

Closed Caption Log, Council Worksession, 5/21/08

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[INDISCERNIBLE] [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC], APPROXIMATELY 9:15 IN THE MORNING, WE ARE HERE IN THE BOARD AND COMMISSION ROOM OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 301 WEST SECOND STREET. THE ONE ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING IS APPROVE A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 10th, 2008 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION. WE HAVE BEFORE US, AVAILABLE BOTH ON THE WEBSITE AND IN DISC ELECTRONIC FORM AND I'M SURE IN THE CITY WORKS OFFICE, THE CERTIFIED FINAL CANVASS REPORT DONE FOR US BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY CLERK'S ELECTION DIVISION AND WITHOUT ANY FURTHER ADO, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY CITIZENS HERE TO ADDRESS US REGARDING THIS CANVASSING, I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION -- BEFORE US WE HAVE A RESOLUTION THAT ESSENTIALLY ITEMIZES THE ACTUAL RESULTS OF THE ELECTION, THAT BEING IN PLACE 1, LEE LEFFINGWELL RECEIVED 22,552 VOTES, ALLAN DEM LINK, 3,166, JASON MEEKER, 7,530. IN PLACE 3, JENNIFER KIM RECEIVED 9,353, RANDI SHADE 22,206 VOTES, KEN WEISS 3056. PLACE 4 GALINDO 7,935 VOTES, LAURA MORRISON 12,888. KEN [INDISCERNIBLE] 592 AND JENNIFER GALE, 1,953 VOTES. SAM -- SAM OSEMENE, 1420, ROBIN CRAVEY, 6833 VOTES. WITH THAT BEING THE -- THE FORMAL RESULTS AS PRESENTED TO US BY THE CLERK, I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

MAYOR?

MAYOR PRO TEM? SNOOPING I MOVE

I MOVE THAT ALL OF THE RECITALS ARE FOUND TO BE TRUE AND ADOPTED AS FINDINGS OF FACT BY THIS GOVERNING BODY AND THAT THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION AS TABULATED AND CANVASSED REFLECT THE VOTES CAST AT THE ELECTION AND THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPTS AND APPROVES THE RETURNS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION AS RECEIVED AND CANVASSED AND DECLARES THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE DECLARED ELECTED AND MAY QUALIFY FOR THE OFFICE INDICATED FOR A TERM BEGINNING JUNE 25th, 2008. COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 1, LEE LEFFINGWELL; COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 3, RANDI SHADE; AND THEN IN ORDER TO ELECT A COUNCILMEMBER TO PLACE 4, THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL ORDER A RUNOFF ELECTION AS SOON AS IS PRACTICABLE AND NO LATER THAN THE 5th DAY AFTER THIS CANVAS AS

REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ AND REMIND ME, MS. SPENCE, WE ACTUALLY OBVIOUSLY HAVE SCHEDULED THAT RUNOFF ELECTION. THAT IS FOR SATURDAY --

JUNE 14th.

Mayor Wynn: JUNE 14th 14th, 2008. CORRECT. AGAIN A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0, WITH COUNCILMEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING, I DON'T BELIEVE RANDI SHADE IS HERE, ALTHOUGH AS PER STATE LAW WE HAVE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION, PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING COUNCILMEMBER LEE LEFFINGWELL. [APPLAUSE]

Leffingwell: I'M JUST GLAD TO NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION.
[LAUGHTER]

Mayor Wynn: WE WILL BE SURE AND MAKE SURE MS. SHADE GETS HER CERTIFICATE AS WELL. THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THIS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION WE NOW STAND ADJOURNED. THAT TAKES US TO OUR SCHEDULED AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION. THAT I WILL CALL TO ORDER. AGAIN, IT IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st, 2008, APPROXIMATELY 9:18 A.M. WE ARE IN THE BOARD AND COMMISSION ROOM OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 301 WEST SECOND STREET. AND ESSENTIALLY ONCE AGAIN WE SIMPLY HAVE POSTED PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CITY'S FINANCIAL FORECAST, INCLUDING PRESENTATIONS FROM OUR GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS, I BELIEVE TODAY WE HAVE SCHEDULED NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING, PARKS AND REC, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND OUR LIBRARY DEPARTMENT. SO WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE CITY MANAGER, MARK OTT.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, WE ARE READY TO BEGIN THIS MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS AGAIN TO PARTICIPATE WITH US IN THIS SERIES OF BUDGET WORK SESSIONS. OBVIOUSLY, WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT AND THE DIALOGUE THAT WE'VE HAD SO FAR I THINK HAS BEEN VERY FRUITFUL AND WILL BE VERY HELPFUL TO US IN THE COURSE OF PREPARING OUR FISCAL PLAN FOR THE NEXT YEAR. AS YOU CAN SEE HERE ON THE AGENDA, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PRESENTATIONS THAT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE FROM VARIOUS GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS TODAY.

BEFORE WE BEGIN, I WANT TO, AS I HAVE IN EVERY PREVIOUS WORKSHOP, AGAIN ENCOURAGE OUR CITIZENS IN AUSTIN TO ENGAGE IN THIS PROCESS. WE DO OFFER A WEBSITE BY WHICH YOU CAN MAKE YOUR INQUIRIES AND OFFER YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS IN TERMS OF -- OF THIS SERIES OF -- OF BUDGET WORK SESSIONS. SO WITH THAT, MAYOR, WE STAND READY TO BEGIN.

SO BEFORE WE GET INTO THE GENERAL FUND BRIEFINGS, WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU A QUICK UPDATE ON OUR CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATES, BOTH FOR OUR REVENUE AND OUR SPENDING THAT WE ESTIMATE FOR THE YEARMENT AND WE'VE ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT IN YOUR BLUE BOOK, BUT THERE'S A SEPARATE HANDOUT TO THE SIDE OF THE BLUE BOOK. JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THE BUDGET OFFICE IS IN THE PROCESS OF SCRUBBING AND REFINING OUR ESTIMATES CURRENTLY. AND WILL PUBLISH THEM IN OUR QUARTERLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND WE EXPECT TO HAVE THAT OUT EITHER BY THE END OF THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT. THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS, WE WILL CONTINUE SCRUBBING, REFINING, REVIEWING AND KEEPING YOU UPDATED ALL ALONG THE WAY. THE FIRST SLIDE IS JUST A SNAPSHOT OF THE GENERAL FUND TODAY, COMPARED TO THE AMENDED BUDGET. YOU CAN SEE THE ESTIMATE COLUMN THERE IN THE MIDDLE AND WE ARE LOOKING AT CURRENTLY WITH EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE REVIEWED SO FAR, TOTAL REVENUE FOR THIS YEAR OF ABOUT \$585 MILLION, AND TOTAL REQUIREMENTS OF ABOUT 584 MILLION. SO THAT LEAVES US A SURPLUS OF CLOSE TO A MILLION RIGHT NOW THAT WE ARE ESTIMATING FOR THIS YEAR. OUR REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES, OUR TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS, OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS. THOSE ARE THE PRIMARY CATEGORIES. AND AGAIN THE -- IT'S OUR BEST ESTIMATE AT THIS POINT IN TIME IN THE BUDGET -- AND THE BUDGET OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW THOSE NUMBERS AND WE WILL REPORT BACK TO YOU. A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION ON SALES TAX FOR 2008. OUR BUDGET FOR SALES TAX IS ABOUT \$165 MILLION THIS YEAR. AND THAT -- THAT COMPRISES ABOUT 28% OF OUR TOTAL REVENUES FOR THE GENERAL FUND. THE ORIGINAL BUDGET REFLECTED A 7.6% GROWTH FACTOR OVER 2007. AND WE NOW HAVE ABOUT SIX MONTHS OF ACTUAL COLLECTIONS UNDER OUR BELT AND WE ARE SEEING CUMULATIVE GROWTH WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE -- AT THE SIX MONTHS THIS YEAR VERSUS THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR OF ABOUT 2.1%. SO WE HAVE REVISED OUR ANNUAL GROWTH ESTIMATE AT THIS POINT IN TIME TO ABOUT 2%. THAT'S ABOUT \$8.6 MILLION BELOW WHERE WE ANTICIPATE IT BEING. NOW ON THE OTHER SIDE OF -- OF THE COIN, ON THE SPENDING SIDE, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS TO GENERATE SAVINGS THAT WILL HELP US OFFSET THAT SHORTFALL AND THAT IS SHOWN ON THE NEXT SLIDE. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE PROJECTING TOTAL SAVINGS ON THE SPENDING SIDE OF ABOUT \$8.9 MILLION. OF THAT AMOUNT, 7.8 MILLION IS -- IS RELATED TO DEPARTMENTAL EFFORTS AND THEN WE'VE GOT SOME FUND-WIDE SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY 1.2 MILLION RELATED TO OUR SALARY MARKET STUDIES. OUR SALARIES WHEN WE WENT AND LOOKED AT A THIRD OF THE WORKFORCE AS WE DO EVERY YEAR, WE ARE SIMPLY MORE COMPETITIVE THAN WE HAD ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED. IN TERMS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL EFFORTS, THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS, WHEN WE MET WITH

Y'ALL LAST WEEK, OUTLINED WHAT THEY WERE DOING IN THE CURRENT YEAR AND THEN YOU WILL ALSO BE HEARING FROM THE REMAINING DEPARTMENTS TODAY AS WELL.

I THINK IT MIGHT HELP US OR HELP ME CERTAINLY IF WE COULD LOOK AT THIS, ALSO, AS A PERCENTAGE OF THAT DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET AND SO -- SO JUST GIVE US A FEEL FOR WHO'S REALLY HELPING TO --

I BELIEVE OVERALL FOR THE ENTIRE FUND IT WAS ABOUT A ONE AND A HALF TO 1.6% SAVINGS, GREG, IS THAT --

THAT'S EXACTLY CORRECT.

THEN ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS WE'LL GET THAT INFORMATION TO YOU AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

FOR THE --

LESLIE, CAN YOU ALSO BREAK IT DOWN INTO WHAT WOULD BE TRUE STRUCTURAL COST SAVINGS MEASURES AS OPPOSED TO ONE-TIME COST SAVING MEASURES FOR THIS YEAR, KNOWING THAT WE MAY BE SAVING IT THIS YEAR, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE RIGHT BACK IN THE BUDGET NEXT YEAR.

YES, WE CAN DO THAT AS WELL FOR YOU. AND THEN OUR LAST SLIDE IN TERMS OF THIS -- THIS BRIEF UPDATE, THESE ARE THE AREAS OF SAVINGS THAT OUR DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS HAVE LOOKED AT. ON THE TOP ITEM, THE ADDITIONAL VACANCY SAVINGS, YOU ALL ARE ACTUALLY AWARE THAT WE DO FORECAST VACANCY SAVINGS IN OUR BUDGET. SO WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AN ESTIMATED SAVINGS OF \$8.9 MILLION OVERALL FOR THE GENERAL FUND, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ADDITIONAL VACANCIES ABOVE AND BEYOND THAT. THAT CAN ACTUALLY OCCUR DUE TO SEVERAL REASONS. ONE, WE HAD MORE TURNOVER THAN WE ANTICIPATED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. NUMBER TWO, IT TOOK US LONGER TO EITHER FILL VACANT POSITIONS OR FILL NEW POSITIONS. OR WE COULD BE HOLDING OPEN SOME NON-CRITICAL POSITIONS TO ACTUALLY INCREASE OUR SAVINGS. SO THOSE ARE JUST KIND OF THE DIFFERENT REASONS THAT ARE IN PLAY THERE. THEN ANOTHER MAJOR CATEGORY THAT WE HAVE LOOKED AT THAT CHIEF ACEVEDO TALKED QUITE A BIT ABOUT DURING HIS PRESENTATION WAS REDUCED OVERTIME COSTS. IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THEY ACTUALLY ANTICIPATE THEY ARE GOING TO BE COMING IN UNDER BUDGET, ABOUT \$1.4 MILLION IN THAT CATEGORY. THIS IS REALLY MORE RELATES TO HE'S BEEN ABLE TO MORE EFFICIENTLY DEPLOY HIS WORKFORCE. HE'S REALLY MOVING THEM OUT INTO THE FIELD BASED ON DEMAND, BASED ON STATISTICS, RATHER THAN THE MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN SET THERE PREVIOUSLY. AND THEN FIRE AND E.M.S. ALSO ANTICIPATE SPENDING LESS AND OVER TIME THIS YEAR AS WELL. SO FAR THE NOTE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SLIDE, OUR CURRENT SAVINGS EFFORTS HAVE HAD

A MINIMAL IMPACT ON SERVICE DELIVERY. WE DON'T THINK IT'S BEEN VERY NOTICEABLE SO FAR THIS YEAR. THAT IS GOOD NEWS. WE ARE IN BALANCE FOR 2008, OF COURSE OUR GREATER CHALLENGE IS TO BEGIN WORKING AT -- AT REDUCING THE SHORTFALL THAT WE ESTIMATED FOR YOU BACK IN APRIL AS WE MOVE INTO 2009 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT. SO AGAIN THAT'S OUR QUICK UPDATE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE YOU AS WE LEARN MORE AND, YOU KNOW, THROUGHOUT THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND I THINK WE THAT WE ARE READY TO TURN IT OVER TO GREG GUERNSEY TO KICK-OFF NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING IF YOU ALL ARE READY FOR THAT.

I DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE DOING ZONING THIS MORNING [LAUGHTER]

THIS IS A CONSENT AGENDA I TRUST, MR. GUERNSEY.

I HAVE ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD ZONING MATTERS. [LAUGHTER]

GREG AND SUE --

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, MY NAME IS GREG GUERNSEY, I'M YOUR DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING, NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT.

CURRENTLY WE HAVE COMPLETED OVER 50 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS, PROCESSING OVER 250 ZONING CASES ANNUAL, WE PERFORM OVER 750 DEMOLITION PERMIT REVIEWS TO DETERMINE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STRUCTURES. WE ALSO ASSIST YOU WITH THE ANNEXATION OVER 1600 OR 1,670-ACRES OF LAND ANNUALLY. OUR OTHER PROJECTS INCLUDE AN INTERIM UPDATE TO THE AUSTIN TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, WHICH HAS THE GOAL TO REMOVE -- OBSOLETE POLICY, REPLACE WITH ADOPTED POLICY. INTEGRATE MAPS, ADOPTED PLANS INTO ONE COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT. WE ARE ALSO PLANNING FOR WALLER CREEK, THE DOWNTOWN PLAN, STATION AREA PLANS WHICH INCLUDES PLAZA SALTILLO, MLK, CRESTVIEW, LAMAR STATION, WE ARE ALSO PROCESS USE RELATED UPDATES TO OUR CITY CODE. WE ARE WORKING ON THE TUD ORDINANCE DIVISION -- PUD ORDINANCE, DESIGN STANDARDS, PARTICIPATING IN THE EAST RIVERSIDE CORRIDOR STUDY AND RAIL TRANSIT.

IS THAT IT? [LAUGHTER]

THAT'S --

Mayor Wynn: 252 ZONING CASES TOMORROW EVENING OR -- [LAUGHTER]

Guernsey: THAT'S BASED ON THE FOUR YEAR AVERAGE. NO, MAIN.

OUR DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES MAY BE BROKEN DOWN TO THREE MAJOR AREAS VERSUS OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING DIVISION WHICH INCLUDES NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING,

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, SPATIAL ANALYSIS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM DEMOGRAPHICS, THIS IS OUR LARGEST DIVISION. ABOUT 24 PEOPLE. AND OUR EXPENSES FOR THIS DIVISION ARE ABOUT \$2.4 MILLION. THE CURRENT PLANNING DIVISION INCLUDES OUR ZONING CASE MANAGEMENT WHICH OCCUPIES MOST OF YOUR 4:00 AGENDA, ... CODE AMENDMENTS, HAS ABOUT 14 PEOPLE, 1.5 MILLION IN EXPENSES. FINALLY OUR URBAN DESIGN DIVISION WHICH SUPPORTS OUR GREAT STREETS PROGRAM, DOWNTOWN PLAN AND MANY OTHER PLANNING AND DESIGN PROJECTS. THIS HAS 10 EMPLOYEES AND ABOUT \$700,000 IN EXPENSES. WE ARE ALSO THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION OR CAMPO. HOWEVER, THOSE EXPENSES ARE FULLY REIMBURSED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS. SO THEY ARE NOT A BURDEN TO OUR DEPARTMENT. NOW FOR OUR CHALLENGES. OUR GREATEST CHALLENGE FROM OUR DEPARTMENT AND OUR CITY IS A CONSIDERATION OF A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. IN THE COMING WEEKS MY DEPARTMENT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MANY OTHER CITIES DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES WILL BE BRINGING YOU AN INTERIM UPDATE TO THE AUSTIN TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. WE HAVE SERVED AUSTIN WELL IN THE PAST 29 YEARS, IT IS EVIDENT THAT OUR PLAN IS DATED AND NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. REPLACED WITH A NEW PLAN THAT'S CONCISE AND COMPREHENSIVE. REPLACED WITH A NEW PLAN EASILY UNDERSTOOD. REPLACED WITH A PLAN THAT WILL PRESERVE AUSTIN'S PAST INITIATIVES SUCH AS WATERSHED PROTECTION THAT WAS OCCURRING IN THE LATE 80s AND EARLY 90s. THE 90s OUR SMART GROWTH PROGRAM THAT DIRECTED DEVELOPMENT AWAY FROM THE DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ZONE AND TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT PROTECTION ZONE. WHILE RESPECTING NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS AND ALSO OUR TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT. A TRANSITION PLAN THAT WILL PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS OF OUR CITY, WHERE AND HOW WE WILL GROW, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND BOND MONEY SHOULD BE SPEND, AND A PLAN THAT ANTICIPATES TOMORROW. IN RESPONSE TO THE 2007 RESOLUTION, THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CITY MANAGER PROPOSED AN APPROACH TO ACCOMPLISH LONG RANGE PLANNING FOR OUR CITY. THE PROPOSAL ENVISIONS A FOUR STEP PROCESS WHICH INCLUDES EXTENSIVE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, IDENTIFIES KEY THINGS WITHIN OUR -- AND A PREFERRED GROWTH SCENARIO. THE PLAN WOULD RESULT IN ELEMENTS AND THESE ELEMENTS WOULD BE REFINED THROUGH A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS AND FINALLY THERE WOULD BE AN ADOPTION PROCESS THAT WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE CITIZENS, BOARD AND COMMISSION AND EVENTUALLY COUNCIL REVIEW AND HOPEFULLY APPROVAL. THE ESTABLISHED BUDGET PROPOSED WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$575,750,000 A YEAR. IT WOULD REQUIRE THE POSITION OF A CONSULT AND REQUIRE IN HOUSE STAFF OF TESTIFY TO EIGHT FOLKS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING DIVISION. 575,000. VERY AGGRESSIVE TIME WINDOW, LOOKING AT MAYBE TWO YEARS TO TRY TO COMPLETE THIS TASK. THAT'S OUR FIRST CHALLENGE. THE SECOND CHALLENGE AS YOU PREVIOUSLY DIRECTED US WAS TO BRING BACK PHASE 2 OF THE DOWNTOWN PLAN. THE NEXT STEP WOULD CREATE A FRAMEWORK AND A TWO DISTRICT PLANS, THIS WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$575,000. THE FRAMEWORK PLAN IS A BASE DOCUMENT, THE DISTRICT PLAN IDENTIFIED OBJECTIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO PRIORITIZE LAND USES, PRESERVING HISTORIC LAND RESOURCES, ADDRESS

TRANSPORTATION AND STREET SCAPE ISSUES, PLANS FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, ASSESS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, AND CREATE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR A FORM BASED TYPE CODE FOR OUR DOWNTOWN AREA. THIRD WOULD BE THE STATION AREA PLANS. THIS WOULD BE A CONTINUATION OF OUR STATION AREA PLANS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MOVING FORWARD. THIS WOULD INCLUDE ONE ADDITIONAL AREA, HIGHLAND MALL AREA WHERE CAPITAL METRO ALSO COMPLETED A STATION AND CONSTRUCTED OUT THERE RIGHT NOW. OUR GATEWAY PLAN, FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT COORDINATOR POSITION, POSSIBLY IN THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES OFFICE, WOULD BE FOR THE -- FOR THE NORTH BURNET GATEWAY AREA. THIS WOULD ASSESS CITY AND PRIVATE LANDOWNERS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BURNET GATEWAY PLAN. THIS MIGHT COORDINATE UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE OR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS AREA. AND FINALLY, REGIONAL MEMBERSHIPS. CURRENTLY, OUR DEPARTMENT HOLDS TWO VACANCIES OPEN TO PAY FOR REGIONAL -- REGIONAL MEMBERSHIPS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE FOR CAPCOG AND THE AUSTIN SAN ANTONIO CORRIDOR COUNCIL. AND WOULD RESULT IN A VACANCY SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$123,000 A YEAR. SO THOSE ARE THE CHALLENGES THAT I SEE. WE DO HAVE SOME COST CONTAINMENT STRATEGIES. THAT -- THAT WE COULD PROPOSE TO YOU. FIRST, AS YOU GRACIOUSLY HAVE GIVEN ME WAS THE OMBUDSMAN POSITION IN THE LAST BUDGET. WE HAVE THEIR OFFICES ABOUT TO GO BACK TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS TO FINALIZE WHAT THOSE POSITIONS WILL DO, PROBABLY AT THE END OF JUNE, BEGINNING OF JULY. BUT IT WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH THE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE INITIALLY TO TWO POSITIONS AND LATER ADDING TWO ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN LATER YEARS OR THE NEXT YEAR TO TRY TO -- TO ACQUIRE A VACANCY SAVINGS THROUGH THAT EFFORT. SECOND WOULD BE TO REVIEW OUR REGIONAL MEMBERSHIPS. STAFF IS NOT SUGGESTING THAT THEY SHOULD CANCEL THESE MEMBERSHIPS, SIMPLY TO REVIEW THEM IN LIGHT OF OUR FISCAL SITUATION. AND THERE ARE FOUR THAT WE -- THAT WE CURRENTLY FUND, CAPITAL AREA, PLANNING AND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OR CAPCOG, THE AUSTIN-SAN ANTONIO CORRIDOR COUNCIL, THE AUSTIN-SAN ANTONIO COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT AND THE ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. THESE ARE THE FOUR MEMBERSHIPS THAT WE CURRENTLY FUND AS OF TODAY. IN ADDITION, WE ALSO PROVIDE CAMPO, THE CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MATCH FUND MONEYS FOR FEDERAL GRANTS AND THEY HAVE ASKED US FOR \$25,000 FOR THIS COMING YEAR. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT WHAT WE DO, WHAT WE THINK WE SHOULD DO, WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO.

MAYOR? I HAVE A QUESTION.

Mayor Wynn: YES.

Martinez: ON THE LISTS OF THE MEMBERSHIPS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE PROVIDE FUNDING TO FOR I GUESS SERVICES OR MEMBERSHIP, I THOUGHT THAT WE WERE ALSO

DOING A LIVEABLE CITY AN ENVISION CENTRAL TEXAS.

THE LAST TIME WE FUNDED ENVISION CENTRAL TEXAS WAS FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006. AND THAT MEMBERSHIP WAS PAID INITIALLY BY THE FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT OF THE QUARTER CENT MONEY THAT WE RECEIVED FROM CAPITAL MET, THAT WAS HOW IT WAS FUNDED. WHEN IT WAS STARTED WE DID CONTRIBUTE A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY TO GET THAT WHOLE PROCESS GOING BUT WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY A MEMBER.

I HAVE A QUESTION. ARE THESE -- I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW YOU CAME UP WITH THESE PARTICULAR ORGANIZATIONS TO -- TO TARGET OR FOR REVIEW. ARE THESE ALL OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT'S WE RUN THROUGH YOUR DEPARTMENT?

THESE ARE THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE FUNDED THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENT. THERE ARE ACTUALLY TWO THAT WE FUND THROUGH A VACANCY SAVINGS BECAUSE IT'S NOT CONTAINED IN OUR BUDGET. WE ARE NOT -- LIKE I SAID, WE ARE NOT SUGGESTING TO REMOVE THESE, THESE ARE THINGS THAT IF -- IF THERE NEED TO BE A CUT OR NEED TO BE REEVALUATION OF THESE PRIORITIES THESE MIGHT BE AN AREA THAT YOU COULD LOOK AT.

Cole: DO YOU KNOW IF -- IF THESE PARTICULAR ENTITIES ARE, WHICH OF THEM THAT WE STAFF OR A COUNCILMEMBER SITS ON?

THE -- THE -- THE CAPCOG, THE GREATER SAN ANTONIO AUSTIN CORRIDOR COUNCIL, THE AUSTIN SAN ANTONIO RAIL DISTRICT, THE ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, I THINK THEY ALL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES EITHER MAYOR OR WITH THE COUNCIL OFFICES I THINK SITS ON ONE OF THESE ORGANIZATION. CURRENTLY.

OKAY. I KNEW ABOUT CAMPO AND THE COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT. I WASN'T SURE ABOUT THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR COUNCIL. BUT -- BUT YOU BELIEVE WE ARE ALL REPRESENTED IN ALL OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS?

THAT'S CORRECT.

OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: TWO ISSUES, ONE IS RAW FUNDING THAT IS ACTUALLY A DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT WE GIVE THAT IS SORT OF A MEMBERSHIP I GUESS FOR THESE ORGANIZATIONS. THEN IS THERE A STAFF COST AS WELL? THAT IS TOO WE, SOME OF US WHO SIT ON SOME OF THESE OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS, DO YOUR STAFF THEN ULTIMATELY GIVE RESOURCES OR STAFF TIME TO US AS WELL, OR IS IT MOSTLY JUST THE RAW FUNDING?

OF THE FOUR WE WORK WITH CAPCOG THE MOST OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE ARE MEMBERS OF. WE PARTICIPATE IN THEIR REGIONAL PLANNING EFFORTS, 911 PROGRAMS,

TRY TO WORK ON A REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND -- IN OUR AREA. THE AUSTIN SAN ANTONIO RAIL DISTRICT, DEALING WITH ANY SPECIFIC [INDISCERNIBLE] LINE WITH THEM ON ISSUES, TRYING TO GET THAT LINE ACTIVATED. THE AUSTIN SAN ANTONIO CORRIDOR COUNCIL, ONE OF THEIR MAIN GOALS IS TO WORK ON THE 130 PROJECT. GETTING THAT CONSTRUCTED AND HAVE ALL OF THE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS WORK TOGETHER. SO WE PARTICIPATE IN THAT AS WELL.

MAYOR PRO TEM?

Dunkerly: MR. GUERNSEY, DID YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE HAVING TO HOLD TWO POSITIONS VACANT THE ENTIRE YEAR TO FUND THESE MEMBERSHIPS?

THAT'S RIGHT. THROUGH VACANCY SAVINGS, IT EQUATES TO ABOUT TWO SENIOR PLANNER POSITIONS.

Dunkerly: THOSE ARE -- REALLY I THINK WHAT WE ARE HEARING IS THAT WE NEED TO EITHER FUND THEM DIRECTLY AND FREE UP YOUR POSITIONS SO THAT YOU CAN DO ALL OF THOSE LIST OF THINGS THAT ARE ON THAT FRONT SHEET. OR RECONSIDER SOME OF THE MEMBERSHIPS.

YES.

THAT'S CORRECT.

THAT'S A CHALLENGE FOR ME TO KEEP THOSE POSITIONS VACANT. WE WILL -- TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THAT YOU LIKE US TO DO.

RIGHT.

FURTHER QUESTIONS, GREG, COMMENTS?

Leffingwell: I WILL JUST SAY THAT I AGREE WITH THE MAYOR PRO TEM'S COMMENT. ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND MOST CONSTANT COMPLAINT THAT'S WE GET IS THE PROCESS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING, WHICH IS SLOWER THAN WHAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE. WE GET OPEN POSITIONS, WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO FILL THOSE POSITIONS. I DO THINK WE HAVE TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THOSE MEMBERSHIPS, WHAT WE ARE GETTING FOR THEM, BALANCE THAT WITH PRODUCTIVITY WE WOULD GET OUT OF FILLING THE POSITIONS THAT YOU NOW HAVE OPEN.

BEFORE WE CLOSE OUT GREG'S PRESENTATION, I GUESS THAT I JUST WANT TO RE-EMPHASIZE OR EXPLORE HIS COMMENTS IN REGARD TO THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AN UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL ALL OF YOU ALL OF THE CURRENT -- HOW THE CURRENT PLAN IS OUTDATED. IT IS. I JUST WANTS YOU TO KNOW

FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE IN ADDITION TO OUR CITY PLANNER, I THINK THAT IT'S ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT WE ADDRESS THAT IMPORTANT ISSUE. -- THAT YOU ALL HAVE PUT A LOT OF THESE IN PLACE, NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS TO -- YOU KNOW THE LIST BETTER THAN I DO. SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU HAVE TO ASK THE QUESTION TO WHAT END DO WE ESTABLISH ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT THINGS DO WE DEAL WITH LAND USE, WHAT END, WHAT OVERALL VISION. THAT'S REALLY THE POINT. THAT'S WHAT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REALLY FOCUSES ON IS THE LARGER VISION. SO WE REALLY NEED TO BE ABLE TO PUT ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT YOU ALL HAVE PUT IN PLACE OVER THE YEARS RELATED TO LAND USE IN THE PROPER CONTEXT. YOU BELIEVE THAT SHOULD BE IN THE CONTEXT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT ARTICULATES IN A VARIETY OF WAYS THE OVERALL AND COLLECTIVE VISION THAT YOU HAVE FOR THIS CITY. I JUST WANTED TO RE-EMPHASIZE THE POINTS THAT OUR CITY PLANNER MADE.

FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM GREG OR COMMENTS?

THANK YOU, GREG. NEXT STEP IS PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER. I'M STEWART STRONG THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. I BRING TO YOU THE FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR OUR AWARD WINNING AND ACCREDITED DEPARTMENT. IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN PARKS DEPARTMENT, CONTRIBUTES HEAVILY TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR CITY. WE -- ADMINISTER A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES. OF COURSE YOU ARE AWARE OF MORE THAN 200 PARKS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CITY, 48 POOLS, WE SERVE AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS TO KEEP OUR YOUTH OCCUPIED AND EDUCATED. WE HAVE -- WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE TRAIL SYSTEM WHERE WE HAVE MORE THAN A MILLION RUNNERS THROUGH OUR YEAR. VERY ACTIVE ATHLETICS PROGRAM, FIELDS ALL OVER TOWN, A NUMBER OF ATHLETIC COMPLEXES, WE ADMINISTER PROGRAMS THAT GIVE YOU MUSIC OUTDOORS, WE HAVE FREE MUSEUMS, WE HAVE FREE CULTURAL CENTERS, TWO OF THEM RECENTLY OPENED, AND VERY ACTIVE RECREATION AND SENIOR ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS. THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT NORMALLY CITIES PROVIDE. WHAT THE PUBLIC FREQUENTLY DOESN'T UNDERSTAND IS THAT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT ALSO ADMINISTERS FOUR CITY OWNED CEMETERIES, AS WELL AS WE CONTROL VEGETATION IN OUR RIGHTS OF WAY AND MAINTAIN A MINIMUM HEIGHT OF LOW HANGING BRANCHES OVER OUR STREETS. SO THOSE ARE THE ONE THAT'S NORMALLY PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WE DO. OUR EXPENSES IN OUR -- IN OUR 35.8 MILLION GENERAL FUND BUDGET ARE THE FOLLOWING, THE LARGEST PART OF THAT GOES TO FACILITY MAINTENANCE. WHICH IS ALL OF THE CLEARING, MOWING, TRIMMING, REPAIRING THAT WE DO AND THROUGHOUT OUR PARKS SYSTEM. OUR FORESTRY UNIT NORMALLY IS CHARGED WITH MAINTAINING THE PARK TREES AND PLANTING HUNDREDS OF TREES THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY WITH NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS, WITH TREE FOLKS. OF COURSE THEY WERE ALSO THE PEOPLE OUT WITHIN AN HOUR OF THE STORM LAST WEEK AND SERVED 16 HOURS UNTIL WE MADE THEM GO HOME. SO THAT'S YOUR FACILITIES SERVICES, WE FUND THEM TO THE EXTENT OF \$12.2 MILLION. A LITTLE BIT LESS THAN THAT, 11.6, GOES TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY

SERVICES WHICH ARE RECREATION PROGRAMS, ATHLETICS, SERVICES FOR YOUTH. WE SERVE ABOUT 122,000 YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE SERVE OVER 202,000 ATHLETIC TEAMS THROUGHOUT OUR SYSTEM. ADULT CLASSES. OF COURSE AQUATICS DIVISION VERY ACTIVE, ABOUT TO CRANK OPEN THE POOLS. SUPPORT SERVICES, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES, CULTURAL ARTS THEY ARE THE DIVISION THAT OPERATE THE MAC AND THE CARVER AND OUR HISTORIC MUSEUMS. THEY ARE THE ONES THAT PROVIDE A PATHWAY TO YOU INTO THE ARTS, WE ARE VERY ACTIVE IN THAT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. OUR NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION BRINGS YOU THE -- THE AUSTIN NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER, THE GARDEN CENTER, AS WELL AS THEY ARE ADMINISTERING THE NEW PROGRAM TO CERTIFY THE CITY OF AUSTIN AS A -- AS A COMMUNITY HABITAT THROUGH THE WILDLIFE AUSTIN PROGRAM. OUR PLANNING DIVISION CONDUCTS OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TENNIS OF COURSE IS FUNDED AS WELL BY THE GENERAL FUND. OUR ISSUES ARE NOT UNLIKE A LOT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS. OF COURSE WE ARE DEALING WITH ANNEXATIONS AS THEY COME ALONG. SO NEW PARKS ARE ADDED TO OUR SYSTEM AS WE WILL BE ANNEXING A COUPLE OF MUDS IN THE COMING YEARS, WE WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PARK SYSTEMS AS THEY ARE REHABBED. OF COURSE WE HAVE UNDERSERVED AREAS. AS OUR CITY GROWS, WE NEED TO PROVIDE THAT LAND MASS AND PARK SERVICES TO AREAS WHICH DON'T HAVE ANYTHING YET. THE NEW ELEMENT AS YOU ARE AWARE IS THE VERTICAL GROWTH. SO AS WE LOOK AT THE NEW HIGH RISES, CONDOMINIUMS, COMING INTO THE CENTRAL CITY, WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT HOW WE SERVE THEM AS WELL. ONE OF YOUR INITIATIVES IS POCKET PARKS. WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN ADD ANOTHER LAYER, SMALLER PARKS, PERHAPS, TO PEOPLE WHO ARE SIMPLY IN A MORE CROWDED CONDITION. WE ARE WORKING ON THOSE IN NORTHWEST, NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST RIGHT NOW. WE HAVE ALREADY ACQUIRED SOME OF THAT LAND, SO THAT'S COMING ON IN COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR POLICY. THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS IS GOING UP, AS IS FOR EVERYBODY FUEL, MATERIALS, UTILITIES. ONE THING THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH NOW IS OUR NUTRITION PROGRAM. WE SERVE LUNCHESES AFTER -- IN THE SUMMER FOR KIDS. WE HAVE MEALS FOR THE SENIORS. THIS IS ONE THAT WE HAVE FOLLOWED BECAUSE WE SEE THAT WE NEED TO FOCUS THE -- THE PROGRAM A BIT MORE IN THE 90s, THE GRANT PROGRAM WAS QUITE GENEROUS, WE HAVE MET OUR COSTS AND NOT EXCEEDED OUR COSTS. WE FIND THAT THE GRANTS HAVE STABILIZED, THE COSTS HAVE GONE UP, THE CITY IS SUBSIDIZING IS ALSO ADDING TO THAT COST, WE ARE STILL NOT MEETING THE FULL COSTS. WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS LOOK AGAIN AT WHO WE'RE SERVING. ALL OF THE KIDS AND SENIORS IN OUR SYSTEM, IN THE PARKS SYSTEMS WILL BE SERVED THAT WILL BE CONTINUED. WE FOUND WE HAVE PROLIFERATED OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, GIVE MEALS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND AGENCIES WHICH IT IS EASY TO DO. WE ARE WORKING WITH CAPCOG TO HELP THEM FIND OTHER PROVIDERS SO THESE MEALS WILL STILL BE SERVED BUT WE ARE LOOKING AT OUR RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN OUR COSTS. SO WE ARE SUBSIDIZING THAT -- THAT RIGHT NOW. SO WE ARE GOING TO -- THAT'S AN ISSUE FOR US. OUR FEE SCHEDULE, LAST YEAR WE DID NOT RAISE FEES. WE FEEL LIKE SOME OF THE COSTS WARRANT ADJUSTMENTS IN THE FEE SCHEDULE. WE WILL SUGGEST THAT TO YOU DURING THE BUDGET CYCLE THIS TIME. WE --

SOME NEW FEES WILL APPEAR FOR YOU. OF COURSE WE CHARGE FOR -- FOR CLASSES AND CONCESSIONS BROUGHT TO US BY PRIVATE PROVIDERS. THEY COME INTO THE SYSTEM AND THERE IS -- YOU HAVE APPROVED A FEE FOR THAT SERVICE TO BRING YOUR BUSINESS, YOUR PRIVATE BUSINESS ON THE PARKLAND. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO NOW IS MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CONSISTENT IN DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO BRING A PRIVATE BUSINESS ON TO PUBLIC LAND. ONE OF THE NEW THINGS THAT WE HAVE SEEN IS A PROLIFERATION OF CLASSES, BASICALLY FITNESS TRAINING CLASSES. WE ENDORSE FITNESS TRAINING. THE ISSUE THAT I HAVE IS I NEED TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO ALL OF THE MANY PEOPLE WHO WOULD LOVE TO BRING A SMALL BUSINESS ON TO PARKLAND BUT THAT WE SAY THERE'S SOME THAT COME BACK TO THE CITY, THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH A PROCESS, THEY PAY SOME APPROVED FEE. WE WILL BRING THAT TO YOUR ATTENTION DURING THE BUDGET YEAR. OF COURSE IMPLEMENTING THE BOND PROGRAM FROM 2006. WE HAVE ABOUT A QUARTER OF THAT \$85 MILLION THAT'S BEEN APPROPRIATED. WE ARE FOLLOWING THAT AGGRESSIVELY. SEVEN OF THE 38 FUNDED PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED SO FAR. THE REST ARE CLOSER TO THE EARLY STAGES, BUT WE ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MY OWN STAFF TO PUSH THOSE PROJECTS THROUGH THE PROCESS. OUR COST CONTAINMENT STRATEGY ALSO PROVIDES FOR VACANCY SAVINGS. WE ARE HOLDING VACANT SOME OF THOSE LESS CRITICAL POSITIONS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR DEPARTMENT NOW. WE ARE, AS WELL, HOLDING BACK ON SOME OF THE CONTRACTUALS AND COMMODITIES WHICH WE MIGHT OTHERWISE SPEND. SOME OF THE MATERIALS. SOME OF THE OUT OF TOWN EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL. AS OUR DEPARTMENT WILL DO. ONE THING THAT WE ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH IS SIMPLY SHIFTING COSTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR THOSE PARK IMPROVEMENTS WHERE THERE'S AN ELIGIBLE FUNDING SOURCE. THE EXAMPLE THAT WE HAVE NOW, WE ROUTINELY MAKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND BUT WE COULD FUND THOSE THROUGH THE PLD AND PLACING GREATER EMPHASIS ON THOSE FUNDING RESOURCES. TO THE DEGREE THAT THE SCOPE OF THE FUNDING SOURCE COVERS THESE IMPROVEMENTS, WE ARE SHIFTING THAT COST, WE THINK THAT WILL BE VERY SUCCESSFUL. SOMETHING THAT WE CAN SEE A BIT INTO THE FUTURE. OUR DEDICATION ORDINANCE FEES COME IN ROUTINELY, TRUST AND AGENCY TENDS TO BE MORE FIXED COSTS. WE WILL SHIFT THOSE COSTS. I WILL LEAVE YOU WITH JUST AN INDICATION OF THE SORT OF PROGRESS THAT WE ARE MAKING AND EXPANDING OUR SYSTEM. WE HAVE A SERIES OF PRIVATE -- THAT'S UNDERWAY NOW, THE TRAIL EXPANSION, THE ONE NOW IS THE NEW WALNUT CREEK TRAIL SYSTEM. WE ARE IN DESIGN. WE HAVE RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE BULK OF THIS. THE CITY HAS ALLOCATED A LITTLE MATCH. WALNUT CREEK WILL IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS BECOME THE COMPLIMENT TO THE BARTON SPRINGS TRAIL. IT WILL BE AN EXTENSIVE ONE. IT WILL BE ROUGHLY 12 MILES, THOUGH THAT WILL NOT BE ALL OF IT WE WILL DO. BUT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN EXTENSIVE TRAIL SYSTEM. IT WILL BE A HARD SURFACE. WIDER TRAIL. VERY LOW MAINTENANCE, LOOK REAL GOOD TO US, IT WILL SERVE VERY WELL FOR THE BICYCLE COMMUNITY. IT WILL BE A GREAT COMMUTER ROUTE. BY THE FIRST OF NEXT YEAR, WE WILL OPEN THE SECOND SKATE BOARD BMX TRACK COUNCIL HERE AT HOUSE PARK. THAT

WILL ALSO BE LOW MAINTENANCE. WE ARE DOING OUR IN-FILL ACQUISITIONS AS I MENTIONED WELLS OTHER OPEN SPACE. WE ARE FOCUSING ON CREEK ACQUISITIONS TO FILL IN THE GAPS FOR THE SYSTEM. WE ARE WORKING ON SOME OF OUR POOL PROJECTS, WE ARE PUTTING UP MORE PLAYSCAPES AND OF COURSE WE ARE GOING TO OPEN SOME NEW FACILITIES ON JOHNNY MORRIS ROAD. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE 12 COURT TENNIS CENTER, WHICH IS WELL UNDER CONSTRUCTION, THEY ARE POURING THOSE SLABS RIGHT NOW. THE PARK WILL BE BID SOON, WE PLAN TO OPEN IT A LITTLE OVER A YEAR FROM NOW. I LEAVE YOU ON ONE NOTE. I NOTICED IN THE WEB YESTERDAY THAT THE FORBES.COM SITE RAN AN ARTICLE SAYING THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE AMERICA'S BEST CITIES FOR THE OUTDOORS, AUSTIN IS RANKED NUMBER 8 AND ONE OF THOSE ELEMENTS IS PARKS. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THAT, OF COURSE IT INCLUDES OTHER ELEMENTS BUT WE CONTRIBUTE TO THAT. THAT'S MY PRESENTATION IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, STEWART. QUICKLY, CAN YOU GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE OF THESE TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS, WHAT WOULD BE AN EXAMPLE OF --

WE HAVE --

THAT SOURCE.

WE HAVE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE, TOWN LAKE, THE OLD NAME. WE HAVE THOSE FOR SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS PLACES, WE HAVE ABOUT 12 OF THOSE, I DON'T HAVE MY LIST WITH ME.

WHAT'S -- WHAT IS THE FUNDING SOURCE?

THEY ARE PRIVATE DONATIONS, PEOPLE DEBITS TO THE PARKS SYSTEM -- PEOPLE DONATE TO THE PARKS SYSTEM. EITHER THEY WILL DESIGNATE IT FOR A USE, WHICH SOMETIMES MEANS WE WILL CREATE AN ACCOUNT. TYPICALLY WE WILL GUIDE THEM TOWARD ONE OF THE EXISTING ACCOUNTS. ALSO \$2 MILLION IN OUR TRUST AND AGENCY ACCOUNTS ALTOGETHER.

QUICKLY THE LAST QUESTION, YOU MENTIONED EXAMPLES OF VERY LOW MAINTENANCE FACILITIES, A SKATE PARK, TRAIL EXTENSIONS I GUESS, PROBABLY MATHEMATICALLY WE PROBABLY SPEND FEWER DOLLARS ON A TRAIL PER INSTANCE THAN MOST ANY OTHER FACILITIES. WITHOUT CREATING A LOT OF WORK, I THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY INTERESTING TO SEE SORT OF A MATRIX OF -- OF MAINTENANCE COSTS OR OVERHEAD COSTS FOR DIFFERENT TYPE OF FACILITIES. OBVIOUSLY, YOU KNOW, SOME -- A GOOD PARKS DEPARTMENT HAS A VERY BROAD SPECTRUM OF FACILITIES FROM VIRTUALLY 0 MAINTENANCE PARKLAND SETTING TO AND THROUGH SOME RELATIVELY HIGH OVERHEAD MAINTENANCE FACILITY LIKE PERHAPS A REC CENTER. BUT OUR -- BUT I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SEE HOW WE TRY TO SCORE THAT. THAT IS AS WE MIGHT SEE MORE PRESSURE ON -- YOU KNOW, OUR -- OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION IN OUR PARKS

DEPARTMENT, I WOULD HATE FOR US TO SORT OF ARBITRARILY CHOOSE A COUPLE OF FACILITIES OR HAVE ONE, YOU KNOW, SHOW UP AT THE WRONG TIME ON OUR BALANCE SHEET THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY ADDS A LOT OF OVERHEAD AND MAINTENANCE COSTS TO OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT. SO MY INSTINCT IS THAT WE ARE GOING TO SEE THERE ARE CERTAIN FACILITIES THAT PERHAPS IN LEANER TIME YOU CAN STILL SPEND THE CAPITAL DOLLARS BUILDING A NUMBER OF FACILITIES AND/OR IMPROVING FACILITIES WITHOUT DISPROPORTIONATELY DRIVING UP THE OVERALL O AND M FOR THE DEPARTMENT. WITH -- WITHOUT CREATING A LOT OF WORK YOU HELPED ME TO SEE A MATRIX OF THINGS LIKE A REC CENTER, SENIOR CENTER, TO AND THROUGH SWIMMING POOLS THROUGH WHATEVER YOU CALL THE WATER SCAPING IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE SO FUN, YOU KNOW, TO TRAILS TO I MEAN DISC GOLF COURSE, I GOT TO BELIEVE WE SPEND VIRTUALLY NO MONEY AND THEY ARE GREAT FACILITIES AND I'M SORRY I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF, THIS IF WE COULD, AN ESTIMATE TO SORT OF THE PER CITIZEN VISIT. LIKE A TRAIL OR A SKATE PARK, I MEAN, YOU SEE THESE JUST THOUSANDS OF KIDS DOWN THERE AT MABEL DAVIS AND MY EXPERIENCE DOWN THERE IS THAT THE KIDS ARE DOING AS MUCH MAINTENANCE AS WE PROBABLY DO, WHICH IS A GOOD THING. I MEAN, THEY WANT TO KEEP THAT FACILITY UP. THEY SWEEP THE ROCKS OUT FROM THE -- FROM THE POOL BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT THEIR WHEELS TO BE HITTING THESE ROCKS. SO I THINK IT MIGHT HELP US MAKE SOME TOUGH DECISIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS AS WE SEE SORT OF A COST PER PERSON VISIT IN THE PARKS FACILITIES.

WE CAN PROVIDE YOU THAT INFORMATION PARTICULARLY ON THOSE WHERE A HEAD COUNT IS DONE OR A FEE IS CHARGED. SOME OF THESE WILL GIVE YOU ESTIMATES BECAUSE WE WERE NOT OUT THERE -- BUT YES WE WILL PROVIDE YOU THAT INFORMATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

Martinez: MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: MIKE?

Martinez: YOUR COMMENTS SEGUE RIGHT INTO SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO BRING UP. WHEN I LOOK THROUGH THE PIE CHART, 2.6 MILLION FOR CULTURAL ARTS FUNDING. I'M ASSUMING THAT MEANS OUR MEXICO AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE HOME, THE CARVER MUSEUM. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE BUDGET IS THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO SHIFT TRUE CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAMMING AND FACILITIES TO OUR CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT AS OPPOSED TO THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT. THIS IS NOT A CREDITISM ON THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT. I JUST BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE IF IT WERE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT THAT'S ACTUALLY DOING CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAMMING FOR THE REST OF THE CITY. AND ON TOP OF THAT, I THINK WE WOULD CAPTURE THAT \$2.6 MILLION EITHER TO REALLOCATE WITHIN PARD OR AS A COST SAVINGS MEASURE BECAUSE

WE KNOW THAT OUR CULTURAL ARTS FUNDING COMES FROM HOTEL-MOTEL BED TAX. WE KNOW THAT WE ARE DOING VERY WELL IN THAT REGARD. I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT OUT THERE ON THE RADAR SCREEN THAT WE HAVE THESE WONDERFUL FACILITIES, BUT I PERSONALLY DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD BE MANAGED OR OPERATED UNDER OUR PARKS SYSTEM. THEY ARE NOT A PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY. THEY ARE A CULTURAL FACILITY. THEY ARE COMING ON LINE WITH OUR ASIAN AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER AS WELL. I THINK WE SHOULD APPROPRIATELY PUT THESE FACILITIES IN THE DEPARTMENTS WHERE THEY CAN BE BEST UTILIZED. THE OTHER POINTS THAT I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT WAS WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF THE -- OF A MASTER PLAN FOR THE ENTIRE ZILKER PARK AREA. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT, DISCUSSED IT.

IT'S ONE THAT WE HAVE -- WE ARE ABOUT TO LAUNCH. WE DON'T HAVE ONE UNDERWAY. WE ARE DOING THE DEPARTMENTAL MASTER PLAN NOW. AS SOON AS THAT'S DONE, THEN WE WOULD PLAN TO ENTER INTO ONE ON ZILKER PARK. WE HAVE HAD VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH SOME OF OUR USERS AND THEIR INTEREST IN A MASTER PLAN, WE WOULD DOVE TAIL WITH THAT.

Martinez: I THINK WE SHOULD REALLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THE ACL FOLKS, IT'S CRITICAL TO THEM THAT THE PARK REMAIN VIBRANT AND HEALTHY. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE ACL I GUESS -- BROCHURE OR ANY ACL IMAGE THAT GETS SENT OUT, THERE'S A TREE THAT'S IN THE MIDDLE OF ZILKER PARK AND THAT'S THEIR SIGNATURE IMAGE ON THEIR LOGO. IF YOU LOOK AT THAT PICTURE AND LOOK AT HOW HEALTHY THAT TREE LOOKS, IF YOU GO DOWN THERE TODAY AND LOOK AT IT, IT LOOKS, YOU KNOW, LIKE IT'S DYING. LIKE IN TERMS OF COMPARISON OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. WHEN THEY FIRST TOOK THAT PHOTO. WHAT IT INDICATES TO ME IS THE HEALTH OF ZILKER PARK. THE FOLKS AT ACL FEEL LIKE OBVIOUSLY THEY WANT TO SAY THERE, THEY WANT TO CONTINUE TO HAVE ACL, BUT IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PARK REMAIN AS HEALTHY AS IT CAN BE. THEY ARE WILLING TO FUND THE ENTIRE MASTER PLAN AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THAT NEED TO TAKE PLACE. THEY ARE WILLING TO EMBARK ON A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, HELP US FINE THE REVENUE TO DO THAT. I THINK WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT OPPORTUNITY AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR SIGNATURE PARK IN TEXAS, ZILKER PARK, GROUP IS AS HEALTHY AS IT CAN BE.

WE HAVE SOME OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS WITH C 3 ALREADY ABOUT STAGING THAT MASTER PLAN. WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED SOME IMPROVEMENTS BASED ON CONTRIBUTIONS THEY HAVE GIVEN THE CITY. THE PRIMARY FOCUS SO FAR HAS BEEN A NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR THOSE ENTIRE GROUNDS. TWO YEARS AGO WE INVESTED WITH THEIR HELP ON A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF 8-INCH LINES THROUGHOUTS THE SOCCER FIELDS. WE HAVE JUST COMPLETED A NEW RAW WATER PUMP. WE WILL TAKE WATER RIGHT OUT OF THE LAKE. THE NEXT STAGE WOULD BE THEN ALL OF THOSE SPRINKLER HEADS. WE HAVE A COST ESTIMATE READY FOR THEM, IT WOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE MASTER PLAN.

THANK YOU, SIR.

BETTY.

Dunkerly: MR. STRONG, ON THE AUSTIN TENNIS CENTER THAT WILL BE OPENING IN DECEMBER WITH THE 12 COURTS, ISN'T THIS THE ONE THAT WE COORDINATED THE PLANNING ON WITH AISD?

YES, WE DID. NEXT DOOR THERE IS A MIDDLE SCHOOL SO WE -- WE JOINTSLY PLANNED THIS -- JOINTLY PLANNED THIS WHOLE COMPLEX. THEY OF COURSE OPENED THEIR SCHOOL, BUT WE USUALLY SHARE A DRIVE, WE COORDINATED UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS THERE. YES, WE DID. AS A MATTER OF FACT THEY CONTRIBUTED TO THE COST OF THE COURTS BECAUSE THEY WILL USE THEM IN THE AFTERNOONS WITH THEIR TENNIS PROGRAM.

Dunkerly: WILL THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COURTS FOR BOTH FOR THE JOINT USE BE JUST 12 OR WERE THEY ABLE TO ADD SOME ADDITIONAL COURTS?

THEY DID NOT ADD TO THEM. THE GOAL THEY HAD WAS THAT THEIR NORMAL PROGRAM USES FOUR OR FIVE COURTS JUST FOR THEIR AFTERNOON PRACTICES SESSIONS. THAT'S WHAT WE PROVIDED. WE SAID WE WILL RESERVE THOSE FOUR OR FIVE IN THE AFTERNOONS DURING THEIR -- DURING THEIR USE HOURS. THAT'S WHAT THE REQUEST WAS.

OKAY. WELL GREAT, THAT'S GOOD JOINT PLANNING.

THANK YOU.

SHERYL?

Cole: I WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR BEING NUMBER 8 BUT OF COURSE AS THE MAYOR OFTEN SAYS, WE WANT TO BE NUMBER ONE. [LAUGHTER]

WE DIDN'T AGREE WITH THEIR METHODOLOGY, EITHER. [LAUGHTER]

Cole: I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT YOU BROUGHT OUT. I UNDERSTAND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING A DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN FOR ZILKER AND ALSO AS PART OF OUR DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT THE PARKS IN CONNECTION WITH WALLER CREEK AND DOWNTOWN, INCLUDING THE SQUARES AND MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLY AND I HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THAT PRETTY INTENSIVE. THE IDEA IS TO KIND OF BRING PEOPLE DOWNTOWN, INCLUDING OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, AND MAKE THINGS THAT ARE ATTRACTIVE TO THEM. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE PLANNED IN TERMS OF FUTURE PROJECTS THAT WOULD GO DOWNTOWN AND

TO WHAT EXTENT YOU ARE WORKING WITH THE PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO THAT. I THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL FOR US TO JUST HEAR THAT.

RIGHT NOW WE ARE WORKING WITH THE AUSTIN PARK FOUNDATION TO DO SOME IMPROVEMENTS AT REPUBLIC SQUARE. WE ASSUME AS THE WALLER CREEK TUNNEL IS PUT ON LINE, THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF PRIVATE INTERESTS IN ASSISTING THE CITY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC CORRIDOR AS WELL AS PERHAPS PALM PARK. OF COURSE WE HAVE THE -- THE INTAKE AND OUTFLOW OF -- FACILITIES WHICH WILL BE PARK IMPROVEMENTS THEMSELVES. WE HAVE THE MAC ONLINE, RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE FUNDING FOR ACTIVE IMPROVEMENTS NOW FOR OUR DOWNTOWN PARKS. BUT WE'RE WATCHING AND WAITING AND WE'RE VERY HOPEFUL ABOUT THAT.

Cole: WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT FUNDING FOR THE ACTUAL IMPROVEMENTS, I WAS REAL INTERESTED IN THE MAYOR'S LINE OF QUESTIONING ABOUT THE TRUST AND AGENCY AND HOW PEOPLE DON'T TO PARTICULAR PARKS OR DO THEY GIVE IT TO THE PARK DEPARTMENT IN GENERAL AND WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOTIVATION FOR DOING THAT AND HOW DO WE GET SOME MORE OF THAT?

I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. WE FIND THAT PEOPLE'S INTERESTS FALL EITHER IN JUST A GENERAL BENEVOLENCE FOR THE PARK SYSTEM. SOME PEOPLE HAVE VERY CLEAR IDEAS, THEY WANT IT TO GO TO SOME PARK OR SOME EFFORT. FROM TIME TO TIME PEOPLE APPROACH US AND THEY HAVE A GREAT INTEREST IN GIVING BACK TO THE CITY. AND WE WILL WORK WITH THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS. THE -- THE MORE SECURED FUNDING IS GOING TO BE THROUGH THE PARK EDUCATION ORDINANCE AND EVEN OUR OWN BOND PROGRAM. BUT WE -- WE DON'T GO OUT AND SOLICIT FUNDS. WE HAVE WAITED PATIENTLY WITH AN OPEN DOOR TO MAKE SURE THAT ANYBODY WHO COMES IN WE CAN ACCOMMODATE THEM.

Cole: BRING UP THE PARKLAND DEDICATION FEE, I BELIEVE THAT'S WITHIN ONE SQUARE MILE OF A PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT; IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT'S OUR GUIDELINE.

Cole: DO YOU PUT THOSE IN PARTICULAR FUNDS OR PARTICULAR -- ARE THEY SEGREGATED OUT? BECAUSE I HAVE HEARD SOME CRITICISM ABOUT YOU GIVE TO THE PARKLAND DEDICATION FEE, IT'S JUST LOST IN PARKS.

NO. IT'S VERY SPECIFIC. ONE OF THOSE LITTLE KNOWN PAGES IN THE BACK OF YOUR BUDGET DOCUMENT WHEN YOU APPROVE IT IS ACTUALLY A LISTING OF THE FEES, THE SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT GAVE THE MONEY AND THE PARK WHERE THE MONEY WILL GO. WE ACTUALLY LOOK, BEFORE WE BRING THAT TO YOU, WE TRACK THE -- THE FEES AS THEY COME IN AND ASSIGN THEM TO SOME NEARBY PARK. SO WE WANT TO BE VERY OPEN ABOUT THAT AND WE HAVE -- WE HAVE AN ENTIRE 20 YEAR HISTORY OF WHO PAID AND

WHERE THE MONEY GOES. SO -- SO EACH YEAR WE PREDESIGNATE THAT FOR YOUR ADOPTION. OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, THAT'S SUBJECT TO YOUR -- YOUR APPROVAL. BUT WE WERE VERY CLEAR ABOUT WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

OKAY. THE LAST QUESTION THAT I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT IS YOU HAD SAID SOMETHING ABOUT BUSINESSES APPROACHING YOU ABOUT -- ABOUT LOCATING ON PARKLAND. AND I KNOW IN SOME CERTAIN AREAS OF THE COUNTRY THEY HAVE PARKS WHERE THEY HAVE LOTS OF BUSINESSES ON THEIR PARKLAND AND I ASSUME WALLER CREEK WILL BE LIKE THAT. BUT HOW DO YOU MAKE THAT DETERMINATION OR HOW DO YOU EVALUATE THAT OR DO YOU LET ANY OF THEM LOCATE ON PARKLAND?

IT DEPENDS ON THE NATURE OF THE REQUEST. ALL OF THE THINGS YOU SEE THAT ARE SNOW CONES, BALLOONS, DOG TRAINING CLASSES, THOSE THINGS WE SIMPLY LOOK AT IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR THE SETTING. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC GETS A -- MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC GETS A BENEFIT, THAT'S APPROPRIATE, THAT WE ARE NOT CROWDING UP AN AREA. CLEARLY THERE ARE MORE SERVICES THAT BE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT OUR SYSTEM, WE WOULD WELCOME THAT. IF IT GETS TOO CROWDED MAYBE NOT EXACTLY THE RIGHT THERE TO -- RIGHT THING TO DO THERE, WE WILL WORK WITH THEM TO STEER THEM IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. BUT FOR THE WALLER CREEK CORRIDOR THERE ARE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES.

Cole: THANK YOU.

Leffingwell: GO BACK TO THIS LOW COST OUTDOOR AMENITIES, YOU TALKED TO THE TRAIL EXPANSIONS. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THE COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION TO HELP FACILITATE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAILS, SPECIFICALLY GATHERING ALL OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY, ENTITLEMENTS UNDER [INDISCERNIBLE] BROUGHT, WHICH I ASSUME IS YOURS, I WANTED TO SPECIFICALLY ASK ABOUT WHAT IS THE PROGRESS FOR THAT PROGRAM EXPANDING NEIGHBORHOOD TRAILS, SPECIFICALLY COUNTRY CLUB CREEK AND BULL CREEK?

YES. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE REAL ESTATE DIVISION TO SECURE THE EASEMENTS FOR THOSE TRAILS ON BOTH BULL CREEK AND COUNTRY CLUB. IN BOTH OF THOSE CASES, THIS IS NOT ATYPICAL, WE GO DIRECTLY TO THE OWNER AND TALK TO THEM AND -- AND SHOW THEM THAT -- THE ADVANTAGE AND NEGOTIATE A TRAIL, THE EASEMENT. I'M NOT A LAWYER BUT EASEMENTS, THE CITY OWNS A LOT OF EASEMENTS AROUND TOWN. THEY MAY BE UTILITY EASEMENTS, ROADWAYS, WHATEVER. IN ORDER TO GET YET ANOTHER EASEMENT FOR A TRAIL, YOU GO BACK TO THE SAME OWNER AND RENEGOTIATE AGAIN SAYING WOULD YOU MIND ADDING A RIGHT TO PUT A TRAIL THROUGH YOUR PROPERTY. WE DON'T GET ANYTHING AUTOMATICALLY SIMPLY BECAUSE WE HAVE A UTILITY EASEMENT. WE GO BACK TO THOSE OWNERS AND ONCE AGAIN RENEGOTIATE. THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COUNTRY CLUB CREEK WHERE THERE'S A DRAINAGE EASEMENT. WE HAVE GONE OUT TO THOSE OWNERS, TWO ARE NOT YET RECEPTIVE TO THAT PARTICULAR IDEA. WE WILL FIND

A ROUTE TO GET THE TRAIL OUT THERE UNTIL THE CLIMATE IS BETTER IN THAT SENSE. THE CITY IS DOING AN INVENTORY OF EASEMENTS IT OWNS TODAY. MY RECOMMENDATION WITHIN OUR OWN PLANNING TEAM IS LOOK AT THE AREAS WHERE WE WANT A TRAIL, IDENTIFY THOSE FIRST, FOCUS ON THEM, GO OUT AND TALK TO THOSE OWNERS, WE ARE GOING TO NEGOTIATE A NEW EASEMENT NONETHELESS.

THAT WAS ONE OF THE MAIN POINTS OF THE RESOLUTION WAS AUSTIN ENERGY HAS EASEMENTS AND THE WATER UTILITY HAS EASEMENTS, DRAINAGE HAS EASEMENTS, OFTEN ONE ENTITY DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE OTHER HAS. ONE DEPARTMENT WHICH IS YOURS, THAT WOULD FACILITATE THE PROCESS OF PUTTING ALL OF THESE EASEMENTS TOGETHER TO GET US MORE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAILS. THAT WAS MY QUESTION AS -- WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS ON THAT.

YES, WE ARE WORKING -- THE REAL ESTATE DIVISION HAS THOSE FILES WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THEM, WE ARE ASSEMBLING THAT INFORMATION.

MAYOR. ONE LAST QUESTION.

Cole: I KNOW OUR PARKS ARE UNIQUE AND VERY PERSONAL TO AUSTIN. AND WE DEALT WITH THIS ISSUE WITH THE -- WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS, THE WOMEN'S FIREFIGHTERS, SO I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND BRING IT UP. ONE THAT'S NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART. WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT RESTROOMS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN'S RESTROOMS ON THE TRAILS?

WE -- ON THE TRAIL, PART OF THE ENHANCEMENT PLAN, WHICH WE WILL BRING TO YOU, WE WILL RECOMMEND A SERIES OF NEW RESTROOMS. AND I THINK FOR MOST OF THE AREAS, TYPICALLY IN THE MORE HEAVILY USED AREAS, THERE WILL BE MEN AND WOMEN'S RESTROOMS, SO IT WILL BE A DUAL. IN THE REMOTE AREAS IT MAY BE UNISEX, BUT MOSTLY WE BRING IN FULL SERVICEMEN SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN'S. THAT WILL BE ON THE LIST.

Cole: THANK YOU.

McCracken: A FOLLOW-UP ON COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL'S QUESTIONS ON THE BULL CREEK AND COUNTRY CLUB CREEK TRAILS. IS THERE A PRIORITIZATION LIST WE MAINTAIN OF WHICH TRAIL EXPANSIONS WE'VE IN THE QUEUE.

YES, WE ARE EMPHASIZING THE MAJOR TRAILS FIRST. BULL CREEK, SLAUGHTER CREEK, ONION CREEK, WALNUT CREEK, THE LARGER TRAILS ARE TOP PRIORITIES TO ACQUIRE THE LAND AND GET THE EASEMENTS. WHERE IS THAT LIST MAINTAINED?

IN OUR OFFICE WE CAN PROVIDE IT TO YOU.

THIS MIGHT BE A POLICY DECISION. LEIJA IDENTIFIED AN -- LEE HAS IDENTIFIED AN EXAMPLE, COUNTRY CLUB CREEK, ONE OF THE HIGHEST AREAS IN THE CITY, ALREADY

THERE WITH SEVERAL CITY DEPARTMENTS HAVING EASEMENTS ON IT. PRETTY DREADFUL SHAPE FROM A RECREATIONAL STANDPOINT WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE LIVING AROUND IT. I THINK THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO FOCUS ON AREAS WHERE YOU HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS. WOULDN'T TYPICALLY BE A CRITERIA, WOULD BE HELPFUL TO SEE THE LIST. THEN ON BULL CREEK TRAIL, TOO, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SEE WHICH SEGMENTS WE ARE LOOKING AT. YOU HIT BARBED WIRE FENCE AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS ON BULL CREEK TRAIL RIGHT NOW, IT DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE A REASON WHY BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE CITY LAND BUT YOU CAN'T WALK ON IT ON BULL CREEK TRAIL SO --

WE CAN DO THAT, AS A MATTER OF FACT WE HAVE ON OUR WEBSITE WE HAVE MAPS SO THE PUBLIC CAN GO AND SEE WHAT THE LAND THE CITY DOES OWN TODAY. WE CAN PROVIDE THE LINKAGES SO THEY CAN UNDERSTAND THAT.

McCracken: I THINK FOR ALL OF US, THE POLICY MAKERS, APPROXIMATELY IN GENERAL, SO WE CAN -- PUBLIC IN GENERAL, SO WE CAN GET THAT INFORMATION.

WE CAN DO THAT.

McCracken: I ASKED LAST WEEK A QUESTION, I DON'T SEE IT ON THE QUESTIONS LIST YET. BUT I ALSO SEE IT'S BEEN CITED AS AN ISSUE AGAIN THIS WEEK, THAT IS THE COST OF FUEL. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I ASKED FOR AT OUR LAST SESSION WAS TO GET AN ANALYSIS OF WHAT THE COST OF FUEL, HOW THAT'S IMPACTED THE CITY BUDGET. SO I WOULD LIKE THAT ADDED AS OFFICIALLY ADDED AS A BUDGET QUESTION. STEWART, IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN ON -- IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, WHAT HAS BEEN THE IMPACT OF FUEL COSTS CITED AS A BUDGET DRIVER?

WELL, OF COURSE, WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS TRIED TO BE MORE EFFICIENT IN OUR DRIVING HABITS TO TAKE THE LOAD OFF THE TRUCKS MORE, TO COMBINE ROUTES, TO LOOK AT THE FREQUENCY OF THE TRIPS THAT WE DRIVE. WE CAN MAKE SOME SAVINGS THERE.

McCracken: GREAT. COUNCILMEMBER ACTUALLY --

COUNCILMEMBER WE ARE WORKING ON THAT. IN OUR NEXT WORK SESSION WE ARE GOING TO COME BACK WITH A PRESENTATION ON THE IMPACT ON FUEL ON A CITY-WIDE BUDGET, KIND OF ELABORATE ON CERTAINLY AN ISSUE YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN SEEING COME BEFORE YOU IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS WITH EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS PRESENTING THEIR FORECAST ISSUES. WE ARE GOING TO PULL TOGETHER A PRESENTATION AND GET THAT TO YOU, PRESENT IT TO YOU NEXT WEEK. JUNE 4th, I'M SORRY.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS FOR STEWART?

MAYOR IF I COULD COMMENT ON THE QUESTION RAISED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ ON CULTURAL ARTS. AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE WE'VE HAD A TASK FORCE WORKING

THE LAST YEAR OR SO TAKING A LOOK AT CULTURAL ARTS ACROSS OUR SYSTEM. THE REPORT IS NOW READY WHICH WE EXPECT TO COME FORWARD TO COUNCIL, INCLUDES SOME RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE RELATIVE TO CULTURAL ARTS. BASED ON YOUR REVIEW, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT TO TRIGGER A MANAGEMENT REVIEW RELATIVE TO THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROVIDE MORE FEEDBACK TO YOU. SO WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF THAT REPORT.

Mayor Wynn: STEWART, IF I COULD TAP ON TO COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ'S COMMENTS ABOUT ZILKER AND ACL FEST SPECIFICALLY, JUST THE ECONOMIC PROWESS THEY REPRESENT. OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT NETS SIX FIGURES A YEAR FROM THAT EVENTS, EITHER AS A FLAT FEE OR PERCENTAGE OF SALES, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE. IT'S I THINK PRETTY PREDICTABLE WHAT THAT NUMBER IS GOING TO BE. I MEAN IT'S A FABULOUSLY SUCCESSFUL EVENT AND THAT MOST OF US REALLY CHERISH. SEEMS TO ME IF WE DO COME UP WITH A SERIES OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PARK THERE, FROM A POLICY STANDPOINT, IT MIGHT MAKE SENSE FOR US TO LOOK AT THAT ANNUAL INCOME STREAM THAT WE THINK IS, YOU KNOW, REMARKABLY PREDICTABLE WITHIN A CERTAIN RANGE I GUESS. AND CONSIDER, YOU KNOW, USING COMMERCIAL PAPER OR DOING SOMETHING TO ACTUALLY HAVE A LUMP SUM OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND FRANKLY SEVEN FIGURES ALL AT ONCE HERE SOON RATHER THAN LATER VERSUS, YOU KNOW, SPENDING TWO OR THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR ON CERTAIN PROJECTS, WE MIGHT GET ONE BIG BANG FOR THEIR BUCKS IF WE IN A JUDICIOUS WAY FIGURE OUT HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT INCOME STREAM.

RIGHT. WE HAVE ACTUALLY DONE SOME PROJECTIONS ON HOW THAT MIGHT BE DONE GIVEN THE INCOME STREAM THAT IS PREDICTABLE OR HAS POSSIBLY EVEN A GREATER INCOME STREAM HOW MUCH THE CITY COULD AFFORD IN THAT SENSE. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT THOSE OPTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: GOOD, THANK YOU.

REMIND ME STEWART OR GREG, WHERE DOES THAT REVENUE GO TODAY?

TWO PLACES, THERE'S A DOLLAR PER TICKET THAT GOES TO THE GENERAL FUND AS WELL AS THE -- THE SIX FIGURE NUMBER TO THE PARKS DEPARTMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON THE GROUNDS.

WITH RESPECT TO THAT PORTION IT GOES TO THE GENERAL FUND IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTAND THAT A REPRIORITIZATION WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND PRIORITY TO SOME EXTENT; IS THAT CORRECT, GREG?

IT IS CORRECT. AS STEWART INDICATED IT DOES GO TO THE REVENUE GOES INTO TWO SEPARATE POTS, SO WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT EACH OF THOSE AS SEPARATE ISSUES AND IMPACTS ON USING THOSE. CERTAINLY MAYOR THAT IDEA OF THE ADDITIONAL

REVENUE THAT THE ACL DOES PROVIDE, STEWART MENTIONED THAT IS AN OPTION, IF IT IS A CONSISTENT REVENUE STREAM WAY TO ACCELERATE ANY IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAPPEN OUT THERE BY LOOKING AT OUR ABILITY TO ISSUE SOME DEBT BASED ON THAT REVENUE STREAM.

Mayor Wynn: ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FOR STEWART OR DAVID OR GREG? THANK YOU ALL.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: UP NEXT IS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. WELCOME.

GOOD MORNING. I'M SHANNON JONES, THE ACTING DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. I'M JOINED HERE WITH OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, MS. MELANIE MUELLER. I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF BY LETTING YOU KNOW THAT ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, WE ARE QUITE EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT OUR BUDGET PLAN HERE TO THE COUNCIL AND THE EMPLOYEES WANT ME TO LET YOU FOR THAT THEY ARE WORKING HARD AND REALLY DEVOTED TOWARDS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF THE QUALITY OF HEALTH, CITIZENS OF AUSTIN. A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE MISSION OF THE AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY TO FOCUS ON PROMOTING HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING. BUT TO RE-EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE A CITY AND ALSO WORKING THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SO THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE FOR THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN AS WELL AS TO THE RESIDENTS OF TRAVIS COUNTY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH IS ABOUT. WE PROMOTE COMMUNITY-WIDE WELLNESS. WE DO THIS THROUGH A VARIETY OF WAYS. WE ARE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY PROVIDING SCREENINGS -- WE ALSO PREVENT DISEASE, SCREENING, EDUCATION, SERVICE PROVISIONS AS WELL. ALSO IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASE, ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS, EPIDEMICS, WE ARE THE FRONT LINE PEPPERS IN TERMS OF THE -- PERSONS IN TERMS OF THE BATTLE AGAINST DISEASE AND DEATH IN OUR COMMUNITY. MOST OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WE FOCUS IN ARE IN PREVENTIVE AREA. WE TRY TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE ONSLAUGHT OF DISEASE. SOME OF OUR ACCOMPLISHES FOR THIS YEAR WE'RE QUITE PROUD OF BEING SELECTED BY THE ASPASPCA AS ONE OF FIVE TARGETED COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION ORANGE PROJECT, TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF RELEASED ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE ALSO WERE AWARDED BY THE TEXAS COUNCIL ON CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE, THE GOAL LEVEL RECOGNITION FOR OUR EFFORTS IN TERMS OF HEART DISEASE AND STROKE. WE WERE ACKNOWLEDGED AS ONE OF THE HEART AND STROKE HEALTHY CITIES. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FOR THE SIXTH YEAR THE OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS AWARD AS A FIVE STAR EXEMPLARY AWARD, WHICH MEANS THAT THE WORK WE DO IN TERMS OF A COLLECTION OF VITAL RECORDS AND REPORTING ON THOSE CONTINUE TO BE EXEMPLARY. LET ME TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. THE

DEPARTMENT HAS -- HAS FOUR DIVISIONS OF -- OF ONE OPERATED BY ONE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, THAT IS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND OUR ANNUAL SERVICES DIVISION. WE ALSO HAVE -- HAVE OUR HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION, WHICH IS HEADED UP BY MR. BEN SCAVALAS, WE HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION, HEADED UP BY OUR NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND AUTHORITY DR. PHIL WONG, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION AND ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISIONS HEADED UP BY MS. MS. DORLINDA PULL YAM. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE TRENDS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTICE THAT THE AREAS THAT WE FOCUS ON PARTICULARLY THOSE TRENDS HAVE CONTINUED TO INCREASE. THE NUMBER OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS HAS INCREASED FROM ROUGHLY 9,000 IN 2006 TO OVER 11,000 IN 2008. ALMOST A 20% INCREASE. ANIMAL SHELTER INTAKES REMAINS RELATIVELY FLAT. A GOOD SIGN, WE ARE NOT BRINGING INTO THE SHELTER ANY LARGE NUMBER OF INCREASES THAT HAS BEEN FROM 24,000 IN '06 TO ROUGHLY 25,000 IN '08. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN OUR COMMUNITY REQUIRING SOCIAL SERVICES. IN '07 OUR CONTRACTOR CARITAS, PROVIDED RENTS AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE FOR ROUGHLY 16092 CLIENTS, AN INCREASE OVER '06, WORK SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE RATE TIMES FOR INDIVIDUALS FOR TRYING TO GET INTO CHILD CARE CAN RANGE FROM AS FEW AS THREE DAYS TO 18 MONTHS. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE. WHEN WE LOOK AT IMMUNIZATION RATES, WE CONTINUE TO SEE INCREASE IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PROVIDE IMMUNIZATION FOR. FROM 41,000 IN 2006 TO 48,000 IN 2008. ROUGHLY A 16% INCREASE. EVERY MONTH WE SEE THROUGH OUR WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM PROVIDING VOUCHERS FOR FOOD, 31,000 CLIENTS UP FROM 29,000 IN FY '06. THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE PREVENTION TEAM, WE ARE SEEING ROUGHLY 5100 CLIENTS. IN TARGETED COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE PROVIDE OVER 200 PRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE REPRESENTED TO PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. AS WE ADDRESS THE -- THE ISSUES OF PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. LET ME SHARE WITH YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT BUDGET. OUR BUDGET IS ROUGHLY \$59 MILLION, THAT'S 485 F.T.E.'S. OUR FUNDING SOURCE COMES WITH A VARIETY OF THOSE, THE GENERAL FUND PROVIDES 36 MILLION. OUR GRANTS ARE 16 MILLION. TRAVIS COUNTY 2.7 MILLION. SUSTAINABILITY FUND 3.8 MILLION. AND OUR EXPENSE REFUNDS ARE .6 MILLION. TOTAL DEPARTMENT REVENUES ARE \$4.9 MILLION. WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR F.T.E.'S IN THE GENERAL FUND, 485, 258 ARE GENERAL FUND, 196 ARE GRANT FUND AND COUNTY REIMBURSED ARE 30. WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR DEPARTMENT EXPENSES, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE IN THE ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION, 5.2 MILLION ARE FROM GENERAL FUND. THAT PICTURE CHANGES SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS. 20.1 MILLION THAT WE RECEIVE, 46% OF THAT COMES FROM GRANT FUNDING. SOCIAL SERVICES OF 23.9 MILLION. 24% OF THOSE COME FROM GRANTS. SUPPORT SERVICES 6.4 MILLION, 11% FROM GRANTS AND SHOWS YOUTH SERVICES 3.8 MILLION FROM GRANTS OR 13% FROM GRANT. THE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE THAT WE FACE IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT OUR BUDGET TO UNDERSTAND THAT [INDISCERNIBLE] SIZE OF OUR BUDGET COMES FROM GRANT SOURCES. WE WILL TALK ABOUT OUR CHALLENGES AND SERVICE ISSUES. IN -- IN FY '09 WE WILL BE LOSING FUNDING

-- ROUGHLY \$412 MILLION AND OUR STEPS TO A HEALTHIER AUSTIN DOLLARS AT 1.7 MILLION. BY THE [INDISCERNIBLE] FOOD PLAN SUPPORTED THE COMPLETION OF THE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR THE COMMUNITY, OUR STEPS PLAN HAS ALSO BEEN A SIGNIFICANT PART OF OUR CHRONIC DISEASE EFFORTS IN OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITIES. OUR SOCIAL SERVICE INVESTMENT STRATEGY IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND GOING TO FY '09 THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN WILL HAVE THE IMPACT ON OUR SERVICE DELIVERY. WE HAVE DEVELOPED AND PRESENTED JUST YESTERDAY TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE A STRATEGY TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THAT INVESTMENT. THOSE THREE COMPONENTS WE ARE GOING TO EMPHASIZE IN THAT INVESTMENT THAT WE SHARED. ONE IS WE WOULD REVIEW AND ADJUST OUR INVESTMENT INTO THE LOCAL CORE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES. THOSE THINGS THAT WE -- THAT ONLY ARE DONE BY CERTAIN PROVIDERS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE MEETING THOSE EXPECTATIONS. TWO, AS PART OF OUR NEGOTIATION OF THE 2009 CONTRACTS WITH AGENCIES, WE REVIEW THAT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO ENSURE THAT THE SERVICES THAT WE ARE PROVIDING WE'RE GETTING THE BIGGEST BANG FOR THE BUCK AND THE OUTCOME MEASURES ARE BEING MET. THIRDLY, MOST IMPORTANT, IS DESIGNING A COMPETITIVE PROCESS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OVER THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH OF OUR CONTRACTORS AND MAKE THE DETERMINATIONS IN THE FUTURE [INDISCERNIBLE] ON THAT EVALUATION PLAN. AS WE LOOK AT OURIVES DELIVERY SOME -- OUR SERVICE DELIVERY SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS, INCREASE IN TERMS OF DEMAND FOR BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES. BIRTH CERTIFICATES HAVE INCREASED ALMOST 13 PERCENT OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. THE SERVICES THAT WE SAID EARLIER, INTAKE HAS BEEN RELATIVELY FLAT, HOWEVER WE ARE TRYING TO REDUCE INTAKE THROUGH IMPROVED OUTCOME. SO THOSE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THOSE INTAKES CONTINUE TO BE RELATIVELY LOW WOULD BE CONTINUED A CHALLENGE. OUR FOOD HANDLER PROGRAM, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT IS TO ENSURE THAT FOOD BORNE ILLNESS NOT BEING A PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITIES IS A CHANGE IN THE CITY ORDINANCE CONSIDER HAVING ALL FOOD HANDLERS, THOSE ARE THE FOLKS OTHER THAN JUST CERTIFIED MANAGERS BE PART OF A BASIC TRAINING ON HAND WASHING AND FOOD TEMPERATURE CONTROL. OUR GOAL IS TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT DONE AS PART OF OUR -- PART OF OUR BUDGET EFFORT AS WELL. THAT WOULD INCLUDE ROUGHLY 2-POINT -- 2 ADDITIONAL F.T.E.'S. WOULD GENERATE 224,000 IN ADDITIONAL REVENUES FOR NEXT YEAR. OUR SPACE CONSIDERATION CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM. WE ARE CURRENTLY AT CAPACITY IN MANY OF OUR FACILITIES, IN SOME CASES DOUBLED UP STAFF AND HAVE -- HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK AND TRY TO WORK WITH ADDRESSING THOSE ISSUES WITH LIMITED SPACE THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE AT SOME OF OUR OTHER FACILITIES. WE CANNOT EXPAND SERVICE IN SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING OUR STD AND TB PROGRAM UNLESS WE ADDRESS THESE SPACE LIMITATION EFFORTS. OUR CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, WE ARE BEGINNING THE STAGES OF MAJOR TRANSITION WHICH WE LOOK AT BUILDING ON TO THE CAMPUS OUR SHELTER AND LOOKING AT THEIR POSSIBLY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING A VARIETY OF OTHER PROGRAMS IN NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND OTHER CITY PROGRAMS. OUR COST

INCREASES FOR MANY OF OUR SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS CONTINUE TO BE A CHALLENGE AND AS I SAID EARLIER WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THOSE BASED UPON SOME EVALUATION MEASURE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THOSE OR IN SOME OTHER MECHANISM. CONTRACTS FOR SOME OF OUR SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS SUCH AS THE ARCH, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER AND EMANCI PET CONTINUE TO RISE, AS WELL AS FOOD FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER. OF COURSE GRANT SUPPORT WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTS THE OPERATION OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS CONTINUES TO BE A CHALLENGE. AS PAY FOR PERFORMANCE, INSURANCE, OTHER COST DRIVERS INCREASE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACQUIRE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT OR GRANT SUPPORT PROGRAMS. IT WILL BE ABLE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH OUR LINE ITEM STREAMS, THE 286,000. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE SECURITY CONTRACTS AND NEED SAVINGS IN OUR CUSTODIAL CHARGES. AND SOME OTHER TWEAKS WITHIN THE BUDGET. GOING FORWARD WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER PROGRAM REDUCTIONS TO MEET COST CONTAINMENT IN THESE PROGRAMS. THE CHALLENGE THAT IS THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO FACE US AS THE COMMUNITY GROWS. AUSTIN IS A FAST GROWING COMMUNITY AND -- AND OBVIOUSLY THE DEMANDS OF THE GROWING COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO IMPACT THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. SO WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES AS WE CONTINUE TO [INDISCERNIBLE] WITHIN THE CITY. ALSO THE ISSUE OF HEALTH DISPARITIES. WE CONTINUE TO SEE SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES IN TERMS OF THE VARIETY OF POPULATIONS AS THE COMMUNITY GROWTH, IN OUR EFFORTS TO REACH OUT AND TARGET THOSE EFFORTS, HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE COUNCIL, VARIOUS INITIATIVES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THOSE EFFORTS IN A VARIETY OF OTHER EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES. THEN FINALLY, IN OUR SOCIAL SERVICE AREAS, THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN WILL CONTINUE TO PUT PRESSURES ON THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF A GROWING ECONOMY, OF A GROWING COMMUNITY. IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE TO RE-EMPHASIZE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE IMPACT THAT IT HAS. PUBLIC HEALTH WAS AND IS ONE OF THE LARGEST NUMBER OF LIVES -- WHERE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF LIVES ARE SAVED, USUALLY UNDERSTANDING THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF A DISEASE, IT'S PATTERNS, AND WHERE AND HOW IT EMERGES AND SPREADS. IN ATTACKING IT AT ITS WEAKEST POINT. THAT MEANS PREVENTION AND THAT'S IMPORTANT. PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES LACK THE DRAMA OF PULLING SOMEONE BACK FROM THE EDGE OF DEATH, BUT THEY SAVE LIVES BY THE MILLIONS. I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SHANNON. I WILL START WITH A COUPLE. SHANNON, BACK ON SLIDE 16, YOU GAVE SOME OF THE STATS ABOUT THE GROWTH AND DEMAND ON YOUR DEPARTMENT. THE FIRST ONE THERE BEING THE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS ARE UP 20% FOR JUST A COUPLE OF YEARS. IS THAT SOLELY BASED ON THERE ARE 20% MORE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS OUT THERE OR -- ARE WE FROM A POLICY STANDPOINT INSPECTING MORE FREQUENTLY OR -- OR REDEFINED WHAT KIND OF ESTABLISHMENTS ACTUALLY NEED TO BE INSPECTED? [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

THE LOSS OF GRANT FUNDING, SO STEPS, AS AN EXAMPLE, I'M RELATIVELY FAMILIAR WITH THAT PROGRAM SO I GUESS IT IS THIS YEAR THAT THAT FUNDING SOURCE ENDS THROUGH THE CDC.

ENDS IN SEPTEMBER. AN EXAMPLE LEAK LIKE THAT, WE ARE A CITY THAT RECEIVED A FIVE-YEAR CYCLE OF STEP FUNDING, DID SOMEHOW WE CREATE THE DYNAMIC BY KNOWING WE HAD THIS FUNDING, ALMOST LIKE THE COPS FUNDING BACK IN THE CLINTON YEARS, MANY CITIES WENT OUT AND HIRED A BUNCH OF POLICE OFFICER, THEN THE COPS FUNDING EXPIRES AND CITIES HAVE THE BURDEN OF ALL THE ADDITIONAL FOR THE POLICE OFFICERS THAT BY THEN, YOUR COMMUNITY REALLY HAS GOTTEN USED TO AND ARE NEEDED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE STEP FUNDING AND OTHER PROGRAMS WE HAVE IN THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WE ARE COGNIZANT THE FUNDING GOES AWAY BUT DID WE BUILD UP A INFRASTRUCTURE BASED ON THAT FUNDING AND NOW WE ARE' STARING AT POTENTIAL OVERHEAD OR MAINTENANCE COSTS WITHOUT THE FUNDING, OR WILL SOME OF THAT JUST DROP OFF BECAUSE OF THE FUNDING GOING AWAY.

THERE ARE SEVERAL COMPONENT PONTS. ONE, WE ARE AWARE OF THIS AND BUILT INTO THE INFRASTRUCTURE THE OUT REACH PIECE OF IT. THE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES WE'RE PROVIDING WE'RE DOING THROUGH A VARIETY OF WAYS. ONE IS THROUGH OUR PROGRAM THAT WE CURRENTLY FUND THROUGH THE CITY THAT WE ARE INCORPORATING FUNDS INTO. THINGS SUCH AS OBESITY AND THE OUTREACH CENTER. AND REMEMBER STEPS ARE A PARTNERSHIP WHICH WE WORK WITH ISDs AND MANY AGENCIES LIKE THE HEART ASSOCIATION, CANCER, MANY OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS ARE PART OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE WE BUILT WITH STEPS. AND THIRDLY, WORKING WITH OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS WE WORK WITH HISTORICALLY WILL CONTINUE THOSE EFFORTS INTO THE COMMUNITIES. SO THE LESSONS LEARNED, THE BEST PRACTICES FROM THE STEP COMMUNITY, THE RESOURCES WILL NOT BE THERE BUT WE WILL INCORPORATE THEM INTO OUR OTHER EFFORTS. THERE ARE OTHER RESOURCES WE ARE LOOKING AT, OTHER GRANTS, PARTICULARLY IN TOBACCO WE ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING THOSE ON-GOING EFFORTS SO THEY WILL BE CONTINUED WITH THOSE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WE ARE GETTING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AREAS AS WELL.

IF I COULD, MAYOR, I WOULD LIKE TO REENFORCE THAT POINT. WE KNEW GOING INTO THE STEPS PROGRAM IT WAS TIME LIMITED SO WE INTENTIONALLY DID NOT USE THE MONEY TO BUILD A LOT OF INFRASTRUCTURE. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY WENT TO OUR VARIOUS PARTNER, REALLY SEED MONEY TO GET PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN PLACE. WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, EMPLOYER, CAPITAL METRO FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH HAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL WELLNESS PROGRAM AND AS A RESULT NOW THOSE PARTNERS ARE SUSTAINING THOSE PROGRAMS. THEY HAVE BUILT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THEY ARE CONTINUING THEM. SOME OTHER INVESTMENTS HAVE BEEN FAIRLY LARGE, FOR EXAMPLE, SOCIAL MARKETING. YOU KNOW IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE TO DEVELOP THOSE MARKETING TOOLS OR PIECES, THEN ALSO BUY TIME AND SO FORTH, SO SOME OF THAT WILL DIMINISH

BECAUSE OF THIS INVESTMENT. THERE IS ALSO VERY STRONG EVALUATION COMPONENTS, BEHAVIORAL RISK SURVEY. IT IS A MIX OF THINGS BUT EVENING WITH YOUR FITNESS COUNSELOR, WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO SUSTAIN THAT EFFORT AND THAT IS WHAT STEPS WAS INTENDED TO DO, PLANT SEED, GET THOSE PROGRAMS STARTED AND IDENTIFY OTHER WAY TO SUSTAIN THE EFFORT. BUT HAVING SAID ALL THAT, I THINK OUR GOAL, AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO HAVE A DIALOGUE WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND OTHERS AND LOOKING FOR OTHER GRANT OPPORTUNITY, WE WOULD STILL LIKE TO SUSTAIN A BASE LEVEL OF FUNDING TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS IN WORKING WITH ALL THE PARTNERS BUT NOWHERER IN THE LEVEL THAT STEPS HAS BEEN RANGING, WE WILL BE VERY SUCCESSFUL CONTINUING TO OPERATE AT A MUCH LOWER FUNDING LEVEL.

WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE WAY WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE FUNDING AND OUR SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACTS OVER A PERIOD MUCH TWO TO THREE YEARS AND THAT IS SIGNIFICANT AND I WANTED TO KIND OF HIGHLIGHT IT. SEVERAL OF US HAVE ASKED FOR THIS FOR SOME TIME FOR A NEED-BASED SYSTEM RATHER THAN AN AUTOPILOT-BASED SYSTEM FOR FUNDING THESE CONTRACTS AND WHAT WE WILL DO IS DEVELOP A MATRIX, SIMILAR TO WHAT THE ARC'S FUNDING PROGRAM S. BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN THIS YEAR, IT WILL HAPPEN OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS AND THAT IS A GOOD THING LET PEOPLE GET USED TO IT BECAUSE THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR IT TO BE CONTROVERSIAL, AT LEAST IN THE BEGINNING. I WANTED TO REENFORCE THE IDEA FOR THIS YEAR, YOU SAID WE WOULD DO CASE BY CASE BASIS ON THESE CONTRACTS AND I WANT TO REEMPHASIZE WE DO NEED TO CONSIDER NOT IN A VACUUM BUT CONSIDER ALL THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR EACH ONE OF THESE CONTRACTS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT SOME OF THE PUBLIC FUNDING ENTITIES HAVE CHANGED THEIR PHILOSOPHY AND WE NEED TO TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT. SO WHERE THERE ARE GAPS, THAT NEEDS TO BE ONE OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE CASE-BY-CASE ANALYSIS SO WE CAN MAKE UP, PROGRAMS, FOR OTHER FUNDING SOURCES, HAVE CUT THEIR FUND, WE NEED TOO TODAY LOOK AT HOW TO MAKE UP THOSE BEGANS WITH TRAVIS COUNTY, THE CITY AND UNITED WAY, ALL WORKING TOGETHER IT HAS TO BE A BIG PICTURE THING, NOT JUST LOOKING AT THE CITY'S PART OF IT.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE ARE CONSIDERING IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONVERSATION, WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY, WHO ARE THE OTHER PLAYERS, WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE IN MAKING THOSE TYPES OF CASE-BY-CASE ANALYSIS.

MAYOR WYNN: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS FOR OUR TEAM? SHERYL.

COUNCIL MEMBER COLE: A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, I NOTICES THE CLIENTS SERVED BY THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE IS 5100. DO WE EXPECT THAT NUMBER TO STILL BE TREATED EVEN THOUGH THE PROGRAM HAS ENDED.

THAT IS A TARGETED AREA, THAT IS NOT THE TOTAL PICTURE BUT THAT IS TARGETED AREAS OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE'VE INCORP RATED THE 56 CAN -- WE'VE INCORPORATED

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR AREAS AND THAT WILL INCREASE TO PART OF OUR GREATER OUT REACH EFFORTS AS WELL.

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE GRANT FUNDING. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH OF THAT IS LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL IN PERCENTAGE TERMS?

WE WE CAN PROVIDE THE EXACT BREAK OUT, BUT PARTICULARLY BOTH OF OUR GRANTS ARE FUNDED IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, SOME DIRECTLY TO US AND MOST THROUGH THE STATE. FOR INSTANCE, HEALTH GRANTS MAY COME THROUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE STATE WITH US AND WE CONTRACT THE STATE TO BE ABLE TO GET THOSE. BUT WE CAN GIVE YOU A MATRIX OF THOSE.

THE REASON I ASK ABOUT THAT IS THAT WE CRAFT EVERY YEAR THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AND I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU GUYS ACTUALLY GO THROUGH PARTICULAR DEPARTMENTS TO GET YOUR GRANT FUNDING, BUT IF THERE IS ANY TYPE OF HELP THAT WE COULD EXTEND WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM, I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE COORDINATED AND WE'RE ALSO THINKING ABOUT STEPPING UP OUR EFFORTS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. SO I WANTED YOU ALL TO BE AWARE OF THAT AND THINK ABOUT WITH YOUR PROGRAMS AND GRANTS THAT ARE BEING CUT THE EXTEND WHICH WE CAN HELP IN OUR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS.

DO WE WORK WITH JOHN HERNSEY CURRENTLY IN TERMS OF THOSE EFFORTS AS WELL BUT WE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO CONTINUE THAT EFFORT.

AND WE WILL GIVE YOU A BREAK OUT. IT IS PRIMARILY FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS. I KNOW WE WERE TALKING A LOT ABOUT THE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION ACTIVITIES, BUT ACTUALLY THE AREA WHERE IN SOME I THINK IS MOST CRITICAL TO US AND WE'RE MOST VULNERABLE IN TERMS OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IS THAT OVER A NUMBER OF DECADES THAT SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY AS A WHOLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE, COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AREA AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, NATIONALLY HAS BEEN PRETTY NEGLECTED IN TERMS OF RESOURCES AND THE INFUSION OF THE FEDERAL DOLLARS OR UNPREPAREDNESS HAS BEEN USED BY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND VERY MUCH SO HERE LOCAL THREE REBUILD AND ENHANCE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AS IT RELATED TO SURVEILLANCE AND IDENTIFY WHERE WE MAY HAVE POTENTIAL OUTBREAKS AND CONTAINS THOSE VERY QUICKLY. ALL I'M SAYING COUNCIL MEMBERS, IS THAT PARTICULAR FEDERAL GRANT WHICH SO FAR IS PRETTY SOLID AND SEEMS TO BE ON GOING IS REALLY CRITICAL TO US FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SUSTAIN THAT INVESTMENT. BECAUSE IT REALLY IS FUNDING CORE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IT AS RELATES TO DISEASE SURVEILLANCE.

WELL, I GUESS THE SITUATION THAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE PREPARING AGAINST IS WHAT WE DON'T LIKE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CUTTING ANY PROGRAMS. BUT TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE CUTTING PROGRAMS, THAT WE ARE NOT BEING CUT MORE

THAN OTHER CITIES OF A LIKE-SIZED POPULATION, DISEASE ISSUES IN THAT IF WE NEED TO PLAY DEFENSE ON THAT, THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT, IF IT IS MAKING A BIG CUT IN OUR BUDGET THAT WE JUST DON'T OVERLOOK THAT.

RIGHT. THANK YOU. WYNN FURTHER COMMENT, QUESTIONS FOR OUR TEAM? THANK YOU, SHANNON, MELANIE, DAVID.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: SO NEXT UP, I THINK, IS WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW. WELCOME VICTORIA AND SUE.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. I'M VICTORIA LEE, DIRECTOR OF WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW. THE DEPARTMENT IS COMPRISED OF TWO MAJOR AREAS, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND ONE-STOP SHOP, THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW. AND TWO WEEKS AGO I WAS HERE PRESENTING INFORMATION ON THE UTILITY FUND, WHICH MAINLY SUPPORTS THE WATERSHED PART. AND TODAY I'M PRESENTING INFORMATION ON ONE-STOP SHOP WHICH IS PRIMARILY FUNDED BY THE GENERAL FUND. ALMOST FOUR YEARS AGO, THE CITY LAUNCHED THE ONE-STOP SHOP FOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, PERMITTING AND ALSO INSPECTIONS. AND PRIOR TO THAT, AN APPLICANT HAD TO GO TO MULTIPLE BUILDINGS AND LOCATIONS TO VISIT WITH NUMEROUS DEPARTMENTS. BASED ON THE INPUT FROM CUSTOMERS, EMPLOYEES AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT STAKEHOLDERS, IN THE CITY COMBINED SERVICES FROM ABOUT 13 DEPARTMENTS INTO ONE LOCATION, AND TO STREAMLINE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, PERMITTING, AND ALSO INSPECTION SERVICES. ADDITIONALLY, THE ONE-STOP SHOP COORDINATES REVIEWS FROM THE COUNTY, ALSO THE STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES. AND ALSO RESPONDS TO CITIZENS REQUESTS AND QUESTIONS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION'S QUESTIONS. AND HOUSING THE ONE-STOP SHOP IN THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT ALLOWS FOR MORE SEAMLESS INTEGRATION OF WATERSHED PROTECTION REVIEW IN THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS. THE WORKLOAD OF ONE-STOP SHOP IS TREMENDOUS. WE HAVE OVER 10 MILLION HITS PER YEAR ON OUR WEB PAGE. THE PERMIT CENTER ISSUED WITH 106,000 PERMITS A YEAR, AND WE PERFORMED ABOUT 214 INSPECTIONS, BUILDING INSPECTIONS. 93% OF OUR INSPECTIONS PERFORMED WERE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF REQUESTS ON TIME, THAT IS AN IMPROVEMENT FROM 89% FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR, AND THIS YEAR WE'RE SEEING CONSISTLY ABOUT 9%. -- 96%. AND I ALSO WANTED TO MENTION THE RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT, WE PERFORM ABOUT - - WELL, 16,000 REVIEWS. 16,000 REVIEWS. THE REVENUE GENERATED BY THE ONE-STOP SHOP IS COMPRISED OF FEES PAID FOR LICENSE, INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS. DEVELOPMENT, WHICH INCLUDES SITE PLAN, SUBDIVISION REVIEW AND INSPECTION AND BUILDING SAFETY INCLUDES BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL AND BARRICADES PERMITS. OTHER REVENUE INCLUDES MONEY FROM SOURCES SUCH AS STREET'S CLOSURE FEES. AND THROUGH MARCH 2008, WE ARE SEEING A SLOW DOWN OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS, AS WELL AS RESIDENTIAL INSPECTIONS. IN

THE GRAPH, YOU CAN SEE WE PROJECT OUR TOTAL REVENUE WILL DECREASE IN FISCAL YEAR 2008. HOWEVER, OUR WORKLOAD HAS NOT DIMINISHED DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, WE ARE STILL PERFORMING WORK ON PROJECTS THAT BEGIN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IN PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS. THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING INSPECTION ACTUALLY WE HAVE SEEN A 17% INCREASE SO FAR. THE EXPENSE FOR THE ONE-STOP SHOP SUPPORTS VARIOUS FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, PERMITTING AND INSPECTION. NOW SHOWN IN THIS GRAPH IS SUPPORTED, IS OUR SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE FUND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND INSPECTION. AS CAN BE SEEN IN THIS PIE CHART, INSPECTION ACTIVITIES MAKE UP A LITTLE BIT OVER HALF OF THE '08 EXPENSE BUDGET. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW INCLUDES DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CENTER, LAND USE REVIEW, COMMERCIAL BUILDING PLAN REVIEW, RESIDENTIAL BUILDING REVIEW. THIS SLIDE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION ON THE PREVIOUS SLIDE. WE ARE PROJECTING OUR REVENUE WILL BE LOWER THAN ANTICIPATED FOR '08. CONSEQUENTLY THE '09 REVENUE IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS. WE WILL EXPEND AN EFFORT TO END THE YEAR WITH APPROXIMATELY \$738,000 LESS THAN THE BUDGET. OUR PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR '09 INCLUDE NO NEW FTEs AND ONLY EXPECTED ANNUAL INCREASE FOR, LIKE, PAY FOR PERFORMANCE AND HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE. SOME OF THE CHALLENGES ONE-STOP SHOP IS FACING INCLUDE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ADEQUATE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE, WORKFORCE ISSUES AND THE ON GOING AMANDA IMPLEMENTATION. FOR THE ADOPTED REGULATIONS, SUCH AS COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS AND MIXED USE, TRANSIT ORIENT DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS THE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE McMANSSION RULE, COMBINED WITH NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS HAVE INTRODUCED A NEW SET OF INTRICATE REVIEW STANDARDS WITH MULTIPLE REGULATORY OVERLAYS. IN ORDER TO MEET CODE PROVISIONS IN ADDITION TO AN INCREASE IN VARIANCE REQUESTS. WE ALSO TO HAVE ADDITIONAL INTERACTION WITH OUR CUSTOMERS SO WE CAN REACH AGREEMENT FOR SOME INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES. AND STAFF, AT THIS TIME, HAS BEGUN EVALUATING POSSIBLE FINANCING SOLUTIONS WHICH MAY INCLUDE IMPACT FEES FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT, AND THE COST PARTICIPATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE NEW DEVELOPMENT. AND WORKFORCE ISSUES HAVE CANNOTTED TO THE CHALLENGES ALSO, THE DEPARTMENT HAS DONE A WORKFORCE STUDY AND HAS FOUND THAT ABOUT 25% OF OUR DEPARTMENT'S WORKFORCE WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE IN FIVE YEARS AND ABOUT ONE-THIRD WILL BE ELIGIBLE IN SEVEN YEARS. AND WE ARE VERY DILIGENT IN TRAINING AND TRAINING OUR CUSTOMERS AND ALSO TRAINING THE STAFF SO THAT WE CAN RETAIN THE INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND PERSPECTIVE. AND FOR AMANDA, WHILE AMANDA REALLY INCREASED AND ENHANCED OUR OVERALL EFFICIENT SEE, BUT THERE REMAINS SOME ISSUES WITH OUR IMPLEMENTATION, SOME OF THE ISSUES SURFACED AFTER IMPLEMENTATION, SOME PROBLEMS THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN FOUND IF WE DID NOT HAVE SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE DATA BASE. TO MAKE THE QUALITY TO BE IMPROVED, SO IT TAKES A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO DO ALL THESE DATA ENTRIES. AND SINCE 93% OF OUR BUDGET IS FOR PERSONNEL, OUR CURRENT MAIN SAVINGS STRATEGY IS HOLDING SEVEN VACANCIES OPEN IN ADDITION TO RESTRICTED

OVERTIME, ELIMINATING TEMPORARY POSITIONS, AND ALL THAT. AND FOR THE COMING YEARS, OUR STRATEGY INCLUDE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO OPTIMIZE USE OF RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT, ALSO FUEL USAGE STRATEGIES SINCE THE FIELD WORK IS NECESSARY COMPONENTS OF OUR DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS. AND WE ARE DEVELOPING A LONG-TERM VACANCY MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND WE ALSO HOPE THROUGH CONTINUOUS AUTOMATION OF OUR PROCESS WE CAN REALIZE MORE EFFICIENCIES THROUGH AMANDA. SO IN SUMMARY, WE ARE SEEING THE IMPACT OF CURRENT ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT ON THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, DEVELOPMENT REVENUE IS DECLINING, HOWEVER, WE'RE NOT SEEING A DECREASE IN WORKLOAD DUE TO CHALLENGES WE JUST DISCUSSED AND ALSO THE NATURE, THE TIMING OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. OUR STRATEGY IS TO ADDRESS OUR CHALLENGE INCLUDE OUR SAVINGS PLAN IN OUR TRAINING PROGRAM, AND ALSO, I LIKE TO RECOMMEND A STUDY TO ASSESS THE ADEQUACY OF OUR FEE SCHEDULE. AND I WILL ALSO RECOMMEND TO EVALUATE THE CREATION OF A ONE-STOP SHOP ENTERPRISE FUND SO THAT ONE-STOP SHOP WOULD BE SELF SUPPORTING AND BE MORE RESPONSIVE AND MORE FLEXIBLE TO MEET OUR CUSTOMER'S NEEDS. SO THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, VICTORIA. COMMENTS? QUESTIONS FOR VICTORIA? MIKE.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: I WANT TO HEAR HOUR ABOUT YOUR STRATEGY TO CREATE A ONE-STOP SHOP ENTERPRISE FUND. HOW WOULD THAT WORK AND HOW WOULD IT CREATE A SELF-SUSTAINING REVENUE IF WE SEE A DECLINING REVENUE STREAM MOVING FORWARD.

OUR FEE SCHEDULE WAS CREATED A LONG TIME AGO, I BELIEVE ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, AND WE BELIEVE WE NEED TO REEVALUATE THE FEE SCHEDULE FIRST AND ALSO COMPARE WITH THE COST OF THE SERVICE, THE COST OF SERVICE, DOING BUSINESS ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY, COMBINED A LOT OF PARAMETERS TO DECIDE ON THE FEE SCHEDULE. THAT WILL BE SELF SUPPORTING.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: AND I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT, WHAT I WANT TO BE MINDFUL OF IS THAT I THINK IN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY, I DON'T THINK THAT THEY WOULD NECESSARILY NOT -- I DON'T THINK THAT THEY WOULD MIND RAISING THE FEES A LITTLE BIT, BUT I GUARANTEE YOU THEY ARE GOING TO ASK TO YOU RAISE THE SERVICES COMMENSURATE WITH THE FEE SCHEDULE BECAUSE WHAT THEY'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW AND WHAT I'M HEARING FROM THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW IS THAT THEY HAVE SOME VERY DIFFICULT EXPERIENCES AT ONE-STOP SHOP, AND SO IF WE'RE GOING TO START TALKING ABOUT CREATING AN ENTERPRISE FUND AND RAISING FEES, I JUST WANT US TO BE MINDFUL OF THE SERVICES THAT NEED TO COME WITH THAT AND GO ALONG WITH THAT.

YES, SIR.

JUST FOLLOW-UP ON THAT, I THINK WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THAT THE FEES BE A MORE ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE AMOUNT OF WORK IT TAKES TO PROSEAS PARTICULAR APPLICATION. AND I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT IS THE CASE RIGHT NOW AND THE FEES MAY BE TOO HIGH FOR A SMALL PROJECT AND TOO LOW FOR A LARGE PROJECT, AND THAT IS WHAT ENTERPRISE FUNDING WOULD DO, IS BRING THOSE MORE INTO LINE WITH THE ACTUAL COST OF THE SERVICE. BUT I'M WANTING TO ASK YOU ANOTHER QUESTION THAT KIND OF GOT MY ATTENTION, YOU SAID WE'RE EXPERIENCING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VARIANCE REQUESTS, AROUND I KNOW IT TAKES A LOTS OF MAN POWER TO PROCESS THOSE. AT THE SAME TIME, DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS ARE DECLINING. SO COULD YOU ELABORATE ON WHAT YOU THINK MIGHT BE -- I MEAN, YOU NORMALLY ASSOCIATE AN INCREASE IN VARIANCES WITH AN INCREASE IN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND HERE WE'RE SEEING KIND OF AN INVERSE TREND SO WHAT IS YOUR COMMENT ON THAT?

I BELIEVE IT'S BECAUSE EXTRA NEW REGULATIONS THAT WE HAVE PUT IN AND WE'RE TRYING TO IMPLEMENT AND -- LEFFINGWELL WHICH ONES?

MAYBE COMMERCIAL BUILDING STANDARDS. AND ALSO, WE WOULD SEE VARIANCE REQUEST TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, BECAUSE OF McMANSION RULES ALSO, A LOT OF TIMES IT'S JUST SINCE THESE RULES ARE NEW, WE HAVE NOT FORESEEN ALL THE POTENTIAL COMPLIANCE ISSUES. WHEN YOU IMPLEMENT A LAW, WHEN IT'S IMPLEMENTED IN THE REAL WORLD, WE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT SITUATIONS SO VARIOUS REQUESTS, REASONABLE VARIANCE REQUEST WOULD HAPPEN.

THANK YOU, THAT IS HELPFUL.

MAYOR WYNN: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS FOR VICTORIA OR SUE?

MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLEY: I HAVE ONE. I DIDN'T HEAR ALL OF YOUR COMMENT AND I MAY HAVE COVERED THIS BUT I'VE HEARD ANECDOTALLY WE'VE GOTTEN TO THE POINT WE HAVE OVERLAYS THAT COME IN OR DIFFERENT RULES WHERE YOU HAVE ELEMENTS OF ONE CONFLICTING WITH ELEMENTS OF THE OTHER. AND IS THERE ANY PLAN TO LOOK AT THE CODE AGAIN AS WHOLE ANY TIME SOON TO TRY TO GO IN AND IDENTIFY THOSE INCONSISTENCIES AND BRING THEM TO US SO WE CAN CORRECT THEM.

COUNCIL MEMBER, YES, THERE IS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED IS LOOKING AT ALL OF THE DIFFERENT VARIOUS CODES BECAUSE AS WE COME IN WITH, AS EXAMPLE, THE McMANSION ORDINANCE AND OTHERS, WE FIND THERE ARE CONFLICTS WITHIN SOME OF THEM. THEY MAY NOT BE DIRECT CONFLICTS, THEY MAY BE CONFLICTS OF INTERPRETATION, SOME ARE DIRECT CONFLICTS. ONE OF THE THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS GO BACK TO THE COMMENT AND REEMPHASIZE GREG GUERNSEY'S

PRESENTATION WHERE WE TALK ABOUT HAVING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT LOOKS AT ALL OF THE DIFFERENT ANY ORDINANCES WE HAVE BROUGHT IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS WHICH HAVE BEEN FAIRLY EXPENSIVE AND BEGIN -- EXTENSIVE AND SORT THOSE OUT IN TERMS WHAT HAVE DOES FIT AND WHAT DOESN'T FIT AND BRING THAT BACK TO YOU FOR CONVERSATION. AND THE COMMENT THAT COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL HAD, IT IMPACTS STAFF TIME AND STAFF TRAINING BECAUSE EVERY TIME WE IMPLEMENT A NEW ORDINANCE WE HAVE TO GO BACK AND TRAIN THE STAFF AND THAT TAKES TIME AND BECAUSE SOMETIMES THEY ARE NEW WE RUN INTO A QUESTION OF INTERPRETATION THAT IS NOT REALLY CLEAR. SO YES, WE ARE DEFINITELY GOING TO BE DOING THAT AND THAT IS GOING TO BE ONE OF OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES THIS YEAR.

I THINK ALL OF US REALLY ANTICIPATED SOME OF THESE ISSUES AS WE WERE APPROVING THESE BECAUSE WE HADN'T, DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO REALLY CHECK EVERYTHING OUT, SO I THINK WE WERE ASSUMING THAT WE WOULD HAVE THE TIME AND THE NUMBER OF HANDS TO GO BACK AND REVIEW AND MAKE IT MORE CONSISTENT OVER TIME. IT WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE A STATIC DOCUMENT. BUT I KNOW WITH THE DOWNTURN, YOU ARE GOING TO BE STRESSED TO DO THE THINGS YOU SHALL DOING SO I JUST HOPE THAT WE CAN FIND A STRATEGY SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO FERRET OUT THE INCONSISTENCIES AND HOPEFULLY IN THE LONG RUN MAKE THE WORK EASIER.

SHERYL?

COUNCIL MEMBER COLE: I AGREE WITH ALL THE COMMENTS SO FAR AND I GUESS I'M FOCUSING ON WHAT COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ AND LEFFINGWELL WERE TALKING ABOUT IN AN ENTERPRISE FUND. I GUESS IF THE SMALLER PROJECTS WERE LESS BURDEN SOME THAN THE SMALL PROCEDURE JECTS, MAYBE WE COULD DID -- SMALLER PROJECTS, MAYBE WE COULD DESIGNATE FEES FILED WITH THAT PARTICULAR TYPE OF PROJECT SO THE DEVELOPER GETS THE SPEED OF EXPERTISE IF THEY WANT AND WE GET THE EXTRA MANPOWER TO COVER THAT TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT.

WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOW WE'VE ADOPTED ORDINANCES OVER TIME AND THEY'VE CONFLICTED WITH EXISTING ORDINANCES, DO WE HAVE A PROCESS WHEN WE ARE DRAFTING AND ADOPTING NEW ORDINANCES THAT RUN IT IS THROUGH ALL THE EXISTING ORDINANCES?

I'M NOT AWARE THAT WE DO AND THAT IS REALLY, YOU KNOW, I THINK THE POINT THAT SUE WAS MAKING. WE WERE HAVING THIS VERY CONVERSATION IN PREPARATION FOR THIS MEETING, AND YOU KNOW, PART OF THE CONCERN WAS WHEN YOU SCAN ACROSS A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, I THINK I MADE AN ANALOGY TO A PERSON THAT IS ILL AND GOES TO THE DOCTOR AND THE DOCTOR GIVES HIM SOME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND THEY TAKE THAT AND GO BACK ON SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONS AND THEY GO BACK AND GET SUBSCRIPTIONS BUT THERE IS NEVER A COMPLETE SCAN OF ALL THE DRUG DRUGS THE PERSON IS TAKING AND TO SEE IF

THERE ARE ANY CONFLICTS. OVERTIME, IF DO YOU NOT DO THAT ASSESSMENT, YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF SICKER OR WORSE, YOU MAY DIE FROM CONSUMING ALL OF THOSE THINGS. SO WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT AT THIS POINT, GIVEN EVERYTHING THAT IS OCCURRING IN OUR CITY, TO PAUSE AND DO THAT KIND OF SCAN AND ASSESSMENT AND OBVIOUSLY THERE IS A CORRELATION BETWEEN THAT AND THE NEED TO DO THIS UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. SO SPECIFICALLY, MY INTUITION TELLS ME, NO THERE ISN'T, AND PROBABLY NOT ENOUGH TIME. I THINK THAT'S WHAT VICTORIA WAS ALLUDING TO. THEY SPEND A LOT OF TIME REALLY REACTING TO THE RATE OF ACTIVITY AND THE RATE OF CHANGE AND VARIOUS LAND USE ORDINANCES AND WHAT HAVE YOU SO NOT ENOUGH TIME TO REALLY DO THAT AND IT IMPACTS THE STAFFING LEVEL SO WE REALLY WANT TO FOCUS IN ON THAT ISSUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOOKING AT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THE BUDGE PROTOSAYS, THE AMENDMENTS WE JUST MADE TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE, I THINK IT IS GOING TO GENERATE SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FEES BECAUSE THE BILLBOARDS WILL HAVE TO BE REGISTERED BY THE SIGN COMPANY AND NOT JUST THE LAND OWNER SO I'M HOPE WE LOOK AT DIRECTING SOME OF THOSE FEES, VIA THE BUDGET, TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT AREA WE KNOW NEEDS THAT ASSISTANCE. WYNN FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? THANK YOU, VICTORIA AND SUE.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: OUR FINAL GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT IS LIBRARY. WELCOME, BRENDA, DAVID.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR WYNN, MAYOR PRO TEM.

MAYOR PRO TEM TEMDUNKERLEY, COUNCIL MEMBERS. WE HAVE A FORMAL VISION SAME, HOWEVER, I THINK THE MOST MEMORABLE OR EASY TO REMEMBER SLOGAN OR MOTTO THAT WE HAVE IS LIFE LONG LEARNING AND THAT VERY SUCCINCTLY TELLS WHAT YOU WHAT WE DO. WE OFFER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO THE MOST SENIOR MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. NOT ONLY DO WE OFFER A GREAT DIVERSITY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES BUT THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND DEVELOPING PROGRAMS THAT WIN REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ACCLAIM. AND TO GIVE YOU JUST A FEW EXAMPLES, THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY'S WIRED FOR YOUTH PROGRAM WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY FUNDED WITH A GRANT FROM THE MICHAEL AND SUSAN DELL FOUNDATION HAS WON AN EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARY SERVICES AWARD. OTHERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE CONSTANTLY ASKING BUS THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY WANT TO EMULATE IT. OUR OTHER PROGRAM HAS WON NATIONAL AWARDS AND EVEN WON THE TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AWARD. OUR SECOND CHANCE BOOKS, OUT REACH PROGRAM, HAS WON SEVERAL REGIONAL AND NATIONAL AWARDS, INCLUDING THE TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR AND WAS EVEN MENTIONED ON OPRAH'S PROGRAM. OUR SECURITY PROGRAM, WHICH IS

NOT FULLY IMPLEMENTED YET, LIBRARIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE STRUGGLING WITH SECURITY, BUT OUR PROGRAM IS SEEN BY A MODEL BY OTHER LIBRARIES AND WE'RE FIELDING A LOT OF QUESTIONS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ABOUT HOW WE SET UP OUR PROGRAM AND WHAT WE PLAN TO DO. OUR MATERIALS ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING PROGRAM, WE'VE STREAMLINED IT, WE HAVE REENGINEERED IT TO THE POINT WHERE NOW IT IS SEEN AS A MODEL PROGRAM AROUND THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO CALL US AND ASK US FOR HOW WE HAVE SET UP OUR PROGRAM. THIS IS JUST A FEW OF THE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION THAT OUR PROGRAMS HAVE RECEIVED. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF HAVE RECEIVED THESE AWARDS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY'RE WORKING WITH VERY LIMITED RESOURCES. IT'S BECAUSE OF THEIR DEDICATION TO QUALITY SERVICE AND TO CREATIVITY IN FINDING ALTERNATE SOURCES OF FUNDING AND DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS THAT HAS ENABLED THEM TO OFFER THE COMMUNITY SO MANY LEADING-EDGE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. THE LIBRARY SERVICE PRIORITIES REMAIN CONSTANT, DESPITE, REGARDLESS OF THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE. OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS ALWAYS TO KEEP THE DOORS OPEN SO THAT THE CITIZENS CAN UTILIZE THE RESOURCES THAT THE LIBRARY HAS TO OFFER. THAN MEANS HAVING ADEQUATE PUBLIC SERVICE, STAFF, HAVING ADEQUATE ADMINISTAFF AND SUPPORT STAFF. OUR SECOND PRIORITY IS TO KEEP THE FACILITIES CLEAN, SAFE AND SECURE. THIS MEANS HAVING ADEQUATE CUSTODIAL, MAINTENANCE AND STAFF STAFF. AND OUR THIRDS PRIORITY IS TO PROVIDE A DIVERSE, UP-TO-DATE, WELL-ROUNDED COLLECT OF RESOUTHERN PLAIN STATESES TO MEET COMMUNITY'S NEEDS THIS RELATES TO OUR MATERIALS COLLECTION AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES, STAFF AND SUPPLIES. THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSISTS OF 20 BRANCHES, THE JOHN HENRY FOX CENTRAL LIBRARY AND THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER. AUSTIN HAS AN ACCIDENT BRANCH SYSTEM. THE 20 BRANCHES ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED FOR EASY ACCESSIBILITY ANYWHERE IN THE COMMUNITY. OVER THE LAST FIVE BOND ELECTIONS, EVERY BRANCH HAS BEEN EXPANDED, REMODELED, OR REPLACED WITH A NEW LIBRARY. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY. AS YOU KNOW, THE RFQ WAS RELEASED IN APRIL AND EVERY DAY WE RECEIVE SUGGESTIONS THROUGH OUR WEB SITE FROM CITIZENS OF AUSTIN, TELLING US WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE OUR NEW LIBRARY TO BE LIKE. THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER IS NATIONALLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND RENOWNED FOR ITS EXCELLENCE. THE BUILDING, WHICH IS AN HISTORIC LAND MARK, HOUSES MILLIONS OF PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS THAT SERVE ASTIN'S COLLECTIVE MEMORY. WITHIN THESE 22 FACILITIES, CUSTOMERS HAVE ACCESS TO A WIDE DICE DIVERSITY OF RESOURCES AND SERVICES. SENT TO ANY LOCATION UPON REQUEST, REFERENCE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE ON-LINE, OVER THE TELEPHONE AND IN PERSON. ELECTRONIC DATA BASES AVAILABILITY IN LIBRARY, FROM HOME OR FROM YOUR OFFICE. 413 INTERNET PUBLIC COMPUTERS, STORY TIMES, PUPPET SHOWS, AND SUMMER READING PROGRAM, JUST TO MENTION A FEW. EVERY YEAR THE USE OF OUR LIBRARIES INCREASES. 3.6 MILLION ITEMS CIRCULATE ANNUALLY, WHICH IS A 5% INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. 3.5 VISITS ANNUALLY TO THE LIBRARY WHICH IS ALSO A 5% INCREASE. WE HAVE 19.7 MILLION VISITS TO THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY WEB PAGES ANNUALLY. AND 122,000 PEOPLE ATTEND 5,200 PROGRAMS

ANNUALLY, WHICH IS AN 8% INCREASE. THIS PIE CHART SHOWS YOU HOW THE LIBRARY'S BUDGET BREAKS OUT BY PROGRAM. 62% OF AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY'S BUDGET GOES PUBLIC SERVICE, THAT IS \$14.7 MILLION. AND THAT INCLUDES CIRCULATION, REFERENCE, ADULT END USE PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES, THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER, AND BILLING AND DELIVERY FUNCTIONS. 20% GOES TO SUPPORT SERVICES, THAT IS \$4.8 MILLION. WHICH INCLUDES ALL OF OUR BEHIND THE SCENES SERVICES, WHICH ARE CRITICAL TO THE DAILY OPERATION OF OUR LIKE RATHERS. ADMINISTRATION FACILITY SERVICES, FINANCE AND PURCHASING, TRAINING, ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, I.T. SUPPORT AND MARKETING COMMUNICATION. 16% OF THE BUDGET GOES TO THE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT SERVICES WHICH IS \$3.8 MILLION. AND THIS INCLUDES TERM'S ACQUISITION, CATALOGING AND PROCESSING. PROJECTED REVENUE FOR 2008 IS \$790,000. 695 OF WHICH IS FINES. WE'VE LISTED HERE A FEW OF THE LIBRARY'S CHALLENGES WE FACE. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION, THERE ARE CHALLENGES THE LIBRARY FACES THAT NEED ATTENTION IF WE ARE GOING TO SUSTAIN CURRENT LEVELS OF SERVICES AND EMPLOYEE MORAL. FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS, AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS ATTEMPTED TO RESTORE \$485,000 IN CRITICAL LINE ITEMS THAT WERE CUT DURING PREVIOUS DOWNTURNS. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL BUDGET YEAR, WE'VE PROPOSED RESTORATION OF 136,000 A YEAR FOR THREE YEARS. WITHOUT THE RESTATION OF THESE LINE ITEMS, WE BEGIN, THE LIBRARY BEGINS EVERY BUDGET YEAR UNDER BUDGETED AND WE OVERSPEND ANNUALLY IN VERY BASIC OPERATIONAL LINE, SUCH AS UTILITY COSTS, MILEAGE, OFFICE PLIES, TELEPHONE SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, HARD AREA AND SOFTWARE -- HARDWARE AND SOFT AREA SUPPLIES. THE INCREASED DEMANDS ON OUR CUSTODIAL AND MAINTENANCE AREAS HAS SEVERELY TAXED EMPLOYEES IN THESE AREAS AND THEY HAVE RESULTED IN REGULAR COMPLAINTS FROM THE STAFF ANT PUBLIC THAT THE LIBRARY FACILITIES ARE DIRTY, UNSAFE, UNSANITARY, AND UNACCEPTABLE. ON A REGULAR LISTENING TO THE WORKFORCE SURVEY, ONLY 46% OF THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF SAY THAT THEY FEEL SAFE. ITIT IS CRITICAL THAT WE BRING STAFFING IN THESE AREAS TO THAT LEVEL. APL IS VERY THINLY STAFFED. EVERY AREA OF THE LIBRARY EITHER HAS TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE WORKLOAD OR HAS ASKED US FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES WHICH WE CAN'T PROVIDE BECAUSE WE WOULD BE OVERBUDGET. IT IS A TESTIMONY TO THE DEDICATION AND THE PERSEVERANCE OF OUR STAFF THIS THEY PROVIDE THIS SERVICE BUT EACH YEAR IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN THE MORAL. OUR GOAL IS TO OBTAIN THE AVERAGE FTE PER SERVICE OUR OF THOSE THAT FALL IN OUR POPULATION CATEGORY OF 500,000 TO A MILLION, AN ADDITIONAL 14.27 FTEs WOULD BRING US TO THAT AVERAGE. THIS PAST YEAR, AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000 IN OUR BOOK BUDGET AND WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT MONEY. ON SURVEYS, AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY CUSTOMERS TELL US THE NUMBER ONE REASON THEY USE THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY IS TO CHECK OUT MATERIALS. THE MOST FREQUENT COMPLAINTS HOWEVER, THE STAFF AND I RECEIVE ON A VERY REGULAR BASIS IS WHEN CUSTOMERS COME INTO THE LIBRARY THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO FIND THE MATERIALS THEY ARE LOOKING FOR. WHEN I GO TO CIVIC EVENTSES I HEAR REGULARLY

FROM CUSTOMERS AND CITIZENS THEY NO LONGER USE THE LIBRARY BECAUSE THEY GET FRUSTRATED BECAUSE WHEN THEY GO IN THERE THEY CANNOT FIND WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR. FOR A TITLE, CUSTOMERS WAIT AN AVERAGE OF FOUR MONTHS WHEN THEY REQUEST A TITLE AND AS LONG AS NINE MONTHS. -- AS LONG AS NINE MONTHS. EVERY YEAR, 9,000 TITLES OF AUDIO BOOKS ARE PUBLISHED, AND EACH YEAR AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BUYS ONLY 15 OF THOSE 9,000 TIMES FOR EACH LOCATION, BECAUSE THAT IS HOW FAR OUR MONEY WILL GO. OUR GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE THE AVERAGE MATERIALS EXPENDITURE PER CAPITA OF OUR 65 PEER LIBRARIES WHICH IS \$5.26 PER CAPITA, AUSTIN SPENDS \$2.93 PER CAPITA WHICH PUTS US BELOW THE LOWEST QUARTILE AMONG OUR PEERS. AND FINALLY, AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS 1.8 MILLION VOLUMES IN OUR COLLECTION SYSTEM WIDE. COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE OF OUR 65 PEERS, WHICH IS 2.2 MILLION, AND OUR GOAL, IT'S 400,000 SHORT, VOLUMES SHORT, OF THE AVERAGE AND OUR GOAL IS TO CATCH UP WITH THAT AVERAGE WHICH WOULD BE ABOUT \$12 MILLION TO DO. KEEPING IN MIND THE SERVICE PRIORITIES THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER, NEXT YEAR, IF FACED CAN COST CONTAINMENT, WE WOULD OFFER TWO OPTIONS. REDUCE THE BOOK BUDGET OF \$278 MILLION AND ADJUST BRANCH HOURS AND DAYS BASED OFTEN ON AVAILABLE RESOURCES, UTILIZATION RATE AND PROXIMITY AS WE HAVE DONE SUCCESSFULLY IN THE PAST YOU WILL REMEMBER. THIS IS THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE PLAN FOR CONTAINMENT SINCE IT AFFECTS ALL AREAS EQUALLY AND NO POPULATION GROUP IS TARGETED THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE NOVEMBER 2006 BOND FOR VOTERS. THE JOY IS STILL RESONATING IN THE COMMUNITY. I CAN TELL YOU THAT AUSTIN IS WAITING ANXIOUSLY THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY. THEY ARE PLEASED WITH THE LOCATION IN THE HEART OF THE EMERGING CIVIC CULTURAL DISTRICT WHERE WE WILL BE ON SEAHOLM SUBSTATION. THEY ARE SENDING THEIR IDEAS FOR THEIR DREAMS TO THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY TO US EVERY DAY. ONCE THE ARCHITECT IS SELECTED, THE LIBRARY COMMISSION AND FOUNDATION WILL COHOST INPUT SESSIONS AT CITY HALL AND FOUR BRANCH LIBRARIES. THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION IS COMMITTED TO HELPING AUSTIN BUILD A GREAT CENTRAL LIBRARY, AND IT'S PLANNING PLANNING TWO CAMPAIGNS. ONE TO RAISE FUNDS TO ENHANCE THE BUILDING WITH FINISH UPGRADES, FURNITURE UPGRADES, ENHANCED LANDSCAPING AND SCULPTURE. WE WOULD NOT MATCH THE INTEREST THAT THE CITY HAS VERY GENEROUSLY PLACED IN A SPECIAL FUND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE INCREASED O&M COSTS OF THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY. OVER 10 YEARS IT IS PROJECTED THE LIBRARY WILL RECEIVE, AFTER 10 YEARS THAT LIBRARY WOULD RECEIVE \$1 MILLION ANNUALLY TO HELP MEET THE INCREASED OPERATIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MOVING INTO A LARGER FACILITY. IN CLOSING, THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY PROVIDES AUSTIN WITH A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO REDEFINE LIBRARY SERVICES AND TO CREATE A FACILITY AND LIBRARY SYSTEM THAT ENGAGES THE COMMUNITY AND BETTER MEETS THE INFORMATIONAL NEEDS OF OUR DIVERSE POPULATION. THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY COUPLED WITH THE DEDICATION AND CREATIVITY OF THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF MEANS THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN LOOK FORWARD TO QUALITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, SPANNING THE GENERATIONS

FOR YEARS TO COME. BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, BRENDA. YOUR SLIDE THAT SHOWS AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMPARED TO OUR PEER CITY, SLIDE NUMBER 41, OBVIOUSLY THAT IS TROUBLING FOR ALL OF US TO SEE HOW FAR BEHIND WE ARE FOR VARIOUS OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENTS WE HAVE. I WOULD BE CURIOUS TO OBTAIN THE STATS FROM THE PEER CITIES AS TO THEIR NUMBER OF BRANCHES PER CAPITA. AT SOME POINT IN THE PAST THE DECISION WAS MADE TO DECENTRALIZE OUR LIBRARY SYSTEM AND IT IS PERFECTLY PREDICTABLE THAT THE CITY WITH MORE BRANCHES PER CAPITA HAS TO SPEND MORE IN ON O&M, STAFF, AIR-CONDITION, NONLIBRARY SERVICES. I BET THE CITY WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF BRANCHES PER CAPITA HAVE THE SMALLEST NUMBER OF BOOK PER CAPITAL HAVE YOU ONE OR THE OTHER, THE PARKING LOTS AND THINGS OR BUY LIBRARY BOOKS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW THAT DYNAMIC STACKS UP TO PEER CITIES BECAUSE ' NOT UNLIKE REALLY, THE POINT I TRIED TO MAKE WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, THAT, YOU KNOW, IT CAN HAVE LONG-LASTING BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS BASED ON DECISIONS REGARDING SORT OF FACILITY, THE NUMBER OF THEM, THE TYPE OF THEM, THE SIZE THEY MIGHT BE, THE GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY SO I THINK IT MIGHT HELP US ALSO AS WE PREPARE FOR WHAT MIGHT BE, YOU KNOW, A FEW LEANER YEARS THAT DO WE OUR BEST TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAN GET THE BOAST BANG FOR SERVICE DOLLARS, ACTUALLY -- IT BREAKS MY HEART TO THINK OF THE NUMBER ONE COST CONTAINMENT MEASURE IS TO REDUCE OUR BOOK BUDGET WHEN OBVIOUSLY WE ARE BEHIND IN A MEASURABLE WAY. SO IF WE COULD, MAYBE HELP US ANALYZE HOW WE REALLY RANK COMPARED TO PEER CITIES IN THAT REGARD.

WE WILL GET THAT TO YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS FOR BRENDA? LEE.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL: I WANT TO SAY I AGREE COMPLETELY WITH WHAT YOU JUST SAID. DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE DECISION WITH REGARD TO QUALITY OVER QUANTITY OR VICE-VERSA AND I THINK WE NEED TO DO A SERIOUS REEVALUATION TO DETERMINE WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO ACHIEVE QUALITY, WHICH I PERSONALLY THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF A LIBRARY. AND AS WE, ESPECIALLY AS WE GO FORWARD TO BUILDING THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY, WHICH IS GOING TO BE SORT OF THE MOTHER SHIP FOR ALL OF THESE OTHER, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS A FIRST CLASS FACILITY, NOT JUST WITH REGARD TO THE BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUT WITH WHAT IS IN IT ALSO.

MAYOR FIRST CALL MIGHT, I APPRECIATE THE REQUEST YOU MADE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND MR. LEFFINGWELL, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE ISSUE OF SECURITY AND CLEANLINESS. BOTH OF THOSE GO TO BOTH OUR EMPLOYEES AND OUR CITIZENS THAT FREQUENT THESE LIBRARY FACILITIES. I DON'T THINK WE CAN OVERSTATE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS, AND QUITE FRANKLY WHAT OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS, IN TERMS OF

RESPONDING TO THAT ISSUE. OUR EMPLOYEES SHOULD NOT HAVE TO WORK IN UNSAFE CONDITIONS. AND THEY ARE TELLING US THEY DON'T FEEL SECURE AND SHE GAVE YOU THE STATISTICS THAT REFLECTS THAT AND NONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES, NONE OF THE 12,000, SHOULD HAVE TO WORK UNDER THOSE STICKS WHERE THEY DON'T FEEL SAFE AND THEY DON'T FEEL THAT THEY'RE WORKING IN A CLEAN AND SANITARY ENVIRONMENT. SO I JUST WANTED TO RESTATE THAT BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT AND WE NEED TO RESPOND TO THAT.

MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLEY: OVER THE LAST FEW YEAR, WE'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THE BRANCH ISSUES YOU ARE REALLY ON TARGET THERE. BUT ORIGINALLY THEY WERE NEIGHBORHOOD BRANCHES. IN THE RECENT PAST, I THOUGHT WE HAD BEEN GOING TO LARGER, MORE REGIONAL LIBRARIES, THAT MAY NOT BE TRUE, NOT THE ONES WE ARE REFURBISHING BUT THE NEW ONES. I'M NOT SURE THAT IS ACCURATE BUT THAT IS MY PERCEPTION. YOU COULD COMMENT ON THAT?

THE PLAN DOES RECOMMEND THAT IN THE FUTURE, IF WE PLAN TO BUILD ADDITIONAL BRANCHES, THAT HE THAT WE NOT OLD NEIGHBORHOOD BRANCHES ANY MORE, BUT THAT INSTEAD WE SUPPLEMENT WHAT WE HAVE WITH REGIONAL BRANCHES WHICH WOULD BE ANYWHERE FROM 15 TO 30,000 SQUARE FEET AND THAT THOSE WOULD BE SORT OF LIKE MINI CENTRAL LIBRARIES AND CAN'TERRED THROUGHOUT THE REGION SO -- AND SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE REGION SO PEOPLE COULD GO TO THAT RESOURCE LIBRARY INSTEAD OF COMING OUGHT THE WAY DOWN TO THE CENTRAL -- COMING ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY WE HAVE OF THAT TYPE.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY.

THAT IS A FUTURE PLAN.

A FUTURE PLAN.

THAT IS WHAT I WAS CURIOUS.

MAYOR WYNN: TO BUILD ON THE POINT I MADE EARLIER, I'M VERY PLEASED THIS COUNCIL OR THE PREVIOUS ONE OR TWO, PART OF THAT DYNAMIC AS WE TALK ABOUT THE NEED FOR A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY WE DIDN'T WANT TO CANNIBALIZE THE VERY SKINNY DOLLARS WHEN IT COMES TO MAINTAINING THE CLEANLINESS, SAFETY OF OUR BRANCHES, AND SO THAT WAS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE DECISION WHERE THE CITY TOOK THE \$10 MILLION IN ESSENTIALLY NETS ONE TIME CAPITAL GAINS OFF THE SALE OF BLOCK 21 AND INSTINET ASIDE INTO AN ENDOWMENT SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY, CENTRAL LIBRARY, BECAUSE I THINK WE MADE THE ESTIMATE THAT THE NEWER, BIGGER, NICER CENTRAL LIBRARY COULD ADD AS MUCH AS 600 TO \$700,000 OF INCREMENTAL A&M

TO MAINTAIN AND STAFF THAT ONE SO THE CONCEPT WITH THAT ENDOWMENT WAS WITH THE 10 NEWS INITIAL SEED ENDOWMENT BY THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD BE ANNUAL PROCEEDS AND WITH THE HELP FROM OUR PARTNERS THE AT FOUNDATION WE CAN SUPPLEMENT AND WITH A LARGER, NICER CENTRAL LIBRARY, NOT CANNIBALIZING IN ANYWAY AND HOPEFULLY SUPPLEMENT THE O&MS FOR OUR CENTRAL LIBRARY. WE FOLLOW THROUGH THAT DYNAMIC CAREFULLY AND IT WAS THE DECISION OF COUNCIL NOT TO SPEND THOSE PROCEEDS PROCEEDS PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF BLOCK 21 AND ENDOW THE CENTRAL LIBRARY'S A&M.

MAYOR, I AGREE WITH YOU AND ANOTHER THING THAT IS SIGNIFICANT, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANY LIBRARY SUPPORT GROUPS HAVE EVER MADE DONATIONS TO SUPPORT O&M. SO I THINK THAT'S REALLY SIGNIFICANT, THEY'VE ALWAYS MADE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CAPITAL, FOR BOOK ACQUISITIONS OR CAPITAL THINGS, I THINK SO THEY SAW OUR WISDOM AS WELL SO I WANTED TO REALLY THANK THEM FOR DOING THAT.

MAYOR.

MAYOR WYNN: YES.

AND CHANGE ISSUE -- AND I THINK THAT THE ISSUE WITH THE SAFETY WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE PREVIOUS BUDGET SESSIONS IF WE COULD START COMBINING PUBLIC FACILITIES SUCH AS HOUSING WITH POLICE SUBSTATIONS WITH BRANCH LIBRARIES, YOU KNOW, WE CAN SAVE ON DUPLICATING LAND COSTS. MY SUSPICIOUS IS YOU HAVE A BUDGE WHET IT COMES TO BRANCH LIBRARIES AND YOU GO GET YOUR OWN LAND, YOU GET YOUR OWN DEVELOPMENTS, YOU HIRE YOUR OWN ENGINEER, SIDE WORK AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING 100% OF THE COST OF EVERYTHING ASSOCIATED WITH THAT, WHEREAS IF WE CAN CONSOLIDATE DIFFERENT PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INCLUDE MAYBE PUBLIC HOUSING WE COULD START WITH OUR LAND USE POLICIES AND SHARING COST WITH DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT'S BUDGETS.

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

JUST ONE LAST QUESTION, GOING BACK TO THE SECURITY ISSUE, DO WE HAVE ANY FACILITIES THAT HAVE ON SITE PERSONAL ACT AS SECURITY OFFICERS?

WE HAVE 13 NOW. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEAR, YOU'VE VERY GENRUSSELY ADDED TO OUR SECURITY FORCE, THAT IS 13 FOR 23 FACILITIES SO WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO.

CAN YOU BREAK DOWN THE RESPONDDANTS OF THE SURVEY FROM FACILITY TO FACILITY, THOSE THAT HAVE SECURITY OFFICERS AND THOSE THAT DON'T?

I DON'T THINK SO. AND THE ONLY PLACE THAT HAS STATIONARY SECURITY GUARDS WHO ARE THERE THE ENTIRE TIME THE FACILITY OPEN IS THE CENTRAL LIBRARY COMPLEX. THE

BRANCHES SHARE THE REMINDER OF THE SECURITY GUARDS SO THEY ROVE. THEY ARE STATIONED AT VARIOUS BRANCHES BUT THEY TRAVEL AROUND BETWEEN THE BRANCHES CONSTANTLY.

BUT THEY'VE ALL GOT THAT METAL DETECTOR THING, RIGHT?

NO, THEY HAVE A SECURITY --

WHAT IS THAT THING YOU WALK THROUGH?

THAT IS THEY HAVE DETECTION SYSTEM, PREVENTS OUR MATERIALS FROMMING STOLEN.

I HAVE ONE LAST QUESTION. I KNOW THE CENTRAL LIBRARY IS LIKE THE CROWN JEWEL OF OUR LIBRARY SYSTEM BUT WHAT I DON'T RECALL IS THE AMOUNT IT WAS TOTAL ESTIMATED TO COST AND HOW MUCH WE HAD IN THE BOND PACKAGE AND HOW MUCH WE ARE EXPECTING TO BE RAISED.

\$90 MILLION IS WHAT WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS FOR 170,000 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY, FINISHED OUT COMPLETELY, PLUS AN 80,000 ADDITIONAL SQUARE FOOT, WHICH WOULD BE A SHELL NOT FINISHED OUT. THAT IS GUARANTEES THE COMMUNE THREE GET AN ADDITIONAL 80,000 SQUARE FEET IN ANOTHER BOND ELECTION, FINISH OUT. THE MONEY THE BOND ESELECTION RAISING IS FOR ENHANCEMENTS, FOR ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS, EQUIPMENT, UPGRADES TO FURNISHING, UPGRADES TO FURNITURE, ENHANCED LANDSCAPING, ART, ADDITIONAL ART AND SCULPTURE AND THAT SORT OF THING. THEY DON'T HAVE A TARGET YET. THEY HAVEN'T SET IT YET. THEY'RE WORKING ON THAT GOAL RIGHT NOW. THEY ARE GOING TO HIRE A CONSULTANT WHO WILL DO THE FEASIBILITY STUDY IN THE COMMUNITY BEFORE THEY SET THAT GOAL.

AND COUNCIL MEMBER COLE, THAT 90 MILLION WOULD PROVIDE 170,000 FINISHED OUT, AS BRENDA SAID, 80,000 NOT FINISHED AND THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE WE RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC WORKS IS TO FINISH OUT THAT ADDITIONAL 80,000 SQUARE FEET WOULD COST ANOTHER \$30 MILLION.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? CITY MANAGER, YOU WANT TO MAKE SOME CLOSING REMARKS OR TELL US WHAT IS NEXT.

THAT DOES CONCLUDE THE PRESENTATIONS WE HAVE FOR YOU TODAY. LESLIE WANTS TO COME BACK AND SPEAK WITH COUNCIL ABOUT NEXT STEPS, OF COURSE, THE FOURTH OF FIVE BUDGET SESSIONS SO WE HAVE ONE MORE TO DO WITH YOU AND LESSLY IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

HERE BEFORE YOU, WE HAVE A SLIDE THAT RECAPS OUR BUDGET TIME LINES, OF COURSE, HERE WE ARE TODAY, IT ACTUALLY SAYS THE 28th, IT SHOULD SAY THE 21st ON THE FINAL

GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT BRIEFINGS. WE WOULD COME BACK TO YOU ON JUNE 4 FOR WRAP UP AND FINAL DISCUSSION BEFORE WE GO OFF AND PREPARE THE BUDGET ITSELF AND COME BACK TO YOU IN LATE JULY TO DELIVER THE PROPOSED BUDGET. COULD YOU FLIP TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS IS PRIMARILY FOR THE VIEWING PUBLIC, JUST WANTED TO REITERATE WHAT THE CITY MANAGER SAID AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PRESENTATION. THE PUBLIC CAN GO AND LOOK AT THE ANSWERS TO ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT WE PROVIDE DURING THE PROCESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL, AND THEN THERE IS ALSO AN AREA FOR THE PUBLIC TO ACTUALLY ASK QUESTIONS IF THEY WISH TO. YOU CAN USE THIS LINK HERE OR YOU CAN ACTUALLY GO TO THE HOME PAGE AND ON THE GREEN BAR TO THE LEFT THERE IS A BUDGET ICON, CLICK ON THAT AND YOU WILL BE EASILY ABLE TO GET TO THE Q&A THERE AS WELL SO WITH THAT, THANK YOU.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER FINAL QUESTIONS? IF NOT THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

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