MOST SIGNIFICANT REASON IS THE DIMINISHED QUALITY OF SERVICE THAT OUR RESIDENTS WOULD RECEIVE. I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT TO SPEAK NEGATIVELY ABOUT THE QUALITY OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY BUT REALLY IT'S TO SPEAK MORE POSITIVELY ABOUT THE EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH QUALITY OF SERVICE THAT RESIDENTS HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE LOCAL MUD, WHICH YOUR OWN STAFF HAS REFERRED TO EARLIER. WHEN WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WATER OR WASTEWATER, WE RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM A LOCAL OFFICE, OFTEN WITHIN TEN MINUTES, EVEN ON NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS, WE RECEIVE A RESPONSE WITHIN HOURS AND NOT DAYS. WE HAVE PARKS, GREENBELTS, HIKING TRAILS AND LANDSCAPING THAT ARE QUITE FRANKLY SECOND TO NONE. OUR GARDEN CLUB ALONE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE MUD FOR OVER 30 YEARS TO KEEP THE ENTRANCE TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND OTHER COMMON AREAS AT AN EXCEPTIONAL LEVEL. BASED ON THE CITY'S RECORDS FOR PARK MAINTENANCE AND LOOMING BUDGET ISSUES, THERE'S REALLY NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SAME LEVEL OF SERVICE WOULD BE THERE AFTER ANNEXATION. CURRENTLY WE HAVE DEED RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE ENFORCED THROUGH THE MUD, AND THIS IS QUITE EFFICIENT. WE WOULD LOSE THIS WITH ANNEXATION AND OUR ONLY RECOURSE WOULD BE TO LOWER STANDARDS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, WHICH IN SOME CASES COULD MEAN NEIGHBOR SUING NEIGHBOR. THE STANDARDS OF STREET QUALITY WOULD DEGRADE AS WELL SINCE THE CITY USES LOWER GRADE MATERIALS

THAN TRAVIS COUNTY CURRENTLY USES. ALL OF THESE ITEMS AFFECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE PROPERTY VALUE OF OUR RESIDENTS. ALL -- AND FOR ALL OF THIS THE CITY IS ASKING US TO PAY \$1,806 MORE PER YEAR PER HOUSEHOLD TO RECEIVE INFERIOR SERVICES. THIS IS A BURDEN ON WORKING FAMILIES AND RETIRED SENIORS, NOT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. THAT IS A DEAL WHICH QUITE SIMPLY WE DO NOT WANT AND WE DO NOT THINK IS FAIR. MEMBERS, I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL ATTEND THE MEETING ON MONDAY AT WEST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL. I THINK YOU'LL HEAR THE OPINIONS OF MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. AT THIS TIME I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AS PUBLIC SESH..... CERTIFICATE VABTS. VANTS. I KNOW YOU'VE HAD A LONG DAY AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. HA CALL.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: NEXT SPEAKER IS CHRIS CURBO. THANK YOU. AND IS ROBERT OCCURS HERE? HOW ABOUT JEAN CHILDZ?

HERE.

MAYOR WYNN: SO YEEN, YOU'LL HAVE SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT AND FOLLOWED BY WESLEY JACKSON.

GOOD EVENING, MR. MAYOR, PRO TEM, COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M CHRIS OCCUR BO IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE LOST CREEK ASSOCIATION. I'M A THIRD GENERATION AUSTINITE AND I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS, BOTH FROM MY POSITION ON LOST CREEK, AS WELL AS FROM MY CITIZEN SHIP IN AUSTIN. I WANTED TO SPEAK TO YOU TONIGHT OUTLINING MY TOP CONCERNS FOR THIS PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF LOST CREEK. FIRST, LOST CREEK SIMPLY DOESN'T NEED TO BE ANNEXED. THERE ARE NO SERVICE PROBLEMS AND THERE IS NO NEED TO SPEND AUSTIN'S TAXPAYERS' MONEY BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE TO TRY AND IMPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD. LOST CREEK HAS A LONG USEFUL LIFE LEFT IN THE FACILITIES, AND THIS IS NOT GOOD TIMING FOR THE CITY. PLEASE REFERENCE THE MATERIALS FROM THE MUD, FOR THE DETAILS ON THOSE

ITEMS. IT REVEALS THAT THE COST OF ANNEXATION ARE GREATER THAN THE REALIZED NET REVENUE FOR THE CITY. SECOND, I FEAR THAT THE LEVEL OF SERVICES WILL DECLINE FOR LOST CREEK, SPECIFICALLY POLICE, FIRE, PARKS AND TRASH SERVICES. THEY'RE OUTSTANDING RIGHT NOW IN OUR DISTRICT AND WE HAVE NOT SEEN A PLAN FROM THE CITY TO IMPROVE THESE SERVICES POST-ANNEXATION. RIGHT NOW THESE SYSTEMS JUST AREN'T BROKEN IN OUR AREA. THIRD, I DON'T SEE AN ECONOMY OF SCALE RIGHT NOW TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER SERVICES TO LOST CREEK. EVENTUALLY THERE MAY BE A JUSTIFICATION FOR A LARGER SERVICE AREA IN WEST AUSTIN, BUT RIGHT NOW THE GEOGRAPHY JUST DOESN'T ALLOW IT. RUNNING THOSE WASTEWATER LINES COULD BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL DID HE BOK HE WILL, ESPECIALLY IF NOT COORDINATED WITH THE RIGHT AGENCIES. SO I APPRECIATE THE TIME THAT THE CITY STAFF HAS SPENT TRYING TO IMPROVE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE IN LOST CREEK. I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE THEM.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, CHRIS. QUESTIONS FOR MR. CURBO? THANK YOU CHRIS.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: WESLEY JACKSON? WESLEY JACKSON, SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. HOLD THAT FOR A FEW MINUTES. MICKY TYLER, SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK, AND SHERYL BOWEN WAS GOING TO DONATE TIME TO MICKY. LAURA BOOK MAN. WELCOME, LAURA, YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY JEFFREY BOAT MAN, HE'LL BE FOLLOWED BY CLAWED SMITH.

THANK YOU-ALL FOR HEARING MY CONCERNS TONIGHT. ONE OF MY BIG CONCERNS IS THE COST THAT THIS WILL HAVE FOR MY FAMILY. THE PROJECTIONS THAT WE'RE HEARING ARE PRETTY HIGH COST ANNUALLY FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR. ANOTHER BIG CONCERN THAT WE HAVE IS THE DECREASE IN MAINTENANCE THAT WE'RE GOING TO SEE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. I'M AFRAID THAT WE'RE GOING TO PULL INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND NOTICE THAT IT'S NOT NEARLY AS PRETTY, THAT OUR PROPERTY VALUES ARE GOING TO... TO GO DOWN AS A RESULT, THAT THE FEEL OF

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS GOING TO CHANGE. I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RATIOS THE CITY MUST ADHERE TO WHEN THEY BRING IN NEW RESIDENTS, THEY'RE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CERTAIN RATIO BUT THAT THE CITY HAS NOT KEPT THE RATIO THEY'RE ALREADY REQUIRED FOR THE RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN AUSTIN CURRENTLY, SO I'M KIND OF WONDERING, WE'RE KIND OF OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF AN AREA THAT'S NOT REALLY CITY. WE'RE NEAR ROLLINGWOOD AND WEST LAKE HILLS AND WE'RE KIND OF OUT ON 360 BY OURSELVES AND JUST KIND OF WORRIED THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEE THE PRESENCE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WE'RE USED TO. WE SEE SHERIFF'S CARS AND MOTORCYCLES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ALL THE TIME AND I HAVE CALLED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND I'VE SEEN A RESPONSE WHENEVER I'VE HAD CONCERNS AND STUFF, AND I'M JUST AFRAID THAT WE WILL SEE AN INCREASE IN CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND THAT ALSO WILL AFFECT OUR PROPERTY VALUES. THE MONEY COLLECTED FROM LOST CREEK RESIDENTS I'M AFRAID, THE ADDITIONAL MONEY THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE PAYING IS GOING TO GO TO WASTE BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE SPENT IN THE FORM OF A WASTE PIPELINE, BUT IS..... THAT ISN'T REALLY NEEDED BECAUSE WE HAVE A SYSTEM THAT ADDRESSES OUR WASTEWATER ISSUES, AND THAT IT'S GOING TO ACTUALLY COST THE CITY RESIDENTS SO MUCH MONEY THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT IT EITHER. BUT I THINK IF THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN WERE AWARE THAT THIS IS SO EXPENSIVE, THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A COST BENEFIT TO THE CITY BUT ACTUALLY A COST DRAIN TO THE CITY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN WOULD NOT SUPPORT THIS EITHER. AND THE ONLY BENEFIT THAT I CAN SEE IS THAT WE WOULD HAVE A SAY IN LOCAL..... LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WE WOULD GET TO BE INVOLVED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BUT I DON'T REALLY THINK THAT FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT IT'S WORTH IT. THANK YOU-ALL.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MS. BODE. JEFF....JEFFREY BODY MAN? YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES. FOLLOWED BY CLAUD SMITH.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION ALSO. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE LOST CREEK NEIGHBORS OF MINES WHO HAVE DECIDED TO JOIN ME HERE IN SPEAKING WITH YOU TONIGHT. ONE THING ABOUT LOST CREEK IS IT HAS A VERY STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AND I THINK THAT'S FOR TWO REASONS: ONE IS BECAUSE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, WE'RE ABELY LED, BUT ANOTHER REASON IS BECAUSE OF THE MUD. THE MUD IS ONE OF THE FOUNDATIONS, YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT IT TONIGHT. BRINGS ME TO ANNEXATION. WHEN I FIRST HEARD ABOUT ANNEXATION, MY FIRST QUESTION WAS WHY? AND THAT SEEMS TO BE A QUESTION THAT NOBODY CAN ANSWER. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF TO GIVE US MORE DETAILED INFORMATION OF ACTUALLY WHY WE'RE BEING ANNEXED. RIGHT NOW AS YOU'VE HEARD, IT SEEMS LIKE A LOSE LOSE SITUATION, FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE PROJECTION RIGHT NOW IS A \$2 MILLION A YEAR LOSS, WHICH AS MY WIFE NOTED THE TAXPAYERS OF AUSTIN RIGHT NOW WOULD PROBABLY NOT SUPPORT, AND THEN THE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION OF THE WASTEWATER PIPELINE CROSSING ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A GOOD PROPOSAL EITHER. FOR LOST CREEK OBVIOUSLY IT'S HIGHER TAXES AND THEN LOWER SERVICE LEVELS THAT YOU'VE HEARD OF BEFORE. SO MAY BE RHETORICAL NOW, BUT MY QUESTION IS WHY ANNEXATION NOW? AND THEN ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND, WHAT IS THE PLAN TO MAKE THE CITIZENS OF LOST CREEK, THEIR LIVES -- WHAT DOES IT PLAN TO MAKE THEM BETTER? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. BODEMAN. CLAWED SMITH. THANK.....THANK YOU, YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND FOLLOWED BY JOHN RALLY.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS CLAWED SMITH. I'M A RESIDENCE OF LOST CREEK FOR ABOUT THE LAST NINE YEARS AND I'M CURRENTLY ON THE BOARD OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, HAVE BEEN FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS. YOU REPRESENT THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, NOT LOST CREEK RESIDENTS, YET. YOUR DUTY TO TAXPAYERS I

SEE AS TWOFOLD, TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE PHYSICALLY RESPONSIBLE TO THEM, WHICH I THINK THE MUD AT THIS POINT DISPUTES THAT THAT'S THE CASE IN THIS PLAN, AND SECONDLY, I THINK TO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE TO THEM, AND AGAIN, I THINK BRINGING A PIPELINE ACROSS THE BARTON CREEK WATERSHED IS ATTRACTIVE TO VERY FEW PEOPLE IN THIS CITY, JUST LIKE YOU TO KEEP THOSE TWO THINGS IN MIND. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. SMITH. JOHN ROWLY?

MAYOR WYNN: IS NANCY LUX HERE? HELLO, NANCY. HOW ABOUT NANCY -- IPTION NANCY ELTON? MS. ELTON. SO JOHN YOU'LL HAVE UP TO NINE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU, MAYOR WILL, DUNKERLEY, THE RECENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. I WOULD CONSIDER MYSELF A SOPHISTICATED PERSON. I THINK I HAVE SOME SEMBLANCE OF INTELLIGENCE. I'VE TRIED TO LOOK AT THIS AND I'LL BE CANDID. THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND IS, IF IT AIN'T BROKE, YOU DON'T FIX IT. WE'RE NOT BROKE. WE'RE A VERY WELL FUNCTIONS COMMUNITY WERE A A.... WITH A SENSE OF COMMUNITY PRIDE THAT DOES JUST FINE. THANK YOU. ANOTHER THING COMES TO MIND, I CAN'T QUOTE SHAKESPEAR BUT I WILL QUOTE SPIDER MAN MOVIE. TOBY MAGUIRE COMES TO HIS DAD AND....AND SAYS, IT'S BECOME APPARENT TO ME I HAVE SUPER POWERS. AND HE LOOKS AT HIM AND HE SAYS, WELL, SON, WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. I HEARD MS. HUFF MAN SAY THAT ONE OF THE REASONS TO ANNEX WAS TO EXTEND BOUNDARIES. TO ME THAT SOUNDS LIKE EXPANSION FOR EXPANSION'S SAKE. WHEN LOOKING AT ANY GOVERNMENT, BE IT CITY, COUNTY, STATE, FEDERAL, SEEMS LIKE TWO PRINCIPLES OUGHT TO CONTROL: LOGIC AND FAIRNESS TO ALL CONCERNED. SO AS WE LOOK AT THIS, I THINK THOSE SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND AND I APPEAL TO YOUR SENSE OF LOGIC AND FAIRNESS. MR. BOATMAN ASKED THE QUESTION, WHY ARE WE BEING ANNEXED? WELL, FIRST OFF I HEARD MS. HUFFMAN SAY THAT THE STATE HAS COME UP WITH SOME STUDIES THAT SHOW IT'S VALUABLE. I AGREE, AS A CONCEPT IT IS. SYRUP ON PANCAKES IS WONDERFUL. YOU GET TOO MUCH OF IT AND IT'S NO GOOD ANYMORE. YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE SPECIFICS OF THIS LOST CREEK

ANNEXATION. ONE OF THE THINGS I SUGGEST THAT WE ALL DO, ESPECIALLY WHEN I HEARD MR. BOATMAN SAY IT AND I ASKED THE SAME QUESTION, WHY ARE WE ANNEXING? WHY ARE THEY TRYING TO ANNEX US? SO WHAT I DID AT THE INVITATION OF MS. COLLIER IN HER EMAIL, I WENT TO YOUR WEB SITE, SO I COULD DETERMINE, WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS, WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES THAT GUIDE THE CITY OF AUSTIN IN DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO ANNEX A PIECE OF PROPERTY. AND IF YOU GO TO THAT WEB SITE, THE CITY GIVES THREE VERY SPECIFIC LOCATIONS OF PROPERTIES THAT SHOULD BE ANNEXED: NO. 1, DEVELOPING AREAS FOR ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS. ING, DEVELOPING, NOT DEVELOPED. THAT IS WHAT LOST CREEK IS. THAT IS A COMMUNITY FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS THAT HAS BEEN FULLY DEVELOPED. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 1250 LOTS, 1246 HAVE BEEN BUILT ON. THE OTHER FOUR OR FIVE CAN'T BE BUILT ON BECAUSE THEY'RE ON CLIFFS. WE HAVE BEEN FUNCTIONING BASICALLY AS AN INDEPENDENT SELF-SERVING ENTITY FOR EVER. WE'RE NOT DEVELOPING OR ALREADY DEVELOPED. SO THAT DOESN'T QUALIFY. WHAT'S THE SECONDARY THAT AUSTIN TYPICALLY ANNEXES BY ITS OWN DEFINITION, ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVE AREAS. THAT'S NOT US EITHER. IF ANYTHING WE THINK YOU'LL SEE THAT IF THIS ANNEX WERE TO OCCUR, WE WOULD NOT BE FACED WITH DOING TWO THINGS, ONE, DESTRUCTION TO TRY AND GET WASTEWATER THAT THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO DO ACROSS BARTON CREEK. THEN WHAT YOU HAVE ONCE YOU'VE SUCCESSFULLY DONE A LOT OF DEMOLITION TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, YOU WOULD HAVE RAW SEWAGE GOING ACROSS LOST CREEK -- NOT LOST CREEK, BARTON CREEK IN BOTH INSTANCES. SO FIRST YOU HAVE TO DESTROY BARTON CREEK TO GET IT THERE, OR AREAS AROUND IT. SECOND YOU HAVE WASTEWATER GOING ACROSS BARTON CREEK, SO THE SECONDARY YOU TYPICALLY ANNEXED, ONE FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE, DOESN'T APPLY BECAUSE LOST CREEK IS ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE. WE'VE NEVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH THAT, NEVER WILL, BUT YET YOU GO ONE STEP BEYOND AND ANNEX THE PLACE AND MAKE IT MORE AT RISK. SO THAT AREA DOESN'T APPLY. THE THIRD AREA, BY YOUR OWN DEFINITION, AREA THAT -- UNNECESSARY WITH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS. THAT MAKES

SENSE. IF THE CITY HAS DECIDED TO BUILD A ROAD OR SOMETHING AROUND AN AREA AND THEY NEED TO ANNEX THE SURROUNDING AREA TO CONTROL IT, FINE, THAT'S NOT LOST CREEK. THERE ARE NO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS PRESENTLY ON THE BOOKS THAT WOULD AFFECT LOST CREEK AND IF ANYTHING, YOU'D HAVE TO BUILD ONE THAT, AS I TOLD YOU, COULD ENDANGER BARTON CREEK. SO THE THREE AREAS THAT THE CITY BIEST OWN.....EST ITS OWN DEFINITION ANNEXES DON'T APPLY TO US BECAUSE WE'RE NOT ANY OF THOSE THREE AREAS. IF YOU LOOK DOWN FURTHER, THE CITY EXPANDS UPON WHAT OTHER THINGS -- WHAT OTHER REASONS YOU WOULD ANNEX IF YOU WERE ANNEXING THESE LOCAL AREAS, AND IF YOU DO THAT YOU'LL SEE WE'RE ALREADY THERE. IT SAYS WE PROVIDE URBANIZING AREAS. WE'RE NOT ANIZING AREA. WE'RE AN URBANIZED AREA. THE WHOLE POINT IS IF A COMMUNITY IS STARTING TO BECOME MORE DENSE AND BECAUSE OF ECONOMIES OF SCALE THEY CAN'T PROVIDE EVERYTHING, THAT'S WHEN YOU CONSIDER ANNEXING. THAT'S NOT LOST CREEK. THE CITY SAYS WE CAN HELP WITH POTABLE WATER SUPPLY. WE HAVE IT. SANITARY DISPOSABLE WASTEWATER, WE'VE GOT IT. PUBLIC SAFETY, WE'RE THERE. EMERGENCY RESPONSE, HAVE IT. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, WE'RE ALREADY PLANNED OUT AND DEVELOPED. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, I'VE SPOKEN ABOUT, IT DOESN'T HELP , BUT INCREASES THE RISK. LIBRARIES WE'VE GOT IT. PARKS, WE'VE GOT IT. WE TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WE'RE ALREADY THERE. AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WE'RE ALREADY BUILD..... BUILT OWLT. WE DON'T MEET THAT QUALIFICATION. GREAT EFFICIENCIES AND SERVICE DELIVERY. WE ALREADY HAVE ALL OF THESE SERVICES. WE DON'T NEED THE CITY TO COME IN AND HELP US BECAUSE WE'RE ALREADY THERE. APPLYING ZONING AND FREE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. WE HAVE DEED RESTRICTIONS. WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF ALL THAT AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER AREAS TO DEVELOP, AND IF ANYTHING, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. I HARKEN BACK TO MOVIES BECAUSE I CAN'T QUOTE SHAKESPEAR. ACHIEVE I CHASE, CHRISTMAS VACATION, HIS UNCLE DRIVES UP IN THIS AWFUL RV, PARKS IT IN THE DRIVEWAY NEXT DOOR. IN LOST CREEK WHAT HAPPENS, ONE PHONE CALL TO THE MUD, THEY HAVE THE ABILITY, BY

LAW, TO ENFORCE A DEED RESTRICTION TO HAVE IT REMOVED. I CALLED THE CITY OF AUSTIN TODAY. I TALKED TO SOME VERY NICE LADY. I SAID, MA'AM, WHAT IF A BIG OLD RV IS NEXT DOOR TO ME AND IT'S UGLY AND IT STINKS? CAN YOU COME GET RID OF... OF IT FOR ME? NO, YOU HAVE TO TALK TO YOUR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. WE DON'T HAVE A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. THAT REQUIRES 100 PERCENT PARTICIPATION. WE HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT'S VOLUNTARY. WITHOUT THE MUD THAT BIG-OL' STINGING RV SITS THERE. THE CITY OF AUSTIN ISN'T GOING TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT T AS IT EXISTS TODAY WE'RE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF IT. MY NEIGHBOR DECIDES TO PAINT HIS HOUSE ORANGE, THE CITY OF AUSTIN ISN'T GOING TO DO ANYTHING. THE MUD CAN TAKE CARE OF IT. SOME NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE IS KIND OF DID HE TEAR RATE I DON'T REMEMBER RATING. THE CITY OF AUSTIN SAYS WE CAN'T TAKE CARE OF IT. THE MUD DOES. THE LAST THING I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT. ONE OF THE REASONS IT SAYS YOU ADD RESIDENTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES WITH MINIMAL ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT BY THE CITY. EVERYTHING IS ALREADY SET UP JUST FINE FOR US RIGHT NOW. THERE IS NO MINIMAL ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT BY THE CITY. I'M NOT THE NUMBERS GUY, BUT FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN WE'RE TALKING MULTI MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO BUILD THIS WASTEWATER -- I MEAN, THIS WASTEWATER PIPELINE, AND SO THAT'S NOT MINIMAL AND IT ENDANGERS THE ENVIRONMENT. SO I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER ALL OF THESE THINGS, AND IF YOU'RE FAIR AND IF YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE AND IF YOU'RE LOGICAL I THINK YOU'LL SEE ANNEXATION IN CONCEPT IS FINE. ANNEXATION FOR LOST CREEK IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NOT OCCUR. THANK YOU. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS.] ED.

I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO START A REVOLUTION, BUT IT'S OBVIOUS THAT WE'LL BE CHARGING YOU \$1,800 A YEAR WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, AND BY DOING SO WE'LL ALSO PROVIDE YOU WITH LESS SERVICES THAN YOU CURRENTLY HAVE. AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES THAT I FEEL AND THAT YOU SHOULD FEEL AS WELL IS FIRE AND E.M.S. RIGHT NOW ALMOST EVERYONE, AS YOU KNOW, THAT LIVES IN LOST CREEK, CAN HEAR THE FIRST BELL OR THE FIRST SIREN WHEN IT GOES OFF WHEN WE

HAVE A PROBLEM, AND THEY RESPOND WITHIN FIVE MINUTES TO THE FARTHEST POINT IN -- FARTHEST POINTS IN LOST CREEK. THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN WE ANNEX YOU. AND THE OTHER THING IS YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE TRASH PICKUP, YOU MAY HAVE IT FOR TWO YEARS, BUT CURRENTLY YOU'RE ABLE TO PUT JUST ABOUT ANYTHING NOW THE YARD OUT FRONT THAT YOU WANT, IT WILL BE PICKED UP. AND NOT ONLY THAT, AT A VERY REASONABLE COST. YOU'VE BUILT AND MAINTAINED A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE PARK SYSTEM, YOU'VE GOT A BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOOD, AND ALSO YOU HAVE SOMETHING CALLED LOST CREEK COUNTRY CLUB. IT'S NOT A REAL FANCY COUNTRY CLUB LIKE YOU SEE AROUND SOME OF THE OTHER PART OF THE CITY, BUT IT'S VERY NICE. AND IF WE ANNEX YOU, YOU'RE GOING TO -- LOST CREEK IS GOING TO LOSE THEIR ACCESS TO FREE WATER, AND THEY'RE GOING HAVE TO PURCHASE THAT WATER. AND YOU AS MEMBERS OF THE LOST CREEK COUNTRY CLUB ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT WATER IF LOST CREEK COUNTRY CLUB DECIDES THEY WANT TO PURCHASE WATER. AND IF THEY DON'T, THEY MAY CAN CLOSE. AND IF THEY CLOSE, THAT MEANS THE VALUES OF OUR PROPERTY CONTINUE TO GO DOWN. SO WITH THAT I ASK YOU AS A REASONABLE GROUP OF PEOPLE, WOULD YOU THINK HAVE THAT HAPPEN TO YOU, MEMBERS OF LOST CREEK? ABSOLUTELY NOT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. GABE THORNHILL. WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTE AND BE FOLLOWED BY RICHARD HE... ELTON.

THANKS FOR CONDUCTING THIS HEARING AND LETTING US SPEAK BEFORE YOU. I WAS BORN IN AUSTIN. I'VE LIVED HERE ALMOST MY ENTIRE LIFE. AND WHEN I HEARD THIS THE CITY WAS GOING TO ANNEX LOST CREEK, I'VE WORKED FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS AS A FINANCIAL ANALYST AND I THOUGHT FG THEY ARE BECAUSE THEY WILL MAKE A LOT OF MONEY OUT OF IT. IT SEEMS LOGICAL THAT ANNEXING LOST CREEK WOULD NET THE CITY OF AUSTIN MONEY. THE PROBLEM IS SORT OF A FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM THAT STINT HAS THREE BIG AREAS OF REVENUE, ONE OF WHICH IS TAXES, ONE IS TRANSFER FROM THE ELECTRICITY AND WASTEWATER, AND THE OTHER IS SALES TAX. YOU ONLY GET ONE OF THOSE

THREE AREAS WHEN YOU ANNEX US BECAUSE WE'RE BASICALLY 100% RESIDENTIAL. WE HAVE NO RETAIL IN LOST CREEK AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY -- WE'RE ALREADY PAYING THE CITY WASTEWATER AND CITY ELECTRICITY RATE SORK YOU'RE GETTING THE TRANSFERS THERE. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU DO ANNEX US, WE WILL TAKE THE ENTIRE PIE OF SERVICES, SO WHEN I LOOKED AT IT, I CAME UP WITH SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT NUMBERS THAN THE GUYS DID, BUT IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE THE CITY OF AUSTIN WILL BE OUT ABOUT HALF A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IF THEY DO ANNEX US, WHICH IS A NET PRESENT VALUE OF ABOUT \$13 MILLION IF YOU ASSUME THE CITY CAN FINANCE THINGS AT ABOUT FOUR AND A QUARTER PERCENT. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY TO STINT. I KNOW ME PERSONALLY, IT'S OBVIOUSLY UNATTRACTIVE TO ME. \$1,800 TO ME PERSONALLY IS -- MY HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PLUS MY AUTO INSURANCE NECK YEAR. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY OUT OF MY FAMILY'S POCKET. FINALLY, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT HAVING GROWN UP IN AUSTIN AND REMEMBERING WHEN THE CORNER OF NORTH LAMAR AND AIRPORT BOULEVARD WAS THE END OF THE WORLD, FOX THEATER WAS OUT THERE AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST THEATERS IN AUSTIN BACK AT THAT TIME AND YOU GOT PAST THERE AND IT BASICALLY BECAME COUNTRY AND PEOPLE WERE HUNTING OUT THERE. I WOULD SAY THAT BIGGER IS NOT ALWAYS BETTER, WHICH WAS ESSENTIALLY THE ARGUMENT THAT THE LADY FROM THE CITY STAFF MADE. AND THAT THERE ARE POCKETS OF THINGS IN AUSTIN THAT MAKE IT SPECIAL, AND ALTHOUGH LOST CREEK IS NOT ACTUALLY PART OF AUSTIN, IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES AUSTIN SPECIAL. IT'S A SMALL COMMUNITY, IT'S TIGHTLY KNIT AND I THINK WE AS RESIDENT WOULD ALL SUFFER IF WE WERE ANNEXED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. RICHARD EL TON? THANK YOU. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY BARBARA SHOEMAN.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR WYNN AND COUNCILMEMBERS. I APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR COMMENT THIS EVENING. MY NAME IS RICHARD ELTON RKS A 20 YEAR LOST CREEK RESIDENT. I'M A PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS OWNER IN AUSTIN. JUST FOR THE RECORD, I'M ADAMANTLY

OPPOSED TO THE ANNEXATION OF LOST CREEK. THE LOST CREEK MUD AND MANY OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF EXPLAINING WHAT THE CITY IS UP AGAINST TAKING ON THE LOST CREEK ANNEXATION. IT SEEMS QUITE A BURDEN AND ONE THAT APPEARS TO BE A COSTLY ONE FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND ITS TAXPAYERS. THE REQUIRES SPECIFICITY IN THE CITY'S PREPARED SERVICE PLAN IS SADLY LACKING. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS. I CANNOT COMPREHEND HOW THE CITY COUNCIL, THE STEWARDS OF YOUR TAXPAYERS AND YOUR CONSTITUENTS' RESOURCES AND DOLLARS, CAN ADEQUATELY ASSESS THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THIS DECISION WITHOUT A MUCH MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS AND COST ESTIMATE. THIS IS AN ENGINEERING SPEAKING. THIS IS NOT A NORMAL ANNEXATION, THE LEVEL OF SERVICES EXISTING IN LOST CREEK AND THE REQUIREMENT OF PROVIDING A VERY COSTLY SEWAGE INTERCEPTOR MAKE IT ANYTHING BUT NORMAL. GIVEN THIS, I CAN'T FATHOM HOW YOU CAN PROCEED WITH THAT MUCH GREATER SPECIFICITY IN THE PLAN. WHAT YOU HAVE TO PROVIDE AND HOW MUCH MORE DETAIL ON WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST. WITHOUT THIS DETAIL, LOST CREEK RESIDENTS HAVE TO WONDER HOW SINCERE THE CITY IS IN MEETING YOUR OBLIGATIONS TO US. WITHOUT THIS TYPE OF EVALUATIONS, YOUR CONSTITUENTS, THE TAXPAYERS IN AUSTIN, THE ONES YOU REPRESENT, SHOULD SERIOUSLY QUESTION YOUR MEETING YOUR FIDUCIARY DUTY TO THEVMENT AND FINALLY WITHOUT THIS TYPE OF EVALUATION, WE BELIEVE YOU WILL COME WITH THIS TYPE OF EVALUATION, WE BELIEVE YOU WILL COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION THAT WE IN LOST CREEK HAVE MADE. THIS IS A LOSE-LOSE PROPOSITION. NO ONE BENEFITS FROM IT. SO IN CONCLUSION, I ONLY ASK THAT YOU JUST SAY NO TO ANNEXATION OF LOST CREEK. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS I CAN ANSWER?

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? THANK YOU, SIR.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: BARBARA SCHUMAN? WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTE AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY PAUL SCHUMAN.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COUNCIL. I'VE LIVED IN LOST CREEK FOR 26 YEARS, AND I WAS ON THE LOST CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ABOUT 25 YEARS AGO. I'M ONE OF THOSE SENIOR CITIZENS THAT SOMEONE SPOKE ABOUT PREVIOUSLY. I'M A RETIRED COOL TEACHER AND I HAVEN'T HAD AN INCREASE IN MY RETIREMENT SINCE 2001. I UNDERSTAND VERY WELL WHY LOST CREEK RESIDENTS DO NOT WANT TO BE ANNEXED. THAT'S A NO BRAIN FOUR US. WE LOSE THE QUALITY OF MANY OF OUR SERVICES, HAVE TO PAY ABOUT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE FOR THAT PRIVILEGE. WE NOW PAY NOUN THE USE OF AUSTIN STREETS WHEN WE PAY OUR WATER BILLS, OUR ELECTRIC BILLS AND EVERY TIME WE PURCHASE SOMETHING RETAIL LIKE GROCERIES, A CAR OR GO TO A RESTAURANT. THERE'S NO RETAIL IN LOST CREEK, SO WE HAVE TO GO TO AUSTIN TO BUY. WRE LOSE, LOSE, LOSE. BUT WHAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY THE CITY OF AUSTIN WANTS TO ANNEX US? YOU LOSE, LOSE, LOSE. WE ARE UNIQUE. NORMAL.....NORMALLY WHEN CITIES ANNEX AREAS IT VERY BENEFICIAL TO THEM. THE AREA THEY ARE AN NECKING REQUIRES LESS SERVICES AND COSTS THEM LESS -- IT COSTS THEM LESS TO SERVICE THIS NEW AREA THAN IT DOES THE OLD AREAS OF THE CITY. BECAUSE OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH YOU IN 1990 THAT YOU HAVE TO CONNECT US IMMEDIATELY TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN WASTEWATER, WE WILL BE VERY EXPENSIVE TO ANNEX. IT WILL TAKE YOU MANY YEARS TO RECOVER. THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO ANNEX LOST CREEK. AND ONE OTHER THING I WANTED TO SAY THAT I'VE BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE CITY HAS NOT -- THEY'VE ONLY SUPPLIED US WITH VERY LITTLE INFORMATION. THAT WE HAVE HAD TO HIRE PEOPLE TO GO OUT AND MAKE ALL THE ESTIMATES TO GET ALL OF OUR FORECASTS FOR HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST TO BUILD THE WASTEWATER LINE. SO I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE ANNEXATION OF LOST CREEK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MA'AM. [APPLAUSE] PAUL SCHUMAN, WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE POLICIED BY LISA KELLY, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWEDLY NORMA ZERGE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCIL. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU. I

THINK WE UNDERSTAND THAT STATE LAW PROVIDES YOU WITH THE AUTHORITY AND THE POWER TO ANNEX LOST CREEK, SO I REALLY CAN'T SAY THAT I CAN BE OPPOSED TO THAT BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY THAT I CAN LEGALLY OR LOGICALLY OPPOSE SUCH AN EFFORT. HOWEVER, IT DOES SEEM TO ME THAT IN OUR SOCIETY WE GENERALLY EXPECT THAT WHEN YOU PAY MORE FOR SOMETHING THAT YOU GET SOMETHING BETTER. IT MAY NOT BE TRUE FOR GAS, AS WE'RE NOW HAVING TO PAY NOW, BUT IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE TRUE, WE WOULD HOPE IT WOULD BE TRUE FOR ANY TAXES THAT WE INCUR. IN TRUTH, THE INCREASE IN TAXES DOES NOT LEAD TO INCREASE IN SERVICES, BUT LESS SERVICE FOR MORE TAX. PARKS AND HIKING TRAILS ARE ONE THING IN PARTICULAR THAT BOTHER ME FOR THE YOUNG KIDS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND I'M PARTICULARLY CONCERNED AS A HOMEOWNER ABOUT THE LOSS OF OUR DEED RESTRICTIONS. THAT WOULD BE A REALLY SERIOUS LOSS TO THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF OUR PROPERTIES. I KNOW THAT WHEN ECONOMISTS LOOK AT SOMETHING LIKE ANNEXATION, I'M A CONSULTANT IN THAT AREA AND I DO KNOW HOW THEY LOOK AT THAT TIME, AND IT'S ON A PURE ECONOMIC BASIS, BUT THERE ARE OTHER REASONS TO CONSIDER US IN LOST CREEK AS HAVING HOLDING UP OUR END OF THE BARGAIN. AS MY WIFE SAID AND AS OTHERS HAVE SAID, WE DO SHOP IN AUSTIN. FURTHER MORE, MANY OF US OWN BUSINESSES IN AUSTIN AS I DO, AND THE RIFT OF US ARE -- THE REST OF US ARE PROBABLY EMPLOYED IN AUSTIN IN SOME WAY AND THOSE BUSINESSES PAY TAXES. WE START NONPROFITS IN AUSTIN FOR AUSTIN'S GOOD, AS I DID IN STARTING THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE WORLD FUTURE SOCIETY WHERE ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS IS CALLED AUSTIN EDUCATION 2025 WHERE WE'RE FOCUSING ON HOW WE CAN HELP TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR KIDS BY THE YEAR 2025. MANY OF US ALSO VOLUNTEER AND PROVIDE OUR SERVICES TO MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AUSTIN AREA, SO WHILE AREN'T VOTERS IN AUSTIN, WE ARE CERTAINLY CITIZENS OF THIS WONDERFUL CITY THAT WE LIKE TO BE WITH. SO THEREFORE I ASK THAT YOU DELAY THIS DECISION TO ANNEX LOST CREEK OR THAT YOU GIVE US THE RIGHT TO INCORPORATE IN OUR OWN BEHALF. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. SCHUMAN. LISA KELLY?
WELCOME. AND Y'ALL CAN GOOD..... GO EITHER TO PODIUM
IF YOU LIKE.

GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS LISA KELLY AND I'M A FIVE-
YEAR RESIDENT OF LOST CREEK, A VIBRANT COMMUNITY. I
HAVE JUST A COUPLE OF POINTS. FIRST, AUSTIN RESIDENTS
WILL LOSE. AUSTIN TAXES AND FEES WILL BE USED TO
UNDERWRITE THE COST OF MEETING AUSTIN'S OBLIGATIONS
TO BUILD THE 17,000-FOOT SEWER LINE FROM THE
WILLIAMSON CREEK OVER BARTON CREEK TO LOST CREEK.
THE COST OF THAT LINE WILL LIKELY NEVER BE COVERED
BY WHAT THE CITY CHARGES US, THUS AUSTINITES WILL
PAY MANY MILLIONS MORE THAN THEY EVER RECOUP FROM
HIGHER AUSTIN AND FEES FROM LOST CREEK RESIDENTS. I
WAS AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING ON SATURDAY AND I GOT
INTO THE ROOM A LITTLE BIT LATER BECAUSE THERE WERE
SO MANY LOST CREEK RESIDENTS TEANGD, AND I WANTED
TO ASK A QUESTION, BUT I HELD BACK BECAUSE I THOUGHT,
WELL, IT HAD PROBABLY LISTEN ADDRESSED AND IT WOULD
SHOW I WAS LATE AND I FELT STUPID, BUT THEN FINALLY
SOMEONE DID ASK THE QUESTION, AND IT WAS WHY. AND
NOBODY COULD ANSWER IT. WHY IS AUSTIN TRYING TO
ANNEX LOST CREEK? AND IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Mayor Wynn: U.T. NORMA? WFNLGHT YOU WILL HAVE THREE
MINUTE AND BE FOLLOWED BY EDMOND MARTIN.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. I'M A
RESIDENT OF THE SOUTHWEST TRAVIS COUNTY AREA NOW
FOR THE LAST 33 YEARS. I'VE LIVED IN AUSTIN OFF AND ON
DURING THAT TIME. THE MAIN DHEARN I HAVE AS A
RESIDENT OF LOST CREEK IS THE DECREASE PARTICULARLY
IN OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND POLICE SERVICES.
WE'VE COMMENTED ON THAT. MANY SPEAKERS BEFORE ME
HAVE MENTIONED THAT SALIENT POINT. ONE ISSUE I DO
HAVE IS HAVING BEEN A BUSINESS OWNNER THE WEST
BANK AREA, BUT WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN CITY LIMITS
FOR AUSTIN YEARS IN THE WESTWOOD SHOPPING CENTER,
THE ONE THING I DO REMEMBER IS THAT INVARIABLY
WHENEVER I HAD A PROBLEM THAT REQUIRED SOME TYPE
OF POLICE HELP, IF I CALLED THE CITY OF AUSTIN I WAS

ALWAYS REFERRED BACK TO TRAVIS COUNTY EVEN
THOUGH I WAS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. SO I REALLY FEEL
NOT TO DENIGRATE OR PUT DOWN THE CITY OF AUSTIN
SERVICES, BUT WE ARE -- EACH THOUGH WE MAY NOT BE
RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WE READ THE CITY OF
AUSTIN NEWSPAPER, WE SEE THE PROBLEMS THAT THE
CITY OF AUSTIN HAS WITH PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THE
RESIDENTS YOU ALREADY HAVE. AND TO BURDEN
YOURSELF WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND TAXES AND TAX
INCREASES, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO FUND AN
ANNEXATION OF AN AREA THAT IS DOING JUST FINE AND
HAS BEEN DOING JUST FINE FOR MANY YEARS DOESN'T
SEEM QUITE LOGICAL. THE OTHER THING IS WHAT'S FAIR IS
FAIR. IF YOU'RE GOING TO ANNEX US, THE SERVICES
SHOULD BE BETTER OR EQUAL, AT LEAST EQUAL TO WHAT
WE HAVE. AND I DON'T THINK EVEN IF YOU ANALYZE THIS
CAREFULLY THAT WE CAN SEE THAT THAT WOULD BE THE
CASE. I APPRECIATE YOU HEARING MY COMMENTS AND
HOPE THAT YOU DECIDE AGAINST THIS ANNEXATION
PROJECT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. EDMOND MARTIN? WELCOME. YOU
WILL BE FOLLOWED BY KRISTIN JOHNSON.

YES, SIR, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCIL. MY
NAME'S ED MARTIN. I HAVE LIVED IN AUSTIN 31...31 YEARS
NOW, BEEN A RESIDENT OF LOST CREEK FOR 20 YEARS, AND
I'M RETIRED, I WORK OUT OF MY HOME THERE IN LOST
CREEK. I'M THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE WESTLAKE
ROTARY CLUB. I AM AGAINST THIS ANNEXATION FOR ALL THE
REASONS THAT THESE FELLOWS AND THESE LADIES HAVE
SAID. IT'S NOT ECONOMICAL. I'M AN ACCOUNTANT ALSO. I
UNDERSTAND NUMBERS. AND IF YOU LOOK AT YOUR
BALANCE SHEET, I'M SURE THAT OUR LITTLE BIT OF MONEY'S
GOING TO SLOSH AROUND IN A BIG BUDGET OF AUSTIN AND
YOU WON'T EVEN SEE WHAT THAT TWO MILLION DOLLARS
OR THE TACK PAIRS WILL NEVER SEE THAT TWO MILLION
DOLLARS THAT YOU'RE EXPENDING ON US BECAUSE YOU
DON'T DO IT DEPARTMENTAL. YOU DON'T SAY THIS IS WHAT
INCOME WE GET FROM LOST CREEK AND THIS IS WHAT OUR
EXPENSES ARE FROM LOST CREEK. DON'T GET TO SEE
THAT. SO IN ADDITION TO THAT, ONE OF THE THINGS I
HEARD WHENNIVE STANDING IN LINE, A YOUNG LADY SAID

THAT WE WOULD GET LIGHT IN LOST CREEK. LISTEN, WE DON'T NEED LIGHTS IN LOST CREEK. WE GET TO SEE THE STARS. [LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE] THE LIGHT POLLUTION FROM AUSTIN SEVER WHERE. EVERYTHING IS JUST -- IT'S AS THOUGH THE SUN IS STILL OUT. HERE WE ARE WITH OUR PROBLEMS WITH OIL AND GAS AND ALL THESE OTHER THINGS AND WE'RE GOING TO PUT LIGHT IN LOST CREEK? NO IT TO NEATION, NO TO ANY -- NO TO ANNEXATION, NO TO ANY LIGHTS, PERIOD.

Mayor Wynn: KRISTIN JOHNSON. WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY MICHAEL (INDISCERNIBLE).

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HELLO, MY NAME IS KRISTIN JOHNSON. I AM SECRETARY OF THE LOST CREEK MOTHERS CLUB. I'M HERE TONIGHT TO REPRESENT THE 40 FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MOTHERS CLUB AND TO VOICE OUR CLEBT ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO ANNEXATION. ONE AREA OF PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR FAMILY WITH CHILDREN INVOLVES THE SAFETY OF OUR STREET, PARTICULARLY A VARIETY OF POOR QUALITY STREET PAVING CALLED CHIP ROCK USED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH HAS PROVED INEFFECTIVE AND HAZARDOUS IN LOST CREEK. EIGHT YEARS AGO THE COUNTY USED THIS TYPE OF PAVEMENT ON INDIAN CANYON COVE. THIS PAVING WAS ORMGLY DESIGNED FOR FLAT HIGH TRAFFIC ROADS IN IT FLA FLA AND IS ILL SUITD FOR THE RESIDENTIAL HILLS OF LOST CREEK. EIGHT YEARS AFTER ITS INSULATION, GRAVEL SAID THEMENT FROM THIS PAVING IS STILL GATHERING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE COVE. ONE OF OUR RESIDENT EVEN BROUGHT A BAGGY OF GRAVEL HE COLLECTED JUST BEFORE COME TO GO THE MEETING REPRESENTING THIS ACCUMULATION. AND THIS PRESENTS A TREMENDOUS HAZARD FOR CHILDREN ON SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES. ANYONE WHO WATCHED THE TOUR DE FRANCE THIS YEAR SAW WHAT GRAVEL ON A ROAD CAN DO TO EVEN THE MOST EXPERIENCED BICYCLIST. SINCE THE TIME THAT INDIAN CANYON COVE WAS PAVED, LOST CREEK RESIDENT SUCCESSFULLY DEMAND ADD HIGHER QUALITY PAVING CALLED F MIX FOR SUBSEQUENT ROAD PROJECTS. IT IS NOW THE PAVING STANDARD FOR LOST CREEK AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL

INSIST UPON THIS MORE EXPENSIVE TYPE OF PAVING TO BE USED IN LOST CREEK IRRESPECTIVE OF THE CITY'S PAVING POLICIES ELSEWHERE. THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN IS PARAMOUNT TO RESIDENTS OF LOST CREEK, AND IF ANNEXED, WE WILL INSIST THAT THE CITY PARTNER WITH US OVER THIS AND MANY OTHER ISSUES. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY WHEN THIS COUNCIL DECIDES TO ANNEX LOST CREEK, YOU WILL ALSO BE ANNEXING ROUGHLY 4,000 ACTIVE AND DISSATISFIED VOTERS WHO WILL HAVE SEAR CRUS QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ABILITY TO DISCERN WHAT IS BEST FOR YOUR RESIDENTS AND CONSTITUENT AS A ALL. MICHAEL BAKURA. WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTE AND BE FOLLOWED BY ALBERT DIANDREA.

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCILMEMBERS. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY FIRST OF ALL TO SPEAK, AND IT'S HARD FOR ME TO GO BEYOND THE HE WILL CONSEQUENCE THAT'S BEEN SHOWN BY MY NEIGHBORS, BUT I THINK IT NEEDS TO BEAR OUT SEVERAL THINGS THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT. FIRST OF ALL, I'VE BEEN IN AUSTIN OFF AND ON FOR 30 YEARS. I'M A RETIRED MILITARY OFFICER AND I TOOK AN OATH OF OFFICE TO DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS. LIKEWISE I KNOW ALL OF YOU TOOK OATHS OF OFFICE TO SERVE YOUR CONSTITUENCY, ETHICAL AND MORAL STANDARDS. I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD FIRST OF ALL THAT I AM VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO THIS APPROACH TO THE ANNEXATION. AND IT'S FOR SEVERAL REASONS, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS, I BASICALLY HAVE NO VOTE IN THIS SITUATION. AND IT'S ALREADY BEEN ALLUDED TO THE TEA PARTY, AND I FEEL THAT THAT IS UNETHICAL AND IMMORAL FROM THAT STANDPOINT. AND I THEEP YOU -- I HOPE THAT YOU ALL CAN TAKE THE SERIOUSNESS OF YOUR DECISION IN THIS CASE INTO ACCOUNT AND LOOK IN THE MIRROR WHEN YOU MAKE THAT DECISION AND TAKE THIS CONSTITUENCY INTO ACCOUNT. THERE ARE THINGS THAT YOU'LL HEAR ABOUT THE FINANCING AND THE FUNDING AND THE LACK OF THAT WOULD GO ON AND ON AND I COULD REPEAT THAT, BUT THAT DOESN'T SUPPORT THE POINT THAT I NEED FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND. WHO AMONG YOU SPEAKS FOR ME? CAN SOMEONE RAISE THEIR HAND? WHO WILL VOTE FOR ME? I'M ASKING THE QUESTION WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO

THAT. PLEASE CONSIDER THAT CAREFULLY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: ALBERT DIANDREA. WELCOME. THREE MINUTES. TO BE FOLLOWED BY RANDY RATLIFF TO BE FOLLOWED BY JACK WILLHELM.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR WYNN, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY COUNCIL, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK HERE TONIGHT. MANY OF THE PEOPLE IN LOST CREEK THAT YOU'VE HEARD ALREADY HAVE ELOQUENTLY SAID A LOT OF WHAT I WANT TO SAY, BUT WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY IS I THINK IT'S EVIDENT FROM WHAT YOU'VE HEARD PEOPLE SAY TONIGHT THAT THERE'S A REAL SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN LOST CREEK THAT GOES BEYOND WHAT YOU SEE IN A LOT OF M.U.D.S THAT YOU MIGHT ANNEX. I'VE LIVED IN LOST CREEK FOR FEP YEARS WITH MY WIFE. I HAVE A BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. IT FEELS LIKE LIVING IN A VILLAGE. THE LEVEL OF SERVICES THAT WE ENJOY IN LOST CREEK ARE VERY, VERY HIGH, AND I THINK WE HAVE TRIED AS A COMMUNITY TO PUT TOGETHER. I SAW THE BINDER, IT HAD TO BE 100 PAGES. VERY, VERY DETAILED STUDY OF THE LEVEL OF SERVICES THAT WE ENJOY THERE AND WE'VE GIVE THEAN TO THE CITY STAFF. AND THEN OUR ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT CARD FOR WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT AS SOMEBODY MENTIONED EARLIER TONIGHT IS HIGH. IT'S THE RATING THAT WE'VE RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION IS HIGH, WHEREAS THE CITY'S RATING IS I BELIEVE AVERAGE IF I'M CORRECT THRVMENT..... THERE. I THINK JOHN RALEY WAS UP HERE BEFORE AND FWAOKD THE CITY'S ANNEXATION STRATEGY AND PLAN AND THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A SINGLE THING IN THERE THAT FIT WHY THE CITY OF AUSTIN WOULD BE LOOKING TO ANNEX LOST CREEK. AND THIS IS A QUESTION THAT HAS COME UP IN THE MEETING THAT WE HAD IN LOST CREEK, THE COMMUNITY MEETING WE HAD IN LOST CREEK THIS SATURDAY. THERE'S JUST A LOT OF QUESTIONS. AND WHAT I WOULD ASK THE CITY IS TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY THAT WE HAVE, THE LEVEL OF SERVICES THAT WE HAVE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT CARD THAT WE HAVE, AND REALLY TAKE IT SERIOUSLY. INSTEAD OF THIS IS JUST ANOTHER ANNEXATION AND WE'RE GOING TO STEAM ROLL THROUGH, THERE'S QUESTIONS ABOUT THE

FINANCES, SPECIFICALLY THE CITY HAS -- CITY STAFF HAS TOLD LOST CREEK CITY FIRMS THAT THE PIPELINE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD OVER THE BARTON CREEK WATERSHED IS GOING TO COST EIGHT AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. I HAVE A FRIEND WHO RUNS AN ENGINEERING FIRM, AND HE ABOUT LAUGHED. THAT'S A SCROAFNLGHT IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO DO -- THAT'S A JOKE. IT'S NOT POSSIBLE DO WITH ENGINEERING AND BUILDING PRICES AND CONSTRUCTION PRICES AS THEY ARE NOW. THE ESTIMATE THAT THE CITY -- LOST CREEK WENT OUT AND PAID TO GET AN ESTIMATE ON WHAT THAT PIPELINE IS GOING TO COST AND IT WILL BE OVER \$24 MILLION. SO LOST CREEK SEEMS TO BE BENDING OVER BACKWARDS TO COME UP WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNEXATION. AND WE ASKED THE SFRI WHAT I HEAR OVER AND OVER AGAIN, GIVE US THE DETAIL. THE 8 AND A HALF-MILLION-DOLLAR PIPELINE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD ACROSS BARTON CREEK THAT'S GOING CARRY SEWAGE ACROSS BARTON CREEK, WHICH I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY ANYBODY WOULD WANT TO DO THAT. WHERE'S THE DETAIL? [BUZZER SOUNDS] SO I WOULD ASK THAT REALLY MAKE AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE IT'S VERY FRUSTRATING WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND TAKE IT SERIOUSLY AND THE FEELING WE HAVE IS THIS IS JUST GETTING STEAM ROLLED THROUGH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. RANDY RATLIFF. TO BE FOLLOWED BY JACK WILLHELM. WELCOME. SIR.

IT TOOK AWHILE GETTING SIGNED IN TONIGHT. I HAD SEED MID TIME TO SOMEBODY ELSE, PU IT APPARENTLY DIDN'T COME UP ON THE COMPUTER. CERTAINLY WE HAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTED BY OUR M.U.D., BY OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, AND WITH THAT CERTAINLY WE HAVE FOURTH OF JULY PARADES, WE HAVE PICNICS, WE HAVE GREENBELT CLEANUPS, WE HAVE THE FINE USE OF OUR PARKS, AND CERTAINLY WE HAVE EXCELLENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WHO IS LOCATED IN THE SAME BUILDING AS OUR M.U.D. OFFICE. AND ALL THESE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES SERVE TO UNIFY OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND LOST CREEK

CERTAINLY IS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE AND I THINK MOST OF THE PEOPLE HERE, THEIR MAIN CONCERN IS THE QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE THAT WE HAVE HERE. AND I REALIZE THAT AUSTIN HAS ISSUES REGARDING TAXING OUR RESIDENTS FOR AUSTIN SERVICES. AND MY PROPOSAL IS THAT AUSTIN GO AHEAD AND TACK FOWS THESE SERVICES, MAYBE MOST OF THE RESIDENTS MAY NOT AGREE, SPARE THE EXPENSE TO THE CITY OF PROVIDING INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY WITH ANNEXATION, AND LEAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD INTACT AS TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUR M.U.D., OUR TRASH COLLECTION AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. AND POSSIBLY THE AGENDA OF THE CITY MIGHT BE BETTER SERVED BY SERVING ALL THE CONSTITUENTS OF AUSTIN AND LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO PROVIDE WATER TO ALL THE CITY IN EAT NOR MUST GROWTH THAT WE ARE -- THE ENORMOUS GROWTH THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING AT THIS TIME AND LEAVE OUR WATER SYSTEM INTACT AS IT IS. I FEEL THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING THAT'S BROKEN RIGHT NOW. EVERYTHING'S WORKING JUST FINE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. JACK WILHELM. ED.

[INAUDIBLE].

Mayor Wynn: I'VE GOT A BUNCH OF THAT.

[INAUDIBLE].

Mayor Wynn: YOU SHOULD SEE IT ON WINDSOR ROAD, A FLAT SURFACE, TARRYTOWN, YOU CAN'T EVEN PUSH A BABY TROLLER DOWN THE ROAD AND IT'S CLOGGED UP ALL THE STORM SEWERS TOO.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS JACK WILHELM AND I'M ORIGINALLY FROM -- GOSH, I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS SO HANDSOME. [LAUGHTER] ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS A YOUNG RESIDENT IN LOST CREEK, THERE WAS A MASSIVE REPAVING PROGRAM BY THE COUNTY, AND WE WERE TOLD AT A TOWN MEETING AT OUR M.U.D. OFFICE THAT WE WOULD HAVE CHIP ROCK AND THAT WE WOULD REALLY LIKE CHIP ROCK. FORTUNATELY THEY DID ONLY ONE

SMALL TREAT, AND THAT'S THE STREET WHERE I'M BRINGING THE CHIP ROCK TO YOU TONIGHT. AS YOU KNOW, CHIP ROCK IS TERRIBLY INFERIOR. WE WORKED VERY HARD WITH THE COUNTY AT THAT TIME TO GET SOMETHING CALLED F MIX AND THAT HAPPENS TO BE THE PAVING ON MY ROAD, INDIAN CANYON DRIVE, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU DRIVE ON INDIAN CANYON DRIVE AND THEN DRIVE ON INDIAN CAN CANYON COVE AND SEE THE DRAMATIC DINS. I ALSO LISTENED VERY MUCH TO WHAT MS. COLLIER AND HER ASSOCIATES SAID ABOUT ANNEXATION. AND I'LL I'M AN ATTORNEY, I KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT ANNEXATION, BUT I DO KNOW FROM LISTEN TO GO HER AND LOOKING AT THE STATUTES THAT INsofar AS ROADS AND STREETS YOU WILL NEED TO MEET THE STANDARDS THAT WE HAVE NOW. WE WERE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE EIGHT YEARS AGO F MIX ON OUR STREETS. IT HAS BEEN GOOD FOR OURSELF, FOR OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S BEEN GOOD FOR OUR CHILDREN AND WE WANT THAT VERY MUCH TO CONTINUE. WE THINK IN YOUR ANALYSIS IT'S FAULTY IN THAT YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THAT VUL TO USE F MIX, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE CHIP ROCK. AND IF YOU DO, YOU'LL BE IN VIOLATION OF THE STATUTES WHICH, AS MS. COLLIER SAID, WE ALL WANT TO ABIDE BY THE STATUTES. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TONIGHT. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON MONDAY.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JACK, AND FOR THE ROCKS.
VERNON PULLMEYER? TO BE FOLLOWED BY BILL FLOOD TO BE FOLLOWED BY MARY (INDISCERNIBLE). WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, YOUR PRONUNCIATION WAS CORRECT. I WANTED TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND YOUR TIME THIS EVENING. MY NAME IS VERNON PULLMEYER. I'VE BEEN IN AUSTIN, CAME TO AUSTIN IN '67, HAVE BEEN A LOST CREEK RESIDENT FOR THE LAST 18 YEARS. TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC OF THE CITY, AND I UNDERSTAND THE GENERAL ARGUMENT OF EXPANDING THE TAX BASE, WHICH MAKES SENSE ON THE SURFACE. ALL THE ANSWERS BEHIND THAT YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD THIS EVENING, SO I WON'T GO INTO THOSE. BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ON A BALANCED BASIS THAT IT WOULD BE A PLUS TO THE CITY TO ANNEX LOST CREEK.

ABOUT THE ONLY THING I CAN COMMENT ON IS IMPACT ON MYSELF. I CAN USE THAT \$1,800 TO SET UP A COLLEGE FUND FOR MY APE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND I THINK IT WILL HAVE A LOT BETTER BENEFIT IN THE LONG RUN THAN THAT 1800FIDE THE CITY. -- 1800FIDE THE CITY. I THINK ALL THE GOOD SERVICES THAT LOST CREEK REZ DEPARTMENTS HAVE GOTTEN USED TO FROM MY 18 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THAT AREA, I CAN PERSONALLY VOUCH FOR THOSE SERVICES AND HAVE BENEFITTED VERY MUCH FROM THEM. I WON'T TAKE ANY MORE OF YOUR TIME THIS EVENING. I THANK YOU FOR THE CONSIDERATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. BILL FLOOD? WELCOME. YOU WILL BE FOLLOWEDLY MARY BARAGE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM FOR ALLOWING ALL OF US TO SPEAK TONIGHT. I SERVE ON THE LOST CREEK MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT AND AM THE CURRENT VICE-PRESIDENT. I HAVE BEEN ON THAT BOARD SINCE ABOUT 1986, SO SO MUCH FOR TERM LIMITS. I'LL BE BRIEF. WE ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS AS A M.U.D., AND WHEN SOMEBODY IS GOING TO START A M.U.D. THEY FREQUENTLY REFER TO OUR DISTRICT TO SAY THIS IS THE -- THIS IS THE GUIDELINES THAT YOU SHOULD USE NSAIID SETTING UP A MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT, SO WE HAVE HAD AN OUTSTANDING REPUTATION FOR AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN ON THE BOARD, AND BEFORE THAT. MY COMMENT WILL BE OF ECONOMIC NATURE, AND THAT IS WHEN YOU HAVE TO GO AND PUT IN THIS SEWER LINE TO OUR DISTRICT, JUST REMEMBER THE BIG DIG IN BOSTON. [LAUGHTER] BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO COST, AS YOU KNOW, A LOT MORE THAN WHAT THE ESTIMATES ARE TODAY. AND WITH THAT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND VOTE AGAINST IT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. FLOOD. MARY BREGE? SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. LET'S SEE, HOW ABOUT JAMES JOHNSON? JAMES JOHNSON, WELCOME, SIR. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY GARY WARREN.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. I APPRECIATE THE TIME THAT YOU'VE TAKEN TO BE HERE AND LISTEN TO US TONIGHT. I'M IN A LITTLE BIT OF A PECULIAR SITUATION FROM MOST OF THE FOLKS IN THAT I AM ACTUALLY A

CITIZEN OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, HAVE BEEN SINCE 1989. I ALSO DO OWN A PROPERTY IN LOST CREEK. BUT WHAT I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT TONIGHT IS REALLY TWO THINGS HAVING TO DO WITH POLICY THAT -- BASED UPON SOME OF THE THING YOU'VE HEARD HERE ALREADY. THE FIRST IS WHAT IS A GOOD ANNEXATION POLICY AND WHERE TO ANNEX, AND I WOULD SUGGEST TO YOU THAT GOING WEST TO LOST CREEK AND EXTENDING THE E.T.J. TO ROB ROY OR MAKING THAT AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT ANNEXATION IS NOT A GOOD USE OF CITY RESOURCES. AS YOU'VE HEARD FROM THE SEVERAL DIFFERENT REASONS, IT'S A COST TO THE CITY BEYOND THE TAX REVENUE THAT CAN BE RECOVERED, AND THE QUALITY OF SERVICES THAT HAVE TO BE PROVIDED ARE ACCORDING TO STATUTE, AS YOU KNOW, TO BE EQUAL OR BETTER TO THOSE ALREADY BEING PROVIDED TO THAT AREA. THOSE AREAS LIKE LOST CREEK AND ROB ROY ALREADY HAVE FAIRLY EXEMPLARY SERVICES, AND THE QUALITY OF THE E.M.S. RESPONSE AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE IS SUPERIOR TO THAT OFFERED IN AUSTIN GENERALLY NOW. SO IT'S MOST EXPENSIVE TO THE CITY AND LEAST BENEFICIAL TO THOSE AREAS TO ADD CITY SERVICES IN THOSE AREAS. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT A BETTER POLICY FOR YOU IS TO ANNEX FRKS YOU WANT TO ANNEX, AND TO AREAS THAT NEED ANNEXATION, EITHER BECAUSE THEY'RE DEVELOPING LIKE THE AREA ASSOCIATED WITH STATE HIGHWAY 130 OR THAT THEY COULD NOT HAVE GOOD WATER AND GOOD SEWER FACILITIES LIKE MIGHT BE TRUE IN OTHER AREAS. I DON'T WANT TO PIT ONE AREA AGAINST ANOTHER, BUT THERE ARE AREAS IN AND AROUND TRAVIS, HAYS, WILLIAMSON COUNTY THAT COULD REALLY BENEFIT FROM CITY OF AUSTIN ANNEXATION AND WOULDN'T BE A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THE CITY BEYOND THE CAPACITY THAT THEY HAVE REVENUE. THE OTHER THING I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST TO YOU IS THAT FOR FLEXIBILITY OF ANNEXATION PLANNING THAT YOU TAKE ACTION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, NEXT THURSDAY WOULDN'T BE BAD, TO DELETE LOST CREEK FROM THE ANNEXATION PLAN. AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S -- IF YOU LEAVE LOST CREEK IN THIS PROCESS, THERE'S CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE THAT THE CITY HAS TO GO TO IN THE NEXT TWO AND A HALF YEARS, ADDING THAT WASTEWATER LINE AND PROVIDING OTHER SERVICES,

PREPARING TO ACCOMMODATE EXTENSIONS OF FIRE AND POLICE AND E.M.S. THAT YOU DON'T NOW HAVE. THERE'S NO REASON TO SPEND THAT IF YOU DON'T WIND UP WITH FULL ANNEXATION. [BUZZER SOUNDS] AND THE LAST POINT IS THAT WITH THE ANNEXATION STATUTE, IF LOST CREEK IS NOT ANNEXED AT THAT POINT BY STATUTE IT IT'S ANOTHER FIVE YEARS BEFORE THAT AREA CAN BE PLACE UNDERSTAND AN ANNEXATION PLAN AGAIN. -- PLACE UNDERSTAND AN ANNEXATION PLAN AGAIN. YOU WOULD HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY BY DELETING LOST CREEK FROM THE ANNEXATION PLAN NOW AND LIFE THAT SPACE OPEN IN CASE THINGS CHANGE FOR WHATEVER REASON IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU AND I APPRECIATE THE EXTRA TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] GARY WARREN? WELCOME BACK, CHIEF.

MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER AND COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M GARY WARREN, AND I AM THE FIRE CHIEF OF WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT --

AND THIS IS FEELING EERILY FAMILIAR HERE. [LAUGHTER]

AND I WANTED TO SAY THAT THE WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS VERY PROUD TO BE ABLE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF THE LOST CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD. WE'RE PROUD TO SERVE THEM AS WELL AS WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN. WE PROVIDE FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN THAT LIVE IN THE HEARTH STONE NEIGHBORHOOD AS WELL AS THE WOODS OF WOIB.....WESTLAKE HILLS. AND THE PROBLEM I WANT TO BRING TO YOU IS THAT WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE VIABILITY OF THE WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE ARE STRONG PARTNERS WITH THE AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS A VERY GOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE ARE PARTNERS WITH THE AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WE COVER FOR THEM IN THESE DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS THAT I MENTIONED BEFORE, AND I ASSUME THAT IF LOST CREEK WERE ANNEXED, WE WOULD COVER IT FOR THEM THERE AS WELL BECAUSE WE DO HAVE THAT STATION THAT'S STRATEGICALLY LOCATED RIGHT THERE. THAT ALLOWS US TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT RESPONSE TIMES TO THOSE PEOPLE. WHAT LOST CREEK

MEANS TO US IS ABOUT 14 PERCENT OF THE REVENUE THAT THE WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT USES TO REMAIN AT THE STRENGTH LEVEL IT IS RIGHT NOW. IF YOU DO THE MATH ON THIS, A FIRE DEPARTMENT IS 90% PERSONNEL AND 14 PERCENT OF THE REVENUES GO AWAY, THEN THE STRENGTH HAS TO BE DIMINISHED. THE WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT ALSO SERVES THE CITY OF ROLLING WOOD AND CONSTITUENT OF WESTLAKE HILLS. AND THOSE DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES THEN WOULD BE FACED WITH POSSIBLE LOWERING OF SERVICE LEVELS FOR THEM ALSO. SO THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH THE AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT IS A VERY GOOD ONE. WE HAVE PROVIDED SERVICE ON THEIR BEHALF FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS BASICALLY ON A HANDSHAKE. AND WITHOUT ANY CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION. SO I GUESS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT NOW IS THAT SHOULD THIS ANNEXATION BE -- GO THROUGH, THAT THERE WOULD NEED TO BE SOME SORT OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION TO MAKE IT SO THAT WE CAN BE SECURE IN MOVING FORWARD AND PROVIDING THESE SERVICES TO THESE SITES. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GUARANTEE THAT TO THEM.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CHIEF. SO COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL THE FOLKS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP NOT WISH TO GO SPEAK, OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO CURRY FAVOR WITH US, ALL IN OPPOSITION OF THE ANNEXATION. MS. GENTRY WILL RECORD THOSE SPEAKERS INTO THE RECORD. THERE'S 93 OF THEM. AND WE'LL NOTE THESE FOR THE RECORD. MS. HUFFMAN, SO REMIND US AGAIN SO TECHNICALLY WE CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN WE JUST OPEN UP ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING NEXT MONDAY THERE ON-SITE?

THAT IS CORRECT, MAYOR. YOU HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING THIS EVENING, YOU HAVE ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING NEXT MONDAY BEGINNING AT 6:00 THIRTY AND THEN WE WILL BEGIN WORKING WITH THE NEIGHBORS. AS VIRGINIA INDICATED EARLIER THERE'S A WEBSITE UP THAT HAS THE ANNEXATION PLAN, HAS THE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS. WE WILL PUT UP THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED TONIGHT AND HAVE A RUNNING Q AND A ON THAT WEBSITE, AND AGAIN PER THE STATE LAW, YOU WOULD NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR

ANY CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORMALLY UNTIL 2008.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS AND THE ATTENDANCE BY SO MANY FOLKS HERE TONIGHT. I PERSONALLY LOOK AT THIS AS MS. HUFFMAN EXPLAINED MATERIALER AS THE BEGINNING OF A POTENTIAL PROCESS. SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MY COLLEAGUES, I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT THE DETAILS OF A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS AND I PERSONALLY HAVEN'T.

KNOW STAFF HAS BEEN WORKOGTHIS FOR A LONG TIME. BUT AS ONE OF THE DECISION MAKERS I HAVEN'T DRILLED DOWN THROUGH THE DETAILS OF OF #- ANALYSIS. WE'VE ULTIMATELY DO DO THAT, BUT A VERY IMPORTANT BEGINNING PART OF THIS ANALYSIS IS YOU ALL'S TESTIMONY AND FEEDBACK, AND WE TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY AND IT'S VERY APPROPRIATE. SO WE -- WE LIKELY WILL SEE MANY OF YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT MONDAY APPEARED WE APPRECIATE THE TIME, EFFORT AND EXPENSE THAT YOU ALL ARE GOING TO AND THROUGH TO GIVE US AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON A VERY IMPORTANT DECISION. SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. SO COUNCIL, I GUESS WE NEED TO -- [APPLAUSE] I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION, COUNCIL, TO CLOSE THIS -- FLS THERE'S FURTHER -- UNLESS THERE'S FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. OKAY, FOLKS, THAT TAKES US TO OUR FINAL PUBLIC HEARING OF THE EVENING. I'LL GIVE THEM A MINUTE TO CLEAR OUT. IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND TO TAKE YOUR CONVERSATIONS OUT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. ITEM 74, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT STOINT'S FISCAL YEAR '06-2007 PROPOSED BUDGET. THIS MORNING WE HAD BRIEFINGS FROM OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS. CITIZENS ARE FREE TO GIVE US COMMENT AND FEEDBACK ON ANY ASPECT OF THE BUDGET, BUT WE TRY TO BREAK IT DOWN INTO OBVIOUS MANAGEABLE PART OF THE BUDGET. SO I'M NOT SURE IF STAFF WANTED TO REHASH ANY OF THEIR

PRESENTATION OR WE CAN GO STRAIGHT TO -- WE'LL GO
TRAIT TO OUR CITIZEN -- STRAIGHT TO OUR CITIZEN
TESTIMONY. HE SO OUR FIRST SPEAKER ON ITEM NUMBER
74 IS FRANK HERNANDEZ. I SAW FRANK EARLIER.

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: HOW ABOUT WALTER MORROW? WELCOME. IS
BRUCE RODENBORNE HERE? SO WALTER, YOU WILL HAVE
UP TO THREE MINUTE IF YOU NEED IT. WELCOME.

MY NAME IS WALTER MORROW, THE DIRECTOR OF
FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES. I APPRECIATE BEING ABLE TO
COMMUNITY ON THIS PIECE OF THE BUDGET. FRANK SIGNED
UP FIRST AND WAS TAKE GOIPG TALK IN MORE GENERAL
TERM ABOUT THE HOUSING NEEDS. I WANT TO ADDRESS
REALLY HIGH NEED POP LAYINGS THAT I THINK THE
HOUSING BUDGET NEEDS MORE FUNDING TO ADDRESS. AND
I HAVE SOME HAND OUTS WITH SOME STATISTICS, BUT
QUICKLY THERE'S A CRITICAL NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL
INVESTMENT IN HOUSING THAT HELPS FAMILIES THAT ARE
HOMELESS. TRANSITIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSE FOG
FAMILIES IS REALLY AT A CRISIS SITUATION FOR AUSTIN O
ANY GIVEN NIGHT THERE ARE ALMOST A THOUSAND
CHILDREN THAT ARE HOMELESS, WHICH IS REALLY A START
WILLING STATISTIC FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN IN THE YEAR
2006. FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ARE THE LARGEST OF THE
FASTEST GROWING POPULATION OF THE HOMELESS BOTH
NATIONALLY AND WITHIN TRAVIS COUNTY, MAKE UP ABOUT
43% OF THE POPULATION ON ANY GIVEN EVENING. THE LACK
OF HOUSING HAS A PARTICULARLY DEVASTATING IMPACT
ON KIDS IN TERMS OF THEIR HEALTH, THEIR EMOTIONAL
DEVELOPMENT, THEIR SUCCESS IN SCHOOL. MOST OF
THESE CHILDREN END UP BOUNCE TO TWO OR THREE
DIFFERENT SCHOOLS. ASIDE FROM THE KIDS THAT ARE
ACTUALLY HOMELESS NRKS THE AUSTIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ABOUT -- MORE THAN 20 PERCENT% OF THE CHILDREN LIVE
BELOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LINE, WHICH MEANS
THEY ARE IN MANY CASES ARE IN AN UNSTABLE HOUSING
SITUATION AND PUTS THEM AT RISK OF BEING HOMELESS.
HOW DOES AUSTIN PAIR TO OTHER CITIES? WHEN YOU LOOK
AT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, ABOUT 53% IS THE ESTIMATE OF
UNMET NEED AND THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES THAT LACK

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IN AUSTIN. THERE WAS A STUDY THAT WAS DONE THAT COMPARED AUSTIN TO FOUR OTHER CITIES. THE UNMET NEED IN DALLAS WAS ONLY 26 PERCENT AND THE UNMET NEED IN SEATTLE, THE COMPARABLE CITY, WAS ONLY 12%. SEATTLE REALLY HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. THE CITY OF SEATTLE CREATED AN INITIATIVE CALLED SOUND FAMILIES. THEIR GOAL WAS TO RAISE \$40 MILLION. IT'S A PUBLIC PRIVATE PIP. THERE'S SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT FROM THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION, THE PAUL ALLEN FOUNDATION AS WELL AS A HUGE COMMITMENT FROM THE CITY. AND THAT SHOWS THE LEVEL OF FUNDING THAT I THINK ULTIMATELY IS REALLY NEEDED TO HELP FAMILIES THAT ARE EXTREMELY LOW INCOME AT THE BOTTOM. WE'VE TAKEN TO HEART AT FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES THE LAST FEW YEARS THIS CRITICAL NEED. WE FOUND FUNDING FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT PLACES, FROM NEIGHBOR WORKS, FROM MICHAEL AND SUSAN DELL FOUNDATION. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BUY-DOWN MORTGAGE DEBT ON 38 OF OUR APARTMENT UNITS, DROP RENTS DOWN INTO THE 3, 400-DOLLAR RANGE, UNLESS HAVE SOCIAL WORK STAFF TO WORK WITH EACH FAMILY AND WE CALL IT THE CHILDREN'S HOME INITIATIVE. IT'S BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. THE VAST MAJORITY OF FAMILIES NOW HAVE A STABLE HOUSING SITUATION. OUR GOAL AS AN ORGANIZATION, OUR VISION IS TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE DOUBLE, HOW DO WE GET TO 100 UNITS OF THIS TOIP OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THE HOPE IS THAT IN THE NEXT YEAR WE CAN RAISE AN ADDITIONAL TWO MILLION DOLLARS AND INCREASE THAT PROGRAM BY ANOTHER 25 UNITS. I'LL HAVE TO CONCLUDE THERE.

Mayor Wynn: PLEASE CONCLUDE.

OART POPULATION THAT IS IN HIGH NEED ARE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH CITY SUPPORT WE'VE BEEN TIEBL CREATE 325 UNITS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OR SRO UNITS. ONLY 100 OF THE 325 HAVE ANY RENTAL SUBSIDY AND CAN SERVE CHRONIC HOMELESS. SO ANOTHER HIGH NEED IS TO FIND FUNDING, POTENTIALLY MAYBE A MILLION DPLARTZ NEXT YEAR THAT COULD PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE ADD SERVICES SO WE COULD USE MORE OF THOSE SERVICES FOR THE CHRONIC HOMELESS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. DID FRANK FERNANDEZ MAKE IT BACK IN? OKAY. JULIAN HUERTO? TO BE FOLLOWED BY ELIZABETH COLVIN. WELCOME.

MY NAME IS JULIAN AND I'M WITH FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES ALSO. AND I'M HERE TO ASK FOR IS THE CITY'S INVESTMENT AND TO SUPPORT SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUNITIES IN AUSTIN. FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS, FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES HAS IMPLEMENTED A SUCCESSFUL MODEL OF PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL AND ASSET BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH ON-SITE AT OUR PROPERTIES. WE'VE SEEN THAT PROVIDING SERVICES RIGHT WHERE PEOPLE LIVE CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO BENEFIT FROM OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE THEIR SKILLS AND IMPROVE THEIR LIFE. IF A FAMILY CAN WALK DOWN TO AN ON-SITE COMMUNITY CENTER, THINGS THAT HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN BARRIERS, LACK OF TRANSPORTATION OR CHILD CARE, CAN HAVE MUCH LESS OF A NEGATIVE IMPACT. ONE OF THE WREARZ WE'VE SEEN THE ON-SITE MODEL WORK BEST IS IN OUR FREE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. BECAUSE WE PROVIDE HOUSING FOR SO MANY SINGLE FAMILIES, HAVING A SAFE, SUPERVISED ENVIRONMENT WHERE KIDS CAN GO AFTER SCHOOL IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT FOR MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS' ABILITY TO KEEP THEIR JOBS. OUR PROGRAMS NOT ONLY SERVE RESIDENTS, BUT THEY'RE ALSO AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES WHO LIVE IN THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS. OVER THE YEARS OUR AFTER COOL PROGRAMS HAVE EVOLVED FROM BEING SORT OF SAFE DROP-IN CENTERS TO BEING STRUCTURED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT BUILD ON AND COMPLIMENT THE WORK THAT KIDS DO IN SCHOOL. WE'RE CURRENTLY SERVING ABOUT 400 CHILDREN IN OUR ON-SITE LEARNING CENTERS AND WE'RE PROUD TO SAY THAT MOST OF THOSE KIDS ARE IMPROVING THEIR GRADES, PASSING ALL THEIR CLASSES AND COLLECTIVELY THEY'RE MAINTAINING ABOUT A B AVERAGE IN SCHOOL. BUT AS OUR PROGRAMS HAVE GROWN, SO HAVE OUR COSTS. AND AN INVESTMENT FROM CONSTITUENT WOULD ENABLE US TO GROW AND IMPROVE THOSE PROGRAMS. ANOTHER WAY WE HELP FAMILIES IS THROUGH OUR ASSET BUILDING TUPTS,

WHICH ENABLE FAMILIES TO SAVE MONEY, IMPROVE THEIR MONEY MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND INVEST THEIR SAVINGS INTO PROTECTIVE ASSETS THAT HELP THEM ENSURE THEIR LONG-TERM SELF-SUFFICIENT SEIZE. OUR IDA'S ARE MATCH SAVING ACCOUNTS WHERE PARTICIPANT CZ EARN UP TO A TWO PERCENT MATCH FOR THEIR SAVINGS. THEY CAN SAVE TOWP \$1,800 OVER THREE YEARS AND EARN A MATCH OF \$3,600. AND THAT MONEY CAN ONLY ONL BE USED FOR BUYING A HOUSE, STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS OR PAYING FOR COLLEGE OR TRAINING EXPENSES. SO FAR WEECH HELPED 76 FAMILIES BUY THEIR FIRST HOMES THROUGH THE IDA PROGRAM. MANY OF THOSE FAMILIES HAVE HAD REALLY POOR CREDIT AND A LOT OF THEM DID NOT EVEN HAVE BANK ACCOUNTS WHEN THEY FIRST STARTED. BUT WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE THEM THE TOOLS AND MOTIVATION TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING THAT A LOT OF THEM THOUGHT THEY NEVER COULD. IDA'S ARE A GREAT WAY TO HELP LOW APPEARED MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES AFFORD A HOME IN AUSTIN EVEN AS OUR HOUSING COSTS CONTINUE TO RISE. OOCIALTION EVERY TIME WE HELP ONE OF OUR RESIDENT BUY THEIR OWN HOME APPEARED MOVE OUT OF OUR AFFORDABLE UNITS WE CREATE A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR ANOTHER FAMILY WHO NEED AN AFFORDABLE, SAFE PLACE TO LIVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS REQUEST.

Mayor Wynn: ELIZABETH COLVIN. WELCOME.

I'M ELIZABETH COLVIN WITH FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES APPEARED I RUN THE COMMUNITY TAX CENTER PROGRAM. TONIGHT YOU'VE HEARD A LOT OF TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT ISN'T WORTZ IT, BUT I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT A PROGRAM THAT IS WORTH A LOT AND THAT IS THE COMMUNITY TAX CENTER PROGRAM. THE CENTER INVESTED \$50,000 IN THIS PROGRAM FOR THIS PAST TAX SEASON AND WE WERE ABLE TO LEVERAGE THAT MONEY WITH OTHER FUNDING AND DO 10,000 TAX RETURNS AND BRING IN ALMOST 13 MILLION INTO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THE CITY HAS DOUBLED ITS INVESTMENT WHEN LUKE AT THAT MONEY BEING SPENT IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY IT'S COMING BACK TO YOU AND THERE ARE VERY FEW PROGRAMS THAT HAVE THIS TYPE OF RETURN ON INVESTMENT. THAT BENEFIT A TARGETED COMMUNITY, THE WORKING POOR IN AUSTIN,

AND BENEFIT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. I'D LYING FOR YOU TO SEE WHAT OTHER CITIES HAVE DONE BECAUSE QUITE HONESTLY AUSTIN IS MISSING OUT ON AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND SAVING PEOPLE PREDATORY TAX -- PREPARE TAX PREPARATION FEES O BACK OF HA... THIS HANDOUT YOU WILL SEE WHAT OTHER CITIES ARE DOING. SAN ANTONIO IS A NATIONAL LEADER IN EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND FREE TAX PREPARATION. THEY'VE STUDY IT HAD, THEY'VE LOOKED AT THE ECONOMICS AND THEY UNDERSTAND THAT IT GOOD POLICY TO INVEST MONEY IN THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE OF THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT AND THE BENEFIT TO THE CITIZENS OF SAN ANTONIO. AS CAN YOU SEE, THEY HAVE ACTUALLY 31 AS PART OF A CITY PROGRAM. THEY INVEST 415,000 AND THEY REAP 39 MILLION IN REFUNDS. AND WITH THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT THAT BRINGS BACK ALMOST 50 MILLION INTO THE LOCAL ECONOMY THROUGH THE ACTIVITY GENERATES. AUSTIN NEEDS TO STEP UP AND DO WHAT SAN ANTONIO AND CHICAGO AND PHOENIX AND OTHER CITIES ARE DOING AND SUPPORT IT FREE TAX PREPARATION. WE'RE ASKING FOR \$100,000 THIS YEAR. WITH THAT MONEY WE CAN LEVERAGE IT, DO OVER 12,000 TAX RETURNS AND BRING 16 MILLION INTO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THANK YOU.

McCracken: MAYOR, I HAVE A QUESTION OF THE CITY MANAGER. I KNOW WE'VE INVESTED IN THIS LAST YEAR. DO WE HAVE THAT INVESTMENT IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET AS WELL.

I ACTUALLY DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. I ACTUALLY MADE A NOTE WHILE SHE WAS TALKING. JOHN WILL BE TABLE TO SPEAK TO THAT.

CITY MANAGER, I'M GOING TO CHECK ON THAT, BUT AS FAR AS I KNOW THE FUNDING IS IN FOR THIS YEAR, SAIMENT 50,000-DOLLAR LEVEL IT'S IN.

ONCE AGAIN, WE TRIED IN THE BASE BUDGET TO KEEP EVERYTHING LEVEL, AND THIS WAS A NEW PROGRAM THAT WE STARTED. WE HAD SOME ON-SITE SERVICES FOR OUR EMPLOYEES AND I KNOW WE ALL THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE A GOOD IDEA AND BENEFICIAL NOT JUST TO THE

ECONOMY, BUT ALSO TO OUR EMPLOYEES.

McCracken: AND ELIZABETH, COULD YOU TELL US, THIS IS A TOTAL HOMERUN ALL THE WAY AROUND, BUT JUST FOR ALL OF US HERE INDICT AS TO KNOW WHAT IS THE INVESTMENT OF \$50,000 FROM THE CITY LAST YEAR, WHAT DID Y'ALL DO?

WE DID 10,206 TAX RETURNS, AND THE TOTAL REFUND AMOUNT THAT THOSE RETURNS GENERATED WAS ALMOST \$13 MILLION. AND THOSE ARE RESIDENTS IN AUSTIN, AND THAT MONEY WILL BE SPENT HERE LOCALLY. AND SAN ANTONIO AND OTHER CITIES ESTIMATE ABOUT 75% OF THAT MONEY WILL BE SPENT LOCALLY ON TAXABLE GOODS, WHICH THE CITY WILL THEN GET ONE PERCENT OF WITH YOUR SALES TAX. AND THEN OF COURSE THERE'S A MULTIPLIER EFFECT, SO WITH YOUR 50,000-DOLLAR INVESTMENT, YOU GOT OVER \$115,000 BACK. WITH 100,000-DOLLAR INVESTMENT, YOU WILL GET OVER \$150,000 BACK AND YOU WILL ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO GROW THIS PROGRAM AND REALLY BENEFIT THE CITY LIKE WE SHOULD BE DOING.

Futrell: WHEN YOU FPAWK THE DIRECT IMPACT TO OUR IMEERKSZ I JUST GOT -- EMPLOYEES, I JUST GOT AN E-MAIL HERE THAT SAID BAIFBLY WE HELPED 118 EMPLOYEES AND THAT GENERATED A LITTLE UNDER 200,000 IN REFUND FOR EMPLOYEES, ABOUT \$190,000.

Mayor Wynn: GREAT. HELEN VARDY. SHE SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK, AS DID LINDA THOMAS. LINDA THOMAS? ARE YOU MS. THOMAS? OKAY, WELCOME. AND A COUPLE OF FOLKS WANTED TO DONATE TIME TO YOU, LINDA. IS SHELLY GEORGE HERE?

YES, SHE IS.

Mayor Wynn: SHELLY GEORGE? OKAY. AND HOW ABOUT BILLY SPIEF.....SPIVEY.

WE HAD A NUMBER OF FAMILIES HERE, BUT HER LITTLE BABY WAS HERE.

YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTE IF YOU NEED IT.

MY NAME IS LINDA THOMAS AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SICKLE CELL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN, MARK THOMAS CHAPTER. I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST THANK AND RECOGNIZE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK ABOUT SICKLE CELL DISEASE. MANY OF OUR FAMILIES WHO WERE HERE HAD TO LEAVE BECAUSE SICK HE WILL SICKLE CELL DISEASE IS A LIFE-THREATENING HEREDITARY BLOOD DISEASE, BUT THEY WANTED TO BE HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR AGENCY AND SICKLE CELL DISEASE. SICKLE CELL DISEASE IS A LIFE-THREATENING HEREDITARY BLOOD DISORDER THAT ATTACKS THE RED BLOOD CELLS, CUTTING OFF OXYGEN TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE BODY, CAUSING EXCRUCIATING PAIN KNOWN AS PAIN CRISIS. THESE SICK HE WILL CELLS CAN -- SICKLE CELLS CAN DAMAGE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE BOARKSD THE LUNGS, LIVE, HEART, KIDNEY AND OTHER PARTS. THERE ARE OVER 80,000 INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE. AND SICKLE CELL TRAIT AFFECT OVER 2.. 2.5 MILLION. SICKLE CELL DISEASE AFFECT PRIMARILY AFRICAN-AMERICANS, HISPANICS, ASIANS, ITALIANS, GREEKS, AND PEOPLE OF MEDITERRANEAN DECENT. THERE IS NO CURE. LIFE EXPECTANTLY FOR PEOPLE WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE IS APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS OF AGE. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

WENT, WE SINCERELY THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER SHERYL COLE, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, AND THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. AND WE THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO HELP OUR FAMILIES BY ENHANCING AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL PERSONS DEVASTATED BY SICKLE CELL DISEASE, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. THOMAS. [APPLAUSE]

Cole: MAYOR, I HAD A FEW QUESTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, MS. THOMAS, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING, ASK SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT CAME WITH YOU TO STAND IN SUPPORT OF YOU WHILE I ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS.

YOU ALL PLEASE STAND.

THANK YOU. MS. THOMAS, CAN YOU TELL ME IF YOU CURRENTLY USE A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FOR YOUR BOOKKEEPING?

YES, WE DO. AND HE AUDITS OUR BOOKS VERY CLOSELY.

AND DOES HE PREPARE YOUR INCOME TAX RETURNS?

YES, HE DOES.

Cole: WOULD YOU WELCOME ASSISTANCE FROM THE CITY ON -- IN ADMINISTRATIVE BASIS?

WE WOULD GLADLY WELCOME THAT.

Cole: WOULD YOU ALSO WELCOME ASSISTANCE FROM THE CITY IN APPLYING THE PROCESS FOR C.A.N.?

YES, WE WOULD.

Cole: ALL RIGHT, I CERTAINLY THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: LET'S SEE, DID I CALL YOUR NAME EARLIER, I GUESS? YES. GABRIEL TORRES, STEP RIGHT UP. YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY FRANK FERNANDEZ.

KIND OF SHORT, SO MAYBE --

YOU CAN USE THE MICROPHONE THERE ON THE SIDE.

OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: THERE YOU GO.

[INDISCERNIBLE] MAY I APPROACH, MR. MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: YES, YOU MAY.

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU A PRESENT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

A BRINGS LET.

IT'S FOR -- A BRACELET FOR EVERYBODY ON THE COUNCIL, IT REPRESENTS MARK THOMAS, LINDA'S HUSBAND WHO PASSED AWAY LAST MAY FOR SICKLE CELL DISEASE, JUST REMIND YOU ABOUT THIS. [APPLAUSE]

> HELLO, AUSTIN, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE TO STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR THIS AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU. MY NAME IS GABRIEL GEORGE, I AM 7 YEARS OLD, AND I'M GOING TO THE SECOND GRADE. WHEN I WAS THREE YEARS OLD, MY PARENTS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MAIL -- IN THE MAIL FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LETTING THEM KNOW THAT I WAS BEING DIAGNOSED WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE. I WANT TO TELL YOU MY UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT SICKLE CELL DISEASE, THAT -- THAT AFFECTS THE LOW BLOOD CELLS. IN CASE YOU MAY NOT KNOW, THE RED BLOOD CELLS HAVE VERY IMPORTANT JOB. THEIR JOB IS TO CARRY OXYGEN TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE BODY. ANY ORGANS IN YOUR BODY, THAT REQUIRES OXYGEN, THAT IS EVERY PART THAT GETS OXYGEN, SO -- SO THE -- GET THE OXYGEN, THAT REQUIRES OXYGEN, BECAUSE THE RED BLOOD CELLS ARE DOING THEIR -- WEREN'T DOING THEIR JOB. NORMAL RED BLOOD CELLS ARE SHAPED LIKE DOUGHNUTS WITHOUT THE HOLE, JUST A LITTLE C. THESE NORMAL SHAPED CELLS ARE SOFT AND SWISH SHE, THEY FLOW THROUGH THE VEINS WITH THESE. NOW AS YOU ARE SITTING LISTENING TO ME, YOUR RED BLOOD CELLS ARE SMOOTHLY AND EASILY FLOWING THROUGH EVERY PART OF YOUR BODY. BUT PEOPLE WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE THE RED BLOOD CELLS ARE SHAPED LIKE BAN MANS OR SICK -- BAN MAN MANS OR SICKLES WHICH IS WHERE THE NAME OF THE DISEASE COMES FROM, NOT ONLY ARE THEY BANANA SHAPED BUT THEY BREAK APART VERY EASILY, THEY GET VERY HARD AND STICKY. SO THEY DO NOT FLOW VERY WELL TO THE VEINS. THIS CAUSES THOSE PARTS OF THE BODY THAT NEED OXYGEN TO BECOME DAMAGED. JUST IMAGINE WITH ME NOT GETTING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF OXYGEN, DO YOU

KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

Mayor Wynn: NO.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN? JUST IMAGINE WITH ME IF RIGHT NOW YOUR BRAIN WAS NOT GETTING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF OXYGEN. DO YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

WHAT?

YOU WOULD GET A STROKE. THAT IS JUST ONE OF THE METHODS -- MANY EFFECTS THAT SICKLE CELL DISEASE HAS ON THESE AFFLICTED BY THIS DISEASE. WE ARE ALSO AT GREATER RISK OF INFECTIONS, PNEUMONIA, KIDNEY AND LIVER FAILURE AND IMPAIRED LUNGS AND EVEN SPLEEN DAMAGE. AS A WAY TO HELP PREVENT INFECTIONS, WE NEED TO TAKE PENICILLIN EVERY DAY. I HAVE TO TAKE PENICILLIN EVERY DAY, TWICE A DAY UNTIL I TURN SIX YEARS -- SIX YEARS OLD. I WAS DEFINITELY HAPPY TO TURN SIX. BUT THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT I DO, TO HELP ME STAY HEALTHY. HERE ARE A FEW. I DRINK LOTS OF FLUIDS, GET PLENTY OF REST, EAT HEALTHY, I AM ACTUALLY A VEGETARIAN, BUT WE LEARN LOTS OF INFORMATION FROM MS. LINDA. SHE IS VERY HELPFUL TO MY FAMILY. WE SIMPLY, I HAD MY TONSILS AND ADD.... ADENOIDS REMOVED AND MS. LINDA GAVE MY PARENTS LOTS OF INFORMATION FOR THE SURGERY. I HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED LAST OCTOBER FOR PAIN CRISIS. MS. LINDA CAME TO THE HOSPITAL TO SEE ME EVERY TIME I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL. SHE HAS CAME TO SEE ME WHEN SHE SHOWS UP WITH A BEAUTIFUL SMILE AND A HELPING HAND AND A WONDERFUL SUPPORT. SHE EVEN GIVES ME CASES OF WATER TO HELP KEEP ME HYDRATED. THIS PAST CHRISTMAS SHE GOT TICKETS FOR ALL OF THE KIDS WITH SICKLE CELL TO SEE A CHRISTMAS CARROLL, WE EVEN GOT TO GO TO THE CONCERT THE PARAMOUNT THEATER. PLEASE ALLOW GOD TO MOVE ON YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS AS YOU MAKE THE DECISION TO FUND THE SICKLE CELL ASSOCIATION. THE SICKLE CELL ASSOCIATION IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION THAT -- THAT FORCES -- FOCUSES SOLELY ON THE SICKLE CELL DISEASE AND HELPING THOSE AFFECTED BY -- BY MS. LINDA THANK YOU FOR THIS. AND AVAILABLE SERVICES THAT YOU

PROVIDE, MAYBE -- MAYBE YOU CAN DO WHAT GOD HAS BLESSED YOU TO DO. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO RICHLY BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC]

MY NAME IS SHERYL GEORGE, I AM A LAW PROFESSOR, I TEACH CRIMINAL LAW AS ONE OF THE CLASSES. AND IN OUR SYSTEM, WE GRADE PAPERS ANONYMOUSLY. ALL I KNOW OF A STUDENT IS A NUMBER. I HAVE NO IDEA WHOSE PAPER I'M LOOKING AT. I CAN HAVE AS MANY AS 80 PAPERS THAT I'M GRADING. I HAVE TO REMIND MYSELF WHEN I AM GRADING PAPERS THAT THESE ARE REAL PEOPLE. AND THAT I HAVE THEIR LIVES, THEIR LEGAL CAREERS IN MY HANDS. AS YOU MAKE THIS DECISION, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO REMEMBER THAT AS WELL. WE ARE REAL PEOPLE. MY HUSBAND WORKS AT DELL, OUR CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL IN TRAVIS COUNTY, GO TO CHURCH IN TRAVIS COUNTY, WE TRAVEL UP AND DOWN I-35 EVERY DAY. SO WHEN YOU MAKE THIS DECISION, REMEMBER TONIGHT ONE OF THE KIDS THAT GOT SO SICK HE HAD TO LEAVE. YOU KNOW, YOUR SIGN OUT FRONT SAYS NO DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN HERE. THESE KIDS HAVE TO STAY HYDRATED. ONE OTHER THING THAT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER, WHEN YOU PUT THINGS ON THE AGENDA, IF LITTLE CHILDREN ARE SPEAKING, COULD YOU THINK ABOUT MAYBE PUTTING THEM EARLIER IN THE EVENING BECAUSE THESE ARE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO CONSIDER ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. WHEN GABRIEL WE FOUND OUT HE HAD TO HAVE HIS TONSILS AND ADENOIDS REMOVED, DOCTOR WELLS TOLD US HE MIGHT HAVE HAVE TO HAVE A BLOOD TRANSFUSION TO HAVE A BASIC OPERATION THAT YOU WOULDN'T THINK TWICE ABOUT. SICKLE CELL DISEASE KILLS PEOPLE. TO HEAR LINDA SAY THAT THE LIFE EXPECTANCY IS 40, MAYBE NONE OF YOU HAVE REACHED 40, BUT THAT'S REALLY YOUNG, PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE TO HELP CHILDREN LIKE GABRIEL AND ALL OF THE MANY, MANY CHILDREN WHO ARE VERY, VERY ILL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, GOD BLESS YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

FERNANDEZ, WELCOME. ALTHOUGH GABRIEL IS A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW.

I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN FOLLOW THAT. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO BE BRIEF. IF I COULD JUST --

SURE.

A TABLE THAT SOME OF THE LOCAL CHODA'S PUT TOGETHER. FRANK FERNANDEZ, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MY ORGANIZATION, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS AS WELL AS ON BEHALF OF HOUSING WORKS AND WE ARE -- I'M HERE TONIGHT TO TALK ABOUT THE -- WHAT YOU ALL ARE TALKING ABOUT NOW WITH RESPECT TO THE BUDGET, TALKING INCREASING FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. MANY OF US WERE HERE JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO TALKING ABOUT THE ISSUE IN TERMS OF THE BONDS. AND THE BONDS ARE GREAT HISTORIC STEP IN - - TOWARDS ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF HOUSING COMPREHENSIVELY, WE ARE DEFINITELY THANKFUL FOR THE -- FOR WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THAT. ALL YOU KNOW, THE BONDS ARE -- TAKING A LITTLE TIME FOR THAT MONEY TO BE AVAILABLE. THE BUDGET THIS IS MONEY THAT COULD BE AVAILABLE MUCH MORE IMMEDIATELY AND AS WE DISCUSSED, DURING THOSE HEARINGS MYSELF AND MANY OTHERS, THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS GREAT, NOT ONLY IS IT -- IS IT VERY ACUTE, IT IS IMMEDIATE. ONE -- AT TASK FORCE MEETINGS, THAT WAS THROWN OUT, THAT BRADLEY WAS AT IN JULY OF THIS MONTH, THE MEDIAN PRICE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NOW \$236,000. WHICH IS PRETTY AMAZING WHEN YOU LOOK AT OTHER URBAN CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRIES WERE, THE REAL ESTATE MARKETS STARTING DOWN, FLATTENING, GOING DOWN, WE ARE STILL KIND OF UP. WHEN YOU READ THE PAPER, SAME THING, THE RENTAL MARKET IS GOING DOWN. THIS IS HAVING A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF CITIZENS IN AUSTIN RIGHT NOW. WHAT I PROVIDED TO YOU WAS A LISTING OF DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS AND CHODOS, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN TOWN. THE PROJECTS THAT THEY HAVE, THEY ARE WORKING ON THAT THEY COULD POTENTIALLY GO IN NOW, IF THE FUNDING WAS AVAILABLE.

THE OTHER PART OF THE ISSUE IS THAT THE BONDS, THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO WITH THE BONDS, BUT THERE'S SOME THINGS THAT YOU CANNOT. IF YOU WERE TO ADD ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THIS, THAT WOULD HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY THAT YOU COULD DO THINGS LIKE MORE REHAB, SOME OF THE EMERGENCY VOUCHERS, SPECIFICALLY WE ARE LOOKING TO DO TWO SMALLER PROJECTS, THAT WOULD BE ABOUT 16 UNITS THAT WOULD FOCUS MOSTLY ON VETERANS AND THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. THIS MORNING I TOOK A CALL, THE WOMAN WITH TWO KIDS, ASKING US, DO YOU HAVE ANY HOUSING, I'M IN A HOTEL. I'M GOING TO BE KICKED OUT ON SATURDAY, I DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT ME, WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH MY KIDS, I DO NOT WANT TO BE PUT ON THE STREET. 211, CARITAS, SALVATION ARMY. NO ONE HAS THIS. FOR THAT SECOND. THERE'S A HUGE, HUGE NEED. I THINK THERE'S SOME OTHER FOLKS HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT SOME OF THE DIFFERENT NEEDS, I WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO NOT ONLY GO AHEAD AND APPROVE WHAT THE -- WHAT THE -- THE CDBG THAT PAUL PRESENTED EARLIER, BUT ALSO THINK ABOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING, WHICH IS WHAT WE LAY OUT IN THAT LETTER. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, FRANK. STEVEN KRAMER. STEVEN CRAIGER. WELCOME, SIR. AND THE SECOND --
[INDISCERNIBLE] FRED, WELCOME. SIX MINUTES IF YOU WILL NEED IT. YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MICHAEL
[INDISCERNIBLE]

WELL, AFTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SICKLE CELL ANEMIA, I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT SOFTBALL. AND IT IS A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW. MY NAME IS STEVEN CRAIGER, I AM PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTIN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. ABOUT A WEEK AGO, MAYBE WEEK AND A HALF AGO, I PUT IN YOUR BOX UP THERE THIS LETTER, I DON'T KNOW IF EVERYONE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ IT. BUT IT'S BASICALLY A LETTER WITH THE CHART ATTACHED AND OUR -- WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS WE WANT TO HAVE THE LEAGUE SOFTBALL FEES REDUCED FROM THE CURRENT AMOUNT, \$378 DOWN TO 300. AND RIGHT NOW, ACCORDING TO THE -- TO THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY THAT PARD DID, FOR -- FOR PUBLIC PROGRAMS, NOT PRIVATE PROGRAMS. BUT PUBLIC PROGRAMS, AUSTIN IS THE HIGHEST IN THE STATE. AND IT'S

SIGNIFICANT. ON THE CHART, THAT ATTACHED TO THE LETTER, I HAVE AUSTIN WITH THE CURRENT FEES AND THEN I HAVE AUSTIN WITH THE \$300 PER SESSION FEE, WHICH PUTS US ABOUT IN THE MIDDLE. BASICALLY, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT LOWERING THE FEES AND IN THE LETTER IT STATES, AND I HAVE SPOKEN WITH WARREN STRUSS, ABOUT HOW TO BEST ACCOMPLISH THAT AND THAT IS BASICALLY MOVING THE MAINTENANCE MONEY, THE -- THE TOTAL COST OF MAINTENANCE FOR THE CRAIG FIELDS AND THE HAVENS FIELDS OVER FROM THE ENTERPRISE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND. NOW, THERE'S NO OTHER PROGRAM THAT WE KNOW OF IN THE STATE THAT ASIDE FROM PRIVATE COMPLEXES, OBVIOUSLY, THAT ARE RUN ON AN ENTERPRISE FUND. THEY ARE ALL FUNDED THROUGH GENERAL REVENUE OR PROGRAM REVENUE. OKAY? SO AUSTIN IS VERY UNIQUE. NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO GO OVER THE HISTORY OF HOW WE GAVE AN ENTERPRISE FUND. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE -- HOW MANY OF YOU FOLKS KNOW THAT. BUT BASICALLY IN -- I BELIEVE IN 1998 THERE WAS A MOVEMENT TO -- TO TAKE OVER THE SOFTBALL PROGRAM BY THE FOLKS THAT ARE IN PLEASANT VALLEY SPORTS COMPLEX AND THEY CAUSED AN R.F.P. TO BE PUT OUT, THERE WERE THREE BIDDERS, THEY WERE THE PEOPLE THAT OWNED SPORTS PLEX, PLEASANT VALLEY SPORTS PLEX AND US AS A SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY. THE CITY WON THE R.F.P. AND RAN IT AS AN ENTERPRISE FUND. AND FRANKLY I THINK THAT IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO WHY THE FEES ARE AS HIGH AS THEY ARE. AS I SAID, FOR -- FOR PUBLIC [INDISCERNIBLE] RESPONDED TO OUR SURVEY, AUSTIN IS THE HIGHEST. I'M NOT SURE THAT WE REALLY WANT TO BE KNOWN FOR THAT. I THINK THAT IT IS A VERY DOABLE PROPOSITION TO MOVE THAT MONEY FROM THE ENTERPRISE FUND FOR MAINTENANCE TO THE GENERAL FUND. I ALSO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE DO NOT WANT ANY OTHER PROGRAM TO BE AFFECTED BY THIS MOVE. IN OTHER WORDS, WE DON'T WANT THE TENNIS PROGRAM OR THE SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANYTHING ELSE TO TAKE A HIT. BECAUSE OF WHAT WE WANT TO DO. I WANT TO MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR. I DON'T -- THAT'S IT IN A NUTSHELL. I HAVE MET WITH THE CITY MANAGER, MR. MARTINEZ, I HAVE APPOINTMENTS SET UP WITH THE REST OF YOU FOLKS TO GO OVER THIS ON AN

INDIVIDUAL BASIS. BUT SINCE THIS WAS PARD BUDGET HEARING, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT I GO AHEAD AND MENTION THIS TO ALL OF YOU AT ONCE. THE -- THE PARTICIPATION FROM 1998 TO NOW HAS BEEN RELATIVELY FLAT. AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS FOR THAT. ONE OF WHICH IS -- AS WE HAVE GROWN THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF SUBURBAN AREAS THAT DID NOT HAVE SOFTBALL PROGRAMS, START SOFTBALL PROGRAMS AND THEY HAVE NEW FIELDS, THEY ARE CHEAPER AND PEOPLE ARE GOING THERE INSTEAD OF COMING TO US. I -- I'M NOT GOING TO LIE TO YOU. I DON'T HAVE EVIDENCE. I DON'T HAVE STATISTICS TO PROVE THAT IF WE LOWER THE FEES, THAT'S GOING TO CREATE A HUGE INFLUX OF NEW TEAMS BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE. BUT I DO THINK THAT WE WILL INCREASE PARTICIPATION. BY LOWERING THE FEES, I ALSO FEEL LIKE THAT FOR THE TEAMS THAT ARE PLAYING IT WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO US, TOO, BECAUSE I PLAY TWICE A WEEK AND SEVEN SESSIONS A YEAR AND IT'S A TINY LITTLE SUM WHEN YOU START ADDING IT UP. SO -- SO SOFTBALL PLAYERS BY AND LARGE ARE JUST, YOU KNOW, MIDDLE CLASS FOLKS DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MONEY. ANYTHING THAT WE CAN GET WILL BE HELPFUL. I'LL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, ANYBODY HAS --

QUESTIONS FOR STEPHEN.

THANK YOU, SIR. JENNIFER MCPHAIL, WELCOME.

I'M JENNIFER MCPHAIL, I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU TONIGHT THE BUDGET FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS IN NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. ADAPT WANTED TO BE ON RECORD THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE ENOUGH AFFORDABLE ACCESSIBLE INTEGRATED HOUSING THAT -- TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, I'VE BEEN THINKING ALL EVENING WHILE WAITING FOR MY TURN TO SPEAK ABOUT -- ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE -- THE DEMAND FOR -- FOR AFFORDABLE OR ACCESSIBLE HOUSING HAS GONE DOWN AND I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF ADAPT FOR 16 YEARS, I CAN'T REMEMBER ONE YEAR WHEN THE DEMAND ACTUALLY WENT DOWN. EVERY YEAR IT'S INCREASED. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT -- THAT THE CITY HAS -- HAS LIMITS TO ITS CAPABILITY OF ADMINISTRATING THESE PROGRAMS, BUT THE DEMAND FOR ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

THAT'S AFFORD WRABL TO PEOPLE THAT LIVE AT 15% OF THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME WHICH IS \$603 A MONTH BY THE WAY. I DON'T THINK THAT I CAN SAY THAT ENOUGH. PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN LIVING AT THAT LEVEL OR INSTITUTIONALIZED BECAUSE THEY CAN'T FIND ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE OTHER THING THAT I WANTED TO MENTION IS SOMETHING PERSONAL. MY NIECES TWO WEEKS AGO CAME DOWN FROM COLORADO SPRINGS TO VISIT. THEY SPENT A COUPLE OF NIGHTS WITH ME IN MY APARTMENT. WHY IS THIS REMARKABLE? WELL, THE FIRST 19 YEARS OF MY LIFE I LIVED IN HOUSING THAT WAS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO ME. THE ONLY REASON IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO VISIT ME IS BECAUSE I HAD HOUSING THAT OF COURSE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO ME. IT MAY BE ORDINARY FOR YOU TO LIVE AND LOVE AND PLAY WITH YOUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. BUT IT'S EXTRAORDINARY TO A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE STRUGGLED EVERY DAY TO PARTICIPATE IN A SOCIETY WHERE WE ARE NOT VERY VALUED. HOW DO I KNOW THAT I'M NOT VERY VALUED? BECAUSE ALL THAT I HAVE TO DO IS GO OUT THE FRONT DOOR AND YOU SEE STEPS AND CURBS AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT GO ALONG WITH IT AND ALL OF THE -- THE SEGREGATION THAT FOLLOWS. I THINK THAT YOU NEED TO KEEP THAT IN MIND AS WELL. I DO -- UNDERSTAND THAT EVERY BUDGET CYCLE THERE'S LOFTY DEMAND FOR THE MONEY THAT YOU HAVE AND NEVER ENOUGH MONEY TO MEET THAT DEMAND. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN, TO BURN DINNER, TO -- TO BREAK UP THE FIGHTS THAT THEY HAVE BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO PLAY IN MY MANUAL WHEELCHAIR BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE LIKE THEIR AUNT JENNIFER. YOU CAN'T PUT ON PRICE ON THAT. I WANTED TO REMIND YOU OF THAT, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, JENNIFER. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: I DON'T SEE SPARKEY SIGNED UP. DOES HE WANT TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. HE'S NOT ON THE SIGNUP SHEET.

[INDISCERNIBLE]

YEAH, HE'S SAYING THAT HE DID SIGN UP AND THAT HE DOES -- HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

Mayor Wynn: WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK OUT IF I.. -- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP US, JENNIFER.

YEAH, SURE.

[WAITING FOR TRANSLATION]

SAY IT AGAIN, I'M SORRY.

OH, HE SAYS THAT HE BELIEVES HE ACCIDENTALLY SIGNED UP FOR ITEM NO. 75. [WAITING FOR TRANSLATION]

BECAUSE THE MACHINE DIDN'T LET HIM INTO 74.

Mayor Wynn: SORRY.

I JUST WANT TO REITERATE WHAT JENNIFER SAID. [WAITING ON TRANSLATION]

IT WAS TWO YEARS WHEN -- WHEN ME AND MY WIFE FIRST GOT ON SECTION 8. AND WE HAD A HARD TIME THAT -- THAT - - WE HAD A HARD TIME FINDING A HOUSE THAT WAS ACCESSIBLE.

I WOULD CALL UP PEOPLE AND ASK THEM IF THEIR PROPERTY WAS ACCESSIBLE. AND THEY SAID YES. AND THEN I GOT THERE AND FOUND OUT IT WAS NOT ACCESSIBLE. AND I WONDER IF THEY KNEW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ACCESSIBLE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SPARKEY. AND JENNIFER.

WE ALSO HAVE SOME THINGS IN WRITING THAT I WILL LEAVE FOR YOU. SOME OF YOU HAVE MET WITH US ALREADY AND HAVE IT, BUT FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT WE HAVE YET TO MEET WITH, I WILL LEAVE THESE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. MICHAEL COTTO NEXT SPEAKER. MICHAEL, WELCOME. FOLLOWED BY EMILY WHITEHURST.

EITHER SIDE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. MY NAME IS MICHAEL GOTTO. I'M HERE TODAY AS THE PRESIDENT OF GREEN HOMES, WHICH IS A NEW RELATIVELY NEW HOUSING NON-PROFIT IN AUSTIN. GREEN HOMES MISSION IS TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME RESIDENTS TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY PROVIDING DECENT, SAFE AND HEALTHY HOUSING AND TO COMBAT THE DETERIORATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT. GREEN HOMES STRATEGY IS TO REHABILITATE EXISTING HOUSING USING GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES AND TO LEVERAGE THIS THROUGH PROGRAMS SUCH AS AUSTIN ENERGY'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATES. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR THE CITY TO FUND THE GREENING OF AUSTIN AREA INTERRELIGIOUS MINISTRIES, HANDS ON HOUSING PROGRAM. GREEN HOMES HAS PARTNERED WITH THE AUSTIN AREA INTERRELIGIOUS MINISTRIES, TO BRING THEIR HANDS ON HOUSING PROGRAM, WHICH IS THE COMMUNITY WIDE EFFORT TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO THE RENOVATION OF HOMES OWNED BY LOW INCOME FAMILIES. LAST YEAR THE HANDS ON HOUSING PROGRAM PRESERVED THE HOMES OF 83 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF 2,000 VOLUNTEERS. THE AVERAGE CLIENT OF THE HAND ON HOUSING PROGRAM IS MORE THAN 70 YEARS OLD, AND LIVES ON A FIXED INCOME OF \$12,000 A YEAR. THE INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY MUST HAVE INCOME LESS THAN 125% OF FEDERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE PROPERTY LEVEL INCOME. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

THANK YOU, MR. COTTO. EMILY WHITEHURST. SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. MARJORIE MALONE. HELLO. FOLLOWEDLY LAWRENCE JOSEPH.

GOOD EVENING COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M MARGIE MALONE, I'M A THIRD GENERATION AUSTINITE. YOU KNOW, I JUST THINK THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO BRAG ABOUT THAT BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING TO BE A LITTLE BIT RARE. I AM ALSO A VOLUNTEER AT ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN. FIRST I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I THINK TOBY FUTRELL IS THE BEST

CITY MANAGER THAT WE HAVE EVER HAD. BY FAR. AND I --

Mayor Wynn: DON'T TELL HER THAT THIS TIME OF YEAR
[LAUGHTER]

I APPRECIATE TOBY, WHEN SHE HIRED WARREN STRUSS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PARD, HE'S THE PERFECT DECISION. AND SHE ALLOWED CITIZENS THAT ACTIVELY ARE INVOLVED WITH PARD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERVIEW PROCESS AND THAT WAS A WONDERFUL THING TO DO. WHEN WARREN BECAME DIRECTOR, THERE WERE SEVERAL FACILITIES THAT HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN ENOUGH ATTENTION OVER THE YEARS. HE HAS WORKED HARD AND MADE WONDERFUL PROGRESS TO REPAIR, CORRECT AND IMPROVE THOSE AREAS. HE HAS DEVELOPED A GREAT STAFF AND I FINDS ALL OF THEM VERY COMMITTED TO THEIR GOALS AND TO THE TAXPAYERS OF AUSTIN. YOU KNOW, WHILE SUMMERS ARE NORMALLY SLOW IN THE GARDEN, THIS SUMMER WAS REAL BUSY. IN JULY THE C.B.S. NATIONAL NEWS TEAM CHOSE TO FILM THE EARLY SHOW ON AUSTIN PARKLAND. AND ONE OF PARD STAFF MEMBERS IS A -- IS AN EMPLOYEE AT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN, WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO WIN THE WONDERFUL GREAT AMERICAN VACATION GIVE AWAY. ALSO, IN JUNE, THE ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN HOSTED A WELL ATTENDED SCREENING OF A FILM FEATURING THE MUSEUM OF ART AND GARDENS. WHICH HAPPENS TO BE THE HIGHEST RATED JAPANESE GARDEN IN JAPAN. PRESENTLY THERE IS ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION ON IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TANAGUCHI JAPANESE GARDEN AND THEN ELSEWHERE IN THE GARDEN, THE GARDEN CLUBS OF AUSTIN, RECENTLY RAISED FUNDS TO INSTALL A NEW WATER FEATURE IN THE BURN BED. SO WE HAVE BEEN REAL BUSY THIS SUMMER. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET AS PROPOSED. THE BOTANICAL GARDEN IS VISITED BY OVER 375,000 PEOPLE. THE PROPOSAL INCREASE FOR THE BOTANICAL GARDEN ALLOWS US TO HAVE FUNDING AT OVER \$2 PER VISITOR. THAT'S A LEVEL THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD BEFORE. IT PUTS US MORE IN LINE WITH OTHER MUNICIPAL PUBLIC GARDENS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THE GARDEN IS BY THE WAY VERY WELL RECEIVED BY NOT ONLY LOCAL, OUT OF STATE, BUT INTERNATIONAL VISITORS AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR WRITTEN COMMENTS AND OUR FACILITIES GUEST BOOK. IT'S OBVIOUSLY VIEWED AS A

BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO -- TO VISIT. I HOPE THAT EACH OF YOU WILL FIND THE TIME SOON TO VISIT ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS AND ALSO EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY FIRSTHAND. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. LAURA JOSEPH.

TO BE FOLLOWED BY DON FREEMAN.

GOOD EVENING, I'M LAURA JOSEPH. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTIN AREA GARDEN COUNCIL. THAT IS A VERY UNIQUELY AUSTIN COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. WE ARE WORKING RIGHT NOW WITH -- WITH MR. STRUSS AND [INDISCERNIBLE] ON A NEW 10 YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THE -- WITH YOUR RENEWED INTEREST AND SUPPORT OF GARDEN, THERE ARE LOTS OF WONDERFUL THINGS GOING ON THERE RIGHT NOW. AND I HOPE THAT -- THAT THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, I WILL BE HERE TO -- TO TELL YOU WHAT EXACTLY WE HAVE DONE WITH THE ADDITIONAL STAFF AND THE RESOURCES THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED. WE URGE YOU TO VISIT THE GARDEN AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER GOOD YEAR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU, LAURA FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK. DON FREEMAN, WELCOME, DAWN. TO BE FOLLOWED BY SHIRLEY [INDISCERNIBLE]

THANK YOU, MY NAME IS DON FREEMAN, I'M A VOLUNTEER AT ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS. I BEGAN VOLUNTEERING IN 1979. I'M 75 YEARS OLD. I ENJOY IT. WE LOOK AT IT AS A PLACE TO -- TO INVOLVE A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS ACROSS AUSTIN. THEY COME DOWN AND LEARN HOW TO LANDSCAPE NEW HOMES. THEY LEARN WHAT PLANTS DO WELL HERE. IT'S A GREAT PLACE FOR EDUCATION AND FOR PARTICIPATION. THERE'S ABOUT 35 DIFFERENT CLUBS THAT MAKE UP THE -- THE AUSTIN AREA GARDEN COUNCIL. THEY STARTED OUT WITH JUST FIVE. AND BEGAN TO RAISE MONEY AND EVENTUALLY BUILD A GARDEN CENTER THERE. WITH THEIR FUNDS THEY BUILT A BUILDING IN 1964 WITH \$55,000. THAT WAS FOLLOWED BY THE TANAGUCHI GARDENS, I DID GET TO KNOW MR. TANAGUCHI HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB. HE WAS QUITE AN INSPIRATION. WE COULDN'T COMMUNICATE TOO WELL WITH HIM, BUT HE WAS ALWAYS BRINGING US A NEW PLANT, SOMETHING THAT HE HAD GRAFTED. IF THE PLANT WOULD HOLD STILL, HE WOULD TRY TO GRAFT SOMETHING NEW ON IT. AS WE PROGRESSED THROUGH THE YEARS, ANOTHER CLUB, THE ORCHID SOCIETY BUILT A TEA HOUSE THERE. AND THIS IS A GREAT PLACE FOR COOPERATION WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND -- AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN. ONE OF OUR MEMBERS HAS BEEN A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE OF TROPICAL PLANTS FOR AUSTIN. JOE MONTGOMERY HAS CONTRIBUTED NUMEROUS PLANTS AND WE HAVE A DEDICATED TROPICAL GARDEN THERE. THE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY BUILT A GARDEN IN 1989 AND '90. THESE ARE JUST SWEAT EQUITY THAT GOES INTO IMPROVING THE BOTANICAL GARDENS AND MAKING THEM A JOY FOR ANYONE THAT VISITS THERE. RECENTLY WE'VE HAD DAY LILI BEDS BUILT, A BUTTERFLY TRAIL AND BUTTERFLY LARVA BEDS MUCH ONE GENTLEMAN DONATED AN ENDOWMENT JUST FOR A CALADIUM BEDS. THE FUNDS FROM THAT OFF OF INTEREST IS EVERY YEAR WE PLANT THEM AROUND THE GARDEN FOR A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY. SOME OF OUR DONATIONS HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT. ROSE GARDEN GATE WAS DONATED BY DAVID AND CLAUDETTE HARTMAN. THAT WAS A \$50,000 DONATION. IF YOU HAVEN'T EVER STOP AND LOOKED AT THAT GATE, THAT WAS A GREAT WORK OF ART. HUGE LIMESTONE COLUMNS CARVED WITH FAUNA AND FLORA OF THE NATIVE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY. RECENTLY, THE MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BUILT A NEW GREENHOUSE DOWN THERE. WE DID THAT AS A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. WE BUILD THAT AND TWICE A YEAR WE ASK THEM WHAT PLANTS CAN WE GROW FOR YOU. IN THIS GREENHOUSE. AND GIVE US A LIST. AND WE TRY TO GROW THEM. THEY CAN PLANT THEM AROUND THE GARDENS THEN.

Mayor Wynn: SORRY YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. PLEASE CONCLUDE.

ALL RIGHT. THEN AGAIN I WANT TO THANK YOU, TOO, FOR THE INCREASE IN THE ATTENTION, THAT WAS GREAT TO SEE THAT YOU REMEMBERED THE BUDGET WAS CUT YEARS AGO

AND PUT IT BACK IN. WE CAN USE IT QUITE WELL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. SHIRLEY KELLER, WELCOME.
FOLLOWED BY MARRIETTE [INDISCERNIBLE]

MY NAME IS SHIRLEY CHOLER, AN AUSTIN RESIDENT AND A VOLUNTEER DOCENT IN THE ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS. I AM HERE TO DOCUMENT THE RANGE OF TOURS THAT WE LED THIS PAST SPRING. ZILKER BOTANICAL IS A PUBLIC GARDEN, PEOPLE FROM OTHER CITIES, OTHER STATES, OTHER COUNTRIES COME TO HAVE IT. WE HAVE LOTS OF VISITORS WHO COME AND COME BACK OFTEN. FOR THE RECORD, WE LET VOLUNTEER DOUGH -- WE LED VOLUNTEER DOCENT TOURS, WE THINK 32, MAYBE MORE, WE FORGET TO WRITE SOME DOWN. BUT ANYWAY THE TOUR HAS INCLUDED GROUPS FOR DALLAS, ABOUT THE TON HUGE, GARDEN GROUPS REALLY FROM DALLAS AND BATON ROUGE. WE HAD A TOUR FOR AN OUT OF STATE EVENT PLANNER, CONSIDERING AUSTIN FOR A FUTURE CONVENTION SITE. WE DID TOURS FOR THE JAPANESE SOCIETY OF GREATER AUSTIN FOR SENIORS, FOR GROUPS FROM LOCAL RECREATION CENTERS. WE LED TOURS FOR THE BOY SCOUTS, CUB SCOUTS, HOME SCHOOL GROUPS, DAYCARE GROUPS, SPECIAL ED GROUPS, A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS FROM AUSTIN, DALLAS, SAN ANTONIO -- SAN ANGELO AND AMARILLO. OUR NEXT SCHEDULED TOUR IS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM. I'M HERE AS YOU KNOW TO TELL YOU THAT IT TAKES MONEY AND EXPERTISE TO RUN A BOTANICAL GARDEN. IT'S A LIVING USE MUSEUM, NOT A PLAYGROUND. ALTHOUGH CHILDREN WHO VISIT ZILKER DO HAVE FUN JUDGING WHICH ROSES SMELL BEST, WHICH BUTTERFLIES LIKE WHICH PLANTS, HOW FERNS DIFFER FROM NATIVES AND OTHER PLANTS. MANY DIFFERENT HERB SMELLS AND MUCH MORE. CHILDREN LIKE THE BOTANICAL GARDEN, ESPECIALLY THE DINOSAUR AGAIN AND THE JAPANESE GARDEN THAT TANAGUCHI CREATED TO OUR CITY. UNFORTUNATELY SOME STEPPING STONES IN THE COY POND, NOW SUBMERGED. PREVENTING CHILDREN FROM CROSSING THE POND IS MR. MR. TANAGUCHI WOULD JUST [INDISCERNIBLE] THIS SMALL DETERIORATION SYMBOLIZES TO ME A LACK OF GOOD ATTENTION ON THIS GYM OF A PUBLIC GARDEN AS OURS, WE ARE NOT ASKING

FOR FUNDING TO LIFT US TO THE LEVEL OF DALLAS, FORT WORTH OR ALBUQUERQUE. ON THE OTHER HAND IT'S OUTRAGEOUS THAT SO MANY COY FISH DIED THIS SPRING, LIKELY FROM OVERSIGHT OR LACK OF HUMAN EXPERTISE. TO LET ANY PART OF THIS DELIGHTFUL CIVIC GARDEN DIE OR DETERIORATE DUE TO INADVOCATE FUNDING AND STAFFING IS OUTRAGEOUS. SO I'M REALLY ASKING YOU TO PROVIDE MORE EXPERT OVERSIGHT HERE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, SHIRLEY. MARION ALLS UP, WELCOME. TO BE FOLLOWED BY MARK GIBBS.

HELLO, THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS MARION ALLSUP, I'M THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE AUSTIN AREA GARDEN COUNCIL. I HAVE ALSO BEEN A DOSE SENT FOR THE PAST 11 YEARS, LEADING DOZENS OF TOURS THROUGH ZILKER EVERY YEAR. A SURVEY WAS TREENTLY BY THE AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN ASKING AUSTINITES THEIR FAVORITE OUTDOOR ACTIVITY. THE TOP ACTIVITY LISTED WAS GARDENING CHOSEN BY 47% OF THE RESPONDENTS. MAYBE THAT'S WHY WE ARE EXPECTING 450,000 VISITORS TO ZILKER THIS YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE ADULT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT HAPPEN AT THE GARDEN CENTER. OUR 33 MEMBER GARDEN CLUBS GIVE NUMEROUS PROGRAMS EVERY MONTH, MOST OF WHICH ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. SOME OF THIS YEAR'S TOPICS INCLUDE WATER CONSERVATION, INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY FROM WILDFIRES. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, SUCH AS HOW DO I CARE FOR THIS ORCHID, HOW DO I PRUNE THIS BONE SIGH, MOST IMPORTANT WHAT IS EATING MY PLANT, YOU CAN FIND A PROGRAM AT THE GARDEN CENTER. THE NEWCOMERS CLUB HELD A GARDEN TOUR THIS SPRING VISITING GARDENS FROM ENGLAND AND CALIFORNIA. WHERE DID THEY LEARN ABOUT CENTRAL TEXAS GARDENING, AS THE AUSTIN AREA GARDEN CENTER. SOME OF OUR CLUBS PROVIDE SPEAKER TO AREA GARDEN CLUBS AS FAR AWAY AS KERRVILLE. PROVIDES VOLUNTEER TO ANSWER 4,000 QUESTIONS EVERY YEAR BY TELEPHONE AT THE TRAVIS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE. EVEN AUSTINITES WHO ARE NOT INTERESTED IN GARDENING CAN ENJOY THE RESULTS OF THEIR NEIGHBORS EFFORTS TO BEAUTIFY THE

COMMUNITY. AND IN SUMMARY, SUPPORT FOR THE ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN AND THE GARDEN CENTER IS SUPPORT THAT THE ENTIRE CENTRAL TEXAS AREA. THIS CENTER IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES AUSTIN A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE INCREASE IN FUNDING TO HIRE SIX MORE STAFF THAT ARE CERTAINLY NEEDED. THIS EXTRA STAFFING ALONE WILL NOT BRING OUR GARDEN UP TO THE LEVEL OF DALLAS, SAN ANTONIO, FORT WORTH OR ALBUQUERQUE'S BOTANICAL GARDENS, BUT THEY ARE NEEDED AND THEIR ATTENTION TO THE GARDEN WILL BE NOTICED. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO AT LEAST BEGIN A DIALOGUE ABOUT HOW TO DEVELOP ZILKER INTO A WORLD CLASS BOTANICAL GARDEN, IT NOT NECESSARY TO BURN DEN THE TAXPAYERS WITH THE EXTRA EXPENSE. A \$3 ADMISSION FEE WOULD BRING IN REVENUES OF -- OF AT LEAST DOUBLE OF WHAT WE GET FROM THE CITY CURRENTLY. I MEAN, I THINK NEXT YEAR'S FUNDING. SEVERAL YEARS AGO IT WAS A DECISION WAS MADE TO CHARGE ADMISSION AT SWIMMING POOLS IN ORDER TO HELP FUND THE EXPENSES OF MANAGING A SAFE AND CLEAN SWIMMING POOL. IT'S TIME TO DISCUSS THAT POTENTIAL SOLUTION FOR ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN. OF COURSE ALL OF US THAT VOLUNTEER THERE WANT OUR GARDEN TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO A WIDE, DIVERSE GROUP OF VISITORS AND EVEN IF WE CHARGED ADMISSION, WE COULD STILL HAVE FREE DAYS AND BRING IN EXTRA VOLUNTEERS AND -- AND I THINK IT WOULD BE A DOABLE THING. [BUZZER SOUNDING] SORRY ON THE TIME. THANK YOU AGAIN.

THANK YOU, MARION. MARK GIBBS, WELCOME MARK. TO BE FOLLOWED BY TOM [INDISCERNIBLE] SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCED THAT.

HI, THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING THIS OPEN DISCUSSION TONIGHT. MY NAME IS MARK GIBBS, I'M WITH THE GREAT OUTDOORS ACTUALLY. VICE-PRESIDENT OF OUR GARDEN CENTER DOWN ON SOUTH CONGRESS. AND SOME OF MY HISTORY WITH YOU ALL AS A CITY, I HAVE BEEN WITH THE XERI SCAPES ADVISORY BOARD, WE ARE ALSO JUST ROOTS DEEP IN THE COMMUNITY ALL THE WAY AROUND. FROM THE DINOSAUR GARDEN TO INVOLVEMENT WITH SAVE AUSTIN OAKS. TOWN LAKE TRAIL. WE HAVE -- WE WANT TO BE WHERE THE ACTION IS. RIGHT NOW ZILKER, WHEN I WAS

YOUNG IN SAN ANTONIO, GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE, THEY CHANGED OVER THEIR BOTANICAL GARDENS DURING THE TIME I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL GOING INTO COLLEGE. I GOT TO SEND PEOPLE TO THOSE GARDENS BECAUSE OF THE EXAMPLE THEY WERE. TO BE DOWN SO CLOSE TO THE GARDEN HERE, TO HAVE CUSTOMERS COME IN, I WOULD LOVE FOR THE DOWNTOWN ZILKER PARK TO HAVE, TO BE A RESOURCE FOR THOSE CUSTOMERS. WE DONATED PLANTS TO THE DINOSAUR GARDEN AND THE FUNDING THAT HAS COME IN THIS YEAR TO BRING IN POSITIONS FOR HORTICULTURE STAFF IS A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL MOVE. BUT YOU HAVE PLANTS, AREAS THAT ARE INVESTED IN THAT AREN'T BEING MAINTAINED OR TAKEN CARE OF. AREN'T SAFE. WHEN I LOOK AT THE PLANTS THAT WE DONATED TO THE -- TO THE DINOSAUR GARDENS SPECIFICALLY I WOULD HATE TO BE A BUSINESSMAN IN A PARTNERSHIP WITH SOMETHING THAT IS NOT ABLE TO FUND ITSELF. TO PROTECT WHAT THE INVESTMENT IS MAKING FOR ME AS A BUSINESS OWNER INTO THAT TENTS TEE. THE MONEY THAT YOU ALL ARE GETTING THIS YEAR IS GOING TO BE AN INCREDIBLE BOOST. ALSO THESE POSITIONS, THESE POSITIONS THERE'S NO REASON THAT THEY SHOULDN'T BE AS A BUSINESSMAN, PAID FOR POSITIONS, YOU HAVE GOTTEN SIX STAFF THAT ARE GOING TO COME OUT, IT'S GOING TO COME OUT OF THE TAXPAYERS POCKET. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ONE TAXPAYER THAT YOU HAVE A PROBLEM DONATING A LITTLE BIT TO THE PARK EACH TIME THEY VISIT TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE POSITIONS ARE HIGH ENOUGH PAID POSITIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON THE GROUNDS 24/7. SECURITY OF THE PLANTS AND THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY IS AS IMPORTANT AS THE PROFILE OF IT. THE TANAGUCHI GARDEN IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF SOMEONE STOLE THE PHRASE ALREADY, IT'S A GEM. IT'S RIGHT HERE THAT WE CAN SEND PEOPLE TO. WE GET TO HAVE THAT EXPERIENCE. PEOPLE YOUNG AGES, KIDS AT YOUNG AGES AND THEY ARE THE ONES WE CAN SNAG NOW WITH EXAMPLES LIKE WE HAVE HERE. INCREASING THE FUNDING IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW THESE KIDS WE ARE INTERESTED, GREAT WAY TO SHOW THE FAMILIES WE ARE INTERESTED. HOW ABOUT COMING ONE A BROADER PLAN TO PARTNERSHIP WITH GROUPS LIKE US. THERE ARE OTHER HUGE ORGANIZATIONS IN AUSTIN

THAT HAVE A LOT MORE MONEY THAN A SMALL GARDEN CENTER LIKE US THAT MIGHT WANT TO PARTNER AND DEVELOP THINGS OUT THAT WILL ALLOW FOR THESE INCOMES TO COME IN THAT WOULD BE HIGHER TO PAY BETTER STAFF, TO SECURE THE PROPERTY, MAKE IT A GARDEN THAT I CAN REFER PEOPLE TO. HOPEFULLY YOU HAVE SEEN THE WORLD CLASS GARDEN CENTERS, YOU KNOW WHAT THAT EXPERIENCE IS LIKE, THAT FEELING WHEN YOU GET TO WALK THROUGH THOSE AREAS, THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION ON THE BUDGET. HOPEFULLY WE CAN PARTNER AGAIN IN THE FUTURE TO MAKE THINGS OCCUR BETTER. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. GIBBS. TOM TINGULI. SORRY.

HELLO, I'M TOM [INDISCERNIBLE] PRESIDENT OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS, THE GARDEN CENTER ON SOUTH CONGRESS. I MOVED TO AUSTIN IN 1974, HERE TO GO TO COLLEGE AND STAYED AND LOVED IT HERE, OF COURSE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I LOVED MOST WAS ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN. I STILL LOVE IT VERY MUCH. I WANTED TO VERY QUICKLY GIVE YOU THE DEFINITION OF THE BOTANICAL GARDEN. IT'S DEFINED AS A PLACE WHERE A WIDE VARIETY OF PLANTS ARE CULTIVATED, OFTEN INCLUDING A LIBRARY, HERBARIUM AND GREENHOUSES, THE TYPES ARE PLANTS ARE OFTEN LABEL ADD ARRANGED IN HABITAT GROUPS SUCH AS ROCK, AQUATIC, DESERT, TROPICAL. THE POINT IS WHAT MAKES IT GREAT IS THE PLANT DIVERSITY. ALL OF THE MANY, MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF PLANTS THAT CAN GROW IN A PARTICULAR REGION. WE ARE VERY POLICED IN OUR REGION BECAUSE WE HAVE MILD WINTERS, UNUSUAL SOIL, WE CAN GROW A LOT OF VERY INTERESTING PLANTS. ONE THING THAT I DO WANT TO -- GREAT OUTDOORS, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER BUSINESSES IN AUSTIN, SUPPORTS ZILKER BY DONATING PLANTS, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE AWARE OF IT. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY, MANY PLANTS THAT HAVE BEEN EITHER STOLEN OR VANDALIZED AT ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN. I CAN TELL YOU SOME OF THEM. [LISTING PLANTS] ARE ALL GONE FOREVER BECAUSE OF LACK OF SECURITY. THAT'S ONE OF THE MANY ISSUES AFFECTING THE GARDEN AND ALTHOUGH I KNOW THAT YOU ARE ANTICIPATING BETTER FUNDING THIS YEAR, I

REALLY HOPE THAT YOU ALL CAN TRY TO MAYBE OPEN YOUR MIND TO OTHER WAYS TO FUNDS ZILKER THAT COULD ACTUALLY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THEY HAVE TO SPEND. THE VOLUNTEERS DO AN AWESOME JOB. EVERYBODY DOES THE BEST THEY CAN, BOTTOM LINE IS MONEY. IF YOU ALL COULD AT LEAST ASK THE CITY MANAGER TO INVESTIGATE SOME KIND OF A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OR SOME WAY FOR A NON-PROFIT TO MANAGE OR LEASE OR SOME WAY RETHINK WAYS TO FUND ZILKER, BECAUSE ONE THING ABOUT NON-PROFITS OR ONE THING IS THAT THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO RAISE VERY LARGE SUMS OF MONEY THAT -- THAT WOULD TAKE IT OFF THE BACKS OF THE TAXPAYER AND IT WOULD ALLOW US TO HAVE A WORLD CLASS BOTANICAL GARDEN IN A WORLD CLASS CITY, THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, TOM. DAVE GUTMAN. FOLLOWED BY JACK JAMESON.

HI. MY NAME IS DAVID GUTMAN. AND I WAS -- I'M FROM THE DEEP SOUTH. SOUTH AFRICA THAT IS. THAT'S WHY I TALK FUNNY, BUT I'M TRYING TO GET? ELOCUTION LESSONS. THE PUBLIC GARDENS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE ABSOLUTELY MARVELOUS, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SEE THE PROJECTOR AT THE BACK, THAT'S FROM ONE OF THE GARDENS IN SOUTH AFRICA. AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO BRIEFLY TALK ABOUT IS WHAT WE HAVE IN AUSTIN IS SOMETHING REALLY WONDERFUL. WHENEVER WE GET VISITORS EITHER FROM LOCALLY OR OVERSEES, ALSO TAKE THEM DOWN TO THE GARDENS AND THOROUGHLY ENJOY THEM. I HAVE TRAVELED TO MANY, MANY DIFFERENT PLACES AND EXPERIENCED BOTANICAL GARDENS S ALL OVER THE WORLD. I THINK AUSTIN CAN REALLY BECOME A MUCH GREATER DESTINATION IN ITSELF, THAT PEOPLE WOULD ACTUALLY COME TO AUSTIN TO VISIT. OVER THERE IS -- IS THE BIOSPHERE AT THE EDEN PROJECT, DOWN IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. IT'S AN ABSOLUTELY MARVELOUS PROJECT THAT WAS DEVELOPED, IT'S ONLY BEEN OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT FIVE YEARS NOW. AND IT HAS SOME REMARKABLE AREAS. IT ESSENTIALLY HAS TWO AREAS. ONE WHICH IS THE TROPICAL AREA, AND WHICH WAS ILLUSTRATED BY THIS PICTURE. WHAT HAPPENS IS IT IS

HUMIDITY IN THE DOME GETS MORE AND MORE AS YOU GO UP, THEY HAVE DIFFERENT TROPICAL ZONES IN THERE. SO IT'S JUST REMARKABLE WHAT'S BEEN DONE THERE. THE OTHER AREA IS MORE OF A DRY REGION, THIS IS THE DESERT REGION ACTUALLY REPRESENTING MY PART OF THE COUNTRY WHERE I WAS BORN. IT'S JUST REMARKABLE. WHAT YOU CAN SEE IN THE BACKGROUND ARE THE PLASTIC WINDOWS THAT ALLOW THE BUILDINGS TO BE SUPPORTED BY AIR AND YET KEEP THE HEAT IN AND THE DRYNESS IN. IT'S REALLY REMARKABLE AND IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, PEOPLE ARE FLOCKING THERE BY THE MILLIONS, THEY CHARGE AN ENTRANCE FEE OF AROUND 20 POUNDS, WHICH IS GETTING CLOSE TO \$40. BUT IT'S WELL WORTH A VISIT. ON THE NEXT -- ON THE NEXT -- MOVING TO COAST RECA, THIS WONDERFUL -- COSTA RICA, WONDERFUL NATURE AREAS THERE, WHAT'S PARTICULARLY WONDERFUL THERE ARE BUTTERFLIES. THERE ARE A WHOLE BUNCH OF LITTLE BUTTERFLY PARKS THAT HAVE GROWN UP THERE. PEOPLE PAY ANYWHERE FROM ABOUT FIVE TO \$10 TO GO IN THERE. SO THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF THE BUTTERFLY HOUSES. ANOTHER THING THAT AFFECTS A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE REPTILES AND -- AND MY APPEAL IS THAT WE PARTNER WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, POSSIBLY CONSIDER CHARGING ENTRANCE FEES AND HAVING SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN AUSTIN. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

THANK YOU, DAVE. JACK TO BE FOLLOWED BY JEAN FATE. JACK JEANSON. OKAY. JEAN FATE. WELCOME, GENE, I'M POLICE ANNOUNCING THAT, EXCUSE ME, JANET CHRISTIAN.

MR. MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME ON TO SPEAK. I'M NOT A RESIDENTS OF AUSTIN, I'M A RESIDENTS OF ROLLINGWOOD. SO I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A VIEW FROM AN OUTSIDER. AND IN MANY WAYS, ONE OF THE PRIVILEGES OF LIVING IN ROLLINGWOOD IS TO BE SO CLOSE TO THE BOTANICAL GARDEN. I VISITED MAYBE TWO DOZEN TIMES A YEAR. ONE OF THOSE FREQUENT REPEAT VISITORS. IT'S A REMARKABLE PLACE. FAIRLY SPECIAL TO ME. I HAVE PUT UP WITH AUSTIN CITY LIMITS, I HAVE PUT UP WITH THE TRAIL OF LIGHTS, I WILL PUT UP WITH THE ROLLING STONES ROCK CONCERTS, THE INTERRUPTIONS THEY MAKE TO OUR TRAFFIC BECAUSE THE PARK IS SPECIAL TO ALL OF US. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE

ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN BECAUSE IT NEEDS HELP. I'M NOT QUITE AS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SOME OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS ABOUT ITS PROSPECTS. WITHOUT THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE ACTIVITIES THAT THEY BRING TO THE PARK, IT WOULD BE IN BAD SHAPE. I APPEAR PLOWED YOU FOR CONSIDERING AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FULL TIME EQUIVALENT IN THE PARK. IT'S BEEN SADLY UNDER STAFFED. BUT THAT WON'T -- ALONE WON'T DO IT. IN MY APPRECIATION, THE BOTANICAL GARDEN HAS GOTTEN OLD. I TRAVELED A LOT, JUST THIS SUMMER MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN TO THE BOTANICAL GARDEN IN ALBUQUERQUE AND BOTANICAL GARDENS IN ASHVILLE, I HAVE BEEN TO BOTANICAL GARDENS ALL OVER THE U.S. AND EUROPE AND ASIA. I OFTEN THINK OF THE BOTANICAL GARDEN HERE IN AUSTIN. I LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT TWO TRIPS TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEA OF WHAT I SEE AND WHAT I DON'T SEE. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT MY VISIT TO THE BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDEN. BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, I HOPE THAT I DON'T OFFEND ANYONE. IT HAS ITS NICE SPOTS. BUT MUCH OF THE GARDEN CAN'T BE OPEN EVERY DAY. BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO STAFF THAT. LIKE OUR BOTANICAL GARDEN, THEY HAVE LOST COY. THEIR ORIENT TALL GARDEN, THE STREAM DOESN'T FLOW BECAUSE OF PUMP PROBLEMS NOT UNLIKE OUR BOTANICAL GARDEN. THERE'S A DISAPPEARING INVENTORY OF PLANTS, I CAN'T SAY THAT BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN PURR ALIGNED, I THINK SOME OF THEM JUST DIED, NEVER HAVE BEEN REPLACED. LIKE ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN, IT ALSO DOES NOT CHARGE AN ADMISSION. IT AND ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN MAY BE THE ONLY TWO THAT I HAVE EVER GONE TO THAT DON'T CHARGE ADMISSION. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU WANT TO BE UNIQUE FOR THAT OR NEARLY UNIQUE FOR THAT AROUND THE WORLD, BUT THAT'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT. THE OTHER GARDEN THAT -- OTHER GARDEN THAT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT TO YOU IS ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN. ACREAGE WISE ALMOST THE SAME AS ZILKER, I THINK IT'S A TAD SMALLER. ALSO SITUATED IN A LARGE MID TOWN PARK JUST LIKE THE BOTANICAL GARDEN DRAWS A LOT OF PEOPLE.

EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, PLEASE CONTINUE.

OKAY. BUT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER NOT JUST AN

ADMISSION, BUT LIKE THE ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN, USE SOME FOUNDATION AND SOME CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP TO -- TO HELP YOU REVITALIZE AND BRING SOME NEWNESS TO OUR OTHERWISE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, SIR. JANET CHRISTIAN. WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CRAIG MAIZER. FOLLOWED BY MICHAEL WOOLARRESTED. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

ONE OF THE LARGE PONDS IN THE GARDEN. THIS POND HOUSES THE LILY COLLECTION AND, IN FACT,, IN FACT, THE TEXAS HERITAGE LILY COLLECTION WAS DONATED TO THE ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN 3 YEARS AGO. SOME OF OUR VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERED TO MANY. THE VISITORS TO THE GARDEN SEE A POND WHEN THEY FIRST ARRIVE. IT IS DEDICATED TO HELPING ENSURE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE LARGE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE COI IN THE POND. THEY VOTED TO DONATE HALF THE PROCEEDS OF THIS YEAR'S POND TOUR AND BY THE WAY WE MADE \$10,000. I'M NOT SURE YET WHAT THE NET IS, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 8 TO \$9,000. WE HAVE VOTED TO DONATE HALF OF THOSE PROCEEDS TO REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE COI POND, WHICH IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE ROWS GARDEN. A BIG ROUND POND. THE ZILKER BOTANICAL GUARD ARE ONE OF ITS BEST COLLECTIONS. IT'S WORTH SEVERAL THOUSAND AS WELL AS AN INTANGIBLE AMOUNT AS AN ATTRACTION FOR VISITORS. BUT BECAUSE OF THE QUANTITY, SIZE AND AGE OF THE COI IN THE GARDENS COLLECTION, THE ROWS GARDEN POND IS NO LONGER A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT. IT IS SHALLOW, HAS LIMITED CIRCULATION AND NO FILTRATION. IN AN UNSUITABLE OR BORDER LINE ENVIRONMENT EVEN A SMALL CHANGE CAN RESULT EN MASSE I HAVE FISH DEATH WHICH HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST. ON THE OTHER HAND COY IN SUITABLE AND HEALTHY CONDITIONS CAN GROI TO 3 FEET AND LIVE OVER 100 YEARS. ALTHOUGH THE ENTIRE POND AND STREAM SYSTEM AT THE ZILKER BOL GARDEN NEEDS MAJOR RENOVATION PRIMARILY DUE TO ITS AGE, WE ASK THE CITY COUNCIL AT THIS TIME AT LEAST PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDS TO REPAIR AND RENOVATE THE ROSE GARDEN POND. THE INITIAL ESTIMATE TO RENOVATE THIS

POND IS APPROXIMATELY \$40,000. EVEN WITH DONATED LABOR FROM POND SOCIETY MEMBERS THE ESTIMATE IS STILL AROUND 25,000. THAT'S PRIMARILY IN CIRCULATION AND FILTRATION AND INCREASING THE DEPTH TO A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FISH. I'M SEEING.....
SEGUEING FROM MY OWN TALK, I SAW TWO THINGS. FISH SO LARGE THAT THEIR FINS ARE STICKING OUT OF THE WATER AND THAT CAN ACTUALLY LEAD TO BACTERIAL INCHES NEXT, WHICH IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CAN KILL THE KOI IS...S. THEY ARE IN TOO SHALLOW WATER AND THE WATER IS FLOWING SO SLOWLY THAT THERE WAS LITERALLY A TRIANGLE OF FISH WITH ALL THEIR LITTLE NOSES POINTED TO ONE SMALL AMOUNT OF WATER THAT WAS FLOWING IN AND THIS LITTLE TRIANGLE OF FISH ALL TRYING TO REACH. BUT THIS AMOUNT WILL HELP ENSURE THAT THE BEAUTIFUL AND VALUABLE BOTANICAL COLLECTION IS AROUND FOR YEARS TO COME. IT WILL MAKE IT HEALTHIER FOR VISITORS TO PUT THEIR HAND IN THE WATER AND HALL HELP MAKE THE ZILKER GARDEN THE CROWN JEWEL IT SHOULD BE.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU.

SOMEONE HAS GIVEN ME THEIR THREE MINUTES, RL PHRASER.

?OO WHO HAS?

RL PHRASER.

MAYOR WYNN: IS MR. FRASIER HERE?

YES.

MAYOR WYNN: YOU'LL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT, CRAIG.

THANK YOU. FIRST ALLOW ME TO THANK THE CITY MANAGER FOR PROPOSING AN INCREASED BUDGET FOR ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS FOR 20062007. WE ARE THE TRUE VEGETABLES IN THE CITY BUDGET IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD. ALTHOUGH I'M SURE THERE ARE NO EASY POLITICAL CHOICES TO WHERE THE MONEY GOES IN THE AUSTIN CITY BUDGET, I THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT THIS INCREASE WILL BE

WELL SUPPORTED. I SAY THIS BECAUSE OF ALL THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE I HAVE TALKED TO OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS ABOUT INCREASED FUNDING FOR ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN. NOT A SINGLE ONE HAS EVER THOUGHT THAT FUNDING ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN INADEQUATELY WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE. UNFORTUNATELY, WHILE THIS PROPOSED BUDGET INCREASE IS BOTH WELCOMED AND NEEDED, IT IS STILL NOT, IN MY OPINION, ENOUGH TO ADEQUATELY FUND ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN. BUT MANY OF US SPEAKING HERE FOR ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS AT THIS HEARING, I HAVE A VERY HARD PERSONAL INVESTMENT IN THE GARDENS. I AM AN ACTIVE AREA OF THE AUSTIN AREA COUNCIL AND THE. I WAS A HORTICULTURE CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE HARVARD FOUNDATION TO SEARCH, DESIGN PROCURE AND INSTALL THE PLANT FOR THE PRE HISTORIC GARDEN. SINCE IT WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON APRIL 1, 2002, I'VE SPENT AT LEAST 2,300 VOLUNTEER HOURS FILLING THE GAP LEFT WHEN PARD WAS UNABLE TO HIRE THE STAFF THAT WAS PROMISED TO THE HEART MANS TO MAIN MANY THE GARDEN. I'M HAPPY TO REPORT IT IT'S GROWN INTO ONE OF THE FIN HE... FINEST GARDEN IN THE COUNTRY. IT'S ALREADY INSPIRED SIMILAR PROJECTS IN DALLAS AND SAN ANTONIO AND WILL BE FEATURED IN A BOOK ABOUT LANDSCAPING WRITTEN BY A COLUMN BY AND AUTHOR AND IF CARED FOR AND PROTECTED PROPERLY THIS GARDEN WILL ONLY BECOME BETTER AND BETTER AS THE YEARS PASS. THIS INVESTMENT HAS INSPIRED ME TO SEARCH. IN THE COURSE OF MY HOURS OF RESEARCH INTO HOW BOTANICAL GARDENS ARE FUNDED I'VE CONTACTED MANY IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. MY RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCREASE FOR ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN STEL LEAVES IT IN LAST PLACE IN FUNDING FOR COMPARABLE GARDENS IN OUR STATE WHEN MEASURED EITHER BY DOLLARS SPENT BY VISITORS OR OVERALL ON YOUR BUDGET. USING OUR TEN ASSESSMENT FOR THE COMING HERE THE AMOUNT SPENT UNDER THE NEW BUDGET WILL BE 1.59. NOW,, TAKE THE PROJECTED 450,000 VISITORS DIVIDED INTO THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$717,000, YOU GET LESS THAN 2-D. MY COMPUTER DID, ANYWAY. SO I BELIEVE THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN DESERVES A FIRST RATE BOTANICAL GARDEN RATHER THAN A LAST

PLACE BOTANICAL GARDEN. THE GOOD NEWS IS THIS: THERE IS A WAY TO GET SUBSTANTIALLY MORE FUNDING FOR ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN WITHOUT RAISING THE LEVEL BUDGETED BY THE CITY. THIS WOULD INVOLVE FORMING A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH INTERESTED NONPROFIT FOUNDATIONS IN AUSTIN. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THESE FOUNDATIONS THAT HAVE SHOWN A VERY SERIOUS INTEREST IN INVESTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO SIKK BOUGHT GARDENS BUT TO PARAPHRASE WARREN BUFF ET, IT IS MUCH EASIER TO MAKE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAN IT IS TO GIVE IT AWAY RESPONSIBLY. TO ACCOMMODATE THESE INVESTORS IT IS IMPORTANT TO SHOW THAT ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS CAN AND WILL CARE FOR THE INVESTMENTS ALREADY MADE IN THE GARDENS SO THAT DONORS CAN FEEL SECURE THAT ANY NEW INVESTMENT WILL BE MAINTAINED PROPERLY. SO THERE ARE ACTUALLY TWO ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE LOOKED AT FOR BETTER BOTANICAL GARDEN. ONE IS FUNDING. THE OTHER IS THE WAY IT'S CURRENTLY MANAGED. THESE ARE INTERLOCKING. BOTH NEED TO BE EXAMINED AND ADJUSTED. MY RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THE MONEY FOR OPERATIONS IS THE.... THE HARDEST MONEY TO OBTAIN FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES. THIS IS THE MONEY THAT TAKES CARE OF PLANTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE. THE FEE THAT MAKES THE MOST SENSE FOR A BETTER BOTANICAL GARDEN IS AN INTEREST FEE AND THIS HAS NOT BEEN PROPOSED. SUCH A FEE WOULD PROTECT THE GARDEN FROM VANDALISM MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN THE NEWLY PROPOSED CAMERA SYSTEM. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT WOULD REWARD THE STAFF FOR DOING A BETTER JOB MAINTAINING THE GARDENS IF ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN LOOKS BETTER, THEN ATTENDANCE GOES UP AND AND MORE MONEY IS RAISED. THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN UNDER THE CURRENT SYSTEM. NEW ADDITIONS WOULD BECOME VALUABLE AND SOUGHT AFTER ASSETS, NOT JUST MORE FACILITIES TO MEAB WITH THE SAME BUDGET. NONPROFIT INVESTORS WOULD FEEL FREE TO INVEST MONEY TO ENHANCE ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS AND THEIR INVESTMENT WOULD THEN BE WELCOME. WE CAN STILL BE AT PEOPLE'S GARDEN WITH AN INTEREST FEE. AFTER ALL, WHAT..... WHAT GOOD A PEOPLE'S GARDEN IF IT DOESN'T COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH OTHER BOTANICAL GARDENS.

WHAT WOULD THIS SAY ABOUT AUSTIN. CURRENT PROPOSED STAFFING PROCEDURES ALSO PRESENT PROBLEMS. NONE OF THE NEW OR PROPOSED GARDENS ARE FUNDED AT A HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL TO ATTRACT THE KIND OF EXPERTISE NEEDED FOR THE PROPER LEADERSHIP OF OUR STAFF. THIS MAKE MAY MAKE SENSE OF THESE POSITIONS ARE ALSO BEING USED AT OTHER MARKS TO FILL IN THE GAP FOR RECENT STAFF CUTS AS CURRENTLY APPEARS TO BE THE CASE BUT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR A BOTANICAL GARDEN. ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN NEEDS A STAFF FOR THE GUARDS ENS, CULTURES COMPETITIVE SALARIES. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR THE HARVARD PRE HISTORIC GARDEN WHERE THE REAL EXPERTISE IS COMING ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM VOLUNTEERS. I SEE TWO POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS FACING ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS. THE FIRST WOULD BE TO FORM SOME KIND OF PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO MANAGE IT. IN ORDER FOR THIS TO WORK THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO BE WILLING TO CHANGE THE WAY IT VIEWS ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS. HOWEVER, I HAVE NOT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT A WELL CRAFTED AGREEMENTS PROPERLY PRESENTED. ARRANGEMENTS LIKE THIS ARE SWEEPING THE COUNTRY FROM CENTRAL PARK IN NEW YORK CITY TO THE SAN ANTONIO,, IN CALIFORNIA. THEY MAKE GOOD SENSE. THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY IN AUSTIN TO FUND ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS AS A FIRST RATE INSTITUTION. THE REASONS WHY IT IS NOT CURRENTLY BEING FUNDED ADEQUATELY ARE POLITICAL, NOT PRACTICAL, AND I DON'T BELIEVE THE CURRENT SITUATION ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE WILL OF THE AUSTIN PEOPLE. BECAUSE THESE PROPOSALS ARE A CHANGE IN CITY POLICY, IT IS THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL THAT MUST ACT TO MOVE ANY OF THEM FORWARD. I CAN DO NOTHING MORE THAN TO SWEAT BULLETS IN A HOT SUMMER SUN AS I CARE FOR THE GARDEN AND ENCOURAGE EVERY GARDEN LOVER LET YOU KNOW HOW THEY FEEL.

MAYOR WYNN: PLEASE CONCLUDE. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

AND THOSE OF YOU US WHO HAVE WORKED TO MAKE IT AS GOOD AS IT NOW IS DESERVE TO BE ABLE TO GO TO SLEEP

AT NIGHT AND KNOW THAT THE GARDENS ARE SAFE AND WELL CARED FOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. MICHAEL WILLARD? WELCOME WILLARD. TO BE FOLLOWED BY LORI PEEF I.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM. MY NAME IS. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AUSTIN HABITAT FOR HAD YOU MAN TI. AIM HERE TONIGHT TO TALK TO YOU -- IN TERMS OF THE BUDGET CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET INCREASING, THE BUDGET AMOUNT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING HERE IN AUSTIN. AND I FIRST JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE COUNCIL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF AUSTIN HABITAT. OVER THE LAST 21 YEARS WE NOW HAVE SERVED 181 FAMILIES WHO ARE NOW HOMEOWNERS IN THIS GREAT CITY. THESE HOMEOWNERS ARE ALSO HELPING OUR COMMUNITY INCREASE OUR HOME OWNERSHIP RATE, WHICH IS NOW 45 PERCENT. THAT'S -- THAT'S PRETTY GOOD, RIGHT? YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO NOTE THAT THE NATIONAL HOME OWNERSHIP RATE IS 70 PERCENT. SO WE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO. TO GET OUR HOME OWNERSHIP RATE UP TO THE SAME LEVEL THAT OTHER CITIES ARE HAVING, AND THAT HELPS THE CITY IN TERMS OF INCREASING TAXES AND IT HELPS HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE IN THESE HOMES BE ABLE TO INVEST IN THEMSELVES AND INVEST IN THEIR FAMILIES. WHAT'S ALSO IMPORTANT ABOUT WHAT WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH AUSTIN HABITAT AND I THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART IS THAT WE'RE GETTING PEOPLE WHO ARE, ONE, LOW INCOME BY MINORITY FAMILIES INTO THESE HOMES. LAST YEAR THE AVERAGE INCOME FOR OUR HOMEOWNERS WHO BOUGHT OUR HOMES WAS \$27,000, AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM WERE HISPANIC AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS. AND I THINK ALSO JUST POINT TO ONE EXAMPLE THAT WAS IN OUR COMMUNITY JUST RECENTLY, WHEN THE SECTION 8 OPENED UP THEIR APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO STOOD IN LINE TRYING TO GET OPPORTUNITY TO BUY OR AT LEAST TO RENT A SIMPLE DECENT PLACE. HOUSING IS A CRITICAL NEED FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TONIGHT TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF AUSTIN THROUGH PROVIDING MORE FUNDING AVAILABLE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I'LL BE HAPPY TO

ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MICHAEL.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: LORI PEEVY. WELCOME. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES. YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY JOYCE PULLMAN.

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW ME, MY NAME IS LORI PEEF I AND I OWN A SKATE SHOP HERE IN AUSTIN DOWNTOWN AND HAVE BEEN IN AUSTIN FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS. I'VE WORKED CLOSELY FOR MANY YEARS WITH THE GREAT FOLKS AT PARKS AND REC. DEPARTMENT HELPING TO GROW AND PROMOTE OUR SKATEBOARDING IN A HEALTHY SAFE AND POSITIVE WAY. I WANT TO FIRST THANK MAYOR WYNN, CITY MANAGER FUTRELL, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE PARKS AND REC. DEPARTMENT FOR HAVING THE VISION AND DRIVE TO BUILD THE PARK, MAYBE HE WILL DAVIS, IT'S A WORLD CLASS FACILITY FILLED BY MANY KIDS EVERY DAY. WE JUST ENJOINED OUR THIRD ANNUAL SKATE FEST IN JULY WHICH IS A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, PARKS AND RERK. WE HAD ALMOST 80 KIDS COMPETE AND WITH HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ATTENDING, EVEN THOUGH IT RAINED AND AND, MAYOR, YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO MAKE YOUR SPEECH. BUT IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR SKATEBOARDING AND NOW IT'S ANOTHER UNIQUE AUSTIN STYLE EVENT, AND WE BELIEVE IT'S JUST GOING TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND ATTRACT OTHER FOLKS FROM AROUND THE STATE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE CITY MANAGER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL LIGHTING AT THE PARK. THIS IS A VERY NEEDED ITEM. IT WILL HELP EASE CROWDING AND SCHEDULING CONFLICTS AT THE PARK WHILE ALSO PROVIDING SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION. WHILE MAYBE HE WILL DAVIS AND OUR WONDERFUL WOODWORK AT THE ARC ARE GREAT AND MEET MANY NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, OUR CITY IS DEFINITELY NOT STOPPING ITS GROWTH AND NEITHER IS THE INFLUX OF FAMILIES WITH KIDS THAT SKATEBOARD THAT CONTINUE TO MOVE INTO OUR CITY EVERY WEEK. I WOULD THEREFORE ASK THAT WE REVISIT THE MAYOR'S IDEA TO PUT A SKATE PARK ON THE BREEZEWAY FLOOR OR THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE PROPOSED PARKING GARAGE

FOR ACC WHERE THE OLD ARC DILAPIDATED BUILDING NOW STANDS. I KNOW THAT THERE'S MANY ISSUES WITH THIS BUILDING THAT HAVE TO BE RESOLVED, BUT I WOULD ASK THAT THE IDEA REMAIN ON THE TABLE FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE USE IN THIS BUDGET. THE PARK WOULD NOT NEED TO BE ON THAT HUGE GRAND SCALE LIKE MABEL DAVIS AND SO THE EXPENSE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESS. NOW, ONE OF THE IDEA IDEAS THAT'S CROPPING UP ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND I WOULD LOVE IF WE COULD EXAMINE THIS FURTHER, IS THE POSSIBILITY OF A PLAZA STYLE PARK FOR DOWNTOWN. MANY CITIES ACROSS THE WORLD ARE TAKING THIS ROUTE..... ROUTE WHEN CONSIDERING SKATE PARKS BECAUSE IT'S MUCH LESS EXPENSIVE THAN A PARK LIKE MABEL DAVIS. THEY'RE EITHER EXISTING DOWNTOWN AREAS THAT ARE LATER DEEMED SKATEBOARD FRIENDLY OR THE PROPS AND OBSTACLES THAT THE KIDS SKATE ON, SUCH AS THE RAILS AND LEDGES, ARE ACTUALLY INCORPORATED INTO THE DESIGN AND BUILD PROCESS OF THE PLAZA AREA IN A DOWNTOWN SETTING. FOR EXAMPLE, THE BROWN GRASS AT REPUBLIC SQUARE, IF THAT WERE REMOVED AND REPLACED BY, SAY THE TILE IN FRONT OF THE CITY HALL OR CONCRETE, IT COULD BE DEEMED A SKATE AREA. IT ALREADY HAS A SCULPTURE, A FOUNTAIN, TREES, AND IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO SIT, EAT YOUR LUNCH, CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND WOULDN'T THAT BE NEAT TO WATCH SKATEBOARDING OR IF THE PLAN WAS TO I THINK INCORPORATE, LIKE CITY HALL, WOULD..... IT WOULD BE A NATURAL FIT TO INCLUDE ARCHITECTURE ACTUAL THINGS FOR, SUCH AS LEDGES AND RAILS. THERE'S PARKS ALL OVER THE WORLD. I COULD TALK MORE ABOUT THIS. ANYTIME YOU-ALL WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THIS OR I COULD SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH WARREN, AND CORA AT PAD. ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? THANK.....

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU LORI. COUNCIL MEMBER KIM?

KIM: I REMEMBER BEING OUT THERE FOR THE OPENING, THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE THERE RESPECT AND I WAS WONDERING AFTER THAT EVENT HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD CONTINUE AT THE PARK. I'VE BEEN THERE A GOOD NUMBER OF TIMES. IT'S KIND OF WHERE I LIVE AND EVERY DAY WHEN I GO THERE I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE USING, A LOT

OF KIDS USING THE PARK. THEY'RE ALWAYS GUYS. WHERE ARE THE GIRLS? I'M JUST CURIOUS. GIRLS DO SKATEBOARDING AS WELL.

MAYOR.....

GENERALLY GIRLS ARE YOUNGER. ONCE THEY HIT THE JUNIOR HIGH LEVEL THEY DON'T WANT SCABS, AND THEY'RE MORE INTERESTED IN LOOKING PRETTY I AND SKATEBOARDING IS MORE A BOYS' SPORT.

MAYOR.....SPORT.

KIM: AND THEY WOULD FEEL SAFE THERE, IF A GIRL WANTS TO SKATEBOARD?

OH, YEAH, YEAH, THERE'S ALL TYPES. WE'VE GOT 40-YEAR-OLD DADS WITH THEIR KIDS THAT ARE SKATING AND LITTLE 7-YEAR-OLDS SO IT'S ALL TYPES OF PEOPLE.

KIM: I WAS CURIOUS. ANOTHER QUESTION I HAVE HAS TO DO WITH ROLLER SKATING. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE CONNECTED WITH THE ROLLER SKATING COMMUNITY. DO YOU KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY GROUPS THAT DO LIKE SLOL ROLLER SKATING, BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE POPULAR IN NEW YORK OR PARIS.

WE HAVE A HUGE ROLLER BETTER DIFFICULT GIRL GROUP. WE'VE GOT THE TEXAS ROLLER GIRLS AND LONE STAR ROLLER GIRLS, SO THERE'S THAT TYPE OF SKATER. THEY'RE CALLED QUAD SKATERS, BUT THAT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT DEAL. THEY'RE STREET SKATERS AND THEY'RE ALSO DOING THEIR EVENT. THERE ARE SOME ROLLER SKATERS THAT DO SOMETIMES GO IN THE ACTUAL BOWL BUT THEY DON'T REALLY GO IN THE STREET AREA. THAT'S KIND OF A WHOLE DIFFERENT THING. THE IN-LINE SKATERS WOULD BE THE ONES THAT WOULD USE THE STREET AREA.

KIM: USE IT FOR THE SLOM EMS AND THE.

THE SLOL EM -- YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT USING THE CONES, WHERE THEY INDICATE THROUGH THE CONES. I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY EXERCISE TEASE IN THAT FIELD SO I CAN'T

ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

KIM: OKAY. THANKS.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, LORI. JOYCE WILL COME?
EARLIER KATHLEEN WANTED TO DONATE TIME. IS SHE
HERE?

SHE'S LEFT.

MAYOR WYNN: YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY
JEFFREY RICHARD.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOOD EVENING AND I DID
WANT TO SAY, IT'S REALLY NICE TO BE ABLE TO COME AND
HAVE YOU-ALL THINKING ABOUT ADDING FUNDS TO THE
BUDGET, SO CONGRATULATIONS ON THAT AND GOOD WORK.
IT'S REALLY A NICE CHANGE. I'M GOING TO TRY A DIFFERENT
APPROACH THESE DAYS AND TALK ABOUT SOME NUMBERS,
SO I MIGHT NEED SOME HELP FROM THE ACCOUNTING
TYPES HERE, AND I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT CHRONIC
HOME LESS NECESSARY AND WHAT IT COSTS TO KEEP
PEOPLE ON THE STREET AND NOT GIVE THEM OPTIONS. SO I
DID A LITTLE RESEARCH LOCALLY AND I HAD TO GO TO THE
NATIONAL DATA TO SUPPORT THAT BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE
ENOUGH TIME TO FINISH SO I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME
OF WHAT I FOUND. BASICALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE CHRONIC
HOMELESS AND LIVE ON THE STREET ARE COSTING US A
LOT OF MONEY. HOPEFULLY YOU'VE HEARD THIS BEFORE. IN
THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM IS ONE OF OUR BIGGEST EXPENSES
FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE, LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY. 46
PERCENT OF HOMELESS PEOPLE NATIONALLY HAVE A
CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION. THIS IS ALSO TRUE IN AUSTIN.
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT PERCENTAGE HOLDS, BUT JUST BY
VIRTUE OF LIVING ON THE STREETS AND HAVING SOME BAD
DIET AND BAD HABITS, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME
CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS LIKE CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE,
HIV, TUBERCULOSIS, HEPATITIS C. THEY'RE MORE LIKELY TO
END UP IN THE HOSPITAL AND WHEN THEY END UP THERE
MORE LIKELY TO COST US MORE, BECAUSE THEY STAY
LONGER AND HAVE MULTIPLE PROBLEMS. THE AVERAGE
COST FOR HOSPITAL STAYS NATIONWIDE IS ABOUT \$1,500,
AND THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY FOR A HOMELESS

PERSON IS 4 DAYS, SO IF YOU DO THAT MULTIPLY.....
MULTIPLICATION, THAT'S \$6,000 A VISIT. \$6,000 OUT OF MY
POCKET. NOW, 20 PERCENT OF HOMELESS RETURN IN LESS
THAN 90 DAYS BACK INTO THE HOSPITAL. THAT'S PROBABLY
BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO GO, THEY
AREN'T ABLE TO TAKE PILLS ON A REGULAR BASIS. THEY
CAN'T CHANGE BANDAGES. THEY CAN'T GO TAKE A SHOWER
AND SO THEY GET SICK AGAIN. THEY COME BACK INTO THE
HOSPITAL WITHIN 90 DAYS. THE SECOND TIME THEY COME IN
THEY STAY FOR.... FOR TWICE AS LONG AS A NON- -- AS A
HOUSED PERSON. THEY STAY EIGHT DAYS, AT \$1,500 A DAY
WE'RE NOW -- THAT ADDS \$12,000. WE ARE NOW UP TO,
ACCORDING TO MY BAD MATH, \$18,000. THAT'S ONE PERSON
WITH A LOT OF HEALTH PROBLEMS. NOW, WE ALSO KNOW
THAT PERSONS WHO LIVE ON THE STREET WHO ARE
CHRONIC HOMELESS HAVE HIGH RATES OF MENTAL HEALTH
PROBLEMS. 20 PERCENT, APPROXIMATELY, HAVE A
DIAGNOSABLE MAJOR ILLNESS.... ILLNESS. SO IF THEY
HAVE A DIAGNOSIS AND THEY NEED TO... TO GO TO THE
STATE HOSPITAL, MY OLD PLAN, SHOWS THAT IT COSTS
ABOUT \$400 A DAY AT AUSTIN STATE HOSPITAL. IT'S
PROBABLY HIGHER NOW. I DON'T KNOW. THE AVERAGE
LENGTH OF STAY AT THAT TIME WAS 8.. 8.5 DAYS PER
PERSON. DO THAT MULTIPLICATION. YOU NOW HAVE
ANOTHER \$3,358 ADDED TO THAT BILL. THAT'S A HOSPITAL
STAY, TWO HOSPITAL STAYS AND ONE MENTAL HOSPITAL
STAY. IS MY TIME UP ALREADY? DARN. ALL RIGHT. BOTTOM
LINE. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ONLY COSTS \$14,000 A YEAR IN
COMPARISON AND YOU GET LONG-TERM STABILITY, 50
PERCENT REDUCTION IN HOSPITAL USE, 90 PERCENT
INCREASE IN EARNED INCOME AND A BETTER QUALITY OF
LIFE FOR ALL OF US. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, JOYCE. JEFFREY RICHARD,
WELL..... WELCOME. YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY ROBIN GRAVY.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MADAM MAYOR PRO TEM,
MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE CITY MANAGER. MY
NAME IS JEFFREY RICHARD. I'M PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE
AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE. IT IS A PLEASURE BEING WITH
YOU. IN THE INTEREST OF TIME I WILL KEEP MY REMARKS
BRIEF AND I HAVE ABOUT 15... 15 PAGES THAT I COULD
SHARE WITH YOU BUT I THINK I'LL RESPOND TO QUESTIONS

IF YOU HAVE THEM IN THAT REGARD. THE URBAN LEAGUE'S MISSION IS TO ASSIST AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND DISADVANTAGED CITIZENS IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY. WE HAVE DONE THAT FOR 28 -- 29 YEARS HERE IN AUSTIN. THE URBAN LEAGUE IS PART OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, A MOVEMENT THAT STARTED IN 1905. I WOULD SAY TO YOU THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR IN THIS COMMUNITY FOR THAT -- FOR -- SINCE OUR EXISTENCE. WE AVERAGE ABOUT 500 HOMES EVERY 12 MONTHS. WE'VE HAD A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN THROUGH FEDERAL FUNDS SINCE THE INCEPTION. LAST YEAR IT WAS \$950,000. THE YEAR BEFORE THAT 1.2 MILLION. THE YEAR BEFORE THAT ABOUT \$940,000. WHAT DO WE DO WITH THOSE FUNDS? WE EXCEED THE EXPECTATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS YEAR, WHICH WILL END IN SEPTEMBER, WE HAVE ALREADY EXCEEDED OUR GOAL FOR HOMES, AND ABOUT 465. THE PRIOR YEAR WE EXCEEDED THE GOAL FOR 565 HOMES, AND THE YEAR BEFORE THAT WE EXCEEDED OUR GOALS FOR 408 HOMES. LET ME SAY THAT WE ARE -- GET CLEAN AUDITS AND HAVE CONSISTENTLY FOR MANY YEARS. WE ARE COMMENDED BY THE CITY STAFF IN THE ANNUAL AUDITS THAT THEY DO FOR US, ON YOUR BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE TAXPAYERS. THE NEED IN THE MARKET IS GREAT. OTHERS HAVE ALREADY TESTIFIED THAT THE AVERAGE COST OF A NEW HOME IS \$236,000. WELL, THE COST TO DO A MINOR REPAIR OR ROOF REPAIR IS ABOUT \$4,000, AND THAT IS A PROGRAM THAT THE URBAN LEAGUE IS ASKING FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND INCREASED SUPPORT AS WELL. BECAUSE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A TOP PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITY THAT YOU HAVE SET -- YOU'VE SET IT FOR BONDS, YOU'VE SET IT AND YOU'VE HEARD MANY SPEAK ABOUT IT THIS EVENING AS WELL. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT IS MUCH MORE EFFICIENT TO PRESERVE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK THAN IT IS TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK FROM THE GROUND, AND I THINK THAT IF WE MATCH AND MARRY ALL OF THOSE THINGS WE'LL DO MUCH BETTER. I HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER STATISTICS BUT LET ME JUST SAY, FROM A HUMAN NIESING POINT OF VIEW, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ON AVERAGE, AN ELDERLY PERSON WHO OWNS THEIR HOME, THEY HAVE A LEAKY ROOF. RATHER THAN HAVE THAT ROOF CONTINUE TO LEAK AND EXPAND A

PROBLEM, WE CAN PATCH IT, WE CAN FIX IT, WE CAN REPAIR IT, WHICH PREFERS THAT HOUSING STOCK, IT ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR THAT FAMILY AND OTHER FAMILIES LIKE THEM TO HAVE TO SEEK HOUSING ELSEWHERE, AND IT HAS THE.... THE POTENTIAL TO CREATE AND PRESERVE GENERATIONAL WEALTH TO THE FAMILY THAT THEY PASS IT ON TO. I THINK THAT THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT AT THE MARGIN. SO THEN OUR REQUEST OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS THAT YOU USE GENERAL FUND REVENUES TO SUPPORT A \$250,000 INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, AND THAT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS GENERAL FUND REVENUE NOT SUBJECT TO THE DIMINUTION AND THE REDUCTIONS OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET AND THAT IS WHERE WE ARE HERE THIS EVENING. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. RICHARD. VERY PROUD OF THE PARTNERSHIP. QUESTIONS FOR MR. RICHARD? THANK YOU. JEFFREY.

DUNKERLEY, MR. RICHARD, I .

I RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S A PROUD AFRICAN ORGANIZATION BUT COULD YOU TELL US ABOUT THE CHANGES IN THE DEMOGRAPHICS THAT YOU CURRENTLY SERVE?

BE HAPPY TO, COUNCIL MEMBER COLE. ON PAGE 10 OF THIS DOCUMENT, WHICH I'M ABOUT TO PASS AROUND..... AROUND -- ON PAGE 10 OF THE DOCUMENT IT SAYS, IN AUSTIN, IN CENTRAL TEXAS THE DEMOGRAPHICS ARE FAIRLY STRONG. LET ME JUST SAY IN 1905 WE STARTED IN NEW YORK AS AN ORGANIZATION TO ASSIST AFFAIR CAN AMERICANS AND THAT WAS BECAUSE OF THE GREAT MIGRATION FROM THE SOUTH TO THE INDUSTRIAL CENTERS OF THE NORTH AND MIDWEST. IN AUSTIN, AS WAYNE GRET SKI SAYS, YOU WANT TO ESCAPE TO WHERE THE PICKUP IS GOING TO BE, AND THAT SUGGESTS THAT OUR POPULATION IS MORE HISPANIC. IF YOU LOOK AT THE STATISTIC HERE, YOU SEE THAT THE LARGEST PERCENT OF OUR POPULATION THAT WE SERVE TODAY, 39 PERCENT IS HISPANIC. FOLLOWED BY AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND THEN YOU SEE AND GLOWS COMPRISING 31 PERCENT, AND ASIAN, 2 PERCENT. THIS IS THE HISTORY AND THE REALITY TODAY. I HOPE I'VE ANSWERED THAT.

VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE DIVERSE IN OUR BASE. WE'RE NOT DIVERSE IN TERMS OF THE INCOME. YOU STILL MUST MEET INCOME ELIGIBILITY BUT THE COMPLEXION OF THOSE PEOPLE RESERVE LOOKS LIKE THAT TODAY.

COLE: THANK YOU, JEFFREY.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. ROBERT CRAVEY? ROBIN. SCOTT JOHNSON IS GOING TO DONATE TIME TO YOU. IS SCOTT STILL HERE? ROBIN, I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY SAM PURSELY.

MAYOR, THANK YOU, HOLLY GILL MAN IS IN THE CHAMBERS AND WANTED TO GIVE ME HER TIME.

MAYOR WYNN: FAIR ENOUGH. SIX MINUTES IT IS.

I'LL TRY NOT TO USE IT ALL. THANK YOU MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR HEARING ME. I'M STANDING BEFORE YOU TONIGHT AS PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF BARTON SPRINGS POOL, AN ORGANIZATION THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS HAS BROUGHT SCORES OF VOLUNTEERS DOWN TO HELP THE STAFF CLEAN BARTON SPRINGS POOL MONTH AFTER MONTH AND HAS MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN HOW THE POOL IS AND THE WATER IN THE POOL, AND IN GETTING THE ALGAE OUT OF THE POOL. NOW, I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, HOW IMPORTANT BARTON SPRINGS POOL IS, AND A NUMBER OF YOU HAVE SHOWN THAT YOU KNOW BY COMING DOWN AND JOINING WITH OUR VOLUNTEERS LAST WEEK. COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL AND COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ CAME DOWN, TOURED THE POOL WITH THE STAFF AND GOT IN AND HELPED US CLEAN THE POOL. COUNCIL MEMBER KIM AND COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN ALSO HELPED, AND WE APPRECIATE THAT AND IT WAS GREAT HAVING YOU WORK ALONGSIDE OUR VOLUNTEERS, VERY ENCOURAGING FOR US, AND MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLEY AND COUNCIL MEMBER COLE SENT THEIR STAFF, AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. I DON'T WANT TO FORGET TO MENTION ANDY MORE..... MORMON, THE PROUD SERVANT IN THE PLACE COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION 8 WHO HELPED US GET ALL THAT TOGETHER. AND I -- I'M GOING TO SAY ALSO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO CITY MANAGER TOBY FUTRELL FOR PAGE 513 OF THE PROPOSED

CITY BUDGET, WHERE WE SEE AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000 FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BARTON SPRINGS POOL. NOW, YOU-ALL KNOW THAT THAT IS NOT GOING TO GET THE JOB DONE, BUT IT'S A VERY GOOD START, AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNCIL TO KEEP THAT MONEY IN THERE, AND IF YOU.... YOU FEEL LIKE ADDING A LITTLE BIT MORE, THAT WOULD BE OKAY TOO. THERE'S -- I WANTED TO MENTION TO YOU A FEW OF THE PROJECTS THAT WE'D LIKE TO SEE DONE AND WE'D LIKE TO WORK -- AND I WANT TO SAY THAT WE'VE HAD A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH WARREN STRUSE AND THE PARKS STAFF AND WE'D LIKE TO WORK WITH THEM AND WITH YOU IN FIGURING OUT HOW TO BEST PUT THAT MONEY TO WORK. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ARE REMOVING ALL THE OVERHEAD WIRING AT THE POOL, REPLACING THE FENCING AT THE POOL, BUILDING A BATH HOUSE AT THE SOUTH GAIT, RENOVATING THE EXISTING POOL HOUSE, REBUILDING THE DAM, RESTORING SOME CREEK FLOW TO THE POOL, BUILDING A SECOND DAM AND POOL DOWNSTREAM, AND OF COURSE ONE OF THE REALLY HIGH PRIORITIES IS TO REDUCE AND MAINTAIN THE ALGAE TO SOME MEASURABLE LEVEL, REMOVE THAT GRAVEL BAR FROM THE DEEP END OF THE POOL. YOU-ALL SAW THAT LAST WEEK AND HOW THAT IS REALLY MAKING -- BLOCKING THE FLOW OF THE POOL, RESTORING NATIVE FLOOR A AND OFF AND ON A, AND ALSO SURVEYING THE TREES AROUND THE POOL AND POOL GROUNDS AND DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A PLAN TO CARE FOR THEM. THEY REALLY NEED IT. SO AGAIN I WANT TO THANK YOU-ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF BARTON SPRINGS POOL AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON IMPROVING THE POOL.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. CRAVY. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS SAM PURSELY. WELCOME SAM. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES. YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY JULIA MAFEY.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL MEMBERS. MAY MY NAME IS SAM PERCENT PERCENTLY WITH THE AUSTIN TENANTS COUNCIL. I'D LIKE TO SAY GOD BLESS AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO SPEAK. WE ARE HERE BASICALLY TO ADDRESS THE BUDGET CUTS HANDED DOWN BY THE FEDS, WHICH AMOUNTS TO ABOUT \$1.2 MILLION. TO OUR AGENCY WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT

WE WOULD LOSE ONE FULL-TIME STAFF PERSON. WE HAVE FIVE WHO RECEIVED FUNDING UNDER THIS POOL OF MONIES AND WE'D LIKE TO NOT SEE THAT HAPPEN. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT CITY MANAGER HAS FOUND SOME MONEY THAT WOULD MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE, OR AT LEAST PUT SOME MONEY BACK INTO THAT BUDGET FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET, AND WE JUST WANT TO GO ON RECORD AS SAYING THAT WE'D LIKE TO SEE IT ALL SPENT THERE, IF POSSIBLE, OR A GOOD CHUNK OF THAT. SO BASICALLY WHAT WE'RE HERE TO SAY, THAT WE'RE IN FAVOR OF MONEY BEING PUT INTO THAT POOL OF MONEY. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU SAM FOR YOUR PATIENCE TONIGHT. JULIA MEFY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENT.

MY NAME IS JULIA MEFAY AND I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR FUNDING TO AISD'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM. WE OFFER ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES TO ADULTS WORKING HERE IN AUSTIN. CURRENTLY I TEACH IN EAST AUSTIN AT THE BROOK SCHOOL AND AT PECAN SPRINGS. WE OFFER EVENING CLASSES TO WORKING ADULTS. THEY'RE ALSO FREE CLASSES AND OUR STUDENTS ARE LOW INCOME AND WE -- OUR CLASSES HELP OUR STUDENTS IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH. WE HELP THEM GAIN A STRONGER COMMAND OF THEIR ENGLISH, WHICH IS KEY FOR THEM TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES HERE IN AUSTIN AND TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN AND TO BETTER OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. OUR STUDENTS ARE VALUABLE AND HARDWORKING CITIZENS OF OUR CITY. AUSTIN'S VIBRANT IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY IS INTEGRAL TO OUR UNIQUE CHARACTER. WE HAVE STIEWBTS..... STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE STUDENTS FROM ROW MANIA HERE, HONDURAS AND VIETNAM, ROW MANIA, HONDURAS AND VET....VIETNAM ARE HERE TO SPEAK. IN ADDITION, MY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, WHEN WE CREATED OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, WE SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS, THE SERIES..... SEIZER..ER CHAVEZ, AND I DO HAVE STATEMENTS FROM ABOUT TWO DOZEN OF OUR STUDENTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR PROGRAM. TO BE BRIEF, I WON'T READ ANY OF THEM BECAUSE WE DO HAVE

STUDENTS HERE WHO.....WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. SO I'LL CUT THIS SHORT. I KNOW WE'RE SHORT OF TIME. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK THAWRCHG JULIA. RODRIGUEZ. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES. YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY BILL GAMMON.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ENGINEER RON MOW RODRIGUEZ AND I'M HERE TODAY IN MY ROLE AS A BOARD MEMBER TO THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION, AND FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO CONGRAT..... CONGRATULATE THE MAYOR AND THE CITY ON THE AUSTIN BUSINESS JOURNAL AWARD THIS MORNING. IT WAS VERY WELL DESERVED AND FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE HURRICANE KATRINA AND YOU-ALL SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY. AND I WAS THERE THIS MORNING. IT WAS QUITE A MOVING EXPERIENCE. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU-ALL FOR REOPENING AND RESTORING THE HOURS TO OUR BRANCH LIBRARIES AS WELL AS ADDING SUPPORT STAFF. GIVING BRANCHES THE SUPPORT THEY NEED IS IMPORTANT. THE NEXT STEP IS TO SUPPORT THEM WITH A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY FACILITY AND WE BELIEVE THAT GREAT CITIES HAVE GREAT LIBRARIES THAT ARE SAFE PLACES AFTER SCHOOL, AN IMPORTANT PARTNER TO SCHOOLS AND AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES, AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AGAIN FOR INVESTING IN THE YOUTH OF OUR CHILDREN BY IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND QUALITY..... EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AUSTIN..... AUSTINITES BY FULLY FUNDING AND STAFFING OUR LIBRARIES.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. BILL GAM ON? HAVEN'T SEEN HIM THIS EVENING. CHRISTINA PANZURI? ONE OF OUR STUDENTS, I PRESUME. WELCOME. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY MAYOR YAM SANTOS.

MY NAME IS CHRIS..... CHRISTINA. I WAS HERE LAST TIME ON MARCH 23 AND I AM FROM ROW MANIA. I'VE BEEN LIVING HERE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR ONE YEAR AND A FEW

MONTHS, AND I'M A FORMER STUDENT OF WALNUT CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. PLEASE CONSIDER FUNDING THE ESL PROGRAM FOR A COUPLE OF IMPORTANT REASONS, AND I WILL TRY TO HIGHLIGHT THE BENEFITS OF THIS PROGRAM FROM MY PERSPECTIVE PERSPECTIVE. FIRSTLY, DUE TO THE ESL PROGRAM I HAVE IMPROVED MY COMMUNICATION SKILLS, AND EVERYWHERE I GO I'M MORE THAN SATISFIED THAT I CAN UNDERSTAND OTHER PEOPLE AND OTHER PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND ME AS WELL. ALSO, THIS PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME TO COMMUNICATE MORE EFFICIENTLY AND TO INSTEAD OF SOCIALIZING WITH ROMANIAN COMMUNITY, I CAN SOCIALIZE WITH AMERICANS. THIS WAS ONE OF MY DREAMS, TO COMMUNICATE WITH AMERICANS. AND ONLY BEING HERE, OR LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I'VE REALIZED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KNOW THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND TO -- ON HOW YOU CAN SURVIVE AND YOU CAN INTEGRATE IN SOCIETY, HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO DO IF YOU DON'T MASTER THIS LANGUAGE. IN ADDITION TO THAT, U.S. CAN OFFER YOU GREAT OPPORTUNITIES, MANY OPEN GATES, BUT IF YOU WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OR TO ENJOY THESE OPPORTUNITIES, YOU HAVE TO KNOW THIS LANGUAGE, A LANGUAGE THAT CAN MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER IF YOU KNOW IT, BUT AS WELL DIFFICULT IF YOU -- IF YOU DON'T KNOW THIS LANGUAGE. SO WITH THE HELP OF THIS PROGRAM, IN THE FUTURE OR NEAR FUTURE I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SPEAKING IMMACULATE ENGLISH. ANOTHER -- WELL, THE SECOND REASON WOULD BE THE ESL PROGRAM WILL BENEFIT ME TO PURSUE MY ACADEMIC OR CAREER GOAL. IN MY COUNTRY I USED TO BE A TEACHER, AND SOMEDAY I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME HERE A TEACHER, AND TO ACCOMPLISH THIS DESIRE I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE TO ATTEND THIS PROGRAM. YOU HAVE TO WORK AND PERSEVERE. DUE TO THIS PROGRAM I'VE NOTICED THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF MY COUNTRY AND THE U.S. I WILL MAKE IT BRIEF. LAST BUT NOT LEAST THIS PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME TO ENHANCE MY LIFE SKILLS BECAUSE IN AMERICA EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT IN COMPARISON TO MY COUNTRY. NOW I KNOW HOW TO KNOW HOW TO WRITE A CHECK. THEREFORE, IN THE END I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT I..I WILL TRY TO MAKE AMERICA

MY NEW SWEET HOME EVEN THOUGH I MISS MY COUNTRY AND I ALWAYS WILL. PLEASE AGAIN CONSIDER FUNDING THIS PROGRAM. IT WAS A GREAT HONOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY, AGAIN, TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF RECENT IMMIGRANTS. THANK YOU AGAIN AND YOU FOR THE TIME.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU CHRISTINA AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGLISH. MAYOR YAM SAN..... MIRIAM SANTOS SIGNED UP, FOLLOWED BY TIE WIN FOLLOWED BY SAC, FOM.

MY NAME IS MIRRIAM SANTOS. MY NAME IS MIRRIAM SANTOS. MY NAME IS MIRRIAM SANTOS. I AM AN ESL PROGRAM. I'VE BEEN IN THIS PROGRAM FOR THREE YEARS. BEING HERE FOR ME, WHEN I WAS -- BE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, IT IS HARD FOR ME TO FIND A JOB, BUT NOW AFTER JUST THREE YEARS THIS PROGRAM, BEING HERE TO ME. I HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS HERE. THEY'RE STUDYING IN LANIER HIGH SCHOOL, AND I'M VERY HAPPY BECAUSE THEY..... I HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THIS PROGRAM HELPED ME. THIS PROGRAM, THE FIRST IS I CAN COMMUNICATE WITH MY BOSS BETTER, AND THE SECOND REASON IS I CAN COMMUNICATE WITH MY DAUGHTERS' TEACHERS. THE THIRD REASON IS I CAN FIND A BETTER JOB AND I CAN MEET AMERICAN FRIENDS. SO I TELL YOU, CAN YOU PLEASE SUPPORT MORE THIS PROGRAM, ESL PROGRAM IS VERY HELP TO MANY PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MS. SANTOS. TI WIN, TO BE FOLLOWED BY SAC.

MY NAME IS, AMERICANS CALLED ME TIE WIN. NO PROBLEM. I AM FROM VIETNAM. I COME HERE ABOUT FIVE-YEAR, BUT MY -- MY REASON I COME HERE FOR FUNDING -- ESL FUNDING. YOUR PEOPLE WHEN YOU COME HERE, THEY NEED THE LANGUAGE, BUT YOUR PEOPLE, THEY BELONG TO DIFFERENT COUNTRY, IF THEY DON'T KNOW LANGUAGE THEY CANNOT SURVIVE IN HERE, AND THEY CANNOT UNDERSTAND AND CANNOT -- THEY CANNOT UNDERSTAND YOUR LAW, MAYBE THEY DO SOMETHING WRONG. NOT GOOD FOR THEM. SO I THINK YOU SHOULD KEEP THE CONTINUAL FUNDING AND ANOTHER REASON, I CANNOT

COMMUNICATE WITH MY CHILD. I CAN HAVE..... HELP MY CHILD AT SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL BECAUSE DIFFERENT CULTURE, DIFFERENT LANGUAGE. IF I CAN'T UNDERSTAND, I CAN'T HELP THEM BECOME PART OF COUNTRY AND THE WORLD. [INDISCERNIBLE] THEY ASK, WHERE ARE YOU FROM? I SAY, OH, I AM AMERICAN. IF I.. I CANNOT SAY ENGLISH. IN AMERICAN, I COME HERE, BUT I COME HERE -- IF I CANNOT UNDERSTAND AMERICAN, I -- SO RIGHT NOW BEFORE I COME HERE, I DON'T HAVE A LOT, BUT AFTER I GO TO, I HAVE -- I HAVE A HOUSE, I HAVE A GOOD JOB NOW, SO I VERY LOVING AUSTIN. SO I COME HERE. YOU KEEP FUNDING FOR ESL PROGRAM TO HELP THE PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY COME HERE, THEY NEED -- THE KEY TO OPEN THEIR LIFE IN HERE, ENGLISH, THE LANGUAGE. THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. WIN.

SAC FOM.

MAYOR WYNN: WELCOME, YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY DON LIDAL.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS -- I AM ESL STUDENT. I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU. THANK YOU FOR FUNDING THE ESL PROGRAM. COULD YOU PLEASE CONTINUE FUNDING? WE NEED TO KEEP LEARNING ENGLISH ENGLISH, HELPING OUR CHILDREN AND COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE. VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY, AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CITY MAKING MORE FUNDS FOR [INDISCERNIBLE] THANKS A LOT FOR FUNDING OUR PROGRAM.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. LET'S SEE, LOST MY PLACE HERE. SO DON.... DONNA -- SORRY, PRONOUNCE YOUR LAST NAME FOR ME.

LILIJIVEL, THAT'S A SWEED NAME AND WE'LL ACCEPT ANYTHING ANYBODY WANTS TO CALL US. I'M WITH THE MAYOR I LEE THE MARI LEE FOUNDATION FOUNDATION. I'M HERE FOR TWO REASONS AND I WANTED TO THANK THE PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL, BECAUSE YOU HAVE GIVEN RECENT SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR EFFORTS IN PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND THEN LIEBLGD

TO IN GENERAL THANK THE CITY OF AUSTIN OVER THE YEARS FOR BEING WILLING TO PARTNER WITH US. THE MARILEE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN SINCE 1963. WE DIDN'T CALL IT AFFORDABLE HOUSING BACK IN THOSE DAYS, BUT THE WORKING POOR, THE HOMELESS AND NEAR HOMELESS AND VERY LOW INCOME PEOPLE CAME TO US, AND WE KIND OF TRIED TO GO ON OUR OWN AND DO IT AND WE WERE ABLE TO DO IT UNTIL ABOUT THE YEAR OF 2000 AND WE SIMPLY HAD TO TURN TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE THERE KNOW THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO HELP US INCREASE THE QUALITY AND THE QUANTITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. WE CURRENTLY HAVE ABOUT JUST UNDER 200 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, AND I GUESS WHAT'S KIND OF DIFFERENT ABOUT OUR SITUATION IS THAT WE SPECIALIZE IN WORKING NOT ONLY WITH THE -- THE WORKING POOR, HOMELESS, NEAR HOMELESS AND SO ON, BUT ALSO THOSE WHO ARE, IN ADDITION TO THAT, THEY ARE DISABLED, MANY OF THEM ARE. WE HAVE ONLY TWO VACANCIES IN ALL OF THE APARTMENTS THAT WE OPERATE. ONE OF THEM IS BEING RENOVATED AND THE OTHER ONE IS SPOKEN FOR. WE WERE APPROACHED THIS WEEK, PAST WEEK, BY SOME PEOPLE WANTING ANOTHER 15 APARTMENTS, AND ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE VERY LOW INCOME, NEAR HOMELESS AND DISABLED, AND WE SIMPLY HAD TO SAY WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO DO THAT. BUT WE DID MAKE A COMMITMENT TO THIS GROUP AND THAT IS THAT WE WOULD -- WE WOULD WORK WITH THEM AND SEE WHAT COULD BE WORKED OUT, AND IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT WE KEEP RUNNING INTO. THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR THIS BUDGET TO BE PASSED. WE ARE SPENDING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND WE'RE NOT QUITE SURE WHERE WE'RE GETTING IT. I GUESS THE BANKERS KNOW -- UPGRADING OUR APARTMENTS SO THAT THEY ARE BARRIER FREE. AND FINALLY I WANTED TO SAY THAT THROUGH THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE HAVE NOT ONLY WITH YOU AND PAUL HILGERS AND HIS I THINK VERY COMPASSION AT AND COMMITTED STAFF, WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE A FREE FOOD BANK TO OUR PEOPLE, FREE COMPUTER CLASSES SO THEY CAN BEGIN TO WORK THEIR WAY OUT OF THE SITUATION THEY'RE IN. WE PROVIDE FREE

JOB PLACEMENT IN THE COMPETITIVE JOB MARKET. WE DO CASE MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION. WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND THE HELP OF THE -- OF PAUL HILGERS AND HIS STAFF, AND I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO... TO SAY HOW MUCH WE DO APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, DON. MITCH WAYNEN? TO BE FOLLOWED BY DAVID MINCE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY BOB WOODY.

I ASSUMED I WAS LAST. I'M MITCH WHITE AND I WORK FOR LIFE WORKS. I'M THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER. I ALSO CHAIR THE STRAT I AM GOING COMMITTEE OF THE ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESS COMMITTEE HERE IN AUSTIN AND I WANT TO THANK..... TAKE A BRIEF MIBT MINUTE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST SUPPORT FOR ALL THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUT CONTINUE TO URGE YOU TO PUT FUNDING IN THE BUDGET FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSE..... HOUSING. THERE ARE MANY HOUSING DEVELOPERS IN THIS COMMUNITY WHO WOULD LOVE TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOPMENT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK AND CONTINUE TO PLACE UNITS INTO THE AFFORD ACIAL HOUSING. YOUR FUNDING, GENERAL FUNDS DOLLARS MAKES THAT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ATTRACT FEDERAL FUNDS, WHERE REQUIRED DOLLAR TO DOLLAR MATCH OR \$3 TO \$1 MATCH SO THAT'S WHERE IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE THOUGHT IN THE BUDGET. OUR WORK FORCE OPERATES 33 UNITS OF HOUSING FOR TEEN PARENTS, YOUNG PARENTS, YOUNG FAMILIES JUST GETTING A START, LOTS OF SINGLE MOMS WITH YOUNG KIDS OVER IN THE RIVERSIDE AREA. IT'S ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS THAT IS GOING TO BE TORN DOWN TO MAKE ROOM FOR MORE HIGHER END APARTMENT PROJECT THAT WON'T BE AFFORDABLE FOR THE FOLKS THAT WE WORK WITH, AND WE'RE AT RISK OF LOSING THOSE 33 UNITS THIS YEAR. NOW, WE'LL GO TO WORK ON THAT, WE'LL GET IT DONE, WE'LL FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO MOVE THOSE UNITS BUT IT INDICATES THAT WE HAVE TO BUILD AND CREATE OUR OWN UNITS AND MAKE THEM PERMANENT SO THAT WE'RE NOT SUBJECT TO THE WHIMS IN THE MARKET, SOMEBODY DISPLACING US BECAUSE THEY CAN MAKE MORE MONEY ON A HIGHER END APARTMENT. SO WE JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST SUPPORT AND

URGE YOU TO MAKE AVAILABLE FUNDS SO THAT WE CAN PERMANENTLY PLACE UNITS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, , FOR YOUR PATIENCE. DAVID, YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES, TO BE FOLLOWED BY BOB WOODY TO BE FOLLOWED BY STACY YAITTS.

MY NAME IS DAVID MINCE. I'M CHAIR OF THE AUSTIN LIBRARY COMMISSION AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TONIGHT IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED LIBRARY BUDGET. THANK YOU FOR RESTORING SOME OF THE STAFF POSITIONS THAT ARE NEEDED AS WELL AS PROVIDING SOME OF THE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT IN THE LIBRARIES IS ADEQUATE AND ALSO TO MEET THE CITY'S COMMITMENT FROM THE 1998 BOND ELECTION TO CONSTRUCT THE TWIN BRANCH LIBRARY. I WANT TO TELL YOU THIS EVENING I HAD A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. I'M GLAD THAT YOU TOOK UP THE LOST CREEK ANNEXATION FIRST, BECAUSE I WENT DOWN TO THE STREET TO WOOD WARD'S PARK, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, AT 6:00 IN THE EVENING AT OVER A HUNDRED DEGREES, WELL OVER 300 PEOPLE WERE SITTING AT THE PARK FOR A TEEN AND YOUTH LIBRARY EVENT. AND THAT KIND OF MAJOR I..... MAGIC IS THE THINGS YOU SUPPORT IN THE LIBRARY BUDGET. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, NOT SPEAKING FOR THE COMMISSION, I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS EVEN IN THE BETTER BUDGET TIMES, TO FIND ADEQUATE MONEY IN THE BUDGET, BUT WOULD URGE YOU TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE MATERIALS BUDGET WITHIN THE LIBRARY BUDGET. IF YOU GO BACK TO 1995, THE LIBRARY HAD APPROXIMATELY \$1.4 MILLION FOR MATERIAL ACQUISITION. IN 19 -- OR IN 2006, I'M SORRY, THAT GOT LOWERED TO 1.3 MILLION, AND WE'RE INCREASING IT ABOUT A THOUSAND DOLLARS THIS YEAR. THAT DOES NOT MAKE UP FOR THE INCREASED COST OF BOOKS, OF PERIODICALS, ANY OTHER MATERIALS THAT.....THAT OUR CITIZENS EXPECT WHEN THEY COME TO THE LIBRARY, AND IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO FIND ADDITIONAL DOLLARS, I KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT, THAT IS ONE AREA THAT I'D ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AT. ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF IT.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER KIM?

KIM: HI, DAVID, THANKS FOR THE TOUR AND TELL YOUR SON, SAMUEL.

YES.

KIM: TELL HIM I SAID HELLO.

I SURE WILL. AND HE WAS THERE TONIGHT AT WOOD --

KIM: HE'S A GREAT SPOKESPERSON FOR THE LIBRARY. BUT I WANTED TO ASK YOU -- YOU ASKED ABOUT THE MATERIALS BUDGET. WHEN WE TOURED THE LIBRARY WE NOTICED THAT A LOT OF THE SPACE HAD BEEN TAKEN AWAY FOR THE BOOKS DEDICATED FOR STAFF SO WHERE WOULD WE PUT THESE EXTRA MATERIALS?

WELL, I THINK IT'S AN ISSUE OF REPLACING OUTDATED MATERIALS, PERHAPS, OR MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S THE LATEST MATERIALS THAT THE CITIZENS EXPECT TO SEE WHEN THEY COME INTO THE LIBRARY. AND I'LL GIVE YOU A GREAT EXAMPLE AND I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF IN THIS, BUT PARTICULARLY IN YOUTH MATERIALS. I WAS SITTING AT WOOD RIDGE PARK TONIGHT LISTENING TO SOME PEOPLE WHEN THEY WERE COMING UP TO THE TEEN SERVICES DESK, TALKING ABOUT A YOUTH READING PROGRAM BOOK CLUB THAT THEY HAVE AND THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT JAMES PATTERSON BOOK FOR KIDS AND THIS GIRL WAS TALKING AND SHE WAS SAYING I CAN NEVER FIND THE BOOKS ON THE LIBRARY SHE FEEL..... SHELF SO I HAVE TO GO OUT AND BUY IT. WHEN A PATRON COMES INTO THE LIBRARY THEY OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO FIND BOOKS LIKE THAT AND IF WE NEED TO... TO MAKE ROOM BY TAKING OTHER BOOKS OFF, AS MUCH AS I HATE TO DO THAT, HOPEFULLY WE CAN FIND ROOM TO BRING IN SOME OF THE NEWER BOOKS AND PROVIDE THEM.

KIM: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, DAVID. BOB WOODY? SAW BOB

EARLY. SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK AS DID STACY YAITTS. THANK YOU STACY. PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE. FOLLOWED UP BY LAURA.

HI, MY NAME IS STACY. I'M THE VICE CHAIR OF THE HOMELESS TASK FORCE FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. ONE INITIATIVE OF THE HOMELESS TASK FORCE THIS YEAR WAS TO CREATE SERVICE -- OR DEVELOP MORE SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND SINGLE WOMEN. AS YOU KNOW, A LOT OF ISSUE -- A LOT OF ENERGY HAS GONE TOWARDS HOMELESS SERVICES IN THE PAST COUPLE YEARS BUT A LOT OF THAT HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON SINGLE INDIVIDUALS. THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO HOMELESS FAMILIES ARE AT A -- AT A MINIMUM RIGHT NOW. THEY'RE BECOMING MORE AND MORE -- LET ME START OVER. SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE RECEIVING MORE AND MORE CALLS FROM PARENTS WHO HAVE NO IDEA WHERE TO TAKE THEIR KIDS. I WORK FOR SEVERAL DIFFERENT FAMILY HOMELESS SERVER PROVIDERS IN THE LAST COUPLE YEAR AND WHAT I'VE NOTICED IS IT'S BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO BE ABLE TO FIND A PLACE TO TELL THESE PARENTS WHERE THEY CAN TAKE THEIR KIDS AND LIVE. ONE REASON WHY IT'S BECOME MORE DIFFICULT IS BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE IN AUSTIN ENERGY'S REPAYMENT POLICY. AS I.. YOU KNOW, ON SEPTEMBER 1 IN 2005 AUSTIN ENERGY CHANGED THEIR PAYMENT POLICY. PEOPLE WERE DISCONNECTED ACCOUNTS HAVE TO PAY THE ENTIRE AMOUNT BEFORE THEY CAN REESTABLISH ELECTRIC SERVICE. SO WHAT THAT MEANS FOR FAMILIES THAT ARE LIVING IN SHELTERS, AND IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS IS THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY THE ENTIRE AMOUNT BEFORE THEY CAN MOVE INTO HOUSING. ALL OF THE SERVICES THAT I KNOW OF THAT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR UTILITIES ONLY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE CURRENT ACCOUNTS, NOT PEOPLE THAT HAVE DISCONNECTED ACCOUNTS. RECENTLY THIS YEAR AUSTIN ENERGY AND THE BASIC NEEDS COALITION SUCCESSFULLY PARTNERED TO CREATE AN INITIATIVE TO HELP FAMILIES FACING LARGE AMOUNTS OF DEBT, BUT THIS PARTNERSHIP IS ONLY FOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE CURRENT ACCOUNTS, SO THERE'S STILL THIS HUGE GAP IN SERVICES. THERE'S -- AS A SERVICE PROVIDER IT'S VERY, VERY

DIFFICULT FOR ME TO FIND ANYONE TO ASSIST THESE FAMILIES THAT HAVE DISCONNECTED ACCOUNTS. AND THESE ARE THE FAMILIES THAT WE FIND LIVING IN SHELTERS AND IN HOTELS AND UNSTABLE SITUATIONS WITH THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I DID TWO SURVEYS -- I DID ONE LAST NOVEMBER AND ONE A COUPLE MONTHS LATER THAN THAT ASKING CASE MANAGERS IN THE SHELTER PROGRAMS TO COMPILE HOW MUCH DEBT THE FAMILIES..... IN SHELTERS HAD. WHAT I FOUND IS ON AVERAGE THESE FAMILIES HAD ABOUT A THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF DEBT, AND.... AND SO WHAT'S HAPPENING IS FAMILIES ARE STAYING IN SHELTERS MUCH LONGER IN ORDER JUST TO PAY OFF THAT DEBT. LAST YEAR 200 FAMILIES ARE DENIED PLACEMENT IN PUBLIC HOUSING BECAUSE THEY HAD DEBTS TO AUSTIN ENERGY. THESE ARE FAMILIES HAD HAD BEEN ON THE WAITING LIST FOR OVER A YEAR AND THEY WERE DENIED BECAUSE THEY OWED THE CITY OF AUSTIN MONEY. MOST AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLACES WILL DENY HOUSEHOLDS IF THEY STILL HAVE DEBTS TO AUSTIN ENERGY AND CANNOT RECONNECT UTILITY SERVICE. SO I JUST HAVE TO ASK, IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO CITY LEADERS AND, TO ALLOW FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN TO BE IN A HOMELESS SITUATION BECAUSE THEY OWE AUSTIN ENERGY MONEY OR IS IT MORE OF A PRIORITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE KIDS HAVE A SAFE AND STABLE PLACE TO LIVE? SO I'M JUST ASKING THAT YOU INCLUDE IN YOUR BUDGET FUNDING TO HELP FAMILIES THAT ARE IN A HOMELESS SITUATION AND DO NOT HAVE STRONG RESOURCES TO PAY OFF THEIR DEBTS TO AUSTIN ENERGY. THANKS.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, STACY. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS.] WHAT IS HAPPENING IS WE'VE REDUCED THEIR BUDGETS GOING INTO THE NEXT YEAR SO THEY CANNOT PROVIDE THE SAME LEVEL OF SERVICE AND SUPPORT THAT PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY BECOME DEPENDENT ON. IF HAVE YOU ABILITY, THE DOLLARS IN THE BUDGET TO RESTORE THAT FUNDING SO WE CAN TIB TO DO THE GOOD WORK OF THOSE PROGRAMS, THEN WE SHOULD DO THAT. WE SHOULD BRING THAT UP TO LEVEL. WE SHOULD CONSIDER RESTORING THOSE DOLLARS. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A PROGRAM THAT HASN'T BEEN MENTIONED, THE YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM WITHIN THE

CDBG FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN CUT. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO AT RISK YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY. THESE ARE CHILDREN WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO COMPLETE SCHOOL, WHO ARE AT RISK FOR DEVELOPING OUT, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THESE ARE THE CHILDREN THAT ARE ON ROUTE TO BE IN OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, TO BE THE ADULT JUVENILES AND TO BE THE HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE VARIETY OF SERVICES AND SUPPORT TO THAT YOUTH, TO THEIR FAMILY, TO PULL THEM OUT OF THE SITUATION THAT THEY ARE AND PROVIDE SUPPORT SO THAT THEY CAN TIP IT FUNCTION -- CONTINUE TO FUNCTION INDEPENDENTLY. WE BELIEVE IT'S A VITAL PROGRAM AND IT'S A PROGRAM THAT DOES WHAT WE WANT, WHICH IS PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS BEFORE THE SITUATION ESCALATES INTO HIGHER NEEDS OF SERVICES LIKE THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT IS THAT PROGRAM LIKE OTHER SYSTEMS OF ESL AND HOUSING THAT ARE BEING DRAMATICALLY IMPACTED BY THE 10% CUT IN FUNDING. I UNDERSTAND THE FUNDING WASN'T CREATED BY THIS COUNCIL OR THE CITY, IT WAS A FEDERAL DECISION, BUT IF HAVE YOU THE ABILITY AND THE POWER TO RESTORE THAT FUNDING TO CURRENT LEVELS, THEN YOU WILL THEN ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE SIT ACCEPT OF OUR COMMUNITY, THE ONES THAT ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE, THE ONES THAT CAN'T CARE FOR THEMSELVES INDEPENDENTLY UNLESS WE MAKE THE CHOICES TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS F WE'RE TO CREATE -- IF WE'RE TO CREATE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY WHERE ALL PEOPLE HAVE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, THEN WE MUST CONSIDER SERVING THE MOST VULNERABLE AND THE WAY WE DO THAT IS THROUGH RESTORING OUR SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS. IF WE FAIL TO DO THAT, THEN WE FAIL TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. SO AGAIN I ENCOURAGE TO YOU RESTORE THAT FUNDING. THANK YOU. ERIN VELAZ SIGNED UP WISH TO GO SPEAK, AS DID JEFF JACK. YOU MIGHT BE THE LAST ONE, JEFF. A BUNCH OF OTHER PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, BUT I THINK THEY'VE ALL GONE HOME. WELCOME.

MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M JEFF JACK AND I'M PRESIDENT OF THE ZILKER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.

WITHIN OUR BOUNDARIES IS ZILKER PARK AND CERTAINLY WE SUPPORT THE IDEA OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE BOTANICAL GARDEN. IN OUR AREA WE'RE GETTING A NEW TWIN OAKS LIBRARY AND WE SUPPORT THAT AS WELL. BUT PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THIS BEING A MEAT AND POTATOES BUDGET. MAYBE HAVE A FEW VEGETABLES THROWN IN. AS MUCH AS WE'D LIKE TO HAVE GREAT PLANTS OUR BOTANICAL GARDEN, WE'D LIKE TO HAVE A SKATEBOARD PARK, NEW MATERIALS FOR OUR LIBRARIES, I THINK TONIGHT YOU'VE HEARD THE COMMUNITY SPEAK ABOUT THE NEED TO DEAL WITH OUR HOMELESS, OUR CHILDREN, OUR INDIGENT. AND AS A MEMBER OF THE AUSTIN AREA HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION, THE AUSTIN COUNCIL URGES YOU TO PUT PEOPLE FIRST. BECAUSE THE LADY THATIOUS SPOKE IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IF WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE, WHAT KIND OF A COMMUNITY ARE WE? TODAY AT LUNCH ASHA HAD FORMER MAYOR KIRK WATSON SPEAK TO US AND I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU TWO POINTS HE MADE. HE IS A BIG SUPPORT ARE OF HUMAN SERVICES AND IS LOOKING AT BEING NAR WATSON. HE SAYS ONE OF HIS BIG ISSUES IS LOOKING AT WHY THE STATE DOESN'T GO AFTER THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF FEDERAL MONEY OUT THERE AVAILABLE FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. AND WHEN I LOOKED AT THE BUDGET, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION IS THAT FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THIS YEAR THERE'S NO INCREASE IN GRANTS. ASHA HAS ASKED THE CITY ON NUMEROUS OCCASION TO LOOK AT TOWNTS INCREASE REVENUE IF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. WE THINK THAT THROOS OPPORTUNITIES THERE THAT ARE NOT BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. WHEN WE LOOK AT YOUR CONTRACT, UNFUNDED STRATEGIC ADDS, \$543,000 FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, IT IS JUST THE BARE MINIMUM TO GET THROUGH. THE INCREASE IN THE COSTS DUE TO THE ENROLLMENT PROGRAM IN THIS COUNTY, THE WORK THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DONE FOR KATRINA VICTIMS, ALL HAVE REALLY TAKEN A TOLL ON THEIR BUDGETS. THEY NEED THIS MONEY. THE SECOND COMMENT THAT KIRK GAVE US TODAY WHICH I THINK IS PROBABLY THE MOST PROFOUND, HAVING BEEN THROUGH MANY BUDGET CYCLES AS MAYOR, HE SAID IT'S UNFORTUNATE THE CITY'S BUDGET PROCESS IS ESSENTIALLY A ZERO SUM GAME. THAT YOU

START OUT WITH A POT OF MONEY AND THEN YOU HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DIVIDE IT UP. AND IF SOMEBODY WINS, SOMEBODY ELSE HAS TO LOSE. WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IS THE BOTTOM LINE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES THAT WE NEED, AND BEGIN WITH THAT AS A GIVEN. AND THEN WE NEED TO GO FIND OUT WITH A COMMUNITY WITH SUCH WEALTH THAT WE'VE CREATE UNDERSTAND THE LAST 10 YEARS WE HAVE NOT FOUND A WAY TO SERVE THE MOST INDIGENOUS, THE MOST NEEDY OF OUR POPULATION. SO TONIGHT I JUST URGE YOU, WE'D THRIEK TO HAVE SOME -- WE'D THRIEK HAVE SOME INCREASED PLANTS IN THE BOTANICAL GARDEN, SOME SECURITY, SOME NEW MATERIALS IN THE LIBRARY. LET'S PUT PEOPLE FIRST. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. JACK. EILEEN WALSH? WELCOME, EILEEN. AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY MICHAEL HUR.... HURWITZ IF HE'S HERE.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THANK YOU FOR LETTING US SPEAK TONIGHT. I'M ON THE OF THE BALL ASSOCIATION BOARD FOR AUSTIN, AND I'M PAST PRESENT APPEARED CURRENTLY SERVE AS THE TREASURER. AND OBVIOUSLY WE'RE HERE TO ASK YOU TO REDUCE THE FEES FOR OUR FIELDS, OUR GAMES. I'VE BEEN IN AUSTIN SINCE '75, HAVE PLAYED ON AUSTIN FIELDS THAWL TIME. AND IN THOSE 30 YEARS, WE STARTED OUT AT ABOUT \$100 A SEASON, AND IT GREW TO THE 400 -- I GUESS IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO. AND AT THE TIME WE REACHED ABOUT 350, THAT'S WH I STARTED HEARING MY CO-PLAYERS START COMPLAINING AND THAT'S WHEN THE TEAMS STARTED TO REDUCE. NOW, WE DON'T HAVE ANY HARD NUMBERS TO TELL YOU THIS, TO PROVE IT TO YOU, BUT AS EXPERIENCING IT, I KNOW THAT WE LOST A LOT OF TEAMS BECAUSE OF THAT. AND WE ARE HOPING THAT BY REDUCING THOSE FEES THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO INCREASE OUR PARTICIPATION. BY MOVING OUR MAINTENANCE BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND, I THINK IT WILL HELP THE PROGRAM ACTUALLY GROW AND DO MORE ON THE FIELD AND IMPROVING EVEN THOUGH IT COULD BE CONSIDERED MAINTENANCE, WE MIGHT BE ALE TO IMPROVE THE ACTUAL LOOK OF THE FIELDS AND THE FEEL OF THE FIELDS BY NOT HAVING TO PUT THE ENTIRE BURDEN ON THE PROGRAM. SO I CERTAINLY HOPE YOU'LL CONSIDER THIS,

AND I REALIZE YOU HAVE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS AS WELL. BUT IT WOULD REALLY BE A GOOD THING FOR THE CITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU, EILEEN.

Mayor Wynn: MICHAEL HURWITZ, WELCOME.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL THE TIME YOU'VE PUT IN THIS EVENING. IT'S UNBELIEVABLE WHAT YOU ALL DO. MY NAME IS MIKE HURWITZ, I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LAST WORD OF THE NIGHT WAS TO PUT PEOPLE FIRST. ALSO, COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS IS A STEWARD OF CDBG DOLLARS THROUGH THE USE IN FAMILY ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND WE ARE ABLE TO USE THOSE DOLLARS TO ASSIST LOW INCOME AUSTINITES AND PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES TO YOUTH AT RISK AND FAMILIES AT RISK. AND I WANTED TO ENCOURAGE YOU IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP US TO REPLACE SOME OF THE FUNDS THAT WERE CUT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE CDBG POT, PLEASE HELP US DO THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOODNIGHT.

Mayor Wynn: GOODNIGHT. THANK YOU. YOU COUNCIL, THAT'S THE LAST OF OUR CITIZENS' TESTIMONY FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING. AND I DON'T HAVE MY AGENDA IN FRONT OF ME, BUT WE'RE POSTED TO ACTUALLY -- MS. GENTRY, DO WE HOLD INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS OR ACTUALLY CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN UP ANOTHER ONE AT OUR NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING? OKAY. SO COUNCIL, THAT'S THE LAST OF OUR SPEAKERS THIS EVENING. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL, WE STAND ADJOURNED. IT IS 10 MINUTES AFTER 10:00 P.M. THANK YOU.

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