

## Closed Caption Log, Council Meeting, 08/30/07

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I'M AUSTIN MAYOR WILL WIN. I WELCOME POLICE CHAPLAIN  
DOWN WOOD. CATHOLIC CHURCH WHO WILL LEAD US  
PLEASE RISE.

WE CANNOT START THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS MEETING  
WITHOUT DIRECTING YOU OUR GOD AND PRAISE, WE THANK  
YOU FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS THAT YOU HAVE AFFORDED  
US. WE ASK THAT YOU WATCH OVER AND BLESS THOSE  
WHO HAD ENTERED THIS CHAMBER THIS DAY. MAY THIS  
COUNCIL BE EVER MINDFUL OF THE NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS  
OF AUSTIN, THE WORKINGS OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY. WE  
CALL FOR YOUR GUIDANCE, SO THAT YOU DIRECT THIS  
COUNCIL FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END. AND HELP  
THEM TO REACH WITH ALL CLEARANCE THE BEST RESULTS,  
TODAY MADE IN A COLLABORATIVE AND JUSTICE MANNER.  
EVER BE AWARE OF YOUR PRESENCE, NOT ONLY HERE BUT  
IN THE LIVES THEY LIVE AS WELL. MAY THOSE WHO WILL  
ADDRESS THIS COUNCIL TODAY, COMPASSION LOVE AND  
CONCERN. FOR THE FELLOW CITIZENS AND THE HOPES OF  
THAT SOLUTIONS FOR ALL. GRACIOUS LORD, WITHOUT YOUR  
CONSTANT PROTECTION, NOTHING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.  
WE ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED HELP AND LOVING KINDNESS  
SO IT MAY SERVE YOU AND GLORIFY YOU IN ALL OF OUR  
ENDEAVORS. WE CONTINUE TO THANK YOU FOR THE  
POSITIVE RESULTS OF THIS COUNCIL'S HARD WORK AND  
MAY YOUR BLESSINGS BE ALWAYS UPON THEM. WE ASK ALL  
OF THIS YOUR MOST LOVING NAME, AMEN. [ONE MOMENT  
PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS], UPCOMING --

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM COUNCIL ORIGINAL NAYLY WE WERE GOING TO CONSIDER AN ACTION TO SET UP A PUBLIC HEARINGS ON SEPTEMBER 27th, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION. BUT THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF INTEREST -- I THINK WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US TO REALLY BE THOUGHTFUL AND TO FIND A WAY THAT WE CAN WORK ON THIS TOGETHER IN A COMPASSIONATE WAY, IN A COMPREHENSIVE WAY. AND -- AND TO REALLY JUST -- JUST WORK CLOSELY AND LISTEN TO ONE ANOTHER. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE LCRA -- ACLU AND YOUR HARD WORK, YOUR SPEAKING WITH ME AND I -- I HAVE LISTENED TO YOU AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER AND THINK ABOUT THIS A LITTLE MORE BEFORE WE HAD TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW, I WAS SPEAKING WITH CHIEF ACEDEVODO, THERE WERE FOUR PANHANDLERS WHO DIED BECAUSE THEY WERE HIT BY CARS, THIS IS A SERIOUS CONCERN THAT WE SHOULD REALLY NOT TAKE LIGHTLY. PEOPLE IN THE ROADWAYS, ENDANGERING THEMSELVES AND OTHERS. WE ALSO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE NEED TO DO MORE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, WE NEED TO EDUCATE PEOPLE AS TO WHAT IS A GOOD AND SAFE WAY TO CARE FOR THOSE THAT ARE LESS FORTUNATE THAN US. WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS PULL THIS ITEM IN TERMS OF SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING. ASK THAT THE STAFF ON THE 27th PRESENT TO US SOME IDEAS, ALSO WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF OUR CURRENT LAWS. I THINK THERE'S SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHAT THE CURRENT LAW IS WITH REGARD TO ROADWAYS, STATE HIGHWAYS AND ROADS THAT ARE NOT STATE HIGHWAYS AND ALSO PANHANDLING AROUND SCHOOLS. WE DO HAVE A CURRENT LAW ON OUR BOOKS ABOUT PANHANDLING AROUND SCHOOLS, BUT THERE'S SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHAT ARE THE -- WHAT IS THE ACTUAL PERIMETER AROUND THE SCHOOL. SO I AM JUST GOING TO POLITELY AND -- AND ASK THE STAFF TO -- TO BRING US THAT INFORMATION SO WE CAN REALLY KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT -- THAT WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST AND GOING FORWARD, WHAT WE NEED TO DO.

MAYOR?

COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: I HAVE CO-SPONSORED THIS WITH COUNCILMEMBER KIM. I THINK THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM RECALL WE ACTUALLY HAD AN ORDINANCE READY TO VOTE ON AND THEN HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON PANHANDLING ON ROAD SIDES. I THINK THIS WAS IN LATE 2005. THE FALL OF 2005. THE -- AT THAT TIME, WE HAD -- WE ADOPTED THE PANHANDLING AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING ORDINANCE AS IT APPLIED TO DOWNTOWN, BUT DEFERRED ACTION ON THE ROADSIDE PORTION OF IT UNTIL THE SECOND DAY LABOR SITE OPENED. THE SECOND DAY LABOR SITE IS OPEN. SO IT'S NOW TIME TO MOVE FORWARD, I BELIEVE, WITH THE ORDINANCE THAT WE WERE READY TO VOTE ON AND HAD ALREADY HAD ONE PUBLIC HEARING ON BACK IN THE FALL OF 2005. AND -- AND SO -- SO MY UNDERSTANDING, WHAT WE ARE REQUESTING THIS MORNING IS THE STAFF PRESENT THAT ORDINANCE, THEY WERE READY FOR US TO VOTE ON BACK IN 2005. ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 27th. AT THAT POINT WE WILL -- ON SEPTEMBER THE 27th WE WILL SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO VOTE ON THE ITEMS THAT ARE PRESENTED BY STAFF OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER -- WHEN THEY PRESENT THIS ON SEPTEMBER 27th. SPECIFICALLY, WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR A PRESENTATION FROM STAFF FOR ON THE 27th OF SEPTEMBER IS ON RECOMMENDATIONS ON -- ON EXPANDING THE SAFETY ZONE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AROUND SCHOOLS, SCHOOL ZONES, TO BE -- TO BE FREE FROM PANHANDLING. BECAUSE THERE'S AN INHERENT DANGER IN STRANGERS WALKING UP TO YOUR CHILDREN FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE IT IS. IT'S NOT A -- I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THERE IS A FREE SPEECH RIGHT FOR STRANGERS TO APPROACH -- I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS A FREE SPEECH RIGHT FOR STRANGERS TO APPROACH YOUR CHAIRND SCHOOL, THAT'S AN AREA WHERE WE NEED PROTECTION. ALONG ROADWAYS WE HAD AN ORDINANCE READY TO GO, THAT SHOULD BE OUR STARTING POINT. IN ADDITION TO THAT, RECALL THAT IN ADDITION TO PANHANDLERS BEING KILLED IN ROADSIDE ACCIDENTS, THERE IS ALSO AN INHERENT DANGER WHEN STRANGERS APPROACH YOUR CAR AT NIGHT FOR WHATEVER REASON. I THINK MOTORISTS HAVE A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN BEING SAFE ON THE ROADS AS WELL. AND FINALLY, WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IS

THAT I HAVE HEARD THIS WEEK ALONE FROM FOLKS WITHIN CITY STAFF, 180-DEGREE OPPOSITE INTERPRETATIONS ABOUT THE ENFORCEABILITY OF OUR CURRENT LAW IN TERMS OF THIS. SOME -- I HAVE HEARD FROM SOME FOLKS INSIDE THE CITY THAT YOU DON'T -- THAT IF A POLICE OFFICER WITNESSES THE PANHANDLING ORDINANCES BEING VIOLATED THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO CALL 911, GET A WITNESS STATEMENT AND GO DEAL WITH THAT PERSON. I HAVE HEARD OTHER MEMBERS OF STAFF SAY NO YOU HAVE TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE PUBLIC CALL IN, REGISTER A COMPLAINT AND THEN THE POLICE OFFICER IS THEN CALLED OUT. WE HAVE TO GET THAT STRAIGHTENED OUT. I CAN SEE THAT IF WE HAVE THAT KIND OF CONFUSION INTERNALLY INSIDE THE CITY, THEN IT'S PRETTY MUCH MEANINGLESS UNTIL WE GET THAT SORTED OUT. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE LAW DOES REQUIRE SOMEONE TO FILE A COMPLAINT, FOR A POLICE OFFICER -- BEFORE A POLICE OFFICER CAN TAKE ACTION, CONSIDER THIS EXAMPLE. WHAT THAT WOULD MEAN IS THAT IF HE SAW SOMEONE VIOLATING THE AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING ORDINANCE DOWNTOWN OR VIOLATE.....VIOLATING THE ROADSIDE PANHANDLING ORDINANCE, THE EXPECTATION WOULD BE THAT SOMEONE IN THEIR CAR WOULD CALL 911, PULL OFF ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, WAIT FOR THE POLICE OFFICER TO COME, AND FILE A COMPLAINT WHEN THEIR ALTERNATIVE IS TO SAY HEY THIS IS UNPLEASANT I'M NOT GOING TO DRIVE HOME. AS YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE, THE REQUIREMENTS, IF THAT'S WHAT THE CASE IS, MAKES NO SENSE. IT RESULTS IN A COMPLETELY MEANINGLESS LAW. WE EITHER DON'T HAVE THE LAW AT ALL OR HAVE IT WHERE IT CAN BE ENFORCED BY OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT. THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT COUNCILMEMBER KIM AND I ASKED TO BE PART OF THE PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR AN ORDINANCE TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 27th. WE WILL SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 27th AND HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC AT THAT POINT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. AGAIN FURTHER POTENTIAL ITEMS FROM COUNCIL IN THE FUTURE. COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ AND THEN LEFFINGWELL.

BRIEFLY, MAYOR, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MY STAFF

MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON IS ACTUALLY RELATED TO -- TO PANHANDLING AND SOLICITATION, BUT IT'S -- IT'S A DIFFERENT APPROACH. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS CREATE A CAMPAIGN THAT ALLOWS THE CITIZENS TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SOCIAL SERVICE NON-PROFIT AGENCIES THAT -- THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO -- TO HOMELESS FOLKS THAT NEED HELP. BUT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO CREATE IS -- IS A CAMPAIGN THAT WILL ALLOW A CITIZEN TO DONATE MONEY, A TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION, WE IN TURN GIVE THEM A DOLLAR BILL THAT IS NOT WORTH ANYTHING, NOT A VOUCHER OF VALUE, BUT SIMPLY INFORMATIVE, IT LETS THE HOMELESS FOLKS ON THE CORNER KNOW WHERE THEY CAN GO GET SERVICES, HOW THEY CAN REACH OUT TO THOSE GROUPS AND MAKE CONTACT WITH THEM TO GET FOOD, TO GET HEALTH CARE, DENTAL CARE, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. I THINK THE ISSUE IS -- FOR ME THE ISSUE IS YOU ARE NOT GOING TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR BY OUTLAWING SOLICITATION. YOU ARE NOT GOING TO -- GOING TO MOVE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS BY JUST MAKING IT ILLEGAL. WHAT I WANT TO SEE IS A TRUE COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN THAT ASSISTS THOSE FOLKS, GIVES THEM THE INCENTIVE TO NOT SOLICIT. IF WE GIVE THEM A VOUCHER OR NOT A VOUCHER, BUT IF WE GIVE THEM INFORMATIVE INFORMATION INSTEAD OF A DOLLAR, INSTEAD OF A QUARTER, I GUARANTEE YOU THEY WON'T STAND ON THE CORNER ANYMORE. THE ONLY REASON THAT THEY ARE STANDING ON STREET CORNERS IS BECAUSE PEOPLE GIVE THEM MONEY. WELL, I THINK THAT WE HAVE A VERY CARING COMMUNITY. I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT. I THINK WE SHOULD CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM THAT TAKES THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS, TURNS THEM INTO REAL SERVICES FOR THESE FOLKS AND THEN START EDUCATING THE HOMELESS POPULATION ABOUT WHERE THEY CAN GET THESE SERVICES AS OPPOSED TO JUST HANDING THEM A DOLLAR AND -- AND KEEPING THEM ON THE STREETS. SO THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO BE COMING FORWARD WITH. AS A PART OF THIS ENTIRE CONVERSATION ABOUT SOLICITATION.

COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL..... LEFFINGWELL?

I JUST WANTS TO MAKE SURE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, 72 WILL BE WITHDRAWN FOR THE DAY. A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL WILL

BE PRESENT OF SOME KIND ON THE 27th.

WE WILL NOTE THAT ITEM 72 TECHNICALLY IS WITHDRAWN FROM TODAY'S AGENDA. WILL JUST NOTE THAT COUNCIL IS ASKING A STAFF BRIEFING AND PRESENTATION A SPECIFIC PROPOSALS RELATING TO EXISTING OR FUTURE AMENDED ORDINANCES AND AT THAT TIME COUNCIL COULD CHOOSE TO TAKE ACTION AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING AT SOME FUTURE DATE CONCERNING THAT INFORMATION PRESENTED BY STAFF. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: YEAH.

MORE HISTORICAL CONTEXT. COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ RAISED A COUPLE OF POINTS, HE HAD ACTUALLY AS PART OF THE ORDINANCE THAT WE ADOPTED IN THE FALL OF 2005, SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED THE BUDGET FOR THE -- FOR OUR HOMELESS SHELTER, THE AUSTIN RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS DOWNTOWN. SO WE HAD -- WE HAD -- WE HAD AGREED WITH THE VIEWS THAT COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ IDENTIFIED THAT WE NEEDED TO HAVE NOT JUST A CRACK DOWN APPROACH, BUT IT -- AN APPROACH THAT IF WE COULD GIVE PEOPLE A SAFE PLACE TO GO. SO WE HAVE DONE THAT. IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH. BUT IN OTHER WORDS JUST A REMINDER THAT THIS WAS A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF THE BARGAIN BACK IN THE FALL OF 2005. IT WAS THAT WE EXPAND THE HOMELESS CENTER BUDGET AND WE OPEN THE SECOND DAY LABOR SITE AND WE WAITED UNTIL THOSE TWO THINGS ARE DONE BEFORE WE DEALT WITH THE ROADSIDE PANHANDLING ORDINANCE. WE HAVE DONE BOTH OF THOSE THINGS, THAT'S WHY I BELIEVED IT WAS -- IT WAS AN APPROPRIATE TIME AND AN IMPORTANT TIME GIVEN I THINK WHAT IS A GROWING PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THE ROAD SIDES.

COUNCILMEMBER COLE?

I WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ON THIS ITEM DURING THE STAFF PRESENTATION THAT SOME CONNECTION IS ACTUALLY MADE BETWEEN CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR AND PANHANDLING. I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CIVIL LIBERTY ISSUES WITH THIS. AND I UNDERSTAND THE SAFETY

OF CHILDREN AND CLOSE TO SCHOOLS. BUT I DON'T -- I  
HAVEN'T SEEN ANY INFORMATION CONNECTING THE  
PANHANDLING WITH THE SAFETY ISSUE THAT -- THAT  
THERE'S ACTUALLY CRIMINAL CONDUCT OCCURRING AND I  
UNDERSTAND THE COMMITMENTS THAT WE MAY HAVE MADE  
BACK IN 2005. AND THAT WE HAVE PASSED AN ORDINANCE  
DEALING WITH THE PANHANDLING ISSUE DOWNTOWN.  
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU AGAIN, FURTHER COMMENTS ON POTENTIAL  
UPCOMING ITEMS FROM COUNCIL ON FUTURE AGENDAS?  
COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: MAYOR, THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT KENNETH FOSTER AND THIS  
IS NOT SOMETHING THAT I WOULD NORMALLY DO BECAUSE  
IT'S NOT A CITY ISSUE. BUT I THINK IT IS SUCH A PARAMOUNT  
IMPORTANCE. KENNETH FOSTER IS SENTENCED TO DIE AT  
MIDNIGHT TONIGHT IS MY UNDERSTANDING. WE ARE STILL  
WAITING FOR A RULING FROM THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND  
PAROLES AS TO THEIR RECOMMENDATION. I HOPE WE TAKE  
THIS TIME TO REALLY REFLECT AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING  
AROUND THE NATION AND THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT IS  
LOOKING ON US TO SEE WHAT IT IS AS A COMMUNITY AND  
SOCIETY. THIS IS A GROSS END.... INJUSTICE, AS AN ASIAN  
AMERICAN, A WOMAN OF COLOR, SOMEONE WHO REALLY  
BELIEVES THAT IN THE RULE OF LAW THAT IS FAIR AND  
SHOULD NOT BE DISTORTED IN A WAY TO EXCUSE SOMEONE  
WHO COMMITTED A CRIME, IN TERMS OF SOMEONE BEING  
KILLED, THAT KENNETH FOSTER WAS NOT THE PERSON WHO  
KILLED THE VICTIM. HE WAS SIMPLY ASSOCIATED AND AT  
THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME, SO I JUST WANTED  
TO MAKE A STATEMENT ABOUT THAT. MY BROTHER WHO  
USUALLY DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ISSUES AS MUCH AS I DO,  
CALLED ME AND BEGGED ME TO DO SOMETHING. AND THIS  
IS SOMETHING THAT REALLY GOT MY ATTENTION BECAUSE  
IT JUST SHOWS ME THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE AROUND THIS  
COMMUNITY WHO ARE REALIZING THAT WE NEED TO DO  
MORE. WE NEED TO REALLY JUST BE THOUGHTFUL BEFORE  
WE USE SOMETHING AS -- AS PERMANENT AS A DEATH  
PENALTY.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER, FURTHER

POTENTIAL ITEMS FROM COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER  
LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH  
COUNCILMEMBER KIM'S REMARKS. I AGREE AND I WOULD  
ALSO COMMENT THAT TEXAS IS THE ONLY STATE IN THE  
UNION THAT USES THE LAW OF PARTIES IN CAPITAL CASES  
AND I JUST A PERSONAL OPINION, I THINK THAT SHOULD  
CHANGE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER, FURTHER  
COMMENTS BEFORE I WALK US THROUGH THE CHANGES  
AND CORRECTIONS OF THIS WEEK'S AGENDA? [LAUGHTER]  
OKAY. HEARING UP IN, AGAIN WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF  
CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S POSTED  
AGENDA. THEY ARE ... NOTING THAT ITEM NO. 52 IS  
POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27th, 2007, WHICH IS OUR  
FIRST REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AFTER WE  
APPROVE OUR BUDGET EARLY NEXT MONTH. ITEM NO. 72 AS  
WE DISCUSSED EARLIER HAS BEEN WITH DRAWN  
TECHNICALLY. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTION  
TO STAFF TO BRING BACK A -- A BRIEFING AND PROPOSED  
POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO OUR CURRENT  
SOLICITATION ORDINANCES. AND AT THAT TIME THE CITY  
COUNCIL -- ON -- ALSO ON THE SEPTEMBER 27th CITY  
COUNCIL AGENDA, AT THAT TIME COUNCIL MAY ALSO TAKE  
ACTION TO POST A PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO THE  
INFORMATION THAT WE WILL RECEIVE. ITEM NO. 75, WE  
SHOULD NOTE THAT THE SUGGESTED DATE AND TIME OF  
THE OCTOBER 18th, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE 4:00 P.M.,  
NOT 6:00 P.M. OUR SCHEDULE THIS MORNING AND EVENING  
IS THAT AFTER WE GET THROUGH OUR CONSENT AGENDA  
HERE THIS MORNING, WE WILL HAVE A PRESENTATION FROM  
-- ABOUT THE BARTON SPRINGS POOL MASTER PLAN, A LOT  
OF GOOD WORK HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD ON THE FUTURE  
OF THE POOL AND SURROUNDING GROUNDS. WE WILL GET  
THAT PRESENTATION THIS MORNING. AT NOON WE BREAK  
FOR GENERAL CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS. 2:00 WE ARE  
GOING TO HAVE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ACTION  
REGARDING OUR ANNUAL BOND SALES. WE ALSO WILL HAVE  
A BRIEFING, A FINAL STAFF BRIEFING ON THE PROPOSED  
FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET. THE DEPARTMENTS THAT  
WILL BE PRESENTING THEIR PROPOSED BUDGET THIS



AFTERNOON WILL BE ... PUBLIC WORKS, AUSTIN WATER UTILITIES, AUSTIN ENERGY, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES, NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING, AND WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW. THEN WE ALSO OF COURSE ARE POSTED TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT NOT ONLY THOSE DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET BUTT REST OF OUR -- BUDGETS, BUT THE REST OF OUR LARGE PROPOSED FISCAL 2007-2008 BUDGET THIS EVENING FOR CITIZENS TO GIVE US GOOD FEEDBACK. MID AFTERNOON AUSTIN HOUSENESSING IF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, WE HAVE A POSTED AGENDA FOR THAT AMOUNT OF BUSINESS. 4:00 TAKE UP OUR ZONING HEARINGS AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS. 5:30, WE BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS. AND MUSICIAN TODAY IS LYNN MANSIA, STAY TUNED. 6:00 WE START CONDUCTING OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS, POTENTIALLY TAKE ACTION ON SOME OF THEM. SO FAR, COUNCIL, ONLY TWO ITEMS HAVE BEEN -- ACTUALLY 72 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. THE ONLY ITEM TECHNICALLY PULLED OFF OUR CONSENT AGENDA IS ITEM NO. 68, A COUPLE OF CITIZENS ARE HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION, I WOULD RATHER TAKE THAT UP AS A STAND ALONE ITEM ONCE WE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SO ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PULLED? FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA? OF COURSE TIME FOR COMMENTS ABOUT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. SO THEN OUR PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA THIS MORNING WILL BE TO APPROVE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, A NUMBER OF PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS, ITEMS 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, NOTING THAT 52 IS POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27th, 2007, PER CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS. ALSO APPROVING PURCHASING DEPARTMENT ITEM NO. 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, AND 66. FROM OUR TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WE WILL INCLUDE ITEM NO. 67, OUR WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT, PROPOSED ITEM NO. 69 THAT WILL BE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. THEN REGARDING ITEMS FROM COUNCIL, ITEM NO. 70 IS APPOINTMENTS TO OUR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, I WILL READ INTO THE RECORD AND NOTING THAT LAST NIGHT WITH THE HELP OF OUR CITY

CLERK, SHIRLEY BROWN AND HER OFFICE, WE CONDUCTED OUR SOMETIMES ANNUAL CITY COUNCIL BOARD AND COMMISSION APPRECIATION EVENT AT THE PARMER SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER. I WANT TO THANK MS. BROWN AND HER STAFF FOR PULLING OFF A GREAT EVENING. WHERE WE CELEBRATED AND THANKED 500 SOME ODD CITIZENS WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME ON OUR 50 SOME ODD BOARDS AND COMMISSION. A LOT OF, YOU KNOW, VOLUNTEER ADVISORY WORK THAT ULTIMATELY COMES TO COUNCIL AND MAKES OUR AGENDA THAT MUCH MORE MANAGEABLE FOR US, INCLUDING THE REASON WHY WE HAVE SUCH LENGTHY CONSENT AGENDAS AND IN PART BECAUSE SO MANY OF THESE ITEMS ARE REVIEWED BY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MADE UP OF CITIZENS WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AWAY FROM THEIR HOME AND FAMILY AND WORK. TO GIVE US THAT ADVICE. GREAT EVENT APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THEY GIVE US. TODAY WE ARE POINTING TO THE NEW FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S TASK FORCE. THE FOLLOWING FOLKS ARE CONSENSUS APPOINTMENTS. AL BEAVERS, KATHY ECKELSS, KAREN GARS, LOU GRAND JURY REGARD, GREG PEAS, SAN DRO KIRK, RHONDA PAVER, JENNIFER PETERS, [INDISCERNIBLE], EXCUSE ME, ROBERT SCHNIEDER, SORRY IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING THAT. MARCELLO [INDISCERNIBLE], KATHY TOVO, LAURA WARREN, HEATHER WADE, THAT'S THE NEW FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S TASK FORCE. TO OUR PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD, JEFF BOYD IS MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLY'S REAPPOINTMENT. TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION DAVE SULLIVAN IS COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL REAPPOINTMENT, TO OUR WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION, MIKE WARNER ALSO IS COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL'S REAPPOINTMENT. ITEM NO. 70 OUR BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. CONTINUING ON. WE WILL APPROVE ITEM 71, 73, WE WILL BE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ITEM NO. 74 AND 75, REVISED PER CHANGES AND CORRECTION. ALSO 76. COUNCIL, THAT'S OUR PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA. I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: THANK YOU, MAYOR. I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE MEASURES WHO ARE GOING TO BE SERVING ON THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN TASK FORCE. THEY ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT MAKING SURE THAT WE IMPROVE ACCESS TO CHILD CARE IN OUR CITY AND ALSO THAT WE HAVE FAMILY SIZED HOUSING IN OUR CITY AS WE ARE GROWING AND WE ARE GOING TO NEED MORE OF BOTH. AND SO THIS IS A GREAT COALITION OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERTISE IN HOUSING AND CHILD CARE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK THEM IN ADVANCE FOR THE HARD WORK. I KNOW THEY ARE GOING TO BE PUTTING FORWARD. I ALSO WANT TO THANK TRAVIS COUNTY, AISD FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND THEIR INPUT AND ALSO MY COLLEAGUES FOR -- FOR YOUR ALL'S SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA?  
COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

IT'S NOT AN AGENDA ITEM, MAYOR, BUT I DO WANT TO -- TO JUST CONGRATULATE AND THANK THE PARKS STAFF. LAST NIGHT WE OPENED UP A BRAND NEW PARK, RIGHT NEXT TO THE PARMER EVENTS CENTER. IT'S AN AMAZING PARK. IT RAINED ON US A LITTLE BIT, BUT I WANT THE PUBLIC ALSO TO KNOW THAT IT'S OPEN AND WE WANT FOLKS TO COME DOWN AND ENJOY IT. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL PARK, I I CAN'T..... CONGRATULATE ALL OF THE STAFF. AS A REMINDER WE WILL BE USING THE NAMED ORDINANCE GOING FORWARD, CITIZENS CAN GIVE US INPUT ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY THINK WE SHOULD NAME IT OTHER THAN WHAT EVERYBODY THINKS THAT IT IS, TOWN LAKE PARK.

Mayor Wynn: IT TECHNICALLY IS NAMED TOWN LAKE PARK RIGHT NOW. OF COURSE TOWN LAKE NO LONGER EXISTS, IT'S LADYBIRD LAKE. WE ARE TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND FOLKS THAT WE HAVE A NAMING ORDINANCE IN PLACE THAT ALLOWS CITIZENS UP TO 90 DAYS TO SUGGEST NAMES FOR NEW CITY FACILITIES. AND SO WE ESSENTIALLY ARE NOW SEEING THAT OVER THE 90 -- NEXT 90 DAYS WE WILL TAKE SUGGESTIONS, ULTIMATELY THOSE GO TO THE PARKS BOARD. APPROPRIATE VOLUNTEER BOARD OVER THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, THEN THEY WILL IF -- IF THERE'S AN

IDEA TO CHANGE OR USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEMORATE SOMEBODY, THEN THAT WILL COME TO COUNCIL FOR POTENTIAL APPROVAL. MARES.....

Martinez: LAST NIGHT COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL SAID HOW CAN WE HAVE TOWN LAKE WHEN WE DON'T HAVE TOWN LAKE. I SAID WELL WE HAVE AIRPORT BOULEVARD, WE DON'T HAVE AN AIRPORT OVER THERE [LAUGHTER]

AND I DROVE BY AGGIE LANE THE OTHER DAY AND --  
[LAUGHTER] I DIDN'T SEE ANY AGGIES WALKING AROUND.  
[LAUGHTER]

THERE'S SOME AGGIES AROUND HERE, THOUGH.

THERE ARE. [LAUGHTER] COLE I WOULD LIKE TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT ITEM NO. 28 IS THE WALLER CREEK PROJECT THAT IS MOVING FORWARD. IT'S CLOSE TO \$30 MILLION AND I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THIS IS HAPPENING. THESE WILL BE ABOVE GROUND AND BELOW GROUND IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL OCCUR AND THIS WILL BE A TRUE DESTINATION PLACE FOR AUSTIN AND SIGNIFICANT ULTIMATELY AS THE BARTON SPRINGS POOL. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE WALLER CREEK ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CONTINUING TO MEET. THEY WILL BE REPORTING TO COUNCIL ON THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND THANK THE CHAIR OF FORMER COUNCILMEMBER BILL SPELMAN FOR ACTING IN THAT CAPACITY. AND FINALLY, WE KNOW THAT THIS PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A REALITY WITHOUT THE COUNTY. AND WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE THE FINANCING AND THE CONFIDENCE IN THE COUNTY-CITY PARTNERSHIP WITHOUT JOHN STEPHENS. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE HIM FOR THAT TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION AS HE GETS READY TO RETIRE FROM THE CITY. AND I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE RUDY GARZA, JOE PANTALION, GARY JACKSON, GARY [INDISCERNIBLE], KIMBERLY SPRINGER AND GREG GUERNSEY, AS WELL AS STEPHANIE McDONALD IN MY OFFICE FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK THUS FAR ON THE PROJECT AND THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO TO BRING IT FORWARD.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER AND FOR YOUR

WORK AND THE MAYOR PRO TEM'S WORK ON THAT PROJECT. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? WE HAVE A COUPLE OF -- ALSO JUST NOTE IN ADDITION TO THE IMPORTANT WALLER CREEK PROJECT, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF BIG -- CONTINUING WORK WITH OUR AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM, I THINK ITEMS 23 PERHAPS THROUGH 25, JUST TO REMIND FOLKS AS WE ALL DO DRIVE AND WALK AROUND THE CITY, YOU SEE A LOT OF -- OF UTILITY WORKING DONE. WE NEEDED AN APPROPRIATE WAY, IN MY OPINION, WE ARE INVESTING A LOT OF MONEY UPGRADING THE -- OFTENTIMES THE AGING INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGHOUT THE CITY. IT'S -- IT'S NOT SEXY WORK. YOU DON'T SEE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE TO THE ABOVE GROUND. BUT WE ARE MAKING SOME VERY, VERY IMPORTANT PROGRESS WHEN IT COMES TO CLEANING UP OUR URBAN CREEKS, BY AVOIDING LEAKING SEWER LINES AND JUST IMPROVING THE LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE CITY AS WE CONTINUE TO GROW. SO LOTS OF -- LOTS OF GOOD WORK IS OCCURRING OFF OF THIS CONSENT AGENDA. MUCH OF WHICH YOU'LL SEE AS YOU TRY TO DRIVE AROUND THE CITY. QUICKLY, I SEE SUE EDWARDS IS HERE, ITEM NO. 13 IS -- COMES FROM OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT. WE ARE MODERATELY UPDATING AND CHANGING OUR -- OUR FUNDING CULTURAL ARTS FUNDING GUIDELINES. I'M NOT SURE THAT WE ARE READY TO DO THIS. IF SHE OR SOMEBODY CAN SPEAK BRIEFLY TO -- TO WHY THESE CHANGES CAME TO US, ULTIMATELY FUNDAMENTALLY ALSO RECOGNIZING THAT THEY COME RECOMMENDED BY OUR ARTS COMMISSION. IF YOU REMEMBER, PROBABLY THREE YEARS AGO NOW, WE MADE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO WHAT HAD BEEN A RELATIVELY STALE CULTURAL ARTS FUNDING PROCESS AND SO I'M JUST CURIOUS TO GET A QUICK UPDATE AS TO THESE CHANGES. WELCOME.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL MY NAME IS VINCENT KITCH, I'M IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OFFICE. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE COMING TO YOU FROM THE ARTS COMMISSION AND THEIR GUIDELINES COMMITTEE. MOST OF THEM REFLECT SORT OF NUTS AND BOLTS, CHANGES NORMAL IN THIS YEAR, SOME OF THEM REPRESENT ALSO EXPANSION. IN MANY OF THE

PROGRAMS WE ARE SORT OF ABLE TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT ARTS GROUPS WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY TO. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING TO EXPAND THE FUNDING AVAILABLE IN OUR CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM, WHICH IS A PROGRAM WE IMPLEMENTED TWO YEARS AGO. WE ARE EXPANDING OUR SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MONEY FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND -- AND BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE -- OF THE BED TAX IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, WE ARE HOPING TO LAUNCH A COUPLE OF NEW PROGRAMS, PREDOMINANTLY ONE THAT'S BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS CALLED COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS WHICH WOULD ALLOW ARTS GROUPS TO PARTNER WITH OTHER SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER ARTS ORGANIZATIONS TO DO REALLY SPECIALIZED PROJECTS OUTSIDE OF THE SCOPE OF THEIR NORMAL PROGRAMMING AND WE ARE GOING TO LAUNCH WHAT WE CONSIDER A MINI GRANT PROGRAM SO THAT ARTS GROUPS WHO EMERGE DURING THE YEAR, AREN'T ALREADY GETTING FUNDING THROUGH OUR PROCESS CAN ACCESS MONEY IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT SORT OF WAITING FOR THE ANNUAL DEADLINE IN MAY TO COME AROUND FOR THEM TO GET IN OUR PROCESS. REALLY REPRESENTS EXPANSION AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK. COUPLE MORE COMMENTS. JUST TO REMIND FOLKS, ITEM NO. 30 IS ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT'S COMING TO US FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON OUR WORK OUTSIDE OF OUR WINDOW HERE WITH THE CONVERSION OF THIS FIVE BLOCK STRETCH OF CESAR CHAVEZ BACK TO TWO WAY, THE STRETCH FROM SAN ANTONIO TO BRAZOS. AGAIN THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF MONTHS, HOPEFULLY ONLY FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS OF POTENTIAL, YOU KNOW, HEART BURN AND PERHAPS MODEST CONGESTION WHILE WE WORK THROUGH THAT CONVERSION. WHEN THE CONVERSION IS COMPLETE, TECHNICALLY THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME EXPANDED CAPACITY WITH A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL TURN LANES ADDED AND AS IMPORTANTLY THERE'S GOING TO BE A

REMARKABLY PROMINENT, PROMENADE BUILT THERE ON THE SOUTH SIDEWALK, A VERY -- AT TIMES 30 SOME ODD FEET WIDE PROMENADE FOR FOLKS TO -- TO ENJOY THE VIEW OF LADYBIRD LAKE AND THE PARK, PERHAPS YET TO BE RENAMED ACROSS THE WATER. THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 34 IS ONE OF THE SORT FLEET RELATED ITEMS AND PURCHASES. WE ACTUALLY HAVE A CITIZEN WHO SIGNED UP WHO WILL SPEAK HERE IN A FEW MINUTES. PERHAPS TECHNICALLY AGAINST THIS ITEM. THIS -- THIS IS COMING TO US, ONE, BECAUSE OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO IN NEED OF -- OF ADDITIONAL SQUAD CARS, PATROL CARS, AND/OR AS THEIR FLEET AGES, THEY HAVE THEY HAVE A LOT OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLES. THIS PAST FEBRUARY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A CLIMATE PROTECTION PLAN, HAD VERY SPECIFIC TARGETS AND GOALS FOR US TO MEET OPERATIONALLY BUT ALSO SOME GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE LARGER METRO ECONOMY. WHEN IT COMES TO GLOBAL WARMING GASES, MOST OF THAT BEING CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS, IS BOTH THE CARBON EMISSIONS FROM OUR UTILITY THAT WE BURN PULVERIZED COAL AND NATURAL GAS TO CREATE THE ELECTRICITY THAT WE CONSUME, OUR UTILITY IS DEALING WITH CARBON EMISSIONS FROM THE ELECTRICITY GENERATIONS SIDE. ALSO A SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION COMPONENT TO CARBON EMISSIONS, THAT BEING THE FOSSIL FUELS, THE VAST MAJORITY OF US BURNING IN OUR CARS AND TRUCKS AS WE DRIVE AROUND AUSTIN. A BIG CHALLENGE FOR THE CITY OPERATIONS WILL BE RELATED TO OUR FLEETS. AND SO -- SO THIS ITEM NO. 34 IS A -- IS A RELATIVELY LARGE PURCHASE TECHNICALLY FOR OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, 118 PATROL SEDANS, BUT OUR FLEXIBLE FUEL E 85 FUEL VEHICLES. THAT IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO -- TO DIESEL OR TRADITIONAL GASOLINE. THERE ARE CLEAR, MEASURABLE, DEMONSTRABLE, SCIENTIFIC REDUCTIONS IN CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSION FROM THE BURNING OF E 85. THERE IS RECOGNITION THAT THERE ARE SORT OF WELL TO TANK AND TANK TO ROAD ANALYSES OF TOTAL EMISSIONS. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS WHEN E 85 IS PRODUCED, THERE IS AN INCREASE IN NITRIC OXIDE OR NOX. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THAT INCREASE OCCURS AT PRODUCTION SITE. NOW E 85 BEING PRODUCED IN AUSTIN, TECHNICALLY THERE WON'T BE AN INCREASE IN NITRIC OXIDE IN THE AIR IN AUSTIN OR

THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGION. MEANWHILE THERE WILL BE A MEASURED REDUCTION IN CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS IN AUSTIN AND FUNDAMENTALLY THE ENTIRE WELL TO WHEEL ANALYSIS OF E 85 HAS MEASURED A CARBON DIOXIDE REDUCTION. SO WE RECOGNIZE THAT -- THAT I THINK OF THIS AS SOMEWHAT OF A TRANSITION PRODUCT, A TRANSITION OPPORTUNITY. SO -- SO AS EACH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS COME FORWARD WITH ANY TYPE OF FLEET REQUEST, THE STAFF WHO IS WORKING ON OUR CLIMATE PROTECTION PLAN, AS THEY ARE STILL DRAFTING THIS -- THE SPECIFICS AND DETAILED ELEMENTS OF THAT, WILL CONTINUE TO BE REVIEWING THOSE POTENTIAL PURCHASES IN THAT PRODUCT. SO PLEASED TO SEE THAT -- THAT OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SETTING A PRETTY VISIBLE TONE WITH 118 PATROL CARS WITH ALTERNATIVE FUEL. ALL OF THEM BEING ALTERNATIVE FUEL. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT -- THAT, YOU KNOW, CHALLENGES, THERE'S NON-CARBON DIOXIDE CHALLENGES TO E 85. WE ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH THAT, ACCEPT THAT, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH THE EVOLUTION OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS, ALTERNATIVE FUELS ULTIMATELY HAVE OUR CITY FLEET DEMONSTRATE THAT WE IN FACT ARE COMMITTED TO REDUCING GLOBAL WARMING GASES HERE LOCALLY. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE MR. SCOTT JOHNSON, WHO SIGNED UP TO ADDRESS US ON ITEM NO. 34 TO SPEAK. I THINK THERE'S SOME STAFF HERE THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IF WE HAVE SOME. WELCOME, SCOTT.

THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY MANAGER, STAFF AND AUDIENCE. MY NAME IS SCOTT JOHNSON, VERY OFTEN WHEN THERE'S A CHOICE BETWEEN A PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITY, THERE ARE TRADEOFFS. AND I'M THE LAST ONE, ANY TIME I COME DOWN TO SPEAK AGAINST AN ITEM THAT HAS BEEN A MULTI-MONTH PROCESS OF CONSIDERATION. BUT I HAVE BEEN DIGGING IN A LITTLE ON THIS OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, I MET WITH STAFF FROM A.P.D., TALKED TO AUSTIN ENERGY FOLKS AS WELL. THE ISSUE AT HAND IS ONE THAT THE CITY ONLY BUYS FORD CROWN VICTORIAS FOR THEIR PURCHASES. THEIR PERFORMANCE PACKAGE ALLOWS THEM TO CHASE OTHER VEHICLES. THERE IS AN



ALTERNATIVE, THOUGH, THAT WAS RESEARCHED BY THE STAFF AT A.P.D. THE CROWN VICTORIA WITH GASOLINE GETS ABOUT 16 MILES AN HOUR WOULD BE LESS WITH ETHANOL, THOUGH. THE DODGE PRODUCT GETS 20 MILES AN HOUR, FOUR TO FIVE MILES PER GALLON MORE DEPENDING ON THE LOWERING OF THE MPG FIGURE WHEN USING ETHANOL. ONE OF THE MOST AREAS OF CONCERN THAT I HAVE, THOUGH, IS THAT THE CITY RIGHT NOW DOES NOT HAVE AN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ETHANOL FUELING AND WITH THIS PURCHASE IDEALLY THEY WOULD IN SHORT ORDER GET THAT INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE. IT'S NOT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED TO ME THAT IN THE OVERALL SENSE THAT ETHANOL ACTUALLY REDUCES CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS IF YOU ARE DISPLACING CORN PRODUCTION AND MOVING IT OVERSEAS WHERE THEY ARE CHOPPING DOWN FORESTS IN ORDER TO GROW CORN WHICH APPARENTLY IS HAPPENING. I HAVEN'T WITNESSED IT. THEN THAT MIGHT OFFSET THAT INCREASE OR THE DECREASE IN CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSION CHS HAS BEEN TARGETED ABOUT 58% BELOW WHAT GASOLINE IS. CLEARLY ETHANOL REDUCES DEN DECENT WHICH IS A TAX -- BENZENE, A TOXIC EMISSION, BUT INCREASES FOR.... FORMALDHYDE. BELIEVE ME IF THERE WASN'T AN OPTION OUT THERE FOR A HIGHER MPG VEHICLE, I WOULDN'T BE DOWN HERE. PART OF THE PROCESS IN DETERMINING PURCHASING DECISIONS HAPPENS BEHIND THE SCENE. THE POLICE UNION LOBBIED VERY HEAVILY FOR CROWN VICKS, APPARENTLY THE CAMERA INSTITUTION ON THE V 6 CHARGERS WITH THE SMALLER WINDOW BASE OR SMALLER INTERIOR MAKES VISIBILITY MORE LIMITED. I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT MIGHT BE A POTENTIAL ISSUE. HOWEVER I DON'T WANT THE CITY TO MOVE FORWARD AGGRESSIVELY. WE HAD MISSTEPS EARLY IN THE MID 90s WITH CNG, WE TRIED TO GET PROPANE OFF THE GROUND. WE ARE MOVING AHEAD NOW THERE. IT'S DEFINITELY THE CASE THAT ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS WHY ETHANOL IS BEING TALKED ABOUT, ACTED UPON NATIONALLY, BECAUSE THERE'S SOME VERY POWERFUL ECONOMIC FORCES AT PLAY WHO WERE TRYING TO TILT THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN THEIR FAVOR. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU, SCOTT, QUESTIONS FOR MR. JOHNSON, COUNCIL? OKAY. I WILL JUST SAY, SCOTT, I CERTAINLY PERSONALLY RECOGNIZE THE TRADEOFFS. I THINK WE MIGHT HEAR BRIEFLY FROM STAFF ABOUT THOSE TRADEOFFS AND PURCHASING WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF AN ALTERNATIVE. I, TOO, RECOGNIZE AND MY HOPE IS THAT WE IN THIS COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY THE AUTO MANUFACTURERS HAVE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND PRODUCT TO ALLOW A COMPLICATED ORGANIZATION LIKE A CITY THAT HAS EVERYTHING FROM -- FROM BUCKET TRUCKS TO BACKHOES, YOU KNOW, TO ELECTRIC CARS TO -- TO PATROL CARS, FIRE TRUCKS, HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO CROSS THAT BOARD. HAVE DRAMATIC, MEASURABLE REDUCTIONS IN ALL EMISSIONS. THE FACT IS THAT WE THINK WE WILL BE TOLD THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF THESE -- VEHICLES AT THIS TIME. I'M NOT SURE THAT ALL OF THE ANALYSIS AND PURCHASING, POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT COMES THROUGH, THIS IS WHAT'S RECOMMENDED TO US. I AM PLEASED THERE IS THIS DEMONSTRABLE WELL TO WHEEL REDUCTION IN CO 2 WE ALL WERE COGNIZANT OF SORT OF GLOBAL CHALLENGES WHEN IT COMES TO THE DELIVERY OF THE BIO PRODUCTS THAT ULTIMATELY PRODUCE THAT. THERE'S A BIG STRONG LOBBY IN THIS COUNTRY, TEXAS IS STILL THE LARGEST AGRICULTURAL PRODUCING STATE IN THE COUNTRY. THERE'S TRADEOFFS, POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES, I THINK THE OVERALL ANALYSIS SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. I APPRECIATE YOUR DUE DILIGENCE, I HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM YOU THE LAST FEW YEARS WHEN IT COMES TO PARTICULARLY TO EMISSIONS. WE APPRECIATE YOU HOPEFULLY STAYING AT THE TABLE WITH US AS THE -- AS THE MOSTLY AUSTIN ENERGY STAFF, OUR CLIMATE PROTECTION STAFF CONTINUES TO COME UP WITH THESE VERY SOUND DETAILED POLICIES THAT WILL DRIVE OUR FUTURE PURCHASING DECISIONS.

THANK YOU, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD ONE THING, I HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL AND CITY IN GENERAL DOES NOT PROMOTE WITHOUT FURTHER STUDY THAT ETHANOL IS A WAY TO REDUCE OZONE FORMING EMISSIONS BECAUSE IT'S -- IT'S PROBABLY A NEUTRAL. IT MAY BE SLIGHTLY ON ONE SIDE OR SLIGHTLY ON THE OTHER, THAT REQUIRES MORE STUDY.

Mayor Wynn: AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT LATE EVENINGS TRYING TO EDUCATE FOLKS AROUND TOWN ABOUT SOME GLOBAL CHALLENGES, IN NO TIME DO I PROMOTE ETHANOL AS, YOU KNOW, THE SILVER BULLET. IN THIS CASE I THINK OF THIS AS THIS TRANSITIONAL ALTERNATIVE FUEL OPPORTUNITY SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURCHASE. I CERTAINLY AM NOT PROMOTING THAT FOR THE VIABLE LONG TERM ALTERNATIVE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Mayor Wynn: PERHAPS IF STAFF FEELS THE NEED TO CORRECT ANYTHING THAT I SAID ... OR GIVE US MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SPECIFIC PURCHASED ITEM, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT. MR. STEPHENS, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, JOHN STEPHENS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. I CERTAINLY WON'T CORRECT ANYTHING THAT YOU SAID. EVERYTHING THAT YOU SAID IS IN LINE WITH WHAT WE'RE DOING. I WOULD SAY THAT WE CERTAINLY AGREE WITH YOU, THIS IS A NECESSARY PURCHASE FOR US TO MAKE. AND I THINK E 85 MAY ALSO BE A TRANSITIONAL SOLUTION FOR THE CITY. BUT IT IS ONE THAT WE ARE WORKING ON. THESE VEHICLES WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE CITY IN DECEMBER. AND THEN THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO FUEL THEM WITH E 85 WILL BE IN PLACE IN JANUARY. SO BY THE TIME THE VEHICLES ARE PREPARED AND EQUIPPED AND READY TO GO, WE WILL HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE TO FUEL THEM.

Mayor Wynn: REGARDING THAT FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE, I THINK THAT IDEA IS TO HAVE SEVERAL FACILITIES LOCATED AROUND THE CITY SO AS TO NOT FRANKLY INCREASE MILEAGE JUST TO AND FROM A FUELING STATION, CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT. WE ARE GOING TO START WITH THREE SITES, ONE BEING CENTRAL AND THEN TWO, WITH TWO EAST AND SOUTH SUBSTATIONS. MAYOR THANK YOU. FURTHER QUESTIONS OR -- FOR MR. STEVENS? COMMENTS?

CHIEF? PETITION ROBINSON TO TALK ABOUT THE NEEDS

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WELCOME, CHIEF.

THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER. PART OF THIS REQUEST IS TO REPLACE SOME OF OUR AGING CARS. I BELIEVE THE REQUEST IS FOR 118 NEW VEHICLES. AS YOU KNOW THERE ARE OVER 260 SQUARE MILES IN THE CITY THAT OUR OFFICERS HAVE TO PATROL. WHEN WE COULD THAT, MILEAGE IS INCREASED ON THE CARS, WEAR AND TEAR IS UNBELIEVABLE. SO THIS WOULD ACTUALLY FACILITATE OUR RESPONSES TO CALLS FOR SERVICE AND IN ADDITION WITH THE -- WITH THE NEW FUEL PLAN ON THIS, WE WOULD ALSO BE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE AND ALSO FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

THANK YOU, CHIEF, COMMENTS, QUESTION, COUNCIL? THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD THIS DISCUSSION, ARE AWARE OF THIS IMPORTANT PURCHASE, BUT ALSO THE LONG-TERM RAMIFICATIONS OF HOW WE ARE ANALYZING OUR FLEET PURCHASING AND POLICIES. AGAIN WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. THAT INCLUDES ITEM NO. 69, \$150,000, FROM TEXAS A&M, THANK YOU VERY MUCH [LAUGHTER] HELP OUR WATERSHED STAFF DEVELOP BETTER WATER QUALITY TESTING METHODOLOGIES. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. WE WILL LET THE CROWD CLEAR THE ROOM BRIEFLY BEFORE WE TAKE UP OUR ONE DISCUSSION ITEM THIS MORNING PRIOR TO OUR BARTON SPRINGS PRESENTATION.

FOLKS, IF YOU CAN TAKE YOUR CONVERSATION OUT IN THE FOYER, I APPRECIATE IT. WE WILL MORE BUSINESS THIS MORNING. COUNCIL I PULLED EARLIER ITEM NO. 68 AS A COUPLE OF CITIZENS CAME DOWN WISHING TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. TO A PRETTY STANDARD ISSUANCE OF A

STREET PERMIT. THE THIRD ANNUAL EVENT THAT OCCURS HERE ON THE ANN RICHARDS CONGRESS AVENUE BRIDGE. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY HAD A CHANCE TO VOICE THAT OPPOSITION BEFORE WE TOOK ANY ACTION. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

Mayor Wynn: WE HAVE A COUPLE FOLKS SIGNED UP TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. SORRY IF I GET THIS NAME WRONG. THIS IS GEORGE CADERO. GIGI, SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCED THAT. HOW ABOUT CADERO? IS THAT CLOSE? WELCOME. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JAMES JOHNSON.

I'M GIGI CADERO. ON CONGRESS THERE'S SEVEN PARKING SPOTS RIGHT OUTSIDE OF MY STORE AND THAT'S THE ONLY PARKING THAT WE HAVE. COMING ACROSS THE BRIDGE. THAT'S THE ONLY ACCESS TO OUR STORE IS COMING SOUTHBOUND TO OUR STORE COMING ACROSS CONGRESS AVENUE BRIDGE. WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD WITH THE BAT FESTIVAL FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS WITH THESE FOLKS TRYING TO PUT THIS FESTIVAL ON AND BEING COOPERATIVE. THIS BUSINESS HAS CLOSED US DOWN FOR TWO DAYS, WHICH ARE TWO OF THE LARGEST FURNITURE SALE DAYS OF THE YEAR, AND WE HAVE LOST ANYWHERE FROM 20 TO 30 THOUSAND DOLLARS EVERY YEAR SINCE THEY HAVE COME IN FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. SO THIS YEAR THEY'VE COME TO ME ALSO AND TRYING TO WORK WITH US, AND I JUST -- I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE. I CAN'T LOSE THAT KIND OF MONEY EVERY SEPTEMBER OF THE YEAR. AND MY CUSTOMERS CAN'T GET TO US. SO I'M HERE TO OPPOSE IT, I DISAPPROVE OF THIS EVENT. I DON'T DISAPPROVE OF LITTLE CRITTERS, WE WORK WITH THEM, THEY COME IN MY STORE, WE LET THEM OUT AT THE END OF NIGHT, I HAVE 100 BATS IN MY STORE. I TELL EVERY VISITORS WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THESE ANIMALS, WHAT TIME THEY COME OUT, I LOVE THEM, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY MY BUSINESS NEEDS TO BE SHUT DOWN TWO DAYS OF THE BUSIEST TIME OF THE YEAR FOR ME. THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL PARK ACROSS THE STREET. THERE'S PARKING RIGHT THERE IN PALMER AUDITORIUM. SO ANYWAY, THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. CADERO. QUESTIONS FOR MS.

CADERO, COUNCIL? THANK YOU, MA'AM. WELCOME, MR. JOHNSON. YOU TOO WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. THE PROCESS FOR GETTING A STREET CLOSURE ON AN ARTERIAL AS THIS IS IS FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD, IT'S FAIRLY SIMPLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD, WITH AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE THE CLOSURE THE APPLICATION NEEDS TO BE FILED. THE NOTICE GOES OUT TO ALL THE BUSINESS OWNERS OR PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE AREA INCLUDING TENANTS THAT ARE -- WOULD BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE CLOSURE. AND THEN THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE APPLICATION, AND IN A CIRCUMSTANCE LIKE THIS WHICH IS A FEE PAID PROCESS, THERE HAS TO BE -- THE FEE IS COLLECTED IN ORDER TO GO TO THE FESTIVAL. 90% OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE TO APPROVE, AFFIRMATIVELY APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO CLOSE THE STREET OR THE DIRECTOR MAY NOT ISSUE THE PERMIT. IT'S REALLY NO DISCRETION. IN THIS CASE, THERE ARE ONLY TWO PROPERTY OWNERS THAT WERE SENT NOTICES, SHERRI MATTHEWS AND THEN YOUR LIVING ROOM, WHICH IS THE ENTITY HERE. MY UNDERSTANDING IS BOTH DID NOT APPROVE IT. THERE IS A PROCESS IN THE REGULATION TO RECALCULATE, BUT THAT ONLY APPLIES WHEN YOU CANNOT LOCATE SOME OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS, WHICH IS NOT THE CASE HERE. SO WE CLEARLY DO NOT HAVE 90% APPROVAL, AND THE APPLICATION, I THINK MUST BE DISAPPROVED. BUT THE EFFECT PARTICULARLY TO YOUR LIVING ROOM, THE FURNITURE STORE, IS THAT THEIR ONLY PUBLIC STREET ACCESS IS SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON CONGRESS AVENUE. THAT YOU CANNOT BE GOING NORTH ON CONGRESS AND DO A U-TURN ON THE BRIDGE. THERE'S A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE. FOR BARTON SPRINGS ROAD, THERE'S A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE EASTBOUND, AND BECAUSE OF THE BAT WING STATISTIC..... STATUE, THERE'S A SOLID WHITE LINE WESTBOUND SO THERE'S NO PHYSICAL ACCESS TO THIS PROPERTY EXCEPT COMING NORTH TO SOUTH ACROSS THE CONGRESS AVENUE BRIDGE. THIS CLOSES THAT. THE BARRICADES WILL BE AT A PLACE THAT PHYSICAL ACCESS IS NOT ALLOWED TO THIS PROPERTY. IT IS A CLASSIC TEMPORARY DENIAL OF SUBSTANTIAL MATERIAL ACCESS.

AND WE THINK IT'S A CIRCUMSTANCE THAT HAS TO BE DISAPPROVED. AND WE ASK THAT YOU DO SO.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. JOHNSON. QUESTIONS FOR MR. JOHNSON, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? I GUESS IT BEGS THE QUESTION CERTAINLY IF, YOU KNOW, IF CITY LEGAL AND/OR I DON'T KNOW IF OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT OR WATERSHED - - COULD STAFF HELP US JUST UNDERSTAND THE TECHNICALITIES OF THE STREET CLOSURE PROCEDURE AND WHETHER THIS COMPLIES.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, COUNCIL. LEON VARGA, WITH THE WATERSHED DEPARTMENT. INITIALLY THIS EVENT WAS GOING TO INCLUDE THE INTERSECTION UP TO BARTON SPRINGS AND SOUTH CONGRESS AND WAS DISCOVERED THERE WAS CONCERN ABOUT THE -- THIS PARTICULAR BUSINESS. THE PROMOTER DID MOVE THE EVENT OFFICIAL ROAD CLOSURE BACK NORTH 100 FEET OR MORE TO GET AWAY FROM THEIR PROPERTY. SO TECHNICALLY THEY DO HAVE AN OPEN ROAD IN FRONT OF THEM. AND SO THAT THE APPROVAL WAS NOT REQUIRED FROM THEM AT THIS POINT. AND WE WILL HAVE OFFICERS ASSIGNED AT THE SPOT TO TAKE CARE OF TRAFFIC COMING IN AND OUT. IT WILL BE A PROBLEM, WE UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT THERE WILL BE OFFICERS TO ASSIST THE TRAFFIC.

Mayor Wynn: OFFICERS SPECIFICALLY TO ASSIST IN THEORY CUSTOMERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARK IN FRONT OF THE LIVING ROOM.

THAT'S CORRECT, YES.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COMMENTS, COUNCIL? I'LL JUST SAY OBVIOUSLY WE NEED TO BE COGNIZANT OF AS MANY IMPACTS AS POSSIBLE. YOU KNOW, AUSTIN IF NOTHING ELSE WE'RE KNOWN FOR A REMARKABLE NUMBER OF WEEKEND EVENTS WHETHER IT'S, YOU KNOW, 5 OR 10-Ks, FESTIVALS IN AND AROUND OUR PARKS, UTILIZING LADY BIRD LAKE, THE BRIDGES, SEEMINGLY EVERY WEEKEND THERE'S A HANDFUL OF BIG EVENTS AND FOR THE MOST PART OUR EXPERIENCE IS PEOPLE ENJOY THEM, HAVE A LOT OF FUN, INEVITABLY THERE'S OFTENTIMES A NONPROFIT BENEFICIARY OF SOME EVENT. ALL OF OUR

RUNS ARE THAT WAY AND MANY OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS ARE TOO SO THERE'S ALSO A COMMUNITY BENEFIT DIRECTLY TO, OFTENTIMES, NONPROFIT, EVEN SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDING AGENCIES. SO THERE'S A BUNCH OF GREAT REASONS TO ALLOW THESE OR THEY ARE FUN FOR OUR CITIZENS AND I THINK THEY GENERALLY HELP THE IMAGE OF THE CITY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE NEED TO BE AS CAG ANY SANTA'S WE CAN BE -- COGNIZANT AS WE CAN BE AND I'M PLEASED TO KNOW THAT BASED ON OPPOSITION FROM EITHER MS. MATTHEWS AT THE AGENCY OR MS. CADERO AT THE LIVING ROOM THAT ALTERATIONS ARE MADE ANY TIME WE CAN, FRANKLY, AVOID AS MUCH IMPACT AS WE CAN, WE SHOULD. THIS IS -- YOU KNOW, THIS IS AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT I THINK AT THIS HOUR I WOULDN'T BE SUPPORTIVE OF NOT ALLOWING IT TO MOVE FORWARD. I'VE SEEN THE ADS AND THE BANDS AND THE FOLKS THAT WILL BE THERE. AT THE SAME TIME, PERHAPS WE COULD DO A -- I HATE USING THE TERM POST-MORTEM SHORTLY AFTER THIS EVENT AND TALK TO, WORK WITH THE PRODUCERS AND FIGURE OUT WHETHER THERE'S A WAY TO BE, YOU KNOW, FAR LESS IMPACTFUL BECAUSE OF SMALL BUSINESSES LIKE THE LIVING ROOM, YOU KNOW, CAN'T CONTINUE TO LOSE THAT KIND OF MONEY ON DAYS AND/OR WEEKENDS THAT JUST FROM WHAT EVERYONE ACKNOWLEDGES ARE SORT OF SPECIAL DAYS AND/OR SPECIAL WEEKENDS. WEATHER THAT MEANS A DIFFERENT DATE FOR THE FESTIVAL IN THE FUTURE OR/OR ALTERING THE SITE OR STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS OF THE EVENT, I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE THAT DISCUSSION AS SOON AS THIS FESTIVAL IS COMPLETED. COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I AM SYMPATHETIC TO SMALL BUSINESSES WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO LOSE SUCH A BIG PART OF THE REVENUE ON A DAY THAT IS KNOWN FOR SALES FOR PEOPLE TO COME AND BUY FURNITURE. THIS IS A BUSINESS AND IT'S BEEN THERE FOR A WHILE AND I AM WONDERING HOW WE CAN DO THIS BETTER. HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE THEY ARE GOING TO GET THE CUSTOMERS IN THE DOOR THIS WEEKEND. I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A.P.D. TO DIRECT PEOPLE, BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE WONDERING SHOULD I BOTHER TO GO THE A PLACE WHERE I'M GOING TO BE STUCK IN TRAFFIC JUST TRYING TO



GET TO THE STORE. I WISH THEY HAD COME TO US SOONER BECAUSE THIS FESTIVAL IS PLANNED THIS WEEKEND. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME TO NOT JEOPARDIZE ONE EVENT VERSUS ANOTHER BUSINESS THAT HAS A RIGHT TO SELL THEIR GOODS AND PROVIDE ACCESS AND IS COUNTING ON THAT ON A REGULAR BASIS. SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS HERE, BUT I JUST HOPE WE CAN WORK IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO FIGURE SOMETHING OUT BECAUSE THIS FESTIVAL HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR A WHILE. AT THE SAME TIME SHE NEEDS TO BRING IN REVENUE TO KEEP HER EMPLOYEES, TO BE ABLE TO PAY THE RENT, ALL THE THINGS THAT THEY NEED TO DO. SO LET'S WORK ON THIS. I'LL WORK WITH YOU ACTIVELY. LET'S COME UP WITH SOME IDEAS. MAYBE WE NEED TO HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO YOU HAVE SIGNS ON THE BRIDGE DIRECTING FOOT TRAFFIC TO YOUR STORE. LET'S FIGURE THIS OUT, BUT I HOPE IN THE FUTURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE THIS KIND OF TIME CRUNCH GIVEN IT'S THURSDAY AND IT STARTS THIS WEEKEND. AND SO I HOPE THE STAFF WILL JUST GIVE US A LITTLE MORE OF A HEADS UP AND -- BEFORE THIS COMES TO COUNCIL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: AND SO PERHAPS IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE COULD DO A REVIEW OF THE ORDINANCE ITSELF AND AS OPPOSED TO HAVING COUNCIL VOTE YAY OR NAY ON AN EVENT 48 HOURS BEFORE IT OCCURS WE DO THIS MONTHS IN ADVANCE AND THAT WAY FRANKLY IF THE COUNCIL HAS -- THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL IS TO DENY AN EVENT OR DEKNEE THIS ELEMENT OF THE THE EVENT, THAT IS, WE LIKE YOUR EVENT, WE DON'T LIKE THIS LOCATION OR THIS DAY, THAT IT GIVES THE PRODUCERS, THE ORGANIZERS A CHANCE TO MAKE CHANGES. I KNOW IT'S OFTENTIMES SOME OF THESE EVENTS DON'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF LEAD TIME, BUT EEMS SEEMS.....SEEMS TO ME THE EARLIER COUNCIL CAN APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE PARTICULARLY IN THIS CASE A STREET CLOSURE, THE BETTER FOR EVERYBODY INVOLVED. PERHAPS WE DO A QUICK ANALYSIS OF THAT ORDINANCE AND FIGURE OUT HOW EARLY THE DECISION, THE FINAL DECISION CAN COME TO COUNCIL BEFORE AN EVENT. AGAIN, AND I APOLOGIZE TO MS. CADERO AND MS. MATTHEWS AND OTHER FOLKS. I WON'T BE ABLE TO

SUPPORT NOT ALLOWING THAT EVENT TO GO FORWARD AT THIS LATE HOUR, BUT I SURE EMPATHIZE AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER 68. MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE TO APPROVE ITEM 68 AS PRESENTED AND NOTING ADDITIONAL DIRECTION TO STAFF FOR THE ANALYSIS SPECIFICALLY OF THE TIMING OF THE -- RELATED TO THE ORDINANCE AND ITS APPROVAL. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. SO COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US TO OUR MORNING PRESENTATION, WHICH WILL BE A FUN ONE AT LEAST FOR SOME OF US. IT'S A BRIEFING REGARDING THE BARTON SPRINGS POOL MASTER PLAN. I GUESS WE'LL START WITH PARKS DEPARTMENT AND DIRECTOR STRUESS. WELCOME.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH..... YOU VERNAL. I JUST WANT TO TAKE A PERSONAL NOTE TO SAY THANK YOU, COUNCIL, FOR COMING OUT LAST NIGHT. IT WAS A GRAND EXPERIENCE, A WONDERFUL TIME IN THE PARK AND I WANT TO THANK COUNCIL FOR ALL OF THE SUPPORT TO BRING US A TRULY WONDERFUL URBAN PARK IN THE MILLION..... MIDDLE OF AUSTIN. COUNCIL, WE'RE PLEASED TODAY TO PRESENT TO YOU OUR CURRENT FINDINGS ON THE BARTON SPRINGS MASTER PLAN. A GREAT DEAL OF EXHAUSTIVE COMP PENS I HAVE WORK HAS BEEN DONE AND WE WANT TO PRESENT THAT TO YOU. I'LL BE INTRODUCING TO YOU THE ARCHITECTS IN JUST A MOMENT, BUT ALSO LET YOU KNOW WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER STAFF HERE THAT HAVE BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN THE POOL MASTER PLAN. OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HAS DONE A YEOMAN'S JOB ON THIS PROCESS THROUGHOUT THE LAST SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS ALONG WITH TONY ARNOLD, PROJECT MANAGER. ALSO DAVID JOHNS AND LAURIE DREAS WITH WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND WATERSHED PROTECTION. NANCY HAS BEEN WITH US THROUGH THE PROCESS AND AS THE MAYOR INDICATED THE FRIENDS OF BARTON SPRINGS HAS BEEN WITH US THE WHOLE WAY. AT THIS POINT, COUNCIL, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE AL WITH LINEBACKER AND HE WILL RUN YOU

THROUGH OUR FINDINGS THUS FAR. I WILL COME IN AND PROVIDE AN AN OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET PROPOSAL THAT WE'LL BE LOOKING AT HERE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WITH THAT, AL?

THANK YOU, WARREN. GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, COUNCIL. GREAT TO BE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MASTER PLAN FOR BARTON SPRINGS POOL. AND I WANTED TO BEGIN BY JUST DESCRIBING THE TEAM WE WORKED WITH AND THERE ARE TWO PARKS, THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND THE WATERSHED WORKED TOGETHER ON THE POOL. THEY COLLABORATE IN THE OPERATION OF THE POOL. AND THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR EFFORTS. FURTHER, WE WORKED WITH STAKEHOLDERS QUITE A BIT AND WE ARE THE CONSULTANTS. THIS MAP HERE REPRESENTS THE SPRAWLING ARRAY OF ISSUES WE WERE ASKED TO CONSIDER,, AND FROM THAT WE WENT OVER THE SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THAT. TO DESCRIBE THE PROCESS, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WAS AN IMPORTANT KEY ELEMENT TO THE PROCESS. AGAIN, WE WORKED CLOSELY WITH PARD AND WATERSHED STAFF TO GET THE TECHNICAL MATTERS RIGHT. WE WORKED WITH REGULATORY OFFICIALS FROM U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE ON DOWN TO CITY CODE OFFICIALS. AND WE HAVE BEHIND US A TEAM OF SPECIALISTS INCLUDING DAMAGE ENGINEERS, LANDSCAPE ENGINEERS AND SO FORTH. AND WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT IF YOU DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW, THERE IS A DIVERSITY OF OPINION AND THERE'S NO SINGLE CONSENSUS WITHIN THE BARTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY, AND TO THE EXTENT WE COULD FIND ONE WE CERTAINLY DID, BUT WE WANT THERE TO BE NO MISTAKE THAT THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A WAY TO PLEASE ABSOLUTELY EVERYONE. ONE THING PEOPLE ASKED QUITE A BIT ABOUT IS THE QUESTION WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN. AND THIS ORANGE LANGUAGE IS A DEFINITION OF A MASTER PLAN. AND WE CERTAINLY DID ENDEAVOR TO DO THAT. AND WE DO ENDEAVOR TO DO THAT. AND THE SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING IMMEDIATE NEEDS WITH AN EYE TOWARD HORMONE NIEZING..... HARMONIZING ALL THE ELEMENTS. WE TRIED TO EMPHASIZE AND WE DO THAT AGAIN THIS

MORNING THAT A MASTER PLAN IS NOT THE END OF THE PARTICIPATION PROCESS, IT'S MUCH MORE THE END OF THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS, AND THAT EACH RECOMMENDATION WILL HAVE ITS ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND TWL WILL BE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND IN MOST INSTANCES A PUBLIC PROCESS IN ADDITION TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. THE DECISIONS WERE MADE THROUGH A NUMBER OF FILTERS. ONE IS STAKEHOLDER INPUT, HEALTH AND SAFETY WAS ANOTHER. A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THAT WAS OUR VISUAL ANALYSIS OF THE TREES AT THE SITE. WE OBSERVED THAT SOME OF THE TREES CAUSED US TO QUESTION THEIR VIABILITY AND THE WISDOM OF KEEPING THEM UNTREATED WITH HEAVY PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC UNDERNEATH THEM. WE BROUGHT THAT TO CITY ATTENTION, AND THAT IS BUN OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, TO LOOK MORE CAREFULLY AT THE TREES. POOL OPERATIONS AND CITY VALUES WAS A CONSIDERATION, AND CITY VALUES IN PARTICULAR IS ILLUSTRATED BY OUR RECOMMENDATION TO PUT AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE POOL. IT'S NOT A A.D.A. REQUIREMENT, BUT IT IS A CITY VALUE THAT OUR CITY FACILITIES BE ACCESSIBLE. AND THEN THERE'S A MATTER OF LOGICAL ORDER. WE FOUND WHEN WE STUDIED THIS COLLECTION OF ELEMENTS THAT THERE'S REALLY A KIND OF TANGLE OF THINGS IN MANY CASES, AND TO GET TO A GOAL, THERE ARE SEVERAL STEPS THAT NEED TO BE -- NEEDED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN ADVANCE OF THE ULTIMATE GOAL. AND ONE REALLY EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THAT IS THE MATTER OF IMPROVING THE FLOW REVIETNAMESE WITHIN THE POOL, THE WAY THE WATER FLOWS. AND THE THOUGHT HAS BEEN THAT MAKING NEW OPENINGS IN DAMS WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD IMPROVING THE FLOW RE...REGIME, BUTWE NEED TO STUDY THAT QUESTION FIRST AND PRIOR TO EVEN STUDYING THAT WE NEED INFORMATION THAT WE DON'T HAVE. SO THERE'S A MATTER OF LOGICAL ORDER TO SOME OF THESE AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT THOSE IN A BIT. REGARDING STAKEHOLDERS INPUT, WE WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT THE STAKEHOLDER INPUT REALLY DID CHANGE THE BALANCE OF THINGS. WE WENT INTO THIS WITH A THOUGHT THAT THE FACILITIES ARE REALLY KIND OF TIRED AND IT'S IN SOME WAYS EMBARRASSING TO THE CITY THE

CONDITION, PARTICULARLY OF THE BATHHOUSE AND SOME OF THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES. AND AS WE GOT INTO TALKING WITH STAKEHOLDERS, IT WAS REALLY CLEAR THAT THE STATEMENT WAS DON'T DO ANYTHING TO THE BUILDINGS IF YOU DON'T DO WATER QUALITY FIRST. SO WATER QUALITY GOT ELEVATED TO THE TOP OF THE LIST. BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS WERE DEEMPHASIZED. AND ONE THAT EMERGED TO MY SURPRISE WAS INTERPRETIVE PLANNING WAS STRONGLY STATED AS AN INTEREST TO TELL THE STORY OF THIS PARK, THE SCIENTIFIC STORY, THE CULTURAL STORY, HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE AND THE UNIQUENESS OF THIS PLACE SO THEY CAN HELP US PRESERVE IT. THIS IS A LIST OF MEETINGS WE HELD, STARTING IN I THINK FEBRUARY. AND THESE ARE ONLY THE MEETINGS THAT BEGAN WHEN WE GOT INVOLVED, AND WE KNOW THAT PRIOR TO OUR INVOLVEMENT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS STAFF WORKED WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP A PRELIMINARY LIST THAT WE USED TO KICK OFF OUR PROCESS. YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS IS MEETING AFTER MEETING AFTER MEETING. THIS IS ONLY PAGE 1. HERE'S PAGE 2. THERE'S 75 MEETINGS. AND ALL THE BOLD MEETINGS ARE MEETINGS WHERE IT WAS US, A CONSULTING GROUP, THE STAFF AND CITIZEN GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS.

Mayor Wynn: ONLY 75 MEETINGS? NO WONDER EVERYBODY IS COMPLAINING. [LAUGHTER]

Mayor Wynn: JOKE.

THOSE ARE ONLY THE ONES WE COULD REMEMBER. WE HAVE SO FAR HAD THREE PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND THOSE ARE DISTINGUISHED FROM MEETINGS FOR SPECIFIC FOCUS STAKEHOLDER GROUPS OR SMALLER INTERESTS. AND THE FIRST ONE WAS HELD IN THIS ROOM. THE SECOND ONE WAS HELD AT THE POOL ITSELF. THIS IS AN OPEN HOUSE ON JULY 14th WHERE WE ROLLED OUT PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS. AND HERE YOU CAN SEE PEOPLE LOOKING AT THE 17 BOARDS OF INFORMATION PACKED WITH NARRATIVE, AND YOU'LL ALSO NOTICE THERE ARE POST-IT NOTES, AND THOSE ARE AT OUR INVITATION TO MAKE COMMENTS TO US REGARDING WHAT YOU SEE, POST IT ON THERE AND WE WILL ACCOUNT FOR THAT. AND ALL DAY

LONG FROM NOON TO 6:00 PEOPLE CAME AND OBSERVED, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE. PRIVATE MOMENTS, CONVERSATIONS, LONG-TIME SWIMMER PAUL COCKERHAM TALKING WITH PROJECT MANAGER TONY ARNOLD. SO TONY WITH PARD, LAURIE AND I WERE THERE, WATERSHED STAFF WAS THERE. IT WAS A GREAT DAY AT THE POOL. AND THOSE BOARDS REMAIN AT THE POOL. THEY'VE BEEN THERE SINCE THE 14th. FOLLOWING THAT WAS A PUBLIC FORUM WHERE WE DISCUSSED THE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS. THOSE BOARDS LOOK KIND OF LIKE THIS. FOLLOWING THE MEETING THEY WERE POSTED ON THE INTERNET. THEY ARE ON THE INTERNET NOW. ANYONE CAN GO AND SEE THE BOARDS. NOW, THIS IS AN ADDITION TO YOUR PACKAGE, A LATE-BREAKING ADDITION, AND I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU ABOUT THIS. THIS WAS A MEETING WE HAD MONDAY NIGHT TO TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS YOU ARE GETTING READY TO SEE. PEOPLE CAME, THEY CONTRIBUTED, THERE WAS FELLOWSHIP. WE PRESENTED EACH ITEM, ITEM BY ITEM, AND AFTER EACH ITEM WE STOPPED, TOOK COMMENTARY, HEARD QUESTIONS. THERE WAS PASSION. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, SOME PEOPLE HAD FUN. [LAUGHTER]

THE SHORT-TERM PROJECTS FALL INTO A SERIES OF CATEGORIES, FIVE CATEGORIES REAL. AND IF YOU WILL NOTICE, THE TOP THREE REALLY DO RELATE TO WATER QUALITY AND OPERATIONS OF THE POOL. AND THE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS ARE TO REMOVE A GRAVEL BAR. THERE EXISTS IN THE -- WHAT IS CALLED THE DEEP END 1500 CUBIC YARDS OF DEBRIS. IT'S GENERALLY GRAVEL AND SEDIMENT. AND IT NEEDS TO BE REMOVED FOR FLOW REGIME REASONS. AND THIS ITEM IS TO REMOVE THAT. THE BYPASS TUNNEL INLET GRATE IS A RUSTY FUNCTIONAL PIECE OF GEAR OUTSIDE THE UPSTREAM DAM. IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WELL. IT CLOGS EASILY. AS A RESULT, IN MINOR FLOODING EVENTS, IT CLOGS, AND WHILE THERE'S STILL CAPACITY IN THE BYPASS TUNNEL, WATER OVERTOPS THAT UPSTREAM DAM AND CAUSES A FLOODING EVENT. WE FEEL LIKE BY IMPROVING THE FUNCTION OF THAT, WE CAN MITIGATE SOME OF THOSE MINOR EVENTS. THE BYPASS TUNNEL IS EXPERIENCING SOME STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS WITH EXPOSED REINFORCING STEEL, AND IN ADDITION TO

THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEM ITSELF IT LEAKS, WHICH IS ITSELF A WATER QUALITY PROBLEM. MUDDY WATER IN THE BYPASS TUNNEL CAN GET IN THE POOL AND BRING THAT TURBIDITY INTO THE POOL WITH IT. REPAIRING -- RENOVATING SUNK EVEN GARDEN MAY NOT SEEM LIKE A WATER QUALITY ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO THE POOL BECAUSE IT DOESN'T SPECIFICALLY CONNECT TO THE POOL, BUT IT'S ONE OF THOSE MATTERS OF LOGICAL ORDER IN THAT ONE OF THE GOALS OF THIS PLAN, LONG-TERM GOAL, WOULD BE TO CONNECT THE WATERS OF ELIZA SPRING TO THE MAIN WATER OF THE SWIMMING POOL. THE WATERS IN ELIZA SPRING ODDLY DROP INTO THE BYPASS TUNNEL. BUT ELIZA SPRING IS ALSO THE MOST ROBUST POPULATION OF SALAMANDERS. TO DO ANY KIND OF WORK THERE IS VERY DICEY AND CAUSES CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF CONSTERNATION ON THE PART OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, JUSTIFIABLY SO. SO THE THOUGHT IS TO RECOMMEND -- TO RENOVATE THE PORTION OF THE SUNK EVEN GARDEN WHERE THE WATER BASIN WOULD HELP WATERSHED TO GROW A POPULATION OF SALAMANDERS THERE SO THAT WORKING ON ELIZA WOULD BE LESS RISKY. BY THE WAY, A MENTION OF THE NUMBERS IN THE PARENTHESES, THOSE NUMBERS TRACK WITH THE SPREAD SHEET THAT YOU HAVE. AND I WANT TO SAY ALSO THAT THEY ARE LIST UNDERSTAND NUMERICAL ORDER SUGGESTING THAT THERE IS A PRIORITY LIST. THEY WERE PRIORITIZED EARLY ON IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH STAFF, BUT OUR CURRENT THINKING IS ALL OF THESE ARE ACTUALLY TOP PRIORITY AND THAT THEY ARE NUMBERED SIMPLY TO HELP US IDENTIFY THEM. THE SECOND CATEGORY IS WATER QUALITY STUDIES. THE FIRST THREE YOU CAN SEE ARE PILOT STUDIES. THERE'S NO FUNDING REQUEST FOR ANY OF THESE THREE PILOT STUDIES. THEY ARE GOING TO BE DONE BY WATERSHED STAFF WITH AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT AND SOME MINOR BITS OF FUNDING. THE FIRST IS TO STUDY RECIRCULATION AT THE BEACH. THE BEACH IS THIS GRAVEL FLAT SPOT NEAR THE DEEP END ON THE NORTH EDGE OF THE POOL. AND THE THOUGHT THERE IS TO STUDY RECIRCULATION SO THAT IMPROVING THE FLOW REGIME BY RECIRCULATING WATER WOULD HELP CREATE A BETTER SALAMANDER ENVIRONMENT AND DIMINISH THE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR NUISANCE ALGAE. REGARDING NUISANCE

ALGAE, NUMBER 2 IS FOR A YOU WILL TAKE SONIC ALGAE CONTROL ELEMENT. IT IS A TESTED ELEMENT AND IT EMITS A SOUND THAT IS TAJ TO GO THE KINDS OF ALGAE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO CONTROL. BUT RATHER THAN JUST SIMPLY ROLLING THIS PIECE OF GEAR OUT IN AN EFFORT TO BE AS CAUTIOUS AS IS PRUDENT, THE THOUGHT IS TO DO A PILOT STUDY FIRST. REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF CREEK FLOW ON WATER QUALITY, THIS HAS TO DO WITH A GOAL ULTIMATELY TO OPEN THE UPSTREAM DAM, AND DURING CERTAIN TIMES OF YEAR ALLOW NORMAL CREEK WATER TO FLOW THROUGH THE POOL. DURING CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR, NORMAL CREEK WATER IS AS CLEAN AS THE WATER COMING OUT OF THE AQUIFER, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS MORE WATER VOLUME THERE, IT'S THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO ADD THAT WATER TO THE POOL. THE UPSTREAM DAM HAD THREE OPENINGS THAT WERE CLOSED IN 1975 WHEN THE BYPASS INLET WAS BUILT. BUT SINCE THAT TIME THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT, WELL, IS THE CREEK FLOW REALLY GOING TO BENEFIT THE SALAMANDER. AGAIN, RATHER THAN SIMPLY OPENING THE UPSTREAM DAM, THE IDEA IS TO STUDY IT FIRST. THE TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY HAS TO DO WITH THE NEXT ITEM, THE HYDRO DYNAMIC MODELING. IN TERMS OF STUDYING WHAT TO DO WITH THE FLOW REGIME, A HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL IS THE WAY TO GO, BUT WE NEED TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION TO BUILD THE MODEL WITH, WHICH WE DON'T HAVE. SO THOSE TWO THINGS REALLY GO TOGETHER. THE HYDRODYNAMIC MODELING WILL STUDY THE POOL UNDER CONDITIONS OF NORMAL CONDITIONS, DROUGHT CONDITIONS, FLOOD CONDITIONS AND STUDY VARIOUS ENGINEERING SCENARIOS REGARDING OPENINGS IN THE DAMS OR OPENINGS -- AND EVEN SOME OF THE RECIRCULATION IDEAS. AND ALSO COUPLED WITH THOSE TWO ITEMS, THE HYDRODYNAMIC MODELING AND THE TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY, IS TO STUDY THE STRUCTURALLY TEST THE EXISTING DAMS. THERE IS A PRELIMINARY INDICATION BASED ON A VISUAL SURVEY BY AN ENGINEER THAT THE DAMS THEMSELVES, THESE CURRENT DAMS HAVE..... HAVE A LOT OF USEFUL LIFE IN THEM AND FURTHER THAT THEY CAN ACCEPT OPENINGS BEING PUNCHED THROUGH THEM. BUT THAT NEEDS TO BE CONFIRMED AND SO THAT'S WHAT THIS ITEM NUMBER 21 IS. POOL CLEANING



IS A FEW SIMPLE THINGS THAT WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. ADDING ELECTRICAL POWER AT POOLSIDE, WHICH BY THE WAY IS BEING COUPLED WITH A NEW LIGHTING DESIGN FUNDED BY AUSTIN ENERGY HERE AT THE POOL. ADDING ELECTRICAL POWER ALLOWS THE POOL OPERATIONS PEOPLE TO CLEAN THE POOL WITH ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. NOW THEY USE A LOT OF GASOLINE POWERED EQUIPMENT, AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE A SUSTAINABILITY ENTHUSIASM, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IS A MORE SUSTAINABLE APPROACH THAN USING GAS POWERED EQUIPMENT. THE NEW PUMP ALSO HAS A SUSTAINABILITY UNDERPINNING. IT IS TO INCREASE WATER PRESSURE, BUT MORE PARTICULARLY IT'S TO ALLOW THE HIGH PRESSURE PORTION OF THE CLEANING TO BE DECOUPLED FROM CITY WATER. RIGHT NOW CITY WATER IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO ACTUALLY DO THE HIGH PRESSURE CLEANING. AND IN TERMS OF WATER CONSERVATION, IT MAKES SENSE TO USE CREEK WATER TO CLEAN THE POOL WHEN WE CAN. THIS PUMP WILL ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN AND IT WILL ALSO ALLOW THE CLEANING TO GO MORE EFFICIENTLY WHICH TRANSLATES INTO GETTING THE POOL BACK OPEN MORE QUICKLY AFTER FLOODS. DISPOSAL OF SILT AND ALGAE IS REALLY KIND OF AN OPERATIONAL MATTER AND IT HAS TO DO WITH US CONSULTING WITH STAFF ON TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR DISPOSING OF SILT IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA AND THE ALGAE IS -- WE'RE SIMILARLY CONSULTING ON WHAT TO DO AFTER ROUTINE CLEANING WITH THE ALGAE, THE GLOP THAT'S COLLECTED, AND WE THINK WE HAVE SOME SOLUTIONS ON THAT. GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS. I HAD MENTION..... MENTIONED BRIEFLY THAT THERE WAS A TREE ASSESSMENT. THIS WAS A VISUAL ASSESSMENT. WE DIDN'T CLIMB INTO TREES, WE DIDN'T BORE INTO SUSPECT BRANCHES OR TRUNKS, WE DIDN'T DIG AROUND ROOTS. WE MADE A VISUAL ASSESSMENT. AND THAT PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT SUGGESTED TO US THAT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR THE CITY TO HIRE AN EXPERT TO DO AN INDEPTH ASSESSMENT ON SELECTED TREES AND SO THAT'S WHAT THIS ITEM IS, AND IT INCLUDES TREE TREATMENT AS WELL. AND, OF COURSE, UNTIL WE GET THE ASSESSMENT,

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT TREATMENT WILL BE, BUT WE HAVE MADE SOME ASSUMPTIONS. REMOVING OVERHEAD WIRING IS SELLERLY A COSMETIC THING, THOUGH IT DOES COUPLE WITH PLACING ELECTRICAL SERVICE AT THE EDGE OF THE POOL, WHICH WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, AND ALL THE WIRING, I SHOULD MENTION, WOULD BE UNDERGROUND. SO IT WOULD BE A LOT MORE ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT AT THE POOL. I ALSO MENTIONED AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE ON THE SOUTH SIDE AND MAKING ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS ON THE NORTH SIDE. THE ACCESSIBLE ROUTE ON THE SOUTH SIDE IS AN IDEA TO -- THE IDEA WE THINK IS WORTH PURSUING IS EMPHASIS ON THE WORD "PURSUING" IS TO ROUTE AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE IN AN AREA THAT'S NOW -- IT'S WOODED AND NOT PART OF THE PARK, AND THIS CONCEPT WOULD INCLUDE THAT IN THE PARK AND MAKE A WALK IN THE WOODS THAT IS ACCESSIBLE AND ULTIMATELY DRAW PEOPLE OUT KIND OF NEAR THE DIVING BOARD. THIS IS -- WE DID A LACK -- DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION, WE CAN'T GET FURTHER THAN IT BEING A CONCEPT, SO THIS RECOMMENDATION IS TO GET A TREE SURVEY AND A TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY AND TO HIRE DESIGNERS TO DESIGN AND SEE IF THIS IS AS GOOD AN IDEA AS IT SEEMS LIKE IT IS AT THE MOMENT. AND SO THAT'S IT. AND THEN ON THE NORTH SIDE, THIS SUGGESTION IS THAT THE ACCESSIBILITY ROUTE THAT'S THERE NOW MAY NOT BE QUITE SHALLOW ENOUGH. SO THERE'S A THOUGHT TO LOOK MORE CAREFULLY AT THAT. AND WE MENTIONED EARLIER THE INTERPRETIVE PLAN, WHICH IS AN INTENTION TO HIRE A PROFESSIONAL -- EXCUSE ME, I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT THIS DEVICE. IS TO HIRE A PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETIVE PLANNING FIRM TO THINK ABOUT THE STORIES THAT SHOULD BE TOLD THROUGHOUT THE CAMPUS OF BARTON SPRINGS. TO THINK ABOUT THE AUDIENCE. AND THE BEST WAYS TO APPROACH THOSE MATTERS AND TO WORK WITH STAFF, PARTICULARLY THE NATURE CENTER STAFF WHERE THEY HAVE INTERPRETIVE SPECIALISTS ON STAFF, AND ROLL OUT AN INTERPRETIVE PLAN. AND PART OF THIS RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT SOME OF THIS, NOT SIMPLY TO DO PLANNING, BUT TO IMPLEMENT AS WELL. THEN THERE'S SOME GENERAL GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING A NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEM WHICH WILL AGAIN SAVE WATER. AND NEW --

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING INTRODUCING SOME NATIVE TEXAS PLANTS IN AREAS THAT ARE CURRENTLY COVERED WITH ST. AUGUSTINE GRASS, AND FURTHER TO ADD TREES TO INCREASE THE SHADE, AGAIN TO MAKE THE PLACE MORE BEAUTIFUL AS WELL AS TO MAKE IT MORE WATER -- SUSTAINABILITY -- SUSTAINABLE FROM AN IRRIGATION STANDPOINT. AND THEN FINALLY THE BUILDING. AND THIS IS A PHASE 1. IT'S REALLY REMEDIAL WORK ON THE BUILDING, AND THIS IS A LIFE AND SAFETY MATTER. IT'S UNDERPINNED BY ONE LIFE AND SAFETY MATTER ANYWAY AND THAT IS THAT THE ROOF HAS A -- IN PORTIONS OF THE ROOF THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH IT DOESN'T MEET CURRENT CODES. THERE'S A NEED FOR AN OVERFLOW DRAIN WHICH IT DOESN'T CURRENTLY HAVE, AND THERE'S A DANGER THAT IN FLOODING EVENTS, IF THE SINGLE DRAIN CLOGS, THERE COULD BE A POOLING OF WATER ON THE ROOF AND IT COULD CAUSE A CATASTROPHIC FAILURE. THIS ITEM ALSO INCLUDES NEW AIR CONDITIONING AND SOME MISCELLANEOUS WORK ASSOCIATED WITH ROLLING OUT SOME OF THE INTERPRETIVE PLAN IN THE CENTRAL GALLERY IN THE BATHHOUSE. BUT THE LONG-TERM COMPLETE RESTORATION OF THE EXISTING BATHHOUSE IS THOUGHT OF AS A LONG-TERM MEASURE, NOT PART OF THIS PLAN. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? WELL, WE NEED TO WRITE THE REPORT. AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO PUT THE REPORT ON THE INTERNET FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A PERIOD OF SOME WEEKS. WE'LL HAVE A FOURTH PUBLIC MEETING. WE'RE TALKING NOW ABOUT THE MASTER PLAN ITSELF. I'M THINKING WITH THIS ON BEYOND THE SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE WILL BE A ROUND OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND WE'LL BE BACK TO YOU AT THE COUNCIL. AND THEN REGARDING THE SHORT-TERM PROJECTS, EACH OF THOSE PROJECTS -- AS A REMINDER, EACH OF THOSE PROJECTS WILL HAVE ITS OWN SET OF PUBLIC PROCESSES. AND THAT REALLY REPRESENTS SKIPPING A STEP, AND THE STEP IS FUNDING. AND TO DISCUSS FUNDING, I'M GOING TO HAND THE DAIS -- THIS PLATFORM BACK OVER TO WARREN. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: DADDY WARBUCKS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MARK, IF YOU COULD GO OVER THE

BUDGET REAL QUICK. I'LL BE BRIEF ON THE BUDGET, COUNCIL. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS GIVE YOU SOME OF THE NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE GENERATED IN OUR RESEARCH TO PUT THE SHORT-TERM GOALS INTO PLACE. IN FRONT OF YOU, YOU WILL SEE THE ACTUAL DOLLARS IN FUNDING REQUIREMENTS THAT WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR. THE FIRST FOUR, AS AL INDICATED, ARE THE PILOT STUDIES FOR WATER QUALITY, AND THOSE WILL BE DONE BY EXISTING WATERSHED PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW STAFF FOR THE FIRST THREE. THE FOURTH ONE, AS AL INDICATED, THE TREE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT, WE WILL NOT BE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING THERE. WE STILL HAVE A BALANCE IN THE BUDGET THAT WE WILL UTILIZE THIS CAREER TO BEGIN THAT ASSESSMENT PROCESS. BEGINNING WITH NUMBER 5 DOWN THROUGH NUMBER 21, EACH ONE ARE THE SHORT-TERM GOALS THAT AL HAD JUST DISCUSSED. YOU CAN SEE DOWN THAT LIST YOU HAVE STARTS WITH TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEYS OF 106, BUT BEFORE I GO THERE, AL INDICATED AUSTIN ENERGY HAS JOINED US AS A PARTNER TO TAKE CARE OF THAT ONE SHORT-TERM GOAL OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE OVERHEAD WIRES AND LIGHTING IN THE POOL. SO THEY HAVE ACCEPTED THAT FUNDING GOAL FOR US. REGARDING NUMBER 7, TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEYS, 106,000, REMOVE GRAVEL BAMPLT AS COUNCIL KNOWS, WE MADE AN EFFORT LAST YEAR, PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL IN THE REMOVAL OF THE GRAVEL BAR, BUT IT WASN'T COMPLETING SUCCESSFUL SO WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE EFFORTS TO FINISH THAT PROJECT AND 905,000 ESTIMATED TO REMOVE THE WHOLE GRAVEL BAR. NUMBER 9, REHABILITATE THE BATHOUSE, THAT IS THE FIRST PHASE OF THE REHABILITATION, 476,000. REPLACE THE BARTON CREEK BYPASS GRATE, 233. REPAIR THE BYPASS TUNNEL, 285,000. THE NEW PUMP, 258. ACCESSIBLE ROUTE ON THE SOUTH SIDE, THE A.D.A. ACCESSIBLE ROUTE, 571,000. THE MODELING AT 250. SILT AND ALGAE 35. INTERPRETIVE PLAN 121. THE TEMPORARY SKIM THEIR WE TALKED ABOUT, 278,000. A LARGE BULK OF THE BUDGET REQUIREMENT WILL BE IN THE GENERAL GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS AT ABOUT \$1 MILLION. SUNKEN GARDEN A LITTLE OVER A MILLION AND THE TESTING OF THE DAMS 141,000. OUR BASE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF 4.9 MILLION. WE'RE ESTIMATING A SMALL CON CONTINUING

EVEN.....CONTINGENCY TO BRING THE TOTAL TO 6.2 MILLION REQUIRED TO DO WHAT WE CONSIDER URGENT SHORT-TERM CRITICAL GOALS TO BARTON SPRINGS. COUNCIL, WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING IDENTIFIED YET, HOWEVER, IT IS OUR THOUGHTS AND IT'S OUR SENSE OF THINGS THAT WITH THE POLITICAL COMMITMENT THAT THE COUNCIL HAS MADE THE LAST TWO YEARS ON THE 500,000, OUR THOUGHT PROCESS IS TO COME TO YOU SOON WITH THE FINANCIAL TOOL TO COME BACK AND ISSUE DEBT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$6.1 MILLION, WITH THE COMMITMENT OF THE \$500,000 PER YEAR THAT WE'RE MAKING NOW. ISSUE THAT DEBT, LEVERAGE THOSE DOLLARS AND BEGIN ON THESE SHORT-TERM GOALS. THAT'S OUR THOUGHT PROCESS. SO COUNCIL, WE WILL BE PUTTING THAT FINANCIAL TOOL TOGETHER WITH THE BUDGET OFFICE SOON AND BE BRINGING THAT BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS WE CAN TO ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL FOR ISSUING SOME DEBT TO LEVERAGE FROM THAT 500,000 TO BEGIN THESE SHORT-TERM GOALS. WE HAVE STAFF HERE, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE AND AVAILABLE FOR THOSE QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? WE ALSO HAVE KEY MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE POOL HERE WITH US, ANOTHER GOOD RESOURCE. ROBIN, WOULD YOU CARE TO GIVE US SOME THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS ON I GUESS FIRST AND FOREMOST THE PROCESS AND YOUR --

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. MAYOR, I WANTED TO THANK ESPECIALLY YOU AND COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL FOR COMING OUT FOR COUNCIL CLEANS THE POOL. I KNOW WE GOT RAINED OUT AND SOME COUNCILMEMBERS WHO HOPED TO COME WERE NOT ABLE TO SO IT WAS SPECIALLY MEANINGFUL THAT YOU MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL AND REPRESENTATIVE DONNA HOWARD. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE FRIENDS OF BARTON SPRINGS POOL BOARD SUPPORTS ALL THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST. WE'RE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE WRITING OF THIS PLAN AND ALLOWING US TO GO FORWARD. THE PROCESS IS CONFINED OF LIKE HERDING CATS. AND MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS OF BARTON SPRINGS POOL HAVE WORKED THROUGH SCORES

OF MEETINGS WITH STAFF AND CONSULTANTS, OTHER  
STAKEHOLDERS, REGULAR SWIMMERS AND THE PUBLIC. THE  
PARKS STAFF, THE WATERSHED STAFF, AND THE  
CONSULTANTS HAVE WORKED HARD AND WELL. THERE  
HAVE BEEN A FEW INSTANCES WHERE LACK OF MAN POWER  
DELAYED THINGS, BUT THERE'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS  
EFFORT TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND RECEIVE THEIR  
INPUT. AND I THINK IN TALKING WITH MANY SWIMMERS,  
NEIGHBORS AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS, I'VE FOUND  
WIDE AND DEEP SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECTS THAT YOU  
SEE TODAY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNCIL. I URGE  
YOU TO SUPPORT THOSE PROJECTS AND TO FUND THEM  
AND THANKS TO THE STAFF AND ALL INVOLVED. THANK YOU,  
MAYOR.

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

Leffingwell: I GOT ONE FOR MR. STRUESS. I'M INTERESTED IN  
THIS CREATIVE PLAN YOU ARE GOING TO COME BACK WITH.  
DO YOU HAVE A TIME TAIBLG FOR THAT?

COUNCILMEMBER, IT WOULD BE THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO  
GET BACK BY THE BUDGET READINGS TO YOU TO SEE IF WE  
COULD ADOPT IT THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS. AND SO  
THE BUDGET READINGS BEGIN, I BELIEVE, THE 10th OF  
SEPTEMBER. IT'S AN AMBITIOUS GOAL.

Leffingwell: AND THIS WOULD INVOLVE SOME KIND OF  
LEVERAGING OF FUTURE COMMITMENTS TO --

YES, SIR, IT WOULD BASICALLY REQUIRE ISSUING DEBT WITH  
DID.... THE COMMITMENT THAT WE'LL PAY IT BACK WITH THE  
500,000 EVERY YEAR IN THE OPERATING BUDGET.

Leffingwell: AND THE ADVANTAGE WOULD BE THAT YOU  
COULD TACKLE SOME PROJECTS THAT COULDN'T BE  
HANDLED WITH A SINGLE YEAR ALLOCATION, I WOULD  
ASSUME.

ABSOLUTELY. THAT'S THE GOAL.

Leffingwell: OKAY. I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO. THAT THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: ALSO, COUNCILMEMBERS, WE HAVE ALL SEEN THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION, IN FACT, YOU KNOW, SOME ELEMENTS OF CONSTRUCTION PRICING INFLATING AT OVER A PERCENT A MONTH, OVER 12% A YEAR SO, THERE'S ALSO THE POTENTIAL ACTUAL COST SAVINGS PARTICULARLY IF WE HAVE A RELATIVELY LARGE-SCALE PROJECT THAT INVOLVES ANYTHING RELATED TO CONCRETE OR STEEL OR MASONRY, THEN BY CONTRACTING FOR AND ACTUALLY CONSTRUCTING THOSE IMPROVEMENTS NOW VERSUS, YOU KNOW, WAITING FIVE, SIX YEARS BEFORE YOU HAVE A POOL OF FUNDS AVAILABLE, THE COST DIFFERENTIAL CAN BE PRETTY REMARKABLE. CURRENT TRENDS AT LEAST. COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I'VE RECEIVED SOME INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THIS AND I'M GLAD THAT WE HAD THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS AND WE HAVE THIS TEAM TOGETHER. I THINK YOUR EXPERTISE IS REALLY NEEDED WHEN WE TALK ABOUT IMPROVING THE POOL, SENSITIVITY TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND ALSO JUST PROTECTION AROUND CONSTRUCTION AND RUNOFF AND ALL THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW ARE GOING TO HAPPEN OR NEED TO HAPPEN TO GET THIS DONE RIGHT. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DO THIS RIGHT. SO I JUST HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE WILL STICK WITH THIS PROCESS, KNOW THAT IT WILL WORK, THAT WE ARE NOT TO PROCEED WITH ANY PHYSICAL WORK UNTIL WE HAVE IT FULLY VETTED AND ALSO HAVE EXPERTISE OF THE BIOLOGISTS AND FISH AND WILDLIFE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK WATERSHED PROTECTION, DAVID JOHNS, SINCE YOU ARE HERE, WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE NEED TO BE THINKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF THE ACTUAL DESIGN, BUT ALSO WHENEVER WE DECIDE WHAT THOSE ACTUAL PHYSICAL ELEMENTS ARE THAT WILL BE CHANGED, WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT DURING CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS JUST OTHER FACTORS IN TERMS OF, LIKE, ACCESSIBILITY AND THE RAMP AND THE CREEK. AND IT'S A VERY TRAGIC ECOSYSTEM THERE SO WE NEED TO TREAT IT IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY. SO I JUST WANTED TO GET YOUR INPUT ON THAT.

ONE OF THE ISSUES WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT IN THE

PUBLIC MEETINGS IS HOW LONG WILL THE POOL BE CLOSED DURING SOME OF THIS WORK. WE DON'T KNOW THE INS AND OUTS OF JUST HOW EACH OF THESE PROJECTS IS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE POOL. WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND DO THE BULK OF THE WORK WHEN WE HAVE THE POOL CLOSED FOR ITS ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN. THERE'S SOME OF THE PROJECTS, FOR EXAMPLE, REPAIRING THE JOINTS IN THE BYPASS THAT REQUIRE CERTAIN FLOW CONDITIONS IN THE CREEK. BASICALLY VERY LITTLE WATER MOVING DOWN THE WATERSHED BECAUSE THAT BYPASS NEEDS TO BE DRY. THAT'S GOVERNED BY MOTHER NATURE AND WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CONTROL OVER THAT. WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF CONCERN TOO ABOUT DOING CONSTRUCTION, TURNING DIRT VERY CLOSE TO THE POOL. THIS YEAR REALLY SHOWED US THAT DESPITE SOME OF OUR BEST EFFORTS, YOU KNOW, SOME OF OUR OWN PROJECTS ARE DUMPING SILT INTO THE POOL. AND SO WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT THOSE PROJECTS VERY CLOSELY AND DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PREVENT ANY SEDIMENT FROM GETTING INTO THE POOL. YOU KNOW, I WISH I COULD SAY WE WOULD BE 100% EFFECTIVE IN THAT AND THAT WOULD BE CERTAINLY OUR GOAL. WE CAN'T CONTROL MOTHER NATURE. SO IF WE HAVE A RAIN EVENT AT JUST THE WRONG TIME, IT COULD BE A MESS. BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A MESS THAT WE CAN -- LET ME BACKTRACK. THAT DOES SOUND BAD.

Kim: WE DON'T WANT A MESS.

YOU KNOW, WE DON'T WANT TO CREATE A MESS AND SO WE'RE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE THE TIMING OF THESE PROJECTS AND THE WORK OF THESE PROJECTS EFFECTIVE. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM SOME OF THESE PAST MISTAKES. WHEN WE'RE IN FLOW CONDITIONS LIKE NOW WHERE WE HAVE A LOT OF WATER MOVING DOWN THE SYSTEM COMING OUT OF THE SPRINGS, WHEN WE DO HAVE SEDIMENT ENTERING THE POOL, WE CAN OPEN THE DOWNSTREAM GATES AND THAT SEDIMENT CAN FLUSH OUT AND NOT IMPACT THE SALAMANDER HABITAT. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT DR. DREAS LEARNED THIS YEAR WHEN WE WERE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH SEDIMENT ENTERING THE POOL. THAT'S SOME OF THE OPERATIONAL LESSONS WE'RE LEARNING WITH THIS. SOME OF THE PILOT PROJECTS THAT WE'RE WORKING ON, WE'RE TRYING TO DO THESE THINGS



SO THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT THESE THINGS IN LONG TERM, WE KNOW WHETHER WE SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO THEM. PUTTING THE CREEK WATER INTO THE POOL. I MEAN THE CREEK WATER HAS LOWER NUTRIENTS THAN THE SPRING WATER COMING OUT SO WE THINK THAT WILL HAVE ECOLOGICAL BENEFIT. IT WILL HELP INCREASE FISH DIVERSITY, SO I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE CAN DO HERE. YOU KNOW, THE TIMING OF THESE PROJECTS IS SUCH THAT WE NEED TO DO A BEFORE WE CAN DO C. BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT SOME OF THESE WILL BE GOING ON CONCURRENTLY. I'VE HIT A HODGEPODGE OF THINGS FOR YOU, COUNCILMEMBER.

Kim: WELL, I THINK THAT'S GOOD YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT THIS AND EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BE THINKING ABOUT THIS NOW. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT WE DO THIS WELL, WE DO IT RIGHT, AND LET'S IN THE PLAN PUT IN TESTING, MONITORING, CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE. I MEAN ALL THOSE THINGS REALLY NEED TO BE AGREED UPON BEFORE WE START MOVING DIRT BECAUSE WE REALLY NEED TO BE SENSITIVE ABOUT THIS ECOSYSTEM. WE CAN'T CONTROL THE WEATHER, YOU ARE RIGHT, IT'S VERY UNPREDICTABLE IN TEXAS, SO LET'S PUT TOGETHER A PLAN THAT WILL THINK OF ALL THESE THINGS, WHAT IS A GOOD CASE SCENARIO, BAD CASE SCENARIO, BECAUSE ONCE THINGS HAPPEN, I WOULD RATHER PREVENT IT THAN HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY CAROLINA OF CLEANUP. -- KIND OF CLEANUP. I JUST WANT TO BE SURE WE'RE CROSSING ALL OUR Ts AND DOTTING ALL Is AND LET'S TRY TO MAKE THIS AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE AND LET'S LEARN WHAT ARE SOME BEST PRACTICES. MAYBE WE'LL BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY GET SOME TOOLS THAT WE CAN USE FOR OTHER THINGS THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY SHARE WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS THEY DO CONSTRUCTION BECAUSE THAT'S BEEN A CONCERN IN THE WATERSHED IS WHAT HAPPENS DURING CONSTRUCTION. EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE PUTTING IN ALL THESE GREAT THINGS AND RAIN WATER HARVESTING AND ALL THAT, IT'S DURING THE CONSTRUCTION TIME THAT WE SOMETIMES SEE RUNOFF THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE, BUT WE CAN'T CONTROL THE RAIN. I'M HOPING THAT OUT OF THIS WE CAN ACTUALLY GET SOME TOOLS AND SOME PROCESSES THAT WOULD BE

HELPFUL FOR US IN THE LONG RUN.

WELL TAKEN, COUNCILMEMBER. THANK YOU. WE'RE TRYING OUR BEST TO KEEP FROM MAKING A MESS.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: BACK TO THE REPAIRING THE BYPASS TUNNEL JOINTS.

YES, SIR.

Leffingwell: IT'S MY RECOLLECTION THAT IT'S NOT ONLY A PROBLEM OF CREEK WATER INFILTRATING THE POOL THROUGH THESE JOINTS, THERE'S ALSO A PROBLEM OF INFILTRATION OF THE SPRING FLOW ITSELF DIMINUTING THE FLOW TO ELIZA SPRINGS THROUGH THESE CRACKS THAT EVENTUALLY WIND UP BY PASSING. AS WAS MENTIONED THE ELIZA SPRINGS IS THE PRIMARY HABITAT FOR THE SALAMANDER AND THAT HAS AN EFFECT ON THAT.

YES, SIR, IT'S PART OF THE CLEAN WATER PROJECT FOR TAKING THE LIFT STATION AND THE PARKING LOT OFF LINE AND MAKING THAT INTO A GRAVITY LINE. THE WATER UTILITY AGREED TO REPAIR TWO OR THREE OF THE JOINTS IN THE BYPASS WHERE WE'RE SEEING SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF LEAKAGE. WE DO BELIEVE THAT IS SPRING WATER THAT WOULD BE DESTINED FOR ELIZA. THEY WERE GOING TO DO THAT IN THIS SPRING BUT THE RAINS PREVENTED THAT FROM HAPPENING THEN SO THAT CONTRACT IS THERE JUST WAITING TO BE EXECUTED. AND THEN WE'LL USE THE SAME DESIGNS THAT THEY ARE USING FOR THE OTHER JOINTS IN THE BYPASS.

Leffingwell: SO YOU ARE REPAIRING THE JOINTS THAT WOULD AFFECT THE OUTFLOW FROM ELIZA INTO THE BYPASS, YOU ARE DOING THAT THROUGH THE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM, AND THIS IS ADDITIONAL REPAIRS ON JOINTS.

CORRECT. CORRECT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER JOINTS THAT HAVE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS WITH THEM. SOME OF THE JOINTS IN THE POOL AREA THEMSELVES, THE

CONCRETE IS FALLING OFF, THE REBAR IS EXPOSED, THEY ARE DETERIORATING, SO THESE ARE TO HELP MAINTAIN THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THAT FACILITY.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM.

Dunkerley: I KNOW THAT DEEP EDDY IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR BARTON SPRINGS, BUT BOTH COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL AND I BOTH ASKED THE SAME BUDGET QUESTION AND THAT IS WHAT IS THE INCREMENTAL COST, IF ANY, OF KEEPING DEEP EDDY OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND DURING THIS PERIOD OF WORK ON BARTON SPRINGS?

MAYOR PRO TEM, I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT I JUST REVIEWED THOSE NUMBERS AND APPROVED THEM SO IT'S ABOUT 32,000 IS WHAT WE'LL BE ASKING COUNCIL FOR FOR ADDITIONAL FUND TO GO KEEP DEEP EDDY OPEN FOR A FULL YEAR.

Dunkerley: THAT WILL GO ON MY BUDGET LIST.

THERE IT I

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. AND FOR THE JOB WELL DONE ON THE PLAN SO FAR AND THE WORK THAT LIES AHEAD. THANK YOU. COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US TO OUR NOON GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS MR. RICHARD HALPIN. SAW RICHARD EARLIER IN THE BUILDING. SAVE RICHARD'S SPOT. PAUL ROBBINS SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. PAUL ROBBINS.

[INAUDIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. GOOD. TAKE YOUR TIME, PAUL.

[INAUDIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: HE IS. HE WILL FOLLOW YOU. GO AHEAD.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITIZENS OF AUSTIN, I'M PAUL ROBBINS, AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST AND CONSUMER ADVOCATE, AND I AM BACK AGAIN TO SPEAK ABOUT CITIZEN USE OF

CITY HALL. YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT OVER FIVE MONTHS AGO A GROUP OF CITIZENS CAME BEFORE COUNCIL AND ASKED THAT CITIZENS AGAIN BE ALLOWED TO USE CITY HALL CHAMBERS AND THE BOARD AND COMMISSION ROOM AS A VENUE FOR EVENTS ON CITY ISSUES WHEN THESE VENUES ARE NOT BEING USED FOR CITY BUSINESS. USE OF AUSTIN'S CITY HALL BY ITS CITIZENS HAS BEEN A TRADITION THAT HAS LASTED ED DECADES. SINCE THEN FIVE COUNCIL OFFICES HAVE TOLD ME THAT THEY WANT TO SEE SOME KIND OF CHANGE IN BUILDING USE POLICY. SPECIFICALLY, THE OFFICES OF FOUR COUNCILMEMBERS HAVE TOLD ME THEY FAVOR CITY HALL USE BY CITIZENS WHEN IT IS NOT BEING USED FOR CITY BUSINESS. A FIFTH COUNCILMEMBER HAS TOLD ME THEY FAVOR ITS USE FOR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS. GIVEN THIS, I HAVE TO ASK WHY THE BUILDING USE POLICY STILL HAS NOT BEEN ALTERED. IT HAS BEEN FIVE MONTHS. SOME OF AUSTIN'S BEST IDEAS WERE PRESENTED BY CITIZENS AT CITY HALL. MOST CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE AT LAST NIGHT'S EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE CREATION OF AUSTIN'S NEW TOWN LAKE PARK. EVERYONE ATTENDING WAS REALLY PLEASED WITH ITS BEAUTIFUL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION. EVERYONE WAS HAPPY WITH THE WAY IT TURNED OUT. I SAW NOTHING BUT DELIGHTED SMILES. IN A CITY AS POLITICALLY FRAK SHUS AS AUSTIN SEEING THIS MANY PEOPLE HAPPY IN ONE PLACE WAS SPECIAL. BUT TOWN LAKE PARK WAS BORN IN CONTROVERSY BACK IN 1984 WHEN A GROUP OF NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVISTS SAID THEY WANTED TO SEE A PARK AT THE LOCATION INSTEAD OF OTHER DEVELOPMENT. AND THE IDEA FOR THE PARK WAS FIRST PRESENTED PUBLICLY IN CITY HALL CHAMBERS. OPPOSITION TO THIS IDEA WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BY CITIZENS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE ISSUE WAS SETTLED IN THE COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION AND, PARDON THE CLICHE, BUT THIS IS THE PEOPLE'S COURTROOM. THIS IS COMMON GROUND. THIS IS AUSTIN'S EQUIVALENT OF THE VILLAGE SQUARE. THIS IS WHERE IDEAS ARE VIEWED BY THE PUBLIC, CRITICIZED AND DISCUSSED. CAN SOMEONE TELL ME WHY THE PUBLIC IS STILL NOT BEING ALLOWED TO USE CITY HALL WHEN THE MAJORITY OF CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS A CHANGE? DRUM ROLL, PLEASE.

Mayor Wynn: GOOD QUESTION..... QUESTION. I VAGUELY REMEMBER PERHAPS A SHEET SENT AROUND THAT SORT OF HAD THE DIFFERENT CONCEPTS OR DIFFERENT IDEAS, AND I THOUGHT I REMEMBERED SEEING THE VAST MAJORITY OF COUNCILMEMBERS ACKNOWLEDGING -- AT LEAST THE MAJORITY OF US, I CAN'T RECALL THE SPECIFICS, I DON'T KNOW IF THE CITY MANAGER CAN HELP ME, BUT ...

WE CAN GO BACK OVER THE HISTORY OF IT AGAIN. THE POLICY HAS BEEN REVISED TWICE. YOU HAVE A POLICY THAT'S NOW IN PLACE AND DOES ALLOW CITIZEN USE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE BOARD AND COMMISSION ROOM, THE MEDIA ROOM AND THE PLAZA. WHAT WE'RE ARGUING ABOUT, I THINK NOW, ARE THE PARAMETERS AROUND THAT USE. THE COUNCIL DID BEGIN ANOTHER DISCUSSION OF THAT ABOUT WHETHER THERE WERE GOING TO BE ADDITIONAL REVISIONS, AND WE ARE WAITING FOR COUNCIL DIRECTION. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL CHANGES COUNCIL WANTS TO MAKE, WE'RE JUST LOOKING FOR THAT ITEM TO BE BROUGHT BACK FORWARD FOR COUNCIL ACTION.

Mayor Wynn: MR. ROBBINS, I WILL HAVE MY CHIEF OF STAFF RICH BAILEY, YOU KNOW, DUST OFF WHATEVER DISCUSSIONS THERE WERE AND REKINDLE THAT AND BRING IT OUT OF THE BACK.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT. MY INFERENCE WAS THAT SINCE A MATRIX WAS SENT OUT BY BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF TO GAIN COUNCIL'S INPUT, THEY WERE GOING TO GO BY THAT WITHOUT A FORMAL VOTE. BUT THAT'S MY INFERENCE.

THAT IS INCORRECT. WHAT WE DID ON OUR SIDE WAS SIMPLY PUT IN A MATRIX WHAT THE CURRENT POLICY WAS AS A WAY TO HELP THE COUNCIL ORGANIZE THEIR THOUGHTS. THE CLEAR DISCUSSION WAS THAT IF THERE WAS GOING TO BE ANOTHER CHANGE TO THE BUILDING POLICY, THE COUNCIL COULD USE THAT AS A WORK SHEET TO DECIDE WHAT CHANGES THEY WANTED TO MAKE SO THEY COULD PUT AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

OKAY.

SO THAT'S WHERE IT STOOD.

MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

Martinez: THE RECOLLECTION I HAVE OF THIS IS THAT THE POLICY THAT WAS BROUGHT FORTH AND IMPLEMENTED WAS DONE ADMINISTRATIVELY WITHOUT COUNCIL ACTION. I DON'T SEE WHY IT NEEDS COUNCIL ACTION TO DO ANYTHING ELSE. IF WE CAN ADMINISTRATIVELY IMPLEMENT A POLICY, WE CAN ADMINISTRATIVELY EDIT AND AMEND THAT POLICY. I JUST THINK IT'S SILLY THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO SIT HERE AS A COUNCIL AND VOTE ON SOMETHING THAT WE DIDN'T INITIATE AND WE DIDN'T ASK TO BRING FORWARD. IT WAS BROUGHT TO US, IT WAS TOLD TO US WHAT WAS GOING TO BE PUT IN THIS POLICY, BUT THIS WASN'T AN ACTION ITEM FROM COUNCIL AND SO I DON'T THINK IT REQUIRES AN ACTION ITEM TO DO ANYTHING ELSE. IF STAFF CAN BRING IT FORWARD AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY WITHOUT US VOTING ON IT, THEY CAN CERTAINLY AMEND IT AND FIX IT.

Mayor Wynn: AGAIN, I'LL ASK MY STAFF TO JUST WALK AROUND AND MAKE SURE WE ARE UP TO SPEED ON THOSE ELEMENTS AND PRESENT THAT TO MANAGEMENT.

AND IF YOU HAVE CON.... CONSENSUS, WE CAN DO IT TRIFL. WHAT WE HAVE NOT HAD UP TO NOW IS CONSENSUS.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM.

Dunkerley: ONE OTHER ITEM WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT THIS, I'VE HAD TROUBLE RECENTLY GETTING ROOMS HERE IN CITY HALL FOR CITY BUSINESS. AND SOME OF THE ROOMS WERE BOOKED UP LONG IN ADVANCE. AND SOME BY OUTSIDE GROUPS. SO I'D LIKE YOU TO KIND OF DO A SURVEY TO SEE IF THAT'S BECOMING AN ISSUE BECAUSE IT MAY BE SOME ROOMS THAT WE WANT TO HOLD, SOME OF THOSE AREAS THAT WE WANT TO HOLD FOR CITY BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY. SO I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE HAD PROBLEMS WITH THAT, BUT I HAVE. SO IF YOU COULD GET SOME INFORMATION FOR US, I'D APPRECIATE IT.

NOT THAT I WANT TO CHANGE THE POLICY, BUT YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE SOME RESTRICTIONS THERE TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE HAVE MEETINGS THAT WE NEED TO CONDUCT HERE, THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. ROBBINS. RICHARD HALPIN, WELCOME. YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MAYOR LEE COOKE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. I APPRECIATE IT. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THREE OF US SPEAK TODAY, IF IT WOULDN'T DISRUPT THE COUNCIL, IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO BATCH ALL THREE OF THEM IT MIGHT SAVE TIME. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF CARMEN RODRIGUEZ COULD SPEAK AFTER ME AND FORMER MAYOR LEE COOKE.

Mayor Wynn: WE'LL JUST REBATCH.

MY NAME IS RICHARD HALPIN. HELLO, MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY. AUSTINITES. I AM RICHARD HALPIN, FOUNDER AND C.E.O. OF AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS. THERE ARE THREE OF US TODAY SPEAKING TO YOU WHO ARE GOING TO BRIEF YOU ON AN EXCITING AND EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS. JUST ABOUT 30 YEARS AGO, I WONDERED IF WE COULD DO SOMETHING TOGETHER THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT WOULD CHANGE OUR DESTINY. WHAT IF WE COULD LOWER THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN POVERTY AND CRIME? WHAT IF WE COULD LOWER THE TAXES FOR ALL OF OUR TAXPAYERS? WHAT IF, MAYOR PRO TEM, WE COULD RAISE THE NUMBER OF ABLE TO WORKERS AND GOOD CITIZENS? WHAT IF, MR.

Martinez:, WE COULD RAISE THE NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS VERSUS TAX SPENDERS? AND WHAT IF WE COULD SUSTAIN GREAT LIVING IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE CARMEN RODRIGUEZ. CARMEN IS THE VALEDICTORIAN FROM AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME.

THANK YOU. FIRST LET ME SAY THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. MY NAME IS CARMEN RODRIGUEZ. I AM A FRESHMAN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, WHICH IS SOMETHING I COULD HAVE NEVER EVEN.....ENVISIONED MYSELF SAYING THREE YEARS AGO. BEFORE I ACTUALLY CAME TO AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS, I WAS ATTENDING ANOTHER TEXAS PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND I WAS FAILING. I HAD HOME PROBLEMS AND I WAS INVOLVED IN DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. I FOUND AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS THROUGH MY TWO OLDER SISTERS WHO BOTH ATTENDED. MY OLDER SISTER WAS GOING TO DROP OUT IN HER SENIOR YEAR AND WAS ABLE TO GET HER G.E.D. THROUGH AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS. MY SECOND SISTER WAS DOING FAIRLY WELL IN SCHOOL, BUT WANTED AN ALTERNATIVE SO SHE CAME TO AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS AND WAS ABLE TO GET AHEAD IN HER STUDIES AND TRANSFER BACK TO GRADUATE WITH HER CLASS, CROCKETT. AND WHEN I CAME TO AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS, IT WAS SUCH A TREMENDOUS CHANGE FOR ME. MY FIRST YEAR WAS A BIT OF A LEARNING PROCESS, BUT AFTER I REALIZED WHAT KIND OF OPPORTUNITIES WERE AVAILABLE TO ME, WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT I HAD, I WAS ABLE TO REALIZE MY OWN POTENTIAL AND SUCCEED. SO ITSELF INVOLVED IN EVERY STUDENT ORGANIZATION. I WAS ALSO VOLUNTEERING AND PARTICIPATED IN AN INTERNSHIP WITH A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHICH IS WHAT I'VE BEEN CONTINUING FOR THIS PAST YEAR. AND I'VE GOT INVOLVED WITH THAT FURTHER THROUGH COMPUTER CORPS, WHICH IS AN AMAYOR CORE PROGRAM. I'VE BEEN -- AMERICORPS PROGRAM. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE STUDIES AND VOLUNTEER. I TEACH YOUNG HISPANIC GIRLS WITH THE MAGAZINE. I TEACH THEM WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHY, RADIO AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION AS WELL AS WEB DESIGN. THAT'S SOMETHING VERY, VERY INCREDIBLE TO ME BECAUSE I GET TO LEARN AND AFFECT THESE GIRLS' LIVES AS MUCH AS AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS HAS HAD AN EFFECT ON ME. RIGHT NOW I'M A FRESHMAN AT U.T. AND TODAY IS MY SECOND DAY SO I AM CURRENTLY MAJORING IN SOCIAL WORK AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. MY GOAL IS TO ULTIMATELY GET INTO EDUCATION WHICH IS SOMETHING I'VE GOTTEN INTERESTED IN AS A STUDENT AT AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS.



I AM ALSO STARTING A NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION MY FRESHMAN YEAR IN PART WITH [INDISCERNIBLE]. I HAVE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES AND JUST EXCITING, EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE NEVER TRANSPIRED IF I HAD NOT ATTENDED AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: VERY IMPRESSIVE.

SO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OUR PREMISE FOR CHANGE WAS THAT OUR YOUNG ADULTS ARE OUR FUTURE. FINISHES.....YOU'VE JUST MET PART OF AN EXCITING GREAT FUTURE FOR ALL OF US. BUT 30 TO 60% OF OUR 9th GRADERS WILL NOT FINISH THE 12th GRADE DEPENDING ON THE HIGH SCHOOL HERE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. THAT'S 30 TO 60% OF OUR 9th GRADERS WILL NOT FINISH THE 12th GRADE. THIS IS THE TIPPING POINT FOR AUSTIN AND AMERICA'S FUTURE. THIS IS A MEGA TREND OF OPPORTUNITY. WHAT IF, MAYOR, I REMINDED YOU AND THE COUNCIL THAT I CAME TO YOU AND YOUR PREDECESSORS AND SAID WHAT IF WE DID SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. WHAT COULD WE ACHIEVE TOGETHER? I REPORT TO YOU AND THE TAXPAYERS TODAY THAT WE HAVE REMARKABLE AWARD WINNING SUCCESS. WHEN WE START UP FOR THE EXPECTATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, WHEN WE CREATE LITERACY, HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING ANSWERS IN ONE PLACE, OUR YOUNG ADULTS STOP BEING PART OF THE PROBLEM AND OUR YOUNG ADULTS, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS BECOME A VIBRANT CIVIC AND ECONOMIC PRESENT IN THE FUTURE. TAKE A LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE. RIGHT HERE ON YOUR SCREENS. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO JUST EXAMINE THE DETAILS OF WHAT YOU'VE INVESTED IN. NINE HIGH SCHOOLS IN OUR COMMUNITY FAILED TO MEET THE TAKS TEST. AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS MET THE TAKS EXPECTATIONS. LOOK AT THESE HOMES THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT BY YOUNG PEOPLE ONCE CONSIDERED HOMELESS. FIVE STAR ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES. OR EXCEEDING THE PROPERTY TAXES OF A MILLION BUCKS THAT COMES BACK TO THE CITY IN RETURN ON INVESTMENT. WE'RE CHANGING THE EDUCATION AND LITERACY AND JOB TRAINING AND NO JOB SKILLS WITH CREATING LITERATE, SKILLED AND ABLE WORKERS SO THAT WE ALL WIN. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, IF

WE DON'T INTERVENE, WILL COST US HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND THIS IS JUST OVER THE LAST 10, 11 YEARS. WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS OVER 30 YEARS AND IT'S MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN SAVINGS. WE'VE MADE PROMISE TOGETHER, PROMISES TO THE COMMUNITY, WE'VE KEPT THEM. WE'VE HELPED PEOPLE SAVE LIVES, IMPROVED THE ECONOMY. THIS IS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF TO US HAVE THIS KIND OF SUCCESS. AS YOU KNOW, THE HOMES WE'VE BUILT HAVE WON THE NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR THE HOME BUILDERS. THE NEIGHBORHOODS WE'VE RECOVERED FROM THE H.U.D. PEN TO THE LINCOLN GUARDS HE KNOWS ARE SUCCESSFUL AND YOU'VE BEEN A PART OF THIS SUCCESS. TOGETHER WE'VE INVENTED OUR OWN ONE STOP INVESTMENT CENTER, OUR OWN INDEPENDENT HIGH SCHOOL, NOW NAMED ONE OF THE 10 BEST IN TEXAS AND STUDIED FOR NATIONAL REPLICATION. OUR AUSTIN HAS THOUSANDS OF YOUNG GIFTED PEOPLE LIKE CARMEN WHO ARE NOW GOING TO COLLEGE AND THE WORKFORCE FOR THE FIRST TIME THANKS TO AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS AND YOUR INVESTORS. NOW THAT WE'VE DONE THE PILOT, WE NEED TO FUND IT EFFECTIVELY, THEN WE CAN GROW SUCCESS AND COVER THOUSANDS MORE OF AUSTIN'S YOUNG ADULTS. THE COMMUNITIES THAT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS TIPPING PART WILL HARNESS A NEW MEGA TREND. WE WILL HARVEST THE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, PEOPLE, THAT WE CONSCIOUSLY THEN INVEST IN AND ALL OF OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS ARE THE FULCRUM FOR OUR OWN ECONOMIC FUTURE. MY THANKS TO YOU, TO YOUR PREDECESSORS AS PARTNERS FOR A STRONG, SMART INVESTMENT. YOU HAVE THE VISION, THE POWER AND THE CHOICE TO INCREASE THE TAXPAYERS' INVESTMENT IN THIS SUCCESSFUL NEW LIFE SAVING AND ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT FUTURE FOR ALL OF US. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MAN WHO NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION TO YOU, FORMER MAYOR LEE COOKE.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MAYOR.

MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, IN SEPTEMBER OF 1990, I WAS IN MY OFFICE WORKING ON THE BUDGET WITH A GROUP OF CITIZENS. IN COMES THE CITY MANAGER WITH A VERY STARTLED LOOK ON HER FACE AND SHE HANDED ME A NOTE. THERE HAD

BEEN A SHOOTING AT 5th AND CONGRESS AVENUE. THREE OF OUR CITIZENS WERE DOWN. IMMEDIATELY I SAID WE HAD TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. I MET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF, WITH THE GANG TASK FORCE, AND I SAID I WANTED TO MEET THE GANG LEADERS. WELL, THAT DIDN'T GO DOWN TOO WELL WITH THE CITY MANAGER OR THE POLICE CHIEF. AND I'M TELLING THE STORY TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME. I DIDN'T WANT IT IN THE PAPER THEN. I MET WITH THE GANGS AND THEN I STARTED MEETING WITH THE GANGS BY MYSELF, WITHOUT POLICE. TRUST EVOLVED. I LEARNED MOST OF THEM WERE DROP.....DROPOUTS. THEY WERE WITHOUT PARENTS. THEY WERE UNDER THE SPELL OF CONVICTS AND PEOPLE THAT WERE THUGS IN OUR CITY BECAUSE THEY GAVE THEM HOPE FOR A JOB. SO I WENT TO THE CITY MANAGER AND ACTUALLY THE DIRECTOR OF OUR UTILITY AND WE CREATED AN INTERN PROGRAM FOR THESE DROPOUTS AT THE HOLLY POWER PLANT. I GOT A CALL AND I TOOK IT AND IT WAS FROM THE SUPERVISOR AT THE HOLLY POWER PLANT, AND SHE SAID MAYOR, I MAY GET FIRED, BUT THIS IS THE STUPIDEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD, PUTTING GANG MEMBERS TO WORK AS SUMMER INTERNS AT OUR HOLLY POWER PLANT. IT'S HARD FOR ME NOT TO MAYBE AGREE WITH HER. BUT AT THE END OF THE SUMMER SHE CALLED BACK AND SAID THEY WERE THE BEST INTERNS SHE EVER HAD. IN 1977, I SAT WHERE COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL IS SITTING NOW WITH A LOT OF TEXAS INSTRUMENT BUDGET EXPERIENCE, A FRESHMAN COUNCILMEMBER LIKE SOME OF YOU ARE TODAY, AND I HEARD ABOUT A STARTUP THAT CREATED A LEARNING CENTER. I HAD BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT FOR T.I. HIRING 5,000 PEOPLE. I KNEW A LITTLE ABOUT THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF DROPOUTS AND RECLAIMING DROPOUTS. AND I FAST FORWARD TO 1985 WITH THE CHAMBER WHEN WE CREATED IDEA CITY BECAUSE IT WAS ABOUT BECOMING A CITY OF IDEA CREATION TO EXPORT TO THE WORLD, TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH BRAIN POWER AND EDUCATION AND IDEAS. AND FOR 30 YEARS WE'VE HAD A PARTNERSHIP WITH NOW AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS. USING PEOPLE'S MONEY WISELY, WHICH IS WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO TODAY. THE RESULTS, THE RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT, THE IMPACT ON THE FUTURE, ONE PERSON AT A TIME, CARMEN,

IDEAS ON IDEAS. AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS IS THE PRODUCT OF AUSTIN TO THE WORLD. IT'S THE IMPACT I AM PLEASED THAT 30 YEARS AGO I VOTED FOR. AND I HOPE EACH OF YOU IN 2037 YOU WILL BE HERE SAYING I'M GLAD I VOTED FOR IT TOO. FINISHING WHAT YOU START. THERE'S A BOOK HERE, "COWBOY ETHICS," FINISH WHAT YOU START. AND THERE'S A QUOTE IN THERE THAT SAYS WHEN YOU ARE RIDING THROUGH HELL, KEEP RIDING. AND WHEN YOU ARE RIDING THROUGH THE HELL OF DROPOUT, KEEP THESE KIDS RIDING TO BE THE STARS OF TOMORROW. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RECOGNIZE HIM FIRST, AND THEN THEY WILL COME AFTER HIM.

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH. JORGE?

GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REQUEST THAT MY NAME BE CHANGED TO THE PROPER SPELLING, SPANISH FOR JORGE. WE HAVE HALF A DOZEN JORGE GUERRERA'S IN AUSTIN.

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I AM JORGE GUERRERA, REGISTERED VOTER. HOMEOWNER AND BUSINESSMAN SINCE 1958 IN THE CITY OF OURS. PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOR 11 YEARS. I DECLARE HERE THE SUPPORT FOR SOUTHWEST KEY. I DO SO BECAUSE IN THE MIDDLE 1960'S I NOTICED THAT THE 10th GRADE FROM HIGH SCHOOL DID NOT HOLD A PROPER KNOWLEDGE OF ARITHMETIC AND SHE NEEDED PART TIME EMPLOYMENT AND THE PARENTS WEREN'T WILLING TO LET THEM MAKE MONEY, SO I STARTED HELPING THEM TO SELL TICKETS WITH NO PROBLEM. THEY HAD A PROBLEM IN MAKING -- WORKING ON THE NUMBERS IN THE 10TH GRADE LEVEL. NOT ALL THE HIGH SCHOOLS WERE PARTICIPATING IN THIS. I SUPPORT SOUTHWEST KEY BECAUSE THEY ARE AWARE OF NOT ONLY THE OCCASIONAL PROBLEMS, BUT ALSO THE PARENTS IN THE LOW INCOME AREA NEED SUPPORT DUE TO THEIR INABILITY TO

COMPREHEND HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT, BUT ALSO DO NOT HAVE THE EDUCATION TO HELP IN HIGHER GRADES. IT WAS AN ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF GOVALLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THAT INVITED ME TO HELP HIM IN THE PTA AND I ALSO HELPED IN TITLE I PROGRAM WHICH HAD TO DO WITH IMPROVING THE LIVES AND EDUCATION OF THE LOW INCOME CITIZENS. THANK GOD FOR MR. EUGENE MCCARTHY. REST IN PEACE. SO AS IT WENT I FOUND MYSELF TALKING THROUGH THE YEARS WITH (INDISCERNIBLE), ATTORNEY WILL DAVIS AND THE SCHOOL BOARD, CAROL MCCLELLAN, MR. ROY BUTLER, MR. MK HAIG, DR. REYNA. MANY OTHERS IN SOME SCHOOLS. CHANGES WERE MADE TO IMPROVE LOCALLY, BUT NO SUCCESS OBTAINED. IT TOOK LIKE SOME GLIMPSES THAT WE COULD SEE THAT WE WERE COMING OUT OF THE WOODS WERE OCCURRING, BUT THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO GET ELECTED TO PUSH FOR LATE HOUR DRINKING. A GROUP OF OURS GOT TOGETHER AND WE WENT AGAINST THAT BECAUSE WE KNEW. WE KNEW WHAT GOING TO HAPPEN. [ BUZZER SOUNDS ] THE RESULTS ALSO GOING HIGH-TECH WITH COMPUTERS DID NOT HELP TO ACHIEVE THE EXPECTED. I KNOW SOME OF US CAN ONLY GO SO FAR IN LEARNING. CLOOK INSTRUCTION THEY NEED TO START MAKING LIFE -- EVEN IF IT IS NOT 18 YEARS OF AGE. I KNOW YOU HAVE HAD FINANCIALLY AND WE THANK YOU FOR IT; HOWEVER, AS YOU KNOW, NOT ALL PEOPLE GET ON BOARD AND THAT IS WHY WE DO NOT HAVE THE SOLUTION YET. IN ANY TRADE, COMPETITION BRINGS OUT THE BEST OF US. MY FAMILY RAISED FOUR CHILDREN, RAISED SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND A GREAT GRANDCHILD IS IN KINDERGARTEN NOW. AT QUESTION IS OUR FREEDOM AND FREEDOM IS EVERYBODY BE'S BUSINESS. PLEASE LET THE SAME TREATMENT (INDISCERNIBLE). THANK YOU FOR THE EXTRA TIME YOU GAVE ME, MAYOR. THANK A LOT. AND VIVA SOUTHWEST KEY AND VIVA ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION THAT COMES TALKING ABOUT IMPROVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

THIS LOOKS LIKE IT'S A DAY FOR OLD MAYORS. THANK YOU. MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY MANAGER FUTRELL, MARTY, CITY ATTORNEY. WHAT I'M HERE BASICALLY TO DO IS TO GIVE YOU A PERSPECTIVE OF WHAT THE BOARD OF SOUTHWEST KEY HAS HAD IN MIND IN DEVELOPING THIS

PROJECT. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOW.....ALLOWING US TO BLOCK IT INTO THE 12 MINUTES SO THAT WE CAN GET A FULL PICTURE. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO INTRODUCE MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD WHO ARE HERE. FIRST DR. JUAN SANCHEZ, BOARD CHAIRMAN. YOU KNOW HIM, HE'S BEEN HERE BEFORE. ALSO MR. ED KLEIN, FORMER ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE'LL BE SPEAKING HERE IN A MINUTE. ALSO SPEAKING TODAY ARE MARY HARRIS FROM A.C.C. AND MR. BRYAN BALUE FROM THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, TWO OF OUR PARTNERS IN THE PROJECT. THE THING THAT HAS ACTUALLY NOT BE MENTIONED ABOUT THE EFFORT OF SOUTHWEST KEY IS HOW THE BOARD WENT ABOUT APPROVING THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATION. SOUTHWEST KEY, THIS DECEMBER, WILL CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF OPERATIONS. AND THEY HAVEN'T HAD THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN ONE PLACE AND OPERATE IN OTHER PLACES. ONE OF THE THING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CAME UP WITH, ONE OF THE IDEAS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION BROUGHT UP WAS WHY DON'T WE GO AND ASK PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHAT THEY EXPECT FROM US. AND THEY PICKED SEVERAL COMMUNITIES, BUT ULTIMATELY SELECTED GOVALLE, JOHNSON TERRY RACE. THEY ASKED THE QUESTION. THE ANSWER WAS WHY DON'T YOU BRING YOUR HEADQUARTERS TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WHY DON'T YOU COME TO THE BARRIO TO BE WITH US? THE IDEA WAS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD, THE BOARD AGREED. AND THAT WAS THE GENESIS, THE BEGINNING OF WHAT WE SEE TODAY, THE BUILDING THAT'S BEING BUILT ON JANE LANE. ITS IDEA FUND..... FUNDAMENTALLY WAS TO TAKE THE HEADQUARTERS OVER INTO THAT NEIGHBORHOOD SO WE COULD NOT ONLY WORK WITH THEM EMPOWERING THAT PARTICULAR COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO HAVE THE FOLKS THAT WORK FOR US PARTICIPATE IN THE EMPOWERMENT PROCESS. THE SECOND THING THAT CAME IP IN THE PROCESS WAS THE IDEA OF HAVING A MIDDLE SCHOOL. THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN HERE A LONG TIME KNOW THAT THAT AREA USED TO HAVE A MIDDLE SCHOOL ARKS....., A JUNIOR HIGH, ALLEN. DURING SEGREGATION ALLEN WAS CLOSED AS A JUNIOR HIGH, AND NO JUNIOR HIGH REPLACED THAT PARTICULAR ENTITY. SO THE STUDENTS FROM THAT AREA WHO GO TO THE SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE

ARE BASICALLY BUSSED OUT OF THAT AREA. SO THEY ASKED SOUTHWEST KEY, COULD YOU BRING A JUNIOR HIGH CHARTER SCHOOL TO THIS AREA? THE BOARD AGAIN SAID YES AND WE PROCEEDED. NEXT MONTH IN SEPTEMBER, AFTER T.E.A. AGREED THAT OUR PRESENTATION WAS PROPER, WE WILL BE GOING BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO FIND OUT IF THE PERMISSION WILL BE GRANTED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHARTER SCHOOL. IT IS A COLLEGE PREP MIDDLE SCHOOL. WE THINK - - AND THERE'S BEEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHETHER WE BASICALLY BE AFFECTING IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL. I THINK WE ARE AFFECTING IT. I THINK WE ARE HELPING. THE STUDENTS WHO COME OUT OF THERE WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION AT JOHNSTON AT MUCH HIGHER LEVELS. AND THAT'S THE IDEA IS TO -- WE VISITED WITH THE PRINCIPAL, DR. THOMAS. WE VISITED WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT. WE MADE -- WE DID EVERY STEP NECESSARY FOR US TO GET TO WHERE WE'RE GOING. SO THE IDEA THAT PERHAPS WE HAVE NOT DONE ALL OUR LEGWORK IS JUST NOT TRUE. THE BOARD HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN EVERY STEP OF THE PROCESS, AND HERE WITH US TODAY IS MR. ED KLEIN, WHO HAS BEEN ON THE BOARD LONGER THAN I HAVE, WHO WILL FILL IN SOME OF THE GAPS IN THE PRESENTATION THAT I MADE. AND SO LET ME PASS IT ON TO MR. ED KLEIN.

MR. MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY ATTORNEY AND MANAGER, THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY. I HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD WITH SOUTHWEST KEY FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS NOW, AND AFTER SERVING MOST OF MY CAREER IN EDUCATION AS A SCHOOL TEACHER, PREP SCHOOL, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OVER ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN HOUSTON AS WELL AS SERVING AS A MONITOR FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS, I WAS VERY MOVED AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD WITH SOUTHWEST KEY BECAUSE OF THE WORK THAT SOUTHWEST KEY DOES IN THE INTEREST OF STUDENTS. AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT SOUTHWEST KEY'S REQUEST FOR \$800,000 FROM THE CITY TO HELP SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OVER ON THE EAST SIDE OF AUSTIN. I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPEN TO

GO OUR STUDENTS NOW. WE SEE SO MANY OF THEM DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL, SO MANY OF THEM ENDING UP IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND WE FEEL THAT SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. AND SOUTHWEST KEY HAS TAKEN THE APPROPRIATE ACTION ACCORDING TO WHAT WE BELIEVE AS BOARD MEMBERS BECAUSE SOUTHWEST KEY VIFSED, KNOCKED -- VISITED, KNOCKED ON DOORS IN THE EAST SIDE COMMUNITY TO VISIT WITH FAMILIES, TO SEE WHAT SOME OF THEIR MAJOR CONCERNS WERE. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CONTINUED TO BE A TOP PRIORITY WAS WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR CHILDREN, HOW CAN WE DO SOMETHING THAT WOULD MAKE SURE THAT OUR CHILDREN GROW UP TO BE GO CITIZENS, BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES, SUSTAIN THEMSELVES AND BECOME TAXPAYERS IN THIS CITY. AND WHEN SOUTHWEST KEY WENT IN, IT REMINDED ME OF SOME THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO US BACK IN HOUSTON WHERE THERE WERE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THINGS, BUT HAD YOU TO DO SOME LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO DO IT. AND ONCE THAT LEADERSHIP WAS THERE AND THE PEOPLE KNEW WHAT GOING TO BE DONE OR NEEDED TO BE DONE, THE CITY WAS VERY HELPFUL TO SAVE LIVES OF STIEWN WHO WERE TRYING TO GO TO -- OF STUDENTS WHO WERE TRYING TO GO TO SCHOOL, BUT COULDN'T GET THERE BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC PROBLEMS. SO WHEN THESE PEOPLE FOUND THAT SOUTHWEST KEY HAD THE LEADERSHIP, AND THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE, THAT THE LEADERSHIP IS WITH SOUTHWEST KEY, THE COMMITMENT IS THERE, THE LOVE FOR CHILDREN, AND WE JUST FEEL LIKE THAT THE PROJECT IS BEING PUT ON THE TABLE IS ONE THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THAT COMMUNITY. THEY ALREADY HAVE HOPE THAT THIS MIGHT COME AND WE HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE IT COME TO FRUITION. I HEARD ONE OF OUR POLITICAL CANDIDATES WHO IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT, SENATOR OBAMA, SPEAK WITH ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE'S A LOT OF POVERTY IN THE WHOLE UNITED STATES, AND SOMETIMES WE DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S THERE. BUT IT IS THERE. AND HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT WE SOMETIMES DON'T DO THINGS BECAUSE WE SEE IT AND WE DON'T SEE IT. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF NOT FOLLOWING THROUGH. BUT WE HAVE SEEN THIS, AND I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN FOLLOW THROUGH BY HELPING SOME OF THESE



FAMILIES IN THE EAST SIDE COMMUNITY TO BE PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS, HELP THE PARENTS TO GROW, HELP THE STUDENTS TO GROW. AND WE'RE ASKING YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS 800,000-DOLLAR GRANT WHICH WILL REALLY HELP SUPPORT THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR SOUTHWEST KEY. WE HAVE THE LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE. WE ALSO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE PARENTS WHO HAVE SAID THIS IS WHAT THEY WANT IN THAT COMMUNITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU, MR. KLEIN. I ALSO WANT TO INTRODUCE ANOTHER ONE OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS WHO IS HERE, MRS. CATHERINE PENA. IF YOU COULD STAND. [ APPLAUSE ] AS I INDICATED TO YOU EARLIER, COUNCIL, MS. MARY HARRIS FROM A.C.C. IS HERE AND SHE WANTS TO SAY A FEW WORD. MS. HARRIS, WELCOME.

THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY AND KEY STAFF SUPPORTERS AND CITIZENS OF AUSTIN. I'M MARY HARRIS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION AT AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE. THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADULT EDUCATION IS THE LARGEST PROVIDER OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND G.E.D. PREPARATION PROGRAMS IN CENTRAL TEXAS. THE SUCCESS OF OUR PROGRAMS IS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL PROVIDERS SUCH AS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF AUSTIN, COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, CITY OF AUSTIN LIBRARIES, TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONS AND AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. OUR PINS ALLOW US TO GO WHERE THE NEED IS, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO INCREASE THEIR ACADEMIC SKILLS IN A FAMILIAR ENVIRONMENT. THE ADMINISTRATION AND BOARD OF AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FULLY SUPPORTS THE ADULT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ENCOURAGE OUR CONTINUAL GROWTH OF PARTNERSHIPS. I WAS CONNECTED BY SOUTHWEST KEY ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO TELLING ME ABOUT THIS BIG PLAN THEY HAVE TO BUILD A BUILDING AND THAT THEY WANTED TO US OFFER G.E.D. AND ESL CLASSES THERE. AND MY RESPONSE WAS OKAY, WHATEVER, GIVE ME A CALL WHEN YOU GET YOUR BUILDING BUILT. WELL, A YEAR LATER THEY CALLED ME AND OUR

DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED TO HAVE THE TOWNT THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN WITH SOUTHWEST KEY AS A LITERACY PARTNER. THROUGH THIS PARTNERSHIP WE WILL BE PROVIDING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND G.E.D. PREPARATION INSTRUCTION AT SOUTHWEST KEY'S NEW SITE IN EAST AUSTIN. AN A.C.C. RECRUITER AND ADVISOR WILL ALSO BE OFFICING AT THAT SITE. THIS INDIVIDUAL WILL NOT ONLY BE OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO THE STUDENTS ON SITE, BUT WILL ALSO BE A RESOURCE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT A.C.C. TO THE GOVALLE, JOHNSON TERRACE COMMUNITY. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE A SEAMLESS NETWORK OF ADULT EDUCATION, CAREER PLANNING AND COLLEGE PLANNING SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. HAD WE KNOW THE POTENTIAL FOR WORKFORCE POTENTIAL IN AUSTIN THROUGH OUR DIVERSE POPULATION. TOGETHER, AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AT SOUTHWEST KEY WILL BE PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO AN AREA OF TOWN THAT HAS A GREAT NEED FOR ESL, LITERACY AND G.E.D. AS REPORTED BY SOUTHWEST KEY, 52% OF THE ADULTS IN THIS AREA DO NOT HAVE A G.E.D. AND 28% HAVE LESS THAN A NINTH GRADE EDUCATION. THIS PARTNERSHIP IS LONG OVERDUE. THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADULT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO BRINGING SERVICES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTHWEST KEY AND I AS A CITIZEN OF AUSTIN ENCOWRJT CITY OF AUSTIN'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS EAST AUSTIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU. LAST SPEAKER IS A MEMBER OF -- ANOTHER ONE OF OUR PARTNERS WHO ARE BRINGING THEIR PROGRAM TO THE BUILDING THAT SOUTHWEST KEY IS BUILDING. MR. BRYAN BALUE FROM BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.

WELCOME.

THANK YOU, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY ATTORNEY AND OF COURSE MAYOR WYNN. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF SOUTHWEST KEY AND BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB TODAY. WE ARE VERY EXCITED AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB TO OPEN A NEW FULL SERVICE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN A NEIGHBORHOOD

THAT WE BELIEVE IS IN DIRE NEED OF AN ALL  
ENCOMPASSING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION.  
PART OF OUR MISSION AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IS TO  
SERVE KIDS THAT NEED US MOST. OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH  
SOUTHWEST KEY ONLY ADDS TO THAT MISSION SINCE BOTH  
ORGANIZATIONS SERVE KIDS THAT OTHERS HAVE OFTEN  
IGNORED OR LEFT BEHIND. OUR STAFF TAKE PRIDE IN  
DEVELOPING KIDS WHO NEED A SECOND OR THIRD OR EVEN  
A FOURTH CHANCE. A SOUTHWEST KEY BOYS AND GIRLS  
CLUB WILL BE OUR 14TH CLUB TO OPEN HERE IN AUSTIN.  
OUR PROGRAMMING AT THE SOUTHWEST KEY BOYS AND  
GIRLS CLUB WILL RESPOND TO THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS  
OF OUR MEMBERS, WHO WILL RANGE IN AGE FROM SIX TO  
18. WE WILL BE OPEN WHEN KIDS AND FAMILIES IN THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD NEED US THE MOST, WHICH IS 3:00 P.M. TO  
8:00 P.M. AFTER SCHOOL AND ALSO ON SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.  
WE'LL ALSO BE OPEN ON FRIDAY EVENS AT OUR NEARBY  
EAST CLUB FOR AN EXTENDED TEEN PROGRAMMING. OUR  
EAST CLUB IS DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE BOOKER T  
APARTMENT COMPLEX, WHICH IS LESS THAN A HALF MILE  
EARP. OUR WEEKENDS WILL BE CROWDED WITH FIELD TRIPS  
THAT HOPEFULLY GIVE OUR KID A SENSE OF THEIR  
COMMUNITY AND THE PLACES BEYOND THEIR  
NEIGHBORHOOD. WE'LL OFFER PROGRAMMING IN FIVE CORE  
PROGRAM AREAS AND I'M JUST MENTION A FEW FROM EACH  
BECAUSE I KNOW YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE. EDUCATION AND  
CAREERS ARE OBJECT BE VUSLY VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR  
MEMBERS. WE'LL OFFER PROGRAMS SUCH AS CAREER  
TRACK AND JOB READY. WE ALL KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR  
KIDS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO COLLEGE. [ BUZZER  
SOUNDS ] BUT OUR VOCATIONAL TRAINING WILL PREPARE  
THOSE KIDS FOR A LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. CHARACTER  
AND LEADERSHIP IS A PROGRAM WE ARE VERY -- A CORE  
PROGRAM WE'RE VERY PROUD OF, WHICH INCLUDES SMART  
MOVES PROGRAMS, DATE SMART, WHICH IS A NATIONAL  
PROGRAM CREATED LOCALLY HERE BY BOYS AND GIRLS  
CLUB AND SAFE PLACE, WHICH WE ALL KNOW IS A  
WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION AS WELL. OUR YOUTH OF THE  
YEAR AND OUR MEMBER OF THE MONTH PROGRAMS WILL  
CELEBRATE OUR KID WHO OVERCOME THE MOST AND  
BETTER THEMSELVES WITH OUR HELP. WE'LL OFFER  
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO A NEW GROUP OF KID EACH

YEAR. WE'LL ALSO HAVE PROGRAMMING IN THE ARTS INCLUDING CULTURAL ARTS AND FINE ART PROGRAMMING INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB AND BALLET FOLKLORE CO-. HEALTH SKILL PROGRAMS INCLUDING MONEY MATTERS, SECOND STEP, WHICH IS A VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM, BULLIES BEWARE, WHICH IS A PROGRAM THAT WE CREATED LOCALLY HERE, AND OUR KID CAFE PROGRAM. EACH DAY WE'LL SERVE OVER A THOUSAND HEALTHY MEALS THROUGH KIDS CAFE ACROSS THE CITY AND WITH THE NEW PROGRAM AT SOUTHWEST KEY WE EXPECT THAT TO ONLY INCREASE BY A COUPLE HUNDRED, IF NOT MORE, THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE CAPITAL AREA BAD FOOD BANK. FITNESS AND RECREATION PRASM INCLUDE SOCCER, TENNIS AND FLOOR BALL. TOURNAMENTS WILL GIVE KIDS A CHANCE TO INTERACT WITH KIDS OUTSIDE THE NEIGHBORHOODS. OUR 14... 14 DPLUBZ THE GREATER AUSTIN AREA STRETCH FROM MENDEZ AND BEDICHEK IN THE SOUTH TO LANIER AND REAGAN IN THE NORTH ALL THE WAY TO MANOR MIDDLE SCHOOL. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR SUPPORTING SOUTHWEST KEY. WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH MORE KIDS IN AUSTIN. LAST YEAR BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SERVED OVER 8,000 KIDS AND WITH THE NEW SERVICE CLUB AT SOUTHWEST KEY WE CAN REACH OVER 10,000 NEXT YEAR. YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH A FEW OF OUR FORMER GOIZ BOIZ AND GIRLS CLUB ALUMS. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS NEEDS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALL THESE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE JUST AS MUCH POTENTIAL AS ALL THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE. WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE CITY FOR GIVING US THE CHANCE TO FIND THEM. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR, CAN YOU PROMISE JENNIFER LOPEZ AT THE RIBBON CUTTING?

YOU'VE GOT A DEAL, MAYOR. CAN YOU DANCE? THEE FINAL BRIEF THINGS. FIRST I WANT TO INTRODUCE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF SOUTHWEST KEY IF THEY COULD STAND. YOU'VE SEEN THEM BEFORE, YOU KNOW THE SHIRTS. THANK YOU. THE SECOND THING IS WE HAVE A LETTER FROM OUR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL THAT WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE WITH YOU AND A PETITION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

AND THE LAST THING I WANT TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO COME TO THE NEW GUS GARCIA MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7414 JOHNNY MORRIS ROAD. IT OPENED WITH ABOUT 550 AND IT WILL HAVE ABOUT 600 STUDENTS BY THE END OF THE WEEK. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN WILL INVEST SOME MONEY THERE PUTTING SOME TENNIS COURTS. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING US TO COME BEFORE YOU.

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Mayor Wynn: YOU'RE WELCOME. WELL DONE. [ APPLAUSE ] MARTINEZ.

Martinez: MAYOR, IF YOU COULD INDULGE ME FOR A SEC, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MR. HILGERS COME UP AND TALK ABOUT THE MEMO THAT WAS GIVEN ENOUT TO US THIS -- GIVEN OUT TO US THIS MORNING REGARDING POTENTIAL FUNDING OF A LOAN FOR THE REQUEST FROM SOUTHWEST KEY.

I'M PAUL HILGERS, DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. TODAY I PROVIDED A MEMO TO COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO SOME QUEP THAT YOU ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OR ACTUALLY IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTION. SO I'M GLAD TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU'D LIKE IN ADDITION TO THAT MEMO. I'LL GO OVER THE SUMMARY OF THAT FOR YOU NOW IF YOU'D LIKE.

Martinez: CAN YOU REMIND ME WHAT PROGRAM WE'RE USING THAT CREATES THE PARAMETERS FOR MINIMUM JOB REQUIREMENTS, TERMS, YEARS?

YOU BET. SOUTHWEST KEY HAS NOW INDICATED THAT THEY'RE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A LOAN THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. THAT NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IS FUNDED FROM SECTION 108 FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS MONEY THAT IS A POOL OF FUND THAT ARE BORROWED FROM THE

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AT ABOUT 6% INTEREST THAT WE PAY BACK TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE FUNDED IN THE PAST THE MILLENIUM YOUTH CENTER, THE DOWNTOWN HOMELESS SHELTER AND SOME OF THE 11th AND 12TH STREET REVITALIZATION EFFORTS IN W. THOSE DOLLARS IN THE PAST. WE HAVE SECURED AN ADDITIONAL \$3 MILLION THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, THROUGH THE SECTION 108 FOR THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THAT LOAN PROGRAM HAS GUIDELINES THAT INCLUDE A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF UP TO 40% OF A LOAN TO BE FROM THE FEDERAL DOLLARS. THE BALANCE BEING FROM OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING. AND A CAP OF \$250,000 FOR ANY ONE PARTICULAR LOAN. AGAIN, THESE ARE GUIDELINES. IT ALSO REQUIRES THE CREATION OF JOB OF ONE JOB FOR EVERY \$35,000 THAT'S BORROWED FOR EVERY NEW JOB THAT'S CREATED. THOSE ARE NOT GUIDELINES, THAT'S A FEDERAL RESTRICTION. SO THE DOLLARS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED, AGAIN, ONE JOB FOR EVERY \$35,000 THAT ARE BORROWED. AND SO WHAT WAS ASKED TO DO BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WAS TO OUTLINE THE IMPACT OF A LOAN AT \$250,000 AT ZERO, THREE PERCENT, SIX PERCENT INTEREST AND THEN YOUR FOLLOW-UP QUESTION WAS ABOUT THE LOAN AT \$800,000 AND WHAT WOULD THAT REQUIRE WITH REGARD TO WAIVERS, WHAT WOULD THAT REQUIRE WITH REGARD TO COSTS TO THE CITY. SO THAT'S THE ANALYSIS THAT I PROVIDED FOR YOU TODAY. WHICH INDICATES, AGAIN, THAT THE NUMBER BE OF MINIMUM JOBS FOR A 250,000-DOLLAR LOAN WOULD BE 7. THE NUMBER OF KNOBS FOR 800,000-DOLLAR LOAN WOULD BE 23. THOSE ARE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS. THE OTHER GUIDELINES ARE IN THE PROVISION OF THE COUNCIL TO DO WITH AS THEY CHOOSE. THE LOAN APPLICATION I UNDERSTAND AFTER TALKING TO FOLKS AT SOUTHWEST KEY CAME BY YESTERDAY I THINK TO PICK UP THE LOAN APPLICATION. THEY'RE GOING THROUGH THAT. THEY WILL SUBMIT THE LOAN APPLICATION WITH WHATEVER TERMS AND ISSUES THEY WOULD CHOOSE TO GET. AND WE WILL WORK WITH THEM TO BE AS RESPONSIVE TO THEIR REQUEST FOR THE LOAN AS POSSIBLE.

.. MAR MASH IN YOUR --

Martinez: IN YOUR MEMO IT SAYS THAT STAFF SUPPORTS

SOUTHWEST KEY APPLYING FOR THE LOAN.

YES, SIR. MATURE MAR WITH THE REQUIRED MINIMUM INTEREST, UP TO \$250,000. IF THE \$250,000 IS JUST A GUIDELINE AND IF THEY MEET THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS, WHY WOULDN'T STAFF ALSO SUPPORT AN 800,000-DOLLAR LOAN?

THE REASON IS BECAUSE -- A COUPLE OF THINGS. OUR DOLLARS HERE INTEND TO LEVERAGE WITH PRIVATE EAKT SECTOR DOLLARS AND WE BELIEVE WE COULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING PRIVATE SECTOR DOLLARS FOR A PROGRAM THAT'S THIS SUCCESSFUL AND ON SHOWS THE STABILITY OF SOUTHWEST KEYS. SECOND BY, WE HAVE THREE MILLION DOLLARS FOR A PROGRAM THAT'S SERVING FOLKS FOR THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO YEARS, AT LEAST, AND WITH THE GUIDELINE OF \$250,000, WE BELIEVE THAT THAT ALLOWS US TO LEVERAGE THOSE DOLLARS, CREATE A LOT OF OTHER BUSINESSES, A LOT OF OTHER JOBS WITH OTHER COMPANIES, BUT SO REALLY ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE'RE DOING IS SAYING WE SUPPORT THE GUIDELINES OF THE PROGRAM THE WAY IT'S DESIGNED. BUT THOSE ARE GUIDELINES OF THE PROGRAM. AND IT'S A POLICY DECISION FOR THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE, WHICH YOU CERTAINLY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO TO WAIVE THOSE GUIDELINES. BUT THE REASON THAT I'M SUGGESTING THAT WE WOULD WANT THOSE GUIDELINES FOLLOWED IS BECAUSE WE THINK WE CAN HAVE A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, STAY TRUE TO THE GUIDELINES AND SUPPORT SOUTHWEST KEY IN WHAT WE THINK IS OUTSTANDING WORK THAT THEY DO IN THE COMMUNITY. AGAIN, WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF SFUNDZ FUNDS AND AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, I DON'T LIKE TO BE IN A POSTURE TO BE A NEGATIVE INFLUENCE ON THE GREAT WORK THAT SOUTHWEST KEY IS DOING IN THIS COMMUNITY AND THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE PARTICULARLY DOOR TO DOOR WORKING WITH WITH THIS COMMUNITY AND IN CREATING PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE HEARD ABOUT TODAY. IT'S IN NO WAY NEGATIVE TOWARDS ANY OF THOSE ACTIVITIES THAT THEY'RE DOING IN THE COMMUNITY. SO TRYING TO CREATE ANOTHER LOAN PROGRAM THAT COULD ACCOMPLISH WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WE BELIEVE IS POSSIBLE BY USING THE GUIDELINES AS THEY'RE STRUCTURED. THAT'S THE

POSITION OF THE STAFF.

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Martinez: THANKS, PAUL.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS OF MR. HILGERS?  
COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE COMMIT SUBMITTING THEIR  
LOAN APPLICATION, WE HAVE THESE GUIDELINES WHICH  
YOU'VE MADE A RECOMMENDATION BASED ON THE  
GUIDELINES, THAT IS OUR POLICY. WHO CREATED THOSE  
GUIDELINES? IS IT SOMETHING THAT WAS ENDORSED BY  
COUNT OR WAS IT THROUGH THE PLANNING PROCESS  
WHERE WE VOTED ON THE GUIDELINES? I JUST WANT TO  
KNOW HOW WE DEVELOP THOSE GUIDELINES?

THOSE GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL  
THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS BEFORE. BUT AGAIN THOSE  
GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN WAIVE BY THE COUNCIL BEFORE  
TOO. AND AGAIN, IT IS PONL FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. I'M NOT  
TRYING TO BE MISLEADING ABOUT WHAT -- WHO SETS  
POLICY IN THIS CITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT THE  
PROCESS WOULD BE THIS, JUST TO BE CLEAR, THE  
PROCESS WOULD BE THAT WE WOULD TAKE THE  
APPLICATION, WE WOULD RECEIVE THE APPLICATION, BE  
AND THEN WE WOULD REVIEW THE APPLICATION, MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS. THEN THAT APPLICATION GOES TO A  
LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE. THAT COMMITTEE WOULD  
REVIEW THE FINANCIAL STABILITY AND THE FINANCIAL  
NEEDS AND THE REQUEST OF SOUTHWEST KEY, MAKE A  
RECOMMENDATION TO STAFF AND TO COUNCIL AS TO  
WHETHER THAT LOAN SHOULD BE SUPPORTED, AND THEN  
WE WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL AND  
THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT COUNCIL HAS ON WHETHER TO  
CONSIDER ALL OF THE DIFFERENT PARAMETERS, HERE'S  
WHAT THEY'VE REQUESTED, HERE'S AN ALTERNATIVE  
SUGGESTION FROM STAFF, AND WE WILL TRY TO BRING YOU  
THE BEST PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION WE COULD.  
AND WOULD SUPPORT WHATEVER POLICY DECISION IS  
MADE BY THIS COUNCIL.



SO WE HAVE THREE MILLION THEN THAT IS AVAILABLE? IS ANY THAT HAVE THREE MILLION TRADITIONALLY ALLOCATED TO OTHER SOURCES THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY FUNDING IN TERMS OF PROJECTS RIGHT NOW?

WE HAVE SOME DEMAND FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. I CAN'T SAY THAT WE HAVE -- THAT I KNOW OF RIGHT NOW, AND I CAN FIND OUT EXACTLY HOW MANY APPLICATIONS WE HAVE IN THE QUEUE, WHETHER OR NOT ALL THE MONEY IS SPOKEN FOR. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ALL THREE MILLION DOLLARS IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW FOR BEING LOANED OUT. SO I DON'T THINK THAT'S A FACT. BUT I CAN CHECK THAT OUT FOR YOU AS WELL.

Kim: I'D LIKE TO KNOW IF -- I DON'T WANT TO BE IN A SITUATION OF ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL. THERE ARE INCREDIBLE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T -- WE'RE NOT IN A SITUATION THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE MONEY AWAY FROM A PROGRAM IN TERMS OF THEIR IT SFIEWT BUNT MONEY THAT THEY WERE COUNTING ON. BECAUSE I WANT TO BE ABLE TO HELP SOUTHWEST KEYS, BUT -- WE NEED TO BE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT -- WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE RESPONSIBLE IN ADDRESSING THE OTHER NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE OTHER GROUPS, IF THERE ARE ANY GUARANTEES OR EXPECTATIONS, THEN FOR THEM GETTING FUNDING, THEN WE NEED TO KNOW THAT AS WELL. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS FOR STAFF? THANK YOU ALL. THANK YOU, MR. HILGERS. COUNCIL, I THINK OUR LAST SPEAKER SIGNED UP FOR CITIZEN COMMUNICATION WAS GUS PENA, BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN GUS THIS MORNING. IN FACT, I THINK I GOT AN E-MAIL THAT HE CAN'T ATTEND. SO THAT ENDS OWSH GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE WILL NOW GO INTO CLOSED SECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO TAKE UP POTENTIALLY LEGAL ITEMS NUMBER 78 REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROPERTY DAMAGE FUND WITHIN THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. AND POTENTIAL LEGAL ISSUES RARGD THE SEARCH FOR A NEW CITY MANAGER. AND POTENTIALLY UNDER SECTION 551.074 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, WE MAY

TAKE UP PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING TO THE SEARCH FOR THE NEW CITY MANAGER. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. I ANTICIPATE US COMING BACK RELATIVELY SOON IN ORDER FOR US TO DO OUR 2:00 POSTED BOND SALES AND BUDGET PRESENTATIONS AND OUR 3:00 AHFC BOARD MEETING, SO I ANTICIPATE US BEING BACK OUT OF CLOSED SESSION BY 2:30 OR 3:00. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU. YOU MARES WE ARE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION. IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WE TOOK UP ITEM NO. 78, LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY DAMAGE FUND WITHIN THE WATER UTILITY, NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. WE DID NOT AND WILL NOT TAKE UP ITEMS 79 OR 80. NOW BACK IN OPEN SESSION, IN TIME FOR -- FOR OUR POSTED DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOND SALES AND WE WILL WELCOME A BRIEF PRESENTATION FROM OUR ADVISORS MR. BILL NEWMAN.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THANK YOU, CHRIS ALLEN IS GOING TO BE PASSING OUT BOOKLETS THAT I WILL GO THROUGH. THEN I HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS BOND SALE THAT WE JUST HAD. BASICALLY WHAT WE ARE SELLING IN THESE THREE ITEMS..... ITEMS -- \$97,525,000 IN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 3,820,000 IN CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, \$9,755,000 IN PUBLIC PRIVATE FINANCE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS. EXCUSE ME. THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS AS WELL AS THE CO'S WILL BE USED FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. THE PUBLIC PROPERTY FINANCE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS ARE USED TO BUY EQUIPMENT. YOU WILL SEE ON PAGE 3 THAT THE CITY OF COURSE IS THE ISSUER OF McCAL PARKER YOURS BOND COUNCIL, [INDISCERNIBLE], YOUR RATINGS STAYED THE SAME. INCIDENTALLY YOU GOT VERY GOOD AND STRONG COMMENTS IN YOUR RATING REPORTS ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR ABOUT YOUR GOOD FINANCIAL CONDITION AND THE GROWTH THAT THE CITY IS TAPING AND CONTINUES TO OBTAIN. I CALL YOUR ATTENTION HOWEVER TO PAGE 4. THAT'S A WRITEUP FROM THE MUNICIPAL CONSENSUS FOLKS AS OF YESTERDAY ON WHAT THE BOND MARKET WAS DOING. YOU WILL SEE A CHART HERE IN JUST A MINUTE. BUT LOOK AT THE SECOND BULLET POINT. IT'S A QUOTE -- PLUS 32 AND PLUS 35, GOING AWAY AT 19 AND 20.

WHAT THAT MEANS IS LAST WEEK THE BOND MARKET WAS REALLY IN THE TANK. IT IMPROVED A LOT, FROM MONDAY UNTIL NOW, I WILL GET BACK TO THAT IN JUST A MINUTE. ON PAGE 1 YOU SEE A LOOK -- PAGE 5 YOU SEE A LOOK AT THE 20 YEAR TREASURY AND GO INDEX, COME DOWN QUITE A BID SINCE MID JUNE. COMPETITION IN THE MARKET IS LISTED ON PAGE 6. PROBABLY THE CLOSEST ONE RATED TO YOU, SOLD NEAREST TO YOU WAS TARRANT COUNTY WHICH SOLD ON MONDAY. TARRANT COUNTY IS A PURE TRIPLE A RATED CREDIT. ON PAGE 7, YOU WILL SEE THE RESULTS OF THIS SALE. NOW, I MENTIONED EARLIER THAT THIS SALE WAS A PRIVATE PLACEMENT VERSUS A COMPETITIVE BOND SALE LIKE WE NORMALLY HAVE. I'M GOING TO GO INTO DETAIL IN THAT IN JUST A MINUTE. BUT I WANTED TO SAY THAT AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE YOU WILL SEE ON THE FAR RIGHT-HAND SIDE ON ALL OF THESE COLUMNS FOR THESE SALES, THANK YOU, IS THE RATES ARE THE SAME. THEIR FLAT RATES ALL THE WAY DOWN THE SCALE. ULTIMATELY ON YOUR GO BONDS YOU HAVE A BID OF 464. ON THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, A 488 WAS IT IS LOW BID. ON THE PUBLIC PROPERTY FINANCE OBLIGATIONS 365. WE GOT A TOTAL, AS YOU WILL SEE ON THE NEXT PAGE, OF 8 BIDS ON THESE THREE TRANSACTIONS, FOUR ON THE LARGER TRANSACTION, QUITE FRANKLY, BECAUSE THAT'S THE MOST POPULAR AND THE LARGEST. TWO ON THE CO'S, TWO ON THE PPFC'S. IF I COULD, I WANT TO TALK SOME ABOUT THIS TYPE OF TRANSACTION AGAIN BECAUSE WE HAVE ONLY DONE THIS PRIVATE PLACEMENT ONE TIME. CHRIS, DID YOU GIVE OUT THAT -- THE OTHER PIECE AS WELL? THIS IS GOING TO -- CHRIS IS GOING FOR HAND OUTLET A SHEET AND A LOT OF INFORMATION, IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I'M NOT GOING THROUGH ALL OF IT, I'M GOING TO TRY TO GIVE YOU THE SHORT VERSION. ON THE TOP OF THIS PAGE IS THE METHODOLOGY AND THE BASIS FOR OUR CALCULATION IN THE MIDDLE IS SOME COMP OPERABLES AND WE CAN TALK ABOUT THOSE, HAVE TO -- HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON IT. TO GET TO THE POINT ON THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE IT'S A SALE COMPARISON. I WANTED TO SHOW YOU WHAT YOU -- WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE DONE HAD YOU SOLD THESE BONDS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS, WHAT HAS HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF THIS PRIVATE PLACEMENT SALE. AGAIN, I TALKED ABOUT TARRANT COUNTY A LITTLE EARLIER.

TARRANT COUNTY SOLD EARLIER IN THE WEEK AND AGAIN THERE ARE TRIPLE A, PURE TRIPLE A, SELLS BETTER THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE MARKET. AUSTIN SELLS LIKE AN INSURED TRIPLE A, BUT A PURE TRIPLE A SELLS BETTER. TARRANT COUNTY SOLD AT A 474, THAT WAS ON MONDAY. AND AUSTIN SOLD ON MONDAY AND SOLD A LITTLE HIGHER. IF YOU LOOK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE, YOU WILL SEE ON THE COMPETITIVE BASIS, ON THESE THREE SALES, WHICH INCIDENTALLY WERE VERY UNIQUE TO GO SALES, STANDARD LARGE TRANSACTION THAT YOU CAN GET A LOT OF HOURS ON, THE CO'S IS A SMALL, WHAT I WOULD CALL AN ODD LOT TRANSACTION, 3,820, THE PPFC IS VERY SHORT, YOU SEE DIFFERENT KINDS OF BUYERS. HAD YOU SOLD ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS, YOU WOULD HAVE GOTTEN AN INTEREST RATE OF 465. AS IT TURNED OUTLET YOU GOT AN INTEREST RATE OF 464. THE CO'S YOU PAID A LITTLE BIT OF PENALTY BECAUSE IT WAS ODD LOT. HAD YOU GONE TO RETAIL INVESTORS IT WOULD HAVE SOLD BETTER. 439, AS IT IS YOU GOT A 488. PPFC, WOULD HAVE GOT A 493 RATE ON A COMPETITIVE TRANSACTION, AS IT TURNED OUT YOU GOT A 365. THE ULTIMATE DIFFERENCE HERE AND POSITIVE TO YOU, IF YOU WOULD, INSTEAD OF NEGATIVE IS THAT BECAUSE YOU DID THIS PRIVATE PLACEMENT YOUR SALE WAS BETTER BY \$2,126,906. OFFICE QUESTION THAT YOU SHOULD ASK ME IS WHY IS THAT? I WILL TELL YOU THE ANSWER. SEVERAL ANSWERS. NUMBER ONE IS MARKET CONDITIONS. I MENTION TO YOU THAT THE MARKET HAS STARTED TO TURN DOWN AGAIN. IF YOU WOULD HAVE SOLD ON MONDAY, YOU WOULD HAVE HAD A MUCH HIGHER RATE. THE SECOND REASON AND PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT, WHEN YOU NORMALLY SELL BOND ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS YOU ARE SELLING IT TO MERRILL LYNCH, SMITH BARNEY, BEAR STERNS, SOLOMON BROTHERS. THEY ARE THE MIDDLE GUY. SOMETIME DURING THE COURSE OF TAKE DAY OR THOSE MINUTES THEY ARE SELLING THOSE BONDS AWAY. IN THIS CASE, WERE THOSE TYPE OF BUYERS TO HAVE BOUGHT YOUR BONDS, THEY WOULD HAVE SAID WELL LOOK I CAN'T RESELL THEM UNTIL MARCH BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE AN AUDIT UNTIL MARCH. SO WHEN I PRICED THESE BOND TO YOU, I'M GOING TO PRICE THEM UP BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE MARKET IS GOING TO BE IN MARCH SO I'M GOING TO PRICE THE BOND HIGHER. AS THE TURNED

OUT THE TYPE OF BUYERS THAT YOU HAD TO BUY THESE BONDS WERE BANKS AND BANKS BOUGHT THESE SAID WE ARE GOING TO BUY THEM AND SOLD THEM. SO INSTEAD OF MARKING THEM UP, WE ARE GOING TO BUY THEM TODAY, HOLD THEM AT THAT RATE. THERE'S NO RISK. THERE'S NO ADDED PADDING, NO MIDDLE MAN IN THIS TRANSACTION. THAT IS WHY YOU SAVED THE TWO MILLION. IT'S THAT PLAIN AND SIMPLE. YOU CAN ASK ME HEY DO YOU RECOMMEND DOING THIS IN THE FUTURE? I WOULD SAY NO. WE ARE IN A VERY VOLATILE MARKET. IN THE FUTURE YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE THIS LONG SPREAD FROM THE TIME OF -- A BUYER WOULD HAVE TO HOLD IT AND DO IT AGAIN. IN THIS PLACE, IN THIS CASE, EXCUSE ME, IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE STORY THAT I TOLD -- MY WIFE TOLD ME ONE TIME. I SAID I WOULD RATHER BE LUCKY THAN SMART ANY TIME. SHE SAID BILL, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE. IN THIS CASE YOU WERE VERY, VERY FORTUNATE. SO I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: SO, BILL, THEN THE REASON WHY WE VICE-PRESIDENT BEEN DOING THIS IN THE -- HAVEN'T BEEN DOING THIS IN THE PAST IS ALSO BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVELY STABLE NATURE OF WHERE THE MARKET HAS BEEN?

YES, SIR, IT IS. IF YOU LOOKED ON AN HISTORICAL BASIS ON WHERE YOU TRADE, YOU TRADE ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS A LOT CLOSER TO THE -- TO THE INDEXES THAT YOU SHOULD BE TRADING TO. THE MARKET HAS BEEN MORE STABLE. WHEN YOU LOOK AT INTEREST RATES FROM TODAY UNTIL 20 YEARS OUT, RELATIVELY FLAT. NORMALLY IT WOULD START ROLLING IN REAL HIGH. BECAUSE OUR RATES WERE FLAT ALL THE WAY DOWN, WE GOT THE BENEFIT OF THE LOW RATES IN THE LONG END. YOU CAN STRUCTURE MORE MATURITIES, GET ALONGER INTERRATE.

I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER THE EXACT SORT OF CHARACTERIZATION THAT THEY USED. BUT JUST 10 DAYS OR SO AGO, THERE WAS A -- THERE WAS VIRTUALLY A HEADLINE IN THE AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN ABOUT THE FACT THAT -- THAT SINCE OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AREN'T FULLY COMPLETE AND WON'T BE FROM OUR CPA FIRM, BECAUSE OF OUTSTANDING ISSUE HOLDING UP THE CERTIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION CENTER PIECE OF OUR

BIG COMPLICATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, IF I REMEMBER THERE ARE -- IF THEY ARE RECKONING CORRECTLY, IT WAS BASED ON THAT FACT THAT [INDISCERNIBLE] GOING OUT TO MARKET ABOUT TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF BOND, BECAUSE OF THAT UNCERTAINTY, I THINK THEY EVEN SPECULATED AND PUT A NUMBER IN THE STORY, YOU KNOW, SEVEN-FIGURE NUMBER THAT WE WERE GOING TO LOSE WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR US TO SELL THESE BONDS HERE TODAY, HELP ME SORT OF PUT THAT STORY IN CONTEXT WITH THE ACTION, THE FACT THAT YOU ARE SHOWING US ACTUALLY SAVING \$2.1 MILLION OVER THE LIFE OF THESE BONDS.

MAYOR, TO ANSWER THAT, I WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK TO PERHAPS AND PERHAPS PROBABLY ON A NORMAL BASIS ON A -- ON A PRIVATE PLACEMENT LIKE THAT, GIVEN THE SITUATION THAT YOU JUST MENTIONED, YOU WOULD PROBABLY PAY UP AGAIN IF YOU WERE THE BUYER, YOU SAID HEY I CAN'T RESELL THIS, I'M NOT GOING TO HOLD IT, I CAN'T RESELL IT UNTIL MARCH, PERHAPS WHEN I KNOW THAT I HAVE THAT AUDIT, THEN YOU WOULD SAY I'M GOING TO BEEF UP MY PRICE BECAUSE RATES COULD BE 50 BASIS POINTS HIGHER IN MARCH THAN THEY ARE TODAY, I'M GOING TO BID IT THAT MUCH HIGHER. SO YOU WOULD BID IT THAT MUCH HIGHER. AND NORMALLY HAD THE MAYOR OR YOU OR SOMEBODY ELSE LIKE THAT BOUGHT IT WITH THE INTENT OF TURNING IT OVER, YOU THE CITY WOULD HAVE PAID UP FOR IT. AS IT TURNED OUT THE BUYERS WERE BANKS. BANK OF AMERICA BOUGHT YOUR BIGGEST DEALS, ONE. REPRESENTATIVES BACK THERE IN THE BACK THAT BOUGHT THIS TRANSACTION IS HERE WITH US TODAY. THEY BOUGHT IT FOR THEIR OWN PORTFOLIO. THEY ARE GOING TO BUY IT AND HOLD IT. WE HAD TO CHANGE ONE OF THE CONDITIONS IN THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT. WE HAD THERE THAT WE WOULDN'T GIVE YOU AN AUDIT IN THE FUTURE, WE THOUGHT YOU BEING MERRILL LUNCH OR WHATEVER WOULDN'T HOLD IT A LONG TIME. BANK OF AMERICA, CHASE, I FORGET, CHASE ALSO SAID WE WANT TO GET AN AUDIT EVERY YEAR BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO HOLD THESE BONDS. NO MIDDLE MAN IN THAT TRANSACTION, NO WAITING TIME TO TURN IT OVER. THEY ARE GOING TO BUY IT AND KEEP IT. THAT'S WHY YOU GOT A GOOD RATE. THAT AND

THIS MARKET VOLATILITY IS SO STRONG THERE'S NO RISK FOR SOMEBODY THAT BOUGHT IT IN TODAY'S MARKET AT TODAY'S RATES.

Mayor Wynn: WELL SO THEN THAT BEGS THE QUESTION, IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THE HOLDUP OF OUR CONVENTION CENTER FUND AS PART OF THE OVERALL AUDIT.....AUDIT OF THE ENTIRE CITY OPERATION, IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT FACT ON THE TABLE AT THIS TIME, WOULD WE OR COULD WE BE SELLING THESE BONDS AT AN EVEN BETTER RATE THAN WHAT'S OCCURRING TODAY?

YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN -- THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS NO. THE SHORT ANSWER. AGAIN, ON THIS PAGE YOU WILL SEE HERE IT WOULD HAVE SOLD A LITTLE HIGHER ON THE G.O.'S, 465, VERSUS 464, YOU WOULD HAVE SOLD A LITTLE LOWER ON THE CO'S, BUT THEY WERE LITTLE BITTY, YOU WOULD HAVE SOLD WORSE ON THE SHORT PPFC'S. SO IN THIS INSTANCE, BECAUSE OF THE REASONS THAT I MENTIONED AND THE FACT THAT -- WHAT YOU ARE PAYING FOR IS THE RISK AND IT TOOK THE RISK OUT OF IT BY THESE PEOPLE BUYING IT AND HOLDING IT.

THEN THE HEADLINE 10 DAYS OR SO AGO THAT BECAUSE OF CERTAIN FACTS ON THE GROUND THIS BOND SALE WAS GOING TO COST US TAXPAYERS, SPECULATED AN ACTUAL 7 FIGURE NUMBER IN THEIR STORY, IN FACT WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY IS WE AS TAXPAYERS ARE SAVING OVER \$2 MILLION OVER THIS --

THAT'S CORRECT. JUST FLATLY DID NOT -- IT WORKED OUT TO YOUR FAVOR. I THINK QUITE FRANKLY TO THE CITY'S CREDIT, I TOLD YOU THIS BEFORE, THE CITY IS AN EXCELLENT CREDIT. DOUBLE A, SELL LIKE A TRIPLE A CREDIT, VERY WELL KNOWN IN THE MARKETPLACE WITH ANYTHING FROM INVESTMENT BANKERS TO BANKS. THAT'S ANOTHER REASON WHY YOU GOT SUCH A GOOD RATE ON YOUR BONDS.

THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR MR. NEWMAN, COUNCIL? FURTHER COMMENTS? IF NOT -- WE NEED TO TAKE THESE INDIVIDUAL MOTIONS LIKELY.

YES, SIR.

YOU DO BELIEVE SO?

JUST ONE MOTION YOUR ATTORNEY SAYS.

I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THE COMBINED ITEMS 81, 82, AND 83. AS PRESENTED BY OUR ADVISOR. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE TO APPROVE THIS COMBINED ITEM 81, 82, 83 AS PRESENTED. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS. THIS IS A VERY SUCCESSFUL SALE. I'M VERY PROUD OF THIS. PLEASE DON'T REPEAT WHAT MY WIFE SAID TO ANYBODY.

THANK YOU. THANK YOUR STAFF. COUNCIL THAT TAKES US TO OUR AFTERNOON BUDGET BRIEFINGS. A SECTION OF THE OVERALL PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR '07-'08 BUDGET. SPECIFICALLY THE PRESENTATIONS WE WILL HEAR TODAY ARE FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, OUR AUSTIN WATER UTILITY, AUSTIN ENERGY, AND OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES OFFICE. WELCOME ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER LAURA HUFFMAN.

THANK YOU MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. THIS IS -- REPRESENTS THE LAST SET OF BUDGET PRESENTATIONS THAT WE WILL BE MAKING TO YOU AS A STAFF ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET. THIS IS REALLY THE SET OF DEPARTMENTS THAT OVERSEES THE PLANNING FOR GROWTH, THE ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESSES TO AUSTIN, MAKING SURE THAT NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS ARE CREATED AND IMPLEMENTED CORRECTLY, ENSURING FOR CODE COMPLIANCE AND OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND ULTIMATELY SUPPORTING ALL OF THIS GROWTH WITH BASIC



CITY SERVICES THAT INCLUDE WATER, WASTEWATER, ELECTRICITY, SOLID WASTE. SO THIS IS THE SET OF DEPARTMENTS THAT TOGETHER DEVELOPED THE ECONOMY WHILE PRESERVING AUSTIN'S UNIQUE QUALITY OF LIFE. WE DO THIS THROUGH ENSURING THAT THE BUILT IN ENVIRONMENT REFLECTS THE VALUE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND WE'VE HAD MANY POLICY INITIATIVES OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT ALSO MAKING SURE THAT THIS SET OF DEPARTMENTS PROVIDES BASIC CITY SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE GROWTH PATTERN THAT AUSTIN HAS SEEN FOR SO MANY YEARS. THE DEPARTMENTS ARE LED BY SONDRA CRY TON, [INDISCERNIBLE] ... ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER RUDY GARZA AND I ARE THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER'S ASSIGNED OVER THESE DEPARTMENTS. I WILL GIVE YOU A QUICK SNAPSHOT OF WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE ON A GRAND TOTAL BASIS. TOGETHER THESE BUDGETS COMPRISE 69% OF THE TOTAL CITY OF AUSTIN PROPOSED BUDGET. SO THE LION'S SHARE OF THE DOLLARS ARE LOADED IN THESE DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENTS. AND WHAT YOU SEE HERE IS A TABLE DESCRIBING THE AMENDED 2007 BUDGET AND WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO YOU TODAY AS OUR FY 2008 BUDGET. AND PUBLIC WORKS THERE'S A \$68 MILLION BUDGET WE ARE ASKING FOR AN \$8.7 MILLION INCREASE. AUSTIN WATER UTILITY \$394.7 MILLION, PROPOSED A 53 MILLION-DOLLAR INCREASE TO THAT BUDGET. AUSTIN ENERGY IS THE SINGLE LARGEST DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET IN THE CITY, JUST UNDER \$1.2 BILLION. THEY ARE PROPOSING A \$30.7 MILLION INCREASE TO THEIR BUDGET. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, WHICH INCLUDES THE DRAINAGE UTILITY IS A \$75.2 MILLION BUDGET. THEY ARE PROPOSING A \$5 MILLION INCREASE TO THEIR BUDGET. NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING IS A \$5.3 MILLION BUDGET AND YOU WILL SEE A \$500,000 PROPOSED INCREASE IN THIS BUDGET. AND ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES IS A \$6.2 MILLION BUDGET, THEY ARE ALSO REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000 IN OUR PROPOSED BUDGET. SO 69% OF THE DOLLARS -- QUICK LOOK AT THE WORKFORCE, THIS REPRESENTS ABOUT 32% OF YOUR WORKFORCE HERE AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN. PUBLIC WORKS HAS 575 EMPLOYEES, THEY ARE RECOMMENDING THE INCREASE OF 14

EMPLOYEES IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. THE WATER UTILITY HAS 1,035.6 EMPLOYEES, THEY ARE NOT RECOMMENDING ANY NEW ADDITIONS IN THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED BUDGET. AUSTIN ENERGY HAS 1,598 EMPLOYEES AND THEY ARE RECOMMENDING THE ADDITION OF 32.5 NEW EMPLOYEES IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW HAS 508 EMPLOYEES, RECOMMENDING 24.5 EMPLOYEES. WE ARE NOT SPLITTING PEOPLE, THESE ARE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT. NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING HAS 77.5 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT. THEY ARE RECOMMENDING 7 NEW EMPLOYEES IN THAT AREA. AND FINALLY THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS 41.75 EMPLOYEES AND THEY ARE REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL 2.75 EMPLOYEES IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET. SO AT A GLANCE..... GLANCE THAT'S THE SNAPSHOT OF THE DOLLARS, JUST UNDER 70% OF THE CITY'S TOTAL BUDGET, THE WORKFORCE, A LITTLE OVER 30% OF THE WORKFORCE IS IN THESE DEPARTMENTS. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO NOW IS HAVE EACH OF THE DIRECTORS STAND UP AND TALK TO YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT IS IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET. THE WAY THEY ARE GOING TO DO THAT IS FIRST TALK ABOUT THE CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS. HERE WHAT WE WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU IS HOW CITIZENS RATE THE SERVICES THAT THEY ARE PROVIDING IN EACH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS. I THINK THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE VERY NICE RESULTS IN SOME OF THESE AREAS, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION. THEY ARE ALSO GOING TO WALK YOU THROUGH BUDGET FACTS AND TALK TO YOU ABOUT HOW THEIR BUDGETS ARE PUT TOGETHER, WHAT THE KEY COMPONENTS OF THEIR BUDGETS ARE. THEN THEY WILL REACH TALK TO YOU ABOUT THEIR BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS, WHAT THEY ARE ADDING AND THE RATIONALE AND JUSTIFICATION FOR INCREASES IN BOTH BUDGET DOLLARS AND ALSO FOR ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES THAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO YOU FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO SONDRY CRYSTON WHO IS GOING TO -- CREIGHTON WHO IS GOING TO LED THE DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS.

THANK YOU. THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SONDRY CREIGHTON.

CORRECT, MAYOR. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO

TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS JOE RAMOS, I'M AN ASSISTANTS DIRECTOR WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK RUSTY COLEBURN OR FINANCIAL MANAGER IN OUR DEPARTMENT FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. THANK YOU, RUSTY. TODAY I WILL BE DISCUSSING THE PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSED BUDGET. SOME OF THE KEY ISSUES FACING THE DEPARTMENT, HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES, THE PICTURE BEFORE YOU IS FAMILIAR ONE IN AUSTIN. MORE AND MORE PEOPLE MOVE INTO THIS AREA TO ENJOY WHAT AUSTIN HAS TO OFFER, WE ARE BEING CHALLENGED TO KEEP PACE WITH THE EVER INCREASING TRAFFIC. THIS YEAR CITIZENS RANKED TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND MOBILITY AS THEIR TOP PRIORITY. ALTHOUGH WE ARE CHALLENGED BY THE INCREASING TRAFFIC VOLUMES, THERE ARE NEW ORLEANS.....NUMERALROUSINITIATIVES UNDERWAY THAT INCLUDE BOTH ALTERNATIVE IMPROVEMENTS AND ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION. LAST WEEK YOU AUTHORIZED STAFF TO PROCEED WITH 17 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$70 MILLION. MANY OF WHICH WILL RELEVANT TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN AND AROUND AUSTIN. IN ADDITION, NUMEROUS BIKE FACILITIES ARE UNDERWAY. OF COURSE CAPITAL METRO IS WORKING ON COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT AND TXDOT IS EVALUATING H.O.V. LANES. THIS MULTI-MODAL APPROACH WILL IMPROVE MOBILITY AND REDUCE CONGESTION IN THE AREA. MY PRESENTATION TODAY I'LL REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND OUR PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE GOAL OF PROVIDING MAINTENANCE ON 10% OF THE STREET NETWORK EACH YEAR. OUR PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDING, THE -- TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE ON 90.5% OF THE STREET NETWORK FROM FISCAL YEAR '08 UP FROM 9% FROM FISCAL YEAR '03-'04.....FISCAL YEAR.....FISCAL YEAR.....FORFISCAL YEAR '07. STREETS REQUIRING CONSTRUCTION TO DECREASE SLIGHTLY. WE WILL DELVE MORE INTO THIS LATER IN THE PRESENTATION. I SHOULD MENTION THAT ALTHOUGH CITIZENS RANK TRAFFIC FLOW AND TRAFFIC TIMING OF SIGNALS LOW, I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT THE SATISFACTION HAS INCREASED STEADILY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT

JUST LAST WEEK WE WERE NOTIFIED THAT AUSTIN RECEIVED ALL A'S IN THE ANNUAL NATIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL REPORT CARD ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS COALITION. I ALSO WANT TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES FOR BEING RESPONSIVE TO CITIZEN REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS. PUBLIC WORKS IS BROKEN DOWN INTO THREE FUNDS. THIS PROVIDES A HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW OF THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BUDGET. AS YOU CAN SEE OUR REVENUE IS INCREASING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 BY \$1.3 MILLION. I WILL DISCUSS THE REVENUE INCREASES IN MORE DETAIL SHORTLY. THE TRANSPORTATION FUND COVERS STREET REPAIRS, PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE, SIGN GOES AND MARKINGS, PARKING ENFORCEMENT, TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING AND BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIRECTION YOU PROVIDED DURING THE POLICY BUDGET DISCUSSION, THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDING TO PREVENT STREET MAINTENANCE FOR 9.5% OF THE STREET NETWORK UP FROM 9% THIS YEAR. IT BEEN A REAL STRUGGLE TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF STREET MAINTENANCE WE PROVIDE. PAVING AND LABOR COSTS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. CAPITAL METRO STOPPED PAYING FOR THE CITY FOR DAMAGE THEIR BUSES CAUSE AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET REFLECTS THIS CHALLENGE. WE WILL BE USING A COMBINATION OF MONEYS TO FUND THIS PROGRAM NEXT YEAR. WE ARE PROPOSING A MODEST INCREASE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SIX YEARS. THIS WILL RESULT IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSEHOLD SEEING AN INCREASE OF 47 CENTS PER MONTH. THE BUDGET INCLUDES AN 8-POINT \$6 MILLION TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND WITH \$4.9 MILLION GOING TO SUPPORT THE STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. WINTER ALSO USING 4.4 MILLION IN ONE TIME FUNDS WHICH MOSTLY COMES FROM THE TRANSPORTATION FUND ENDING BALANCE. WE REALIZE THAT IT'S BEEN A REAL STRUGGLE TO INCREASE FROM 8.4% TO 9.5%. BECAUSE WE'VE HAD TO USE ONE TIME FUND. WE ALSO REALIZE THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE ON 10% OF THE NETWORK. THE BUDGET IS PRIMARILY SUPPORTED BY A COMBINATION OF BACK CHARGES TO C.I.P. PROJECTS AND A SMALL TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL FUND.... FUND.

THIS FUND SUPPORTS ENGINEERING, INSPECTION, CONTRACT PROCUREMENT AND REAL ESTATE FUNCTIONS. THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES 8 NEW C.I.P. FUNDED POSITIONS, FIVE OF THE NEW POSITIONS WILL BE USED IN THE NEW PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE. THIS OFFICE WILL PERFORM A VARIETY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE FUNCTIONS TO ENSURE HIGH QUALITY PROJECTS ARE DELIVERED ON SCHEDULE AND WITHIN BUDGET. IN ADDITION, THE TEAM WILL OVERSEE SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION AND CONSULTANT AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND CLAIM RESOLUTION. WE ARE ALSO ADDING THREE FINANCIAL POSITIONS TO IMPROVE INTERNAL CONTROLS IN THE FINANCIAL AND PROCUREMENT AREA. PUBLIC WORKS ALSO MANAGES THE SAFETY FUND. DURING FISCAL YEAR '08 WE WILL PROVIDE CROSSING GUARDS AT ABOUT 163 LOCATIONS NEAR 76 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. VERY BRIEFLY I WANT TO MENTION THE \$44 MILLION IN NEW CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS WE HAVE REQUESTED. WE WILL BE BIDDING NUMEROUS ROADWAY AND STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. IN FACT THIS YEAR WE HAVE ALREADY DONE CONSTRUCTION ON ONE OF OUR FIRST 2006 BOND PROJECTS, OLTORF. WE ARE COMPLETING DESIGN ON TWO OTHERS. WE ARE ALSO REQUESTING FUNDING TO RESTORE OUR TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM. WE WILL BE ABLE TO COVER TRAFFIC CALMING IN TWO NEIGHBORHOODS AND INSTALL 15 TO 20 IS SLATED TRAFFIC CIRCLES WITHIN THE BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$900,000. THIS IS A LEST OF SOME OF THE KEY STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. PUBLIC WORKS MANAGERS AND DESIGN CONSULTANTS ARE COORDINATING WITH THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN STAFF TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE AUSTIN BIKE PLAN, PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN AND VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS. IN ADDITION SOME OF THE PROJECTS ARE BEING BROKEN INTO PHASES TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION FOR SMALLER CONTRACTORS. THIS IS A LIST, THIS NEXT SLIDE IS A LIST OF SOME KEY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SLATED FOR DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. I WANT TO SPEND THE REMAINDER OF MY TIME WITH YOU PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONDITION OF OUR STREET NETWORK. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS CHART, ABOUT 73% OF OUR ROADWAYS ARE IN FAIR TO EXCELLENT, WITH THE

REMAINDER IN FAILED TO POOR CONDITION. THIS DEMONSTRATES WHY CITIZENS CONSISTENTLY RANK ROAD CONDITIONS A TOP PRIORITY. THIS YEAR WE REVISED THE GOAL IN THIS AREA TO 80% TO COINCIDE WITH THE GOAL OF MAINTAINING 10% OF THE STREET NETWORK PER YEAR. WE EXPECT THE NETWORK TO -- TO IMPROVE TO 74% FROM FISCAL YEAR '07 TO FISCAL YEAR '08 AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASED INVESTMENT IN STREET MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION. A FUTURE YEARS WE WILL SEE A STEADY DECREASE WITH THE INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS, AUSTIN ISN'T THE ONLY CITY FACING CHALLENGES TO KEEP UP WITH ROAD MAINTENANCE. IF HE CAN ACHIEVE 10%, WE CAN EXPECT TO IMPROVE ROAD CONDITIONS TO THE 80% SATISFACTION LEVEL OVER TIME.... TIME.

AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED FISCAL YEAR '08, WE ARE PROPOSED TO PROVIDE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE. IT'S CRITICAL, IT IS THE PROGRAM THAT GETS FUNDED ONLY AFTER ALL OF THE OTHER TRANSPORTATION NEEDS HAVE BEEN MET. AFTER WE HAVE TAKEN CARE OF OUR BRIDGES, EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS, TRAFFIC SIGNALS. FOR FISCAL YEAR '08 WE ARE PROPOSING TO SPEND 18.3 MILLION ON STREET PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE WITH ABOUT HALF OF IT GOING TO THE OVERLAY PROGRAM. OVERLAID 138 MILES OF ROADWAY, WILL COST JUST OVER NINE MILLION. HOWEVER IF WE WAIT AND END UP HAVING TO RECONSTRUCT THESE STREETS IT WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$80 MILLION. THIS NEXT SLIDE SHOWS WHAT WE EXPECT TO HAPPEN TO THE OVERALL CONDITION OF THE STREET NETWORK, IF WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MAINTAIN AT EITHER 9.5% OR 10% LEVEL. THE CHART ALSO TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE 2006 BOND PROGRAM. I HAVE INCLUDED AN 8% TRIM LINE SO YOU CAN SEE WHERE WE WOULD BE IF WE HADN'T STARTED REINVESTING IN THIS PROGRAM. AT THE 10% LEVEL, WE WILL BE BACK ON TRACK TO ACHIEVING 80% OF OUR STREETS IN SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS WITHIN SIX YEARS. THE NEXT SLIDE REALLY TELLS THIS STORY OF WHY WE NEED TO WORK TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE 10% MAINTENANCE GOAL. THIS CHART SHOWS WHAT WE CAN EXPECT TO HAPPEN WITH THE BACKLOG OF STREETS THAT NEED TO BE RECONSTRUCTED.

IT ALSO POINTS OUT WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO INCREASE MAINTAIN OVER THE 8% LEVEL WHICH IS WHERE WE WERE BACK IN 2005 BEFORE WE STARTED THE REINVESTMENT PROGRAM. AS YOU CAN SEE, WHEN WE PROVIDE THE IMPACT OF THE 2006 BOND WITH THE 9.5% MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, THE BACKLOG OF THE STREETS REQUIRE RECONSTRUCTION LEVELS OUT AND EVEN DECREASES SLIGHTLY. YOU CAN ALSO SEE THAT AT 10% FUNDING LEVEL IT FALLS SHARPLY OVER TIME. I HOPE THIS SLIDE GIVES YOU A CLEAR PRESENTATION -- CLEAR PICTURE OF THE LONG-TERM VALUE THAT THE CITY RECEIVES BY INVESTING IN PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION ON THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET. THE RESULTS OF THE CITIZENS SURVEY AND OUR KEY ISSUES AND INITIATIVES. I CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE AT THIS TIME.

THANK YOU MR. RAMOS. QUESTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT? COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: THANK YOU, MR. RAMOS ON THE PRESENTATION, I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT WE HAVE AN INCREASE IN COSTS FOR THE STREET MAINTENANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR. I WAS JUST WONDERING, TELL ME -- JUST HOW MUCH MORE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MAINTENANCE COSTS, JUST RELATIVELY SPEAKING, IN TERMS OF THE OVERLAY VERSUS THE SEAL COAT?

THE INCREASE IN EACH TIME OF MAINTENANCE STRATEGY.

Kim: RIGHT. IS ONE TWICE THE COST OF THE OTHER IN TERMS OF WHAT IT'S REQUIRED TO DO STREET MAINTENANCE FOR LIKE LET'S SAY IF YOU DO A MILE OF SEAL COAT HOW MUCH WOULD THAT BE COMPARED TO A MILE OF OVERLAY? I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN THAT.

IT'S PRETTY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN OUR DIFFERENT MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES. I'M TRYING TO PULL UP THE -- LET ME SEE.

THE SEAL TYPICALLY COSTS ABOUT 815 A LANE MILE. SEAL COAT \$11,800 A LANE MILE. SLURRY SEAL \$15,300 A LANE

MILE. IN HOUSE OVERLAY APPROXIMATELY 45,000. DOLLARS A MAIN LINE. CONTRACT OVERLAY APPROXIMATELY \$78,000 A LANE MILE. THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT STRATEGIES WE USE.

SO IT'S KIND OF LIKE GOING TO THE DENTIST AND SAYING OKAY DO I NEED A FILLING OR A CROWN OR A ROOT CANAL, THE MORE DAMAGE THERE IS THAT WE ALLOW TO HAPPEN ON A TOOTH THE MOST EXPENSIVE AND INVASIVE PROCEDURE THAT IT IS.

CORRECT. THAT'S WHY IT'S PREFERRABLE TO TRY TO SAVE OUR STREETS BEFORE THEY DETERIORATE TO SUCH A POINT THAT THEY REQUIRE A LOT OF CAPITAL TO BRING THEM BACK.

IF WE WAIT WE WILL HAVE TO GET A FULL SET OF TEETH.

PROBABLY NOT AS PAINFUL BUT YES.

BUT IT IS PAINFUL TO SPEND THE MONEY AT LEAST. DELAYS IN HAVING TO REPLACE ROADS VERSUS HAVING TO MAINTAIN THEM VERSUS THE TIME AND THE TRAFFIC.

CORRECT. IT'S A LOT LESS DISRUPTIVE FIRST OF ALL TO MAINTAIN THEM AS WE GO, A LOT LESS EXPENSIVE.

WE NEED HEALTHY TEETH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE, THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE CREWS TO BUILD THAT CAPACITY TO DO IT IN HOUSE, MORE THINGS IN HOUSE OURSELVES?

CORRECT. CURRENTLY WE HAVE A LIMITATION OF WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE IN HOUSE. WE AUGMENT IT, ONCE WE REACH OUR LIMIT, WE AUGMENT IT WITH CONTRACT LABOR.

WILL THAT PROVIDE US WITH COST SAVINGS IN THE FUTURE OF DOING IT IN HOUSE VERSUS HAVING TO GO THROUGH THE R.F.P. PROCESS?

DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH YOU ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH. THERE'S AN UP FRONT COST FOR EXAMPLE IF YOU WANT TO



ADD ANOTHER SEAL COAT CREW OR OVERLAY CREW. THERE'S A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO BUY THE EQUIPMENT AND HIRE THE PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, THERE'S -- THERE'S A SAVINGS THAT COMES AT A CERTAIN POINT. BUT YES IT'S TYPICALLY LESS EXPENSIVE TO CONSTRUCT IT IN HOUSE.

LET ME ASK YOU ABOUT BRIDGES BECAUSE THERE ARE ROADS THAT ARE OVERPASSES, BRIDGES, WE'VE HAD A LOT OF ATTENTION IN THE CUP RIGHTLY SO -- IN THE COUNTRY RIGHTLY SO IN TERMS OF MAINTENANCE, NOT JUST A FISCAL VIEWPOINT OF SAVING MONEY BUT HAVING US GO ACQUIRE BOND MONEY AND RAISING BOND MONEY TO DO RECONSTRUCTION OF STREETS. BUT IN TERMS OF MAINTENANCE OF ROADS THAT ARE BRIDGES, DO WE DO SOMETHING DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE THERE'S A SAFETY ASPECT INVOLVED THERE?

WELL, OUR BRIDGES ARE INSPECTED EVERY TWO YEARS. THERE'S A STANDARD BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM THAT CALLS FOR BRIDGES TO BE INSPECTED EVERY TWO YEARS. THEY ARE RANKED DEPENDING ON THE CONDITION OF THE BRIDGE. THAT GIVES US AN INDICATION OF WHAT BRIDGES NEED TO BE TREATED AT WHAT TIME. WE INVEST OUR FUND WITH THE ONES THAT ARE MORE INTIMATE DANGER OF DETERIORATING DETERIORATING QUICKLY. SO WE SPEND OUR EFFORTS ON THE MOST CRITICAL BRIDGES AND ROADWAYS AS WELL.

SO WE INSPECT OUR BRIDGES EVERY TWO YEARS THEN.

CORRECT.

OVERPASSES AND EXIT FREEWAYS, RAMPS, THOSE SORTS OF THINGS ARE INSPECTED SPECIFICALLY?

NOW THE FREEWAY OPERATIONS BELONG TO TXDOT. WE DO INSPECT, THE BRIMS THAT ARE IN OUR INVENTORY DO GET INSPECTED EVERY ONE EVERY TWO YEARS.

Kim: DO WE COORDINATE WITH TXDOT ON THOSE INSPECTIONS.

YES, WE HAVE VERY CLOSE COORDINATION WITH TXDOT.

WE DO?

THANK YOU.

FURTHER QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER  
MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: YEAH. TO BUILD ON THE QUESTIONS MR. RAMOS  
THAT COUNCILMEMBER KIM JUST ASKED, I DON'T THINK  
THAT YOU MAY HAVE ASKED THIS, BUT DID -- DO WE HAVE  
ANY BRIDGES THAT ARE RATED IN FAILING CONDITIONS OR --  
OR RISK CONDITIONS HERE IN AUSTIN?

WE HAVE SOME BRIDGES THAT ARE IN -- THAT ARE SORT OF  
IN A CRITICAL STATE. WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND WE  
DO HAVE MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THOSE  
CONCERNS. THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED BY OUR  
STREET AND BRIDGE DIVISION AND SO I -- I DON'T SEE ANY --  
ANY CRITICAL PROBLEM IN THAT REGARD AT THIS TIME.

WHEN YOU SAY THAT YOU HAVE SEVERAL BRIDGES THAT  
ARE RATED IN CRITICAL CONDITION, ARE WE ADDRESSING  
THEM IN THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR?

YES. WE HAVE SOME FUNDS IN OUR BUDGET TO ADDRESS --  
WE HAVE A BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM THAT GETS  
FUNDED EVERY YEAR AND THOSE BRIDGES ARE  
PRIORITIZED AND THERE'S MORE CRITICAL BRIDGES  
RECEIVE ATTENTION FIRST.

AND DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY BRIDGES THAT WE HAVE  
THAT ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION?

I DON'T OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD BUT I CAN FIND OUT, GET  
THE NUMBER TO YOU.

DO YOU KNOW WHICH BRIDGES THAT WE ARE TALKING  
ABOUT?

I KNOW ONE OF THE CRITICAL BRIDGES IS ON I BELIEVE -- I  
DON'T REMEMBER THE NAME. OUT WEST. WE ALREADY HAVE

A MAINTENANCE STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENT ON IT. THEY ARE NOT IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. OF THAT NATURE.

I GUESS ON THAT BECAUSE THERE WAS A -- THERE WAS A HIERARCHY OR A RANKING SYSTEM THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT I THINK USES ON -- ON FEDERAL HIGHWAYS AND STATE HIGHWAYS. DO WE USE A SIMILAR RANKING, RATING SYSTEM.

YES WE DO. ACTUALLY, THE BRIDGES ARE INSPECTED BY THE SAME CRITERIA, SO WE USE VERY -- THE SAME RANKINGS THAT THEY USE.

I GUESS THE BUDGET QUESTION FOR ANSWERS THEN WOULD BE TO JUST GET INFORMATION ON -- ON THE CONDITIONS OF BRIDGES THAT THE CITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING. I'M GATHERING, I SUSPECT THAT FOR INSTANCE THE INTERSTATE 35 BRIDGE THAT CROSSES LADYBIRD LAKE IS A BRIDGE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS REQUIRED FOR MAINTAINING.

THAT'S CORRECT.

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PURELY LOCAL BRIDGES, CORRECT.

327 OF THEM.

VERY GOOD.

Futrell: WE WILL GET YOU AN INVENTORY. EACH OF THEM ARE RATED. BASED ON THEIR RATING THEY ARE PUT IN A MAINTENANCE PLAN, HANDLED IN SEVERITY OF MAINTENANCE NEEDS AND WE WILL GET YOU A LIST OF THAT AND TELL YOU WHAT WE ARE DOING IN EACH AREA.

THANKS.

McCracken: YEAH THEN DID YOU WANT TO ADD SOMETHING COUNCILMEMBER TO THE BRIDGE ISSUE?

Kim: YES, BECAUSE WE ARE HAVING TO GET THIS

INFORMATION FOR OUR -- FOR THE ROADS THAT WE MAINTAIN, THE BRIDGES THAT WE MAINTAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO GET TXDOT'S INFORMATION AS WELL. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY PUT TOGETHER IN TERMS OF RATINGS OF THEIR STREETS AND THEIR BRIDGES. BUT SINCE SOME OF US ARE ON CAMPO AS WELL, WE ARE LOOKING AT SOME MAJOR IMPROVEMENT, I WAS WONDERING IF WE CAN SEE HOW TXDOT DOES IT, WHAT THE INFORMATION IS TO GET THAT OUT TO THE PUBLIC. WE CAN SEE HOW -- HOW OUR ENTIRE SYSTEM OF MAINTENANCE WORKS TOGETHER.

THE BRIDGES WOULD BE SIMPLE. I'M NOT SURE ABOUT HOW THEY DO THE ROAD CONDITIONS. OF COURSE MOST OF THEIR ROADS ARE HIGHWAYS AND ARTERIALS.

RIGHT, WE DON'T HAVE QUITE ACCESS TO THE ROADWAY INFORMATION THAT WE DO THE BRIDGES. BRIDGES ARE PRETTY PUBLIC INFORMATION.

I WILL TELL YOU WHAT. WE WILL SEE WHAT THEY CAN SHARE WITH US, WHAT THEY CAN COLLECT. TRY TO ANSWER THE ROAD ISSUE FOR YOU.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL STREET MAINTENANCE BUDGET, IT MIGHT BE IN HERE, BUT I COULDN'T FIND IT. WHAT IS THE PROPOSED STREET AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET.

THAT WOULD BE \$18.3 MILLION.

THAT IS THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

YES, SIR, THAT'S CORRECT.

HOW MUCH EXTRA THEN WOULD IT COST US TO GET TO 10% STREET, A LANE MILE MAINTENANCE? IT WOULD BE 3.25 MILLION.

McCracken: EXTRA?

COUNCILMEMBER THE ONLY OTHER THING THAT I WOULD LIKE CAUTION ON IS -- IS WITHOUT GOING BACK OVER THE OLD TERRITORIES, DO REMEMBER WE STILL HAVE ONE TIME DOLLARS THAT ARE IN OUR 9.5. SO NEXT YEAR AS WE ARE

MOVING TOWARDS GETTING TO 10%, IT'S A LARGER NUMBER THAN 2.2, IT'S GOING TO TAKE US TO GET TO 10%. 3.2 TO GET US TO 10%.

McCracken: YEAH, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT COUNCILMEMBER KIM ASKED A SECOND AGO, IT WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE WAS -- BECAUSE COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ AND I SIT ON CAPITAL METRO. A SOURCE OBVIOUSLY FOR THE NEED OF STREET MAINTENANCE CAUSED BY THOSE BIG BUSES. THAT'S JUST INFORMATION AS LOOKING AT THE CAPITAL METRO BUDGET.

Futrell: ALSO FROM ALMOST 15 YEARS OF FUNDING FOR THE CENTRAL TEXAS BUILD GREATER AUSTIN PROGRAM AND THAT MONEY HAVING GONE AWAY.

McCracken: YEAH. THEN I GUESS IF WE WERE TO LOOK AT THE -- AT THE TRANSPORTATION USER FEE, WE ARE PROPOSING AN INCREASE OF BASICALLY 47 CENTS A MONTH FOR -- FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOMEOWNERS. DO WE HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF WHAT THAT WOULD BE IF WE WERE TRY TO GET THAT EXTRA \$3.25 MILLION THROUGH THE USER, TRANSPORTATION USER FEE.

DOES ANYBODY HAVE THAT AT THE -- AT THE TIP OF THEIR FINGER?

THERE'S A RATIO FORMULA FOR IT.

OKAY. BACK OF THE NAPKIN, ABOUT 75 CENTS MORE.

McCracken: FOR AN EXTRA 75 CENTS A MONTH BASICALLY GET A 10%.

Futrell: ON RESIDENTIAL. IT WOULD BE MORE THAN THAT ON COMMERCIAL.

McCracken: OKAY.

WHAT STRIKES ME OFF THE TOP AS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DISCUSS AS A BODY, LOOK AT IT. LOOK AT CAPITAL METRO AS WELL. I THINK THAT WE ARE SEEING THERE'S SOME REAL NEGATIVE MID -- MEDIAN TERM AND LONG TERM

IMPLICATIONS OF NOT FULLY MAINTAINING 10%. I KNOW IT'S OUR JOB TO HELP GIVE YOU THE FUNDS SO YOU ALL CAN DO YOUR WORK IN THAT. THEN HELP ME OUT HERE. FINALLY ON THE KIND OF THE STRUCTURE OF PUBLIC WORKS, OF HOW MUCH OF THE BUDGET IS OF THE DEPARTMENT IS STREET MAINTAINS VERSUS OTHER FUNCTIONS.

STREET PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE IS APPROXIMATELY 25.2% OF OUR BUDGET.

IS THAT LIKE A BREAKDOWN OF THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS THAT ARE CARRIED OUT IN THE DEPARTMENT.

I KNOW IN THE PAST IT -- WE HAVE WE HAVE SEEN SOME --

I'M SURE IF WE INCLUDED THE PIE CHART OR NOT ON USES OF FUNDS, THERE WE GO, HERE WE HAVE ONE, SEE IF WE CAN PUT IT UP ON THE SCREEN FOR YOU.

McCracken: I GUESS IF WE CAN GET A COPY OF IT, IT WOULD BE EASIER THAN STARING AT IT.

Futrell: VERY DETAILED BREAK DOWN.

McCracken: I KNOW LAST YEAR WE JUST DISCOVERED THAT WE DID NOT CURRENTLY APPROPRIATE MONEY TO DO ANY MAINTENANCE OF OUR SIDEWALK SYSTEM. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING LOADED INTO THIS YEAR'S BUDGET SO THAT WE -- SO THAT WE CAN AVOID A SIMILAR CHALLENGE FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE THAN WE HAVE FOR STREET MAINTENANCE WHICH IS IF YOU LEFT IT GO DOWNHILL TOO FAR YOU HAVE TO DO TOTAL RECONSTRUCTION.

WE HAVE SOME FUND AVAILABLE STILL FROM THE BOND. WE DO HAVE, IF YOU LOOK ON -- ONE POINT -- \$1.2 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR SIDEWALK AND CURB AND GUTTER REPAIRS. THAT INCLUDES SOME AMOUNT OF NEW SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

YEAH, I GUESS WHAT I'M -- WHERE I'M TAKING THAT THEN IS THAT WE ARE USING BOND DOLLARS FOR SIDEWALK AND GUTTER MAINTENANCE AS OPPOSED TO AN ANNUAL

APPROPRIATION.

YES, SIR, THAT'S CORRECT.

I MEAN, I -- SINCE WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME AT THE MOMENT TO GET TO 10%, HAS TO BE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY, I RECOGNIZE THAT. I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR THE COUNCIL TO LOOK AT GOING FORWARD TO IS THAT OUR MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS WE HAVE TO MEET THEM ON THE STREETS BUT WE ARE CURRENTLY SPENDING NOTHING ON SIDEWALKS AND GUTTER MAINTENANCE AND SO AS WE LOOK LONG-TERM, MEDIAN TERM, LONG-TERM AT OUR MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS GETTING TO THE -- TO THE STREET MAINTENANCE 10% THRESHOLD IS GOING TO BE A CRITICAL ONE. BUT I THINK WE ALSO NEED TO LOOK AT MOVING AWAY FROM THE PRACTICES OF USING BOND DOLLARS FOR MAINTENANCE OF OUR GUTTERS AND SIDEWALK SYSTEMS AS WELL. ON THE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE NEW STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS, I KNOW THERE'S BEEN A PAST COUNCIL POLICY RESOLUTION THAT REQUIRED THAT NEW STREET RECONSTRUCTION -- THREE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND NEW STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SIDEWALKS THAT MET CITY STANDARDS I JUST WANTED TO KNOW SINCE WE HAVE ADOPTED -- I THINK SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BUT ALSO THE PUBLIC SECTOR I BELIEVE THAT REQUIRE LARGER SIDEWALKS ON CORE TRANSIT CORRIDORS AND URBAN ROADWAYS. CAN YOU TELL ME, DO THESE STREET RECONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS REFLECT THE COUNCIL POLICY THAT THE SIDEWALKS MUST OR SHOULD BE BUILT IN CONFORMS WITH CITY REGULATIONS.

THERE ARE TWO PROJECTS THAT WILL HAVE, TWO OF THE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE COURT TRANSIT CORRIDORS. MLK AND EAST SEVENTH. MLK IS APPROXIMATELY -- IT'S A THREE MILLION PROJECT. WE LOOKED AT -- AT THE -- THE HIGHER STANDARD WITH THE WIDE SIDEWALKS AND -- AND BIKE FACILITIES AS WELL. IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY A MILLION ON THE -- ON THE \$3 MILLION PROJECT WOULD NEED AN ADDITIONAL ONE

MILLION TO ACCOMMODATE THE WIDER CROSS-SECTION. WHEN WE WENT THROUGH THE BOND WE -- WE PRETTY MUCH PRESENTED IT AS A RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING FACILITY, HOWEVER WE ARE INCREASING, WE ARE ADDING SIDEWALK ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET. IF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THAT SECTION OF MLK, IT'S BETWEEN LAMAR AND RIO GRANDE. IT'S VERY STEEP. THERE'S SOME CONSTRAINTS THERE, VERY STEEP SLOPE UP TO THE ROADWAY THAT ARE PROHIBITING US FROM ACCOMMODATING THAT CROSS-SECTION WITHIN OUR BUDGET. BUT WE ARE MAKING THE EFFORT, WE DO YARD NATE WITH THE BIKE PEDESTRIAN ROUTE TO MAKE SURE WHEREVER POSSIBLE WE INCLUDE THOSE FACILITIES IN OUR PROJECTS, HOWEVER THE SEVENTH STREET PROJECT IS A LITTLE MORE..... MORE ROBUST. MORE OF A LANE SCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. FINDING WIDER SIDEWALKS, SO IT WILL MAYBE NOT EXACTLY MEET THE CRITERIA BUT IT COMES --

YEAH.

7th STREET, I AM FAMILIAR THAT IT -- IT WAS DEVELOPED IN AN ERA PRIOR TO US HAVING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING. I THINK THAT IT'S A VERY PROBLEMATIC SIDEWALK PROJECT BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO COST A LOT OF MONEY. DOESN'T DELIVER -- PROVIDING THAT'S NOT Y'ALL'S RESPONSIBILITY. I THINK THAT'S MORE OF A REFLECTION OF US LEARNING FROM ISSUES AS WE MOVE ALONG. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A BRIEFING ON WHAT'S PROPOSED BETWEEN LAMAR AND RIO GRANDE, BECAUSE THAT'S RIGHT THERE IN UNIVERSITY LABELED OVERLAY. STRIKES ME AS THE LAST PLACE THAT YOU WANT TO BE SKIMPING ON PROVIDING SIDEWALK SYSTEMS SINCE WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A HUGE BUILDING BOOM THAT IS -- HAS I THINK BEEN VERY HELPFULLY TRIGGERED BY THE FACT THAT THIS COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN DENSITY OPPORTUNITIES AND ADULT. BUT WITH LOTS OF NEW PEOPLE COMES A NEED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE, PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU HAVE MIXED USE PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT, YOU NEED TO HAVE A SIDEWALK SYSTEM TO ACCOMMODATE THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS WHO WILL BE LIVING IN THAT AREA. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE -- A BRIEFING ON -- THERE'S



BEEN NO REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF COUNCIL POLICY ON THIS SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL. SO I THINK THAT WOULD NEED TO COME TO US AND WE WOULD NEED TO SEE WHAT THE BRIEFING ON WHAT -- WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SINCE THERE IS APPARENTLY A -- A -- A WAIVER OF COUNCIL POLICY IN THE WORKS HERE. WE NEED TO SEE SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.

YES, SIR.

YEAH. I APPRECIATE ALL OF Y'ALL'S WORK. I THINK WE ARE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN STREET MAINTENANCE. I THINK WE HAVE MORE WORK YOU NEED TO DO -- WE NEED TO DO TO GET IT DONE, THANKS. FURTHER QUESTIONS?  
COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE SIDEWALKS. THAT'S DEFINITELY AN ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE. JENNIFER I SEE THAT YOU ARE HERE TO BE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO MAKE OUR SIDEWALKS -- THERE'S ANOTHER GROUP OF CITIZENS AND THAT'S FAMILIES, CHILDREN ESPECIALLY, IF YOU HAVE PEOPLE WITH STROLLERS AND THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO GO UP AND DOWN THE CURBS, THE WIDER SIDEWALKS MAKE IT SAFER FOR THEM, IT GIVES THEM SOME SORT OF EXTRA BUFFER BETWEEN CARS AND THE -- THE TRAFFIC. I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE A MAP THAT YOU CAN MAKE AVAILABLE TO US, SIDEWALK PROJECTS AND RATING SIDEWALKS, I DON'T KNOW IF -- DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

ACTUALLY, IN THE SECOND PHASE OF OUR FED STRENGTH MASTER PLAN, WHERE A -- PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN, A CONSULTANT DEVELOPING THAT, THAT SHOULD BE COMING FORWARD TO COUNCIL HERE PRETTY SOON. I THINK THAT YOU WILL FIND THAT THE PROGRAM THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BRING TO US IS VERY ROBUST, A GIS COMPONENT TO IT. THE PROGRAM THE WAY THAT IT'S SET UP, NOT COMPLETELY FINISHED YET, THERE WILL BE A MATRIX THAT WE CAN -- KICKS OUT, WE CAN COMPARE ONE PROJECT TO THE NEXT, DEPENDING ON A MYRIAD OF ISSUES SUCH AS A.D.A. COMPLIANT FACILITIES, PEDESTRIAN GENERATORS, CAPITAL METRO ROUTES, SO I THINK THAT YOU WILL SEE A PRETTY COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THIS PRETTY

SOON. TRYING TO WRAP THAT UP, SO WE CAN BRING IT TO COUNCIL HERE PRETTY SOON WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE MONTHS.

I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THAT. I CAN THINK THERE WOULD BE DIFFERENT NEEDS IN TERMS OF SIDEWALKS TYING INTO OUR TRANSIT GOALS. ALSO MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE BUILDING A -- KIND OF A MAIN THOROUGHFARE, WE NEED THE ARTERIAL STREETS, SAME THING WITH SIDEWALKS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE MAJOR EAST-WEST, NORTH-SOUTH KOREA DOORS, PRIORITIZING WHICH NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WE ARE SEEING THE PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY, WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THAT, ALSO WITH SMALL BUSINESSES THAT HAVE A WALKUP BUSINESS. PARTICULAR NEED FOR THEM IS TO HAVE THAT BUSINESS SO I KNOW FOR EXAMPLE SOME -- SOMEONE THAT HAS A HAMBURGER HOUSE, SELLS BURGERS, 30% OF THEIR BUSINESS IS WALKUP BUSINESS. THE MORE ACTIVITY, THE HEALTHIER OUR CITY WILL BE. I WANTED TO ASK YOU FOR MUELLER REDEVELOPMENT, WHO IS DOING THE SIDEWALKS THERE FOR THAT DEVELOPMENT IS IT US OR CATELLUS?

THE SIDEWALK THERE WILL BE BUILT AS -- AS THE PROJECT DEVELOPS. SO IT -- IT WILL FOLLOW THAT THE TRADITIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESUMES SO THEY WILL CONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS AS THEY GO.

SO ARE WE FINANCIALLY COVERING THE SIDEWALKS THEN. I MEAN IN TERMS OF OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT?

NO. THE COUNCILMEMBER YOUR CODE REQUIRES THE DEVELOPER IN THEES SUBDIVISION TO PUT IN SIDEWALKS. AS THE SUBDIVISION COMPONENTS OF THAT ARE BUILDING OUT, THE SIDEWALKS ARE INSTALLED AS PART OF THAT.

THE STREETS AS WELL? THEY ARE GOING TO DO THE STREETS THEN, WHO WILL -- WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MAINTAINING THE STREETS?

ONCE THE STREETS ARE CONSTRUCTED AND DEDICATED THEN THEY BECOME OURS.

> WE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE MAINTENANCE AFTER THEY DO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STREETS?

DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

I WAS GOING TO SAY THERE ARE SOME STREETS YOU DRIVE DOWN MUELLER THAT DON'T HAVE SIDEWALKS RIGHT NOW. I REALLY THINK WE NEED TO AVOID REPEATING THOSE MISTAKES IN THE PAST. SECTIONS OF LAMAR THAT DON'T HAVE SIDEWALKS. I GUESS THAT COUNCILMEMBER.

...KIM RAISED A REALLY GOOD POINT. WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT IF THIS IS INTERIM, REQUEST WHY SOME OF THESE STREETS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN OPERATION IN MUELLER THAT DON'T HAVE SIDEWALKS.

THEY ARE PURELY INTERIM. WE PUT IN A STREET NETWORK JUST TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE INSIDE INTERIOR OF THAT PROJECT. YOU KNOW AS YOU BEGAN TO MOVE THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT PIECE OF IT. VERY EXTENSIVE, VERY PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED PLAN. WE CAN BRING BACK UP THE MASTER PLAN TO SHOW YOU THAT AND SHOW YOU HOW IT ALL CONNECTS.

LIKE ALDRIGE OR ONE OF THE MAIN THOROUGHFARES THAT LACKED SIDEWALKS.

I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I'M SURE THAT IT'S GOING TO -- HAVE LOTS OF SIDEWALKS IN MUELLER. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE THINKING ABOUT IT AND WATCHING THAT. I THINK PEOPLE ARE EXPECTING THAT MOVING IN THERE ESPECIALLY AS I'M WORKING ON MY HEALTHY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FOR THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. THE KEY COMPONENT IS THE WALKABILITY INDEX THAT WE APPLY TO CERTAIN PARTS OF THE CITIES. I KNOW THAT WE ARE A PART OF -- THEY RANK CITIES ON WALKABILITY. I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY DO THAT. I'M WONDERING DO WE HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREAS.

ACTUALLY, I THINK THAT YOU WILL FIND THAT THIS MASTER PLAN WILL -- AS ROBUST AS IT WILL BE, THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE -- YOU WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY ACTUALLY THE WAY

THAT IT'S LOOKING OUT TO IDENTIFY TWO POINTS AND FIND THE PATH BETWEEN THEM IT WILL ACTUALLY BE IDENTIFIED AS THE PATH THAT YOU CAN GET FROM POINT A TO POINT B, IT WILL CALL OUT DIFFERENT FACILITIES ALONG THE WAY. SO I -- I THINK THAT YOU WILL BE VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THAT.

THAT'S GREAT.

A PROCESS THAT'S BEEN GOING ON NOW FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS A WIDE RANGE OF STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED OVER THE YEARS. I BELIEVE WE ARE IN PHASE 2 OF THIS NOW TO COMPLETE THE SIDEWALK MASTER PLAN.

ONE MORE QUESTION THE LIGHT SIGNALS, THE CROSS WALKS, I NOTICE IN OTHER CITIES, PEOPLE NOTICED A LOT OF TIME THAT THEY ARE -- IN CITIES THAT ARE VERY PEDESTRIANS ORIENTED THEY HAVE THE TIME NEXT TO THE LIGHT TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MANY SECONDS THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE THE LIGHT TURNS GREEN AND YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE IN THIS CROSS WALK WITH CARS. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE JUST A SIMPLE SYSTEM OF A BLINKING -- THE PEDESTRIAN WHITE AND THEN YOU HAVE A READ WHERE IT'S BLINKING UNTIL IT BECOMES A STEADY RED, DON'T WALK. I THINK THAT TIMERS ON THAT ACTUALLY GIVE PEOPLE A SENSE OF HOW MANY SECONDS THEY HAVE BEFORE THEY CAN GET ACROSS A REALLY LONG INTERSECTION AND SOME OF THESE CROSS WALKS THAT WE ARE SEEING ARE VERY, VERY LONG, A TIMER ON THAT MIGHT HELP PEOPLE MAKE A BETTER DECISION WHETHER OR NOT BEFORE THEY JUMP OUT IN THAT INTERSECTION. IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WE ARE PLANNING TO DO IN OUR CITY?

I'M NOT SURE. I WILL GET WITH OUR TRANSPORTATION FOLKS AND SEE WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO EVALUATE THAT. I HAVE SEEN IT USED IN OTHER CITIES AS WELL.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ADDITIONAL COST IS FOR THAT. MAYBE IT'S NOT, MAYBE IT'S JUST WE NEED TO START REPLACING THOSE AS THEY GET OLDER OR HAVE A PROGRAM FOR THAT, BUT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SEE THAT

TIED IN MAYBE WITH THE SIDEWALK AND THE ROADS AND ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE DOING, JUST THINKING ABOUT THAT. IF THERE IS SUPPORT FOR THAT, THEN I THINK THAT WE NEED INFORMATION TO SEE IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD INVEST IN.

ABSOLUTELY, WE CAN DO THAT.

THANK YOU. FURTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ?

Martinez: THANKS, MAYOR. I WANT TO GO BACK TO A POINT THAT WE TALKED ABOUT JUST A MINUTE AGO. I THINK THAT WE NEED -- I WANT TO SPEND A LITTLE BIT OF TIME ON IT. SPENDING 18.3 MILLION FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE IN THIS PROPOSED BUDGET. HOW OF THAT IS ONE-TIME FUND?

4.4 MILLION. YES, 4.4 MILLION IS ONE-TIME FUNDING OUT OF OUR -- THE BULK OF IT OUT OF OUR ENDING BALANCE IN THE TRANSPORTATION FUND.

HOW MUCH MORE IN ONE-TIME FUNDS ARE WE SPENDING THIS YEAR THAN WE DID LAST YEAR?

LESS -- WE ARE SPENDING LESS THAN LAST YEAR.

WE HAVE BEEN CLOSING THE GAP, COUNCILMEMBER, NOT RAISING THE GAP. IN ONE-TIME FUND. IT'S BEEN A LARGE GAP TO CLOSE. PARTICULARLY WHILE WE ARE INCREASING THE LEVEL OF -- OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.

SO WHAT IS OUR PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR --

YOU PICKED UP ON A GOOD POINT. NEXT YEAR WE'LL HAVE TO IDENTIFY THAT -- THOSE ONE-TIME FUNDS NEED TO COME FROM SOMEWHERE NEXT YEAR AS WELL. SO THAT IS -  
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I WANT US TO PUT A REAL CLEAR PICTURE OUT THERE. I KNOW THAT FOLKS THERE'S A LOT OF FOLKS THAT ADVOCATE THAT WE ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN AT LEAST 10% OF OUR ROADS. BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE DOING THIS YEAR WITH ONE-TIME FUND AND WHAT WE ARE

GOING TO FACE NEXT YEAR, WE MAY HAVE A VERY REAL SCENARIO WHERE WE CAN'T EVEN REACH 8% NEXT YEAR. BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MUCH ONE-TIME FUND THAT WE ARE SPENDING ON IT THIS YEAR. I JUST WANT US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE -- I WANT TO KNOW WHAT OUR PLAN IS FOR NEXT YEAR.

WE WILL HAVE TO FIND A DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCE TO MAKE UP FOR THOSE FUNDINGS.

WE DON'T HAVE THAT IDENTIFIED.

WE COULD LOOK AT SEVERAL STRATEGIES. WE COULD FOR EXAMPLE RAISE THE [INDISCERNIBLE] FEE TO RAISE MONEY, GENERAL TRANSFERS, THOSE KIND OF WAYS TO DEAL WITH THAT FUNDING GAP.

WHAT YOU DID THIS YEAR, STARTED DOING LAST YEAR, STARTED INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE HAVE BEEN RELYING ALMOST ENTIRELY ON A TRANSPORTATION USER FEE ALONG WITH CAPITAL METRO FEE, BUILD GREATER AUSTIN FUNDS AND SOME QUARTER CENT FUND GOING INTO THAT. WHEN WE BEGAN TO LOSE THE BUILD GREATER AUSTIN FUNDS THE QUARTER CENT FUNDS, WE DID -- STARTED PUTTING IN A GENERAL FUND COMPONENT TO MAKE UP FOR IT. YOU HAVE BEEN REPLACING THEM WITH A GENERAL FUND TRANSFER. THE PLAN NEXT YEAR, NUMBER THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, IS IT 4.4, 4.4 PLUS 3.2 IF YOU WANT TO GO TO 10%. THAT'S THE NUMBER THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR. THE GAME PLAN IS ENHANCED GENERAL FUND COMPONENT. WE HAVE BEEN SLOWLY REPLACING THE MONEY THAT WE WERE GETTING IN QUARTER CENT AND BUILD GREATER AUSTIN WITH GENERAL FUND. YOU ONLY HAVE TWO SOURCES OF FUNDING. TRANSPORTATION USER FEE WITHOUT THOSE ONE-TIME FUNDS AND GENERAL FUNDS.

I JUST FEEL LIKE WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF ROPE HERE. NEXT YEAR WE ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF -- COMING UP WITH -- WITH SEVEN MILLION. IF YOU WANT TO GO TO 10% ABSOLUTELY, THAT'S BEEN THE CHALLENGE THAT YOU ALL HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY SUCCESSFULLY USING OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. WE HAVE BEEN REPLACING A LOSS OF

FUNDING AND INCREASING YOUR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AT THE SAME TIME. BUT IT IS NOT GOING TO BE A WALK IN THE PARK NEXT YEAR. IT'S 4.4 JUST TO STAY WHERE YOU ARE THIS YEAR AT 9.5% THAT THAT'S ASSUMING THAT THE COSTS DON'T GO UP, WE KNOW THAT COSTS ARE GOING TO GO UP.

Futrell: EXACTLY RIGHT.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: CITY MANAGER, WHAT DO WE DO IN THE PAST DECADE WHERE THERE WAS A MAJOR DOWNTURN? HI UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE CUT STREET MAINTENANCE. WE HAD TO. I THINK IT WAS IN THE EARLY 90s OR IN THE 80s AND WE ARE STILL CATCHING UP. WE ARE STILL CATCHING UP FROM HAVING NOT DONE ENOUGH MAINTENANCE ON OUR ROADS. CAN YOU GIVE ME AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE CITY IN TERMS OF STREET MAINTENANCE, WHAT WE DO TODAY AFFECTS WHAT HAPPENS 10 YEARS FROM NOW. WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST WITH STREET MAINTENANCE AND HOW ASK THAT AFFECT WHERE WE ARE TODAY?

WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT SOME ALREADY AND -- WHAT WE DID DURING THE DOWNTURN IS WHAT ALL CITIES DID DURING THE DOWNTURN, CUT IN ALMOST EVERY AREA OF OPERATIONS, THAT INCLUDED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE. WE SLOWLY DROPPED BACK, I THINK OUR LOWEST POINT AT 8%. AT 8% MAINTENANCE. AS WE STARTED COMING OUT OF THE DOWNTURN, THAT MADE MORE OF OUR STREETS IN ILL REPAIR. THAT CREATES A BIGGER BACKLOG. AND THE FIRST RULE OF THE HOLE IS TO STOP DIG.... DIGGING. SO WE ARE NOW SLOWLY TRYING TO FILL THAT HOLE BACK UP. THAT HOLE HAS BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN LOSING SOME OF OUR LONG-TERM FUNDS FOR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE. SO IT'S BEEN AN EVEN BIGGER CLIMB OUT OF THE HOLE.

Mayor Wynn: PLUSSING NATION.

Futrell: THAT'S RIGHT. PLUS INFLATION.

I JUST WONDER BECAUSE I HAVE ASKED FOR NUMBERS IN A CERTAIN WAY IN TERMS OF GOING FORWARD. CAN SOMEONE PUT TOGETHER A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON WHERE WOULD WE BE IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH WE WOULD HAVE TO SPEND TODAY IF WE HAD MAINTAINED 10% THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE TIME, DOWNTURN. IF WE HAD REALLY PRIORITIZED THAT SAID WE ARE GOING TO DO 10%, HOW MUCH WOULD WE BE SAVING TODAY?

SURE, WE CAN PROVIDE THAT ANALYSIS.

THANK YOU.

McCracken: I THINK FOR OUR MEMBERS WHO WERE NOT HERE. WE HAD TO CUT ABOUT 100 PLUS MILLION IN THE CITY BUDGET AT A TIME WHEN THE BUDGET WAS ABOUT \$525 MILLION. WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY LIKE THE FEDS DO. WE HAD TO CUT ABOUT A THOUSAND JOBS. AT THE SAME TIME IN THE EARLY PHASES OF OUR MULTI-YEAR SAFETY CONTRACTS WHICH WE HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO HONOR. WE HAD THE ESCALATION OF THE CONTRACTS, THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH IT. WE SIGNED THOSE. BUT AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE HAD A LOSS -- WE HAD TO CUT THE OVERALL BUDGET BY OVER A MILLION. SO IT'S WORSE THAN IT SOUND. WE HAD TO CUT MORE THAN 100 MILLION-DOLLAR BECAUSE THE BIGGEST PORTION WAS ACTUALLY INCREASING DURING THE PERIOD THAT WE HAD A COLLAPSE OF REVENUES. WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU ARE CONTRACTUALLY LOCKED IN BIGGEST PORTION AND YOU HAVE A COLLAPSE LIKE EVERY OTHER CITY IN THE COUNTRY DID OF REVENUES, THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DO. YOU HAVE TO CUT SOMEWHERE. SO THE -- AT THE SAME TIME CAPITAL METRO DISCONTINUED LAST YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR STREET MAINTENANCE. SO -- SO YOU KNOW YOU KIND OF SEE THE PERFECT STORM THAT -- THAT THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM AND I IN PARTICULAR AS MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AT THAT TIME WERE DEALING WITH, WHICH WAS IN -- IN THE -- CITY MANAGER AND I THINK THAT -- THAT THE -- THAT THE GREAT, ONE OF THE GREAT STORIES AFTER YOU WILL OF IS THAT WE ACTUALLY EMERGED FROM FROM THAT PERIOD WITH A LARGER RAINY DAY FUND. UNLIKE DALLAS AND HOUSTON WHO WERE LEFT WITH NOTHING. WE INCREASED OUR FUND AND WE INCREASED OUR BOND



RATING. SO THE -- YOU KNOW THE NATIONAL BOND RATING AGENCIES LOOKED AT OUR PRACTICES OVER THAT PERIOD INCLUDED WE ARE IN TOP OF THE MARK NATIONALLY. THAT SAID WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO ADD BACK. WE ARE ADDING BACK INTERNAL CONTROLS, STREET MAINTENANCE BUDGETS. BUT I THINK EVERYBODY WHO WASN'T HERE DURING THAT PERIOD THAT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO SEE PEOPLE LEAVING CITY HALL CRYING BECAUSE OF LAYOFFS. IT WAS A -- IT WAS JUST A VERY DIFFERENT PERIOD. SO -- BEING MINDFUL OF THAT. THERE'S A REASON WHY SOME OF THESE THINGS LIKE LIBRARIES, THESE THINGS THAT THEY TAKE KID BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT CONTRACTUALLY LOCKED IN AND YOU HAVE GOT TO -- WHY THEY TAKE HITS, UNDER THE LAW YOU HAVE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. WE ARE WORKING THROUGH THAT NOW. BUT WE HAD TO MAKE A LOT OF VERY TOUGH DECISIONS IN THAT PERIOD: [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

IT DOESN'T MEAN THERE AREN'T BIG CHALLENGES, BUT WE'RE ALREADY BLACK TO NINE -- BACK TO NINE AND A HALF%. WE KNOW WE STILL HAVE FUNDS IN THERE. BUT WE'RE MAKING VERY GOOD HEADWAY AND WE'VE DONE IT QUICKLY TO VIED THE LONG-TERM -- TO AVOID THE LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE HIT THAT YOU WILL HAVE ARE IF WE DON'T GET BACK UP THERE.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER GOES MR. RAMOS. THANK YOU, JOE.

BOY, YOU GOT A DISCUSSION GOING, JOE.

...MATURE MAYOR MOVING ALONG. WE'RE NOW THROUGH WITH THE FIRST DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATION. NOW WE'LL HEAR FROM THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY.

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M THE ACTING DIRECTOR FOR AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. HELPING ME TODAY IS DAVID AN DERS, THE BUSINESS DIRECTOR FOR BUSINESS SERVICES. I'M GOING TO GIBL BY HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THE SURVEY RESULTS FROM THE CITIZEN -- 2007 CITIZEN SURVEY RELATED TO SERVICES PROVIDED BY AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. 83% OF OUR RESPONDENTS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER THAT

THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY PROVIDES. THEY FELT THAT IT WAS CLEAN AND SAFE FOR DRINKING PURPOSES. 85 PERCENT OF OUR RESPONDENTS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE RESPONSE PROVIDED BY AUSTIN WATER UTILITY FOR EMERGENCIES. IN THIS AREA YOU WILL SEE IN OUR PROPOSED BUDGET THAT WE'RE REALLOCATING -- WE'RE NOT ADDING ANY NEW F.T.E.'S, BUT WE'RE REALLOCATING OTHER POSITIONS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE UTILITY TO ENHANCE OUR CREWS IN THE FIELD. THIS IS IMPROVE OUR RESPONSE TIME AS WELL. WE'RE ALSO ADDING \$1.8 MILLION FOR AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT THAT WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE CITY CREWS THAT WE HAVE WITHIN AUSTIN WATER UTILITY TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY WATER LEAKS AND WASTEWATER OVERFLOWS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT WATER PRESSURE, 81% OF THE RESPONDENTS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE WATER PRESSURE THAT WAS DELIVERED TO THEIR SERVICE CONNECTION BY THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. HERE AGAIN YOU WILL SEE IN OUR CIP PROGRAM WE HAVE MULTIPLE PROJECTS IN OUR FUNDING NEXT YEAR AND IN THE YEARS TO COME OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS THAT WILL ENHANCE WATER PRESSURE IN CERTAIN PARTS OF OUR SERVICE AREA WHERE WE HAVE WATER PRESSURE CHALLENGES. WE'RE ALSO ENHANCING OUR METER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM NEXT YEAR, WHICH WILL ALSO IMPROVE WATER PRESSURE IN THOSE POCKETS OF OUR SERVICE AREA. 80% 80% RESPONDENTS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE CITY'S WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. IN THIS AREA YOU WILL ALSO SEE IN OUR PROPOSED BUDGET THAT WE ARE ADDING \$2.7 MILLION IN THE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND \$7.9 MILLION IN OUR REUSE WATER SYSTEM. AND LASTLY, A GREAT MAJORITY OF THE RESPONDENTS, 66%, WERE SATISFIED WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THEY PAY FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES THEY RECEIVE FROM THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. HERE I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IT WAS AN 8.4% INCREASE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR. WITH THAT I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO BUDGET FACTS FOR THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY FOR NEXT YEAR. THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 THAT THE BEGINNING BALANCE WILL BE AT \$39.7 MILLION. REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES, WATER SERVICE, WASTEWATER SERVICE, INTEREST INCOME,

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES WILL TOTAL \$32.2 MILLION. EXPENDITURES ARE EXPECTED AT \$394.7 MILLION AND ARE PROJECTING AN ENDING BALANCE FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR AT \$57.2 MILLION. -- \$27.2 MILLION. WE'RE NOT REQUESTING OR PROPOSING ANY NEW F.T.E.'S; HOWEVER, WE ARE REALLOCATING A TOTAL OF 44 VACANT POSITIONS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE UTILITY -- -- THE REMAINING 38 PERCENT OR \$522 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJ. I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT BEGINNING WITH NEXT FISCAL YEAR WE WILL SEE A TAPERING OFF IN WASTEWATER CIP SPENDING OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS AS MAJOR PROJECTS FOR THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY ARE COMPLETED. AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM, THE DEADLINE IS JUNE, 2009. WE'RE HALFWAY DONE, 50% OF THE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND WE ANTICIPATE THE REMAINING 50% OF THE PROJECTS WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE DEADLINE. OTHER MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS PLANNED UPGRADES, WILL BE COMPLETED BY YEARS 2 AND 3 IN THE FUTURE. SO YOU WILL SEE A TAPERING OFF IN THE WASTEWATER SPENDING, BUT THERE IS A SLIGHT INCREASE ON THE WATER IMPROVEMENTS. OVER THE FIVE YEARS THE AVERAGE ANNUAL SPENDING WILL BE \$275 MILLION. NEW APPROPRIATIONS THAT THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY IS REQUESTING IS \$283.4 MILLION. OF THE \$1.4 BILLION JUST FOCUSING ON NEXT YEAR,, THE UTILITY IS PROJECTING THAT WE WILL SPEND \$291.3 MILLION. OF THAT \$291.3 MILLION, IF WE LOOK AT THIS GRAPH, THE PIE CHART WORKING CLOSE WISE, AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE \$104 MILLION OR 36% OF THE TOTAL PROJECTED SPENDING. COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH INCLUDES LIFT STATIONS, LINES WILL REQUIRE 14 PERCENT. NINE MILLION DOLLARS OR THREE PERCENT WILL BE DEDICATED TOWARDS SERVICE CENTER IMPROVEMENTS, REPAIRS, LAB IMPROVEMENTS AND FLEET REPLACEMENTS. 73 MILLION OR 25% WILL BE DEDICATED TOWARDS TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES. THIS WILL INCLUDE FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANTS WE HAVE DAVIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT WILL REQUIRE ELECTRICAL UPGRADES THAT WE ARE WORKING ON. ON THE WASTEWATER SIDE THE SOUTH AUSTIN REGIONAL TREATMENT PLANT AS WELL AS WALNUT

CREEK TREATMENT PLANT WILL HAVE ELECTRICAL UPGRADES. AND FINALLY, 65 MILLION OR 22 PERCENT WILL BE DEDICATED TO OUR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, THIS INCLUDES LIFT STATIONS -- PUMP STATIONS, RESERVOIR PZ AND WATER LINES. HE THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES A 9.8% COMBINED UTILITY WIDE RATE INCREASE, WHICH BREAKS DOWN TO 6.9% FOR WATER SYSTEM, 12.7% FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM, WHICH TRANSLATES TO \$5.31 A MONTHLY BILL INCREASE FOR AVERAGE CUSTOMER FOR THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. AN AVERAGE MONTHLY CUSTOMER FOR THE UTILITY USES 8500 GALLONS OF WATER PER MONTH AND SENDS BACK 5,000 GALLONS OF WASTEWATER FOR TREATMENT. WE ARE ON THAT CYCLE. IT IS DUE FOR AN UPDATE. WE HAVE A SEPARATE PUBLIC HEARING THIS EVENING ON IMPACT FEES. IMPACT FEE INCREASES RANGE FROM \$200 TO \$800 ON THE WATER SIDE AND \$100 TO \$200 PER LEU ON THE WATER WASTE SIDE. JUST TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE KEY INITIATIVES THAT WE WILL CONTINUE WORK NEXT YEAR IN THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY, IN THE WATER CONSERVATION AREA, WE WILL BE IMPLEMENTING SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY CONSERVATION TASKFORCE. WE'RE ADDING \$1.9 MILLION IN THE CONSERVATION PROGRAM, WHICH WILL ENHANCE COMMUNITY EDUCATION EFFORTS. WE WILL ALLOCATE NINE NEW CURRENT POSITIONS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE UTILITY TO THE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND WE WILL ALSO ADD F.T.E.'S THAT WOULD COVER ENFORCEMENT FOR OUTDOOR WATERING. WE'RE CRETION THE REBATES PROGRAM FROM \$1.2 MILLION FROM 1.7 TO \$2.9 MILLION. THIS IS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE TOILET RETROFIT PROGRAM, THE DEADLINE FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS IS 2009 AND FOR COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS IS 2011. SO WE ANTICIPATE INCREASED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT YEAR. WE'RE ADDING \$7.9 MILLION TO THE RECLAIMED SYSTEM. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE LINE TO THE U.T. SYSTEM AS WELL AS THE PLANNED...NED RESERVOIR AT THE MUELLER SIDE. IN THE LINE MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS AREA, WE'RE ADDING \$1.8 MILLION FOR EMERGENCY CONTRACTS. THIS WOULD SUPPLEMENT WATER AND WASTEWATER CREWS DURING PEAK TIMES WHEN WE HAVE CREWS SPREAD OUT ALL OVER THE SERVICE AREA. WE'RE

ALLOCATING 29 CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE UTILITY TO THE LINE MAINTENANCE AREA TO SUPPLEMENT OUR EXISTING CREWS. IS WE'RE MAKING INVESTMENTS IN THE SYSTEM REHABILITATION, OUR CIP PROGRAM INCLUDES \$104 MILLION FOR THE AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM, \$36 MILLION FOR TREATMENT PLANTS, REHABILITATIONS AND UPGRADES. \$66.2 MILLION FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM REHABILITATIONS. THIS INCLUDES PUMP STATION STATIONS, LIFT STATIONS, LINES, FIRE HYDRANTS, VALVES IN OUR SYSTEM. THE NEXT FOUR SLIDES ARE KEY INDICATORS OF OUR PERFORMANCE AT THE UTILITY. THE NEXT TWO SLIDE, MOST OF OUR EMPLOYEES, I WOULD SAY ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF. THIS NEXT SLIDE IS FOR THE DRINKING WATER QUALITY STANDARD, THE STATE REQUIRES THAT WE DO NOT EXCEED .3 NTU'S. THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY HAS CONSISTENTLY DELIVERED WATER FAR SUPERIOR THAN STATE STANDARDS REQUIRE: IF YOU LOOK AT THE GRAPH WE'VE BEEN WAY UNDER .3 NTU'S. WE ANTICIPATE THIS YEAR SHRLS NEXT YEAR WE'LL BE AT 1.0. ON THE WASTEWATER SIDE, THIS IS A MEASURE OF THE WASTEWATER EFFLUENT THAT WE PUT BACK IN THE COLORADO RIVER. IT'S MEASURED BY BOD'S. STATE PERMIT REQUIRES THAT WE DO NOT EXCEED 10 MILLIGRAMS PER LITER. AUSTIN WATER UTILITY HAS CONSISTENTLY DONE A FAR BETTER JOB THAN WHAT THE STATE IRZ US TO DO -- REQUIRES US TO DO. WE ANTICIPATE 2.0 MILLIGRAMS PER LITER THIS YEAR AS WELL AS NEXT YEAR.

Futrell: DIDN'T YOU JUST RECENTLY WIN SOME AWARDS FOR SOME TH?

YES. THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY WON A PLATINUM AWARD FOR FIVE YEARS IN A ROW MEETING THE STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS. THIS NEXT SLIDE IS AN EFFICIENCY INDICATOR FOR AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. SINCE 1992-'93 THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS HAS INCREASED BY 38%. YOU WILL ALSO NOTICE THAT THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS OR THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES SUPPORTING THOSE CUSTOMERS HAS REMAINED FAIRLY FLAT OVER THE YEARS. WE EXPECT TO HAVE 206,000 WATER CUSTOMERS AND ABOUT 191,000 WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS. OUR

POSITIONS TOTAL UP TO 1,036. FINALLY, THIS NEXT GRAPH COMPARES OUR MONTHLY AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL BILL TO OTHER CITIES IN TEXAS AS WELL AS OUTSIDE. AT THE CURRENT RATE WE'RE FAIRLY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITIES ON THIS GRAPH. WHAT I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT ARE TWO THING. ONE, WHEN LUKE AT THE CENTRAL TEXAS CITIES SUCH AS CEDAR PARK, PFLUGERVILLE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ROUND ROCK, MOST OF THE CITIES HAVE HIGHER RATES THAN AUSTIN. THE PROPOSED RATES, AVERAGE BILL IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER WILL GO FROM \$54.01 PER MONTH TO \$59.32 PER MONTH. A TOTAL INCREASE OF \$5.31. THE OTHER THING I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT FOR YOU HERE IS THAT MOST OF THOSE CITIES WILL ALSO HAVE RATE INCREASES IN THE COMING YEARS. WE HAVE CALLED AROUND AND FOUND OUT THAT PORTLAND, FOR EXAMPLE, PORTLAND, OREGON, WILL HAVE A RATE INCREASE OF 23%. CORPUS CHRISTI IS PROJECTING A 5.1%. HOUSTON IS AROUND 3.5 PERCENT. PHOENIX, 8 PERCENT. AND SAN DIEGO, 6.5%. DALLAS IS LOOKING AT ANOTHER 8 PERCENT RATE INCREASE NEXT YEAR. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS COUNCIL MAY HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF?  
COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: ON THE PROJECTED RATE INCREASE, THE CONSERVATION TASKFORCE RECOMMENDED A FIFTH TIER. WE CURRENTLY HAVE FOUR DIFFERENT TIERS FOR BILLING. IS THAT IN YOUR FORECAST OR WOULD THAT HAVE TO BE ADDED TO IT?

COUNCILMEMBER, WE'LL BE COMING TO COUNCIL WITH A CONTRACT FOR A CONSULTANT TO COME ON BOARD AND HELP US WITH THE COST OF SERVICE STUDY. THAT IS DUE FOR THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. WE WANTED TO DO THAT IN COMBINATION WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE TASKFORCE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT WITH THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS IT WILL TAKE US A GOOD SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE COST OF SERVICE STUDY, SO WE EXPECT THE NEW COST OF SERVICE STUDY BASE RATES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. SO THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS AS WE HAVE THE RATE

STRUCTURE IN THIS CURRENTLY.

Leffingwell: SO I'M CURIOUS, IT'S BASED ON A WATER USE OF 8500 GALLONS. SO THAT WOULD NOT -- IF YOU HAD A RATE STRUCTURE THAT HAD A STEEP INCREASE, THE MORE WATER YOU USED, THE HIGHER THE COST OF IT, THAT WOULDN'T BE REFLECTED IN THIS CHART, WOULD IT?

NO, SIR. IF WE HAD A FIFTH RATE TIER FOR THE RESIDENTIAL CLASS, IT WOULD MOST LIKELY BE ABOVE 25,000 GALLONS OR 20,000 GALLONS, SOMEWHERE IN THERE. THE AVERAGE CUSTOMER USES ABOUT 8500. SO THAT WOULD NOT BE REFLECTED IN THE CHART.

AND THIS CHART WOULDN'T CHANGE A BIT. SOME CUSTOMERS WOULD BE PAYING A LOT MORE. RIGHT?

YES, SIR.

Leffingwell: ONE MORE POINT, YOU NOTED THAT THERE WAS A 8.9 -- 7.9-MILLION-DOLLAR INCREASE IN THE WATER CONSTRUCTION.

YES, SIR.

Leffingwell: AND I BELIEVE, BUT THAT MONEY HAS ALWAYS BEEN PLANNED, THESE LINES WERE PLANNED FOR A LONGER TERM PROGRAM, I THINK 20 YEARS, AND AS A RESULT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TASKFORCE IT WAS COMPRESSED SO THAT MOST OF THE MAJOR LINES WILL BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS INSTEAD OF 20. SO IT'S REALLY JUST AN ACCELERATION OF THOSE COSTS RATHER THAN NEW COSTS, CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT. IF YOU LOOK AT OUR FIVE-YEAR SPENDING PLAN WE HAVE \$24 MILLION FOR THE RECLAIM SYSTEM, BUT 7.9 MILLION FOR NEXT YEAR.

Leffingwell: OKAY. THAT'S ALL.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: THANK YOU. AND THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS I

WANTED TO COVER HERE. FIRST, I'LL PICK THE EASY ONE. WATER PRESSURE. I SAW THERE WAS 80 PERCENT SATISFACTION WITH WATER PRESSURE. HAVE WE MADE PROGRESS IN THAT? IT LOOKS LIKE WE MADE A LITTLE BIT OF PROGRESS IN SATISFACTION AND WATER PRESSURE.

THE STATE REQUIREMENT IS 35-POUNDS PER SQUARE INCH. AND IN OUR UTILITY IT AVERAGE AROUND 60 TO 70%. WE HAVE SOME AREAS THAT THERE ARE SOME POCKETS IN OUR SERVICE AREA THAT IS CLOSE TO 35 PSI. THOSE ARE THE AREAS WE'RE CONCENTRATING, BUT MOST OF OUR AREAS IS AVERAGING BETWEEN 60 TO 70 PSI.

RIGHT. I THINK IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS WORKING ON THE BUDGET AND WITH TALKED..... I BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE ABOUT THE ISSUE IN PRESSURE THAT WAS NEEDED IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN. I UNDERSTOOD THERE WAS PUMPS THAT WERE MOVED UP IN SCHEDULE TO GET SOME WATER PRESSURE TO THE MESA, SPICEWOOD SPRINGS AREA. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THAT RIGHT NOW?

THE MESA AREA IS ON OUR SCHEDULE FOR NEXT YEAR. WE WILL BEGIN THE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN WORK NEXT YEAR.

Kim: SO WHO WILL THE RESIDENTS START SEEING THE IMPROVEMENT TO WATER PRESSURE?

WE ANTICIPATE THAT WITHIN A YEAR THEY SHOULD SEE AN IMPROVEMENT IN THAT AREA BECAUSE WE'RE ALSO MAKING IMPROVEMENTS FOR PUMP STATIONS AS WELL AS METER MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS. THE COMBINATION OF THOSE THINGS AS WELL AS THE NEW LINES COMING IN THE AREA WILL HELP. SO WITHIN THAT AREA THEY SHOULD SEE A DIFFERENCE.

Kim: THEY SHOULD SEE A DIFFERENCE IN THE NEXT YEAR THEN?

YES.

Kim: THANK YOU. ALSO, I WANTED TO ASK YOU A QUESTION ABOUT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND THE EFFLUENT



AND THE QUALITY OF THE WATER THAT AFTER IT'S TREATED AND I WAS WATCHING THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARDS AS THEY WERE RECEIVING A BRIEFING FROM YOU ON THE AWARDS THAT IT RECEIVED AND SOMETHING ABOUT SILVER, GOLD, PLATINUM AND WE WERE DEFINITELY HIGH UP THERE IN TERMS OF NOT HAVING SPILLS AND HAVING HIGH WATER WATER. IT WAS A VERY FASCINATING PRESENTATION ABOUT JUST HOW GOOD A JOB WE'VE DONE IN BEING ABLE TO PREVENT SPILLS AND ALSO FOR HAVE QUALITY WATER THAT GOES BACK INTO THE COLORADO RIVER FOR OUR NEIGHBORS DOWNSTREAM. DO YOU RECALL WHAT OUR STANDARD IS IN TERM OF WHERE WE ARE? ARE WE AT GOLD OR SILVER OR WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW?

Futrell: THAT'S SO LOW, COUNCILMEMBER. IT'S A PLATINUM, ISN'T IT?

WE RECEIVED TWO AWARDS THIS PAST WEEK.

Mayor Wynn: THEY'RE BOTH SHINY, RIGHT? [ LAUGHTER ]

Futrell: THIS IS A TIME TO TOOT YOUR HORN.

WE RECEIVED TWO AWARDS. ONE WAS A PLATINUM. AND A SILVER AWARD FOR THE WALNUT CREEK WASTEWATER PLANT. THE WALNUT CREEK PLANT WOULD HAVE RECEIVED PLATINUM AS WELL, BUT THEY HAD ONE SPILL IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. SO THAT KNOCKED US OUT. BUT THE QUALITY OF THE RIVER WATER DOWN SFREM FROM THE TREATMENT PLANTS, MY UNDERSTANDING IS IT'S BETTER THAN UPSTREAM.

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Kim: SO WE TAKE THE WATER AND USE IT AND BY THE TIME WE TREAT IT IT'S BETTER THAN WHAT WE TAKE OUT THE COLORADO RIVER. WEARY BACK WATER THAT'S BETTER IN QUALITY.

THAT'S RIGHT.

Kim: I THINK THAT'S AMAZING. I THINK THAT CORPUS CHRISTI OWES US SOME SINCE THEY'RE DOWNSTREAM. I ALSO WANT

TO KNOW ABOUT THE WATER RATE. I NOTICE YOU'RE PROPOSING AN INCREASE IN THE WATER RATE. I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT IF WE'RE DOING THINGS LIKE THE LINE INNOCENCE..... MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB ON, SO I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT IN THIS BUDGET WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO MOVE F.T.E.'S WHERE POSSIBLE TO PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE, DETECTION AND REPAIRS. AND SO I'M REALLY PLEASED TO SEE THAT. I KNOW I ASKED THE CITY MANAGER. I'M REALLY PLEASED TO SEE THAFNT.

YOU NEED TO THANK HIM. WE GAVE THAT TOOFK THE WATER UTILITY AND HE TOOK THAT DEEP THROI HEART AND HE'S MADE EXTRAORDINARY PROGRESS IN THAT AREA.

WE'RE PLACING A MAJOR EMPHASIS ON ADDRESSING WATER LEAKS AND SEWER OVERFLOWS. SO YOU WILL SEE A TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT IN THAT AREA OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS.

Kim: BECAUSE WE ALSO, HAVING TO LOOK AT WALL STREET MAIN BREAKS AND THE OTHER ISSUE THAT WE'RE WORKING THROUGH RIGHT NOW, WILL THIS HELP IN TERMS OF PREVENTING WATER MAIN BREAKS? THIS WORK?

IT'S A COMBINATION OF THINGS THAT RESULT IN WATER MAIN BREAKS. THE AGE OF THE LINE, THE SHIFTING IN THE GROUND, THE SOIL CONDITIONS RLS THE WEATHER CONDITIONS. WHAT THIS WILL HELP US DO IS IF THERE IS A MAIN BREAK WE WOULD RESPOND TO IT QUICKLY.

Kim: OKAY. THANK YOU.

Futrell: IT WON'T HELP WITH THE BREAK, BUT IT WILL HELP IN THE RESPONSE TO THE BREAK. ONE OF THE BIGGEST COMPLAINTS WE HAD WAS THE LENGTH OF TIME IT WAS TAKING US TO GET TO LINE BREAKS. AND IF YOU REMEMBER HOW PAINFUL IT WAS A YEAR OR TWO AGO WHEN PEOPLE WOULD SEE WATER RUNNING DOWN THE STREET AND SEE IT FOR WEEKS AT A TIME AND IT TOOK US CREW AFTER CREW AFTER CREW TO GET TO A LEAK. WE REALLY HAVE MADE SOME HEADWAY ON OUR RESPONSE TIMES. AND

THAT'S ALSO A LARGE PART OF OUR CONSERVATION EFFORT. IT'S VERY, VERY HARD TO PUSH OUR MESSAGE OF CONSERVATION WHEN WE HAD SUCH A LENGTHY RESPONSE TO LEAK AND REPAIR.

OUR RESPONSE TO PRIORITY ONE CALLS AT THE UTILITY IS WITHIN 24 HOURS. PRIORITY TWO IS WITHIN 48 HOURS. AND PRIORITY 3 IS WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OR LESS.

Mayor Wynn: JUST DON'T TELL US HOW MANY PRIORITY THERE ARE. [ LAUGHTER ]

JUST THREE PRIORITIES, MAYOR. WE GET TO THEM WITHIN A WEEK.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU. WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ARE INTRODUCE YOUR NEXT DIRECTOR, JUAN GARZA WITH AUSTIN ENERGY.

AND HE'S GOING TO START BANKING US FOR THE CLEAN WATER THAT GOES TO CORPUS CHRISTI.

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Mayor Wynn: WELCOME.

ONE OF THE SECRETS THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME IS I TOOK THE 35-ACRE FEET OF WATER THAT THE IRRIGATION DISTRICT WAS SELLING MANY YEARS AGO FOR CORPUS. IT'S THE ONLY AMOUNT OF WATER THAT DOES NOT PERTAIN OR HAS NOT REMAINED IN THE COLORADO BASIN. THEY STILL HAVEN'T FOUND A WAY TO TRUCK IT DOWN TO CORPUS. I'M JUAN GARZA, GENERAL MANAGER OF AUSTIN ENERGY. AND I AM HERE TO PRESENT THE AUSTIN ENERGY BUDGET. LET'S SEE WHO WILL DO THE -- THANK YOU. WE'LL GET RIGHT INTO THE SURVEY RESULTS. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE CONSULT RULTS BECAUSE WE SAW AN INCREASE IN ALL BUT ONE, AND I'LL EXPLAIN THAT AT THE BOTTOM. WE IN AUSTIN LIKE TO PROMOTE THE RELIABILITY OF THE SYSTEM. THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE IN OUR RECRUITMENT EFFORTS IN BOTH BRINGING BUSINESS TO THE REGION AND ALSO RETAINING THEM. I HAVE IN MY

MEETINGS WITH ALL THE MAJOR CUSTOMERS HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT ABOVE ALL ELSE, RELIABILITY IS WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR. IT'S ALMOST 90 PERCENT, RIGHT UNDER 90 PERCENT AND WE'VE UPPED THAT BY 2.7 PERCENT. OUR TIME AND RESPONSE TO OUTAGES IS ALSO PRETTY HIGH AT 86.5 PERCENT. THE ONE THAT KIND OF SURPRISED ME WAS THE AMOUNT YOU PAY FOR ELECTRICITY, WHICH TOOK A DIP LAST YEAR, AND IT'S BACK UP AGAIN TO 64.7 PERCENT. WE DID SEE A DROP IN THE WAY FOLKS SEE OUR CONSERVATION PROGRAM. AND TO SOME EXTENT THAT MIGHT BE AS A RESULT OF A A LITTLE BIT AFTER WAITING LINE WE'VE HAD THIS YEAR AND WE'LL ADDRESS THAT LATER ON IN THE PRESENTATION.

Mayor Wynn: BY THE WAY, SO FOLKS THAT WE SURVEYED COMPLAINING ABOUT THE COST OF ELECTRICITY, AUSTIN ENERGY REMIND ME, HASN'T HAD A RATE INCREASE SINCE 1994, SINCE THE STATE DEREGULATED A LARGE PORTION OF THE STATE'S ELECTRIC INDUSTRY, A LOT OF THOSE PRIVATE UTILITIES HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF RATE INCREASES. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF PUBLICITY AND PRESS AROUND THE STATE AND EVEN UP AT THE LEGISLATURE ABOUT THE DEREGULATED INVESTOR OWNED UTILITIES RAISING THE RATES FOR ELECTRICITY. AUSTIN ENERGY AS A MUNICIPALLY OWNED UTILITY HAS NOT HAD AN INCREASE SINCE 1994. I WOULD RECKON THAT OUR CUSTOMER SURVEYS DROP REGARDING THE COST OF ELECTRICITY BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL BAD PRESS AND HEADLINES STATEWIDE ABOUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE STATEWIDE DEREGULATION OF ELECTRICITY.

I THINK THERE'S A LOT TO THAT. WE ARE KIND OF RESTRICTED IN MAKE.....MAKING THE COMPARISONS, EVEN THOUGH LATER ON I'LL DO A COMPARATIVE FOR YOU BECAUSE THERE IS SOME CONCERN THAT THE DEREGULATED AREAS NEED AS MUCH MOMENTUM FOR THAT TO GET GOING FOR THE REST OF THE STATE. BUT OUR RATES ARE CONSIDERABLY LOWER. THEY ARE. THE NEXT SLIDE, JUST A LITTLE OVERVIEW ON WHAT AUSTIN ENERGY IS. IT IS THE 10th LARGEST PUBLIC UTILITY IN THE U.S. WITH OVER \$1.1 BILLION IN ANNUAL REVENUE. AND A LITTLE OVER 3.. \$3 BILLION IN ASSETS. WE SURVEYED A SERVICE AREA OF A LITTLE OVER 437 SQUARE MILES. AND THAT INCLUDES ALL

OF AUSTIN AND PARTS OF TRAVIS AND WILLIAMSON COUNTIES. SOME OTHER DETAILS ON THE UTILITY, WE'VE GOT OVER 2700-MEGAWATTS OF GENERATING CAPACITY. WE HAVE, INCLUDING 970 MG GA WATTS IN POINT PROJECTS SUCH AS THE COAL PLANT IN FAYETTE COUNTY AND THE NUCLEAR PLANT. WE HAVE 10,000 -- A LITTLE OVER 10,785 MILES OF DISTRIBUTION LINE, OF WHICH ABOUT HALF IS UNDERGROUND. WE HAVE 633 MILES OF TRANSMISSION LINE AND 63 SUBSTATIONS. OVER 70,000 TRANSFORMERS AND OVER 150,000 POLES THAT WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN AND KEEP VIABLE EVERY YEAR. SO MOST OF OUR BUDGET IS DEDICATED TO KEEPING THAT INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING AND IN PLACE AND RELIABLE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS. SOME OF THE BASIC FACTS ON THE BUDGET, THE BEGINNING BALANCE OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS \$233 MILLION. THAT'S A LITTLE BIT OF AN INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR, WHICH WAS 231 MILLION. THE ANNUAL REVENUE IS GOING UP ABOUT 38 MILLION TO ONE \$1,156,000,000. EXPENDITURES ARE ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT, ABOUT A 40-MILLION-DOLLAR INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR. AND OUR ENDING BALANCE IS GOING TO BE PRESERVED AT THE SAME LEVEL IT WAS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. WE'RE ADDING A LITTLE OVER 34 F.T.E.'S FOR NEXT YEAR. AND I'LL GET INTO THE DETAILS OF THOSE LATER ON. CORE SERVICE INVESTMENTS, WE'LL START WITH THE INVESTMENT IN THE AUSTIN PREVENTION PLAN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED EARLIER IN THE YEAR. WE HAVE A MANDATE FROM ERCOT TO GO TO A NODAL MARKET SYSTEM FROM THE CURRENT ZONAL SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE. IT'S INTENDED TO MORE CLOSELY ALIGN WITH THE COSTS OF VARIOUS GENERATING PLANTS AND DEAL SOMEWHAT WITH THE TRANSITION CONGESTION. WE WILL DO THE FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE AUTOMATED METER INFRASTRUCTURE. WE'VE GOSS ABOUT A THIRD OF THE CITY DONE. WE'LL FINISH OUT THE REMAINING TWO-THIRDS THIS REMAINING YEAR AND PROBABLY THE NEXT. AND THEN WE'RE ADDING 100 MEGAWATTS OF GENERATING CAPACITY AT THE SAND HILL PLANT. THIS IS PEAKING CAPACITY AT SAND HILL. IT'S PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MENTION THAT HAD PUBLICLY, EVEN THOUGH I'VE ADVISED COUNCIL THAT WE HAD PLANNED TO DO THAT TO KEEP UP. AS YOU MIGHT RECALL, WE HAVE CONTINUED INCREASING OUR LOAD AND

WE ARE SHUTTING DOWN HOLLY AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. THE F.T.E.'S, WE'RE REQUESTING 34.2 F.T.E.'S AND WE'RE FOCUSING ON THE KEY PROTECTION. THE AUSTIN COMPLIMENT PROTECTION PLAN WILL GET 8, THE GREEN BUILDING BRAM WILL GET TWO. ERCOT GETS 6. I'VE HEARD OF SOME UTILITIES ADDING OVER 20 TO HANDLE THAT CHALLENGE. WE THINK WE CAN DO IT WITH AN ADDITIONAL SIX IN THAT OFFICE. AND I MIGHT ADD THAT OUR STAFF LAST WEEK WERE THE FIRST TO DO THE INITIAL TESTING AND PASS THE INITIAL TESTING PHASE WITH ERCOT. AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THEY ACTUALLY WORKED CON ACTIVELY WITH ERCOT TO HELP THEM WITH THAT PHASE OF THE SYSTEM. THE ENERGY MARKETING INFRASTRUCTURE WILL RECEIVE THREE. THAT'S BASICALLY THE FOLK THAT ACTUALLY TAKE AND LEASE OUT OUR POLES AND SLIVERS OF LAND HERE AND THERE AND GET US ADDITIONAL REVENUES. I THINK LAST YEAR WE CAME IN AT ABOUT FIVE MILLION DOLLARS OF THE ACTIVITY, SO THEY MORE THAN PAY FOR THEMSELVES. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WE'RE ADDING FIVE. THOSE ARE 100% PROJECT DRIVEN FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT WE'RE ADDING TO THE SYSTEMS SUCH AS THE CIS, THE MOBILE MAPPING TECHNOLOGY THAT WE NEED FOR OUR TRUCKS THAT WILL HELP IN OUR RESPONSE WHEN WE HAVE STORM EVENTS. METER INVESTIGATIONS. WE'RE ADDING A COUPLE THERE. WE HAVE FOUND THAT THAT ALSO PAYS FOR ITSELF AS WE STAY ON TOP OF THE LITTLE JURY RIGGING THAT SOME OF OUR CUSTOMERS WILL DO TO BYPASS A METER OR SLOW DOWN THE METERS AND THAT GROUP OF FOLK PAY FOR THEMSELVES. ASSET MANAGEMENT, THAT'S AN ACCOUNTANT IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO HELP US MAINTENANCE OUR BOOKS BASICALLY AND MAINTAIN OUR ASSETS. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GETS ONE. Y'ALL MIGHT HAVE HEARD OF THE TREMENDOUS EXODUS OF BABY BOOMERS FROM THE POWER INDUSTRY. IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT ALL OF THE FOLK IN THE INDUSTRY ARE PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THIS. WE HAVE NOT ONLY ADDED A POSITION, BUT WE HAVE ALSO ADDED A NEW SOFTWARE TO HELP US INVENTORY THE SKILLS THAT OUR EMPLOYEES HAVE TO MATCH THOSE AGAINST THE SKILLS THAT ARE THE DIFFERENT JOBS THAT WE HAVE REQUIRE AND WHERE THERE'S A MISMATCH TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO

GET THE SKILLS SO THAT THEY CAN MOVE UP AS OTHER LEAVE THE UTILITY. THE 311 CITYWIDE INFORMATION CENTER IS GETTING NIEWFER -- THE EQUIVALENT OF FOUR AND A HALF SUPERVISORY POSITIONS, BUT WE ARE ADDING TO THE CONTRACT SIDE ABOUT 28 POSITIONS. NEXT YEAR TWEEL PROBABLY COME IN, AS THE THING SETTLES OUT AND ALL DEPARTMENTS COME ON BOARD, WE'LL KNOW EXACTLY THE MIX OF CONTRACT EMPLOYEES AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES THAT WE WILL WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IN THE FUTURE. BUT FOR THE TIMING... BEING THIS SHOULD DO IT. SO IT WILL ADD 1.75 EMPLOYEES AND THEY WILL EXPLAIN WHAT THAT WOULD BE FOR. A LITTLE BIT ON THE CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN. THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN CALLS FOR A TOTAL OF \$960 MILLION, MOST OF WHICH WILL BE SPENT IN DISTRIBUTION. 2 FLIFL PLUS THE -- 245 MILLION PLUTS 101 BELOW IT GOES TO DISTRIBUTION. POWER PRODUCTION WILL GET 309 MILLION THAT HAVE AND THEN TRANSMISSION 130 MILLION. THE OTHER LINE, A CHUNK OF IT, A GOOD CHUNK OF IT IS FOR THE CHILLED WATER BUSINESS, BUT THERE ARE OTHER INVESTMENTS THERE THAT THE REST OF THE UTILITY WOULD MAKE, BUT THE CHILLED WATER IS A PRIMARY COMPONENT OF THAT LINE. JUST A LITTLE BIT ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN. WE HAVE HAD THAT NOW SINCE 2003 AND IT'S NOT CHANGING. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN GETTING OUR BOND RATING IMPROVED, WE ARE NEWT AA MIGHT NURKS WHICH IS BASICALLY IN MY MIND THERE. BUT I INTOAKDZ STILL ADD JOBS TO A FULL AA PLUS. THE ONE THING I WANT TO POINT OUT IS THAT WE HAVE THE RENEWABLE IS UP TO 30%. IT USED TO BE 20% UNTIL YOU ADOPTED THE OTHER PLAFNLT IT'S.....PLAN. WITH....THE AUSTIN CLIMATE PROTECTION PLAN. I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I WANT TO REMIND FOLKS THAT ABOUT 30 YEARS AGO IN THE EARLY 1980'S, THIS CITY DECIDED TO FOCUS ON CONSERVATION. AND WE PROBABLY HAD OUR NAY SAYERS IN THE INDUSTRY THAT WONDERED HOW IN THE WORLD WILL YOU MAKE MONEY IF YOU'RE NOT SELLING ELECTRICITY. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS WE HAVE INVESTED IN CONSERVE BEVATION AND IT HAS ALLOWED US TO AVOID THE BUILDING OF NEW GENERATION OR NEW PLANTS. SO WHERE OTHER UTILITIES HAVE BEEN BUILDING NEW PLANTS, WE HAVE CONTINUED WITH

ESSENTIALLY THE SAME STABLE OF PLANTS THAT WE'VE HAD, EXCEPT THAT WE'VE ADD THE THE PEAKING UNITS AS THE ANNUAL PEAK HAS GONE UP. BUT WE HAVE SHOWN THAT IT CAN BE MADE TO WORK. LIKEWISE WE'RE GETTING SOME COMMENTS ABOUT THE AUSTIN PROTECTION PLAN AS BEING SOMEWHAT AGGRESSIVE, BUT I ASSURE YOU IT'S ON THE CUTTING EDGE AND WE WILL SEE OTHERS BEGIN TO FOLLOW AND I THINK AUSTIN WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW THAT WE CAN DO THESE KINDS OF THINGS THAT THE WORLD NEEDS TO DO IF WE ARE TO PROTECT OUR CLIMATE, OUR ATMOSPHERE. IT HAS THE FIVE COMPONENTS THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE HEARD THE MAYOR TALK ABOUT IN HIS ROUND ROBIN OF TALKS DONE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. AND WE'LL BE INVOLVED IN ALL OF THOSE. IT'S INTERESTING THAT WE HAD ONE OF THE FOLK THAT CAME THIS MORNING TO TALK ABOUT THE NEED TO FOCUS ON OUR FLEET AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE USING THE BEST TECHNOLOGY THERE. IT WILL TAKE UP EIGHT OF OUR EMPLOYEES, BUT IT WILL TRANSFORM THE MINDSET OF ALL OF AUSTIN ENERGY AND I THINK TO SOME DEGREE, TO A GREAT DEGREE THE MINDSET OF THE ENTIRE CITY AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH IMPLEMENTING THIS PLAN. SOME OF OUR INVESTMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO RELIABILITY, THE AUTOMATED METER INFRASTRUCTURE IS FAIRLY MAJOR INVESTMENT. THE GLOBAL MAPPING SYSTEM WILL HELP US TO RESPOND TO OUTAGES. AND THE STATE MANDATED ERCOT CONVERGENCE IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO DO AND IT WILL REQUIRE SOME INVESTMENTS IN THE SYSTEM. THE TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM I THINK THAT YOU SAW ON THE SURVEYS. I THINK WE A MAY BRU BACK PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES FOR THE DOWN CONSIDER. WE WILL HAVE SOME DISTRIBUTION UPGRADES AT CARDINAL. THAT'S RIGHT THERE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TOWN LAKE PARK CURRENTLY. AND ALSO UPGRADE TWO OTHERS. AND WE WILL ADD NEW SUBSTATIONS. THE VEGA IS A SUBSTATION THERE IN OAK HILL AND WE'LL EXPAND CAMERON. EARLIER IN THE YEAR WE HAD AN OUTAGE AT ONE OF OUR SUBSTATIONS THAT WAS CAUSED BY A SNAKE. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND SNAKE PROOF ALL OF THE SUBSTATIONS. WE'LL DO FIVE -- 12 THIS YEAR AND WE'LL DO THE REMAINING 48 OR THEREABOUTS IN THE REMAINING FOUR YEARS. FOR OVER THE NEXT FIVE



YEARS WE EXPECT TO HAVE ALL OF THE SUBSTATIONS WITH A LITTLE FENCE AROUND THAT IS BASICALLY CHARGED AND IT WILL EVENT THE SNAKES FROM GETTING IN THERE AND SHORTING US OUT. AND THIS REALLY DO DO IT. ON THE QUALITY SIDE, I PREVIOUSLY INFORMED YOU THAT OUR ESD FOLKS, TAIFK BASICALLY OR TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FOLKS HAVE STARTED A NEW ISL REGISTRATION PROJECT. THEY'RE VERY MUCH ON SCHEDULE. WE EXPECT TO BE REGISTERED BY THE END OF DECEMBER. THAT MEANS THAT WE CURRENTLY ARE HAVING OUTSIDE AUDITORS REVIEWING ALL OUR WORK. BY DECEMBER WE'LL HAVE THE ACTUAL REAL AUDIT AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE IF WE WILL HAVE A REGISTRATION AND I HAVE EVERY EXPECTATION THAT WE'LL DO IT. THEY WENT AHEAD AND GOT ALL THE PROCEDURES AUDITED AND THEY HAVE BEEN REGISTERED ALREADY IN THE ISO SYSTEM. I'M VERY PROUD OF THOSE FOLKS. AND AS A MEASURE OF SAFETY FOR OUR FIELD CREWS, WE HAVE DEPLOYED DEFIBRILLATORS TO ALL OF OUR FIELD TRUCKS. THEY'RE AVAILABLE TO ALL OUR EMPLOYEES OR TO ANY CITIZEN THAT MIGHT BE IN NEED AFTER DEVICE LIKE THAT. AND OUR FOLKS ARE TRAINED TO USE THEM. ON CUSTOMER SERVICE, THE IMA WILL BE THE MAJOR FOCUS THERE. AND THE CUSTOMER BUILDING SYSTEM. WE'RE NOT GOING TO REPLACE THAT NEXT YEAR, BUT WE'RE IN THE PROCESS RIGHT NOW OF DESIGNING AND PLANNING FOR IT. IT'S A MULTIDEPARTMENTAL TASKFORCE THAT'S DOING THAT BECAUSE WE PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT, FOR SOLID WASTE. WE COLLECT THE TRANSPORTATION USER FEE, THE DRAINAGE USER FEE. SO A WHOLE BUNCH OF DEPARTMENTS ARE INVOLVED AND WE'RE ALL COLLECTIVELY PLAN TO GO GET THAT DONE. I'M HOPING TO GET IT DONE BY 2011. IT LOOKS LIKE THAT TIME WHEN WE WILL FINALLY HAVE THE NEW SYSTEM. THE 311 CITYWIDE CALL CENTER CONTINUES TO BE AN ENHANCEMENT. IT WILL RECEIVE MORE ATTENTION THIS NEXT YEAR AS ALL THE REMAINING DEPARTMENTS WILL BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF DEPARTMENTS THAT THEY CURRENTLY SERVE. THE FOUR AND A HALF FOOETS, AS I SAID BEFORE, ARE SNRIFER.....SUPERVISORY PEENLD WE.....SUPERVISOR PEOPLE, AND WE'LL SEE HOW THAT WORKS ON THE FULL STAFFING THAT HAVE

DEPARTMENT. WE'LL CONTINUE TO EVALUATE AND IMPROVE THE ONLINE CUSTOMER SERVICES, WHICH ARE CUSTOMERS CONTINUE TO CLAMOR FOR. THEY LIKE THE IDEA OF BEING ABLE TO DO BUSINESS WITH US VIA THE INTERNET AND WE HAVE NAID ACCESSIBLE TO.....MADE IT ACCESSIBLE TO THEM. IT'S A CONTINUING THING WE DO. WE ACTUALLY MEET WITH FOCUS GROUPS TO SEE WHAT IT IS THAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR US TO DO. A LITTLE BIT ON THE RATE COMPARISON THE MAYOR WAS REFERRING TO A LITTLE BIT. LOOK AT CORPUS CHRISTI, HOUSTON AND DALLAS. THOSE ARE IN THE DEREGULATED AREAS OF THE STATE. THEY'RE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THEY..... WE ARE. SAN ANTONIO AND AUSTIN ARE BOTH IN THE REGULATED AREA. SAN ANTONIO HAS THE LOWEST RATES IN THE STATE AND WE'RE RIGHT THERE WITH THEM. I WANT TO ADD THAT WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE EFFECTS OF CONSERVATION ON A RESIDENTIAL BILL, OUR AVERAGE USER OF ELECTRICITY FOR THE AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL IS BELOW 900 KILL..... KILOWATTS PER MONTH N SAN ANTONIO IT'S A LITTLE BIT ABOVE 1100 KILOWATTS PER MONTH. SO THE ACTUAL BILL TO OUR CUSTOMER PAY, EVEN THOUGH OUR RATES ARE SLIGHTLY HIGHER, ARE LOWER THAN THOSE IN SAN ANTONIO PAY. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THAT. AND LASTLY, WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THIS LAST SLIDE T SHOWS THE TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM AUSTIN ENERGY AND THE CHECK THAT ROGER DUNCAN DAIRD ME TO BRING A BIG CHECK WITH \$91 MILLION ON IT, WHICH I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO DO, BUT WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THIS BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS BASICALLY WHY AUSTIN ENERGY IS SUCH A GREAT ASSET OF THE CITY THAT IT DOES RETURN THAT INVESTMENT, WHICH CAN BE INVEST UNDERSTAND OTHER BASIC SERVICES THAT THE CITY PROVIDES.

Mayor Wynn: WELL, WE ONLY ACCEPT CASH FROM ROGER DUNCAN. [ LAUGHTER ]

THAT CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION. I WOULD BE OPEN TO MY QUESTIONS. MAYOR 1 THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR MR. GARZA. I'LL START. I CERTAINLY GREATLY APPRECIATE THE INVESTMENT IN THE CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE WORK, THE AUSTIN CLIMATE PROTECTION PLAN AND ALSO THE

GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM. ONE, I HAVE JUST SEEN A PRETTY REMARKABLE INCREASE IN AWARENESS AND UTILIZATION OF GREEN BUILDING BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AND BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS GET IT. MANY PRIVATE SECTOR CLIENTS ARE DEMANDING IT. SO I GUESS THE QUESTION IS IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ONLY TWO ADDITIONAL F.T.E.'S MAY STILL.....STILL PUT A SIGNIFICANT STRAIN AS YOU CONTINUE TO GROW AND RECOGNIZING THAT AS WE CONTINUE TO START TO I AM IMPLEMENT ASPECTS OF THE CLIMATE PROTECTION PLAN, MUCH OF THAT RELATES TO CONSERVATION ON THE ELECTRICITY SIDE, WHICH FUNDAMENTALLY IS GREEN BUILDING. SO I'M JUST -- I'D SHOW SOME CONCERN THAT TWO ADDITIONAL F.T.E.'S ON THE GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH, JUST KNOWING THE MARKET.

I RECOGNIZE THAT. EARLIER IN THE YEAR WE BEGAN TO LOOK AT -- ASSESS OUR VACANCIES IN AUSTIN ENERGY. AND ANY VACANCY THAT REMAINS IDLE FOR TOO LONG IS MATCHED UP BY THE GENERAL MANAGER AND REASSIGNED TO HIGHER PRIORITIES. SO GREEN BUILDING WILL BE ONE OF THOSE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE THE BENEFICIARY OF VACANCIES AT AUSTIN ENER THAT CAN BE REASSIGNED TO A HIGHER PARTICIPANT BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF A BACKLOG THERE BECAUSE OF THE GREATER INTEREST THAT HAVE YOU MENTION IN ADDITION ACTIVITY. SO YOU CAN EXPECT MORE THAN TWO BEING ASSIGNED TO GREEN BUILDING.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken. McIN THE STRATEGY TO GET --

McCracken: IN THE STRATEGY TO GET TO 30% RENEWABLES, WHAT IS THE STRATEGY TO DATE? WHAT DO YOU ALL SEE?

THAT IS I THINK THE NEATEST PART OF WHAT WE'RE DOING. RIGHT NOW THE STRATEGY IS ESSENTIALLY TO OPEN UP AUSTIN ENERGY TO OUR CUSTOMERS, TO THE COUNCIL, TO ALL THE CONSTITUENTS THAT WE HAVE AND TO -- AND WE WILL BE BE COMING TO THE COUNCIL TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE PROPOSE TO DO, BUT ESSENTIALLY THAT COMPONENT OF THE PLAN CALLS FOR A BRAND NEW FLEET OF

GENERATORS OR POWER FLOONTS THE CITY, WHICH INCLUDES RENEWABLES. SO WE'LL HAVE TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF RENEWABLES. ARE WE TALK BEING A CLEAN COAL PLANT, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT A SOLAR PLANT? ARE WE TALKING ABOUT EXRES D AIR? ALL THE IDEAS THAT ARE OUT THERE, I THINK WE NEED TO DISCUSS THOSE WITH THE PUBLIC IN A VERY OPEN, TRANSPARENT WAY, AND THEN COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT WILL NOT BE COMPILED IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. PROBABLY 18 TO 24 MONTHS. OF GOING BEFORE THE PUBLIC AND ESSENTIALLY SFWLEERLG CHALLENGE THAT WE HAVE AND LOOKING FOR WAYS TO PAY FOR IT. BECAUSE THE RENEWABLES PLANS WERE GOING TO BE FAIRLY EXPENSIVE. SO WE WILL COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL AND WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW WE FROAP..... WE PLAN TO APPROACH THAT. I THINK IN A VERY OPEN WAY THAT I THINK YOU WILL BE BE PLEADS AS YOU SEE THAT PLAN.

McCracken: WHEN DO YOU EXPECT THIS PROCESS TO START?

WE SHOULD BE COMING BEFORE THE COUNCIL SOMETIME IN THE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER TIME FRAME. WE'LL HAVE INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH YOU ALL TO SHOW ESSENTIALLY TO GET YOUR INPUT INTO THE PLAN THAT WE'RE PRODUCING. AND SOMETIME AFTER THAT WE'LL GO BEFORE THE PUBLIC AND HAD.... BEGIN TO GET INPUT.

McCracken: THIS IS NOT ACTUALLY A STRATEGY IN PLACE NOW. WE'VE IDENTIFIED A GOAL, BUT WE'RE WORKING TO DEVELOP ACTUALLY THE COMPONENTS THAT WILL GET US TO THAT GOAL?

SAY THAT AGAIN, I'M SORRY.

McCracken: 30% JUST A GOAL AT THE MOMENT. THERE'S ACTUALLY NOT A CONCRETE PLAN IN PLACE THAT HERE'S HOW WE'LL GET TO 30% RENEWABLES?

RIGHT. WHAT WE'LL DO IS WE WILL ESSENTIALLY APPROACH IF FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF DEVELOPING A NEW ENERGY RESOURCE PLAN. AND WHAT'S IT GOING TO LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE. THE ONES WE'VE BROUGHT NEW THE PAST

HAVE BEEN VERY TRADITIONAL. CONSERVATION FIRST AND THEN BASICALLY THE TRADITIONAL STABLE OF FLANZ WE HAVE. BUT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS CHALLENGING AND WILL TAKE AN ENTIRELY FLOICH. AND WE NEED TO HAVE AS MUCH THINKING POWER THAT WE CAN GENERATE BOTH FROM OUR STAFF, FROM THE CITY STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY TO HELP US DO IT.

McCracken: AND HOW LONG DO YOU EXPECT THAT PROCESS TO GO ON?

I WOULD THINK 18 TO 24 MONTHS. MEANGD BY.....

McCracken: AND BY THE WAY, YOU ARE SELLING YOURSELF SHORT. IT'S NOT BEEN A CONVENTIONAL APPROACH. YOU'RE THE BIGGEST CLEAN ENERGY SELLER IN THE NATION. ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN UNCONVENTIONAL THINKERS FOR SOME TIME. YOU'RE NOT GIVING YOURSELF ENOUGH CREDIT. THE DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT GOAL OF 15 INTIRS..... 15% BY 2020, IS THAT GOING TO BE PART OF THIS PROCESS ALSO THAT STARTS NEWSPAPER OCTOBER?

STL BE..... IT WILL BE BECAUSE WE CONSIDER IT PART OF OUR ENERGY RESOURCE PLAN. IT'S CONSERVATION FIRST. THAT'S THE FIRST THING WE EMPHASIZE. AND THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PLAN. SO WE WANT TO AVOID BUILDING ANY NEW GENERATION AS LONG AS WE CAN.

McCracken: WHAT ARE OUR CURRENT DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN PLACE INSIDE THE UTILITY?

WELL, THE THING THAT I WOULD LOVE FOR YOU ALL TO SEE IS OUR ACCOUNT REPS, FOR EXAMPLE. THEY DON'T SIMPLY CALL ON OUR MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND HAD TRUMPET THE BENEFITS OF CONSERVATION. THEY KNOW HOW CONSERVATION WORKS, SO THEY CAN GO INTO AN ESTABLISHMENT AND TELL THEM IF YOU CHANGE OUT THAT ICE MAKER OR CHANGE OUT THIS HARDWARE, THIS IS HOW MUCH IT CAN SAVE YOU. SO THEY'RE GOING INTO OUR CUSTOMERS AND THEY'RE SHOWING THEM SCPAKTLY HOW THEY -- EXACTLY HOW THEY CAN SAVE MONEY AND NOT BASICALLY JUST TALKING ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF

CONSERVATION. THEY'RE CONVERTING THAT INTO DOLLARS AND CENTS FOR THEM. AND THEN WE PUT THAT IN AND WE GIVE THEM A GOAL THAT THEY ACHIEVE EVERY YEAR AND SO FAR THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE. IT'S AMAZING WHAT THEY ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH EVERY YEAR. IT'S GOT A BUSINESS COMPONENT, RESIDENTIAL COMPONENT, REBATE PROGRAM, ALL THE THINGS THAT YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH. ALL THOSE ARE PROMOTED BY OUR STAFF.

McCracken: DO WE HAVE AN ESTIMATE ABOUT HOW MUCH OUR DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT EFFORTS ARE ACTUALLY PRODUCING IN PRODUCED ENERGY USAGE?

I'M SORRY?

McCracken: DO WE HAVE AN ESTIMATE ABOUT HOW MUCH IN ACTUAL ENERGY USAGE IS BEING YIEWS ROUSED..... REDUCED THROUGH THE CURRENT EFFORTS?

WE ESTIMATE THAT WE HAVE AVOIDED THE INSTRUCTION OF A 470-MEGAWATT POWER PLANT. YOU FIGURE HOW MUCH THOSE THINGS COST, YOU'RE LOOKING AT ABOUT A BILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD SOMETHING LIKE THAT. THAT'S A HUGE SAVINGS FOR THIS COMMUNITY WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT. WE SPENT A LOT OF MONEY ANNUALLY ON CONSERVE BEVATION. BUT OUR RATE IS STILL ONE OF THE LOW NEST THE STATE.

McCracken: THAT WAS MY NEXT QUESTION. SO A NEW POWER PLANT, 470 MEGA.....MEGAWATTS, THAT WOULD BASKETBALL A BILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD?

WITH THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES, THE CLEAN COAL PLANT RLT WHATEVER, PROBABLY MORE. IT'S JUST A FIGURE.

McCracken: I REMEMBER FROM THE APPROPRIATIONS BEING MADE FROM THE LAST FOUR YEARS ON SAND HILL, FOR INSTANCE, THAT A BILLION DOLLARS SEEMS IN LINE. WHAT IS OUR BASE LOAD? OUR TOTAL GENERATION CAPACITY WAS 2.7. 2,747 MEGAWATTS, HOW MUCH OF THAT IS BASE LOAD?

OUR BASE LOAD UNITS ARE DECKER, THE COEM..... COAL PLANT AND STP. AND I WANT TO SAY ABOUT A THOUSAND

MEGAWATTS OF POWER IS CONSIDERED BASE LOAD.

McCracken: SO REALLY JUST ALMOST A THIRD IS BASE LOAD. THE OTHER TWO-THIRDS -- THAT STRIKES ME AS THAT'S THE AREA THAT YOU HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL IS ON THE DAILY FLUCTUATION ABOVE THE BASE LOAD. IF YOU BUILD A POWER -- WHEN WE HAD TO BUILD PEAKING UNITS, WE WERE BASICALLY BUILDING A POWER PLANT TO RUN THREE OR FOUR HOURS A DAY. THE COST EFFECTIVENESS IS GREATER THAN IT SEEMS. WHEN YOU'RE BUILDING A POWER PLANT AND IT COST AS BILLION DOLLARS TO RUN THREE OR FOUR HOURS A DAY, YOU CAN DO THAT THROUGH NOT USING LESS ENERGY, THAT'S AN INCREDIBLE COST SAVINGS.

IT IS.

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NOT TO MENTION THE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT THAT YOU'VE SAVED.

McCracken: AND FINALLY, CAN YOU RUN THROUGH THE CURRENT CLEAN ENERGY EFFORTS? OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE SOME OBJECT BE VUS ONES WHICH ARE GREEN CHOICE, THE GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM WE HAVE THROUGH AUSTIN ENERGY. I KNOW WE ALSO HAVE HAD IN THE PAST SOLAR REBATES AND WE'RE CONTINUING THOSE IN THIS BUDGET. AND THEN I KNOW WE HAVE THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS FOR THE TEST BED SO THAT EMERGING TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES CAN TEST THEIR TECHNOLOGIES ON OUR GRID, APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES. BUT WHAT OTHER EFFORTS DO WE HAVE WITHIN THE UTILITY AT THE MOMENT?

I THINK THAT PRETTY MUCH ENCOMPASSES THEM. I THINK AS WE GET INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY RESOURCE PLAN, YOU MIGHT SEE SOME FURTHER INNOVATIONS. BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO OPEN ITEM. IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY, VERY OPEN PROCESS THAT WE'LL GO THROUGH.

McCracken: I THINK THAT I KNOW COUNCILMEMBER KIM HAS REALLY BEEN COMP ONING AS -- CHAMPIONING AS WELL

THE SMART GROWTH TECH BE NOLG. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL AS WE MOVE INTO THIS PROCESS NEXT MONTH TO GIVE US GUIDANCE ON THE OPPORTUNITIES THERE. I KNOW THERE ARE ENORMOUS SYSTEMS CHALLENGE IN VARIOUS APPROACHES TO SMART GRID TECHNOLOGY. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I KNOW I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT, ABOUT THE STRATEGIES THAT WE COULD IMPLEMENT HERE AT AUSTIN ENERGY.

YOU BET. ONE OF OUR CIO IS VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THAT IN THE INDUSTRY NATIONALLY.

McCracken: THANKS A LOT.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?  
COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: MR. GARZA, I JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT AN ISSUE THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING ON. ACTUALLY, THE ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION HAS BEEN WORKING ON. IT HAS TO DO THE BLACKLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LOOKING AT SOME UNITS THAT THEY HAVE. THEY'RE AFFORDABLE HOUSING YIEWNTS THAT HAVE SOLAR AND THEY WANT TO KNOW IF THEY CAN GET A CREDIT OFF THEIR ELECTRIC BILL BECAUSE THEY'RE GENERATING SOLAR ENERGY. I KNOW THERE ARE SOME CHALLENGE WITH THAT AS FAR AS ERCOT AND RETAIL WHEELING AND ALL THOSE FANCY TERMS. I'M JUST WONDERING IF YOU COULD EXPLAIN WHAT WE'RE DOING, WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD ON THAT.

WE HAVE MET WITH THE NONPROFIT AND WE ARE LOOKING AT THEIR BUILDINGS. THE ISSUE IS THEY OWN DUPLEXES AND RESIDENTIAL THAT ARE SEPARATED AND ARE ON DIFFERENT LOTS. AND THE ISSUE IS I.. YOU CAN PUT SOLAR ON ONE BUILDING AND THAT THE REDUCE THE COST FOR THAT ONE RESIDENCE. AND THEY WANT TO SEE ABOUT TRANSFERRING THAT SAVINGS TO OTHER RESIDENCES THAT THEY OWN. THE PROBLEM UNDER THE STATE LAW IS THAT WE CANNOT ALLOW A GENERATOR TO SELL ELECTRICITY TO OTHER RESIDENCES. AND WHEN YOU PUT SOLAR ON ONE BUILDING AND THEN IN ESSENCE SELL THE BENEFIT OF IS TO ANOTHER, THAT WOULD BE THE SAME AS



ANY OTHER GENERATOR, TXU OR WHATEVER, COMING IN AND PUTTING A GENERATE OTHER THAT LOT AND SELLING IT TO SOMEONE ELSE. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT WAYS HOPEFULLY TO LET OTHER RESIDENCES BENEFIT FROM THAT WITHOUT VIOLATING THAT CB 7 -- SB 7 RULE. AND WE'RE CURRENTLY SURVEYING ALL THEIR PROPERTIES BECAUSE WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT THERE IN FACT WILL BE A NET YEAR LONG DECREASE IN THEIR BILLS FROM THE SOLAR. I MEAN, SOLAR IS A GOOD DIET.....DEALWITH OUR SUBSIDY, BUT THERE'S VERY LITTLE PORTION OF THE YEAR THAT IT WILL ACTUALLY ROLL BACK THE CREDIT. SO WE'RE NOT SURE -- FIRST WE'RE TRYING TO QUANTIFY THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CREDIT THAT WOULD OCCUR TO OTHER SENTENCES AND THEN WE'RE SEEING IF THERE'S A WAY TO CORRECT THEM F YOU PHYSICALLY CORRECT THEM ACROSS A LOT AND YOU OWN BOTH LOTS, YOU CAN DO THAT. AND THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT DOING WITH ONE OF THEIR RESIDENCES. BUT THEY HAVE OTHER LOTS THAT ARE TOO FAR AWAY TO PHYSICALLY CONNECT. AND THAT'S THE ISSUE WE'RE WORKING ON THEM WITH.

Kim: OKAY. SO IN THIS NEW MODEL THAT WE'RE GOING INTO WITH DISTRIBUTED GENERATION.

.....GENERATION.

WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT HOW WE'LL LET PEOPLE GET REBATES OR CREDITS TOWARDS I GUESS FUTURE ENERGY BILLS WHEN THEY ARE ACTUALLY PUTTING ENERGY INTO THE SYSTEM AND ALSO HOW WE CAN HELP FACILITATE THAT MARKET?

WELL, WE ALREADY OF COURSE GIVE REBATES AND YOU ALREADY GET A CREDIT ON YOUR BILL. THAT'S NOT A BAB PROBLEM OR AN -- THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM OR AN ISSUE. THE ISSUE IS WHEN I PUT SOLAR ON ONE BUILDING AND THERE'S ANOTHER BUILDING TWO BLOCKS AWAY THAT DOES NOT HAVE SOLAR ON IT, CAN I IN ESSENCE SELL THE VALUE OF THAT SOLAR TO THAT BUILDING. THAT'S A LEGAL PROBLEM. AND WE HAVE NOT RESOLVED THAT YET.

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Kim: OKAY. PLEASE KEEP ME POSTED BECAUSE I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT IF WE CAN TIE THAT INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOALS WITH THIS NONPROFIT PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OUR SOLAR GOALS, I'D LIKE TO SEE WHERE WE CAN FIND A WIN-WIN ON THAT GIVEN THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK WE HAVE TO WORK IN, WHICH SEEMS TO BE EVER CHANGING.

MY SENSE IS THAT AUSTIN ENERGY STAY IN THE MIDDLE OF IT OTHERWISE IT -- IF IT LOSES ITS STRUCTURE RKS..... STRUCTURE, BE THEN YOU END UP WITH GENERATORS SELLING ELECTRICITY ON THEIR OWN.

Kim: RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND. WE NEED TO HAVE SOME PROTECTIONS FOR CONSUMER ESPECIALLY. AND WHEN IT COMES TO PROVIDING ELECTRICITY AND THERE'S A LOT OF RISK AND A LOT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION AROUND THAT. SO IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THIS NONPROFIT BECAUSE THEY OWN THE UNITS THEMSELVES AND THEY ARE JUST PHYSICALLY LOCATED ON LOTS THAT ARE NOT CONTINUOUS TO ONE ANOTHER AND -- CONTIGUOUS TO ONE ANOTHER AND I DON'T THINK THEY'RE INTERESTED IN TAKING EXTENSION PLANS LOOKING FROM ONE BUILDING TO ANOTHER TO DISTRIBUTE SOLAR. I THINK WE CAN FIND A WAY TO FIX THIS, BUT OOGD TO LOOK AT A FRAMEWORK GOING FORWARD FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN A DUPLEX SITUATION LIKE THIS.

I THINK IT'S A MATTER OF STAYING OPEN TO THE POSSIBILITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO US.

Kim: ABSOLUTELY. I ALSO WANTED TO TALK ABOUT SINCE WE'RE ON THE TOPIC OF MAINTENANCE WITH THE WATER UTILITY, THIS IS ANOTHER ENTERPRISE FUND WHERE AUSTIN ENERGY AND YOUR VERY ELABORATE SYSTEM IS GROWING WITH THE ANNEXATIONS THAT WE HAVE AND ALSO SH 130, WE'RE GOING HAVE TO EXPAND OUR GRID, EXPAND OUR DISTRIBUTION TRANSMISSION LINES. AND I'M JUST WONDERING IF YOU COULD GO THROUGH AND EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE IN TERMS OF THE THE RELIABILITY STANDARDS THAT HAVE YOU IN YOUR STRATEGIC PLAN IN TERMS OF MAINTENANCE AND RELIABILITY FOR OUR ENTIRE EXISTING SYSTEM RIGHT NOW -

- EXISTING SYSTEM RIGHT NOW.

FIRST OF ALL, THE MAJOR EFFORT IS TO MAINTAIN WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE, WHICH IS EXTENSIVE, BE.... AS I SHOWED. BUT WE ALSO HAVE A DUTY TO SERVE. SO ANYWHERE WITHIN OUR SERVICE AREA AS NEW DEVELOPMENT OCCURS, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE WE CAN PROVIDE THEM SERVICE. OUR BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE NEW ASSETS ARE ADDED. A PORTION OF OUR STAFF IS DEDICATED TO NEW CONSTRUCTION. SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET ALL THOSE REQUIREMENTS. WE HAVE A VERY GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY. THAT'S HOW WE HAVE VARIED NOW ABOUT 50% OF OUR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IS UNDERGROUND AND WE HAVE DONE IT BASICALLY THROUGH A COLLABORATION THAT OCCURS WITH OUR DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY WHERE WE ESSENTIALLY COLLABORATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUE, THE CIVIL ENGINEERING, ALL THE CIVIL WORK IS SHARED. IT'S ALL BURIED.

Kim: THANK YOU. MAYOR NAIRTSO QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? THANK YOU, MR. GARZA. AND MR. DUNCAN WILL HAVE THE CHECK. WATERSHED PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] YOU WILL SEE ACROSS-THE-BOARD THE CUSTOMERS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE SERVICE. SATISFACTION HAS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE AREA OF ONE-STOP SHOP WITH AN INCREASE OF UP TO 36%. THE GENERAL FUND IS THE MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE ONE-STOP SHOP. WE ANTICIPATE GENERATING 19.3 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008, BASED ON THE CONTINUAL HIGH LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY, WE ARE SEEING IN THE CURRENT YEAR. THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET OF 15 THE 8 MILLION IN 2007 FTE INCLUDING 13 NEW POSITIONS. THE PROPOSED 9% EXPENDITURE INCREASE WILL ADDRESS THE SUSTAINED DEMAND FOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND INSPECTION SERVICES. THIS INVESTMENT WILL ENABLE US TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASED NUMBER, AND COMPLEXITY OF PROJECTS BY PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICES WITHIN CODE-MANDATED DEADLINES. AND HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR EFFORTS IN ONE-STOP

SHOP. THIS IS THE THIRD FULL YEAR OF ONE-STOP SHOP IMPLEMENTATION AS COUNCIL MEMBERS DISCUSSION IN THE EMERGING TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, THE NEW AMANDA SYSTEM BRINGS THE CITY'S OPEN GOVERNMENT TO ANOTHER LEVEL, IT ENHANCES COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE ONE-STOP SHOP AND CUSTOMERS BY STORING INFORMATION IN ONE DATA BASE. BECAUSE OF AMANDA'S MOBIL TECHNOLOGY, THE BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION IS ABLE TO CHANGE OPERATIONS TO LESSEN THE CODE EMISSIONS AND PROVIDE BETTER CUSTOMER SERVICE. STARTING AUGUST 1, THIS YEAR, THE INSPECTORS START INSPECTIONS EACH DAY WITHOUT COMING TO ONE TEXAS CENTER FIRST, THIS IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY. THE SITE OF SUBDIVISION INSPECTION TEAM IS COORDINATING WITH OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS TO GET THE MAXIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE STAFF. THE RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HAS ARRANGED FOR THE CONTROL ASSOCIATION TO TRAIN EMPLOYEES FROM ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS THAT DEAL WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL. OVER THE SPRING, THE REVIEW SECTIONS IMPROVED THEIR PROCESSES AND WORKED EXTRA HOURS TO ELIMINATE THE BACKLOG ENTIRE ENTIRELY IN APRIL. THE NEXT SERIES WILL WALK YOU THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS WITH ASSOCIATED PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND CITIZEN SATISFACTION WITH SERVICES AS REFLECTED IN THE ANNUAL CITIZENS SURVEY. AS YOU WILL SEE, SATISFACTION WAS ALL DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW SERVICE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. THE FIRST STEPS IN PERMITTING PROCESS IS SITE AND SUBDIVISION REVIEW. CITIZEN SATISFACTION WITH FEE SERVICE INCREASE TO 78%, WHICH IS A 29% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR. OUR KEY INDICATOR FOR THIS ACTIVITY ON TIME INITIAL REVIEW DROPPED TO 48% IN -- 37% IN FISCAL YEAR '07 FOR SEVERAL REASONS. FIRST, STAFF TURN OVER AND TRAINING. 11 REVIEWERS WERE REPLACED IN THE END OF '06 IT. TAKES NEW REVIEWERS SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH CITY REGULATIONS AND EFFICIENT IN THEIR REVIEWS. THE TRANSITION TO AMANDA DATA BASE REQUIRES MANY HOURS OF TRAINING THAT TOOK AWAY FROM CASE REVIEW TIME AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARD, ALSO INVOLVED THE TRAINING AND CASES SUBJECT TO THOSE STANDARDS REQUIRE ADDITIONAL

REVIEW TIME. WE ALSO IMPLEMENTED A SINGLE OFFICE WITH THE COUNTY AND EXTRA COORDINATION TAKES A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME. ALSO, THE NUMBER OF NEW LANDS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 4%. DESPITE THESE PROBLEM, THE REVIEWERS ELIMINATED THE BACKLOG, AND WE ANTICIPATE THE ON-TIME PERFORMANCE WILL IMPROVE TO 90% IN FISCAL YEAR '08. CITIZENS SATISFACTION WITH COMMERCIAL BUILDING PLAN REVIEW INCREASED ALMOST 21% TO 76%. ON TIME COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEWS ARE ESTIMATED AT 75% FOR FISCAL YEAR '07, AND IMPROVEMENT OVER '06. THE ADDITION OF ANOTHER PLAN'S EXAMINER IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BRING ON TIME REVIEWS TO 90% LEVEL.

I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT, I'VE GOT TO SUGGEST THAT AT 20-PLUS PERCENT IMPROVEMENT SATISFACTION THAT HAS TO BE, I WOULD GUESS, THE LARGEST INCREASE IN CITIZEN SATISFACTION OF ANY LINE ITEM WE'VE SEEN ALL SUMMER.

THANK YOU. AND COUNCIL, IF YOU WILL WATCH EACH ONE OF THESE AS THEY COME UP, IT IS JUST OFF THE CHART. YOU ARE LOOKING AT BETWEEN 20 AND 30% IN EVERY AREA, IT THIS IS BY FAR THE LARGEST MOVEMENT WE'VE EVER SEEN ON A CITIZEN SURVEY AND JUST EXTRAORDINARY WORK DONE BY THE EMPLOYEES IN THIS DEPARTMENT AND BY VICTORIA.

CITIZEN SATISFACTION WITH RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PLAN REVIEW INCREASED ALMOST 21% TO 74%. THIS IS DUE IN PART TO THE ADDITIONAL STAFFING INCLUDED IN THE FISCAL YEAR '07 BUDGET. THE PERCENT OF ON-TIME INITIAL NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING REVIEWS HAS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER THE LAST YEAR TO 75%, A LEVEL THAT WILL BE BE MAINTAINED IN FISCAL YEAR '08.

MAYOR --

WE ARE CAUTIOUS --

I'M SORRY.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER.

MCCRACKEN:

IS THAT A TYPOGRAPHICAL AREA?

THE 79% IS PERFORMANCE ON TIME.

MCCRACKEN: OKAY, OTHER 20% DEAL IN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION WAS A BIG DEAL BUT THIS PROBABLY GETS INTO WHY ON-TIME RESIDENTIAL REVIEWS IMPROVED ON TIME FROM 29% TO 75% IN ONE YEAR. THAT IS SOME DANG GOOD WORK AND CONGRATULATIONS, THAT IS GREAT.

IN A LEVEL THAT WILL BE MAINTAINED IN FISCAL YEAR '08, WE ARE CAUTIOUS ABOUT INCREASING THE GOAL FOR FISCAL YEAR '08, ABOVE 75%, BECAUSE WE ARE ALREADY MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS OVER '06/ '07. AND CITIZENS SATISFACTION IN THE PERMIT CENTER HAS INCREASED BY 36% TO 75%. IMPROVEMENTS LIKE ALLOWING PAYMENTS ON-LINE AND ENHANCED STAFFING CONTRIBUTED TO THE POSITIVE CHANGE. THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES TWO POSITIONS, ONE PERMIT REVIEWER AND ONE CASHIER TO MANAGE THE LARGE NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED AND THE MONEY PROCESSED ANNUALLY, WE ISSUE OVER 100,000 PERMITS PER YEAR. THE CITIZEN'S SURVEY SHOWED 86% SATISFACTION WITH INSPECTION SERVICE, A 23% INCREASE. THE PAST TWO BUDGETS INCLUDED STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN EXPANDED STAFF FOR THE INSPECTION AREA. IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO CONTINUED HIGH DEMANDS FOR INSPECTION SERVICES, AND MEET THE GOAL OF 95% INSPECTION COMPLETED IN 24 HOURS, THE PROPOSED BUDGET ADDS FIVE INSPECTOR'S POSITIONS WHICH ARE THREE ELECTRICAL, ONE PLUMBING AND ONE RESIDENTIAL. FOUR OF THE FIVE POSITIONS ARE TEMPORARY THAT WILL BE CONVERTED TO PERMANENT POSITIONS.

NOW LET'S PAUSE AGAIN FOR JUST A SECOND. YOU ALL, COUNCIL, HOW MANY COMPLAINTS YOU FIELDDED ON INSPECTIONS A YEAR AGO, AND YOU ARE LOOKING AT ALMOST A 24% INCREASE IN SATISFACTION IN THIS AREA SO ONCE AGAIN THIS IS A VERY TOUGH CROWD BECAUSE THE TURN AROUND TIME HERE IS SO CRITICAL. I MEAN, LITERALLY LOOKING AT A DAY IS A VERY, VERY BIG ISSUE

HERE, AND SO THIS IS A PHENOMENAL JOB IN INSPECTIONS.

THE ADDITIONAL STAFF WILL HELP ADDRESS A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. WE PERFORM MORE THAN 200,000 INSPECTIONS A YEAR. THERE IS NO CITIZEN SURVEY DATA ON RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT, THE REQUESTS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL INSPECTIONS HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED. THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES TWO INSPECTION POSITIONS, ONE TO FOCUS ON THE CONSTRUCTION BOOM IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND THE OTHER TO INSPECT TRAFFIC PLANS FOR THE AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM AND OTHER WATER UTILITY PROJECTS. THE SECOND POSITION IS FULLY REIMBURSED BY WATER UTILITIES. THE FOLLOWING SLIDES WERE FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION SIDE OF THE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO DRAINAGE FEE INCREASE IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET. INCREASE TO REVENUE IS BASED ON GROWTH IN A RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER BASE, AND INTEREST INCOME. THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET INCREASES TO 59.4 MILLION AND 301 FTEs. THE FISCAL YEAR '08, 4.8 MILLION ENDING BALANCE EXCEEDS THE 30-DAY RESERVE REQUIREMENTS OF 2.7 MILLION. THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES 11.5 POSITIONS ASCRIBED ON THIS -- ASDEDESCRIBED ON THIS SLIDE. THIS NEXT SLIDE LISTS SOME OF THE DRAINAGE UTILITY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS. WE ARE USING FEMA GRANT 6.3 MILLION AND CIT FUNDS TO ACCELERATE THE VOLUNTARY BUY OUT OFF A SINGLE RESIDENT PROMPT IN THE ONION CREEK FLOOD PLAIN. THE GROUP COORDINATED WITH FEMA TO SOLVE ALL PROTESTED OF APPEALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADOPTION MUCH THE NEW REVISED FLOOD PLAN MAPS. THE ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION GROUP WAS USING A NEW INSPECTIONER POSITION IN THE PROPOSE THE BUDGET AND ALLOCATE OTHER STAFF RESOURCES TO INSPECT 1200 COMMERCIAL POUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR '08. THE SPILLS AND COMPLAINTS RESPONSE PROGRAM WILL ADD A STAFF MEMBER TO RESPOND TO THE GROWING NUMBER OF SPILLS IN THE EXPANDED SERVICE AREA. DUE TO DELAYS IN DELAYS IN EQUIPMENT DELIVERY, FISCAL YEAR '08 WILL BE THE FIRST FULL YEAR WITH TWO ERODE CREWS. -- EROSION CREWS. THE CREWS WILL COMPLETE 14 LOCALIZED

PROJECTS LIKE THE ONE SHOWN IN BEFORE AND AFTER VIEWS ON THE SLIDE. THE BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDING TO INSTALL ASHTRAYS ON SIDEWALKS OUTSIDE DOWNTOWN BARS AND RESTAURANTS, AS PART OF THE CITY COUNCIL INITIATIVE TO REDUCE STORM WATER POLLUTION AND ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THE SALAMANDER RESEARCH FACILE THREE OPEN IN EARLY '08 LOCATED IN THE AUSTIN SCIENCE CENTER AND WILL HOUSE RESEARCH FACILITIES. THE TOTAL PROPOSED REVENUE FOR THE DRAINAGE TILL STILL 54.9 -- DRAINAGE UTILITY IS 54.9 MILLION. THIS SLIDE ILLUSTRATES HOW THE FEE INCREASES THE COUNCIL ENACTED IN '01- '06 ENABLED THE CIT TRANSFER TO GROW. WE USED SOME OF THE PROJECTED GROWTH IN THE FEE CUSTOMER BASE TO INCREASE THE TRANSFER SLIGHTLY IN THE PROPOSED '08 BUDGET. AND WITHOUT A FEE INCREASE IN THE FUTURE THE TRANSFER WILL DECREASE OVER TIME TO MEET THE NEEDS TO FUND BASIC OPERATIONS. AS SHOWN IN THE PREVIOUS SLIDE, 17.3 MILLION WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM OPERATING BUDGET TO THE UTILITY CIP TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PRIORITY PROJECTS, IDENTIFIED THE UTILITY APPROVED MASTER PLAN. THE DEPARTMENT CIP BUDGET COMBINES UTILITY FUNDS IN THE NEW '06 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND APPROPRIATION. THIS NEXT SLIDE HIGHLIGHTS SATISFACTION WITH SERVICES THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES AS REFLECTED IN CITIZENS SURVEY AND SOME KEY PERFORMANCE. THE SLIDES DECREASE IN SATISFACTION WITH THE LAKE AND STREAM WATER QUALITY AND FLOOD CONTROL EFFORTS MAY REFLECT RAINY CONDITIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR. WITH ADDITIONAL STAFF RESOURCES, THE ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE PERCENT OF COMMERCIAL SITES RECEIVING INSPECTION WILL INCREASE 10%. THE COMBINATION OF GRANT AND CIP BUDGET DOLLARS WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY FLOOD PLAIN BUY OUTS FROM 150 TO 245 IN '08. THE THREE-POND CREWS WILL MAINTAIN 570 PONDS OUT OF THE INVENTORY OF 630. THE POND INVENTORY INCREASES AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR COMPLETES PROJECTS AND TURNS THEM OVER TO THE CITY FOR MAINTENANCE. THESE LAST SLIDES PROVIDE COMPARATIVE INFORMATION ON ICMA BENCHMARK MEASURES. THIS MEASURE COMPARES THE



NUMBER MUCH BUILDING INSPECTIONS PER THOUSAND POPULATION AT 293, AUSTIN INSPECTORS PERFORM ALMOST TWICE AS MANY INSPECTIONS AS THEIR COUNTER PARTS IN DALLAS. THIS MEASURE COMPARES PERMANENT ACTIVITY ACROSS BENCHMARK CITIES. THE SLIDE DEMONSTRATES THE CONSTRUCTION BOOM WE ARE EXPERIENCING IN AUSTIN, COMPARED TO OTHER TEXAS CITIES. THIS MEASURE COMPARES THE PERCENTAGE OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS COMPLETED ON TIME IN FISCAL YEAR '06. THE AUSTIN STANDARD IS INSPECTING WITHIN 24 HOURS OF REQUEST AS SHOWN ON AN EARLIER SLIDE, 90% OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS WERE COMPLETED ON TIME IN '06 AND THE GOAL FOR '08 IS 95%. BEFORE I CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO THE COUNCIL OUR ONE-STOP SHOP MANAGEMENT TEAM WHO HAVE ELIMINATED BACKLOGS, AND SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED CUSTOMER SATISFACTION. THIS TEAM HAS MADE YEAR '07 SUCH A SUCCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, IF YOU ARE HERE, WOULD YOU STAND UP. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TAMMY WILLIAMSON. KATHY HAWK. JULIE LIPTON. RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PLAN REVIEW JESSICA KING. COMMERCIAL BUILDING PLAN REVIEW TIM LANGDON. PERMIT SEN DEBRA. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LEON BARBA. HARRY CASUS. BUILDING INSPECTIONS DAN MANATH.

MAYOR WYNN: PLEASE JOINNY CONGRATULATING THESE FINE PEOPLE. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU. WE'RE EXCITED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR '08 PROPOSED BUDGET THAT WILL PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO KEEP ON ENHANCING OUR PERFORMANCE. AND I WILL TRY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MISS LEE. QUESTIONS FROM STAFF? COUNCIL MEMBER McCRACKEN.

MCCRACKEN: ANY TIME YOU COMPLETE A NEW PROGRAM THAT IS WHEN YOUR PERFORMANCE RATING GOES DOWN, AND NOT UP. I'M LOOKING AT THIS IMPROVEMENT FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UP 29.2%. AND THEN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION ON COMMERCIAL BUILDING PLANS UP 20.9%, ON TIME BUILDING PLAN REVIEWS UP 10%

FROM 65 TO 75%. REVIEWS CUSTOMER SATISFACTION RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PLANS UP 26%. REVIEW OF ON FINE RESIDENTIAL ZONING REVIEWS UP 44%. I GUESS 29% TO 75%. CUSTOMER SATISFACTION, BY THE WAY, MAYOR, WE NEED TO IDENTIFY UP 20.6%, THE HIGHEST IN HISTORY, THE NEXT IS 16% HIGHER. CUSTOMER SATISFACTION IMPROVEMENTS ON REVIEW SERVICES FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING UP 36.2%, EVEN THOUGH THE NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED INCREASED BY 8,000. THE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION WITH NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED BUILDING UP 23.3% AND BUILDING INSPECTIONS UP FROM 93% ON TIME. AND THEN DOUBLING, DOUBLING OF RIGHT OF WAY MANAGER REQUEST FROM PROCESS, THAT IS SOMETHING WE USED TO HEAR COMPLAINTS ABOUT ALL THE TIME. THAT IS AN INCREDIBLE HOME RUN. THEN YOU SEE, IT IS NOT LIKE IT IS BECAUSE WORK GOT EASIER BY THE WAY, BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE SEE THAT WE'RE FOURTH IN THE NATION AMONG OUR COMPETITOR CITIES IN TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTIONS PER THOUSAND POPULATION, WE HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED IN THE NATION OF OUR PEER CITIES FOR PER THOUSAND POPULATION, AND WE ARE AT 90% ON TIME. I MEAN, THIS IS ASTOUNDING, THIS IS GREAT, GREAT, WORK. I'M REALLY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU, YOU DID A GREAT JOB.

I'M HAPPY TO, THE ON TIME INSPECTION RATES INCREASED TO 98% CONSISTENTLY FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

MCCRACKEN: THE ONLY THING I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS WHEN WE RUN FOR OFFICE WE SAY WE WILL MAKE IT WORK BETTER WITH PERMITTING IN THE CITY, AND WE CAN'T SAY THAT ANY MORE, THAT IS GREAT.

WE'VE ACKNOWLEDGED SO MANY PEOPLE, I USED TO SAY WHEN WE STARTED THE PROCESS ON THE ONE-STOP SHOP IT WASN'T MY FIRST RODEO BUT IT WAS GOING TO BE MY LAST BUT THE PERSON WHO HEADED THAT ROAD JOE STANDING AT THE BACK -- RODEO IS STANDING AT THE BACK 67 THE ROOM AND WE HAVEN'T ACKNOWLEDGED HER, AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER HUDSON TOOK A HUGE LEAD. [APPLAUSE] I CAN'T WHO SENT THE E-MAIL, BUT WHEN WE WERE RECOGNIZING OUR EMPLOYEES IN A RECENT CELEBRATION THEY SENT ME AN E-MAIL THAT SENT TO THE

WORKFORCE AND SAID THANK GOD IT IS FRIDAY, ONLY TWO MORE WORKDAYS UNTIL MONDAY. [LAUGHTER]

MAYOR WYNN: MAYOR PRO TEM.

I WANT TO ECHO MY APPRECIATION FOR ALL THEISM PROVEMENTS, AND YOU LEFT OF THE VERY BEST MEASURE THAT HAVE YOU, AND I CAN GIVE THAT TO YOU. THE COMPLAINTS THAT I RECEIVED IN MY OFFICE HAVE DROPPED FROM 50 A WEEK TO NONE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WYNN FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF?

LEFFINGWELL:

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR A GREAT REPORT AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AMANDA THIS YEAR AND THE FINE-TUNING IN THE REMAINDER WE CAN LOOK FOR SIMILAR INCREASES NEXT YEAR. [LAUGHTER]

I WILL TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE.

MAYOR WYNN: QUESTIONS.

KIM:

THE PRESENTATION YOU HAVE YOU GAVE US WITH THE TECHNOLOGY ON THE AMANDA SYSTEM IS INCREDIBLE. I THINK COUNCIL MEMBERS LEFFINGWELL AND McCRACKEN WERE BLOWN AWAY, WE DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE SO MUCH TIMELY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO NOT ONLY THE PEOPLE SEEKING PERMITS BUT THOSE THAT CAN LIVE IN THE AREA, PUT IN A STREET ADDRESS, OR LOOK IN, A ON A STREET AND SAY THERE IS A DEVELOPMENT THAT IS TWO BLOCKS AWAY, IT IS THIS ADDRESS, I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THAT, YOU KNOW, WHERE IS IT NOT SAYS, HOW CAN I GIVE SOME INPUT TO, ON HOW THAT IS GOING TO AFFECT MY NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY CAN ACTUALLY GO ON-LINE NOW AND GET THAT INFORMATION. WITHOUT HAVING TO CALL YOURING OFFICE. I MEAN THEY CAN CALL YOUR OFFICE AND GET MORE INFORMATION, BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY AN INCREDIBLE TOOL THAT IN COMBINATION WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON WE WILL BE ADDING IT WILL BE AMADING HOW PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE EARLIER

CONVERSATIONS WHEN IT COMES TO DEVELOPMENT, THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS, AND REALLY JUST PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE TOGETHER, WORKING IN CONSORT WITH THE COUNCIL AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAMS SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR DEVELOPING THAT, AND ALSO TO OUR I.T., PETE COLLINS.

MAYOR WYNN: FURTHER COMMENT, QUESTIONS FOR MISS LEE? THANK YOU VICTORIA.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: SO NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. SEEING HOW WE SHOULD BE DOING ZONING ABOUT NOW. WELCOME.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. MY NAME IS GREG GUERNSEY, PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR, YOU WILL LOVE HIS PRESENTATION, HE GOT THE AWARD IN CMO FOR SUCCINCTNESS ON THIS.

THE COMPANY TODAY IS LISA NICKEL, OUR DEPARTMENT MANAGER AND BEFORE I BEGIN OUR PRESENTATION WE ONLY HAVE TWO ZONING ITEMS TODAY, THEY ARE BOTH CONSENT POSTPONEMENT ITEMS.

THAT IS CALLED SUCKING UP WAY BEFORE YOU HAVE TO, GREG. [LAUGHTER]

THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING YOUR VICIOUS THE COMMUNITY VISION IT AS SHAPES AND DIRECTS THE GROWTH OF OUR CITY. WE ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL BY WORKING WITH CITIZENS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS STAKEHOLDERS IN ATIVE PROCESS TO CREATE AND ADOPT NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS. WE ARE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE DOWNTOWN AND TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT ALONG MAJOR RAIL AND CORRIDORS THAT LEAD TO DOWNTOWN. WE ARE IMPLEMENTING COMMERCIAL DESIGN CENTERS AND LOOKING FOR AMENDMENTS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE APPLIED IN A FAIR AND EFFECTIVE MANNER. WE ARE LOOKING AT ZONING AMENDMENT TO MAKE SURE COLDING

IS UP-TO-DATE, AND HE EASILY UNDERSTAND. AND WE ARE SEEKING A GOAL FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE NEIGHBORHOODS WE SERVE. I WILL EXPAND ON THIS POINT IN A FEW MINUTES. OUR CITIZEN SURVEY RESULT THE FOR OUR DEPARTMENT MEASURE TWOS KEY AREA, THE FIRST SATISFACTION IS WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING-RELATED WE HAVE FOR THE WHICH HAS SEEN AND AND I CREASE IN 7.2% SINCE LAST YEAR. THE SECOND IS FOR THE SATISFACTION OF REVIEW SERVICES FOR ZONING CHANGES THAT ROSE BY 24%. REGARDING OUR BUDGET FACTS, FOR THE DEPARTMENT THESE INCLUDE AD PROJECTED REV INCREASE TO APPROXIMATELY 241,000, PROJECTED EXPENDITURE OF 5.2 MILLION AN INCREASE APPROXIMATELY 5.2% OVER LAST YEAR. TOTAL NUMBER OF PROPOETS FTEs ARE 77 1/2% AND 15 OF THESE OR ASSOCIATED WITH CAMPO. SEVEN NEW POSITIONS WILL MAKE UP THE OMBUDSMAN FUNCTION, CONSISTING OF PROFESSION STAFF WITH REPRESENTATIVES WITH ENHANCED INFORMATION ABOUT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS IT. WILL PROVIDE DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS AT THE TIME A DEVELOPMENT AM SITUATION SUBMITTED AND THE NOTICE WOULD CLAW -- INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT, VARIOUSES AND COMPLIANCES AND GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. IN ADDITION THESE POSITIONS WILL TRACK AND ADVANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS WITH OUR NEWLY-FORMED NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION TEAM. THE SECOND OF THESE POSITIONS IS URBAN DESIGN POSITIONS WHICH CONSISTS OF TWO THAT WILL CONSIST OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAJOR PROJECTS INCLUDING THE WALNUT CREEK TUNNEL PROJECT, REDESIGNS FOR THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT LAND AND THE DOWNTOWN MAKE OVER AND WILL PROVIDE STAFF REPORT ON OTHER DESIGN INITIATIVES. FINALLY IN THE ZONING CASE MANAGEMENT POSITION THERE IS A POSITION DEALS WITH TEXT AMENDMENTS THAT WILL CLARIFY AND REDUCE COMPLEX AND EASE THE ADMINISTRATION OF OUR CODE. SOME BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FOR OUR KEY GOALS IN 2008, WILL INCLUDE THE COMPLETION OF EIGHT NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS AND

ASSOCIATION CASES. UPDATE AGE PROVED COMMUNICATION WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AGAIN THROUGH THE OMBUDSMAN POSITION. INITIATE CODE AMOUNTMENT IMPROVE. S AND UPDATE OUR FAVORITE THREE-YEAR ANNEXATION PLAN. ASSIST WITH THE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE HYDE PARK AND JUDGE'S HILL AREA. AGAINST WORKING WITH PLANNING FOR THE WALL CREEK TUNNEL AREA, AND COMPLETING PHASE 2. AND COMPLETING THREE PLANS WITH DEVELOPMENT, THESE WOULD BE HIGH LAND, 35 TODs. THE PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET INCLUDES CONTINUED FUNDING FOUR GREAT STREETS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED ALLOCATION OF 30% OF ALL PARKING METER REVENUE TO THIS PROGRAM. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. IF HAVE YOU ANY QUESTION I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM AT THIS TIME.

IT SEEMS ONE OF THE MEASURES IN SATISFACTIONS WOULD BE THE PERCENT INCREASE IN CONSENT POSTPONEMENT. [LAUGHTER] IS THAT ON YOUR PART OR THE CITIZEN'S PART.

EITHER. WYNN QUESTIONS FOR MR. GUERNSEY, COMMENTS. COUNCIL MEMBER McCRACKEN.

MCCRACKEN: GREG, HAVING WORKED WITH YOU AND YOUR CREW A LOT IN FOUR YEARS I DON'T THINK PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THE MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE YOU ALL HAVE OVER SEEN AND IMPLEMENTED, AND I'M HEARING GREAT THINGS AND JUST AS DEVELOPMENT REVIEW WATERSHED PROTECTION WE ARE SEEING BIG INCREASES IN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AT THE SAME TIME THAT YOU ALL HAVE HAD HUGE CHANGES IN OUR CODES AND HUGE INCREASES IN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, SO A GREAT JOB ON YOUR PART TOO. THANKS A LOT.

THANK YOU. WYNN COMMENT, QUESTIONS? COUNCIL MEMBER KIM.

KIM: GREG, I WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND PLANNING TEAM'S WORK AND YOUR STAFF AND THIS HAS BEEN A REALLY BUSY YEAR FOR ALL OF US AND ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR STAFF WITH ALL THE WAYYNO CARRIERRINGCONNECT 57600NO CARRIERRINGCONNECT

57600 SO THAT WILL BE YOUR STARTING PLACE. THEN THE SECOND COMPONENT OF IT WILL GIVE YOU SOME CONSULTING SERVICES, TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS, SO OUTSIDE OF THAT BASE MAP AREA FUNCTION HAD ANOTHER CONCORD I CAN'T OR PROJECTS LIKE TO THAT -- CONCORDIA OR PROJECTS LIKE THAT WORKING WITH A NEIGHBORHOOD ON PROPOSALS AND COUNTER PROPOSALS THAT THOSE SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE US TO AND THE THIRD COME POINT IS A TRAINING COMPONENT ON THE SOFTWARE, WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO TRAIN AND I'M NOT SURE IF IT IS FOUR OR FIVE OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS ON HOW TO USE THE SOFTWARE SO BY THE END OF THE YEAR WE WILL HAVE THAT CAPACITY IN HOUSE. SO IT HAS THREE COMPONENT, IT IS FUNDED IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET WASN'T START WITH THAT BASE MAP IN DOWNTOWN AND THE TOWN LAKE OVERLAY AREA. GREAT, THANK YOU. WYNN FURTHER QUESTION, COMMENTS? THANK YOU MR. GUERNSEY.

AT THIS TIME I WILL INTRODUCE THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

WELCOME MISS EDWARDS.

THANK YOU, GREG. MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL MEMBER, PART OF OUR PRESENTATION TODAY AT THE LAST OF THIS PRESENTATION WAS GOING TO BE THE GREATER AUSTIN CHAMBER REPORTING ON OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN AND JOEL HOTEL IS HERE, HE IS GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE ABOUT 5:20 SO IF IT IS OKAY WITH YOU I WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND INTRODUCE JOE HOLT TO MAKE THE OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN PRESENTATION.

MAYOR WYNN: YOU BET, THANK YOU. WELCOME JOE, APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE. YOU ARE JOINED BY MIKE ROLL LINS. COUNCIL, ANY QUESTIONS?

SUE, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M CHAIRMAN OF AUSTIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP SO ON BEHALF OF THE 265 INVESTORS IN OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN LET ME SAY WE THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WHAT WE THINK IS A SERIES OF SIGNIFICANT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
SUCCESSIONS SO IN YOUR BOOK LEAPTS, AND WE WILL MOVE  
THROUGH THESE, -- BOOKLET, AND WE WILL MOVE  
THROUGH THESE, WE HAVE ELEVEN SLIDES. I KNOW ALL OF  
YOU RECALL EARLIER IN THIS DECADE 2001, 2002 AND 2003,  
EXPERIENCE THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF NEGATIVE JOB  
GROWTH. SO IN 2004 THE CHAMBER LAUNCHED A FIVE-YEAR  
REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE,  
"OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN" TO DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMIC BASE  
WITH AN AMBITIOUS GOAL TO INCREASE NET NEW SCIENCE  
CREASE PAYROLLS BY THE END OF 2008. AS YOU CAN SEE  
ON THIS SLIDE, 2006 WAS A REMARKABLE YEAR IN TERMS OF  
BOTH JOB GROWTH AND CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENTS. IN  
2006, THE REGION ADDED 33,100 NET NEW JOB, BRINGING  
OUR THREE-YEAR TOTAL JUST UNDER 81,000. SO THAT DOES  
FAR EXCEED THE FIVE-YEAR GOAL OF 72,000, AND WE HAVE  
TWO YEARS REMAINING. TOTAL PAYROLL INCREASE FOR  
2006 WAS 1.4 BILLION AND THAT BRINGS THE TOTAL TO 3.5  
BILLION, ALSO EXCEEDING THE FIVE-YEAR GOAL OF 2.9. IN  
2006, THERE WERE 36 CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
COMPANIES RELOCATING TO AUSTIN METRO AREA,  
BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 93 NEW CORPORATE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS SINCE 2004. A FEW OF THE HIGHLIGHTS  
INCLUDED, OF COURSE, SAMSUNG'S NEW SEMICONDUCTOR  
PLANT, TWO HEWLETT-PACKARD DATA CENTERS AND  
DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISERS RELOCATION OF THEIR  
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS FROM CALIFORNIA TO AUSTIN,  
BRINGING 800 NEW JOBS. WHAT WE BELIEVE IS THE TRUE  
TEST OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY, IS THE NUMBER OF LOCAL  
EXPANSIONS ANNOUNCED SINCE 2004 AND THAT NUMBER IS  
235 AREA COMPANIES ANNOUNCING SIZABLE EXPANSIONS,  
ADDING BOTH NEW JOBS AND FACILITY NEEDS. MANY OF  
THESE SUCCESSIONS HAVE GAINED NATIONAL AND EVEN  
INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ATTENTION. THIS HAS BEEN A  
ACCOMPLISHED MAINLY THROUGH OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS  
FIRM IN NEW YORK CITY WHO HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTNAL  
GETTING OUR STORY IN THE "WALL STREET JOURNAL," "THE  
NEW YORK TIMES", EXPANSION MANAGEMENT MAGAZINE.  
LAST WEEK'S WALL STREET ARTICLE WAS THE RESULT OF A  
TWO-YEAR EFFORT BY OUR PR FIRM PITCH AUSTIN'S MANY  
SUCCESSIONS, AND I THINK IT WAS A TERRIFIC ARTICLE. OUR  
UNDERSTAND AD CAMPAIGN CONTINUES WITH 17 ADS



PLACED IN EIGHT MAJOR PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING "THE WALL STREET JOURNAL", AREA DEVELOPMENT MAGAZINE AND EXPANSION MAGAZINE. ON THE SCREEN YOU SEE TWO EXAMPLES OF THE ADS PLACED THIS YEAR. IN YOUR BOOK LEAPTS UNDER TAB TWO ARE ALL OF -- BOOKLETS, UNDER TAB TWO ARE ALL OF THE ADS. THESE PARTICULAR ADS IS ONE THAT RAN IN THE CALIFORNIA EDITION OF "THE WALL STREET JOURNAL" AND THE ONE ON THE RIGHT RAN IN SEVERAL NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS TAUTING AUSTIN'S MAJOR STRENGTH, THAT IS OUR WORKFORCE. THE HEADLINE READ NO MATTER WHAT INDUSTRY YOU ARE IN AUSTIN WILL BE THE RIGHT FIT BECAUSE OUR WORKFORCE IMMEDIATELY FITS RIGHT IN. THE BOTTOM OF THE AD IN PRINT THAT IS TOO HARD TO READ IS A CONTINUOUS PITCH OF OUR GREAT EDUCATED TALENTED WORKFORCE. SO SPEAKING OF WORKFORCE AND TALENT DEVELOP. , TWO VERY IMPORTANT THING, YOUR ANNUAL FUNDING IS USED PRIMARILY TO THE GOAL OF INCREASING COLLEGE ENROLLMENT BY 20,010 STUDENTS WITH YEAR 2010, A 30% INCREASE OVER THE 2005 BASELINE. THIS GOAL WILL HELP ENSURE A WELL-EDUCATED TALENT POOL FOR EXISTING EMPLOYERS CONSIDERING AUSTIN FOR RELOCATION. SPECIFICALLY THE CHAMBER IS FOCUSED ON INCREASING THE STANDARD BY 7.5% INSPECT SCHOOL YEAR 2006, 2007. GOING FORWARD, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THIS SUCCESS BY FOCUSING ON AT-RISK STUDENTS AT TEN AREA HIGH SCHOOLS. FINALLY, THERE ARE TREMENDOUS EFFORTS BY THE CHAMBER, THE CITY, AUSTIN ENERGY AND THE CLEAN ENERGY INCUBATOR ALL WORKING IN UNISON SHOWCASING AUSTIN SUCCESS IN THE SECTOR. THE CLEAN ENERGY MARKETING EFFORTS HAVE GENERATED NINE ACTIVE PROJECTS AND THAT IS THE MOST OF ANY TARGETED SECTORS. THIS PAST YEAR WE HOSTED TEN CLEAN AIR ENERGY COMPANIES THAT RESULTED IN THREE CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENTS. THE CHAMBER'S CLEAN ENERGY COUNCIL MEETS ON A REGULAR BASIS, PROVIDING A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION ON IDEAS SUCH AS A CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS PARK WHICH WE DO THINK HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF BECOMING A REALITY VERY SOON. ACE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED DO WE PARTNER ON MANY INITIATIVE, INCLUDING THE CLEAN ENERGY VENTURE SUMMIT WHICH THIS SPRING DREW 500 ATTENDEES IN

ACROSS THE U.S. SO, GOING FORWARD INTO THE NEXT BUDGET CYCLE OUR FUNDING REQUEST IS AGAIN 350,000 WHICH IS THE SAME AMOUNT YOU FUNDED THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS. OUR USE OF THE FUNDS ALSO REMAINS THE SAME, 250,000 IS DIRECTED TOWARDS NATIONAL MARKETING WHICH INCLUDES OURNANT ADVERTISING AND THE WORKFORCE INITIATIVES PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED, AND IS -- AND 100,000 TO CLEAN ENERGY MARKETING SO MEET CONCLUDE BY SIMPLY SAYING THE CHAMBER DOES HAVE AN OUTSTANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY AND TOGETHER WE BELIEVE WE'VE AKAMAI ACCOMPLISH AD GREAT DEAL ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FRONT WITH THAT SAID, OUR WORK NOT DONE. IN FACT, YOU WILL HEAR ME ON DIFFERENT PLACES AROUND OVER THE NEXT YEAR SAYING IT IS NEVER, NEVER DONE IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE OF THE COMPETITIVE SITUATION AMONG CITIES, AND CERTAINLY THE CHALLENGES IN THIS GLOBAL ECONOMY SO WE THANK YOU AND APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP, AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OR THE STAFF.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. HOLT. QUESTION FOR MR. HOLT? COUNCIL MEMBER KIM.

KIM: THANK YOU, I JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU WHAT ARE SOME INITIATIVES THAT YOU HAVE GOING ON RIGHT NOW FOR SMALL BUSINESSES? I KNOW THERE IS A SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL, AND THERE IS ALSO A HEALTH INSURANCE FUND LOOKING AT PROVIDING SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WITH A CHANCE TO BUY LOWER COST INSURANCE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. CAN YOU JUST GIVE ME THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF WHAT YOU ALL PROVIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN TERMS OF YOUR RETENTION EFFORTS?

SURE, COUNCIL MEMBER KIM, AND YOU JUST OUTLINE TWOS VERY IMPORTANT THINGS THAT ARE A PART OF THAT PROCESS. I WANT TO ASK MIKE TO COMMENT ON A COUPLE OF THINGS PERHAPS IN TERMS OF WHAT WE WOULD SPECIFICALLY DO IN TERMS OF KIND OF THE GOING FORWARD PIECE. CERTAINLY AS WE HAVE DEVELOPED THE STRATEGY UP TO THIS POINT, OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN CARVED OUT A VERY SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF FUNDS FOR SMALL BECAUSE -- BUSINESS BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT

DRIVES THE ECONOMY, IT IS NOT JUST THE BIG GUY, SO WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THAT, AND AS WE CONTINUE OUR STRATEGY ON ROUND TWO OR WHAT WE CALL THE NEXT LEVEL OF OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN, SMALL BUSINESS IS GOING TO BE A VERY KEY AND CORNER STONE PART OF THAT. IN TERMS OF OTHER SPECIFIC PROJECT, MIKE, LET ME DID YOU THERE IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT.

THANK YOU. I WOULD CHOOSE TO HIGHLIGHT TWO OR THREE AT THE HEART OF YOUR QUESTION. IN '06 I THINK THE TWO ITEM IMS THAT I WOULD HIGHLIGHT, ONE IS THAT WE CREATED A CENTRAL TEXAS ANGEL NETWORK GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS HERE NOW IN THAT YOU ARE FIRST YEAR FUND AD LITTLE OVER \$3 MILLION TOWARDS 13 NEW COMPANIES IN THIS AREA AND TEAMING UP WITH OUR CENTRAL TEXAS ANGEL NETWORK WE ACTUALLY PROVIDE ENTREPRENEUR TRAINING AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUSTIN TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR, THAT SAN AND ONGOING PROGRAM DIRECTED AT START-UP COMPANIES. AND THE OTHER PROGRAM, LEGAL TWO OTHER PROGRAMS I WOULD HIGH FLIGHT '06, AS YOU PROBABLY ARE AWARE WE MANAGE THE EMERGING TECH FUND IN CENTRAL TEXAS WHICH IS A STATE FUND AS FOCUSED IN START-UP COMPANIES IN COLLABORATION WITH RESEARCH THROUGH UNIVERSITY, PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN TEXAS. AND THE LAST ITEM I WILL MENTION IS IN '06 WE DID A LITTLE OVER ISHUNDRED SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS PARTICIPATED IN OUR CONTINUING MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS, ALL OF THIS IS FOCUSED THROUGH OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN AND EXECUTE BID GREATER CHAMBER IN AUSTIN.

WHAT IS YOUR CONTINUING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM?

IT IS ONE I WOULD INVITE TO YOU ATEND, ON SEPTEMBER IS WE CALL IT AN ASK THE EXPERTS PROGRAM IN WHICH WE HAVE ONE OF OUR SUCCESSFUL SMALL BUSINESS OPERATORS RECENTLY SOLD WILL BE SPEAK ON HOW TO BUILD A FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS AND IT ATTRACTS SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, OBVIOUSLY, TO PROGRAMS LIKE TO.

RIGHT I KNOW THEM, AND IT IS INCREDIBLE WHAT THEY'VE DONE WITH THAT FUND AND IT IS AN INCREDIBLE STORY OF

HOW THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE THEIR SOCIAL GOAL OF HELPING THE COMMUNITY TO TURN IT TO AN AMAZING COMPANY THAT HAS NOW GONE PUBLIC I BELIEVE.

YES, THEY ARE OFF TO STARTING NEW BUSINESSES THAT SAN AND EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE ARE FOCUSED NONE SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURS.

OKAY, THANK YOU. WYNN THANK YOU MR. ROLLINS. FURTHER QUESTIONS OF OUR PARTNERS AT THE CHAMBER? COMMENTS. WE WILL SAY JOE AND MIKE THE NUMBERS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, REMARKABLE THREE-YEAR EFFORT AND I CERTAINLY FEEL PROUD 6 THE CITY'S CO INVESTMENT IN PARTNERING WITH THE CHAMBER, AND I'VE BEEN ON SOME OF THE MARKETING TRIPS, AND USUALLY DONE SOME OF THE HOSTING HERE IN THE CACHE THAT AUSTIN AND CENTRAL TEXAS BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT HAS NOW NATIONALLY IS PREMIER, THAT IS BECAUSE OF THIS VERY TARGETED, VERY DISCIPLINED AND FORMAT THAT ALLOWSLESS TO BE WHERE WE ARE TODAY. -- ALLOWS US TO BE WHERE WE ARE TODAY. THE ECONOMIC PROWESS ALLOWS US TO DO THINGS WE ARE WITH OUR BUDGET WHICH IS SLOWLY BUILDING BACK OUR EMPLOYEE BASE, REPAIRING SOME FRAYED EDGES FROM THE THREE YEARS OF JOB LOSS AND REVENUE DECLINE FOR THE CITY SO IT ALL FUNDAMENTALLY COMES BACK TO THE STRENGTH OF ONE'S ECONOMY, GIVING THE LOCAL GEORGEMENT THE FLEXIBILITY TO DO THE THINGS CITIZENS WANT US TO DO.

WE COULDN'T AGREE MORE. IT IS A GREAT PARTNERSHIP AND OUR WORK IS NEVER DONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. COUNCIL MEMBER KIM.

KIM: I JUST HAD A QUESTION FOR MISS EDWARDS, I'M SORRY DO YOU HAVE THE REST OF A PRESENTATION TO GO THROUGH?

YES, I DO.

KIM: I WILL ASK YOU LATER.

WE HAVE OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND OUR BUDGET

MANAGER, AND I WOULD LIKE TO PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE THEM, BOTH FOR MANAGING A GREAT BUDGET PROCESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. AS YOU ARE AWARE I'M HERE TO PRESENT A SUMMARY OF THE 2008 DEPARTMENTAL PROPOSED BUDGET. WITH THE INCLUSION OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGY IN THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET THE DEPARTMENT IS COMPRISED 6 FOUR MAJOR AREA OF FOCUS, THE INTERNATIONAL AND SISTER CITIES PROGRAM, REDEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL PROJECTS, SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL ARTS. SINCE 2003, THE ANNUAL CITIZEN SURVEY HAS INCLUDED TWO QUESTIONS THAT RELATED TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES OFFICE. WHEN ASKED BUD VITALITY OF DOWNTOWN, 83% SAID THEY ARE SATISFIED WITH WHAT SEW CURING. GIVEN ALL THE ACTIVITY AND ALMOST 6,000 RESIDENTS LIVING DOWNTOWN I WAS SOMEWHAT PUZZLED IN THE SLIGHT DECREASE YOU SEE BUT IN REVIEWING THE BACK UP DAPT THE NUMBER OF REUPON DANTS RANKING THEIR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION AS VERY HIGH IS THE LARGEST SINCE 2003. THE SITE DECREASE APPEARS TO BE CAUSED BY THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS WHO HAD NO OPINION. IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS WE'VE SOON AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 11.9 PERCENTAGE POINTS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE CITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, 72.5% OF THE COMMUNITY RESPONDED POSITIVELY. OVER THE LAST FOUR YEAR, RESPONDENT SATISFACTION IN THIS AREA HAS INCREASED 15.2%. THESE NUMBERS SUPPORT WHAT WE SEE PUBLISHED ABOUT AUSTIN, MOODY'S, ECONOMY.COM RANKED AUSTIN NUMBER ONE IN ITS BUSINESS VITALITY INDEX AND INC. MAGAZINE RANKED AUSTIN NUMBER 16 IN ITS BEST PLACES TO DO BUSINESS, UP FROM 26 LAST YEAR. THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR IS \$6.2 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 8.5%. OVER HALF OF THE BUDGET INCREASE IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO FIXED COST AND INCLUDES PAY FOR PERFORMANCE, THE SERVICE INCENTIVE ENHANCEMENT AND RETIREMENT. WE ARE PROPOSING 1.75 NEW FTEs FOR A TOTAL OF 41.75 POSITIONS, AND I WILL BE DISCUSSING THE FTE REQUEST LATER ON IN THE PRESENTATION. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NUMEROUS NEW INITIATIVES FOR NEXT YEAR, A FEW OF WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO TALK B. THE FIRST INITIATIVE

RESPONSE TO THE COUNCIL'S GROWING RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE THAT EMERGING TECHNOLOGY PLAYS IN THE REGION. THE TEXAS PERSPECTIVE STUDY ON DIGITAL MEDIA SECTOR, INDICATED IN 2006 THIS SECTOR ALONE, APARTMENT, GENERATED \$400 MILLION IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND 28,000 PERMANENT JOBS, AND IT IS EXPECTED TO GROW 150% BY 2010. A FEW OF OUR GOALS AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY FOR NEXT YEAR INCLUDE INCREASING VENTURE CAPITAL AWARENESS, ATTRACTING EMERGENCY TECHNOLOGY FIRMS, AND WORKING TO ATTRACT A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM FOR THE HIGH-TECH TECH WORKFORCE. -- HIGH TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE. WE HAVE TWO INITIATIVES TO HIGHLIGHT, ONE IS A NEW EVENT THEY WILL BE PUTTING ON CALLED GETTING CONNECTED WHICH WILL INTRODUCE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND ENTREPRENEUR AS TO RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE AUSTIN AREA. THE SECOND INITIATIVE, SEMINARS TARGETED FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY GREW OUT OF OUR MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH ATI, THE AUSTIN TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR. ANOTHER FOCUS THIS YEAR IS WORKING WITH COUNCIL ON THE GOALS FOR THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLAN AND ISSUES FOR THE RFP WHICH WILL BE RERIESED EARLY IN THE STRING. LAST YEAR YOU CONTRACTED WITH A METROPOLITAN GROUP THAT HAS ASSISTING WITH US THE CULTURAL PLAN WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 2008. COUNCIL APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN WILL FOLLOW ITS COMPLETION. AS FAR AS RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 4,000 IMAGES AND SLIDE FORMS WHICH SERVE TO DOCUMENT THE PAST 21 YEARS OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC ART COLLECTION. THESE IMAGES RECORD THE STATE OF ORIGINAL CONDITION AS ANY PROGRESS OF DETERIORATION OF CONDITION ASSESSMENT. SLIDE TO HAVE MAT IS NOT COMPANIED ARCHIVE VALUE QUALITY AND IS AN OUT DATED METHOD FOR STORING IMAGES. FUNDS FROM THE BUDGET WILL BE USED TO CONVERT THE SLIDES TO DIGITAL FORMAT. AS I MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING 1.75 FTEs. THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLANS TO HOST OVER 40 NETWORKING AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS DURING FISCAL

YEAR 2008. EVENTS INCLUDE THE INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC START UP CONFERENCE, THE MEET THE LENDER CONFERENCE, THE WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEUR LUNCH AND A NEW GETTING CONNECTED FAIR WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED BEFORE THAT WILL CONNECT THE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND ENTREPRENEUR TO NUMEROUS NONPROFIT AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO SMALL BUSINESSES. THIS EVENTS LAB LARGE SCALE EVENT SAN ANTICIPATED TO ATTRACT OVER 500 PARTICIPANTS. WITH A CONTINUE EMPHASIS ON SMALL BUSINESS ABILITY ENTREPRENEUR THE NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL AND NETWORKING EVENTS CONTINUES TO GROW. THE MUSIC, AND PUBLIC PLACES COORDINATOR IS A 30-HOUR POSITION THAT WILL ASSUME MANY DUTIES PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED BY THE MULTIMEDIA MANAGER WHO HAS TAKEN THE LEAD ON PROJECTS. COUNCIL, THIS CONCLUDE MIGHT PRESENTATION. -- CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU MISS EDWARDS. COUNCIL, QUESTION, COMMENTS? COUNCIL MEMBER KIM.

KIM: I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR PUTTING IN THE SMALL BUSINESS INFORMATION SPECIALIST WHICH WILL BE IMPORTANT WHEN WE GET THE WORD OUT FOR THE GREAT SERVICES YOU HAVE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, I AM AMAZED THAT OF ALL THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMMING AND THE ASSISTANCE FROM LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO DIRECTORIES AND GUIDES THAT YOU HAVE, AND WHEN I PRESENT THEM AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT THE SERVICES WE HAVE IN THE CITY, SOMETIMES SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS DON'T REALLY HAVE THE TIME TO LEARN ABOUT THEM, BUT THEY ARE GOING TO EVENTS WITH OTHER OWNERS WHERE THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ABOUT THEM IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE THERE SO I THINK THAT IS GOING TO BE VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE THAT SPECIALIST THERE TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT HOW GREAT THE SERVICES ARE FOR EVERYONE. ALSO, I WAS WANDERING IF COULD YOU -- WANDERING IF YOU COULD GIVE ME AN UPDATE ON THE SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL, A POSITION TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS WITH THE PERMIT PROSECT, HOW DO YOU DEVELOP, HOW DO YOU MEET BAR CODE, HOW DO YOU EXPAND OR ADD ON TO YOUR BUILDING. WHAT IS THE

STATUS OF THAT RIGHT NOW?

I THINK IT HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS. WE HAVE BEEN PROCESS THE WHOLE YEAR, BUT WE HAVE CURRENTLY FILLED THE POSITION JUST RECENTLY WHERE WE HAVE EXPANDED THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THAT PARTICULAR POSITION. I CAN'T TELL YOU OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE PROCESS, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE A VERY HIGH SUCCESS RATE AND A VERY HIGH SATISFACTION RATE WITH HAVING THAT PERSON THERE TO HOLD THE HAND OF THE SMALL BUSINESS PERSON AND HELP THEM THROUGH THE PROCESS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. AND I CAN GET YOU THOSE FIGURES IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

KIM: THAT WOULD BE GREAT. AND IT IS ALSO WORKING WITH ONE-STOP SHOP THAT HAS SEEN DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENTS AS I THINK HAVING BOTH IS REALLY HELPING THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY LOT TO GET THROUGH OUR PROCESSES SO THEY CAN FOCUS ON OTHER THINGS TO TRY AND FIGURE OUT ZONING AND PERMITS AND STILL NEED SOME HELP SO I'M GLASS WE ARE ABLE TO DO THAT FOR THEM. THANK YOU. WYNN FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? THANK YOU MISS EDWARDS.

THANK YOU. IS THAT IT? SO COUNCIL AND AUDIENCE, THAT IS THE LAST OF OUR INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARIES OF OUR PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR '07/ '08 BUDGET. HERE THIS EVENING IN A FEW MINUTES WE WILL TAKE SOME CITIZEN TESTIMONY, INPUT ABOUT THAT. WE THEN WILL CONTINUE TO WORK AS A COUNCIL, NEGATIVELY WE ALL RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL FEEDBACK AND COMMENT THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF OUR DAY AND WEEK AND OF COURSE WE ARE POSTED TO APPROVE A BUDGET ON CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10, TUESDAY THE 11th AND WEDNESDAY THE 12th, IF NEEDED, AT 10:00 IN THE MORNING HERE IN THIS ROOM SO APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION, GREATLY APPRECIATE THE AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT STAFF PUTS INTO NOT ONLY THESE PRESENTATIONS BUT FUNNILY THE BUDGET BEHIND THEM SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. SO COUNCIL, THAT LEAVES WITH A COUPLE THINGS TO TRY TO GET DONE THOUGH WE HAVE FIVE MINUTES BEFORE WE



BREAK FOR MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, BUT WE HAVE POSTED FOR AN AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION MEETING SO AT THIS TIME I WILL RECESS THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL AND CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND WELCOME MR. PAUL HILGERS.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. WE HAVE HOUR QUICK ITEM, THREE ARE QUICK, BEFORE US. FIRST IS NUMBER APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9 MEETING. WYNN I WILL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION. THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9th MEET, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON VOTE OF 7-0.

THE NEXT TWO ITEMS ARE ADMINISTRATION ISSUES AND CHANGES TO NONPROFIT AFFILIATES WHICH WOULD STANDARDIZE THE APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THOSE AFFILIATES. AGENCY OWNS THREE LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROJECTS THREE SEPARATE NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS WERE CREATED TO ACT AS PARTNERS, AND THEY OWN THE PROPERTY IES TO SECURE EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES TO ENHANCE THE PROJECTS FINANCIAL CONDITION. THE FIRST ITEM BEFORE THE BOARD SO TO SEEK THE BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND THE ITEMS OF INCORPORATION TO REDUCE THE NUMBER 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM 5 TO 3 AND INCREASE THE TERMS TO FOUR YEARS TO MAKE THEM CONSIST TENT WITH THE OTHER TWO BOARDS SO I WOULD ASK FOR APPROVAL OF THAT ITEM, AGENCY ITEM NUMBER 3.

COUNCIL, OR BOARD, QUESTIONS FOR STAFF. AND WE HAVE A STAFF-RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT OF THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORA HFC ITEM NUMBER TWO. MOTION MADE BY THE VICE PRESIDENT TO APPROVES A PRESENTED. SECOND BY BOARD MEMBER McCRACKEN. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

AFTER THAT, WE GO FORWARD WITH THE AGENCY ITEM NUMBER THREE TO STANDARDIZE THE BOARD MEMBERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTOR FORCE THE THREE NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS. THE RECOMMEND ACTION IS APPOINT CITY

CHIEF OF STAFF KRISTEN VASSALLO, MYSELF AND KELLEY WOISS AS DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ARBORS AT CREEKSIDE AND AUSTIN INNER-CITY REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THIS WOULD BE FOR SIX YEAR, EXPIRING AUGUST 30, 2011.

ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF. I GUESS HE WILL BE BUYING LATER THIS EVENING? [LAUGHTER]

IT IS A NONPAID POSITION.

I WILL ENTERTAIN THIS MOTION REGARDING THESE BOARD APPOINTMENTS, THAT BEING KRISTEN VASSALLO AS PRESIDENT AND PAUL HILGERS AND KELLEY WOISS AS DIRECT TERMS 67ED BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ARBORS AT CREEKSIDE AND AUSTIN INNER-CITY REDEVELOP. CORPORATION, CONCURRENT TERMS. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED. COMMENT? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. OPPOSED. MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. AND MR. HILGERS, MY SUGGESTION FOR US COUNCIL BOARD, AHFC ITEM NUMBER FOUR WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CITIZEN, 13 FOLKS WHO WANT TO GIVE US SOME TESTIMONY ON THIS CASE, SOME OF US HAVE RECEIVED INDIVIDUAL E-MAILS AND SOME PHONE CALLS AND COMMENTS, IT IS ABOUT 45 MINUTES WORTH OF TESTIMONY. HERE WE ARE A COUPLE MINUTES AWAY BETTER OUR BREAK. MY SUGGESTION IS WE GO AHEAD AND BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS AND COME BACK AS SOON AS WE FINISH THOSE AND TEE-UP THIS CASE THAT MAY TAKE US AN HOUR OR SO. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, I WILL NOW RECESS THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION MEET, NOTING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HAS ALREADY BEEN RECESSED FOR OR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS AND WE WILL COME BACK IMMEDIATELY THERE AFTER TO FIN LAST AHFC ITEM SO MANY PLEASE, WHILE WE ARE IN BREAK, STAY TUNED FOR LIVE MUSIC FROM LINTON MANCILLA. TEST TEST

TIME FOR OUR WEEKLY LIVE MUSIC GIG AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. JOINING US ARE JIM LOTTON AND ERIC MANCILLA. THEY MAKE UP THE BAND LINTON MANCILLA, COMBINATION OF ROCK, FOLK AND LATIN JAZZ. THEY RELEASED FIRST ALBUM, CRY IT OUT. THEY BE SEEN

REGULARLY AT THE PIER ON LAKE TRAVIS. PLEASE JOIN ME  
IN WELCOMING ERIC LINTON AND AND ERIC MANCILLA.  
(music)(music) [ (music) SINGING (music) ] RUNNY IMMEDIATE  
SUSPEND BLANK (music)(music)

WELL DONE. WHICH NIGHT AT THE DIRTY DOG? WHICH NIGHT  
OF THE WEEK?

WE PLAY EVERY 6 WEEKS ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND WE  
CAN'T PLAY AFTER 11:00 --

BECAUSE A CITY EMPLOYEE --

THAT'S RIGHT.

HAVE TO WORK THE NEXT DAY.

WE TRY TO PLAY AFTER 11:00 BUT WE HAVE DIFFICULTIES  
GETTING UP FOR A COUPLE DAYS AFTER THAT. REPLAY AT  
THE AIRPORT ON OCTOBER 5. WE PLAY AT OTHER PLACES.  
WE'VE DONE THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION STUFF. WE KIND  
OF MAKE THE CIRCUIT.

WE HAVE A LINTON -- LINTON MANCILLA.COM, AND PRETTY  
MUCH A LOT OF THINGS, AND WE'RE -- PRETTY MUCH THE  
ONLY LINTON MANCILLA YOU CAN FIND ON THE INTERNET  
UNLESS YOU CAN GET SOCCER SCORES.

ALL RIGHT. I WON'T ASK HOW THAT IS, BUT OKAY. WE HAVE  
AN OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION THAT READS, WHEREAS, THE  
CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS IS BLESSED WITH MANY CREATIVE  
MUSICIANS WHOSE TALENT STRENGTH TO EVERY MUSICAL  
GENRE AND YOU'RE MUSIC SCENE THRIVES BECAUSE WE  
HAVE MUSIC BY LOCAL FAVORITES AND NEWCOMERS AND  
THE LIKE, WE'RE PLEASED TO SHOWCASE OUR LOCAL  
ARTISTS, I WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL  
OF THE WORLD DO HEREBY PROCLAIM TODAY, AUGUST 30,  
2007 AS LINTON MANCILLA DAY IN AUSTIN AND CALL ON OWL  
CITIZENS TO JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THIS NEW FINE  
TALL.....TALENT.

SO WHILE JIM AND ERIC AND THE CREW BREAK DOWN ON  
THAT SIDE OF THE ROOM WE'LL USE THIS PODIUM OVER

HERE TO ISSUE OUR WEEKLY PROCLAMATIONS. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY EACH WEEK TO EITHER SAY THANK YOU TO FOLKS TO PROMOTE A GOOD CAUSE OR EFFORT, RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT A PROGRAM AROUND TOWN, AND THIS WEEK CERTAINLY IS NO DIFFERENT. OBVIOUSLY JOINED BY A BIG CROWD HERE WHO'S GOING TO HELP US PROMOTE RIF, OR READING IS FUNDAMENTAL, READ-A-THON WEEK HERE AT AUSTIN. I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION AND THEN MADISON IS GOING TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT WHY WE'RE BOTHERING TO PROCLAIM RIF, READ-A-THON HERE IN AUSTIN. THE PROCLAMATION READS. WHEREAS TIME SPENT READING IS DIRECTLY TIED TO A CHILD'S CAPACITY FOR LIFE-LONG LEARNING AND GROWTH, AND WHEREAS READING IS FUNDAMENTAL, OR RIF, R-I-F, OF AUSTIN ENABLES MORE THAN 25,000 CHILDREN WHO WOULD HAVE MINIMAL ACCESS TO READING MATERIALS TO BECOME LITERAL THROUGH CHOOSING AND OWNING THEIR OWN BOOKS AND WHEREAS THE RIF OF AUSTIN'S READ-A-THON IS AN ANNUAL TWO-WEEK LONG PROJECT DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO READ, TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR AUSTIN CHILDREN AND TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SERVICE. THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 16 THROUGH 29, 2007 AS OUR TWO READING IS FUNDAMENTAL READ-A-THON WEEKS HERE IN AUSTIN. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING A BUNCH OF GREAT COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND WELCOME BY MR. MADISON. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU TO THE MAYOR, THANK YOU TO THE COUNCIL. READING IS FUNDAMENTAL OF AUSTIN, WE ARE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT WILL GO INTO 39 AUSTIN SCHOOLS THIS YEAR AND DISTRIBUTE FREE BOOKS TO KIDS, BOOKS THAT THE KIDS CAN CHOOSE THEMSELVES, BOOKS THAT THE KIDS CAN TAKE HOME. AND WE'RE GOING TO START OFF THE YEAR WITH OUR ANNUAL READ-A-THON, AND KIDS AT OTHER SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO RAISE FUNDS BY -- THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS IN READING, AND SO WE APPRECIATE THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT AS WE TRY TO RALLY KIDS TO READ TO HELP OTHERS. THANKS VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN:

OKAY. SO IF OUR THEME OF THE EVENING, OBVIOUSLY, IS LITERACY AND HOW IMPORTANT THAT IS FOR US, SO AGAIN, THIS NEXT PROCLAMATION IS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY AND SO I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION AND MICK HOAG WILL SAY A FEW WORDS, AND SHE'S JOINED BY FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS. THE PROCLAMATION READS WHEREAS LITERACY IS A SET OF SKILLS THAT INCLUDES READING, WRITING, MATH AND CRITICAL THINKING, WHICH ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO LEARNING AND TO THE GROWTH AND SUCCESS OF EVERY CITIZEN IN OUR GREAT CITY AND WHEREAS APPROXIMATELY 20% OF AUSTIN ADULTS EXPERIENCE LITERACY ISSUES THAT IMPACT THEIR LIVES, THEIR ABILITY TO EARN A SUBSTANTIAL LIVING AND THEIR FULL PARTICIPATION AS CITIZENS IN OUR CITY. AND WHEREAS WE COMMEND THE LITERACY COALITION OF CENTRAL TEXAS WHO TODAY JOINS WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, LIKE RIF, THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY, AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE QUALITY LITERACY SERVICES, LIFE SKILLS FOR OUR CITIZENS. STUMBLE THROUGH OUR LITERACY. [LAUGHTER] NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 8, 2007 AS LITERACY DAY IN AUSTIN. PLEASE JOIN ME AGAIN IN THANKING SOME FINE FOLKS AND MEG POGUE, TO THE PODIUM. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. WE'RE REALLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE MORE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT LITERACY NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO CELEBRATE WHAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS DONE TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THESE NEEDS. APPROXIMATELY 76,000 TRAVIS COUNTY RESIDENTS DID NOT HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN 2005, SO WHERE - - WE OFTEN THINK OF AUSTIN AS A VERY HIGHLY EDUCATED COMMUNITY, THERE'S ALSO A VERY LARGE SEGMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY WITH HIGH NEEDS IN EDUCATION AND ALSO IN SPEAKING ENGLISH. THERE ARE ABOUT 20% OF ALL STUDENTS IN TRAVIS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION. IN ADDITION, CHILDREN OF ADULTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN LITERACY PROGRAM IMPROVE THEIR GRADES AND TEST SCORES, IMPROVE READING

SKILLS AND ARE LESS LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL. SO LITERACY SERVICES ARE VERY VITAL AND IN THE LATE 1990S A GROUP OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND CONCERNED COMMUNITY CITIZENS GATHERED TOGETHER TO FORM THE LITERACY COALITION OF CENTRAL TEXAS. SINCE THEN WE HAVE CREATED A CENTRALIZED DATABASE AND REFERRAL POINT FOR LITERACY PROGRAMS. THESE PROGRAMS INCLUDE SMALL SAFE BASED ORGANIZATIONS, LARGE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND NONPROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES. THE COALITION HAS INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS AND VOLUNTEERISM TO DISPAND AND AND SUPPORT TO BETTER MEET OUR COMMUNITY INCREASING LITERACY NEEDS. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR ALL YOU ARE DOING.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: OBVIOUSLY MEG READS A LOT BETTER THAN I DO. [LAUGHTER] THAT'S HER JOB. OKAY. MY LAST PROCLAMATION WILL BE A FUN ONE. I'LL BE JOINED BY OUR PARKS DIRECTORS WARREN STRUSS AS WE TALK ABOUT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER AND JOINED BY A NUMBER OF THEIR BOARD MEMBERS AND LONG-TIME ADVOCATES. SO I GUESS I WILL READ THE PROCLAMATION AND WARREN WILL SAY A FEW WORDS AND OR INTRODUCE THE VIDEO WHICH I THINK WE HAVE, CORRECT?

CORRECT.

MAYOR WYNN: AND BY THE WAY, I'LL JUST SAY, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN THAT WE'VE SUFFERED THROUGH SORT OF '01 THROUGH '04, REALLY, YOU KNOW, WE CUT BACK A LOT OF CITY SPENDING, WE DELAYED A BUNCH OF PROJECTS AND IT REALLY DIDN'T SHOW ITSELF MORE IN ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT THAN WITH OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT. AND SO BY SLIGHTLY REWARDING PARK ABOUT THAT IS THAT HERE SEEMINGLY WE HAVE A NEW PARK COMING ON LINE WEEKLY. LAST

NIGHT WE OPENED UP THE PARK ACROSS TOWN LAKE LADY BIRD LAKE. WE'RE CELEBRATING OFFICIALLY THE GRAND OPENING OF THE MCCracken AND THERE ARE A BUNCH COMING FORWARD AND VOTERS THANK YOU VERY MUCH, IN NOVEMBER, APPROVED A LARGE BOND PACKAGE THAT INCLUDED A SPECIFIC BIG LINE ITEM FOR OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT SO A NUMBER OF NEEDED FACILITIES ARE COMING FORWARD. BUT NONE MORE AWAITED, NONE MORE TALKED ABOUT OVER THE LAST GENERATION THAN THE MAC. SO I'M PROUD TO READ THIS, I'M JOINED BY MIKE MARTINEZ, WHO WE'LL HEAR FROM AS WELL AS OUR PARKS DIRECTOR AND THEN WE'LL SEE A GOOD VIDEO. THE PROCLAMATION READS, WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER IS A GLEAMING WHITE STATE OF THE ART TWO-STORY CULTURAL FACILITY ON LADY BIRD LAKE THAT WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE CREATION, PRESENTATION AND PROMOTION OF MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL ARTS AND HERITAGE AND WHEREAS THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER IS A RESULT OF THE COMMUNITY'S VISION WHICH BEGAN DECADES AGO AND ONLY MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH COUNTLESS HOURS OF PLANNING AND CITYWIDE SUPPORT AND WHEREAS THE CITY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMAL GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION FOR THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 15 DEplete COMPLETE WITH FESS FESTIVITIES, ENTERTAINMENT AND FUN FOR ALL WHO ATTEND. THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF CITY 6 AUSTIN, PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 15, 2007 WHICH IS SUNDAY, WEEK -- SATURDAY -- SATURDAY, SORRY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007, AS -- A LOT OF FOLKS WILL PROBABLY STILL BE THERE SUNDAY PARTYING, BUT OFFICIALLY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007 AS THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER ACTION OR MAC DAY HERE IN AUSTIN. PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING FOLKS WHO HAVE LITERALLY SPENT A GENERATION OR MORE ADVOCATING FOR THIS IMPORTANT FACILITY AND THANK OURSELVES AS VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS WHO AGREED TO FUND THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT AND WE FINALLY, FINALLY COME TO FRUITION. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

THANKS. I WANTED TO COUNTY AND CONGRATULATE

EVERYBODY FOR THEIR HARD WORK. DECADES OF HARD WORK AND I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE STUCK WITH IT, YOU ESPECIALLY. I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN THE CHAMPION OF THIS FOR A LONG TIME AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS. IT'S -- OBVIOUSLY THIS IS PHASE ONE AND WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO BUT I KNOW THAT WE'RE COMMITTED TO FINISHING THIS PROJECT. IT ALREADY IS AN AMAZING SIGHT. IT'S BEAUTIFUL. I CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE EVENTS THERE AND PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS THERE, BUT I ALSO CAN'T WAIT TO FINISH IT BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S ONLY GOING TO GET THAT MUCH BETTER AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON IT. SO CONGRATULATIONS TWO DAYS IN A ROW, DIRECTOR STRUSS. YOU'RE JUST KNOCKING THEM OUT. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: WARREN?

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ. I STAND HUMBLY IN FRONT OF YOU BECAUSE AS DIRECTOR THESE ARE TIMES THAT ARE EXCITING FOR US, BUT THIS IS NOT A DAY FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THIS IS A DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY, FOR ALL THE FOLKS THAT YOU SEE STANDING HERE TODAY. THIS IS A DAY TO CELEBRATE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN FACILITY. WE HAVE A VIDEO, I THINK, THAT'S ONGOING PUT IT TOGETHER MUCH BETTER THAN WORDS CAN SAY, SO IF WE COULD HAVE THE VIDEO -- IT'S VERY SHORT, BUT I THINK IT PUTS IT INTO WORDS FOR US.  
(music)(music) [ (music) SINGING (music) ] [APPLAUSE]

THAT DOES SAY A THOUSAND WORDS. AT THIS TIME WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS INTRODUCE OUR CHAIR OF THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, CHAIR OF OUR BOARD, DENAPA RODRIGUEZ. HE'LL INTRODUCE THE BOARD AND HAVE A FEW WORDS FOR US.

THANK YOU, WARREN. I NEEDED TO SAY THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME IN COMING, AT LEAST 30 YEARS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO COME TO OUR GRAND RIBBON CUTTING WHICH WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 15. IT'S A SATURDAY, LIKE THE MAYOR WAS SAYING, WE'RE GOING TO



PARTY UNTIL SUNDAY. I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE EVERYONE THAT HAS STUCK WITH THIS PROJECT FOR THE LAST 30 DAYS, TAKEN A LOT OF DEDICATION. TO MY LEFT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A COUPLE PARTY. MARY MARTINEZ, STEVE PARKS. WE HAVE THIS WOMAN WHO WAS A BOARD MEMBER A FEW YEARS BACK. I WON'T SAY EXACTLY WHEN. [INAUDIBLE]

SO THAT WAS A COUPLE OF DECADES AGO. THANK YOU. AND WE HAVE CORA, HER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. WE HAVE MR. GARCIA, WHO IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER AND NEW CULTURAL MANAGER FOR THE CENTER. ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR STICKING WITH US SO... SO-SO FOR LONG. THIS COUNCIL WAS MORE SUPPORTIVE THAN ANY IN THE LAST 30 YEARS. MARTA, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A COUPLE THINGS?

ONLY TWO THINGS.

OF COURSE FIRST OF ALL THANKS TO THE AUSTIN VOTERS THAT WE'RE ALWAYS WILLING, I ALWAYS TELL EVERYBODY, GO TO THE PARKS, GO TO THE MUSEUMS, GO TO EVERYTHING, YOU'LL PAY FOR IT AND THEN I MAKE THEM FIGURE OUT THEIR TAX BILL FOR THE YEAR AND THEN I SAY, YOU GOT TO USE UP 3, 4, 500, \$600 OF PARK TIME, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES. I WANT TO URGE RESIDENTS OF AUSTIN TO PLEASE COME AND ENJOY THESE WONDERFUL AMENITIES. THEY'RE GENERALLY FREE OF CHARGE. WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN RAISE ADDITIONAL PROGRAM FUNDS SO THAT WE CAN, YOU KNOW, KEEP THESE THINGS FREE. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE MANY, MANY, MANY AUSTINITES, A LOT OF THEM BUSINESSPEOPLE, THAT HELPED US -- MAYBE THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME TO DO THIS, BUT HELPED US WITH THE BOND CAMPAIGN MONEY. WE HAD TO ACTUALLY AFTER ALL THAT HARD WORK GO OUT THERE AND RAISE MONEY SO THAT WE COULD DO A CAMPAIGN, BUT THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE MONEY THAT WAS PROVIDED TO US. WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN. AND AUSTINITES, WE DESERVE IT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR, JUST REAL QUICKLY I WANT TO RECOGNIZE VICTOR

AVAALLA. HE'S NOT HERE BUT HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OUR VIDEO AND PUTTING THAT TOGETHER. AND ALSO TO EMPARO AND OBVIOUSLY TO CORA FOR ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PERSPECTIVE FOR MAKING THIS DAY SPECIAL.

HELLO. I'M DEANNA, AND FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK THE COUNCIL. I WANT TO THANK THE HARD WORK OF ALL THE PEOPLE THAT SUCCEEDED THE TIME THAT I WAS INVOLVED IN THIS, BUT I DID TELL THE COUNCIL BACK IN THE '80S WHEN WE WERE CHAIRING THIS AND WE DESIGNATED THE SITE THAT WAS MY COMMITTEE THAT SALINAS WAS ON AND A NUMBER OF OTHER OUTSTANDING ARTISTS AND COMMUNITY PEOPLE, AND WHAT I KEPT SAYING TO THE COUNCIL IS, PLEASE, COUNCIL, GET THIS DONE BEFORE MY GRANDKIDS COME. THEY ARE HERE. AND I'LL TELL YOU, THE VERY FIRST TIME THAT I ACTUALLY SAW THE BUILDING,. WHEN THE ROAD WAS COMPLETED AND THE PARKING AREA, I DROVE AROUND AND I STARTED CRYING, BECAUSE I HAD MY GRANDCHILDREN WITH ME AND I COULD TELL THEM ABOUT THIS CULTURE CENTER, THAT ONE DAY THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BENEFIT FROM AND BE ABLE TO USE AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR CULTURE. AND WHAT'S INTERESTING TO ME, THOUGH, AND IMPORTANT TO ME IS THAT MY GRANDKIDS ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND THEY'RE LEBANESE. ONE DAY I MAY HAVE AN ANGLO GRANDCHILD. I HAVE A MULTI-CULTURAL MULTIRACIAL FAMILY AND IT'S EXCITING BECAUSE THIS IS A CULTURE CENTER FOR ALL PEOPLE. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN, BUT NEXT TIME WHEN YOU-ALL DO A BOND PACKAGE, AS I TOLD THE SCHOOL BOARD A LONG TIME AGO -- THERE YOU ARE -- IS MAKE SURE THAT YOU OVER PROJECT SO THAT WAY THE \$5 MILLION OR THE \$10 MILLION REALLY ACTUALLY PUTS THERE WHAT NEEDS TO BE THERE IN THAT TIME MONEY IN THE FUTURE. TRYING TO DO \$5 MILLION FROM TEN YEARS AGO. YOU DON'T GET \$5 MILLION WORTH OF ACTUAL WORK AND PROJECTS. SO PLEASE, YOU KNOW, LET'S PROJECT FOR THE -- AUSTIN HAS A TENDENCY TO UNDER BUILD, EVEN AISD WITH THE SCHOOLS AND UNDER BUILD FACILITIES THAT WE NEED. SO PLEASE THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I APPRECIATE YOU-ALL LETTING ME SPEAK EVEN THOUGH THIS WAS NOT SOMETHING WE HAD ALL PLANNED ABOUT,

BUT THANK YOU, AND I'M SO EXCITED ABOUT THE OPENING AND JUST CAN'T WAIT TO BE THERE SO I HOPE YOU WILL ALL COME. THANK YOU.

WE WILL. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: AND FOR OUR NEXT PROCLAMATION I'LL TURN THE PODIUM OVER TO COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ.

ALL RIGHT. OUR NEXT PROCLAMATION, IT'S ACTUALLY LEADING INTO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN ABOUT A WEEK OR SO. WE'RE GEARING UP FOR SEPTEMBER 11 AND AS EVERYONE KNOWS IT'S A VERY SOMBER DAY ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ACROSS THE WORLD BECAUSE OF THE EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE BACK IN 2001. BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN GRACIOUS ABOUT RECOGNIZING THIS DAY AND TAKING THE TIME, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THIS IMPACTS THEIR INDUSTRY. IT IMPACTS THE FOLKS THAT WORK IN THE BUILDINGS, AND IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS WERE TO HAPPEN AGAIN, THEY WOULD BE THE FIRST PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED BY A TERRORIST ATTACK. SO WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF SEPTEMBER 11, AND I'LL JUST READ THE PROCLAMATION AND THEN PRESENT IT TO MS. BURNS AND ASK HER TO SAY A FEW WORDS. BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS THE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY ARE SPONSORING A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND WHEREAS THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES WILL BEGIN AT 7:46 A.M. WITH THE LOWERING TO HALF-STAFF OF THE FLAGS OF AUSTIN MEMBER FACILITIES AND CITY BUILDINGS TO COMMEMORATE THE HOUR WHEN THE FIRST AIRPLANE FLEW INTO THE NEW YORK WORLD TRADE CENTER AND TO REMIND AUSTINITES THAT HAVING APPROPRIATE SUPPLIES, CURRENT PLANS AND SUFFICIENT PRACTICE IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE WHEN RESPONDING TO UNFOR FORESEEN EMERGENCIES AND WHEREAS IT'S ALSO APPROPRIATE WE REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE THE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS WHO KEEP OUR CITY SAFE AND PREPARED FOR SUCH TIMES AS WE EXPERIENCED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. NOW, THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYBE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER ..... SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 AS THE DAY OF

PREPARATION AND REMEMBRANCE, AND SO WE ASK ALL AUSTINITES TO JOIN US THAT DAY. WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE CEREMONY HERE, AS WELL WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS. THEY DO AN ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE, SO IT WILL BE AT 7:30 IN THE MORNING RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF CITY HALL. I WANT TO INVITE EVERYONE DOWN. MS. BURNS?

AS PRESIDENT OF BOMA AUSTIN, I'M VERY PLEASED TO ACCEPT THIS PROMISE MEDICATION. BOMA AUSTIN REPRESENTS MORE THAN 35 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY HERE IN AUSTIN. WE HAVE MORE THAN 150,000 PEOPLE THAT OFFICE IN OUR BUILDINGS, AND WE TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY THE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR ANY KIND OF EMERGENCY. IT WAS ALWAYS PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A PROPERTY MANAGER TO BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, BUT AFTER 9/11 IT BECAME OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE THAT WE HAVE TRAINING AND THAT WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE HE EVENTUALLY YALT OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENING HERE IN AUSTIN. OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE THINGS THAT CANNOT BE FORESEEN BUT WE HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT ALONG WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER AND WE HAVE A WONDERFUL -- I WOULD SAY A WARM AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE DEPARTMENTS, AND WE ARE DOING OUR UTMOST TO SEE TO IT THAT WE ARE PREPARED IN THE EVENTUALLY AT THAT WE HAVE SOME KIND OF A SITUATION LIKE THAT. SO I'M VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE THIS AND WOULD ASK EVERYONE TO REMEMBER, IF YOU CAN'T BE PRESENT WHEN THE FLAGS ARE LOWERED ON 9/11 AT 7:46, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER THE PEOPLE THAT WORKED TO TRY TO PREVENT THAT AND TO DEAL WITH THAT AND THE PEOPLE THAT DIED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HE EVENTUALLY AT [APPLAUSE] (music)(music) RUN I IMMEDIATE RUNNYMEDE RUN I MEADE RECONVENE GLUP GUADALUPE GUADALUPE GUADALUPE GLUP

THERE BEING A QARM PRESENT AT THIS TIME I'LL CALL BACK TO THE AUSTIN FINANCE CORPORATION, THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL REMAINS IN RECESS. IF YOU REMEMBER, BOARD, WE HAD GONE THROUGH OUR FIRST THREE POSTED ITEMS ON THE AHFC AGENDA AND WE'RE NOW AT ITEM 4.

WELCOME A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. AGAIN, PAUL HILGERS. TODAY WE ARE HERE TO TAKE TWO ADDITIONAL ITEMS. ONE, TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$12 MILLION IN MULTIFAMILY BONDS TO ASSIST SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION, A NONPROFIT WITH THE ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION OF RUNNYMEDE APARTMENTS LOCATED AT 1101 RUT LAND DRIVE. THE SECOND IS TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SHARES OF AUSTIN HOUSING -- PRIVATE ACTIVITY VOLUME CAP MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS. THE RUNNYMEDE APARTMENT PROJECTS SERIES 2007, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12 MILLION IN AN NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION OF RUNNYMEDE. THE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ARE ESTIMATED AT \$16.5 MILLION FOR THIS BOND FINANCING. THIS IS OUT OF OUR NORMAL PRACTICE FOR THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION TO CONSIDER ISSUING BONDS ON THE SAME DAY AS THE REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING LIKE WE DISCUSSED AT OUR LAST MEETING BUT IN THIS CASE THE CURRENT OWNER OF RUNNYMEDE MUST CLOSE BY SEPTEMBER 28, AND SINCE THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS NOT TILL THE 27TH IT'S MOST APPROPRIATE THAT WE TAKE THIS ACTION TODAY. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT'S COME UP IN THIS PROCESS THAT I KNOW YOU'VE RECEIVED EMAILS ABOUT AND THAT WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH AS STAFF IS THE FACT THAT SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION CURRENTLY OWNS FOUR APARTMENT COMPLEXES THROUGHOUT AUSTIN, SOUTH, CENTRAL AND NORTH, AND THREE OF THE COMPLEXES ARE OPERATING IN GOOD CONDITIONS WITH NO ISSUES, NO REAL ISSUES. ONE, HOWEVER, PRINCETON APARTMENTS AT AIRPORT AND INTERSTATE 35, HAVE HAD SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH MANAGEMENT AND PROPERTY CONDITION OVER THE YEARS. AS SOON AS WE WERE ALERTED AT THE FINANCE CORPORATION AND THE CITY TO THE ISSUES EARLIER THIS SUMMER, WE NOTIFIED THE SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION EXECUTIVES WHO HAVE TAKEN VERY RESPONSIVE ACTIONS

TO CORRECT THE PROPERTY ISSUES AS WELL AS MADE  
DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENTS IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE  
DELL WOOD 2 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. IN THE PAST  
45 DAYS THEY HAVE REPLACED THEIR MANAGEMENT  
COMPANY, REASSIGNED STAFF, BEGUN SECURITY PATROLS,  
REPAIRED UNITS THAT FAILED INSPECTIONS, BEGUN MORE  
THAN \$200,000 OF IMPROVEMENTS ON THE EXTERIOR AND  
INTERIOR OF THE PROPERTY AND SURVEYED RESIDENTS  
FOR THEIR CONCERNS. THEY WORKED WITH OUR STAFF  
AND WITH BELLWOOD 2 REPRESENTS TO DEVELOP  
AGREEMENTS TO BE SURE PROBLEMS WILL BE CORRECTED  
AND THE PROPERTY WELL MAINTAINED. YOU RECEIVED  
COPIES THIS MORNING OF THE AGREEMENTS AND LETTERS  
FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS. DELLWOOD TWO  
AND WILLSHIRE ESTATES DO NOT OPPOSE SAN ANTONIO'S  
ACQUISITION OF RUNNYMEDE WHICH IS REALLY WHAT  
WE'RE HERE ABOUT TONIGHT AND I'LL TALK ABOUT IN A  
SECOND. I WANT TO STATE THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS.....  
PROBLEMS AT PRINCETON BUT IT SHOULD NOT STAND AS A  
TYPICAL SYMBOL OF THEIR WORK AND WE HAVE CHECKED  
THIS OUT SINCE THIS TIME BEGAN. THEY MANAGE MORE  
THAN 4,000 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN SAN  
ANTONIO AND AUSTIN AS WELL AS ADMINISTER A VARIETIES  
OF PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF LOW INCOME  
RESIDENTS IN THOSE UNITS. MY OFFICE VISITED THEIR  
AUSTIN PROPERTIES TWO WEEKS AGO AND HAVE DONE  
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION AND BASED ON THE RESEARCH  
WE RECOMMEND THAT SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE  
HOUSING AS A WORTHY PARTNER -- A CONTINUED WORTHY  
PARTNER FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. AND I'LL JUST SAY  
BEFORE I GO ON THAT THEIR RESPONSE TO THIS -- TO  
THESE CONCERNS WAS VERY PROACTIVE, NOT DEFENSIVE.  
IT WAS WE'RE GOING TO GET IN AND FIND OUT WHAT WE  
NEED TO DO TO CORRECT THE SITUATION. NOW, ON TO THE  
ISSUE WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT, THE PRESERVATION OF  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT RUNNYMEDE APARTMENTS. IF  
AUTHORIZED, THE BOND ISSUE WILL PRESERVE 252  
APARTMENTS AS AFFORDABLE TO PEOPLE EARNING LESS  
THAN 60% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME, WHICH IS  
APPROXIMATELY 43,000 FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR. THE RENTS  
WOULD RANGE FROM 600 TO \$800 A MONTH. AUSTIN'S  
MULTIFAMILY BOND FINANCING CAPACITY IS A KEY

COMPONENT OF THE CITY'S EFFORT TO CREATE AND RETAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AS YOU KNOW PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS ONE OF THE CRITICAL ISSUES THAT WE'RE FACING IN OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS. CURRENTLY, RUNNYMEDE APARTMENTS IS NOT SUBSIDIZED AND IS FOR SALE ON THE OPEN MARKET AND THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT THE NEXT BUYER WILL BE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDER, MUCH LESS ONE THAT HAS THE QUALITY OF SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING. THE PREVALENCE OF CONDO CONVERSIONS IN AUSTIN IS INCREMENTALLY DECREASING THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING. THIS LOCATION NEAR LAMAR BOULEVARD AND RUNDBERG HAS EASY ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION, GROCERY AND RETAIL STORES AND EMPLOYMENT AND IS IDEAL FOR WORKING FAMILIES. AND SO WITH THAT, COUNCIL -- EXCUSE ME, BOARD MEMBERS, I WOULD ASK THAT WE WOULD STOP AND WE WOULD MAYBE HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC -- OR I'LL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. HILGERS. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, BOARD? VICE PRESIDENT.

DUNKERLEY: I THINK AS WE GO FORWARD ON THIS PROJECT, THAT I DO LIKE THE IDEA OF PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOUSE, BUT I'D LIKE FOR THE STAFF TO PREPARE AND COME BACK TO US WITH A PLAN FOR MONITORING ALL OF OUR MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS THAT ARE FINANCED WITH AHFC BONDS, ET CETERA. AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE BOTH PRINCETON AND RUNNYMEDE. DOESN'T MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THESE GET IN THAT PLAN, AND I ASSUME THAT YOU WILL DRAFT A PLAN AND TAKE IT TO THE CDC BEFORE YOU BRING IT TO US.

YES, MA'AM, WE WOULD DO THAT.

DUNKERLEY: THE NEXT IN THAT NORMALLY WHAT WE'RE MONITORING ON THOSE PROJECTS, I BELIEVE, ARE WAGE LEVELS, BUT IN ADDITION TO THAT MAKE SURE THAT YOU INCLUDE A SECTION DEALING WITH THE PROPERTY ITSELF, THE CONDITIONS OF THE PROPERTY, ALL OF THE -- YOU KNOW, ANY KIND OF CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND

THINGS LIKE THAT.

YES, MA'AM, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO. AT THE OTHER -- I DO WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE DO BELIEVE THAT WE COULD HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB, SO WE ARE ANXIOUS TO GET A PLAN SUCH AS THAT TOGETHER, SO WE WILL BRING THAT BACK THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND BRING THAT TO THE BOARD AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN POSSIBLY GET IT DEVELOPED. SO WE APPRECIATE THAT.

DUNKERLEY: I THINK THIS WOULD GIVE A LOT OF ASSURANCE, NOT ONLY TO THE COUNCIL BUT TO THE COMMUNITY, THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE THERE, AND THEN WHEN PARTICULAR PROBLEMS COME UP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, OR WITH THE NEIGHBORHOODS, I KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF WILL BE THERE TO HELP AS A MEDIATOR OR A SOLUTION FINDER OR WHATEVER. SO I THINK THAT'S ANOTHER IMPORTANT SERVICE THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE.

YES, MA'AM. WE CERTAINLY WILL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF? BOARD? IF NOT, WE WILL HEAR FROM SOME CITIZENS WHO SIGNED UP WISHING TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. FIRST SPEAKER IS KEN ROSENET. IF I PRONOUNCED THAT RIGHT. KEN, YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES TO BE FOLLOWED BY ANTHONY WILLIAMS.

GOOD AFTERNOON. MAYOR WYNN, BOARD MEMBERS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TONIGHT. I'M PRESIDENT OF DELLWOOD 2 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, THE PROPERTY THAT PRINCETON IS LOCATED WITHIN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO INTEGRATE THE RESIDENTS AT THAT COMMUNITY TO WORK WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND BE PART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE -- AS A NEIGHBORHOOD, WE HAVE VOTED TO TAKE A NEUTRAL POSITION ON THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS. ORIGINALLY I'VE BEEN LIVING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FOR 11 YEARS, AND SAN ANTONIO HOUSING CORPORATION TOOK OWNERSHIP ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO, AND WHAT WE SAW WAS, AT THE TIME, THAT THINGS DID DETERIORATE OVER



TIME, AND AS WE TRIED TO WORK WITH THEM WE DID RUN INTO SOME PROBLEMS. SO MS. DUNKERLEY, I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS THAT YOU'RE LOOKING TO HELP INVOLVE THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE FOUR POINTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION ON THE BOARD. ONE IS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A BIG.... VIGOROUS MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THESE WITH BENCHMARKS. 2, BUILD AN ENFORCE AMOUNT ACCOUNTABLE MECHANISM IN THE EVENT PROPERTY OWNERS DO NOT FOLLOW THROUGH ON THEIR COMMITMENTS. 3, IN THE BONDING PROCESS SOLICIT INPUT FROM THE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND 4, ALLOW THE NEIGHBORHOODS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR AGREEMENT WITH WHOEVER THE DEVELOPER IS. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT SAN ANTONIO HOUSING, ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION HAS BEEN WORKING VERY WELL IN THE LAST 45 DAYS WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE FEEL LIKE WE HAVE MET A WIN/WIN SITUATION AND WE THINK THAT WE WILL SEE BENEFITS FOR BOTH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND FOR THE PRINCETON COMMUNITY. AND THE OTHER THING I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE AWARE OF, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS THAT THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN -- THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SAFE AND A WELL-MAINTAINED AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I APPRECIATE ALL YOU'RE DOING.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, KEN. QUESTIONS FOR KEN, COUNCIL? THANK YOU, SIR.

OKAY.

MAYOR WYNN: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANTHONY WILLIAMS. WELCOME, MR. WILLIAMS. LET'S SEE, IS ROBERT BAKER IN THE ROOM? HELLO, MR. BAKER. WELCOME. HOW ABOUT ELINOR LANGSDORVE? HOW ABOUT SEAN MEREDITH? I ASK BECAUSE OUR RULES ARE PEOPLE HAVE TO BE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBERS TO DONATE TIME. SO MR. WILLIAMS, YOU'LL HAVE UP TO 9 MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. I'D LIKE TO FIRST START OFF BY

RECOGNIZING THAT MY MEMBERS OF NORTH AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION WHO TOOK TIME IN ORDER TO SHOW UP AT THE MEETING, AND I'D LIKE THEM TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN COMING AND SUPPORTING US ON RUNNYMEDE. NACA IS 110% IN FAVOR OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND WE REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS COUNCIL AND THE CITY IN MAINTAINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. AS LONG AS IT IS SAFE, CLEAN, WELL MAINTAINED AND IN FULL COMPLIANCE OF CITY CODE. RIGHT NOW OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE AGAINST PROPERTIES -- RENTAL PROPERTIES WHO ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE, AND THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN ACTING AS HAVENS FOR CRIMINALS, PROSTITUTES, DRUG DEALERS AND ADDICTS. WE DON'T -- WE HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES IN DEALING WITH THESE PROPERTIES, AND THEREFORE WE ARE DEVELOPING AN MOU WITH SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION TO ENSURE THAT RUNNYMEDE IS A SUCCESSFUL LOW INCOME HOUSING PROPERTY. ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES IN OUR BATTLE IS THE ENFORCEMENT OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY ABSENTEE LANDLORDS. EXCUSE ME. THESE LANDLORDS ARE OFTEN NEGLIGENT IN ENFORCING RENTAL LEASE AGREEMENTS AND ENFORCING CITY CODE. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE FROM THIS COUNCIL AND FROM THE CITY IS TO DEVELOP AN OVERSIGHT PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF RUNNYMEDE APARTMENTS WHILE UNDER OWNERSHIP OF SAAHC, A PLAN THAT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY IS ENFORCING THE TERMS OF LEASE AGREEMENTS AND THAT THE TENANTS ARE FOLLOWING CODE AND ARE -- THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY IS ENSURING THAT THE TENANTS ARE IN STRICT -- I'M SORRY, THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY IS ENSURING THAT THE TENANTS ARE FOLLOWING THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENTS IN A CONSISTENT MANNER. RIGHT NOW THE ONLY RECOURSE THAT WE HAVE IS TO CALL CODE ENFORCEMENT AND REPORT PROPERTIES. CODE ENFORCEMENT HAS VERY LIMITED RESOURCES AS DOES OUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION. THEREFORE, THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT THAT WE ARE CRAFTING WITH SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION IS -- ADDRESSES SOME OF THESE ISSUES. HOWEVER, WE WOULD JUST LIKE

SOME SORT OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND SOME SORT OF CLEAR -- SOME SORT OF CLEAR FOLLOW-THROUGH BY THE CITY SHOULD ISSUES ARISE WITH THESE PROPERTIES. SINCE WE ARE CRAFTING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION, WE PROPOSE THAT THIS COUNCIL POSTPONE THE FUNDING OF THIS BOND UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO ESTABLISH AN AGREEMENT WITH SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION. WE ARE -- WE ARE COOPERATING WITH THEM TO CONDUCT A DEAL THAT BOTH PARTIES CAN AGREE TO, AND WE FULLY ARE AWARE THAT SAN ANTONIO HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF MAINTAINING RUTLAND PLACE APARTMENTS ON RUTLAND DRIVE. I'VE PERSONALLY VISITED THAT PROPERTY SEVERAL TIMES. I HAVE VISITED THE PRINCETON APARTMENTS AND I SAW SOME THINGS THERE THAT WERE ALARMING. THEY HAVE SINCE ADDRESSED THOSE ISSUES, AND I AM VERY CONFIDENT THAT AS LONG AS WE WORK WITH THEM AND IF WE HAVE SOME SORT OF MECHANISM FROM THE BOARD AND FROM THIS COUNCIL, THAT IT WILL BE A WIN/WIN SITUATION FOR ALL. THAT'S ALL I HAVE UNLESS THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. WILLIAMS. QUESTIONS FOR MR. WILLIAMS? COMMENTS? SO MR. WILLIAMS, YOU'RE -- IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION HAS BEEN IN PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU-ALL REGARDING THE MOU?

CORRECT.

MAYOR WYNN: AND SO AS WE TALK ABOUT THAT WITH THEM AND OR THROUGH OUR HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, WOULDN'T COME AS A SURPRISE TO THEM? THEY'RE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE CONCEPT OF AGREEMENTS AND OR PARAMETERS AS TO MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND THINGS LIKE THAT?

CORRECT. EXACTLY. RIGHT NOW WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF -- WE NEED TO MEET WITH THEM AGAIN, BUT WE ARE ON AN ONGOING BASIS OF CRAFTING AN AGREEMENT, OF COURSE, WITH LIMITED -- BECAUSE OF OUR -- THE NATURE OF OUR BOARD'S SCHEDULES, WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF

SITTING DOWN AND MEETING WITH THEM. WE'VE ALREADY HAD ONE MEETING WITH THEM AND THEY'VE COME TO OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, AND WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF CRAFTING THAT AGREEMENT.

MAYOR WYNN: GOOD. THANK YOU. MAYOR PRO TEM?

DUNKERLEY, YOU KNOW, I REALLY -- I'M CONCERNED THAT IF WE DELAY THIS WE WILL ACTUALLY LOSE THE PROJECT TO A NEW.... NON-LOW INCOME OWNER.

CORRECT.

BUT I UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION, SO I PREVIOUSLY ASKED THE STAFF TO DEVELOP A MONITORING PLAN THAT WILL INCLUDE THE MONITORING OF THE FACILITIES AND THE CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND THINGS LIKE THAT. I GUESS I'D LIKE TO ASK PAUL HILGERS A QUESTION TO SEE HOW HE CAN HELP FACILITATE THE CONTINUING DIALOG AND AGREEMENT EVEN AFTER -- EVEN IF WE APPROVE THE BONDS TODAY. SO I'D LIKE, PAUL, IF YOU COULD STEP FORWARD AND SEE IF YOU COULD NOT ONLY ASSURE US THAT YOU'RE GOING TO MONITOR ALL THESE THINGS, BUT HOW COULD YOU HELP FACILITATE AN AGREEMENT EVEN IF WE DECIDE TO PASS THE BOND?

A COUPLE THINGS. ONE IS YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT BECAUSE OF THE TIMING ON THIS, THIS COULD NOT EVEN GO TO ANOTHER BOND ISSUER TO MAKE IT AFFORDABLE. BUT TO -- SPECIFICALLY TO YOUR QUESTION, ONE, WHAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IS ACTUALLY THE BEST SOLUTION FOR THIS IS FOR SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION AND THE COMMUNITY TO BE ONE AND SIT AT THE TABLE TOGETHER, NOT JUST WANT -- WANT TO NOT -- TO GET THIS GEMENT..... AGREEMENT BUT OVER TIME. WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE IS ASK ROD RADEL TO SPEAK TO WHAT HIS PLANTS ARE AND COMMITMENT TO TO THE COMMUNITY SO THAT YOU CAN HEAR FROM HIM HIS COMMITMENT TO DO THAT. WE WILL, AS STAFF, ONE, HAVE THIS PLAN THAT YOU HAVE ASKED FOR. WE WILL REVIEW THE MOU TO SEE IF WE CAN USE THAT AS A TEMPLATE FOR OTHER MONITORING AND PROPERTIES. THERE ARE SOME ISSUES THAT I THINK WE HAVE WITH WHAT'S BEING DRAFTED, BUT IT'S -- YOU KNOW,

IT'S BEING DRAFTED IN AN EFFORT TO TRY TO GET ALL THE CONCERNS OUT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WE WANT TO ADDRESS ALL OF THOSE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS THE MOST LEGAL FASHION POSSIBLE WITHOUT RUNNING AWAY HOUSING DEVELOPERS, SO WE GET GOOD, QUALITY HOUSING. BUT WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE THAT THE THINGS AND THE CONCERNS -- THAT THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP BY THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, WE WILL SIT AT THE TABLE AND MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO RESPOND ON BOTH CASES, BOTH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE DEVELOPER TO HAVE A GOOD, TRUSTING, WORKING RELATIONSHIP, SO THAT THERE'S A PROCESS FOR RESOLVING PROBLEMS. THERE'S NOBODY WHO CAN SAY THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE PROBLEMS COME UP IN ANY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RESULT OF THE MOU IS A PROCESS FOR COMMUNICATION AND TRUST TO BE BUILT. SO WITH THAT I'D ASK ROD TO SPEAK TO THE ISSUES HE'S HEARD.

MAYOR WYNN: I'M SORRY, WHO IS THIS?

THIS IS THE APPLICANT, THIS IS ROD RADLE WITH SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION. IS THAT ALL RIGHT?

MAYOR.

MAYOR WYNN: NO, IT'S NOT. COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

LEFFINGWELL: BEFORE YOU LEAVE, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WOULD WORK AT ALL, BUT WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO APPROVE THE BONDS FOR THE PURCHASE CONTINGENT ON THE COMPLETION OF THE MOU?

I CAN'T GUARANTEE THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD ACCEPT THE MOU.

LEFFINGWELL: WELL, I GUESS MAYBE I'D ASK THE SAME QUESTION OF THE SAN ANTONIO REPRESENTATIVE TOO. I JUST WONDER WHAT KIND OF COMMITMENT WE CAN MAKE THAT WOULD BE SOMEWHAT ENFORCEABLE TO ENSURE

THAT THIS PROCESS GOES ON TO CONTINUE THE DIALOG WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND REACH AN MOU.

OKAY. MR. PRESIDENT --

MY PREFERENCE, COUNCIL, IS TO HEAR FROM FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. MR. RADLE HAS SIGNED UP HERE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. MY INSTINCT IS AS WE HEAR FROM THE REST OF THE EXTENTS THERE MAY.....EXTENTS, THERE MAY BE OTHER ISSUES THAT COME UP THAT HE CAN ADDRESS. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JANE NISBAUM. WELCOME. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY TRAVIS REED.

THANKS A LOT FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. MY NAME IS JANE NUSBAUM. I'M A READY OF THE DELLWOOD 2 NEIGHBORHOOD AND HAVE LIVED AND OWNED PROPERTY IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS. I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT WHAT KEN SAID. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS WORKED EXTENSIVELY WITH THE SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION AND CITY STAFF TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES THAT WE'VE HAD WITH PRINCETON AND I'M REALLY THANKFUL FOR THAT AND REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK WHAT HAPPENED HERE IS THAT WE HAD A MAJOR BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATION AT ALL LEVELS WITHIN THE CITY AND WITHIN SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION AND THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY THAT THEY HAD, AND IT'S KIND OF A SHAME THAT IT TOOK A CRISIS TO GET THIS ADDRESSED, BUT THAT'S HOW WE GOT HERE AND I'M REAL HOPEFUL THAT BECAUSE OF WHAT WE'VE GONE THROUGH RECENTLY, THAT THE CITY CAN DEVELOP A VERY VIGOROUS MONITORING PROGRAM THAT YOU-ALL TALKED ABOUT, AND I THINK CITY STAFF WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DO THAT. THERE IS ONE THING THAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU-ALL HEAR ABOUT, IS THAT NEIGHBORHOODS NEED TO BE INVOLVED EARLY IN THIS PROCESS, SO IF THERE'S ANY WAY THAT THROUGH THE BONDING PROCESS A DIALOG WITH NEIGHBORHOODS CAN START EARLY AND THEN ALSO TO GIVE THE NEIGHBORHOODS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER INTO AN MOU. SOMEONE SUGGESTED TO ME RECENTLY IS COULD WE INCLUDE THAT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS, THAT IF THESE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENTS COME

ALONG, THEN IT'S REQUIRED THAT THE POTENTIAL PROPERTY OWNER GO AND TALK WITH NEIGHBORHOODS. SO AGAIN, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY I'M NEUTRAL, AS IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD, ON THE ISSUE OF THESE BONDS. SO I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MS. NUSBAUM. QUESTIONS FOR JANE, COUNCIL? THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TRAVIS REED. TRAVIS REED SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK AGAINST. TOM COBURT, SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. WILLIAM, TOM. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

WELL, I'M NEIGHBORHOOD PRESIDENT. WE ARE ABOUT A MILE FROM THIS DEVELOPMENT. WE'VE BEEN SUPPORTING THESE FOLKS AND THEY'RE PUTTING ON A REAL FIGHT DOWN THERE TO CLEAN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD UP AND TO GET IT TO WHERE IT'S SAFE FOR CHILDREN TO GO TO SCHOOL AND PEOPLE TO WALK. I THINK JENNIFER WALKED WITH US THE OTHER NIGHT WHEN ABOUT 400 OF US GOT IN THE STREET AND WALKED AND SAID WE WANT TO CLEAN UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THAT'S WHAT'S GOT EVERYBODY EXTREMELY CONCERNED, IS WHAT MOVES IN THERE IS THE KIND OF PEOPLE THAT'S SAFE TO LIVE WITH. SO WE'RE NEUTRAL ON THIS THING. WE WANT AN AGREEMENT THAT ASSURES THAT IT'S A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE, AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD GOES ON. NOW, WE'VE WORKED EXTENSIVELY -- I SAY WE BECAUSE WE'VE ALL WORKED ON THIS. WE'VE WORKED EXTENSIVELY WITH YOUR POLICE FORCE AND WITH -- LET ME CORRECT THAT, OUR POLICE FORCE, AND OUR CODE. AND WE'VE CLEANED UP A LOT OF THINGS. THE THING THAT'S APPARENT TO ME IS IF WE'LL SIT IN THERE AND GET THESE PLACES CLEANED UP, GET NICE LAWNS AND NICE SIDEWALKS, THE WINDOWS ALL FIXED, THE DOORS PAINTED, THE NEIGHBORHOOD GETS BETTER. IF THE WINDOWS ARE PUNCHED OUT AND THE YARDS ARE RUN OVER, IT'S NOT A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE AND THE STUFF THAT WE DON'T WANT TO LIVE NEXT DOOR TO WILL COME. WE PROVED THAT IN GRACEY WOODS, WE'RE PROVING THAT DOWN THERE RIGHT NOW. ALL WE'RE ASKING IS LET'S BE REAL CAREFUL AND TRY TO... TO GET THEM WHAT THEY NEED, THE TOOLS TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THE DEPARTMENT. I'M NO AN EXPERT. I'M GOING TO MAKE A COMMENT AND I'M NOT A SURE THIS IS THE WAY TO GO BUT

MAYBE WE OUGHT TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE LEASES AND SEE WHAT THE CONDITION OF THE LEASES ARE. IF SOMEBODY IS A CONVICTED FELON AND KEEPS REPEATING MAYBE HE SHOULD BE KICKED OUT MAYBE IF THEY DON'T PAY RENT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO PUT IN THAT BUT CERTAINLY THE LEASE IS A TOOL WE CAN CROO TO CONTROL WHAT KINDS OF PEOPLE THESE PLACES HAVE GOT.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL THE FOLKS SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. A NUMBER OF FOLKS SIGNED UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK, EITHER NEUTRAL, FOR OR AGAINST, LESLIE LAW SON AND CYNTHIA BASS ARE HERE, TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, AS IS ROD RAIDLE WHO OFFERED HIS SERVICES. WELCOME BACK, MR.--

THANK YOU. I WANTED TO GIVE A MORE DEFINITIVE RESPONSE BEFORE I ASK ROD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OR ADD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HE MIGHT HAVE. ONE, I JUST -- ONE POINT IS THAT FINANCING MECHANISM FOR RUNNYMEDE APARTMENTS IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE STATE, FROM THE PRINCIPALS ON APARTMENTS. SO YOU'LL KNOW, THERE IS MORE MONITORING REQUIRED FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS THROUGH A TAX CREDIT DEAL WHEN THERE IS -- IN THE PRINCETON. THAT'S ONE. THAT DOESN'T SAY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. HERE'S A SUGGESTION TO RESPOND TO YOUR REQUEST IS, THAT WE WOULD ADD -- YOU COULD ADD A CAVEAT TO THE MOTION THAT PROVIDED THE BORROWER MAKES A GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIOR TO CLOSING, AND I WOULD WORK TO INCLUDE -- JUST SO YOU KNOW, THAT WOULD MEAN I WOULD WORK TO INCLUDE A LETTER SIMILAR TO THE..... LETTER THAT WAS DEVELOPED FOR PRINCETON FOR THE THE NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH OUR OFFICES. OUR PLAN IS TO INCLUDE THE OUTLINE OF THE MONITORING LAN TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BY OCTOBER AND BRING THAT BACK TO YOU FOR APPROVAL IN NOVEMBER. WE'RE ANALYZING ISSUES -- LEGAL ISSUES AND INSTRUMENTS TO DETERMINE WHAT WE CAN USE FOR ENFORCEMENT. SO THAT MIGHT TAKE THAT MUCH TIME TO DO IT CORRECTLY. BUT WITH THAT I WOULD SEE IF THERE'S ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT ROD



WOULD LIKE TO ADD IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED SINCE HE OFFERED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. ROD?

COLE: MAYOR, I HAVE A QUESTION.

MAYOR WYNN: BOARD MEMBER COAL?

COLE: MR. HILGERS, I HAPPEN TO LIVE VERY CLOSE TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, AND AM FAMILIAR WITH THE PRINCETON APARTMENTS AND THE HISTORY OF THE NEIGHBORS WORKING TO MAKE IT A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT AND YET THAT HAPPENING SOMETIMES AND THEN DETERIORATING AGAIN. I'M WONDERING IF IN RESPONSE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESIDENT'S REQUEST, IF WE HAVE ANY AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO ISSUING THESE BONDS TO INVESTIGATE THE LEASES THAT THE TENANTS HAVE.

LET ME CHECK ON THAT LEGALLY, AND, ROD, IF YOU COULD COME UP AND I'LL ANSWER THE QUESTION FROM MY LAWYER HERE.

MAYOR WYNN: WELCOME BACK, MR. RAIDLE.

THANK YOU. I'LL COME BACK OVER TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION HERE, BUT IN REGARDS TO THE LEASES, THE LEASES THAT ARE UTILIZED ON OUR PROPERTIES ARE TAA STANDARD LEASES. CAPSTONE MANAGEMENT COMPANY WILL BE THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR THIS PROPERTY WHICH IS THE NEW MANAGEMENT COMPANY WE'VE BROUGHT INTO ALL OF OUR AUSTIN PROPERTIES, AS WELL AS THE PRINCETON APARTMENTS. THEY HAVE MANAGED -- THEY CURRENTLY MANAGE 55,000 APARTMENTS. THEY DO A LOT OF TAX CREDIT WORK AND HAVE A VERY STRICT POLICY FOR SCREENING. YOU KNOW, IF SOMEONE IS A CONVICTED FELON, THEY'RE JUST NOT CONSIDERED AT ALL. ANY VIOLATIONS OR BREAKS OF THE LEASE WILL BE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION, AND THEY HAVE A VERY STRONG FOLLOW-UP ON THAT AS WELL AS THE COMPLIANCE ISSUE. SO FROM THAT STANDPOINT THEY WILL BE FOLLOWING STANDARD LEASING PRACTICES AS FAR AS SCREENING BUT THEY HAVE A VERY GOOD FOLLOW-UP TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THERE IS AN INFRACTION OR BREAK OF THE LEASE THEY

WILL FOLLOW UP WITH AN EVICTION. COMING BACK TO THE QUESTION ABOUT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, WE ARE -- I WANT TO JUST GO ON PUBLIC RECORD HERE TO SAY THAT THE DELLWOOD 2 ASSOCIATION WERE WONDERFUL. HARD NEGOTIATORS, AND THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE, AND I THINK WE WERE OPEN TO THAT, AND THE GOOD PART, THEY WERE OPEN TO LISTEN TO WHAT WE HAD TO SAY TOO. I THINK A LOT OF THE ITEMS THAT THEY FIRST BROUGHT FORTH WE COULD NOT INCLUDE, BUT THEN THERE WERE OTHER ITEMS THAT THEY COME FORTHWITH THAT MADE SENSE AND WE COULD WORK WITH. THE DOCUMENT THAT I HOPE YOU-ALL HAVE A COPY OF, THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF THIS DOCUMENT THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY LACKING ON THE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH AUSTIN FOLKS, AND I HOPE WE GET TO THIS POINT BECAUSE IT NEEDS TO BE IN THERE, IS THE COMMUNICATION SECTION. THE COMMUNICATION SECTION IS VERY IMPORTANT. THEY HAVE A POINT OF CONTACT WHO WILL CONTACT OUR ASSET MANAGER FOR ANY PROBLEM THAT THEY SEE, NOT JUST THE ITEMS THAT ARE LISTED IN THE AGREEMENT, BUT ANYTHING THAT MAKE COME UP. A COPY OF THAT CORNERS CORRESPONDENCE GOES TO THE CITY, KELLY WISE IS ON NOTICE THAT IT MAKE COME UP WITH AN ISSUE AND IF IT'S NOT RESOLVED IN FIVE DAYS SHE GETS INVOLVED. SO WE HAVE AN ACCOUNTABILITY THAT IS THERE, AND IF SOMETHING CANNOT BE NEGOTIATED, THEN THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE THREE OF US, ALTERNATIVE HOUSING, THE ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY EMPLOYEE, TO SIT DOWN AND HASH IT OUT AND BY A VOTE OF 2-1 OR HOPEFULLY 3-0 IT'S RESOLVED. SO THE POINT IS TO BE ABLE TO BE PROACTIVE AND I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD PART OF THIS DOCUMENT WITH DELLWOOD AND WE'D LIKE TO SEE THAT AS WE CONTINUE OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OTHER ASSOCIATION. AS FAR AS MAKING IT A -- I JUST -- MAKING A REQUIREMENT FOR THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED, WE CANNOT FORCE ANYONE TO AGREE TO IT, BUT I THINK THE GOOD-FAITH EFFORT, AND I THINK THEY WILL HAVE A GOOD-FAITH EFFORT, I KNOW WE WILL, HAVING THE CITY EMPLOYEE INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION I THINK IS CRITICAL. BOTH MARGARET SHAW AND KELLY WISE WERE VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THIS THING DONE AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE IF WE

COULD HAVE THAT SAME COOPERATIVE SPIRIT WITH SOMEONE FROM THE CITY THAT WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE US GETTING TO A SOLUTION WITH THIS.

MAYOR WYNN: FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR MR. RAIDLE, BOARD? COMMENTS?

ONE MORE PIECE OF CLARIFICATION THAT I'VE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GIVE, WHICH IS THAT WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR YOU TO APPROVE AND RECOMMENDING FOR YOUR APPROVAL HAS TO DO WITH THE AMOUNT AND INTEREST RATES ON THE BONDS WE ARE ISSUING, ASKING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF. IN SERIES A BONDS, \$10,825,000 AT 6%, AND IN SERIES B BONDS, 590,000 AT 8.5%. AGAIN, WE RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES AND RESPECT THE ISSUES THAT ARE BROUGHT FORTH THROUGH BOTH THE DELLWOOD COMMUNITY AND ALSO PARTICULARLY IN THE NAKA COMMUNITY AS WELL. IT IS OUR CONSIDERED OPINION THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH A COMMUNICATION AGREEMENT WITH SAN ANTONIO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING IN THIS PROPERTY, PRESERVING IT AS AFFORDABLE FOR THAT NEIGHBORHOOD, THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF THIS BOND AND HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO DO THAT THAN LETTING IT GO TO THE MARKET THROUGH A PRIVATE MEANS. SO THAT'S WHY WE BRING THIS FORWARD, AND I'LL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

MAYOR WYNN: QUESTIONS OF STAFF, BOARD? COMMENTS? BOARD MEMBER KIM.

KIM: MR. HILGERS, THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THAT OUTLINE AND FOR THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING CORPORATION FOR BEING HERE AND GIVING SOME INFORMATION. I THINK THAT THE INPUT FROM THE NEIGHBORS ARE GOING TO BE VERY HELPFUL GOING FORWARD AND I REALLY DO WANT TO SEE MORE THAN JUST A GOOD-FAITH EFFORT. WE REALLY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ADDRESSING THIS COMPREHENSIVELY INVOLVING THE CITY, INCLUDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. AND SO IT SEEMS LIKE THE MARCH HAPPENED FOR A REASON, TO PROTEST WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERMS OF THE CRIME IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE CRIME IS JUST ONE

THING WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE TO PREVENT AND TO ADDRESS. IT'S REALLY JUST THE NEED FOR THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION AND I THINK THAT AS WE WORK ON THIS MOU WE CAN LOOK AT SOME OF THOSE OTHER AREAS AS WELL WELL, JUST TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION IN THE FUTURE. I THINK THAT HAVING THE HOUSING CORPORATION WORKING WITH THE CITY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND ALSO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS, THE CONTACTING, THERE MAY BE SOME WAYS THAT WE CAN REALLY MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE WORKING IN A MORE COORDINATED FASHION TO BE PROACTIVE IN CRIME IN THE AREA.

MAYOR WYNN: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON AHFC ITEM 4.

DUNKERLEY: SO MOVE.

MAYOR WYNN: MOTION BY THE VICE PRESIDENT TO APPROVE THE ITEM AS PRESENTED BY STAFF. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER KIM -- OR BOARD MEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

LEFFINGWELL: WITH MY SECOND, COULD I GET A CLARIFICATION ON THE MOTION. DOES IT ALSO INCLUDE DIRECTION FOR THE MONITORING PROGRAM THAT YOU DISCUSSED AND ALSO FOR A COMMITMENT BY THE CITY TO FACILITATE A GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO MOVE FORWARD TOWARDS THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING?

DUNKERLEY: ABSOLUTELY.

MAYOR WYNN: SO WE HAVE A CLARIFIED MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A BOARD VOTE OF 7-0.

I WANT TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION FOR THAT, AND COMMITMENT THAT THAT WILL BE DONE TO YOUR SATISFACTION, AND MR. PRESIDENT, THAT'S ALL THE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD TONIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. HILGERS. THEREFORE WE NOW ADJOURN THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, CALL BACK TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE OUST CITY COUNCIL. IT IS 6:43 P.M. WE'VE BEEN IN RECESS NOW FOR AN HOUR AND CHANGE, AND LET'S SEE. BEFORE WE CHOOSE OUR ITEMS, MR. GUERNSEY. WE HAVE TWO ITEMS THAT HAVE A NUMBER OF CITIZENS HERE WAITING TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. MY PREFERENCE, COUNCIL, WOULD BE TO TAKE UP THOSE ITEMS FIRST. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CLEAN-UP ITEMS WE CAN GET THROUGH WITH STAFF AND LIKELY AN EMPTY ROOM. SO OUR FIRST ITEM -- I'M SORRY, MR. GUERNSEY, WE HAVE TECHNICALLY THE ZONING CASES TO POSTPONE, CORRECT? AND THAT NEEDS TO GET DONE. SO AT THIS TIME WE'LL CALL UP OUR ZONING CASES, APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES OR RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND WELCOME MR. GREG GUERNSEY.

THANK YOU. NUMBER 85, CASE C14-07-0005 ACTION THAXTON REZONING, LOCATED SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THAXTON ROAD. THE STAFF RECOMMENDS A POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM TO 9-27. SEPTEMBER 27. OUR NEXT ITEM IS ITEM NO. 86 86. THIS IS CASE C14 H-06-0044, KNOWN AS THE PAYNE HOUSE AT 21 ON 4 PEARL STREET. WE'RE WORKING ON A COVENANT AND CONTINUE TO DO SO. WE HAVE NOT FINALIZED THAT DOCUMENT AND STAFF RECOMMENDS A POSTPONE. OF THIS ITEM AS WELL TO SEPTEMBER 27. AND THAT CONCLUDES THE ZONING ITEMS.

MAYOR WYNN: SO COUNCIL, OUR PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ON THE ZONING CASES WHERE WE HAVE YET TO HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING WOULD BE TO POSTPONE BOTH OF THEM, ITEMS 85 AND 86, TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2007? I'LL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION.

MAYOR WYNN: MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER

LEFFINGWELL.

MAYOR WYNN: SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCracken TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE. MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCIL MEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS.

THAT CONCLUDES ZONING FOR THIS EVENING.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. MR. GUERNSEY. COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US TO OUR POSTED PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION. THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC HEARINGS, TWO OF WHICH HAVE A NUMBER OF CITIZENS HERE TO SPEAK. THE REST DON'T. SO MY SUGGESTION IS WE TAKE UP THOSE FIRST SO SOME FOLKS CAN GET HOME A LITTLE EARLIER. OUR FIRST WILL BE ITEM NO. 91, PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVING OR DENYING AN APPEAL BY KAREN MCGRAW OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO APPROVE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR OFF-SITE PARKING FOR A RESTAURANT, GENERAL USE, LOCATED AT 4119 GL STREET. ADDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. I APPRECIATE A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION.

MAYOR WYNN: SO ITEM NO. 93. WE'LL TABLE THAT FOR A FEW MINUTES. ITEM NO. 93, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR '07-'08 BUDGET, WHICH IS SET FOR ADOPTION ON SEPTEMBER 10, 11 AND 12, 2007. HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS HERE TO GIVE US TESTIMONY ABOUT THE BUDGET. WE'LL TAKE THESE SEQUENTIALLY. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS ELMER HOTEL HOLTMAN, SIGNED UP WISHING ON SPEAK IN FAVOR. NEXT SPEAKER IS THE REVEREND RICHARD CARTER. REFUSE.....REVEREND RICH..... RICHARD CARTER. NEXT IS TOME, FATHER TOME, SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCED THAT, ALSO SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK AND CHECKED THE IN FAVOR BOX. CYNTHIA VALADEZ. CYNTHIA VALADEZ SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK AS DID MARK LOOKS LIKE MILESMITH. SORRY FOR MISPRONOUNCING THAT, MAKE. MAKEE -- MARK. HARRY SAVIO SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. PATIENCE IS A

VIRTUE. YOU GET TO GO FIRST.

MAYOR WYNN: WELCOME. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

MY NAME IS HARRY SAVIO, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN. THIS IS MY THIRD GLER A ROW BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL BUILDING INSPECTION STAFF AND I'M GLAD TO SAY THAT THEY'RE NOW IN THIS BUDGET AND WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THAT IT BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. THE BUILDING INSPECTION FOR EXPENDITURES THIS YEAR, IN OTHER WORDS, THE FURNITURE FISCAL YEAR FOR BUILDING INSPECTION IS 4.5 MILLION. THE COMMERCIAL REVIEW IS RIGHT AT A MILLION. INTAKE, ABOUT A HALF MILLION. RESIDENTIAL REVIEW, 946,000, FOR A TOTAL OF \$7,076,105. REVENUES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR PROJECTED TO BE \$13.7 MILLION, SO THE REVENUES IN EXCESS OF OS COSTS ARE PROJECTED TO BE \$6.7 MILLION. IF YOU TRACK THAT ALONG THE PROPOSED BUDGET IT'S ACTUALLY VERY, VERY CLOSE. WITH A PROPOSED NET OF REVENUES IN EXCESS OF COSTS ABOUT \$6.5 MILLION. NOW, WHAT WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO IS ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE THIS YEAR WHERE THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN IS GOING TO FALL NEXT YEAR. THE MCMANSION ORDINANCE ALREADY ACTUALLY IS BEING ADMINISTERED THIS YEAR AND YOU'RE SEEING THE TIME AND THE STAFF REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT. BUT COMING ON NEXT YEAR WILL BE THE NEW WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS. THE ZERO NET ENERGY COMPATIBLE REQUIREMENTS AND ALL OF THAT IS GOING TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF, ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FROM THE BUILDING INSPECTION STAFF. NOW, WE HAVE EITHER SUPPORTED OR TRIED TO PARTNER WITH THE CITY COUNCIL WORKING TO FIND THE MOST EFFICIENT EFFECTIVE WAY OF IMPLEMENTING THOSE ORDINANCES AND IN SOME CASES PROVIDED LETTERS OF SUPPORT, BUT AGAIN THAT -- WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENT THE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE STAFF REQUIRED TO REALLY FOLLOW THROUGH AND MAKE THOSE HAPPEN. IF I CAN GIVE THE STAFF A PAT ON THE BACK RIGHT NOW, THE -- IN THE FIELD THEY ARE REALLY ON TIME INSPECTIONS AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME THE STAFF HAS BEEN ABLE

TO ADJUST AND MAKE CHANGES IN THEIR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS, WHICH IS GETTING THE NUMBER OF REINSPECTIONS SIGNIFICANTLY DOWN. THAT'S GOOD FOR US, AND WE THINK IT HAS A CUMULATIVE EFFECT. THE ONLY WAY TO REALLY KEEP THAT IN PLACE IS TO PROVIDE THE STAFF THAT'S REQUIRED TO DO THAT. THE PLAY I WAS TRYING TO MAKE TONIGHT IS THE COST OF DOING THAT STHOT COMING FROM THE -- FROM TAX DOLLARS, BUT FROM BUILDING PERMIT FEES THAT ARE PAID BY THE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THAWPG, MR. SAVIO. THERE'S OVER 217,000 INSPECTIONS THIS YEAR, AS WE HEARD EARLIER. AMAZING AMOUNT EVER WORK. I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. NEXT SPEAKER IS WILLIAM BRAY. PERHAPS THAT'S OUR FRIEND TERRY BRAY, SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK, AS DID SCOTT JOHNSON. SCOTT JOHNSON SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. NATIFA TORMINA. I'M SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCED THAT, SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. AS DID JENNIFER MCFAIL. WELCOME, JENNIFER. YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY LUPE VASQUEZ.

I'M JENNIFER MCFAILEN WITH ADOPT TEXAS, AND I JUST WANTED TO BE SURE THAT WE GET ON PUBLIC RECORD AS SAYING THAT WE SUPPORT THE BUDGET FOR SIDEWALKS AND CURB CUTS, AND AGAIN, I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE THIS EFFORT BE ADVANCED FORWARD, AND A FEW LITTLE POINTS THAT I WANT TO BRING UP. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE COORDINATE OUR EFFORT WITH CAPITAL METRO. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE BOND PACKAGE FOR MLK AND AIRPORT BUT THEY'RE PUTTING IN A NEW LIGHT RAIL STATION. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE COORDINATE WITH THEM TO HOPEFULLY LESSEN THE INCONVENIENCE FOR PEOPLE AND MAKE SURE WE GET THE BIGGEST BANG FOR OUR BUCK. AND WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU FOLKS ON THE CAPITAL METRO BOARD WORK WITH US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE, AND WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE TO TOUCH ON THE FACT THAT COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ, I HEARD YOUR CONCERNS THIS AFTERNOON ABOUT THE ONE-TIME FUND USE FOR THESE PROJECTS, AND I REALLY HAVE TO SAY, ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER, YOU REALLY HAVE TO LOOK AT THE FACT THAT CAPITAL METRO



ABANDONED ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY BY CUTTING ITS BUDGET, BY \$6 MILLION OF THE PUBLIC EMERGENCY. THIS PROJECT TODAY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR FOLKS TO BE ABLE TO GET AROUND AND DO THE THINGS THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO DO. AND, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN STAFF NEEDS TO BE PUT IN THEIR PLACE, BUT THIS IS NOT ONE TIME WHERE THAT'S THE CASE. I THINK THAT IT'S VERY IRRESPONSIBLE FOR CAPITAL METRO TO HAVE ABANDONED ITS PASSENGERS AND THEN BE UPSET WHEN PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, TRY TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS. IT'S NOT IDEAL, BUT IT'S VERY NECESSARY. SO I HOPE THAT YOU'LL WORK WITH US. WE'RE MEETING WITH THEM ON SEPTEMBER THE 5TH, AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN CLEAN UP THE MESS, BUT WHO MADE THE MESS. THANKS.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, JENNIFER. LUPE? WELCOME BACK. YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY SPARKY MES.

MAYOR WYNN: WE MIGHT HAVE -- WE MIGHT HAVE A HAND -- WAIT A MINUTE. YES?

MY NAME IS LUPE VASQUEZ AND I'M WITH..... WITH ADAPT. AND I CAN'T -- IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE CURB CUTS. CURB CUTS AND SIDEWALKS. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY. PLEASE TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN -- WHEN YOU DECIDE WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH YOUR MONEY, BECAUSE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, LUPE. WELCOME BACK, SPARKY. YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY LATIFA DEMORNIA. SORRY, LATIFA.

MY NAME IS SPARKY AND I'M WITH ADAPT TEXAS.

I JUST WANT TO REITERATE WHAT JENNIFER AND LUPE HAVE ALREADY SAID. I LIKE TO WALK IF I HAVE TIME. WE NEED MORE SIDEWALKS SO I CAN WALK WITHOUT GETTING HIT. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, SPARKY AND JENNIFER. WELCOME, LATIFA, AND LET'S SEE, IS MITCHELL JONES IN THE AUDIENCE? SO YOU'LL HAVE UP TO THREE MINUTES IF

YOU NEED IT. WELCOME.

THANK YOU. I'M LATIFA, TARAMINA, WITH AUSTIN CIRCLE OF THEATERS. VOTING ON THE INVESTMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN THROUGH OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN, THE 13.5 MILLION IN CORPORATE INVESTMENTS AND RELOCATION, AND OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN INITIATIVES, AUSTIN CIRCLE OF THEATERS ALSO WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, ALLOCATE SOME FUNDING IN ITS 2007-2008 BUDGET TO SUPPORT A SIGNIFICANT COLLABORATIVE MARKETING INITIATIVE TO BUILD TOP OF MIND AWARENESS FOR AUSTIN AS THE CREATIVE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. THIS EFFORT WILL PROVIDE EXTRAORDINARY ACCESS TO ARTS EVENTS INFORMATION IN ORDER TO INITIATE PARTICIPATION OF NEW AUDIENCES, GENERATE NEW SOURCES OF EARNED REVENUE FOR THE REGION'S ARTS AND CULTURAL ECONOMY, FACILITATE NEW METHODS OF ARTS COMMERCE AND STRENGTHEN THE ATTRACTIVENESS AND VIABILITY OF OUR REGION AS A MECCA FOR NEW BUSINESS AND GROWTH AND AS A TOURIST DESTINATION. IN ASSESSING THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF A COMMUNITY, THE YARDSTICK USED TO BE FAIRLY STANDARD, EASILY AVAILABLE NUMBERS, WHAT'S THE EMPLOYMENT RATE, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, ARE NEW JOBS BEING CREATED, HOW MANY BUILDING PERMITS HAVE WE ISSUED? ARE RETAIL SALES GROWING? TODAY THE YARDSTICK IS THE VIBRANCY OF OUR CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT. TALENTED, CURIOUS, INGENIUS PEOPLE WANT TO BE AROUND OTHERS LIKE THEMSELVES, AND THEY WILL SEEK OUTSMART PLACES AND SPACES THAT SUPPORT UNIQUE EXPERIENCES. AUSTIN IS THAT SMART PLACE THAT SUPPORTS UNIQUE EXPERIENCES. WE ARE BLESSED WITH AN UNUSUAL INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CREATIVE, INNOVATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE. WE HAVE A HIGHLY CAPABLE WORK FORCE. WE HAVE A RESPONSIVE AND LISTENING CITY GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE A WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH UNIVERSITY AND SEVERAL OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, STRONG COMMUNITY ASSETS, TOGETHER WITH INCREDIBLY VIBRANT AND EXCITING ARTS AND CULTURAL ASSETS. AUSTIN AND ITS PEOPLE ARE AS WIDE AND GLORIOUS AS THE SKIES ABOVE US. BUT WE HAVE

TO LET EVERYONE KNOW ABOUT IT, AND THAT'S A MARKETING EFFORT. AND IT NEEDS TO BE AN INCLUSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE MARKETING EFFORT. AUSTIN CIRCLE OF THEATERS IS ALREADY PLAYING A CRITICAL ROLE IN BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A VIBRANT CREATIVE COMMUNITY, THROUGH COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING COLLECTIVE INSURANCE OPTIONS, PROMOTION AND MARKETING EVENTS AND SHARED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. WE'VE BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE CULTURAL ARTS PROVISION, INITIATIVE, CREATE AUSTIN, AND BY THE WAY, VINCENT CICH AND JANET SIEB EARTH DESERVE KUDOS FOR THEIR WORK WITH CREATE AUSTIN. I THOUGHT YOU SAID SIX MINUTES?

MAYOR WYNN: NO, THREE.

OH, I'M SORRY, IT WAS SIX ON MY PAPER.

MAYOR WYNN: WELL, SOMEBODY WAS HERE EARLIER OFFERING THEIR TIME BUT OUR RULES ARE THEY HAVE TO BE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBERS IN ORDER TO DO SO.

I'M SORRY, I COULDN'T GET THROUGH THE CRACK. THANK YOU, LATIFA.

OKAY.

MAYOR WYNN: NEXT SPEAKER IS SHILER LAU. YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY LAHUN LEE.

MY NAME IS SHILLER LAU, ASIAN AMERICAN RESOURCES CENTER REQUESTING THE CITY PUT A BUDGET FOR THE ASIAN SOCIAL SERVICES HELP LINE. WHAT HAPPENS, IN ASIAN COMMUNITY, INCREASING IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS BY 47%, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE COMING FROM THE DIFFERENT STATES, COMING TO THIS HERE AND THEY COME FROM CALIFORNIA, COME HERE, TRY TO STAY. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE A LANGUAGE BARRIER, THEY HAVE CULTURE DIFFERENCES AND WHENEVER THEY NEEDED SOME HELP THEY TRIED TO GET SOME HELP, THEY TRY TO CALL SOMEONE, AND THEY COULDN'T GET HELP WITHIN THE CITY'S CURRENT SERVICES. AND SO WE ACTUALLY ARE HANDING OUT OUR OWN CELL PHONES AND GET THEM TO

CALL US AND THEN THEY CAN GET SOME HELP. WE CAN TRY TO TRANSLATE, THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. SO WE THINK IN THE ASIAN COMMUNITY WE HAVE FOUND OUT IN THE SURVEY, WE FOUND OUT THE MAJOR THINGS THAT HAPPEN OVER HERE IS THE LANGUAGE BARRIERS. SO WE DO NEED TO HAVE SOME KIND OF SERVICES IN THE CITY'S BUDGET TO PROVIDE THAT SO THEY CAN TRANSLATE WHEN THE -- WHEN THEY TRANSLATE A LANGUAGE, THE ASIANS NEED HELP ON THAT, AND THOSE CAN BE IN CHINESE, IN KOREAN, IN VIETNAMESE, IN INDIAN LOCAL LANGUAGES OR THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. SO WE CAN FIGURE OUT THOSE THINGS. THE ASIAN CULTURAL CENTER ARE WANTING THIS AND THE SERVICE WOULD INCLUDE ANSWERING HELP LINES THAT COULD TRANSFER CALLS FROM THE CITY'S 311 PROGRAM, PROVIDING CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A -- MS. LIHONG LEE TO PRESENT HER CASE, RESEARCHING NEEDS SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE CITY STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL. TRANS.....TRANSLATING SERVICES NEED OUTREACH THROUGH THE ASIAN COMMUNITY. I THINK WE ALSO, PER OUR REQUEST, WE ASKED THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER KIM TO ASK WHAT CITY KIND OF SERVICES ARE PROVIDED AND YOU HAVE THE HANDOUT IN YOUR HAND FROM THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH IT SAYS, ASIAN COMMUNITY IN AUSTIN INCLUDE ASIAN INDIANS, JAPANESE, KOREANS AND VIETNAMESE. LANGUAGE AND CULTURE DIFFERENCES REPRESENT THE MAJOR BARRIERS TO COMMUNICATING WITH NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING ASIAN AMERICANS DURING CRISIS AND EMERGENCY TIMES. DUE TO THOSE BARRIERS NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING ASIAN AMERICANS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PREPARE FOR DISASTERS RESPONDING TO DISASTERS AND RECOVER FROM A DISASTER. AND THAT'S WHY WE THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT, AND WE THINK THIS IS -- IF WE CAN PUT THIS BUDGET IN 70, \$75,000 GRANT INTO THIS BUDGET AND TO COMBINE WITH THE 311 PROGRAM AND THE UNITED WAY, A 211 PROGRAM, THAT WILL PROVIDE A MAXIMUM BENEFIT FOR USERS OF THE SERVICES AND FOR THE PROGRAMS THEMSELVES. AND WE AS REPRESENTING ASIAN AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER, I THINK WE ARE THE RIGHT ONE TO PROVIDE THAT KIND OF SERVICES. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. SHILER. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? COUNCIL? THANK YOU, SIR. AND YOU'RE TO BE FOLLOWED BY LAY HUNG LEE, AS YOU INTRODUCED EARLIER. WELCOME, MS. LEE. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES, TO BE FOLLOWED BY NELSON PETE.

I JUST WANTED TO TELL ONE OF MY STORY. TWO YEARS AGO, IN AUGUST 10, I DROVE BACK FROM HOUSTON TO AUSTIN IN THE COUNTY OF FILE, AND I STOPPED BY A STATE TROOPER BECAUSE I WAS SPEEDING, IN THE SPEEDING ZONE 70 MILES AND I DROVE AT 81 MILES. AND I PULLED MY CAR ON THE SIDE OFF THE HIGHWAY, AND I SAW THE CAR FROM THE STATE TROOPER FLASH HIS LIGHTS SO THAT'S HOW I STOPPED. AND I GET READY FOR MY DRIVING LICENSE IN ONE HAND, BUT I'M -- I DIDN'T EXPECT THE STATE TROOPER. AT THAT TIME I'M NOT SURE WHETHER HE WAS THE REAL STATE TROOPER BECAUSE HE PULLED HIS GUN AND AT THE BACK OF MY CAR, HELD HAND AND POINTED, STEP OUT RIGHT NOW. AND I WAS FRIGHTENED. I WAS SO AFRAID, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. SO -- AND I ASKED HIM, I SAID, IT'S VERY DANGEROUS FOR ME TO STEP OUT. I HAVE TWO KIDS WITH ME, AND AT THAT TIME THEY ARE 9 AND 11, BOTH OF THEM. AND THEN HE SAID -- I REQUEST HIM TO COME UP TO MY WINDOW BUT HE SAID NO, BECAUSE IT'S TOO BUSY ON THE HIGHWAY, TOO DANGEROUS FOR HIM. I SAID CAN YOU COME OUT THE OTHER SIDE, THE PASSENGER SIDE? AND HE DID, BUT I ASKED HIM, YOU KNOW, HIS IDENTITY OR SHOW ME SOME, YOU KNOW, YOUR IDENTITY. HE SAID YOU ARE LOOKING AT IT, BASICALLY. SO I [INAUDIBLE] HIM BECAUSE -- JUST I FEEL LIKE HE'S -- HE SAID IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME YOUR DRIVING LICENSE YOU'LL END UP IN A JAIL. I WAS TOTALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, WHY I HAVE TO GO TO THE JAIL. AND HE SAID, YOU GIVE ME YOUR DRIVING LICENSE AND COME OUT. BUT I DIDN'T CAME OUT. I SAID, HOW CAN I VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY? AND I SAID, CAN I CALL 911 TO VERIFY? WHICH I DID. I CALLED THEM, AND VERIFIED AND HE GAVE ME HIS STATE TROOPER NUMBER WHILE I'M WAITING. I WAS WAITING AND HE STILL, YOU KNOW, FRIGHTENED ME, ASKED ME TO STEP OUT OF THE CAR, AND I FELT -- I DON'T FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE. SO I REQUEST 911. I SAID CAN YOU SEND SOME OTHER POLICEMAN, AT LEAST I HAVE SOME WITNESSES, SEE

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE BECAUSE I FEEL JUST TOTALLY OUT OF ORDINARY PROCEDURE. SO I GAVE HIM THE LICENSE. HE CHECKED AND HE STILL REQUEST ME STEP OUT. BUT I STEP OUT FINALLY WITH MY -- AND HE TOTALLY LOST HIS ANGER. HE SAID, OKAY, SORRY, I CAN FINISH -- JUST HE TRIED TO THREATEN ME, PUT ME IN JAIL, AND HE SAID, I CHALLENGED THE AUTHORITY OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR STATE TROOPER DEPARTMENT. SO -- THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MS. LEE. NELSON PETE? NELSON PETE SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK, GIVE US TESTIMONY, AS DID SUE ANN CAMPBELL. I'M NELSON PETE AND I'M WITH ADAPT TEXAS, AND I VOTE FOR MORE SIDEWALKS AND CURB CUTS BECAUSE THE GOOD NICE I GOT BACK ON SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE, BUT SOME OF THE OTHER GOOD NEWS IS WHEN I GET OFF OF BUS 20 AT THE SPRINGDALE SHOPPING CENTER, AS I GO DOWN THE SIDEWALK, THEN THERE'S ABOUT A DROP OFF -- ABOUT THIS HIGH BEFORE YOU GET TO THE PART WHERE YOU MAKE THE TURN TO GO ACROSS SPRINGDALE. SO I HAVE TO GO AROUND THE TREE AND COME OVER SO I DON'T HAVE TO GO OFF THAT DROP-OFF. WHEN I GET ACROSS SPRINGDALE AND I GET ACROSS -- BECAUSE THERE'S NO SIDEWALK ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SESQE. AND I HAVE TO GO UP TO JOHN B. WIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND I HAVE TO GO UP TO THE CURB CUT ON THE CORNER AND THEN THEY GOT LIKE A LITTLE DRIVEWAY THING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, AND THERE'S NO SIDEWALK THERE. SO I'M HAVING TO FOLLOW THE SIDEWALK AROUND THE VERY FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. AND I'M LIKE THIS CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL. AND RIGHT THERE IS ABOUT 3-FOOT WIDE PIECE OF SIDEWALK AND THE SIDEWALK SLANTS ABOUT LIKE THIS. IT'S KIND OF HARD TO STAY ON IT. I FEEL SORRY FOR ANYBODY IN A MANUAL WHEELCHAIR. THEN WHEN YOU GET ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LITTLE DRIVEWAY THING, THERE IS AN ACTUAL DRIVEWAY THAT YOU COULD GO DOWN FOR A CURB CUT BUT THEN IT COMES AROUND AND GOES ACROSS THE PART WHERE THE TEACHERS PARK BY THE PORTABLE BUILDINGS, AND THEN THERE'S ANOTHER CURB CUT AND THEN AS YOU GET DOWN PAST THE FIELD TO QUEBEC -- NO, DUBUQUE -- EXCUSE ME, DUBUQUE, YOU HAVE TO TAKE A RIGHT ON DUBUQUE BUT THERE'S NO CURB CUTS ANYWHERE ON SESQESAN AND

DUBUQUE. AND THEN ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SESQESAN, WHEN YOU GET TO THE FIRE HYDRANT THEN THE SIDEWALK STARTS. BUT THAT'S ABOUT HALFWAY DOWN THE BLOCK BEFORE THE SIDEWALK STARTS ON THAT SIDE OF THE STREET. SO ANYWAY, I'M STUCK UP THERE ON THE SCHOOL -- ON THE SIDEWALK BY THE SCHOOL FIELD GOING AROUND AND I MEAN, ANYBODY THAT CAN WALK, THEY'VE GOT HOLES IN THE FENCE THAT THEY MADE ON PURPOSE, AND YOU CAN CUT THROUGH THE FIELDS AND GO BEHIND THE SCHOOL, SEE, SO I HAVE TO GO LIKE A WHOLE BLOCK AND A HALF FURTHER IN MY WHEELCHAIR, THINKING, IT'S 14, 16 BLOCKS IN THIS WHEELCHAIR. IT'S LIKE BY THE TIME I GET TO THE BUS STOP AND I GET TO MY DESTINATION WHERE I'M GOING, THEN I KNOW I'M NOT GOING TO GET TO GO -- DO TOO MUCH OR GO VERY FAR BECAUSE I'VE GOT TO SAVE CHARGE TO GET BACK HOME ONCE I GET OFF THE BUS STOP. WHERE IF THEY HAD SIDEWALKS GOING DOWN 183 AND COMING BACK UP SPRINGDALE, YOU KNOW, THAT WOULD SAVE ME A WHOLE BLOCK AND A HALF, OKAY? WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. PETE. SUE AND CAMPBELL SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. WELCOME MS. CAMPBELL. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES, YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY HOWARD FALKENBERG.

MAYOR WYNN, COUNCIL, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR EARS THIS EVENING. I'M HERE BECAUSE I LOVE PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION AND I'M PROUD OF THE HISTORY OF OUR PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR FOR SUPPORTING PUBLIC ACCESS ALL THESE 35 YEARS. ONE OF THE OLDEST PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE COUNTRY AND WE HAVE A LOT TO BE PROUD OF. HAVING BEEN A PUBLIC ACCESS PRODUCER FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS I HAVE BECOME CONCERNED ABOUT THE CURRENT MANAGEMENT OF OUR AUSTIN PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION. LAST WEEK THE PRODUCERS COUNCIL VOTED TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING REQUEST TO THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. THE PRODUCERS' COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT, NUMBER ONE, THE CITY NOT RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC ACCESS COMMUNITY TELEVISION MANAGERS AUTOMATICALLY. WE FEEL THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME THINGS THAT ARE

LOOKED INTO AND WE ALSO WOULD LIKE, NUMBER TWO, A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO BE OPEN SO THAT OTHER NON-PROFITS CAN COMPETE ON THE CONTRACT. THIS WAS PASSED BY A MAJORITY OF THE PRODUCERS COUNCIL. FURTHER, WE WERE ALSO WORKING ON SOME OTHER THINGS..... THINGS, PROVISIONS TO THE CONTRACT, WHICH IS WE WOULD LIKE, IN THE CONTRACT, THE PRODUCERS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS BY SEATING TWO PRODUCER COUNCIL MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IT SEEMS LIKE PRODUCERS FEEL LOCKED OUT OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, THAT THEY HAVE NO INPUT, AND ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF THE STATION. IT SEEMS LIKE WHEN THERE IS A GRIEVANCE, THAT WE CAN GO NO HIGHER THAN THE PRESENT MANAGEMENT, THAT THE BOARD AND TARA ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE AT ALL FOR ANYTHING. ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE A SURVEY DONE YEARLY AND WE WOULD LIKE QUESTIONS INCLUDED ON THAT SURVEY, WHICH RELATE DIRECTLY TO CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND ALSO TO -- WE WANT TO SOMEHOW QUANTIFY THE INTIMIDATION FACTOR IN THE DAY-TO-DAY INTERFACING WITH MANAGEMENT. AND ALSO IN THE JOB DESCRIPTION, SERVICE TO PRODUCERS SHOULD BE TOP PRIORITY. IT SHOULD BE JOB 1 WITH MANAGEMENT. IT SHOULD BE THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION IS THE FIRST THING IS TO HELP PRODUCERS GET THEIR SHOWS ON THE AIR, AND ALSO WE WOULD NOT LIKE THE PURSUIT OF MONEY TO CAUSE PRODUCERS RESERVATIONS OR SHOWS TO BE CANCELLED. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR HEARING ME.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MS. CAMPBELL. HOURS FALKENBERG. WELCOME. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY FATHER ELMER HOLTMAN.

THANK YOU MAYOR AND MEMBERS. IT'S NICE TO BE WITH YOU. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION COALITION TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF FUNDING OF ROAD MAINTENANCE AT THE 10% LEVEL. I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT TO MOVE BACK AT LEAST TO 9.5%, THOUGH I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND WHY ROAD MAINTENANCE IS NOT FUNDED BY GENERAL FUNDS AS OPPOSED TO SPECIAL FEES, OR IF IT IS THE CASE OF THE



SPECIAL FEES, WHY MAINTENANCE FUNDING WOULD HAVE BEEN CUT IN THE FIRST PLACE DUE TO ECONOMIC ISSUES. BUT THERE ARE MANY THINGS I DON'T UNDERSTAND, SO THAT'S JUST ONE.

MAYOR WYNN: THE MAIN THING IS THOSE SPECIAL FEES DON'T COME CLOSE TO FUNDING THE ENTIRE ROAD MAINTENANCE. WE'RE USING GENERAL FUND DOLLARS SIGNIFICANTLY THIS YEAR AS WE DID LAST YEAR, THE SPECIAL FUNDS WERE SUPPLEMENTED DRAMATICALLY BY CAPITAL MET, QUARTER CENT DOLLARS THAT ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO US.

THAT EXPLAINS IT, AND I DO UNDERSTAND YOUR MOVING BACK TO 9.5% IN THIS BUDGET.

MAYOR WYNN: THAT'S THE PROPOSAL. WE HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION EARLIER ABOUT TRYING TO GET THAT EXTRA HALF PERCENT.

I APPRECIATE THAT EFFORT AND SORRY I MISSED THE DISCUSSION BY I.. BUT I ENCOURAGE THAT. I THINK AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, WE'VE TALKED WITH SOME MORE THAN OTHERS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE STEADILY IMPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF MAINTENANCE FUNDING TO AVOID THE MUCH LARGER COSTS THAT ENSUE FARTHER DOWN THE ROAD IF WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF THAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. FALKENBERG. I HAD CALLED A HANDFUL OF FOLKS EARLIER WHO I GUESS WERE OUT IN THE LOBBY SO I'LL GO BACK THROUGH THE LIST QUICKLY. I BELIEVE SOME HAVE COME BACK INTO THE ROOM. FATHER ELMER HOLTMAN HAD SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. WELCOME, FATHER ELMER, AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED -- YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY REVEREND RICHARD CARTER.

I'M FATHER ELMER HOLTMAN, PASTOR AT ST. THOMAS MOORE CHURCH IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN AND A MEMBER OF AUSTIN INTERFAITH. I SPEAK TONIGHT TO URGE THE COUNCIL TO INCREASE THE FUNDING OF CAPITAL IDEA JOB TRAINING PROGRAM BY 500,000. WE KNOW THIS IS A

SIGNIFICANT INCREASE, BUT THE PROGRAM IS AT A PIVOTAL POINT IN ITS GROWTH. ALREADY OVER 500 HARDWORKING ADULTS HAVE GRADUATED FROM THIS FINE PROGRAM, AND THIS WILL PUT ABOUT 100 NEW PARTICIPANTS ON A HIGH-PAYING CAREER PATH. THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN PLACE. THE CAREERS ARE WAITING. THE COLLEGES ARE READY, AND THE STUDENTS ARE LEANING UP. ALL THAT'S MISSING TO EXPAND THIS PROGRAM IS THE FUNDING, AND THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN HELP. I BELIEVE THAT GIVING PEOPLE A HAND UP, I BELIEVE IN THAT WHEN LIFE HAS DEALT THEM DIFFICULTIES. MY FAITH CHALLENGES US TO STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF THE POOR. IT IS ESPECIALLY SATISFYING WHEN I KNOW THAT THE HELP THAT I AM GIVING IS MET WITH HARD WORK, DETERMINATION AND PERSEVERANCE ON THE PART OF THE PERSONS THAT I'M HELPING. THAT'S WHY I WANT TO SEE MORE OF MY PARISHIONERS' TAX DOLLARS DIRECTED TOWARD CAPITAL IDEA. THE NURSING PROGRAM HAS A GRADUATION RATE OF 93%. THE COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM HAS A 90% SUCCESS RATE. AFTER ONE YEAR OF GRADUATING FROM CAPITAL IDEA 98% OF THE GRADUATES ARE STILL ON THE JOB AND EARNING A LIVING WAGE AND PAYING THEIR TAXES. [APPLAUSE] THIS IS A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM THAT INVESTS IN PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE DESIRE TO LIFT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES OUT OF POVERTY. THAT IS WHY I BELIEVE IT IS THE APPROPRIATE AND JUST RULE OF OUR CITY GOVERNMENT. I URGE YOU TO PUT OUR TAX DOLLARS TO WORK FOR THE CITY BY INCREASING CAPITAL IDEA BUDGET BY 500,000. I HOPE YOU AS A COUNCIL WILL SAY YES.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, FATHER. [APPLAUSE] OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS REFUSE REVEREND RICHARD CARTER. YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY FATHER TOMORROWY.

MY NAME IS PASTOR RICHARD CARTER. I PASTOR AT MOUNT OLIVE BCH IN EAST AUSTIN, ONE OF THE BEST CHURCHES IN AUSTIN. [APPLAUSE] I AM A MEMBER OF AUSTIN'S INTERFAITH AND I SEE AND HEAR OF HARDWORKING MEN AND WOMEN EVERY DAY WHO TRY TO RAISE A FAMILY AND LIVE IN AUSTIN WORKING AT JOBS THAT PAY MINIMUM RAGE OR JUST ABOVE MINIMUM WAGE. AS AUSTIN GROWS IT BECOMES MORE EXPENSIVE TO LIVE HERE. THAT'S JUST THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER. IF WE DON'T HEAVILY SUPPORT

PROGRAMS THAT ARE PUTTING PEOPLE IN HIGH PAYING JOBS WE'RE GOING TO LOSE OUR WORK FORCE TO OTHER MORE AFFORDABLE CITIES AND THAT WON'T BE ANY GOOD FOR ANYBODY. ALREADY THERE ARE 10,000 JOB OPENINGS THAT GO ON UNFILLED EACH YEAR IN CENTRAL TEXAS. EXPERTS ESTIMATE THAT 3,950 MORE NURSES AND 11,000 MORE TEACHERS WILL BE NEEDED BY THE YEAR 2014. HIGH PAYING JOBS AND HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND TRADES THAT ARE GOING UNFILLED BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF TRAINED LOCAL WORKERS. WE HAVE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE READY AND WILLING TO GO THROUGH THAT TRAINING, BUT WE NEED TO INCREASE FUNDING TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. WE DO APPRECIATE THE LEVEL OF INVESTMENT THE CITY HAS MADE WITH CAPITAL IDEA. I'M PROUD THAT AUSTIN CURRENTLY FUNDS A PROGRAM SUCH AS THIS FOR ROUGHLY 800,000. WITH THE MONEY WE'RE ASKING FOR IT WILL INCREASE THE CITY'S INVESTMENT TO ROUGHLY \$1.3 MILLION. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A WIN/WIN SITUATION FOR CITIZENS, CHURCHES, BUSINESSES AND THE CITY. WHEN I TALK ABOUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT I DON'T MEAN JUST BUILDINGS. I MEAN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, INVESTING IN HUMAN CAPACITY FOR THE LONG RUN. I DON'T WANT TO JUST HEAR ABOUT BUILDINGS. [APPLAUSE]

BUT ABOUT PEOPLE I PASTOR, PEOPLE I LIVE WITH, PEOPLE I SEE EVERY DAY. INVESTING IN PEOPLE COSTS MONEY, NOT INVESTING COSTS A LOT MORE. WE'RE ASKING FOR AN ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT OF \$500,000 IN THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN. WE HOPE YOU AS A COUNCIL WILL SAY YES. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, REVEREND CARTER. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: WELCOME, FATHER JOE. YOU TOO WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY CYNTHIA VALDEZ.

THANK YOU. I AM PASTOR OF ST. IGNATIUS IN SOUTH AUSTIN AND LEADER OF AUSTIN INTERFAITH. I ALSO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF CAPITAL IDEA. I AM PLEASED TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT CAPITAL IDEA. WE THINK OF CAPITAL IDEA AS PART OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN BECAUSE WE SEE PEOPLE. AS THE

GREATEST RESOURCE OF OUR CITY. AS THE BABY BOOMERS AGE OR RETIRE, THE.... THE ECONOMISTS TELL US WE SHOULD EXPECT SEVERE SHORTAGE OF TRAINED AND SKILLED WORKERS IN THE YEARS AHEAD. IT'S TIME TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS NOW, NOT NEXT YEAR, NOR 20 YEARS FROM NOW. WE HAVE A PROGRAM IN PLACE THAT WORKS AND IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE, AND HERE ARE THREE POINTS ABOUT CAPITAL IDEA I THINK ARE WORTH MENTIONING. NUMBER ONE, STUDENTS ENTERING THE PROGRAM MAKE ABOUT \$11,000 A YEAR. ONCE THEY GO THROUGH THE PROGRAM OF CAPITAL IDEA THEY MAKE AN AVERAGE OF \$37,000 A YEAR. THAT'S A HUGE STEP. SECOND, OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR AT THE WORKPLACE, GIVEN THE AVERAGE AGE AND THE AVERAGE AGE OF RETIREMENT A GRADUATE WILL CONTRIBUTE A MILLION DOLLARS TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S TAX BASE. FOR THE INVESTMENT THE PUBLIC SECTOR RECEIVES \$1 MILLION IN RETURN. THIRD, 90% -- 92% OF THE CHILDREN OF CAPITAL IDEA GRADUATE SCHOOL GO TO COLLEGE WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE PROGRAM. CAPITAL IDEA HELPS TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY, AND IS THAT NOT WORTH EVERY PENNY WE'RE ASKING CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THIS EVENING? CAPITAL IDEA HAS ALREADY PROVEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THE THING IS WE'D LIKE TO SEE CAPITAL IDEA MAKE AN EVEN BIGGER DIFFERENCE TO HELP THE CITY OF AUSTIN. IT CAN AND IT WILL. LAST NIGHT CAPITAL IDEA RECEIVED THE GREATER AUSTIN BUSINESS AWARD FOR INNOVATION GIVEN BY THE GREATER AUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I WAS PRESENT AT THAT AWARD ASSEMBLY AND WAS -- [APPLAUSE] -- AND WAS QUITE PROUD TO RECEIVE THE AWARD ON BEHALF OF CAPITAL IDEA. THE THREE AREAS THAT STAND OUT -- THE CAPITAL IDEA WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE OF ITS APPROACH TO PRESSING PROBLEMS, IN THIS CASE EDUCATION. THE THREE AREAS THAT STAND OUT ARE THE COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY, THE TEACHER PIPELINE AND THE NEW PRIVATE PROJECT FOR STUDENTS APPLYING TO BE NURSES. NOW, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THOUGHT THE INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO BE CONTRIBUTING TO OUR SOCIETY TO BE RECOGNIZED AND AWARDED. THEY APPRECIATED THE FORWARD THINKING AND WORK OF CAPITAL IDEA. WE

HOPE THAT YOU TOO OUR CITY COUNCIL, WILL APPRECIATE CAPITAL IDEA'S INNOVATIVE AND FORWARD APPROACH THAT YOU WILL CHOOSE TO INCREASE THE INVESTMENT OF OUR WORTH, THE PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES NOW, NOT ONLY FOR THEM BUT FOR THE FUTURE OF AUSTIN. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, FATHER. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO HAVE OUR FINAL SPEAKER AT THIS TIME?

MAYOR WYNN: WHO WOULD THAT BE?

IT IS MARK SMITH. MARK SMITH, STEP RIGHT UP. YES, SIR.

GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS MARK MELIA SMITH. I'M THE CEO OF A TECH COMPANY HERE IN AUSTIN AND ALSO THE BOARD CHAIR FOR CAPITAL IDEA. YOU JUST HEARD FROM THREE PASTORS WHO SPOKE MUCH MORE ELOQUENTLY THAN I COULD EVER DO ON THE IMPACTS OF CAPITAL IDEA'S PROGRAMS, ON THEIR CONGREGATIONS. REMEDIAL LL EDUCATION IS NOT EASY. THE ADULT STUDENTS NOT ONLY HAVE TO MAINTAIN THEIR EDUCATION PROGRAMS, THEY'VE ALSO GOT TO TRY AND EARN AS MUCH OF A LIVING AS THEY CAN TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE AND ALSO CARE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. UNFORTUNATELY WITHOUT SUPPORT PROGRAMS THIS PROCESS OFTEN RESULTS IN FAILURE TO COMPLETELY GRADUATE. NOW, THE CITY OF AUSTIN HAS SUPPORTED CAPITAL IDEA FOR TEN YEARS, SINCE ITS INCEPTION, AND WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THAT SUPPORT. CAPITAL IDEA HAD THE EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND YOU HEARD SOME OF THE NUMBERS FROM THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS THAT SHOW ITS EFFICACY. BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE. THERE ARE STILL FAR TOO MANY FAMILIES, WAGE EARNERS IN AUSTIN WHO ARE STUCK IN LOW-PAYING, DEAD END JOBS, EN MIERD IN POVERTY WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND YET AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF UNFILLED JOBS THAT REALLY DO NEED SKILLED EMPLOYEES TO FILL THEM. NOW, I KNOW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IT'S NOT EASY WHEN YOU'RE RUNNING A BUDGET AND PEOPLE COME AND ASK YOU FOR MORE, BUT THIS IS REALLY A PROGRAM THAT NOT ONLY

GIVES BUT KEEPS ON GOING, AS FATHER JOE TOME SAID, IT'S TRULY A PROGRAM THAT BREAKS THE CYCLE OF POVERTY. WE RECENTLY RAN A TELEPHONE POLL WITH OUR EARLIEST GRADUATES AND WE ASKED THEM ABOUT THEIR OWN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND THEY TOLD US THAT 100% OF THEIR CHILDREN HAD GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND THE VAST MAJORITY ACTUALLY HAD GONE ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION. THEIR CHILDREN -- [APPLAUSE] -- THEIR CHILDREN, HAVING SEEN THEIR [INDISCERNIBLE] [INDISCERNIBLE] TO EDUCATION LEARNED FIRSTHAND THE IMPORTANCE OF IT, AND WENT ON TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION. SO PROBABLY IN MY MIND, PERHAPS THE GREATEST VALUE OF THIS PROGRAM IS THAT THE PARTICIPANTS' CHILDREN DON'T NEED IT AND IT INDEED BREAKS THE CYCLE OF POVERTY. NOW, TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S EDUCATION THERE IS A PROGRAM THAT'S PART OF CAPITAL IDEA CALLED THE TEACHER PIPELINE. I'D JUST LIKE TO MENTION. THIS IS A PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH AISD, EDUCATION AUSTIN AND SEVERAL LOCAL UNIVERSITIES, WHERE CAPITAL IDEA HELPS SUPPORT DEDICATED TEACHERS' AIDES TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AND GAIN A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE AND FULL TEACHER CERTIFICATION, AND UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES THEY'RE THEN ADDED TO THE DEDICATED WORK FORCE THAT HELPS TRY TO FIX THIS PROBLEM AT GROUND ZERO BY PREVENTING STUDENTS FROM DROPPING OUT. SO ANYHOW, I KNOW I'VE PROBABLY SPOKEN TOO LONG. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU FOR A LITTLE MORE MONEY. A LITTLE MONEY GOES A LONG WAY IN THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S AN IMPRESSIVE STORY. NEXT SPEAKER IS CYNTHIA VALADEZ, SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. I THINK EARLIER I HAD CALLED TERRY BRAY'S NAME. AS DID I CALL ROSS SMITH'S NAME. WELCOME, ROSS.

HELLO, MAYOR, COUNCIL, ROSS SMITH. I HAVE READ REPORTS THAT YOU-ALL MAY HAVE TO DIP INTO CITY RESERVES IN ORDER TO BALANCE YOUR BUDGET. IF THIS

SHOULD BE THE CASE, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO ASK ALL OF THE CITY DEPARTMENTS TO GO THROUGH THEIR BUDGETS AND LOOK FOR ANY ITEMS THAT COULD REASONABLY BE CONSIDERED LONG-TERM CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND IF POSSIBLE PUT YOUR RESERVES FUNDING TOWARD THOSE ITEMS. THE -- JUST ON GENERAL PRINCIPLE, I'M OPPOSED TO SPENDING -- TO SPENDING OUR RESERVE MONEY ON GENERAL MAINTENANCE, BUYING PAPER CLIPS, PAYING SALARIES, AND OTHER EXPENDITURES LIKE THAT. THE SORT OF THINGS I HAVE IN MIND ARE THE SIDEWALK AND CURB CUTS THESE FOLKS HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR, FUNDING FOR THE SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT LOANS APPEAR HOME ENERGY UPGRADE LOANS, MIGHT ALSO BE ANOTHER ONE. THERE'S PROBABLY A FAIR AMOUNT OF STUFF IN THE BUDGET THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED LONG-TERM INVESTMENT THAT ISN'T COVERED BY BOND MONEY, AND THAT'S WHERE, IF WE'RE GOING TO GO INTO OUR -- CUT INTO OUR -- INTO OUR PIGGY BANK WE SHOULD GET -- SPEND IT ON SOMETHING WE'LL HAVE FOR A LONG TIME. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: YOU'RE WELCOME, MR. SMITH, AND, IN FACT, THE CITY'S FINANCIAL POLICIES SAY THAT VERY THING, AND WHATEVER, IF WE USE ANY RESERVE FUNDS THIS YEAR, THEY, BY COUNCIL POLICY, GO TO ONE-TIME EXPENSES ONLY, EVEN '01 THROUGH '03 WHEN WE HAD SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, WE LAID OFF FOLKS, WE HALTED PROJECTS, WE SLASHED SPENDING, AND WE DELAYED OTHER PROJECTS AND NEVER WENT INTO RESERVES FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES. BUT THAT IS OUR POLICY AND WE HAVE YET TO BREAK THAT. THANK YOU. VAWR SOUND APPROACH. LET'S SEE. I HAD CALLED FREDDIE GONZALES'S NAME EARLIER, AS SCOTT JOHNSON'S NAME WAS CALLED EARLIER. WELCOME, SCOTT. DO YOU WANT TO GIVE US TESTIMONY? THIS WILL BE YOUR CHANCE. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS. ]

THE CEMENTS ARE LIKE ONE COLOR, YOU KNOW, SO I DIDN'T SEE THE ONE UP HERE COME DOWN, AND I FELL COMING DOWN. AND NOW THAT I HAVE A WALKER, I COULDN'T TELL IF IT WAS GOING TO COME OFF, SO I FELL. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN MAKE THAT -- IT'S HARD TO TELL WHEN THINGS ARE

DIFFERENT. IF THERE'S ANY WAY AT ALL, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. GONZALEZ. I'M PROUD TO SEE YOU WALKING. WELCOME, MR. JOHNSON.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS. I'M BACK AND TALKING TO YOU TODAY INTH RECOMMENDATIONS THAT I HAD SNIERNTD GROUPS THAT -- AND TO OTHER GROWNZ THAT.....COUNCILMEMBERS SITON THESE BODIES AND TODAY I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT A PROPOSED NEW POSITION, AND THIS POSITION WOULD BE ONE THAT WOULD FOCUS ON GETTING TERP GRANTS TO HELP UPGRADE DIESEL REDUCTION EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS TO FILL IN GAPS IN THE EARLY ACTION COMPACT IMPLEMENTATION, A PLANNING PROCESS THAT WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH SINCE 2004. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM YOUR MONITOR, THE MAJORITY OF THE BUSINESS IN AUSTIN ARE SMALL ONES, SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES, AND CERTAIN INDUSTRIES ARE NOT CLOSELY REGULATED AT ALL. SO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TCEQ, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE CITY TO TAKE THE LION'S SHARE OF HELPING FUND A PROJECT THAT WOULD REACH OUT TO HELP UPGRADE THIS EQUIPMENT WHICH IN THE AGGREGATE IS A VERY LARGE SOURCE OF POLLUTION. THIS AFFECTS PEOPLE'S HEALTH, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN, PEOPLE WITH LUNG AND RES PATORY CONDITIONS -- RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS AS WELL AS ELDERLY PEOPLE. THE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE AGAIN TO EITHER WORK DIRECTLY WITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES OR WORK WITH ENGINE REBUILDERS WHO ARE THE ONES WHO DO THE OVERHAULS AND DO THE ACTUAL WORK ON THESE PIECES OF EQUIPMENT SUCH AS BACKHOES AND FRONT LOADER, ETCETERA. THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM WOULD BE THAT NITROGEN OXYGEN SIDE, WHICH IS PRODUCED IN LARGE QUANTITIES FROM CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, IS THE MOST IMPORTANT GROUND LEVEL OZONE PRECURSOR OUT THERE, PARTICLE.....PARTICULATE MATTERS ARE BOTH COMING FROM CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. THESE GRANTS -- JUST THIS YEAR OVER A TWO MONTH PERIOD THEY GAVE AWAY



20 MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF GRANTS. OUR REGION WAS ILL PREPARED TO TAKE THOSE GRANTS OR ASK PLIKSZ BE SENT IF -- APPLICATIONS BE SENT IN FOR THOUGH GRANTS. ALSO THE TCEQ, WHICH HAS REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR GAS STATION VAPOR RECOVERY AND ANOTHER PART OF THE EARLY ACTION COMPACT BASED ON MY CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ENFORCING THESE PARTICULAR MEASURES WELL. PROJECT MANAGER FUNDING. MY REQUEST IS THAT THE CITY REDIRECT FWHEFL..... APPROXIMATELY \$25,000.....\$25,000 TO THE NONPROFIT, THE CLEAN AIR FORCE, AND I'VE REACHED OUT TO THE COUNTY FOR THEM TO SMAI PORTION OF THIS POSITION. I THINK IT'S WORTHWHILE. I THINK THE REGION WOULD BENEFIT IN TERMS OF AIR QUALITY. WE'RE NOT GAINING GROUND ON THIS FAST ENOUGH WITH E.P.A.'S REGULATIONS TO CLEAN UP THE FUELS AND THE ENGINES FOR DIESEL CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. [ BUZZER SOUNDS ] I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME. MAYOR MAYOR. QUESTIONS FOR --

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS FOR MR. JOHNSON, COUNCIL?  
THANK YOU, SIR.

THANK YOU. MAYOR DISMIERNGS..... MAIRKS.....

Mayor Wynn:, COUNCIL, IT LOOKS LIKE THAT'S ALL THE PEOPLE SIGNED NOWP HEARING FOR THE 2007-2008 PROPOSED BUDGET. IS THERE ANYONE WHO HASN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK? THANK YOU. SO COUNCIL, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. WITH IT.....MOTION AND A SECOND TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. ALL IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING VOTE PASSES ON A VOTE OF FIVE TO ZERO WITH COUNCILMEMBERS COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN AND KIM OFF THE DAIS. THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS ADJOURNED. I'LL NOW ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO SET THE DATE FROM COUNCIL FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SEPTEMBER 10th, 2007 AND/OR IF NEEDED, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2007 OR IF NEEDED SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2007. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE TO SET THE DATE AS PROPOSED. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE. ALL IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? MOTION TO SET THE -- MOTION TO SET

THE DATE FOR ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-'08 BUDGET PASSES ON A VOTE OF FIVE TO ZERO WITH COUNCILMEMBERS KIM AND MCCracken OFF THE DAIS. IS THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, THAT LEAVES US WITH ONE MORE REAL TOUGHERLY LENGTHY PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN A NUMBER OF ONES THAT WE CAN GET THROUGH QUICKLY WITH STAFF ONCE WE GET SOME CITIZENS HOME. SO OUR NEXT PUBLIC HEARING WITH A LOT OF TESTIMONY WOULD BE PUBLIC HEARING NUMBER 91, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVING OR DENYING AN APPEAL BY KAREN MCGRAW OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR OFF SITE PARK FOG RESTAURANT, GENERAL USE, LOCATED AT 4119 GUADALUPE. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WAS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. I'LL WELCOME A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION. WELCOME MR. GEORGE ZAPALAC.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR. I'M GEORGE ZAPALAC. ITEM NUMBER 91 IS A SITE PLAN FOR OFF SITE ACCESSORY PARKING AT 4001 GUADALUPE STREET. THE PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED COMMERCIAL SERVICES AND IS WITHIN THE HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA. OFF SITE PARKING IS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THIS DISTRICT AND REQUIRES APPROVAL BY THE ZONING COMMISSION. THE PARKING WILL BE AT AN EXISTING AUTO REPAIR FACILITY. THE SHOP CLOSSES AT 6:00 P.M. AND 34 PARKING SPACES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE RESTAURANT'S USE AFTER THAT TIME. THE RESTAURANT WILL OPEN AT SIX P.M. AND REQUIRE 24 SPACES, SO THERE WILL BE A FEW MORE SPACES AVAILABLE. ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE EXISTING AND NO NEW SITE CONSTRUCTION IS OPPOSED OTHER THAN INTERIOR REMODELING OF THE BUILDING. THE SITE PLAN WAS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON JULY 24TH BY A VOTE OF NINE TO ZERO. IT HAS BEEN APPEALED BY KAREN MCGRAW, THE OTHER THAN OF A BUSINESS AT 4101 GUADALUPE, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE PROPOSED RESTAURANT, AND SHE IS CONCERNED IT WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON HER PROPERTY. I DO HAVE NEW INFORMATION THAT HAS RISEN SINCE THE SUPPORT MATERIAL FOR THIS CASE WAS PREPARED. IN SPONGS TO QUESTIONS RAISED, THE STAFF INVESTIGATED THE

EXISTING USE OF THE BUILDING. THE EXISTING PERMITS FOR THIS PROPERTY ARE FOR FOOD SALES, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY A GROCERY STORE, BUT THE ACTUAL OPERATION WAS DETERMINED TO BE LIQUOR SALES, WHICH IS THE SALE OF ALCOHOL FOR OFF PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THIS USE IS NOT ALLOWED IN CS ZONING. SOME FOOD IS SOLD ON THE PROPERTY, BUT IS A MINOR PORTION OF THE REVENUE. AS A RESULT, THE CODE DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED A NOTICE OF VIOLATION, WHICH IS A WARNING TO THE PROPERTY OWNER ON TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK AND GAVE THE OWNER 30 DAYS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE. IN ORDER TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE, THE OWNER WILL HAVE TO DO ONE OF THREE THINGS. FIRST, THEY CAN INDICATE AS A FOOD SALES BUSINESS, WHICH MEANS THE PRIMARY USE WOULD BE THE SALE OF FOOD, NOT ALCOHOL. OR SECOND THEY COULD CHANGE THE ZONING TO CS-1, WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM TO LEGALLY OPERATE AS LIQUOR SALES. OR THIRDLY THEY COULD OBTAIN APPROVAL OF A SITE PLAN FOR CONVERSION TO A RESTAURANT AND PROVIDE OFF SITE PARKING, WHICH IS THE ITEM THAT'S BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING. THE STAFF RECOMMENDS THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE OFF SITE PARKING. THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION DOES NOT CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE THE SITE PLAN IS FOR A PROPOSED USE, THE CONVERSION TO AN EXISTING RESTAURANT. IF THE SITE PLAN IS APPROVED AND THE USE IS LEGALLY CONVERTED, THEN THE SITE WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE. FEF. TO QUALIFY AS A RESTAURANT, AT LEAST 51% OF THE GROSS INCOME MUST BE DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF PREPARED FOOD. AND THE CODE ENFORCEMENT STAFF CAN MONITOR THE OPERATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT COMPLIES WITH THIS REQUIREMENT. SO THE OPTIONS BEFORE COUNCIL THIS EVENING ARE FIRST YOU CAN SUPPORT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION AND DENY THE APPEAL. SECONDLY, YOU CAN OVERTURN THE COMMISSION'S DECISION AND APPROVE THE APPEAL OR THIRDLY YOU CAN MODIFY THE COMMISSION'S DECISION AND PLACE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS ON THE SITE. PLEASE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF?

ARE...COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: SO THEY'RE IN VIOLATION RIGHT NOW AND YOU'VE GIVEN THEM A 30 DAY WARNING, IS THAT CORRECT?

YES, SIR.

Leffingwell: AND THEY'RE STILL IN OPERATION, THOUGH?

YES, THEY ARE.

AND JUST TO CLARIFY, COUNCILMEMBER, THAT'S BECAUSE THE BUSINESS IS IN THE PROCESS OF TRANSITION.....  
TRANSITIONING TO EXACTLY WHAT THE CODE VIOLATION WAS ABOUT, SO -- AS A MATTER OF FACT, THIS OFF SITE PARKING PERMIT, THE NAIFKT ALREADY BEGUN THE REMODELING AND IN FACT HAVE A FULL SERVICE KITCHEN IN PLACE IS ALL TOWARDS MOVING TO A RESTAURANT USE.

Leffingwell: THAT'S WHAT I UNDERSTOOD, BUT YOU GO BACK 30 DAYS TO FIND OUT IF THEY ARE NOW IN COMPLIANCE AT THE END OF 30 DAYS AND THAT 51% OF THEIR SALES ARE FOOD? IS THAT WHAT HAPPENS?

YES, SIR.

Leffingwell: AND IF THEY'RE NOT, WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

THEN A CITATION WOULD BE ISSUED. AND FURTHER ACTION WOULD BE PURSUED.

Leffingwell: FURTHER ACTION?

YES, SIR. MUNICIPAL COURT ACTION.

Leffingwell: BUT THEY WOULD CONTINUE IN OPERATION DURING THAT PROCESS? BE.

THEY COULD CONTINUE UNTIL THE MATTER IS RESOLVED BY THE COURT.

Leffingwell: OKAY.

THE POINT OF THAT, COUNCILMEMBER, IS BECAUSE WHAT OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DO IS TRY TO GET COMPLIANCE. WHAT THEY SAW HERE WAS A GROUP COMING INTO IMPLIENS THE ULTIMATE -- COMING INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE ULTIMATE USE KNOWING THAT THE APPEAL WAS IN FRONT OF YOU.

Leffingwell: THAT'S GOOD. I JUST WONDER HOW LONG THIS PROCESS COULD BE DRUG OUT IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT. DO YOU HAVE A FEEL 92... FOR THAT? WHAT'S COMMON PRACTICE?

GENERALLY SOLID WASTE SERVICES DOES ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS QUICKLY AND THEY WILL TAKE THE INFORMATION FORWARD. THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT THINGS CANNOT BE DELAYED, BUT GENERALLY THEY DO TRY TO PURSUE THINGS DILIGENTLY. MAYOR.....

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. ZAPALAC. WE'LL GO TO CITIZEN TESTIMONY -- OH, THAT'S RIGHT. WE TAKE THIS LIKE A -- WE WORK THIS SORT OF LIKE A ZONING CASE WHERE WE HEAR FROM THE APPELLANT. FIVE MINUTES FOR THE APPELLANT TO MAKE IN THIS CASE HER CASE. THEN WE HEAR FROM FOLKS WHO ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THE APELL LENT, THEN WE HEAR FROM FOLKS IN OPPOSITION AND THEN THE APPELLANT WILL HAVE A ONE TIME THREE MINUTE REBUTTAL. SO WELCOME, MIKZ MS. MCGRAW, YOU WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES. ARE CAN.....

THANK YOU. I AM KAREN MCGRAW, A PARTNER IN HYDE PARK PROPERTIES. WE OWN A BUILDING AND PARKING LOT AT 4101..... 4101 GUADALUPE THAT IS KNOWN AS THE HYDE PARK MARKET FLAIMPLTS I'M.....MARKETPLACE.I'M GOING TO MAWPT UP ..... MAP UP SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT THAT IS. HAD...MOISTURE, I.....MAYOR, I BELIEVE I HAD SOME TIME DONATED.

YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES AS THE APPELLANT.

I AM ASK YOU TO NOT PROVIDE THE OFF SITE PARKING FOR THE RESTAURANT AT THIS TIME. THEY HAVE DECLARE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT THIS IS A WINE BAR. THEY DECLARED THEY WANTED TO HAVE A WINE BAR. THEY CAME

TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY ALWAYS SAID THEY WANTED TO HAVE A WINE BAR. I HAVE AN EXHIBIT OVER THERE OFF OF THEIR WEBSITE THAT SAYS WE ARE ABOUT WINE. I HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH FROM THEIR WEBSITE THAT SHOWS ON THAT PHOTO ONE BUILDING -- THE BUILDING IS 25 BY 125. ONE WALL IS ALL WINE BOTTLES. THE OTHER WALL IS A BAR. THE CENTER IS ALL TABLES. I THINK THERE'S ONE SHELF WITH FOOD IN THE BACK. THEY HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A WINE BAR AND THEY HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE LAST OCTOBER UNDER A FOOD SALES CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY. THIS IS THEIR STATEMENT. NOW THERE'S A NAME WITH PURPOSE, THERE'S NO CONFUSING WHAT WE'RE ABOUT, IS THERE? THEY ARE ABOUT WINE. I WANT TO SAY THAT I'M NOT HERE TO KILL A BUSINESS. WE STARTED RENOVATING OUR BUILDING IN 1993. WE WERE HOPING FOR NEW IMPROVEMENT ON GUADALUPE STREET. WE WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES. THERE HAVE BEEN NEW BUSINESSES THAT HAVE COME IN, BUT THIS OWNER HAS DONE SEVERAL BUSINESSES WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE PARKING AND THIS IS THE ONE THAT'S JUST TOO MUCH. THIS IS RIGHT NOW AS YOU KNOW OPERATING NOT CORRECTLY. THEY SAY THEY WANT TO BE A RESTAURANT. WHAT WE WERE TOLD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S MEETING IS THEY WOULD GO FOR RESTAURANT BECAUSE THAT REQUIRES LESS PARKING THAN A BAR. BUT THEY WANT TO BE A WINE BAR. I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT THEY'VE STATED ALL OVER THE INTERNET. THEY ARE A WINE BAR. SO I THINK THIS PARKING IS INADEQUATE. A WINE BAR WOULD REQUIRE 40 PARKING SPACES, NOT 24. THEY DON'T HAVE 40 DOWN THE STREET. AND I THINK WHAT WILL HAPPEN, JUST LIKE THE FOOD SALES, HAS NOW BECOME FINALLY THE CITY HAS FOUND OUT AND THAT'S A LONG STORY. I DON'T HAVE TIME TO TELL YOU. HAS FINALLY FIGURED OUT THAT IT'S NOT LEGAL. WHEN YOU SAY THEY CAN BE A RESTAURANT -- MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THEY HAVE A COLD PREP KITCHEN. THEIR IDEA WAS TO SERVE APPETIZERS AND LIGHT FOOD, BUT THEY'VE GOT 125 LINEAR FEET OF WINE BOTTLES. I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO BE A RESTAURANT. I DON'T KNOW HOW BY TOMORROW THEY'RE GOING TO BE A RESTAURANT. AND I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO COME BACK THEN AND NEED CS-BE 1 ZONING AND NEED MORE PARKING. SO I THINK -- AND ALSO THEY BELIEVE THIS

IS THE INSPECTION REPORT IN FRONT OF YOU FROM JANUARY WHEN AN INSPECTOR WENT OUT AND SOMEHOW WERE SHOWN A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCIES FOR RESTAURANTS THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE, BUT THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS THAT IT TOOK SO LONG FOR THE CITY TO CATCH UP TO WHAT HAPPENING THERE. BUT I REALLY THINK THEY'RE GOING TO START A OPERATING A BAR. THIS IS WHAT THE OWNER TOLD THE HYDE PARK NEIGHBORS TWO YEARS AGO. WE WILL OPERATE AS A RESTAURANT. WHEN WE'RE CAUGHT, WE'LL BECOME A BAR AND THEN WE'LL HAVE TO FIGURE THAT OUT. SO I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE KIND OF WAY PEOPLE SHOULD DO BUSINESS IN AUSTIN. AND I HOPE YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT IT'S REALLY BETTER TO GET YOUR PERMITS FIRST. WE HAVE A LOT OF BUSINESSES IN HYDE PARK THAT HAVE GOTTEN THEIR PERMITS FIRST. SO I WOULD HOPE THIS IS THEIR ACTUAL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY FOR THE FOOD SALES USE. I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD AT LEAST -- WE DON'T WANT TO KILL THIS BUSINESS, ALTHOUGH BY NOT GETTING PERMISSION FIRST, THEY PUT A 3100 SQUARE FOOT RESTAURANT, BAR, WHATEVER IT IS, IN A BUILDING WITH NO PARKING, IN PROBABLY THE WORST PLACE YOU COULD HAVE IT. BUT IT'S THERE. IF YOU DENY THIS, THEY CAN STILL BE RETAIL. THEY CAN GET CS-1 ZONING AND BE A LIQUOR STORE. THEY CAN BE AN OFFICE. THEY CAN BE A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS. IF YOU GIVE THIS TO THEM, THEN WE WILL HAVE TO CHASE THEM AND BE SURE THEY'RE NOT A BAR OR GET THEM BACK THROUGH ENFORCEMENT. WE'LL ALSO WATCH OUT THAT THEY'RE NOT SERVING LUNCH BECAUSE WE HAVE A HUGE LUNCH CROWD. ALL THE BUSINESSES ARE OPEN. THEY HAVE NOT ONE PARKING SPACE FOR LUNCH. THAT'S SOMETHING THE NEIGHBORS WILL HAVE TO MONITOR. [ BUZZER SOUNDS ] OUR CONCERN IS WHEN THEY WERE HAVING A LOT OF FREE WINE TASTINGS OUR PARKING LOT WAS COMPLETELY FILLED. THEY PROMISED THEY WON'T LET PEOPLE USE THEIR LOT. THEIR NEW LOT IS 615 FEET AWAY. SO WE HAVE A LOT OF CONCERNS, BUT WE FEEL LIKE THE THING YOU MIGHT DO IF YOU JUST CAN'T SORT THIS OUT. IT'S KIND OF COMPLICATED AND I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE MORE TIME. IS THAT YOU MIGHT JUST POSTPONE THIS AND SEE IF THEY CAN'T GET THEIR ENFORCEMENT ACTION CORRECTED AND THEN TAKE THIS UP A LITTLE BIT LATER. I

WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. I'M SORRY I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO GO THROUGH ALL MY INFORMATION. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. JUST NOTE THAT NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE REBUTTAL AT THE END, LIKELY COUNCIL HAS SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU WHICH WILL ALLOW YOU TO GIVE MORE INFORMATION TO US. AND THE FOLKS WHO ARE HERE WHO WANT TO DONATE TIME TO KAREN, OF COURSE, ARE WELCOME TO ALSO GIVE TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF KAREN'S APPEAL. SO NOW WE HEAR FROM FOLKS WHO ARE SUPPORTIVE OF MS. McGAW'S APPEAL. AND I'LL HAVE TO WALK FOLKS THROUGH THIS. AFTERNOON.....OFTEN TIMES PEOPLE WILL CHECK FOR OR AGAINST, BE AND THEY MIGHT CHECK THAT THEIR FOR IN THEORY OF THE BUSINESS, BUT WHAT THAT WOULD MEAN IS YOU'RE AGAINST THE APPEAL. SO I'LL CALL FOLKS AND HELP ME HERE AND NOTE THAT WE NOW NEED TO HEAR IN SEQUENTIAL ORDER FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT MS. MCGRAW'S APPEAL. ALLEN MARBURGER IS OUR FIRST PERSON SIGNED UP. WELCOME. AND LET'S SEE, IS DORIS COWRD.....COWARD HERE? WE JUST NEED TO CONFIRM THAT YOU'RE HERE. SO YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT. WELCOME.

OKAY. HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. I'VE NOT BEEN BEFORE THE FULL COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR SOMETIME.

Mayor Wynn: IN A SPEAKS HIGHLY OF YOU -- THAT SPEAKS HIGHLY OF YOU. [ LAUGHTER ]

LAST NIGHT I ATTENDED THE BANQUET DWIF ENBY THE CITY TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. AN INVOCATION WAS GIVEN FOR US TO PRAY FOR HONEST AND EQUAL GOVERNMENT, ONE THAT RESPECTS LACKING IN WEALTH THE SAME OF THOSE WITH UNLIMITED RESOURCES. ONE OF THOSE MANY HONORED WAS KAREN MCGRAW, MY BEST FRIEND AND A LEADNER THIS COMMUNITY FOR 30 YEARS. HER DETERMINATION TO MAKE AUSTIN A BETTER CITY START WHEN HAD SHE RETURNED HERE IN 1976 AFTER GOING TO THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE 60'S AND 70'S. SHE WAS APPOINTED BY THIS CITY'S COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO WRITE NEW



ORDINANCES FOR DOWNTOWN. THAT LED TO TREMENDOUS GROWTH THAT WE SEE TODAY. IN 1985 SHE FOCUSED HER EFFORTS ON NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND PRODUCED THE FIRST INCLUSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVE BEVATION COMBINING DISTRICT FOR HYDE PARK AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN. AWAR FROM THE HERITAGE SOCIETY, THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE STATE OF TEXAS SPEAK OF HER DEDICATION TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY. SHE HAS PROVIDED COUNSEL TO YOU ON THIS COUNCIL AND MANY BEFORE YOU AND WILL COUNSEL MANY MORE IN THE FUTURE OF OUR GREAT CITY. THE CASE BEFORE YOU HAS BEEN DISTORTED BY THE APPLICANT AND HIS AGENT BY USING APPROACH AND DEFLECTING THE TRUTH BY CREATING A SCAPEGOAT. IN THIS CASE KAREN MCGRAW REPRESENTS A PERSON OF AUTHORITY BECAUSE SHE HAS HELPED WRITE SO MANY OF OUR ORDINANCES. MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING HER OWN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES AND CLIENTS, MOAN WHEN THEY HAVE TO DESIGN AND PLAN WITH AN ORDINANCE ATTRIBUTED TO HER. WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THE ORDINANCE HAS MADE LIFE BETTER FOR ALL PEOPLE, INCLUDING THOSE OF LITTLE MEANS. WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A CASE OF ENTITLEMENT. THEY HAVE DECIDED THEY ARE ENTITLED TO THIS USE. KAREN IS THEIR SCAPEGOAT. WHO...HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IN HER POSITION? I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S FEELING AS A PUBLIC SERVANT. NEGATIVE SPINS CAN QUICKLY BE DISTRIBUTED IN OUR HIGH SPEED ELECTRONIC WORLD. SO COUNCILS SUCH AS YOU MUST GIVE HONEST AND EQUAL RIGHTS TO EVERYONE WHO COMES BEFORE YOU. KAREN MCGRAW WAS NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK IN REBUTTAL AT THE HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING AND ONLY A LIMITED TIME FROM THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AFTER THE APPLICANT'S AGENT MADE UNTRUE ACCUSATIONS ABOUT HAD YOU ACTIONS. THE APPEAL WAS FILED SOCO FINALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK. SNRIERLTTERS OF THE RESTAURANT WHO HAVE TALKED TO ME SEE THIS AS A TURF WAR BETWEEN BUSINESS OWNERS. IT'S NOT. I WANT VINO VIN O..O TO STAY. THEY ARE WELCOME ON GUADALUPE AND THEIR USE IS WELCOME AND CAN ADD TO THE REVITALIZATION OF GUADALUPE. BUT BECAUSE SUPPORTERS ARE RELATIVELY NEW TO HYDE PARK, THEY

DO NOT KNOW THE EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROTECT AND REVITALIZE HYDE PARK AND ITS PORTION OF THE GUADALUPE CORRIDOR. AS KAREN SAID, WE RESTORED OUR BUILDING AT 4101 GUADALUPE. IT'S THE OLDEST COMMERCIAL LOCATION ON GUADALUPE IN HYDE PARK. WE SAW THE PROPERTY AS A CORNERSTONE TO REVITALIZATION OF GUADALUPE. WE ALSO SAW THE DIFFICULTIES IT WAS ONE OF THE FEW PROPERTIES THAT COULD MEET THE CITY CODES FOR PARKING. AT THE TIME I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AS WE TRIED TO DEVELOP OUR PROPERTY WE BECAME MORE AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS FACING THE CITY AND ITS REVITALIZATION OF THE OLDER NEIGHBORHOODS AND HISTORIC COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS. KAREN HAD BEGUN WRITING THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION COMBINING DISTRICT ORDINANCE IN 1990. AS A CITY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN, SHE LED THE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE NEIGHBORS TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE IN 2002, 12 YEARS AFTER THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE. I STAYED INVOLVED PAST MY THREE YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT BY SERVING ON THE SITE PLAN COMMITTEE FOR CENTRAL PARK, WHICH I WAS APPOINTED TO BY THE MHMR BOARD AND BY THE STATE AND BY FOT CORRIDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN FORMING THE GUADALUPE OWNERS AND MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE PLOONG GUADALUPE. I DON'T FEEL ENTITLED BECAUSE OF THIS, BUT I DO FEEL RESPONSIBILITY TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND MY CITY TO OBEY THE ORDINANCES AND TO CREATE NEW ONES AS KAREN HAS DONE THAT IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE LACKING. AND NOT JUST FOR THOSE WITH UNLIMITED RESOURCES. PLEASE LET KAREN HAVE HER REBUTTAL TONIGHT. THAT'S ALL WE REALLY ASK HERE. I KNOW SHE'S RESPECTED ON THE DAIS AND BY EACH OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY AND SHOULD NOT HAVE TO HAVE SUSTAINED THE ACCUSATIONS THAT SHE HAS RECEIVED IN THIS CASE. I SENT EACH OF YOU AN E-MAIL TODAY TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES OF THE APPLICANT BY CREATING A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. IT ONLY HAD THREE AGREEMENTS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE, I WILL READ KNOWS THREE

AGREEMENTS THAT I SENT Y'ALL IN THE E-MAIL TODAY.

Mayor Wynn: IF YOU CAN DO IT IN 24 SECONDS.

IF I CAN GET IT TO COME UP. EXCUSE ME. SOMETIMES THE COMPUTER IS FEAFERT THAN I.....FASTER THAN I AM. NUMBER ONE, THE OWNER SHALL BUILD A LEGAL PARKING LOT ON FREKD AND GUADALUPE. THIS WOULD BE A PERMANENT COMMITMENT TO PARKING AND TO THE RESTAURANT USE AT 4119 GUADALUPE. [ BUZZER SOUNDS ] THIS LOT SHOULD HAVE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES ALLOWED UNDER THE CURRENT CITY ORDINANCE WHILE PRESERVE BEING THE EXISTING TREES. A LEGAL SIDEWALK SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON 42nd STREET. THESE IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT. THE OWNER SHALL NOT CREATE ANY NEW USES ON ANY OF THE PROPERTY WITHOUT REQUIRED LEGAL PARKING. THE OWNER SHALL REQUIRE PARKING FOR THE PROPERTY THAT CURRENTLY HAS INSUFFICIENT PARKING. THIS COULD CURRENTLY BE DONE WITH THE MIGHT DAS PARKING -- MIDAS PARKING LOT. I SUGGEST YOU ALLOW THE CITY TO INVESTIGATE AND ENFORCE THE CURRENT VIETIONS AND REQUIRE THE OWNER TO COMPLY AND CORRECT ALL THE CURRENT VIOLATIONS OR TO SIMPLY AGREE TO THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. THAT IS OUR ONLY TOOL OF COMPROMISE AND HAS BEEN USED WITH SEVERAL OTHER BARS USES IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: SMING FOLKS ARE CONFUSED BY THE SIGN UP SYSTEM WHEN THEY'RE FOR OR AGAINST THE APPELLANT OR THE DECISION BEING APPEALED. EVERYBODY ELSE HERE HAS SIGNED NEWSPAPER OPPOSITION. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NO ONE HERE THAT WANTS TO GIVE US TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF THE APPEAL.

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: YES, WE'LL NIETZ BEING.....NOTE YOU AS BEING IN FAVOR. THANK YOU ALL. SO NOW WE'LL HEAR FROM FOLKS IN OPPOSITION OF THE APPEAL. OUR FIRST SPEAKER SIGNED UP IS CARL MCCLENDON. CARL, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT. YOU WILL BE

FOLLOWED BY VINCENT HAUSER.

GOOD MORNING HONORABLE MAYOR AND.... AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE BHEEM SHOWED UP IN SUPPORT FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE STAND. ARE APPROXIMATE.....THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I CAN'T THINK OF ANY MORE ERRONEOUS OR FALSE STATEMENTS ISSUED BY MS. MCGRAW. FIRST OF ALL, IN 2005 MY CLIENT MADE APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT IN WHICH HE APPLIED FOR A VARIANCE FOR ON-SITE PARKING IN WHICH HE RECEIVED A DENIAL BY ONE VOTE. ON THE STATED PROPOSED USE FOR THAT APPLICATION WAS A RESTAURANT GENERAL. THE APPLICATION BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING, THE PROPOSED USE IS RESTAURANT GENERAL. IT HAS NEVER BEEN A BAR, IT'S NEVER BEEN ANYTHING OTHER THAN A RESTAURANT GENERAL. AND THAT'S WHAT THEY'VE PROPOSED. NECESSITY SPENT THE LAST -- THEY SPENT THE LAST TWO YEARS PURSUING AN APPLICATION THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM NOT TO REQUEST ANY VARIANCES OR WAIVERS THAT WOULD DPLIE COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS. IT'S TAKEN TWO YEARS TO GET HERE IN ORDER TO BE COMPLIANT. THEY'VE DONE THAT. THEY'VE SECURED NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT. STHROOS BEEN OVERWHELMING, BROAD BASED SUPPORT FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE NEIGHBORHOOD VOTED 55-15 TO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSED PROJECT. IN ADDITION, THERE HAVE BEEN 137 LETTERS AND AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT. E-MAILS FROM NEIGHBORS ADJACENT TO AND THROUGHOUT THE HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. SO I'M REALLY AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHERE MS. McGLAW THINKS THAT THIS IS I GUESS SOME KIND OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST HER PARTICULAR BUSINESS. THE PLANNING COMMISSION AFTER HEARING ALL THE ISSUES THAT MS. MCGRAW RAISED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PROBLGHT IN SPITE OF ALL THOSE THINGS. THE RECENT YOU ACTION THAT WAS REPORTED ENFORCEMENT IS A WARNING, NOT A CITATION. WE'RE QUITE SURPRISED BY THAT BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT PREVIOUS ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS INSTA..... INSTIGATED BY MS. MCGRAW, THE FIRST BEING JANUARY 23rd WHEN THERE WAS A COMPLAINT FILED AND THAT COMPLAINT WAS INVESTIGATED BY MR. JASON CROUCH OF

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND THEY WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT THERE WERE NO CODE VIOLATIONS ON THE SITE. KEEP IN MIND THAT WHEN THEY OPEN THAT FOOD SALES USE THEY HAD TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SECURING SITE PLAN EXEMPTIONS, BUILDING PERMITS, CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, A TABC LINE AND RETAIL -- WINE AND RETAIL PERSONALITY. A SALES TAX PERMIT. THEY HAD TO BE INSPECTED AND REINSPECTED. AND THEN EVEN AFTER ALL OF THAT WE HAD THESE ISSUES OF COMPLIANCE THAT HAVE BEEN FILED. AND IN SPITE OF THAT ALL THOSE GAME BACK POSITIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT, THAT THERE WERE NO VIOLATIONS. SO QUITE FRANKLY, WE WERE VERY SURPRISED THAT TWO DAYS BEFORE A CITY COUNCIL HEARING AFTER MS. MCGRAW SPENT THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN CODE ENFORCEMENT PRESSURING THEM TO ISSUE SOME TYPE OF CITATION HERE, WE GET THIS NOTICE. FIRST AND FOREMOST, MY CLIENT WILL COMPLY FULLY WITH EVERY CODE BASE REQUIREMENT THAT APPLIES TO HIS PROPERTY AND WE WILL PURSUE THAT. DURING THE NEXT 30 DAYS WE WILL MEET WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. PAUL (INDISCERNIBLE) WHO HAS INDICATED WE CAN COMPLY. AND INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THE DECISION THIS EVENING BY THE COUNCIL, IF YOU DECIDE TO DENY THE APPEAL AND APPROVE THIS PROJECT, IT WILL RENDER THAT WARNING INVALID. SO -- THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO THIS EVENING. GIVEN ALL THE SUPPORT FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN APPROVING THIS, WE FEEL THAT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. WITH REGARD TO ALCOHOL SALES, THE EBL FORCE. OF THAT, MS. MCGRAW IS IN HERE PROPOSING WHAT COULD BE DOING, WHAT THEY POSSIBLY WILL INTRODUCE HERE. AND WHAT THE CODE SAYS EXPLICITLY IS THAT FOR RESTAURANT GENERAL SALES USES, RESTAURANT GENERAL USES THAT ENFORCEMENT TAKE PLACE AFTER THE PERMIT IS ISSUED. IT TAKES PLACE, THE MONITORING AND AUDITING OF SALES RECEIPTS. THAT'S BASICALLY OUT OF THE CODE AND THAT'S THE WAY WE INTEND TO COMPLY. SO THIS ALLEGATION THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE A COCKTAIL LOUNGE OR THEY COULD BE A COCKTAIL LOUNGE IS COMPLETELY LUDICROUS. AND BASELESS. THE LAST THING I WANT TO POINT OUT IS THAT THE DEFINITION OF A REST USE INDICATES THAT -- OF

A RESTAURANT USE INDICATES THAT IT IMPLIES THE PREPARATION, CONSUMPTION AND SERVING OF FOOD ON-SITE. THIS PARTICULAR USE FOR RESTAURANT GENERAL DOESN'T HAVE TO HAVE -- THERE'S NO DEFINITION REQUIREMENT THAT HAS ANYTHING TO ADDRESS, TABLES, THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF TABLES, BARS OR ANYTHING ELSE IN THAT DEFINITION. SO IF YOU GO INTO ANY RESTAURANT GENERAL USE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, YOU WILL FIND THAT THEY ALL HAVE A KITCHEN. MOST OF THEM HAVE BARS WITH BEER TAPS. AND ALL OF THEM BY DEFINITION SERVE ALCOHOL. SO THE POINT BEING THAT THE FOOD CONSUMPTION COMPONENT OF THAT DISTINGUISHES AND DETERMINES WHAT THE USE IS. AND WITHOUT THAT FOOD COMPONENT, ALL OF THOSE RESTAURANT GENERAL USES IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN WOULD BE CONSIDERED COCKTAIL LOUNGES. [ BUZZER SOUNDS ] AND IF THE COUNCIL DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT THIS EVENING AND DENY THE APPEAL, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT, BUT IF THEY CHOOSE TO DO THAT, THERE BY ENABLING MY CLIENT TO BEGIN SERVING FOOD AND COMING INTO COMPLIANCE, THEN YOU WILL SEE THIS RESTAURANT, THIS ESTABLISHMENT LOOK EXACTLY LIKE EVERY SINGLE RESTAURANT GENERAL IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM AT THIS TIME.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS OF CARL? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: YOU SAID SOMETHING, YOU WERE SURPRISED AND THOUGHT THE WARNING WAS UNFAIR. DID YOU THINK YOU WERE IN COMPLIANCE ALL ALONG?

WE DID.

Leffingwell: YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE SERVING MORE THAN 51% FOOD?

THE CODE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO PROVISION FOR PERCENTAGE OF SALES OF ALCOHOL. AND SO THAT'S WHAT WE GO BY IS THE CODE. AND SINCE THERE IS -- THERE IS NO RESTAURANT GENERAL, IT CLEARLY SAYS THAT HAVE YOU TO HAVE 51% FOOD SALES OR CONSUMPTION ON SITE,

SALES RECEIPTS, IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS A RESTAURANT GENERAL. THAT SAME RESTRICTION DOES NOT APPLY TO FOOD SALES USES. THERE ARE FOOD SALES USES ALL THROUGHOUT THE CITY THAT HAVE THE MAJORITY OF THEIR SALES FROM BEER AND WINE SALES, WHICH ARE PERMITTED IN LR, GR AND CS DISTRICTS. MY CLIENT IS NOT SERVE BEING HARD LIQUOR. HE DOES NOT REQUIRE CS HN 1 ZONING. HE DOES NOT INTEND TO AND DOES NOT PREFER TO GO TO CS CS-1. WE PROAfer TO OPERATE --

Leffingwell: SO YOU'RE SAYING THE WARNING CITATION WAS INCORRECTLY ISSUED?

WE HAVE A DIFFERENCE OF INTERPRETATION. CERTAINLY IF THE STAFF'S INTERPRETATION OF THE CODE PREVAILS, MY CLIENT WILL MAKE WHATEVER MODIFICATIONS OR WHATEVER ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO COMPLY. SO -- AS ANY BUSINESS SHOULD BE.

Leffingwell: I WANT TO REVISIT THAT ISSUE WITH STAFF. THAT'S ALL FOR NOW.

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH. NEXT SPEAKER IS VINCENT HAUSER. WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES. TOLL....TO BE FOLLOWED BY DEREK BARSINSKI.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, GOOD EVENING. I'M PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND CLEARLY I'VE WALKED INTO SOMETHING THAT I DIDN'T EXPECT WITH THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE PRECEDED ME. I OFFICE TWO DOORS DOWN FROM VINO. I HOPE IT'S ABLE TO GO FORWARD IN THE WAY THAT HAS BEEN CONTEMPLATED BY THE OWNERS OF THE BUSINESS AND OF THE BUILDING. I'M AN ARCHITECT HERE IN AUSTIN. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROJECTS FOR VIRTUALLY MY WHOLE CAREER. AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT THIS IS -- I GUESS FALLING BACK TO WHAT I WOULD CONSIDER THE BIG PICTURE, THIS IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF BUSINESS THAT I LIKE TO SEE IN AUSTIN AND THAT I'M HAPPY TO HAVE AS A NEIGHBOR. I'D LIKE TO ADD JUST AT A PERSONAL LEVEL THAT I'VE BEEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHILE ALL OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN GOING ON. NOT ONLY JUST THIS PROJECT, BUT OTHER PROJECTS BY

THIS OWNER. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH TIME AND EFFORT THAT ALL OF THE FOLKS INVOLVED HAVE SPENT TRYING TO HELP ME KEEP MY BUSINESS OPEN BY NOT HAVING AN IMPOSITION DURING CONSTRUCTION. BEING CAREFUL TO ARRANGE FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS DELIVERIES AND ALL THOSE SORTS OF THINGS THAT ARE THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF WHAT MAKE THIS CIEFND A PROJECT WORK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE THEIR BUSINESS IN THE WAY THAT THEY'VE DEVELOPED IT. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. I HOPE THIS PROJECT DOESN'T NEED TO BE APPEALED. AND AGAIN, I SUPPORT IT AND I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE OF IT. THE PARKING. IT'S ALWAYS MESSY WORKING IN A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT'S BUILT UP. THAT'S JUST PART OF LIFE AND IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE THEY'VE COME ONE A PRETTY GOOD SOLUTION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. DEREK BARSINSKI. AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THAT HAD AVERY. THAD AVERY.

GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL. I AM DEREK. I WAS THE ARCHITECT WHO WORKED WITH THAD, KELLY IN THIS PROJECT. I WANT TO SAY FIRST AND FOREMOST THIS PROJECT IS A REAL ASSET TO HYDE PARK. A LITTLE NEIGHBORHOOD ORIENTED BUSINESS. WHAT WE'VE DONE SHEER TAKEN A WINDOWLESS BUILDING AND PUT A WINE BAR RESTAURANT IN THERE. AND WE VITALLIZED -- REUSED THIS BUSINESS. IT'S WITHIN WALKING BUSINESS OF MOST OF THE CLIENTELE. AS YOU CAN HEAR, IT'S BEEN STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE NEIGHBORS. IT REALLY FITS HIDE HYDE PARK. THE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THIS BUSINESS ARE ALSO AN ASSET. PEOPLE IN HYDE PARK HAVE ENJOYED MEETING WITH JEFF AND COMING TO THE PLACE. THESE OWNERS HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY PATIENT AND PROFESSIONAL, OPTIMISTIC AND ENERGETIC. THIS ITS BEEN TWO YEARS THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN GOING ON. AS YOU CAN SEE THE OPPOSITION HAS BEEN LARGELY SINGULAR. THESE OWNER RESPECT THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE. EVERYTHING HAS BEEN DONE UP TO DATE, THEY'VE KENT THE PLACE IN COMPLIANCE AND WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TONIGHT TO STAY IN COMPLIANCE. THE NEIGHBORHOOD WANTS THE RESTAURANT AS EVIDENCED BY THE VOTE THAT THE NEIGHBORS CAST THEMSELVES.



THESE GUYS FIT THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I THINK THE APPEAL LACKS MERIT. THE PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION WAS UNANIMOUS. SPEAKERS THAT NIGHT WAS 26 TO ONE IN FAVOR. THIS APPEAL HAS BEEN BROUGHT BY A COMPETING BUSINESS OWNER WHO IS ACTIVELY EXPANDING THE BEER AND WINE SALES AT THEIR RESTAURANT AT THE SAME TIME THEY'VE BEEN COMPLAINING THAT THIS IS TRYING TO BE A WINE RESTAURANT AS.....RAWNLIT AS WELL. THE NUMBERS, THE FACTS, THE DATA THAT WAS CITED HERE TONIGHT ARE FACTUALLY INACCURATE AND DON'T RESPOND TO THE SIZE OF THE ACTUAL BUILDING AND ARE NOT FACTUAL. THE OFF SITE PARKING AGREEMENT HERE TONIGHT IS AN ATTEMPT BY THESE OWNERS AND THIS DEVELOPER TO SATISFY ALL THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE WITHOUT REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE IN THE METHOD SUGGESTED AND REQUIRED BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. I THINK IT'S A BUSINESS FIGHT, NOT A NEIGHBORHOOD FIGHT. AND AS AN ASIDE, THAD AND I HAVE DONE OTHER PROJECTS IN HYDE PARK AND RECEIVED HERITAGE AWARDS FOR THE WORK WE'VE DONE IN HYDE PARK. I WORK NEXT DOOR TO THE BUILDING. ONCE THE RESTAURANT IS OPENED, I'LL BE ABLE TO WALK TO WORK, WALK TO NEW WORLD DELI AND HAVE LUNCH THERE, TWIEWK THE HYDE PARK GYM, BE AND PICK AUTOPSY BOTTLE OF WINE ON THE WAY HOME. I THINK IT'S A SMART WAY FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO GROW AND MAKE IT A LIVEABLE CITY THAT WE'VE ALL ASPIRED TO. THANKS.

THE NEXT SPEAKER IS THAD SAFERY. YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT. YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY KELLY BELL. MY NAME IS THAD AVERY AND I'M THE PROPERTY OWNER AT 4119.....4119 GUADALUPE. I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE HISTORY ON THAT SECTION OF GUADALUPE STREET TO YOU UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY OF IT AND THE VIBRANCY THAT WAS ONCE THERE. THIS PARTICULAR BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1921. IT WAS PLATTED IN 1896. IT WAS BUILT PRIOR TO ANY PARKING CODES IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. IN THE EARLY YEARS IT HAD GREAT VIBRANCY. THIS SECTION OF GUADALUPE STREET HAD RESTAURANTS, HAD BILLIARDS HALL, HAD CONVENIENCE STORES AND IT HAD PHARMACIES. AND THEN URBAN FLIGHT AND SOME NEGLECT TOOK OVER. THE CITY OF AUSTIN WIDENED GUADALUPE STREET, THEY TOOK AWAY THE

HEAD-IN PARKING ON THAT STREET. AT THE SAME TIME THEY IMPOSED PARKING CODES INTO THESE URBAN LOTS THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A LOT THAT IS 25 FEET WIDE AND 125-FOOT DEEP. EACH ONE OF THESE LOTS THE BUILDING COVERS. THEN THE BUILDING TURNED INTO NEGLECT. IT HOUSED THE GRATEFUL SHED HEAD SHOP AND THEN IT WAS A VACANT STOREFRONT WHEN I PURCHASED IT. SO WHAT WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT TONIGHT IS A MAIN COMPONENT TO REVITALIZATION OF A CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT. AND IT'S A HISTORICALLY CORRECT STREET LEVEL USE THAT RESTORES THE CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND PROVIDES PEDESTRIAN DESTINATION. AND IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE FA TRICK OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT ENHANCES THE NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS. AND THERE'S AN ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS BUSINESS, I WOULD NOT SUPPORT IT OR ENCOURAGE IT IF IT DID NOT DO THAT AS THE OWNER. NOW WE'RE FACED WITH A SECTION OF THE HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING CODE WHEN REQUIRES A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO USE OFF SITE PARK TO GO SATISFY THESE REQUIREMENTS. WE'VE DEVELOPED A PLAN THAT IS FULLY CODE COMPLIANT AND IT'S CREATIVE TO SOLVE OUR PARKING REQUIREMENTS. AND IT'S A PLAN THAT HAS BROAD SUPPORT BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION, BY YOUR STAFF, BY THE HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, BY SURROUNDING MERCHANTS, NEIGHBORS AND PROPERTY OWNERS. SINCE 1995 -- 2005, VINO VINO HAS APPLIED FOR SITE PLANS, CHANGE OF USE REQUIREMENTS, ETCETERA, TO SATISFY THESE REGULATIONS AND THEY HAVE PASSED EVERY INSPECTION AND THEY HAVE BEEN IN FULL COMPLIANCE THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PROCESS. AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE. I WANT TO BRING UP THE FACT THAT SOMEBODY BROUGHT UP THE FACT THAT SOMEBODY HAS UNLIMITED WEALTH AND SOME DON'T HAVE UNLIMITED WEALTH. LET ME BRING UP THE FALGHT THAT WE ARE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. THE APPLICANT IS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER AND YES, THERE ARE RESOURCES INVOLVED TO GET THESE PROJECTS GOING AND THEY ARE NOT UNLIMITED. THIS PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP AND IT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON

BEHALF OF MY NEIGHBORS AND MY ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS AND MERCHANTS, TENANTS IN THE HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Mayor Wynn: KELLY BELL IS OUR NEXT SPEAKER. IC

MY NAME IS SHARON BROWN AND MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE LIVED ON THE CORNER OF 43rd AND AVENUE F FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS. WE ARE ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED AT WHAT JEFF AND JERRY AND THAD AND LAURA ARE DOING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. IT'S A PLACE WHERE WE CAN GO MEET FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. WE CAN WALK THERE. IT IS SO TOTALLY APPROPRIATE FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. IN ADDITION TO THEIR DESIGNING A BEAUTIFUL SPACE, WHICH INCLUDES RESURRECTING THIS FANTASTIC BAR FROM THE BITTER END FIRE, THEY'VE BEEN REALLY GOOD NEIGHBORS. THEY'VE CONTRIBUTED SPACE, GIFT CERTIFICATES AND WINE TO HYDE PARK EVENTS. AND FUND-RAISERS FOR SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND FOR SAFE PLACE. THEY DESIGNED A CREATIVE SOLUTION TO OUR ONGOING PARKING PROBLEM CHALLENGE, WE SHOULD SAY. I APPLAUD THEIR SUCCESS IN FINDING SUFFICIENT PARKING FOR VINO VINO. AS OUR PART -- OUR HYDE PARK SECTION OF GUADALUPE CONTINUES TO BE DEVELOPED, I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED, THAT THEY CAN LEAD THE WAY WITH INTELLIGENT SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, AND I'M GLAD THEY'RE PROVIDING US A BUSINESS THAT'S SO APPROPRIATE TO HYDE PARK AT A TIME WHEN AUSTIN NEEDS TO HOLD ON TO ITS LOCAL BUSINESSES, THIS IS ONE THAT DESERVES ALL OUR SUPPORT. I THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR THE CITIZENS AND THE SMALL BUSINESSES OF AUSTIN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. BROWN. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS ROB CLENCHARD. WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS ROB. I LIVE AT 4104 AVENUE A. IT'S A HOME THAT I OWN AND RESIDE AT DIRECTLY BEHIND THIS BUSINESS. I TOO, AS SOME OF MY NEIGHBORS THAT SPOKE BEFORE ME, ARE THRILLED TO HAVE THIS RESTAURANT IN OUR

NEIGHBORHOOD. IT FITS THE CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IT FITS ARCHITECTURALLY, AND IT'S A GOOD FIT BUSINESSWISE. I ENJOY WALKING THERE. I ENJOY GOING AND HAVING A BEER. THE BUSINESS OWNERS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ARE EXTREMELY RESPONSIBLE AND CARING FOR WHAT THE PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THINK. I'VE BEEN ASKED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WHEN I GO INTO THIS BUSINESS, SINCE YOU LIVE ON THE STREET RIGHT BEHIND US, YOU TELL US ANY TIME IF THERE'S ANY CARS THAT PARK IN FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE THAT RESTRICT YOUR ABILITY TO PARK. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AND NOT ONCE HAVE I HAD TO TELL THEM THAT -- GO BACK AND TELL THEM HEY, PEOPLE ARE PARKING IN FRONT, BECAUSE IT HASN'T OCCURRED YET. BUT I GUESS THE ISSUE THAT CAME UP -- THAT WE'RE HERE DEBATING TONIGHT IS THIS CONDITIONAL USE OFF SITE PARKING. AND GRITS TO SEE THAT -- IT'S GREAT TO SEE THAT THEY'VE PUT A PARKING LOT THAT HAS NOT BEEN USED THE SIX YEARS I'VE BEEN IN HYDE PARK, INTO USE. AFTER 6:00 O'CLOCK THIS THING HAS BEEN ABANDONED, NO ONE HAS BEEN USING IT, BUT THEY CAME UP WITH THIS PLAN TO SATISFY THE CODE PARKING REQUIREMENTS AND IT'S GREAT. I WISH MORE BUSINESSES WOULD TAKE THE ACTION THEY HAVE AND COMPLETELY UTILIZE SOME ASSETS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN UTILIZED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SO AGAIN, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS BUSINESS.

THEIR CONCEPT, AND HOPEFULLY WITH YOUR SUPPORT TONIGHT THEY CAN GET ON DOING WHAT THEY DO BEST. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, ROB. COIN, THAT CONCLUDES THE FOLKS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP WISH TO GO SPEAK. WE'LL NOTE FOR THE RECORD AND RECORD THIS THROUGH MS. GENTRY THAT ONE PERSON SIGNED UP NOT WISH TO GO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE APPEAL. EIGHT PEOPLE SIGNED UP NOT WISH TO GO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. WE NOW HAVE A THREE MINUTE REBUTTAL FROM MS. MCGRAW, OUR APPELLANT. WELCOME BACK, KAREN.

THANK YOU. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO CLEAR UP RIGHT NOW, THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT MR. McCLEN..... MCCLENDON SAYS I CALLED ENFORCE: I

NEVER CALLED. I KNOW SOMEONE APPARENTLY FILED A COMPLAINT IN JANUARY AND AFTER THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING I ACTUALLY CALLED THE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND ASKED IF THERE WAS A REPORT OF THAT VISIT IN JANUARY. AND THIS IS THE REPORT THAT I SHOWED YOU EARLIER WHERE IT SAYS THE MANAGER SHOWED A CO FOR RESTAURANT BAR. AND THAT CAN'T BE..... CAN'T BE POSSIBLE BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE ASKING FOR NOW. SO THAT RAISED A QUESTION WITH WITH ME AND I DID GO BACK AND ASK FOR ENFORCEMENT TO EXPLAIN HOW THAT CAN.... COULD BE. SO I HAVE NOT BEEN SITTING AROUND PRESSURING THEM TO ENFORCE ANYTHING, I SIMPLY ASKED THEM TO PLEASE EXPLAIN THIS. AND ABOUT A WEEK AFTER ASKING ABOUT THAT, I SPOKE TO PAUL ON I THINK IT WAS MONDAY OR TUESDAY AND HE SAID, YES, THEY HAD BEEN OUT AND DETERMINED THAT THEY ARE IN VIOLATION OF THEIR FOOD SALES CO THAT THEY HAVE HAD SINCE LAST OCTOBER. SO THEY HAVE BEEN SELLING BOTTLES AND CASES OF WINE AND APPARENTLY NO FOOD OR MINIMAL FOOD SINCE OCTOBER. SO I WANTED TO CLEAR THAT UP. BUT I HAVE NOT BEEN SITTING AROUND FILING COMPLAINTS. I HAVEN'T EVEN FILED A COMPLAINT ON MR. BARSINSKI'S OFFICE THAT WAS PERSONALITIED AS A WAREHOUSE THAT HAS NO PARKING. AS I SAY, WE ALL NT NEW BUSINESSES. THIS IS NOT ABOUT WANTING THE BUSINESS. IT IS NOT ABOUT COMPETITION. NEW BUSINESSES ARE GOOD FOR EVERYBODY. IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT. WE HAVE WORKED ON PLANNING FOR GUADALUPE STREET. I'VE WORKED ON THIS SINCE 1993. IT IS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. WE DESPERATELY NEED HELP WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE. IF YOU WANT TO PUT NEW BUSINESSES HERE AND MAYBE THEY DO OR DON'T HAVE PARKING, WE'VE GOT TO HAVE SOME HELP. WE HAVE TO HAVE HELP BECAUSE NOW WE HAVE A PROPERTY OWNER WHO OWNS NUMEROUS PROPERTIES AND HE DOESN'T WANT TO PROVIDE PARKING ON HIS OWN LAND. SO THIS IS DIFFICULT. WE REALLY NEED THE HELP. HEAD-IN PARKING WOULD BE GREAT. BACK-IN PARKING, THAT WORKS TOO. AS FAR AS OUR OWN BUSINESS HAVING A BEER AND WINE LICENSE, WE'VE HAD A RESTAURANT IN OUR BUILDING FOR ABOUT 12 YEARS. THE CURRENT RESTAURANT HAS BEEN THERE FOR 10 YEARS. HE FINALLY GOT A BEER AND

WINE LICENSE. HE'S ALL ABOUT FOOD, YES, HE SELLS BEER AND WINE, BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH SOMETHING LIKE A WINE BAR. IT'S VERY DIFFERENT. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT A NUMBER BE OF THE PEOPLE HERE HAVE A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH MR. AVERY. WHETHER THAWFER HIS CONTINUE NANTS. THERE IS A LOT OF THAT HERE. AND SO HAVE YOU TO UNDERSTAND HE A HAS BEEN ABLE TO CALL ON A LOT OF PEOPLE FOR SUPPORT. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION ABOUT THIS FOOD SALES.S THING RIGHT NOW. MY UNDERSTANDING FROM STAFF IS THAT THE WINE SALES IS SUPPOSED TO BE AN ACCESSORY TO FOOD SALES, OKAY? WELL, AN ACCESSORY USE BY DEFINITION IS 10% OF THE FLOOR AREA, BUT YOU CAN'T HAVE AN ACCESSORY USE IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PRIMARY USE. [ BUZZER SOUNDS ] SO WE HAVE A PROBLEM. I THINK MR. MCCLENDON IS WRONG BECAUSE HAVE YOU TO HAVE A PRIMARY USE. THERE'S NO PRIMARY FOOD SALES USE AT THIS TIME. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT UNDER ANY KIND OF FULL SET OF REAL PERMITS RIGHT NOW, THEY HAVE THE BAR SITTING THERE OPEN EVERY NIGHT, MAYBE 15, 20 PEOPLE SITTING IN THERE WHEN YOU DRIVE BY. IF THEY GET A PERMIT AND THEY START FILLING THE THING UP, MR. CLENCHARD WILL HAVE SOME CARS IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE. IT'S BEEN VERY LOW KEY THE LAST 10 MONTHS BECAUSE THEY REALLY DON'T HAVE THEIR PERMITS SO WE REALLY HAVEN'T SEEN WHAT KIND OF TRAFFIC THEY'RE GOING TO GENERATE. AND LOTS MORE THINGS I'D LIKE TO SAY RKTS BUT PLEASE I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. MCGRAW. SO COUNCIL, THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC HEARING ASPECT OF THIS APPEAL. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I HAVE A QUESTION OF STAFF, MR. ZAPALAC. I WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED. IT SEEMED THAT IS APPLICANT BELIEVED THAT THE CITATION WAS I AM PORPLY ISSUED -- WAS I AM..... IMPROPERLY ISSUED. AND MY CONCERN ABOUT THAT IS IF WE HAVE A MISUNDERSTANDING, IF THAT'S TRUE AT THIS POINT, I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN WORK TOWARDS A GOOD FAITH CONFORMANCE WITHIN THE 30 DAY PERIOD. SO I WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR THAWP, BE WAS THE CITATION PLOIRND AND IS THERE AN -- WAS THE CITATION PROPERLY

ISSUED AND IS THERE AN UNDERSTANDING TO BE IN COMPLIANCE?

COUNCILMEMBER, WE BELIEVE THE WARNING WAS PROPERLY ISSUED. THE -- LET ME READ YOU THE DEFINITION OF LIQUOR SALES FROM THE CITY CODE. LIQUOR SALES IS A USE OF THE SITE FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF SALE CONSUMPTION. THIS INCLUDES LIQUOR SALES AND BOTTLE SHOP. AND THEN THE DEFINITION OF FOOD SALES IS A USE OF THE SITE FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF FOOD OR HOUSEHOLD PROJECTS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION. THIS INCLUDES GROCERY STORES, DELIS, SOME CANDY SHOP. SHOPS. AN INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT THE PREDOMINANT USE WAS WINE SALES. THERE ARE SOME -- THERE IS A FOOD RACK THERE, THERE ARE SOME FOOD PROPPED SOLD, BUT THE DPROAM NENT USE IS -- PREDOMINANT USE IS LIQUOR SALES. SO THAT'S NOT THE SAME AS FOOD SALES SO THAT'S THE REASON THE WARNING WAS ISSUED. THERE WERE CLEAR CONDITIONS THAT WERE SET FORTH FOR THE APPLICANT TO GLIE 30..... COMPLY WITH IN 30 DAYS, SO WE WILL BE FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH THOSE.

Leffingwell: COULD I ASK THE APPLICANT THE SAME QUESTION? WITH ARE.....DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW WHAT THE VIOLATION IS AND WHAT HAVE YOU TO DO TO CORRECT IT OR DO YOU STILL THINK YOU WEREN'T IN VIOLATION AT ALL?

COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, WE WILL DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO COMPLY. WE HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY AIR AND MEET WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR DISCUSS THIS. WE JUST RECEIVED THIS TWO DAYS AGO. SO -- WE'VE HAD SOME PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT, BUT OBVIOUSLY GIVEN THE STATUS OF THIS HEARING, WE HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SIT DOWN AND GO THROUGH THE CODE AND DISCUSS THIS CAREFULLY TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS UNDERSTANDING AND IN AGREEMENT. CERTAINLY WE'RE GOING TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO BRING THIS SITE INTO COMPLIANCE. IF THERE'S A

VIOLATION, WE WILL CORRECT THAT.

Leffingwell: OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? MAYOR PROTEM.

Dunkerley: THE STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THIS ACTION TONIGHT BECAUSE I THOUGHT I UNDERSTOOD YOU THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE STEPS THAT HAS TO OCCUR BEFORE THE BUILDING CAN COME INTO COMPLIANCE.

THAT IS CORRECT. THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS THAT THEY COULD PURSUE TO BRING THE SITE INTO COMPLIANCE AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE OPTIONS THEY COULD PURSUE. ARE WHERE.....WITH.

Mayor Wynn: COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? MOTIONS? GEORGE, JUST TO CONFIRM, WE HEARD I THINK EVIDENCE -- TESTIMONY ABOUT THIS. THE PLANNING COMMISSION VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, WHAT IS BEING APPEALED WAS IN FACT A UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

THAT'S CORRECT. THE COMMISSION VOTED BY A VOTE OF NINE TO ZERO TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON THIS ITEM 91, APPEAL OF A PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION. HOW ABOUT A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

McCracken: SO MOVED.

Mayor Wynn: ACTUALLY, THAT WAS SORT OF A JOINT. A -- SORT AFTER JOKE.

McCracken: I DID MY PART.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

McCracken: I MOVE TO DENY THE APPEAL.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, I WILL



SECOND, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND DENY THIS APPEAL. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION TO DENY PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

Mayor Wynn: I THINK WE'RE POSTED AND READY TO GO.

THE APPLICANT DESIRES TO CONSTRUCT A 1300 SQUARE FOOT DISIRKS TO THE EXISTING STRUCTURE IN THE FLOOD PLAIN OF WALLER CREEK AND CLUED THE LIMITS OF THE 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN, THE BUILDING FOOTPRINT FOR THE EASEMENTS OF THE 100-YEAR FLOOD PLAIN. THIS IS THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSAL. THE RED AREA OUTLINES THE SUBJECT LOT. THE YELLOW POLYGON IS THE EXISTING STRUCTURE AND THE MAGENTA IS THE PROPOSED ADDITION. THIS IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE. THE ADDITION IS PROPOSED WHERE YOU SEE THE AUTOMOBILE. AND YOU CAN SEE THE PROXIMITY TO WALLER CREEK. ALL RIGHT. STAFF IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THIS VARIANCE PRIMARILY FOR TWO REASONS. THERE'S FEASIBLE ACCESS TO THE ADDITION, THE DEPTH OF WATER AT THE DRIVEWAY TO THE ENTRY TO THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE DURING A 100-YEAR EVENT WOULD BE 1.35 FEET, AND WE CONSIDER THAT SAFE ACCESS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS. ADDITIONALLY, THE PROPOSED FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION OF THE STRUCTURE WILL BE ABOVE THE CITY'S MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. FOR THOSE TWO PRIMARY REASONS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THIS VARIANCE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. OSWALT. WE KNOW YOU DO THAT VERY JUDICIOUSLY AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? WE HAVE TWO FOLKS HERE, MR. SHAW HAMILTON AND MR. ROBERT MEBANE, SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCE THAT, OTHER PROPERTY OWNER, NOT WISH TO GO SME, BUT HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS BOTH IN FAVOR OF THE VARIANCE.

COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: THE PROPOSED ADDITION LOOKS LIKE IT'S MOSTLY OUT OF THE FLOOD PLAIN. IS THAT CORRECT?

IT'S IN THE 100-YEAR FLOOD AND OUTSIDE OF THE 25, THAT'S CORRECT. IT IS ON THE VERY FRINGE OF THE FLOOD PLAIN. AND THAT ALSO IS A FACTOR IN OUR CONSIDERATION.

Leffingwell: YEAH, IT'S ACTUALLY MORE OUT OF THE FLOOD PLAIN THAN THE PRIMARY --

THAT'S CORRECT. THE PRIMARY, THE EXISTING STRUCTURE IS MUCH CLOSER TO THE CREEK AND ACTUALLY THE WATER CAN GET DEEPER AROUND IT. BUT THE PROPOSED ADDITION IS FURTHER AWAY FROM THE CREEK AND A MUCH MORE SHALLOW AREA.

Leffingwell: SO IT'S 1.35 FEET IS THE ANTICIPATED FLOOD DEPTH?

CORRECT. AT THE CURB LINE, AT THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE. AND THAT'S THE DEEPEST POINT IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED ADDITION.

Leffingwell: OKAY. AND THE EMERGENCY VEHICLES NEED SOMETHING I THINK CLOSER TO 2 FEET, OR IS IT 18 INCHES?

GENERALLY 18 INCHES IS OUR LIMIT SO THIS IS WELL WITHIN THAT BOUND.

Leffingwell: SO THIS IS 2 INCHES ABOVE THAT. OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER McCRACKEN. SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE VARIANCE AS RMD BY.....RECOMMENDED BY STAFF. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, ITEM 87, A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FULL-PURPOSE ANNEXATION OF THE THAXTON PLACE ANNEXATION AREA. WELCOME A STAFF PRESENTATION

FROM MS. COLLIER.

VIRGINIA COLLIER FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING AREA. ORDINANCE READINGS ARE SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 27th. THE THANKS..... THAXTON PLACE AREA INCLUDES 31 ACRES LOCATED IN SOUTHERN TRAVIS COUNTY SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF THAXTON ROAD AND SALT SPRINGS DRIVE AND IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE RECENTLY ANNEXED GOOD NIGHT RANCH AND BLAZE YER ELEMENTARY. THE DEVELOPER IS PROPOSING A SINGLE-FAMILY SUBDIVISION HERE. UPON ANNEXATION, THE CITY WILL PROVIDE FULL MUNICIPAL SERVICE AND I'VE BROUGHT COPIES OF THE SERVICE PLAN. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? ARE THERE ANY CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US TESTIMONY ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING, THE FULL-PURPOSE ANNEXATION OF THE THAXTON PLACE ANNEXATION AREA AS PRESENT BY STAFF? HEARING NONE, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION SO MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM 87. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. THE MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

THE NEXT IS THE SECOND OF TWO COMPLETIONS, THIS IS FOR THE WATERS EDGE ANNEXATION AREA. THIS INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY 985 ACRES LOCATED IN SOUTHEASTERN TRAVIS COUNTY EAST OF THE AIRPORT ALONG HIGHWAY 71 AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF HIGHWAY 71 AND DR. SCOTT DRIVE. WATERS EDGE IS IN THE CITY'S LIMITED PURPOSE JURISDICTION AND IS CURRENTLY UNDEVELOPED. HOWEVER, THE PROPERTY OWNER HAS REQUESTED FULL-PURPOSE ANNEXATION TO FACILITY THE REVIEW AND THE PLATS. APPROXIMATELY 567 ACRES OF CITY OWNED LAND IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS ANNEXATION AREA. UPON ANNEXATION, THE CITY WILL PROVIDE FULL MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND I'VE BROUGHT COPIES OF THE SERVICE PLANS THIS EVENING. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION FOR NUMBER 88.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL?

COMMENTS? ARE THERE ANY CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TESTIMONY FOR THE FULL-PURPOSE ANNEXATION OF THE WATERS EDGE ANNEXATION? PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 88. HEARING NONE, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FULL-PURPOSE ANNEXATION OF THE WATERS EDGE ANNEXATION AREA. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. TUNNEL NUMBER 89, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 25-2, SUBCHAPTER F, RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE McMANSION ORDINANCE. I'LL ENTERTAIN A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION. WELCOME.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. JESSICA KING WITH RESIDENTIAL REVIEW, WATERSHED PROTECTION. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS A COUNCIL INITIATED AMENDMENT THAT WOULD ALLOW -- ALSO KNOWN AS THE RDCC TO WAIVE OR MODIFY ANY SIDE WALL MODIFICATION REQUEST. FOR THOSE IN THE LIMITED AUDIENCE WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT A SIDE WALL ARTICULATION IS, AN ARTICULATION BASICALLY OCCURS WHEN A WALL STEPS INWARD OR OUTWARD TO BREAK A PLAIN OF A STRUCTURE AND GENERALLY IT'S INTENDED TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF A TALLER STRUCTURE LOCATED NEXT TO A SHORTER STRUCTURE. A SUB WALL ARTICULATION IS REQUIRED WHEN A SIDE WALL IS AN AVERAGE DISTANCE OF 15 FEET OR LESS FROM AN INTERIOR LOT LINE, MORE THAN 15 FEET HIGH, AND MORE THAN 32 FEET IN LENGTH. THE ARTICULATION MUST NOT BE LESS THAN 4 BY 10 FEET. 4 FEET IN DEPTH BY 10 FEET IN LENGTH. THE RDCC CURRENTLY IS ABLE TO REVIEW CASES WHERE THE SIDE WALL IS UP TO 40 FEET LONG. THEY CAN INCREASE THE LENGTH OF A SIDE WALL BEFORE ARTICULATION IS REQUIRED BY 25%. THEY CAN DECREASE THE DIMENSIONS BY UP TO 25%. BUT IF A PROJECT HAS A SIDE WALL THAT EXCEEDS 40 FEET IN LENGTH, THE APPLICANT MUST GO TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIANCE AND THE APPLICANT MUST SHOW THAT THEY HAVE A HARDSHIP IN ORDER TO BE SEEN BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. THE AMENDMENT CURRENTLY WOULD ALLOW

THAT THE SIDE WALL NOT BE LIMITED TO 40 FEET, THAT THE LENGTH OF THE SIDE WALL BEFORE ARTICULATION IS REQUIRED IS UP TO THE RDCC TO DETERMINE AND THE DIMENSIONS OF A REQUIRED ARTICULATION IS UP TO THE RDCC AS WELL. THIS AMENDMENT ESSENTIALLY ENDS UP ALLOWING THE RDCC TO WAIVE THE SIDE WALL ARTICULATION REQUIREMENT IF THEY SO CHOOSE. THIS AMENDMENT IS RECOMMENDED BY CITY STAFF AND BY THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ALSO KNOWN AS THE McMANSION TASK FORCE AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION VOTED ON IT TO APPROVE ON AUGUST 14th..... AUGUST 14th, 2007. I AM AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JESSICA. QUESTIONS TO STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS?

[INAUDIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER McCRACKEN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE -- AND APPROVE THE WAIVER, I GUESS IS THE TECHNICAL --.

[INAUDIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: AMENDMENTS, RIGHT, AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENT AS PROPOSED AND RECOMMENDED BY STAFF. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7 7-0.

FROM..... THERE WAS A REQUEST TO ASK FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE TO OPEN A THAT'S BASED ON THE REQUEST IN THE AGENDA.

Mayor Wynn: THEN THE MAKER OF THE MOTION AND THE SECOND, COUNCILMEMBER KIM, SO CONFIRMATION THAT WAS ON EMERGENCY PASSAGE. THANK YOU, MS. KING. SO COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US TO ITEM NUMBER 92, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008. ON AUGUST 9, '07, CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED A MOTION

TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED MAXIMUM AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF 40.34 CENTS PER \$100 VALUATION. THE COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR '07-'08 AT THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN THIS ROOM, THE AUSTIN CITY HALL, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS, AT 10:00 IN THE MORNING. THOSE MEETINGS WILL BE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007, AND/OR IF NEEDED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, AND/OR IF NEEDED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th. ARE THERE ANY SPEAKERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US TESTIMONY AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 92? THERE BEING NONE, COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ MOVES TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 92, REGARDING THE PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR '07-'08. ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. ITEM NUMBER 94, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RATE AND FEE CHANGES FOR THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THAT FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 PROPOSED BUDGET. PERHAPS A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION. JUST REMINDING US THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT, I TRUST, BUT COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THERE'S FOUR MINOR FEES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST, SOLID WASTE SERVICE WILL ADMINISTER BILLBOARD REGISTRATION FEE WHICH IS \$220 EVERY TWO YEARS OR PROPERTY OWNER. THIS IS AN EXISTING FEE WHICH IS TRANSFERRING FROM WATERSHED PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW TO SOLID WASTE SERVICE DEPARTMENT. THERE'S ANOTHER RESIDENTIAL DUMPSTER SERVICE FEE INCREASE OF \$1.48 FROM \$13 TO \$14.48. THIS CHANGE WILL COVER THE INCREASED CONTRACT COSTS TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL DUMPSTER SERVICE. ANOTHER MINOR CHANGE IS THAT AS A NEW PARTNER WITH AUSTIN ENERGY MULTI-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, SOLID WASTE SERVICES REQUIRES A NEW FEE TO APPROVE THE COLLECTION OF ALL RELATED REVENUE. THIS FEE WILL ALLOW SOLID WASTE SERVICES TO COLLECT A ONE-TIME FEE OF \$15 PER UNIT TO ALLOW THE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO LEASE PROPERTY TO

ENROLL IN A PROGRAM. THIS FEE WILL NOT BE ASSESSED TO THE MULTI-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CUSTOMERS WHEN SOLID WASTE SERVICES REVERTS TO THEIR NAME AFTER THE INITIAL ENROLL: ... MENT. AND FINALLY, CITY OF AUSTIN FM 812 LANDFILL WILL CLOSE IN APRIL 2008. UNCOMPACTED LOADS OF BRUSH WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AT THE FM 812 LANDFILL. THEREFORE THE FEE SCHEDULE WILL AUTHORIZE SOLID WASTE SERVICE TO COLLECT UNCOMPACTED LOADS OF BRUSH AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN HORNSBY BEND BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT PLANT. THIS CHANGE IN FEE SCHEDULE WILL ALLOW SOLID WASTE SERVICE TO COLLECT THE FEE AT HORNSBY BEND. THE CURRENT FEE IS \$6.50 A CUBIC YARD AND WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. BURGER. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? ARE THERE ANY CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US FEEDBACK, TESTIMONY ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 94? REGARDING OUR SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. HEARING NONE, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. ITEM NUMBER 95, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RATE AND FEE CHANGES FOR AUSTIN WATER UTILITY AS PART OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET.

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M ACTING DIRECTOR FOR AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS PROPOSING A 9.8% COMBINED UTILITY RATE INCREASE, 6-POINT 9% FOR WATER RATES AND 12.7 FOR WASTEWATER RATE INCREASES. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: A LOT MORE BRIEF THAN THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. [LAUGHTER] BUT YOU DID HAVE A VISUAL. THAT WAS VERY EFFECTIVE. YOU HAD A SLIDE. ARE THERE ANY CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US FEEDBACK, TESTIMONY ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 95, REGARDING PROPOSED RATE AND FEE CHANGES TO OUR WAT UTILITY? COUNCIL, NO CITIZENS

SIGNED UP. ANY COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OF STAFF BY COUNCIL?

MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Wynn: SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. ITEM NUMBER 96, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE UPDATE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, INCLUDING IMPACT FEE SERVICE AREA AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WATER AND WASTEWATER FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY. THIS COMES RECOMMENDED BY THE WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION AND OUR IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MAYOR, I'LL MAKE IT VERY BRIEF. STATE LAW REQUIRES THE CITY TO UPDATE IT'S WATER AND WASTEWATER FEES EVERY FIVE YEARS. THE UPDATE INCLUDES THREE ITEMS, UPDATE OF LAND USE FUNCTIONS, IMPACT FEE BOUNDARY, UPDATE OF THE 10-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN TO SERVE NEW DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE FEE BOUNDARY, AND FINALLY RECALCULATION OF THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE IMPACT FEE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER. STAFF HAS COMPLETED THEIR REQUIRED UPDATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE LAW. THE RECOMMENDED FEE INCREASE FOR WATER UTILITY RANGES FROM \$200 TO \$800 PER L.U.E. AND FOR WASTEWATER IT RANGES FROM \$100 TO 200 PER L.U.E. THE IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION BOTH HAVE RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF THE IMPACT FEE UPDATE. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? ARE THERE ANY CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US FEEDBACK, TESTIMONY AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 96, AS PRESENTED BY STAFF? HEARING NONE, MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ. ALL IN FAVOR OF CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A



VOTE OF 7-0. THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE  
THIS AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING, WE NOW STAND  
ADJOURNED. IT IS 8:49 P.M.

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