

Closed Caption Log, Council Meeting, 6/5/08

Note: Since these log files are derived from the Closed Captions created during the Channel 6 live cablecasts, there are occasional spelling and grammatical errors. **These Closed Caption logs are not official records of Council Meetings and cannot be relied on for official purposes.** For official minutes, please contact the City Clerk at 974-2210.

GOOD MORNING, I'M AUSTIN MAYOR WILL WYNN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME BACK FATHER ISIDORE, PASTOR, ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH WHO WILL LEAD US IN OUR INVOCATION. PLEASE RISE.

EVERY TIME I USE MY [INDISCERNIBLE] I FIRST WONDER AND MAKE SURE THAT IT'S WORKING. PASTOR WAS CHECKING WHETHER THE MIC WAS WORKING, HE TAPPED ON IT AND SAID SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS MICROPHONE. EVERYBODY RESPONDED, AND ALSO WITH YOU. [LAUGHTER] SO I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS WORKING. I'M HONORED TO BE BACK TO LEAD THE INVOCATION. THE LAST TIME I LED THE INVOCATION YOU ALL WERE IN THE LCRA BUILDING IN WEST AUSTIN, ON THE WEST SIDE. SO I'M GLAD TO BE BACK. IT'S GOOD TO MEET, SEE AGAIN, THE LAST ONE WE WERE AT WHERE SOME OF YOU WERE AT SAINT IGNATIUS FOR THE ACCOUNTABILITY SESSION WITH AUSTIN INTERFAITH CONGREGATIONS, FOR THE THANKSGIVING SESSION, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH OUR ISSUES. LET US PRAY. GOD, OUR CREATOR, THANK YOU FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN FOR OUR CITY LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO MAKING AUSTIN AMONG THE MOST ATTRACTIVE CITIES IN THE NATION, TO LIVE AND WORK, PROVIDING SECURITY AND SAFETY FOR ITS CITIZENS. BLESS THEM, LORD, AND ALL WHO ENJOY OR REPLACE THEM. MAY THEY EXERCISE THEIR AUTHORITY WITH UTMOST HUMANITY, CARE AND COMMITMENT. KNOWING THE PEOPLE YOU ENTRUSTED TO THEM IT IS YOU WHOM THEY SERVE AND YOU TO WHOM THEY WILL BE ACCOUNTABLY. WILL THEY AVOID ANY TEMPTATIONS TO SELFISH INTERESTS, IN ALL OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS, MAY THEY BE GUIDED BY YOUR WISDOM. IN YOUR NAME, WE PRAY. AMEN. 7.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, FATHER. THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT AT THIS TIME I WILL CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, JUNE 5th, 2008, APPROXIMATELY 10:25 A.M., HERE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 301 WEST SECOND STREET. BEFORE I WALK THROUGH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS MORNING, COUNCIL, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF THERE ARE ANY MEMBERS WHO MAY KNOW OF UPCOMING ITEMS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE

TO ANNOUNCE TO THE PUBLIC. FUTURE ITEMS, COUNCILMEMBER COLE?

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE WALLER CREEK INLET AND OUTLET THREE D STRUCTURES ARE BEING SET UP AS WE SPEAK OUT IN THE FOYER. SO GO OUT AND TAKE A LOOK AT THEM.

ANY FURTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCIL? UPCOMING, COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

Martinez: MAYOR, I BELIEVE TODAY AT SOME POINTS WE'RE GOING TO GET AN UPDATE FROM -- FROM A GROUP THAT CREATED AN ARTIST'S MASTER PLAN IN THE FUTURE I THINK THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE CITY MANAGER TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING AN ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE CITY. I THINK THAT WE HAVE A WORLD CLASS ARTS COMMUNITY AND I JUST WOULD LIKE US TO SEE WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE. WHETHER OR NOT IT IS FEASIBLE FOR US TO DO THAT. I KNOW THAT WE ARE IN A DIFFICULT BUDGET YEAR, SO IT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR, BUT AT LEAST WE CAN START LOOKING INTO IT. MORE THAN LIKELY WHAT WE WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ON THE 18th FOR THAT.

WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. MAYOR PRO TEM?

TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE DISABILITY ORDINANCE WILL BE POSTPONED ONE WEEK BECAUSE OUR -- TWO WEEKS I GUESS, MY LAST MEETING IS THE 18th. WE HAVE FOUND A VARIANCE REQUIREMENT TODAY SO WE WILL DO THAT. BUT AT THE SAME TIME I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT SEVERAL OF THE VISITABILITY ITEMS WILL BE PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CODE. THEY ARE VERY SIMPLE CHANGES. PROBABLY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT IS ABOUT \$200. THE TWO MOST CONTENTIOUS ITEMS, THAT IS THE NO STEP ENTRANCE TO A HOME AND ALL OF THE DOORS ON THE FIRST FLOOR BE 30 INCHES WIDELY BE REFERRED BACK TO THE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING TO SEE IF THEY CAN COME UP WITH A VOLUNTARY INCENTIVIZED APPROACH TO THEM. IT'S NOT THAT WE ARE BACKING OFF BUT WE ARE TRYING TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER WAY TO GET BETTER COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE THINGS. THANK YOU, WE WON'T HEAR THAT TODAY.

THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM. ANY FURTHER POTENTIAL FUTURE COUNCIL ITEMS? THANK YOU ALL. HEARING NONE, I WILL READ OUR CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S POSTED AGENDA. THEY ARE ... NOTING THAT ON ITEM 46 COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL IS AN ADDITIONAL SPONSOR. AND WE SHOULD NOTE ON ITEM 71, THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION IS TO GRANT VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING V OR 5 DISTRICT. ALSO NOTE THAT MAYOR PRO TEM TALKED ABOUT ITEM NO. 77, ALSO ITEM 72 AND 73, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ALL WILL BE REQUESTED BY STAFF TO BE POSTPONED TO JUNE 18th, 2008. TECHNICALLY THOSE ARE POSTED ON TODAY'S COUNCIL AGENDA FOR A 6:00 P.M. TIME CERTAIN. AND SO TECHNICALLY WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE UP THE POSTPONEMENT,

VOTE FOR THOSE THREE ITEMS UNTIL AFTER 6:00 P.M. TODAY. BUT NOTE THAT STAFF IS REQUESTING, I SUSPECT STRONGLY SUSPECT COUNCIL OBLIGED AND POSTPONE ITEMS 72, 73, 77 UNTIL OUR NEXT MEETING, WHICH IS TWO WEEKS FROM NOW, JUNE 18th, 2008. OTHERWISE OUR SCHEDULE TODAY, AFTER WE GO THROUGH OUR CONSENT AGENDA THIS MORNING, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BRIEFING ON THE WALLER CREEK PROJECT. YOU HEARD COLE TALK ABOUT THE INTAKE AND EXITING STRUCTURES AND THE DESIGNS ARE BEING SET UP SO FOLKS CAN GIVE US FEEDBACK ON THAT, WE WILL GET A STAFF BRIEFING ON THE LARGER PROJECT ITSELF THIS MORNING PRIOR TO LUNCH. AT NOON WE BREAK FOR GENERAL CITIZENS COMMUNICATION. AS COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ POINTED OUT, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A PRESENTATION, SOME DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE CREATE AUSTIN CULTURAL MASTER PLAN. WE HAD POSTED THAT TO HAPPEN ANY TIME AFTER 2:00. I'LL SUGGEST NOW THAT THAT PRESENTATION LIKELY WILL HAPPEN A LITTLE BIT LATER, PROBABLY AROUND 3:30 BECAUSE THEN AT 4:00 WE WILL TAKE UP OUR ZONING MATTERS. 5:30, LIKE USUAL WE BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, MIKE AND IKE ARE OUR MUSICIANS TODAY, STAY TUNED. THEN BEGINNING SOMETIME AFTER 6:00 P.M., WE TAKE UP OUR PUBLIC HEARING NOTING THAT ITEMS 72, 73, 77 LIKELY WILL BE POSTPONED TO JUNE 18th, 2008. COUNCIL, SO FAR NO ITEMS HAVE BEEN PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA. SO BEFORE -- BEFORE I PROPOSE ONE, ANY ITEMS TO BE POTENTIALLY PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA THIS MORNING? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. THEN I WILL PROVIDE -- HEARING NONE, THEN I WILL PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA NUMERICALLY. IT WILL BE TO IMPROVE ITEM NO. 1 OUR MINUTES TO -- TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 1 OUR MINUTES TO OUR LAST MEETING, FROM AUSTIN ENERGY APPROVING ITEMS 2, 3, 4, AND 5. FROM OUR CITY CLERK'S OFFICE APPROVING ITEM NO. 6, TECHNICALITY OF CALLING THE JUNE 14th RUNOFF ELECTION REGARDING ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES. FROM OUR CONTRACT LAND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT APPROVING ITEMS 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, AND 14. FROM OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES, APPROVING ITEMS 15 AND 16. FROM OUR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, APPROVING ITEMS 17 AND 18. FROM OUR MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT APPROVING ITEM NO. 19, WHICH IS JUST A -- JUST A CLARIFICATION AMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE. AGAIN, JUST A REMINDER, OUR NEXT MEETING WILL NOT BE THURSDAY, JUNE 19th. INSTEAD WE WILL MEET THE DAY BEFORE, WEDNESDAY JUNE 18th IN ORDER FOR A LOT OF US TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS ON THE 19th. SO AGAIN OUR NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18th. FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT APPROVING ITEM 20. FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT APPROVING ITEM 21. FROM OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT, APPROVING ITEM 22. FROM OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 23, AND 24. FROM OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, APPROVING ITEM 25 AND 26. FROM OUR PURCHASING OFFICE APPROVING ITEMS 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, AND 41. FROM OUR WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT, APPROVING ITEMS 42 AND 43. ITEM 44 WILL BE OUR NOMINATIONS FOR OUR BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. THOSE ARE FOR THE RECORD TO OUR AUSTIN COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSION, CHIP ROSENTHAL IS COUNCILMEMBER KIM'S NOMINATION. TO OUR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS, NORA SALINAS IS COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ'S NOMINATION. TO THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER ADVISORY BOARD, SYLVIA ROSCO IS COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ'S NOMINATION. AND TO OUR URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY, CHRISTINA DE LAFUENTE VALADEZ IS MY APPOINTMENT. WE WILL ALSO BE APPROVING ITEM NO. 45, 46 PER CHANGES AND CORRECTION 47 AND 28. WE WILL BE SETTING THE -- 47 AND 48. WE WILL BE SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS BY APPROVING ITEMS 49, 50, 51, AND 52. I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THAT PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA.

SO MOVE.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? ACTUALLY BEFORE WE GO TO THE COUNCIL COMMENTS, WE DO HAVE A HANDFUL OF CITIZENS WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US SOME TESTIMONY. WITHOUT OBJECTION ... LET'S SEE. I THINK ON ITEM NO. 40, GUS PENA IS HERE TO GIVE US SOME TESTIMONY.

ITEM 40 RELATED TO OUR CONTRACT WITH MEALS ON WHEELS. WELCOME BACK, MR. PENA.

MAYOR, THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER GUS PENA. ITEM NO. 40 IS A VERY ESSENTIAL ITEM AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU ARE AUTHORIZING A -- A 36-MONTH REQUIREMENT TO HELP OUT SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE MEALS ON WHEELS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING. I KNOW YOU ALL KNOW A LOT OF SENIOR CITIZENS AS WELL AS I DO. BUT I WORK A LOT WITH KIDS AND SENIORS. A LOT OF OUR SENIORS CANNOT AFFORD TO PURCHASE VEGETABLES, TO PURCHASE FRUITS TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. MEALS ON WHEELS PROVIDES A LOT OF NECESSARY ESSENTIAL HEALTHY FOOD, SO I HAVE -- LUNCH OR SOMETIMES THEY SAVE IT FOR SUPPER. I THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR PROVIDING THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THIS. I SEE CHIEF EVANS OVER THERE. I WANT TO TELL YOU ALL THIS MAN HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF THE YOUTH OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND SOME INITIATIVES. I HOPE THAT I DON'T EMBARRASS YOU CHIEF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. IT'S WELL RECEIVED AND THANK YOU FOR THE YOUTH BECAUSE YOU DESERVE THANKS FOR WHAT YOU DID. ANYWAY, SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES ARE ALSO EXPERIENCING CATASTROPHIC CUTS. LAST DECEMBER WHEN I MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL, NOT THIS COUNCIL, BUT THE OTHER COUNCIL THAT HAS THE FUNDING MECHANISM TOGETHER CUT A LOT OF FUNDING FOR NEEDY SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES. THE NEEDY, THE HAVENOTS HAVENOTS. I TELL YOU SOMETHING, THIS IS NOT AN AFFORDABLE CITY. YOU CAN WORD IT, A LOT OF PEOPLE WANT TO KEEP IT AFFORDABLE, A LOT OF CITIZENS CAN BARELY MAKE THEIR RENT OR MUCH LESS PURCHASE GAS FOR THE VEHICLES. I WILL CUT IT SHORT. FAMILY ELDER CARE NEEDS FANS FOR THEIR ELDERLY FAN DRIVE TO KEEP THEIR SENIORS AND THE POOR IN REASONABLY GOOD CONDITION. WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONING, YOU KNOW, CATASTROPHIC HEALTH HAZARDS CAN OCCUR.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

THANK YOU, MR. PENA. ON ITEM NO. 51, JEFF JACK WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. THIS TECHNICALLY IS THE SETTING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ZACH SCOTT THEATER PROJECT. WELCOME, MR. JACK.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, I'M JEFF JACK, PRESIDENT OF THE ZILKER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, ALSO ON THE TOWN LAKE OVERLAY TASK FORCE AND I'M HERE TODAY NOT -- TO ASK YOU TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING INTO THE FUTURE BECAUSE OF TWO REASONS. ONE, THE ZILKER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS VMU APPLICATION, THAT IS POSTPONED TO AUGUST 12th. AND THAT WILL CERTAINLY IMPACT WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH REGARD TO THIS AREA OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS IS BARTON SPRINGS ROAD. THIS IS LAMAR. ZACHARY SCOTT IS THE WHITE DOT. AND IN THIS PARTICULAR ORDINANCE IT'S CRAFTED IN SUCH A FASHION TO IMPACT THE FUTURE OF ZACHARY SCOTT. SO WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRECEDENT THAT WOULD CREATE. WE WILL NOTE TO YOU THESE OTHER PROJECTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR COMPLETED. THE BRIDGES AT 60 FEET, THE PHOENIX PROJECT, THE OLD BINSWANGER SITE, BARTON PLACE, 60 FEET WITH SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY VALUE. THE MOBILE MANOR SITE 60 FEET, JOHN WOOLLY'S PROJECT AT 60 FEET. WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO MAINTAIN THAT ZONING IN THIS AREA OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THE PINK DOTS ARE THREE PROJECTS THAT WE KNOW THAT ARE COMING DOWN ON THE TRAIL. BOBBY NAILS AND HIS PROJECT LEFT THE TACO CABANA SITE OPEN LOOKING TO BUILD SOMETHING THERE IN THE FUTURE. THE EXISTING ON SCHLOTSKY'S SITE IS A POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE FUTURE. WAN FU IS POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITE IN THE FUTURE. THIS ALONG WITH THE ZACHARY SCOTT IS GOING TO IMPACT WHAT THE DEVELOPERS EVENTUALLY ASK FOR. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU NOT ONLY TO DELAY IT UNTIL WE HAVE DONE OUR VMU. AS A MEMBER OF THE WATERFRONT OVERLAY TASK FORCE, SINCE THIS IS SUCH A CRITICAL PART OF THE WATERFRONT THAT WE ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT THE WATERFRONT OVERLAY TASK FORCE IS GOING TO COME UP IN REGARD TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHANGING ANYTHING. WE WILL POINT OUT TO YOU THAT THE ZACHARY SCOTT THEATER SITE IS ON PARKLAND. IT'S ZONED P. IT DOESN'T HAVE A DESIGNATED TYPE. SO THIS ORDINANCE ALLOWS 33% INCREASE IN THE ZONING WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH A CONDITIONAL USE PROCESS. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD WAIT LET US FINISH OUR VMU APPLICATION, THE WATERFRONT OVERLAY LET THEM DO ITS JOB, COME BACK TO THIS ISSUE, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE ZACH SCOTT. YOU MAY WANT TO PULL THAT OUT. IF THERE ARE OTHER PLACES IN THE CITY THAT HAVE THE SAME SITUATION [INDISCERNIBLE] BUT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE WE ASK YOU TO POSTPONE THAT UNTIL WE FINISH UP WORK WITH THE VMU AND THE WATERFRONT OVERLAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. JACK. AGAIN, COUNCIL, ITEM NO. 51 THAT MR. JACK IS REFERRING TO THIS IS SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS -- THIS WITH ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL DISCUSSION. THE PROPOSAL FROM THE SUGGESTED DATE AND TIME FOR

STAFF IS OUR NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY JUNE 18th AT 6:00 P.M. CURRENTLY IT'S ON THE -
- IT'S -- MAYOR PRO TEM?

Dunkerly: I WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT ON ITEM ON NUMBER 46, IF I COULD.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. I GUESS I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE AFTER MR. JACK'S PRESENTATION, AGAIN, ITEM NO. 51 SETTING THAT PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NEXT MEETING IS STILL ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NOT AN OBJECTION TO THAT. MAYOR PRO TEM?

Dunkerly: I JUST WANTED TO CALL ATTENTION TO THIS ITEM CO-SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBERS LEE LEFFINGWELL AND SHERYL COLE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ITEM REALLY IS TO LOOK AT OUR DOWNTOWN AREA. WHEN WE HAD A BUDGET HEARING RECENTLY, HOTEL/MOTEL TAX RESULTING FROM OUR CONVENTION ACTIVITIES, HOTEL ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA, CERTAINLY THE ONLY BRIGHT SPOT IN OUR REVENUE PICTURE. AS WE LOOKED AT THIS, THOUGHT ABOUT THIS, WENT IN AND LOOKED AT THE AREA IN OUR HISTORIC DOWNTOWN AREA ABOUT THE THINGS THAT WE COULD CONSIDER AT THIS TIME. THIS PROPOSAL REALLY FALLS INTO THREE ELEMENTS. ONE IS DEALING WITH THE HERITAGE AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS. THIS YEAR IN THE SUMMER, IN FACT, THE -- THE SUZANNA DICK KIN SON HOUSE WILL START ITS RENOVATION, RIGHT -- ON BRUSH SQUARE NEAR THE CONVENTION CENTER AND HILTON HOTELS, ET CETERA, THAT WILL BE A BIG STEP FORWARD. BUT THERE ARE OTHER HERITAGE BUILDINGS IN THAT AREA THAT ARE BOARDED UP. THEY REALLY ARE NOT VERY SAFE AND NOT IMPRESSIVE TO NOT ONLY OUR RESIDENTS BUT VISITORS TO THE TOWN MUCH ONE OF THE THINGS THIS WILL BE REQUESTING IS A CONDITIONAL REPORT AND NEXT BOND ELECTION COST ESTIMATES ON THE RENOVATION AND RESTORATION OF THOSE HISTORIC BUILDINGS. THE SECOND PART IS HISTORIC PARKS, PALM PARK, WATERLOO, THREE HISTORIC SQUARES. HERE WE ARE LOOKING FOR A MASTER PLAN. WE HAVE A LOT OF GROUPS WORKING ON THESE PARKS YET THEY ARE ALL PARALYZED BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PLAN IS. BUT THEY ARE SET AND READY TO BEGIN PRIVATE FUNDRAISING ONCE WE HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE TO HELP FUND SOME OF THE HISTORIC ELEMENTS THAT WOULD GO IN THOSE PARKS. BY THE WAY, ON THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS, THE HISTORIC LANDMARK, THE HERITAGE SOCIETY HAS PLEDGED \$100,000 DESIGNATED \$100,000 TOWARD THE CASTLEMAN BULL HOUSE RESTORATION, THE ACVB HAS PLEDGED TO WORK WITH THE HERITAGE SOCIETY TO DEVOTE PART OF THEIR HISTORIC PRESERVATION DOLLARS EACH YEAR TO THOSE BUILDINGS. AND THEN DEFINING WALKABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY TO ALL OF THESE INTERCONNECTED PIECES. THAT'S THE PART I DON'T QUITE HAVE IN PLACE YET. IT IS A VERY CRITICAL ELEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE WOOLDRIDGE PARK IT'S TOTALLY INACCESSIBLE TO ME BECAUSE I HAVE A BAD ANKLE AND I CAN'T GET DOWN THOSE HILLS. THERE ARE OTHER PARKS THAT DON'T HAVE SIDEWALKS, THAT DON'T HAVE SIGNAGE THAT WILL TELL THE STORY OF THESE PARKS AS THEY GO FROM PLACE TO PLACE. SO THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. I'M SORRY IF I TOOK A LITTLE TIME TO EXPLAIN IT. BUT I WANTED THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THIS IS REALLY AN IMPORTANT ENDEAVOR. ANYTHING THAT THE PRIVATE

SECTOR AND PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTS IN THIS AREA IS RETURNING MANY FOLD TO US TO HELP US SUPPORT OUR ARTS PROGRAMS AND OTHER THINGS IN OUR CITY, OUR CONVENTIONS THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY THE HOTEL-MOTEL TAX.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM. EXCUSE ME, COUNCIL, WE ALSO I JUST REALIZED ON ITEM NO. 44 WHERE WE HAD AMONG OTHER THINGS APPOINTED SYLVIA ROSCOE TO OUR MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER TO THE ADVISORY BOARD, SHE SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK ON THAT ITEM, SYLVIA, WELCOME. REMEMBER YOUR NOMINATION IS JUST ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, WE HAVEN'T APPROVED IT YET. BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAW [LAUGHTER]

THANK YOU. I CAME TO SAY LOT OF GOOD THING. I WANTED TO THANK COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COURSE THE MAYOR AND ALL OF YOU HOPEFULLY FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND THIS APPOINTMENT AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM ALL OF THESE YEARS AND THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER AND THE ARTS IN AUSTIN. I WANT TO EXPRESS THAT I WILL WORK VERY HARD AND COMMITTED AND ALSO GET MANY OTHER PEOPLE TO WORK AND CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MEXIC-ARTE THAT WILL BE LOCATED THERE A FIRST CLASS INSTITUTION, A PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY, A PLACE FOR LEARNING ABOUT MEXICAN AND MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURE, A PLACE OF DIGNITY AND PRIDE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. ON THE 23rd WE WILL INAUGURATE AN EXHIBITION CALLED THE REVIVAL OF THE AZTEC AND MAYAN CULTURE ALONG WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KINDS OF EXHIBITS THAT WE WILL CONTINUE DOING AT MEXIC-ARTE AND AT THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER WE WILL DO MANY, MANY COLLABORATIONS. I SEE THE FUTURE WITH THE CREATE AUSTIN MASTER PLAN, A GREATER CITY FOR MAJOR INSTITUTIONS, GREAT ARTISTS AND A VIBRANT QUALITY OF LIFE. I AND MANY, MANY PEOPLE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOU TO -- TO MAKE AUSTIN A WONDERFUL CITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. ROSECO FOR SERVING. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? COUNCILMEMBER COLE?

Cole: YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO BRING ATTENTION TO ITEM NO. 46. AND SAY THAT THIS IS JUST AN EFFORT TO TRY AND BRING OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY BACK DOWNTOWN, INCLUDING OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, AND REENERGIZE OUR OPEN SPACES. WE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR THE CONSTRAINTS ON OUR BUDGET, BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT TOURISM IS UP IN THE 12% OR ABOVE DOUBLE DIGITS. AND THAT WE HAVE TO PROTECT THAT INVESTMENT. THIS IS LOOKING AT A PROTECTION OF THAT INVESTMENT NOT JUST FOR THE SHORT RUN BUT ALSO FOR THE LONG RUN. IT IS ALSO AN AREA WHERE THE COMMUTER RAIL WILL STOP. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THERE IS SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO HAPPEN WHERE THE COMMUTER RAIL STOPS AND THE TOURISM BEGINS.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER OF THE FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA?

COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

THIS IS ON ITEM 38 THE QUESTION FOR STAFF AND MAYBE JUST A LEADING QUESTION OR COMMENTS. WE HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSION BACK AND FORTH ON E-MAIL ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THIS CAR WASHING CONTRACT WAS IN COMPLIANCE AND WOULD BE COMPLIANCE WITH PHASE 2 RESTRICTIONS WHEN THEY GO INTO PLACE, WE ARE ALL SATISFIED THAT THEY WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE. THEN THE QUESTION AROSE, DO WE CONSIDER WHEN WE AWARD CITY CONTRACTS, THE FACT THAT A CERTAIN APPLICANT MAY GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENERGY AND WATER CONSERVATION AND IF NOT CAN WE CONSIDER THAT IN THE FUTURE?

Mayor Wynn: THAT'S A QUESTION FOR OUR UTILITY. WELCOME, MR. SLUSHER?

ING THAT YOU, MAYOR, THANK YOU COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL. YES, COUNCILMEMBER, WE DO CONSIDER THAT -- MR. JOHNSON MIGHT WANT TO COME UP AND ADDRESS THIS QUESTION AS WELL BECAUSE I KNOW THAT HE'S JUST HIRED SOMEONE TO HELP DEAL WITH THE SITUATION LIKE THIS. SOMETHING ABOUT BECOMING -- FROM ONE DEPARTMENT, FOR THIS BOB'S WATER BUT MIGHT NOT COME BEFORE THE WATER UTILITY. SO HE'S HIRED A GREEN BUYER WHO WILL LOOK AT THESE THINGS ACROSS THE BOARD, I THINK THAT YOU WILL SEE THAT BACK ON THE ITEMS COMING BEFORE YOU.

THANK YOU ALL.

THANK YOU.

FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? I GUESS I HAVE A COUPLE. I WANT TO POINT OUT ITEM NO. 2, AUSTIN ENERGY IS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING, ESSENTIALLY MOVING SOME FUNDS OPERATIONALLY INTO OUR CONTINUED EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS. WE ESSENTIALLY, DOING A VERY GOOD JOB PROMOTING WHAT IS A VERY SOUND BUSINESS PRACTICES, THAT IS ASKING OUR CUSTOMERS, OUR ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS TO CONSERVE ELECTRICITY, PARTICULARLY AT PEAK TIME. WHAT ALLOWS US TO DO IS TO NOT HAVE TO BUY VERY EXPENSIVE ELECTRICITY IN THE OPEN MARKET FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES OR HOURS IN THE AFTERNOON AND/OR LONG TERM AND NOT HAVE TO BUILD VERY EXPENSIVE AGAIN ADDITIONAL GENERATION. IT PUTS PRESSURE ON US TO RAISE RATES FOR EVERYBODY. BY HAVING MORE FOLKS BEING AWARE OF ENERGY CONSERVATION, PARTICULARLY PEAK DEMAND, THEN WE ARE ABLE TO KEEP RATES LOW FOR EVERYBODY ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS AND THE CITY. SO PARTICULARLY WITH THE VERY AGGRESSIVE SOLAR REBATE PROGRAM, BUT ALSO WEATHERIZATION ISSUES FOR HOMES, WE ARE ENABLING AUSTIN ENERGY TO CONTINUE TO DELIVER ELECTRICITY TO ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING METRO ECONOMIES AND POPULATIONS IN THE COUNTRY WITHOUT HAVING TO BUILD ADDITIONAL GENERATION, KUDOS TO THEM. SOMEWHAT RELATED TO THAT, ITEM NO. 5, OFFICE DEPOT IS BUILDING THE COUNTRY'S FIRST LEAD CERTIFIED BIG BOX. I KNOW THERE'S -- NOT EVERYBODY IS

PLEASED WITH THE CONCEPT OF BIG BOX RETAILING, IT'S WITH US, GOING TO BE WITH US FOR A LONG TIME. OFFICE DEPOT NOW HAS A NATIONAL PROGRAM THROUGH THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL. ALL OF THEIR STORES ARE BUILDING PREAPPROVED FOR LEED CERTIFICATION, THEIR VERY FIRST ONE, THEY CHOSE AUSTIN, TEXAS TO BE THE FIRST OF THEIR NEW LINE OF NATIONALLY CERTIFIED GREEN BUILDING AS A PART OF THAT AUSTIN ENERGY AS WE DO WITH ANYBODY, COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL, WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN THE SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF OF THAT -- OF THAT STORE ON ANDERSON LANE. LASTLY, I SEE MY FRIEND LOU EARL HERE. ITEM NO. 18 WE ARE ACCEPTING A 30,000 GRANT I THINK WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF THAT BEING SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER IN THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO OUR FITNESS PROGRAM. I ALSO SEE SHERRI BAILEY HERE IN THE FRONT ROW. I DON'T KNOW IF LOU IS PREPARED TO SAY ANYTHING. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF HE WOULD COME UP AND GIVE US A QUICK SUMMARY AS TO THE WORK OF HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE MAYOR'S FITNESS COUNCIL THAT WE FORMED THREE AND A HALF YEARS AGO, SPECIFICALLY TO HELP CONNECT THE DOTS IN THIS COMMUNITY ABOUT THE -- THE ONE THING THAT WE CAN DO ABOUT THE COST OF HEALTH CARE, BOTH FROM A COMMUNITY STANDPOINT BUT SPECIFICALLY WITH CITY OPERATIONALLY IS HAVE OUR CITIZENRY BE MORE FIT, BECOME MORE AWARE OF NUTRITION AND BECOME MORE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE AND THROUGH THE MAYOR'S FITNESS COUNCIL WE STARTED WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN. SHERRI BAILEY HAS BEEN HELPING TO COORDINATE THE CITY'S P.E. PROGRAM. WELL OVER A THOUSAND CITY EMPLOYEES HAVE GONE THROUGH OUR PARTICIPATION WITH THE FITNESS COUNCIL. AS PART OF THAT, WE NOW HAVE FIVE OR SIX OTHER MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN TOWN WHO HAVE DONE THE SAME THING, GATHERING A DATA BASE. WITH THAT WE ARE GOING TO ULTIMATELY ROLL-OUT THE AUSTIN FITNESS INDEX, WHEREBY WE CAN DEMONSTRATE AND CONNECT THOSE DOTS. WHAT IT COSTS FOR HEALTH CARE FOR EMPLOYEES IN THIS REGION AND THEN HOW WE CAN REDUCE THAT COST. SO -- SO MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE HAVE APPLIED FOR THIS GRANT, STATE-WIDE GRANT THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LOU SORT OF TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND THEN HOW WE'RE GOING TO SPEND THESE DOLLARS TO HOPEFULLY RAISE MORE AWARENESS, GET MORE -- REDUCE PRESSURE ON THE COST OF HEALTH CARE BY HAVING OUR CITIZENRY BE HEALTHY. LOU, WELCOME.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WOULD SAY THAT YOU HAVE A PRETTY GOOD HANDLE ON IT. THE -- THE GRANT THAT WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED IS OVERALL \$100,000. THE FIRST PHASE OF THAT GRANT IS \$30,000. PRIMARILY, FOCUSED ON TAKING OUR AUSTIN FITNESS INDEX TO A SCALABLE TOOL AND THIS INDEX IS CRUCIAL. IT'S A SUBSET OF THE CDC'S, BRFSS SURVEY, WHICH IS 100 PLUS QUESTION SURVEY DONE BY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, TYPICALLY BIANNUALLY DONE HERE IN AUSTIN FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THIS INDEX IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT'S VERY SIMPLE, STANDARDIZED, ALLOWS US TO ACTUALLY GO OUT AND MEASURE AND PROVIDE A COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT IN ORGANIZATION ACROSS AUSTIN. AND IT IS THE BASIS FOR -- FOR WHAT WE CALL THE MAYOR'S FITNESS COUNCIL

PARTNER CERTIFICATION. WHICH IS THE PRIMARY PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION THE E THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON. WE HAVE CERTIFIED SEVEN ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY IN AUSTIN DURING THE PILOT. TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF SOME OF THOSE, THE -- THE CITY OF AUSTIN OF COURSE IS ONE OF THEM, ONE. FIRST ONES THAT WE HAVE CERTIFIED. [INDISCERNIBLE] TACO, THE LARGEST TACO BELL. ECKHARDT, SETON FAMILY OF HOSPITAL, SILICON LABS, UNITED WAY CURRENTLY CERTIFIED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM. IT BASICALLY REQUIRES THE ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT THE SURVEY IN THEIR EMPLOYEE BASE TO IMPLEMENT WHAT WE CALL EVIDENCE BASED INITIATIVES IN THEIR ORGANIZATION THAT ARE FOCUSED ON HEALTHY DIET, NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND THEN AT A LATER DATE, 12 TO 18 MONTHS, DO ANOTHER SURVEY TO INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAVE BEEN IMPROVEMENT IN THESE AREAS. OBVIOUSLY, A PILOT OF -- THEN ASSUMES THAT WE WILL DO A GENERAL ROLLOUT. THAT IS PLANNED IN EARLY 2009. OUR TARGET IS 100 ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY. FOCUSING ON 25% OF THOSE WILL BE FAITH BASED, SO THIS IS NOT A PROGRAM JUST SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON CORPORATE ORGANIZATIONS BUT ALSO ANY AFTER PHYSICAL THERAPY TEE GROUP OR ORGANIZATION WHERE WE CAN HAVE A REAL SUSTAINABLY IMPACT ON CHANGING THE BEHAVIORS OF THOSE MEMBERS. THIS IS THE FIRST OF A WHOLE SET OF INITIATIVES THAT WE PLAN THROUGH THE LATTER PART OF 2008 AND INTO 2009, INCLUDING WORKING WITH THE MAYOR TO TAKE THIS PROGRAM OUT TO THE CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE, TO ESTABLISH AUSTIN AS I THINK RIGHTFULLY SO ONE OF THE LEADERS IN THIS NATION AND FOCUSING ON HEALTH AND FITNESS OF ITS COMMUNITY IN A REAL WAY, IN AN EXECUTABLE WAY. THAT CAN BE REPLICATED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. LAST YEAR WE CONDUCTED A FIT CITY SUMMIT WHERE THE MAYOR HOSTED THIS AND WE BROUGHT IN A NUMBER OF OTHER CITIES WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED COUNCILS OR WENT TO -- OR WANT TO, THAT'S WHAT THIS STATE GRANT IS ALL ABOUT. IT'S ABOUT TRYING TO FOCUS OTHER CITIES IN TEXAS ON ESTABLISHING FITNESS COUNCILS THAT CAN BE EFFECTIVE AND IMPLEMENT A REAL BEHAVIOR CHANGE FOR ALL PARTS OF OUR SOCIETY TO IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH AND NUTRITION AND THEIR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. WE ALSO FOCUS ON -- ON TOBACCO USE AND OBESITY. SO -- SO THIS IS THE GRANT, THE \$30,000 IS FOR THE FRONT END WORK ON THE AFI, THE AUSTIN FITNESS INDEX. AND THE BACK END 70,000 IS TO TAKE THE COUNCIL TO A LEVEL, MARKET THIS PROGRAM, GET IT IN, GET IT OUT INTO THE GENERAL MARKETPLACE. ALSO TO HELP US TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLY STRUCTURE FOR THE MAYOR'S FITNESS COUNCIL TODAY. I THINK AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ABOUT 25 TO 30 VOLUNTEER MEMBERS, WE HAVE NO FUNDING, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST REAL FUNDING OTHER THAN SOME SUPPORT WHICH WE HAVE GOTTEN THANKFULLY FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT THROUGH STEPS FOR HEALTHIER AUSTIN. WE ARE LOOKING VERY HARD AT A -- AT ESTABLISHING A STRUCTURE PROBABLY, A HYBRID MODELED AFTER THE KEEP AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL STRUCTURE, WHICH WILL BE COMING BACK TO YOU AND TALKING TO YOU MORE ABOUT AS WE UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAN ULTIMATELY CREATE A -- A FINANCIALLY STABLE STRUCTURE THAT WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY US INTO THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. SO I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OTHER

QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE ANY, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, QUESTIONS FOR LOU, COUNCIL? THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK, LOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE APPRECIATE IT.

ALL RIGHT. AGAIN, A LITTLE FURTHER JUST TO CONNECT THESE DOTS ONCE AGAIN, SO -- SO SHERRI AND STAFF CAN -- CAN DEMONSTRATE TO US THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH OUR P.E. PROGRAM, PRETTY SIMPLE, BECOMING AWARE OF NUTRITION, GETTING PHYSICALLY ACTIVE, TRYING TO AVOID RISKY BEHAVIOR, MOSTLY TOBACCO, WE CAN SHOW HOW WE AS A CITY SPEND LESS MONEY ON HEALTH CARE ON THOSE SPECIFIC CITY EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE PROGRAM. MAYBE EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY ARE HEALTHIER, PROBABLY MORE PRODUCTIVE IN THE WORKPLACE, DARE I SAY HAPPIER, DOING BETTER. THE SIMPLE MATH IS THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN SPENDS ABOUT \$7,000 PER EMPLOYEE ON BENEFITS MOSTLY HEALTH RELATED. BENCHMARKS PRETTY WELL. THAT'S \$80 MILLION A YEAR. \$80 MILLION A YEAR TAX MONEY IS SPENT ON THE HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS OF OUR EMPLOYEES. SO HAVING OUR EMPLOYEES BE MORE FIT IS MEASURABLE -- marginally really can save millions of dollars of tax money while at the same time general more importantly having a healthier workforce, happier, doing better, more productive, less sick time. IN ADDITION TO OUR P.E. PROGRAM, SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CITY MANAGER. I KNOW THERE WERE A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL PILOT PROJECTS OUT THERE. I KNOW OUR H.R. DEPARTMENT IS ALWAYS PRESSING TRYING TO FIND THOSE PRODUCTS. BUT IT -- I REALLY THINK WITH THE RIGHT SERIES OF -- OF INCENTIVES OUT THERE FOR THE WORKFORCE, FLEX TIME, BERT JOB WITH VENDING AT LOCAL CITY FACILITIES, I THINK THAT WE COULD HAVE A VERY POSITIVE AFFECT ON OUR BOTTOM LINE, AGAIN A VERY POSITIVE AFFECT ON JUST -- JUST WORKFORCE IN GENERAL. ANOTHER PIECE OF -- PROJECTS AND PILOTS TO HAVE A HEALTHIER, HAPPIER WORKFORCE AND DEMONSTRATE THAT TO THE LARGER METRO ECONOMY, COMMUNITIES, REALLY HAVE AN IMPACT ON COST OF HEALTH CARE IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS. AGAIN A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-067897 TO 0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

COUNCIL. THAT TAKES US TO OUR MORNING BRIEFING. WE WILL ALLOW A MINUTE OR SO FOR FOLKS TO -- THAT NEED TO CLEAR THE ROOM. I APPRECIATE YOU ALL TAKING YOUR CONVERSATIONS OUT INTO THE FOYER. OUR MORNING BRIEFING WILL BE REGARDING THE

WALLER CREEK PROJECT.

WELCOME, JOE.

GOOD MORNING MAYOR AND COUNCIL, JOE PANTALAIN, TODAY WE WILL BE GIVING YOU AN UPDATE ON THE THE WALLER CREEK PROJECT. OUR GOAL TODAY IS TO REVIEW WITH YOU THE MOST RECENT DESIGN CONCEPTS FOR THE SURFACE ELEMENTS OF THE TUNNEL PROJECT. THIS WILL BE THE BULK OF THE PRESENTATION, THEN UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND THEN TAKE QUESTIONS. AS A REMINDER, THE TUNNEL WILL START AT WATERLOO PARK JUST NORTH OF 12th STREET. AND RUN PARALLEL TO THE CREEK WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SABINE STREET AND THEN FOLLOW THE CREEK OUT AND DISCHARGE AT LADY BIRD LAKE. IT IS GOING TO BE 22 FEET IN DIAMETER ON AVERAGE AND IT WILL BE 60 TO 70 FEET UNDERGROUND. SO THE MAJORITY OF THE WORK ON THIS TUNNEL WILL BE UNDERGROUND AND NOT VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. HOWEVER, THERE ARE FOUR LOCATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TUNNEL PROJECT THAT WILL BE VERY VISIBLE. THESE ARE THE SURFACE ELEMENTS THE PROJECT, THE OUTLET AT LADY BIRD LAKE, TWO CREEKSIDE TUNNEL INLETS AND THE PRIMARY INLET AT WATERLOO PARK. WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT TODAY THE DEVICE SCHEMATICS AND RENDERING FOR THESE PROJECT ELEMENTS. WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE SEEING TODAY IS A PRODUCT OF A YEAR-LONG PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS. COUNCIL, YOU APPOINTED A 15 MEMBER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE GROUP MEETING MONTHLY FOR THE LAST YEAR. THEY HAVE HELPED HOLD TWO PUBLIC WORKS SHOPS THAT DREW 300 PEOPLE YOU'LL WHEN HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY WANTED TO SEE HAPPEN AT EACH OF THESE LOCATIONS. IN ADDITION TO THAT, STAFF HAVE MET WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND HELD 30 MEETINGS WITH DIFFERENT INTERESTS, UP AND DOWN THE CREEK. AND ALL OF THAT INFORMATION ALSO WAS BROUGHT BACK TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE HAS REVIEWED THE RENDERINGS AND SCHEMATICS AND HAVE PASSED A RESOLUTION SUGGESTING AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE PROJECT TEAM GO FORWARD WITH THE DESIGN ELEMENTS OF THIS PROJECT. SO LET'S START WITH THE OUTLET AT LADY BIRD LAKE AND WORK OUR WAY UPSTREAM. THE BASIC DESIGN PARAMETERS OF THE OUTLET MUST CONSIDER ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS, PARK USE AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. OBVIOUSLY THE OUTLET OF THE TUNNEL MUST SAFELY CONVEY THE FLOOD WATERS OUT OF THE TUNNEL INTO LADY BIRD LAKE. WE NEED TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR MAINTENANCE FOR THIS DRAINAGE FACILITY AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE ARE WORKING WITHIN A PARK SETTING WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SENSITIVE TO THE PARK USE IN THAT AREA. AT THE SITE OF THE OUTLET THERE IS AN EXISTING BUILDING, ACTUALLY TWO BUILDINGS TO A ROWING CLUB OFFICE AND A BOAT HOUSE FOR THE ROWING CLUB THAT NEED TO BE RELOCATED SLIGHTLY WEST. IN ADDITION, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SENSITIVE TO THE TRAIL USERS AND ALSO TO THE NATURAL CHARACTER OF THE SHORELINE. NOW, THIS IS THE ORIGINAL OUTLET CONCEPT DEVELOPED IN 2001. AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE IS AN AMPHITHEATER, A ON FLOATING STAGE AND A -- PRETTY LARGE WALK-WAY WITH SOME PRETTY LARGE CONCRETE FOOTINGS THAT -- THAT SUPPORT THE BRIDGE. ALL OF THIS WAS BASED ON AGAIN SOME ORIGINAL

CONCEPTS DEVELOPED BACK IN 2001. NOW, IN GENERAL, WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC PROCESS AND WHAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FINALLY LANDED ON WAS THE FACT THAT THEY WANTED ALL OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE TUNNEL, WHETHER IT BE THE OUTLET OR THE INLET TO BLEND IN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDINGS AT EACH OF THESE SITES. SO WITH THAT, HERE IS THE NEW AND IMPROVED VERSION OF THE OUTLET RENDERING. AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS IS MUCH MORE MODEST FACILITY. THE SPILL WAY AND OUTFALL CHANNEL ARE MUCH MORE MODEST. THE WALKWAY THAT EXTENDED ACROSS THE OUTLET IS NO LONGER THERE. THE AMPHITHEATER AND FLOATING STAGE HAVE BEEN REMOVED PER THE DIRECTION GIVEN FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL. AND THAT ALLOWS US TO -- TO RECREATE A MUCH MORE NATURAL LAGOON TYPE OF SETTING THAT WILL ACTUALLY HAVE WETLAND PLANTINGS WITHIN THIS LAGOON ON THE BACK SIDE. AND LASTLY, MAINTENANCE ACCESS ROAD WILL STILL BE NEEDED THAT WILL ENTER THE BACK OF THE FACILITY. ONE OF THE KEY THINGS HERE, TOO, IS THAT SOME OF THE HARD EDGES OF THE OUTLET FACILITY HAVE BEEN SUNKEN BELOW THE WATER'S LINE. SO WILL NOT BE VISIBLE. IN ESSENCE REALLY AGAIN FOLLOWING THE ADVICE OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC IS TO REALLY MAKE THESE FACILITIES BLEND IN TO THEIR ENVIRONMENT. IN REGARDS TO THE OUTLET FACILITY, IT HAS MOVED FARTHER AWAY FROM WALLER CREEK, WHICH ALLOWS FOR MORE PROTECTION OF SOME OF THE EXISTING HABITAT ITEMS THAT HAVE FORMED OVER TIME AT THE MOUTH OF WALLER CREEK. OF COURSE THE STRUCTURE IS OBVIOUSLY MORE SOFTENED, LESS IMPOSING, DOES MAINTAIN THE NATURAL SHORELINE. THE OUTLET WAS ALSO SKEWED IN A WAY TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE TWO MAJOR LIVE OAK TREES AT THE SITE WHICH KINDS OF KIND OF A TREMENDOUS DOING GIVEN THE FACT THAT YOU HAD TO HAVE YOUR HYDRAULIC CAPACITY BUILT IN, BUT SHAPE THE OUTLET IN A WAY TO AVOID THOSE TREES. IN REGARDS TO THE ROWING CLUB FACILITIES, THE ROWING CLUB AND THE PARKS STAFF WERE WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH IN TERMS OF NEGOTIATING HOW BEST TO -- TO RELOCATE THEIR FACILITY. THE CLUBHOUSE FINISHED FLOOR WILL NOW BE PLACED HIGHER ON A TWO STORY BUILDING WHEREAS BEFORE THE ROWING CLUB HAD TWO BUILDINGS, ONE AN OFFICE BUILDING AND THE OTHER A BOAT HOUSE. WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS WE'VE RELOCATED THIS FACILITY OUTSIDE OF THE 100-FOOT TOWN LAKE SETBACK. BUT ALSO PUT THEM ON TOP OF EACH OTHER SUCH THAT THE CLUBHOUSE IS NOW ABOVE THE 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN. SO THE BOATS WILL BE STORED BELOW WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN BUT PEOPLE DON'T MIND IF THE BOATS GET TOO WET. THEN LASTLY WE WILL BE PROVIDING NEW AND IMPROVED DOCKS AND PIERS WITH ALLOW FOR DEEPER LAUNCHING POINTS. ALL OF THIS IS BEING DONE AS PART OF OUR MITIGATION FOR USING PARKLAND FOR OUR DRAINAGE FACILITY. ANY NEW TRAILS THAT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AROUND THE OUTLET WILL BE A.D.A. COMPLIANT. THE FINAL LOCATIONS OF THESE TRAILS WILL ACTUALLY NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL WE GET INTO FINAL DESIGN. BASED ON THOSE DETERMINATIONS AT THAT TIME WE WILL ALSO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT A NEW OR UPGRADED BRIDGE CROSSING ACROSS WALLER CREEK WILL BE REQUIRED. THERE ARE ALSO OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW OBSERVATION POINT AND OVERLOOK POINTS OVERLOOKING THE OUTLET. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING SIGNAGE THAT MAY

DESCRIBE THE WORKINGS OF THE OUTLET OR MAYBE A DESCRIPTION OF A FLORA AND FAUNA ASSOCIATED WITH THE OUTLET. THERE WILL ALSO BE A PUBLIC RESTROOM, A NEW PUBLIC RESTROOM ON THE TRAIL SIDE OF THE ROWING BUILDING THAT WILL BE PART OF THAT SINGLE BUILDING STRUCTURE. LET'S MOVE UPSTREAM TO THE CREEKSIDE TUNNEL OUTLETS. THE ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE IS THAT THESE INLETS NEED TO DRAW OFF WATER FROM THE CREEK, REALLY FOCUSING ON CAPTURING THE WATER THAT FALLS BELOW THE PRIMARY INLET. THE RAINFALL THAT FALLS BELOW 12th STREET THAT WILL STILL GET INTO THE CREEK AND RAISE THE FLOODPLAIN ELEVATIONS. BUT THESE -- WHAT THESE INLETS DO IS SIPHON THAT WATER OFF AT TWO LOCATIONS AND ALSO SCREEN THE DEBRIS AND LITTER THAT WOULD BE WATCHED INTO THE CREEK BY THAT RUNOFF. IN ESSENCE WE ARE ABLE TO MAINTAIN MORE OF A CONSTANT LEVEL CREEK DURING THE COURSE OF A STORM. OF COURSE, WHERE WE BUILD THESE INLETS WILL NEED TO BE SENSITIVE TO -- TO THE CREEK BANK LOCATIONS SINCE THEY WILL BE BUILT WITHIN THE STREAM CHANNEL. WE WILL NEED TO LOOK AT HOW TO LEAVE BEHIND A STABILIZED CREEK BANK AND OF COURSE RESTORING IT WITH NATURAL HABITAT AND VEGETATION. FINALLY, BECAUSE THESE FACILITIES WILL ABUTT PRIVATE PROPERTY, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT, ONE, THAT WE HAVE PUBLIC ACCESS ALONG THE PUBLIC LAND, BUT ALSO THAT WE'RE INTEGRATING AND TAKING THE INFORMATION FROM THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS TO DETERMINE THE INTERFACE BETWEEN THAT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AREA. THE TWO INLETS, THE FIRST IS LOCATED BETWEEN FOURTH AND FIFTH STREET. THE SECOND BETWEEN 8th AND 9th STREET. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THESE -- THESE INLET LOCATIONS WERE SELECTED BASED ON NOT ONLY HYDRAULICS AND LAND AVAILABILITY BUT ALSO GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESTORE SOME PRETTY DEGRADED SECTIONS OF THE CREEK. AND HAVE -- HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESTORE THE NATURAL CHARACTER TO THESE AREAS. ON THE BOTTOM LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE SLIDE YOU WILL SEE A PHOTO OF THE FOURTH TO FIFTH STREET AREA THAT HAS JUST BEEN SEVERELY ERODED. SOME BEAUTIFUL LARGE TREES ARE ABOUT TO FALL IN THE CREEK IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING IN TERMS OF BANK STABILIZATION. ON THE TOP RIGHT YOU SEE SOME STAIRS LEADING TO NOWHERE TO THE CREEK. AND AS YOU CAN TELL THEY'VE BEEN UNDERMINED BY PAST FLOODS. AGAIN THIS IS AN AREA THAT ONE OF THE INLETS WILL BE LOCATED AND YOU WILL SEE THE RENDERING HERE IN JUST A SECOND. THIS IS A CROSS-SECTION OF ONE OF THE TUNNEL INLETS. WHAT YOU SEE HERE IS A NORMAL PULL, SO THERE WILL BE A CONSTANT FLOW OF WATER IN THE CREEK DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE WILL BE PUMPS AT THE INLET AT WATERLOO PARK PUMPING WATER OUT OF THE CREEK AND FLOWING DOWN THE CREEK. SO YOU WILL HAVE A CONSTANT FLOW OF WATER DOWN WALLER CREEK. DURING A STORM, THE WATER WILL BEGIN TO RISE AND WE ARE PROPOSING RIGHT NOW A FLOOD BENCH, A VEGETATIVE FLOOD BENCH THAT WILL ACT AS A WETLAND. THE INLET WORKS BY THE FACT THAT THE WATER WILL RISE AND WILL OVER TOP A SUBMERGED WEIR THAT WILL BE BUILT UNDER ONE OF THE SIDES OF THE BANK. SO IT WILL BE BEGIN INVISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC EYE. BUT THIS IS WHERE THE WATER WILL FLOW OVER AND INTO THE CREEK, CAPTURE POINT AND BE TAKEN STRAIGHT DOWN TO THE TUNNEL AND AN INTERMEDIATE SHAFT. HERE IS THE RENDERING FOR ONE OF THE TUNNEL

INLETS. YOU CAN SEE THERE'S A HEAVY EMPHASIS MAKING THIS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE LIKE A NATURAL STREAM THAT WE WOULD SEE IN AN UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF AUSTIN. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON RESTORING THE NATURAL CHARACTER OF THE CREEK AND THE USE OF NATIVE PLANTS AND MATERIALS AND IN FACT SIMULATING NATURAL LIMESTONE THERE ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE SLIDE. WE DO HAVE STARTING A WALLER CREEK MASTER PLAN THAT WILL HELP GIVE US GUIDE DANCE ON THE PUBLIC ACCESS, ACCESS POINTS WHETHER TO THE CREEK OR UP ABOVE, THAT INTERFACE WITH THE PUBLIC PROPERTY UP ABOVE THIS PUBLIC PROJECT WILL OCCUR. THAT PROJECT WILL BE STARTING LATER THIS SUMMER. SHOULD WRAP UP IN TIME TO GIVE US SOME VERY CONCISE INFORMATION AND DIRECTION AS WE MOVE FORWARD FOR -- WITH THE DESIGN NEXT YEAR. THE DIRECTION GIVEN TO US BY THE PUBLIC, COUNCIL, SHOULD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE RESTORE THE CHANNEL, IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND PROMOTE ACCESS AND REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES. THERE'S THE SENSE THAT THIS CONCEPT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITH THIS RENDERING. ALL RIGHT, FINALLY, LET'S MOVE TO THE INLET, THE MOST UPSTREAM POINT OF THE PROJECT. THE INLET IS LOCATED IN WATERLOO PARK AND THE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE INLET WERE MUCH LIKE THE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE OUTLET. WITH ONE KEY EXCEPTION, THAT EXCEPTION BEING THAT THERE NEEDED TO BE -- TO BE A LOT OF ATTENTION GIVEN TO PRESERVING AS MUCH OF THE PARK AS A VENUE FOR ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES. THERE ARE A LOT OF FESTIVALS AND EVENTS THAT OCCUR AT WATERLOO PARK. AND SO UNLIKE THE INLETS, UNLIKE THE OUTLET AT LADY BIRD LAKE, THIS WAS A SPECIAL CONCERN AND CONSIDERATION FOR US. BUT AGAIN THE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT WE DID NOT IMPACT THE PARK USE AND THAT WE NEEDED TO PROTECT EXISTING TREES AND PROTECT THE EXISTING WATER QUALITY, BUT IT WAS QUITE SIMILAR TO THE OTHER FACILITIES. AGAIN THIS IS THE ORIGINAL INLET CONCEPT FROM 2001. YOU CAN SEE THAT THE DEBRIS HANDLING AND SCREENING FACILITY RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THE SCREEN HAS A PITCHED ROOF. IT'S PUSHED INTO SOMEWHAT THE MIDDLE OF THE PARK. THERE'S A ROADWAY WHERE IT WAS ANTICIPATED TRUCKS WOULD DRIVE THROUGH THE ROADWAY, BE FILLED WITH -- WITH BRANCHES AND OTHER DEBRIS THAT MIGHT FLOW DOWN THE CREEK DURING A HEAVY, HEAVY STORM, THEN GO ACROSS AND THE ROADWAY ACTUALLY CREATING THE UPSTREAM DAM THAT WOULD CREATE THAT LAKE AND ACTUALLY BEHIND THERE AS WELL. ON THE FAR RIGHT OF THE SLIDE YOU WILL SEE A -- THE EDGE OF A NEW BUILDING WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN THE PUMP STATION. THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE PUMPING CAPACITY TO PULL WATER OUT OF THE TUNNEL INTO THE WET POND AS USING THE WET POND AS AN AMENITY, BUT ALSO THOSE SAME PUMPS WOULD FEED THE CREEK PROPER AND ALLOW FOR THAT CONSTANT BASE FLOW DOWN THE CREEK. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

WE WERE ABLE TO SUBMERGE A IF PORTION OF THE BUILDING INTO THE HILLSIDE WHICH AGAIN MINIMIZES THE AMOUNT OF THE STRUCTURE THAT'S ABOVE GROUND AND REDUCES THE ELEVATION THAT'S VISIBLE AND EXPOSED. THE IN-CHANNEL DAM NOW HAS A REDUCED FOOTPRINT. AGAIN, I MENTIONED THAT WATER WILL BE RECIRCULATED -- AND ACTUALLY IN

THIS CASE IT WILL BE RECIRCULATED TO THE TOP OF THE PARK, UP TO 15TH STREET, SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE WATER FLOWING THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE ENTIRE PARK. AND THAT WATER WILL ALSO SERVE ANOTHER PURPOSE THAT WE'LL SEE IN A SECOND. HERE IS ANOTHER RENDERING LOOKING NORTH FROM 12STH AND RED RIVER STREET. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CHANGED AS WELL, WHICH WAS VERY CRITICAL IN PRESERVING ANOTHER VENUE SPACE IS THE FACT THAT NOW THE ROOF LINE OF THIS BUILDING IS FLAT. AND AS SUCH, IT'S GOING TO BE DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, SO WHAT YOU ESSENTIALLY HAVE IS KIND OF A HARD DECK PLAZA UP ABOVE. AND ACTUALLY THERE'S A LITTLE PERSON UP THERE IF YOU CAN SEE THEM.

IS THAT A DIVING BOARD, JOE? [LAUGHTER]

WELL, THAT PERSON WOULD BE ABLE TO WALK ALL THE WAY ON TOP OF THE BUILDING FOOTPRINT, SO ESSENTIALLY WHEREAS THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT HAD A PITCHED ROOF THAT ESSENTIALLY TOOK THAT LAND AREA WITHIN THE PARK OUT OF THE PARK USE. NOW WE HAVE A BUILDING THAT HAS A SMALLER FOOTPRINT, BUT EVEN THE FOOTPRINT, THE ROOF IS AND CONTINUES TO BE A PARK AREA AND A NEW VENUE SPACE AND IT WILL AN HARD VENUE SPACE, AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE PARK STAFF AND OTHERS WANTED TO SEE TO BE ABLE TO SET UP BOOTHS AND TENTS AND WHAT HAVE YOU FOR SOME OF THESE FESTIVALS. AS I SAID NOW, THIS NEW CONCEPT DOES PRESERVE OBVIOUSLY MORE EVENT AREA, ALONG WITH THE NEW TRAILS WE'LL HAVE AN ENHANCED BIKEWAY. ALSO YOU'LL SEE SOME OF THE TRAILS ARE WIDE TO ALLOW FOR EVENT DELIVERY VEHICLE ACCESS, AND THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT THE PARD STAFF WAS VERY EEGTORY HAVE. IN THE PAST THESE TRUCKS HAVE DRIVEN ANYWHERE ON THE PARK BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE THAT ACCESS. AND IT JUST LED TO A LOT OF THE TURF BEING TORN UP AND ESPECIALLY IN OUR MOTOR SUMMERS A LOT OF DUST BEING GENERATED. NORTHWARD TO THE SCENIC OVERLOOKS AND THE WATER FEATURES, ONE OF THE KEY THINGS IS THAT AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM WILL BE PROVIDED MUCH LIKE ZILKER PARK WHEREBY THIS PARK NOW WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN SOME LEVEL OF TURF AND MAKE THE PARK EXPERIENCE MUCH MORE PLEASANT AS OPPOSED TO SOME OF THE PAST FESTIVALS THAT HAVE ONLY BEEN LIMITED TO ONE DAY DUE TO THE FEAR THAT A TWO-DAY EVENT WOULD JUST TEAR UP THE PARK AND MAKE THE PARK UNYOUTUBE FOR A WEEK OR TWO. MAKE THE PARK UNUSABLE FOR A WEEK OR TWO. QUICKLY WE HAVE THREE-DIMENSIONAL MODELS THAT HAVE BEEN USED TO SIMULATE WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN IN THESE RENDERINGS. I THINK THEY BRING THE DRAWINGS TO LIFE. THEY ARE BEING DELIVERED AS WE SPEAK. THEY WILL NUMBER THE LOBBY OF CITY HALL FOR TWO WEEK. WE'RE HOPING THE PUBLIC COMES OUT TO LOOK AT THESE AND GIVE COMMENTS ON THEM. THIS IS IN PREPARATION FOR THE CHAMENT 26 PARK -- THE CHAPTER 26 PARK MITIGATION PROCESS. WE WILL BE BACK ON JULY 24 AND. AND THIS IS LEADING UP TO THE ABILITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CREATING THE DESIGN DRAWINGS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. I'D LIKE TO STOP HERE AND REALLY THANK THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THEY ARE VOLUNTEERS THAT HAVE MET MONTHLY, HAVE TAKEN TRIPS, HAVE TENDED SPECIAL

MEETINGS -- HAVE ATTENDED SPECIAL MEETINGS. ALSO THE CITY STAFF THAT HAVE WORKED ON THIS, THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF THAT HAVE MANAGED THIS PROJECT, THE PARD STAFF THAT HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUS IN TERM OF HELPING TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION WATER AND WASTEWATER ALL THE PARK ADVOCATES. AND ALSO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE 300 PEOPLE THAT SHOWED UP AT THE DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS AND ATTENDED OUR MEETINGS. THIS HAS BEEN A YEAR LONG PROCESS, BUT WE'RE VERY CONFIDENT AND GLAD THAT WE WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS SO THAT WE COULD GET TO THIS POINT. FINALLY I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COUNCIL, ESPECIALLY COUNCILMEMBER COLE AND MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLEY FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS PROJECT, AND ALL OF Y'ALL HAVE BEEN GREAT. WE THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? ACTUALLY, BEFORE I ONOPEN IT UP, ONE QUICK QUESTION, NOT NECESSARILY DIRECTED TO THE OUTLET STRUCTURE. BUT I KNOW THERE IS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE ACTUAL ROUTE OF THE SUBTERRAINIAN TUNNEL IN THAT, AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, THIS IS BEING FUNDED ESSENTIALLY THROUGH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. THAT IS, WE NEED TAX BASE DELIVERED IN THAT AREA TO THEN FUND THE COST OF THIS INFRASTRUCTURE. IN ONE OF THE LIKELY LARGER PIECES OF TAX BASE WOULD BE THERE AT THE INTERSECTION OF CESAR CHAVEZ AND RED RIVER. I THINK THERE'S A PROPOSAL FOR A SIGNIFICANT COUPLE OF BUILDINGS THERE, 30 STORIES OR SOME-ODD. THE NATURE OF IT BEING THAT FAR DOWNSTREAM, BE THE SUBTERRAINIAN TUNNEL WAS CLOSER TO THE SURFACE THERE THAN PERHAPS ELSEWHERE, I GUESS.

WE ACTUALLY HAD THREE MEETINGS WITH THE ENGINEERS AND POTENTIAL OWNERS OF THAT SITE AND WE SHARED OUR PLANS WITH THEM AND THEY SHARED THEIR PLANS WITH US IN TERM OF THE ACTUAL PHYSICAL LOCATIONS OF THEIR STRUCTURES WOULD BE. AND IN THAT AREA WE WERE ABLE TO SLIGHTLY ADJUST THE TUNNEL ALIGNMENT TO THE POINT WHERE THEY WERE VERY SATISFIED WITH THE TUNNEL ALIGNMENT, AND THAT IT DID NOT CONFLICT WITH THEIR DEVELOPMENT. IN FACT, WE HAVE THAT IN WRITING FROM THEM. AND I THINK THAT WAS DONE SHORTLY BEFORE -- I THINK WE ALL READ ABOUT IT IN THE NEWSPAPER, THE 21-C DEVELOPMENT. THEY ARE FULLY AWARE OF WHAT WE'RE DOING AND ON BOARD.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER COLE?

Cole: WELL, I TOO WANT TO EXPRESS THANKS TO THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF, JOE'S OPERATION AND TINA AND GARY JACKSON. THERE'S BEEN A WHOLE CREW OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE WORKED ON THIS. AND I'M HAPPY TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL THAT SO FAR WE ARE ON TIME AND ON BUDGET. AND WE HOPE TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. AS THE MAYOR HAS ALREADY BROUGHT UP, THE 21-C PROJECT, I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED FROM LESLIE BROADER SOME PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF WHAT THAT WILL BRING, AND IT'S IS ESTIMATED TO BRING APPROXIMATELY TWO MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. SO WITH THAT ONE PROJECT, WE ARE A LONG WAY TO ACTUALLY FINANCING THE TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION. I

ALSO WANTED TO ASK JIM ROBERTSON TO COME UP A SECOND BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY TOOK A LITTLE ROAD TRIP TO SAN ANTONIO, NOT THAT WE'RE TRYING TO CREATE A RIVER WALK, BUT THAT WE WANTED TO GO TALK TO SOME OF THE EXPERTS THAT HAD DONE IT, AND THEY'RE ACTUALLY DOING AN EXTENSION TO THEIR RIVERWALK. AND WE LEARNED A WHOLE LOT. I WOULD JUST LIKE YOU TO BRIEF COUNCIL ON THAT. BECAUSE AS MUCH AS I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS, THIS IS DEFINITELY AN ENTIRE COUNCIL ENDEAVOR.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER COLE. JIM ROBERTSON, NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING. YOU GOT AS MUCH WARNING THAT I WAS GOING TO BE UP HERE AS I DID, SO I'M SPEAKING OFF THE CUFF. WE HAD AN INCREDIBLE TRIP TO SAN ANTONIO ON FRIDAY AND I THINK IT REALLY EXCEEDED ALL OF OUR EXPECTATIONS IN TERMS OF WHAT WE LEARNED WHEN WE WERE DOWN THERE. I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF, BUT BRING UP SORT OF THE MAJOR TAKEOVER POINTS THAT I CAME AWAY WITH ANYWAY. THEY ARE INVOLVED WITH WHAT THEY CALL THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. IT'S A PROJECT THAT WILL EXTEND THEIR RIVERWALK ABOUT FOUR MILES NORTHWARD FROM THE CURRENT NORTHERN REACH OF THE RIVERWALK AND NINE MILES SOUTHWARD, ABOUT 13 TOTAL MILES OF IMPROVEMENTS UP AND DOWNSTREAM ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER. THIS IS ROUGHLY -- DON'T QUOTE ME ON THIS, BUT ROUGHLY 365, 370-MILLION-DOLLAR PROJECT. ONE OF THE BIG TAKEAWAY POINTS IS THAT IT TAKES A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE PULLING IN THE SAME DIRECTION TO CARRY OFF A PROJECT LIKE THAT. THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO I BELIEVE HAS COMMITTED ROUGHLY \$65 MILLION. THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IS PUTTING IN I THINK ROUGHLY IN THE 40 TO 50-MILLION-DOLLAR RANGE FOR RIVER IMPROVEMENTS. THEY'VE ACTUALLY CREATED A 501(C)3 NONPROFIT WITHIN THE LAST THREE TO SIX YEARS THAT IS GETTING UP CLOSE TO \$25 MILLION THAT THEY HAVE OR ARE RAISING FOR ENHANCEMENTS ALONG THE PROJECT. BEXAR COUNTY IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROJECT. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE MAJOR TAKEAWAY POINTS WE HAD IS THAT IT TAKES A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE TO PULL OFF A PROJECT OF THIS SCOPE. ANOTHER IMPORTANT LESSON WAS -- I THINK IT WAS DIRECTLY SALIENT TO WHAT WE ANTICIPATE WILL BE AN ISSUE, WE'LL BE ENCOUNTERING AS WE MOVE FORWARD ALONG WALLER CREEK. IS THAT THEY TOO HAVE BOTH A MIXTURE OF PUBLIC LAND AND PRIVATE LAND ALONGSIDE THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IN THE AREAS WHERE THERE WILL BE -- WHERE THEY WILL BE CARRYING OUT THIS PROJECT. AS A RESULT, IT TAKES BOTH PUBLIC EFFORT AND PRIVATE PROJECTS TO BRING TO LIFE THE VISION THEY'VE CREATED. WHILE THE PUBLIC -- ONE OF THE THINGS THEY FOUND IS THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS A LOT MORE -- NOT SURPRISINGLY A LOT MORE WILLING TO COME ALONG WITH THE PROJECT IN TERMS OF BOTH INVESTING THEIR PRIVATE MONEY ON THEIR LAND AND THERE BY CARRYING OUT A PIECE OF A VISION, BUT ALSO ACTUALLY IN SOME CASES CONTRIBUTING THEIR OWN LAND TO THE PROJECT. AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DO THAT WAS KEYED BY A COUPLE OF THING. ONE, THEY -- THERE WAS A CERTAIN SKEPTICISM IN THE COMMUNITY THAT THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE WOULD PULL THIS OFF. AND ONCE IT BECAME A REALITY, ONCE THEY SAW IMPROVEMENTS GOING IN ON THE GROUND, THEY BECAME A LOT MORE WILLING TO INVEST IN THE PROJECT. THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAN ANTONIO ACTUALLY TOLD THE TEAM THAT WAS

DOING THIS THAT ALL THOSE LITTLE SLIVERS OF LAND THAT ARE NECESSARY TO CREATE A CONTINUOUS PUBLIC ACCESS REALM ALONGSIDE THE CREEK, LITTLE RAMPS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A.D.A. ACCESS FROM STREETS DOWN TO THE CREEK, DOWN TO THE RIVER AND SO FORTH, THE CITY COUNCIL TOLD THE TEAM YOU WILL HAVE TO GET THAT THROUGH PRIVATE -- YOU WILL HAVE TO CONVINCE THE LANDOWNERS TO DONATE THAT LAND TO YOU, BE AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO PUT UP MONEY FOR THAT. A LOT OF THE LANDOWNERS WERE IMMEDIATELY ON BOARD AND SAW THIS IS A PROJECT THAT IS OF INCREDIBLE BENEFIT TO ME FROM A CULTURAL POINT OF VIEW, BUT A FEWERLY ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW. OTHER LANDOWNERS WERE HARDER TO CONVINCE. THE MORE THE CITY AND THE VARIOUS OTHER ENTITIES STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE, THEY GOT ON BOARD AND THERE WERE A FEW CASES WHERE THE CITY SAID YOU DON'T WANT TO CONTRIBUTE YOUR 12-FOOT SLIVER OF LAND. WE'LL DESIGN AROUND YOU AND YOU WILL SEE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO NOT BE PART OF THIS PROJECT. AND I THINK THEY'VE PRETTY MUCH ACHIEVED 100% COMPLIANCE AS A RESULT OF BOTH THE PERSUASION AND COERCION. SO THOSE -- A COUPLE OF BIG TAKEAWAYS FOR US WERE, ONE, THE PUBLIC ENTITIES NEED TO INDICATE A CERTAIN SERIOUSNESS ABOUT THE PROJECT. CERTAINLY WE'VE ALREADY DONE THAT AS A COMMUNITY, \$125 MILLION TOWARDS BUILDING THIS TUNNEL IS A MAJOR SORT OF STAKE IN THE GROUND THAT WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT DOING THAT. I THINK WE'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON A LOT OF THE ABOVE GROUND IMPROVEMENTS BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE I THINK THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE GOING TO SEE THERE'S SOMETHING IN IT FOR THEM ABOVE AND BEYOND SIMPLY BEING TAKEN OUT OF THE FLOODPLAIN. THE OTHER MAJOR TAKEAWAY I THINK IS THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHOLE TEAM. IT WILL BE MORE THAN JUST THE CITY, MORE THAN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WE MAY NEED TO ULTIMATELY SEE A NONPROFIT EMERGE THAT TAKES A FUND-RAISING AND LEADERSHIP ROLE AS WELL I HOPE THAT ADDRESSES AT LEAST SOME OF THIS.

Cole: I THINK YOU DID AN EXCELLENT JOB. AND I THINK MAYOR PRO TEM AND MAYOR WYNN KNOW WHAT THEY WILL HAVE TO BE DOING OR KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO WHEN THEY LEAVE. [LAUGHTER]

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? JOE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND JIM. SO COUNCIL, I BELIEVE THAT IS ALL OF OUR POTENTIAL DISCUSSION ITEMS REALLY ALL THE WAY TO AND THROUGH OUR PRESENTATION LATER THIS AFTERNOON REGARDING CREATE AUSTIN. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL NOW GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO TAKE UP POTENTIALLY LEGAL MATTERS RELATED TO ITEM 54, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND AUSTIN ENERGY CONTROL CENTER SITES, WHICH ALSO RELATES TO ITEM 58. ITEM 56 RELATED TO A CLAIM PRESENTED BY ROBERTSON HILL LAND LIMITD FOR A BREACH OF CONTRACT WHICH RELATES TO ITEM NUMBER 60 ON OUR AGENDA TODAY. ITEM NUMBER 57, LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYEE HERITAGE EVENTS. AND POTENTIALLY ITEM NUMBER 58, LEGAL MATTERS REGARDING THE SEAHOLM WATER INTAKE BUILDING AND PROPERTY, WHICH RELATES TO ITEM NUMBER 54. WE MAY ALSO TAKE UP SOME OF THESE MATTERS AS REAL ESTATE MATTERS PURSUANT TO SECTION

551.072, THAT BEING THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT, AUSTIN ENERGY CONTROL CENTER SITES, AND/OR THE SEAHOLM WATER INTAKE BUILDING AND PROPERTY, MAY BE DISCUSSED AS REAL ESTATE MATTERS AS WELL. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. I ANTICIPATE US BEING THERE FOR 30 MINUTES AND COMING BACK OUT RIGHT AT NOON FOR OUR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. THEN WE'LL LIKELY GO BACK INTO CLOSED SESSION REALLY FOR THE BULK OF THE EARLY AFTERNOON. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU. S HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. -- MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO 1 WITH COUNCILMEMBER COLE OFF THE DAIS. THAT TAKES US TO OUR NOON GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP WISH TO GO GIVE US TESTIMONY. WE'LL LET THEM FILE INTO THE ROOM. AND QUICK APOLOGIES TO MR. PENA AND MR. SMALLWOOD. AS PART OF THE POSTING OF THE HARD COPY OF OUR AGENDA TODAY, THOSE TWO GENTLEMEN'S WERE SORT OF MERGED TOGETHER IN A SINGLE LARGER ITEM LISTED AS CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. WE'LL CERTAINLY TAKE THEM UP INDIVIDUALLY AS APPROPRIATE. LET'S SEE, OUR FIRST SPEAKER WHO SIGNED UP THIS MORNING IS -- I SEE GAVINO FERNANDEZ HAS SIGNED UP.

I WAS GOING TO SAY LET THEM ALL GO IN FRONT OF ME AND I'LL GO AFTER THEM. THEY SEEM TO WANT TO MAKE A CONFIGURE JUST PRESENTATION.

THANK YOU, MR. ROBBINS.

Mayor Wynn: WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO WANT TO GIVE US TESTIMONY ON CHICANO QUALITY OF LIFE. FOR THE RECORD, GAVINO FERNANDEZ, JUNIOR. MACCELO TAFOYA, MARCOS DELEON, PAUL HERNANDEZ AND FRAN SAYS MARTINEZ. WE WILL SET THE CLOCK FOR 15 MINUTES AND YOU CAN USE WHATEVER ORDER YOU PREFER.

I SHOULD SAY GOOD AFTERNOON. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS.

Mayor Wynn: IT'S 12 OAK.

MY NAME IS MARCELO. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY I'D LIKE TO TALK ON THE RESOLUTION BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, GOAL AND LEFFINGWELL. WE AT LULAC DISTRICT 12 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING UP THE RESOLUTION FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE CHICANO COMMUNITY. I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THIS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP DURING THE TIME THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE WAS DONE, ESPECIALLY TODAY WHEN OUR COMMUNITY IS CONFRONTED WITH HIGH GAS, FOOD, DAY CARE, BE AND OUR CHILDREN ARE FAILING AND DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL. A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT JUST HAPPENED WITH JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL. THE COMMUNITY IS OPPOSING THE TWO SUGGESTED SCHOOLS THERE. AT THE SAME TIME WE FEEL THAT THE AISD IS NOT REALLY DOING THEIR WORK AS FAR AS EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN ESPECIALLY AFTER FIVE YEARS OF FAILURE, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING DONE ABOUT THAT. ALSO, SOMEBODY SUGGESTED THAT IT BE A

10-YEAR STUDY. I THOUGHT THAT BY THEN OUR COMMUNITY WOULDN'T EVEN BE HERE IN 10 YEARS, BUT THEN I UNDERSTOOD FROM COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ IT'S ONLY A TWO-YEAR STUDY. IN THE MEANTIME THAT'S ACTUALLY A LONG TIME, TWO YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT IF THERE'S ANYTHING WORKABLE THAT COMES OUT OF THE STUDY, IT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUE THE STUDY BECAUSE OF THE NEED OF THE COMMUNITY IN THAT AREA. ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO -- THEIR INCOME IS ON A FIXED INCOME, AND WE CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE HIGH COST OF LIVING THAT IS OCCURRING TODAY. WE ALSO SUGGEST SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS PODER, EL CONCILIO, LULAC DISTRICT 12 AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO LIVE IN THE AREA SHOULD PARTICIPATE OR BE AT THE TABLE. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO SEE CENTRAL BOOKING COME BACK TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BEING THAT IT WOULD SAVE US MONEY. AND A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CORPUS CHRISTI TODAY. SO OVERALL I WANT TO THANK Y'ALL FOR DOING THIS. I WILL LET MY OTHER COLLEAGUES CONTINUE. THANK YOU MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WELCOME, FRANCES.

GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FRANCES MARTINEZ. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF AN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND LEADERSHIP AUSTIN AS WELL AS ALSO A PARISHONER OF A CATHOLIC CHURCH. AND MR. WYNN AND THE COUNCILMEMBERS, MR. MIKE, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE. I HAVE SEVERAL ISSUES TODAY. I WANT TO INVITE YOU TO OUR (INDISCERNIBLE) WHICH IS GOING TO BE ON SATURDAY JUNE THE 7TH. WE WILL HAVE MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES AND MANY THINGS FOR THE CHILDREN. THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT. [SPEAKING SPANISH] IT'S GOING TO BE ON SATURDAY FROM 10 -- FROM FIVE P.M. TO 12 ON SATURDAY. BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MUSIC AT FIVE, IT WILL BE TEJANO PRIDE, MOBILE DJ. AT 6:00 TO 7:00 WE WILL HAVE (INDISCERNIBLE), AND THEN WE WILL HAVE (INDISCERNIBLE). THEN WE WILL HAVE (INDISCERNIBLE). THEN AT 10 TO 12 WE'LL HAVE TEXAS WRANGLERS. ALSO, ON SUNDAY WE'RE GOING TO START AT ONE P.M. AGAIN WITH A LOT OF MUSIC, TEXAS PRIDE. AT 3:00 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL BALLET. WE WILL HAVE JOHNNIE (INDISCERNIBLE). [SPEAKING SPANISH] AT 8:00 ON SUNDAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE. [SPEAKING SPANISH] WE INVITE EVERYONE TO COME AND JOIN US. NOW, I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO NOW TALK ABOUT PALM PARK ON I-35 AND CESAR CHAVEZ. PALM PARK DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE BATHROOMS. OUR CHILDREN HAVE TO GO TO THE NEAREST BATHROOM, TO GO TO I HOP OR WHEREVER BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE RESTROOMS. I'VE BEEN COMING HERE SINCE 1998 THAT I REMEMBER, MAYBE EVEN LONGER. I VISITED ANOTHER POOL, AND THEY DO HAVE BATHROOMS AND A SHOWER. NOW THEY ADDED ANOTHER BATHROOM AND A SHOWER, A SHOWER HOUSE. SO THIS IS TWO IN ONE POOL. WE HAVE COME HERE BEFORE YOU LETTING YOU KNOW THAT WE NEED ADEQUATE BATHROOMS. WE WANT TO OFFER YOU THE PLANS THAT WE COULD ENCLOSE IT RIGHT THERE -- BECAUSE THE ONES THAT ARE THERE RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE FAR FROM THE POOL, AND THEY'RE NOT VERY SECURE. BUT IF WE COULD HAVE SOME RIGHT THERE INSIDE THE POOL WHERE IT COULD BE MORE CONTROLLED, WHERE WE COULD KEEP AN EYE ON OUR

CHILDREN, I'M ASKING YOU TO PUT THIS IN THE BUDGET TO HAVE ADEQUATE BATHROOMS SO THAT OUR CHILDREN CAN ENJOY PALM PARK. THE NEXT THING I'LL SAY IS A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T ATTEND PALM PARK. WELL, THEY DON'T ATTEND BECAUSE KIDS HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM. WE DON'T HAVE THAT MANY HIGH TABLES AT ALL. BUT ALSO THERE IS SECURITY THERE BECAUSE THE POLICE ARE THERE DURING THE SUMMER, DURING THE DAY. AND PARENTS DO TAKE CARE OF THEIR CHILDREN VERY WELL. SO I'M ASKING YOU AGAIN TO PLEASE PUT IT IN YOUR BUDGET TO HAVE ADEQUATE BATHROOMS. ALSO, VERY SAD IN THE COMMUNITY THAT JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL IS BEING CLOSED. WHATEVER YOU CAN DO TO MAKE OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM WORK BETTER, IT SHOULD START IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CHILDREN KNOW HOW TO READ AND WRITE SO THEY CAN COMPREHEND WHAT THEY LEARN. AND THIS IS VERY SAD THAT CHILDREN FROM OUR COMMUNITY HAVE TO GO ELSEWHERE, AND ALL BECAUSE FIVE YEARS -- AND THEN THEY WANT TO CRAM THIS IN ONE YEAR TO SEE IF THEY CAN SAVE JOHNSTON. IT TAKES LONG RANGE PLANNING. AND FIVE YEARS ISN'T ENOUGH FOR AISD, THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS. WE NEED BETTER EDUCATION. ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE A.P.D. TO BE JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE COURTEOUS TO OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME. DON'T FORGET PALM PARK. WE NEED TO HAVE BATHROOMS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I KNOW YOU ASKED ME THIS QUESTION A MONTH OR SO AGO AND I SAID I WOULD TRY TO GET YOU -- THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER QUESTIONS INVOLVED TOO. WE DO HAVE ANSWERS FOR THESE. AND YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN IT ALREADY, BUT I'M GOING TO CHECK AND SEE THAT YOU GET ANSWERS TO THE PALM PARK BATHROOM ACCESS QUESTION AND OTHERS. BUT BASICALLY IT BOILS DOWN TO FUNDING TO HAVE STAFF TO MONITOR THOSE BATHROOMS, ESPECIALLY IN PALM. I'LL GET YOU THAT INFORMATION RIGHT AWAY. WE'LL GET IT THROUGH MR. FERNANDEZ, BUT WE'LL GET IT TO YOU ALSO.

OKAY. SO WE WILL BE GETTING SOMETHING IN THE MAIL SO WE CAN SHARE WITH THE COMMUNITY THAT YES, WE WILL BE HAVING ACCESS TO THEM.

Leffingwell: I'LL GET YOU THE ANSWERS WE HAVE SO FAR.

OKAY. BECAUSE OUR POOL IS ONLY OPEN ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY. CLOSED ON SATURDAYS, OPEN ON SUNDAY. IT'S ONLY FROM 2:00 TO 27 FNLGT FROM 2:00 IN THE AFTERNOON TO 7:00. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A -- WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING THERE, BUT JUST THE POOL. WE WOULD LIKE -- WE REALLY WOULD LIKE TO UTILIZE IT MORE.

Leffingwell: I'LL GET YOU THE INFORMATION AND WE'LL GO FROM THERE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. MAYOR PRO TEM?

Dunkerley: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE JUST ONE COMMENT ABOUT PALM PARK. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SOME BETTER AMENITIES THAT NEED TO GO INTO THAT PARK FOR THE USE OF THE CHILDREN, ETCETERA. AND I BELIEVE IT'S THE PLAN OF COUNCILMEMBER COLE TO INCLUDE BOTH PALM PARK AND WATERLOO PARK INTO THE PLANNING OF THE WALLER CREEK THING. I HOPE YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THAT BECAUSE WE WOULD LIKE TO REFOCUS PALM PARK COMPLETELY ON CHILDREN. EVERYTHING FROM A NEAT WATER FEATURE LIKE WE HAVE AT OUR MAIN PARK OR WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE, BUT WATCH FOR THAT AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE INTERESTED PARTICIPATE BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE THAT A REAL FEATURE OF DOWNTOWN AND NEAR AUSTIN FOR CHILDREN.

OKAY. SO I SHOULD CONTACT MS. COLE?

COUNCILMEMBER COLE WILL NEED YOUR HELP.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. MARTINEZ. WELCOME MR. FERNANDEZ.

GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNCIL. MY NAME IS GAVINO FERNANDEZ. I WANT TO REMIND LISTENERS TO TAKE PART AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE A RUNOFF ELECTION. EARLY VOTING STARTED JUNE SECOND AND WILL END ON JUNE THE 10TH. THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE AND MAKE THEIR VOICE HEARD. THERE ARE TWO VERY GOOD, INTELLIGENT, CREATIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE RACE. WE PERSONALLY HAVE ENDORSED LAURA MORRISON AND WE ASK EVERYONE TO GO OUT AND TAKE TIME TO VOTE REGARDLESS OF WHICH PERSON YOU VOTE FOR. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT EAST AUSTIN ILLUSTRATE TO THIS GOVERNMENT THAT THEY DO CARE ABOUT THE ONGOINGS OF GOVERNMENT AND HOW THEY AFFECT -- HOW THEY ARE AFFECTED IN THE COMMUNITY. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND THE COUNCIL FOR TAKING -- AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS WHOLE COUNCIL, ESPECIALLY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE. AS FRANCES MENTIONED, WE'RE LOSING OUR BARRIO. YESTERDAY WITH THE CLOSING OF JOHNSTON, THAT WAS A BIG PILLAR OF A LOSS. AND IT DOES PROVIDE OUR COMMUNITY THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND PUT SOMETHING IN PLACE THAT WILL PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION AND A QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I ALSO AM CONTINUING TO WORK WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO SEE THAT NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICTS ARE PUT ON THE BALLOT OR BROUGHT TO AUSTIN. I THINK THAT THIS IS ANOTHER WAY TO -- IN MY OPINION TO BRING INVOLVEMENT IN TO THE ELECTORAL PROCESS OF THIS GOVERNMENT. IT HAS SHOWN THAT IT INCREASES PARTICIPATION BECAUSE THERE IS ACCOUNTABILITY CLOSER TO THE VOTER, AND IT DOES SPEAK TO SOMEONE BEING ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE. AND WE

SEE THIS VERY LAUDABLE THROUGH THE STATE DISTRICTS, THROUGH THE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS AND EVEN MEMBERS OF THIS GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY WANT TO ADDRESS ISSUES, THEY GO TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS IF IT HAPPENS TO BE AN ISSUE THAT FALLS WITHIN THEIR RANGE. I ALSO WANT TO REMIND FOLKS AND INVITE ALL OF YOU ALSO BEFORE -- I KNOW THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER COUNCIL MEETING, BUT TO WISH -- ON BEHALF OF EL CONCILIO TO WISH YOU AND YOURS, ALL THE FATHERS, AN ENJOYABLE AND SAFE FATHER'S DAY. AND WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO JUST REITERATE WHAT FRANCES MENTIONED AND INVITE YOU THIS WEEKEND TO OUR FESTIVAL THAT IS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND. IT IS FREE. IT IS NON-ALCOHOLIC. IT IS FAMILY ORIENTED. ONE OF THE MOST COMMON QUESTIONS I GET IS HOW MUCH ARE THEY GOING TO CHARGE? HOW MUCH ARE THEY GOING TO CHARGE? THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ENAIL INDICATE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT OUR CULTURE, OUR MUSIC, OUR PEOPLE. MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT WILL BE THERE ARE GRASSROOTS PEOPLE, ARE NEIGHBORHOOD PEOPLE. SO IF YOU DO GET A CHANCE, PLEASE STOP BY AND VISIT US. AND ESPECIALLY THE NEW CITY MANAGER AND HIS STAFF. THIS WOULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO MEET THE NEIGHBORS OF EAST AUSTIN. LONG TIME NEIGHBORHOOD HOMEOWNERS THAT HAVE -- THAT LIVE IN OR AROUND THE AREA. THIS IS ANOTHER UNIQUE AREA THAT IS AN EVENT THAT IS INVOLVED. MOST OF THE EVENTS YOU SEE THERE ARE EVENTS PUT ON BY PRO VOTERS AND REALLY DOESN'T INVOLVE OUR BARRIO. FIESTA GARDENS UNFORTUNATELY HAS BECOME UNAVAILABLE TO US FINANCIALLY BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE OF RENTALS FOR USAGE OF THE FACILITY; HOWEVER, WHEN IT FIRST WAS CREATED AND WAS MADE AVAILABLE, IT WAS THE INTENT OF INCLUDING AND MAKING SURE FAMILIES FROM THE BARRIO COULD CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS AND WHATNOT. BUT ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. AND COUNCILMEMBER LEE CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VICTORY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. FERNANDEZ. THAT LEAVES US THREE AND A HALF MINUTES LEFT FOR BOTH PAUL HERNANDEZ AND/OR MARCOS DELEON. WELCOME, PAUL.

MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, MY NAME IS PAUL HERNANDEZ. I AM A MEMBER OF EL CONCILIO, MEMBER OF EAST TOWN LAKE CITIZENS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, AND A MEMBER OF LULAC CHAPTER 1448. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ FOR THIS INITIATIVE. THE CHICANO COMMUNITY CERTAINLY NEEDS TO HAVE ITSELF EXAMINED ON WHAT IS IT THAT WE NEED FOR THE 21st CENTURY. I'M PRETTY SURE A LOT OF IT IS GOING TO BE WHAT WAS NEEDED IN THE 20TH CENTURY: I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR ASSISTING COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ IN THIS ENDEAVOR BECAUSE I THINK THAT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO FIND IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. THE CHICANO COMMUNITY IS GOING TO NEED THE VEHICLES TO BE ABLE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FUTURE TO DEVELOP THE NEIGHBORHOODS BECAUSE CHICANOS ARE EVERYWHERE IN AUSTIN, BUT TO DEVELOP THE COMMUNITY OF CHICANOS IN AUSTIN, OUR CHILDREN ARE LOSING.

I'M NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT OUR SMALL CHILDREN. OUR HIGH SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE LEAVING SCHOOL EITHER BY DROPPING OUT OR BEING PUSHED OUT, AND THEY'RE WINDING UP ON THE STREETS. THEY'RE ALSO WINDING UP IN THE PENITENTIARY. SO WE'RE GOING TO REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT QUALITY OF LIFE BEGINNING, LIKE FRANCES SAID, AT THE BEGINNING WHEN OUR CHILDREN ARE VERY SMALL ALL THE WAY UP TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF EMPLOYMENT. WHEN THOSE SAME CHILDREN BECOME PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS, THE QUALITY OF LIFE, ESPECIALLY IN EMPLOYMENT AND IN PAY, IS ALMOST RIDICULOUS IN THIS TIME. I KNOW PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW ALMOST HOMELESS, AND THEY HAVE TWO JOBS. FOR A FAMILY THAT HAS TWO JOBS FOR INCOME AND TO ALMOST BE HOMELESS, I DON'T KNOW, IT JUST HURTS. AND QUALITY OF LIFE IS NOT JUST A PROGRAM HERE AND A PROGRAM HERE, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, ANYTHING LIKE THAT. IT REALLY STARTS AT THE BEGINNING. IT STARTS LIKE I BEING ABLE TO ENABLE OUR COMMUNITY, OUR CHICANO COMMUNITY TO BECOME SELF SUFFICIENT BECAUSE WE WILL DEVELOP THAT SELF-DETERMINATION ASPECT OF DEVELOPMENT. [BUZZER SOUNDS] AT THAT POINT WE CAN DEVELOP THE RESPONSIBILITY AND WE CAN HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE. WE WILL NOT -- WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD ANYBODY ELSE ACCOUNTABLE BUT OUR SELF. THAT IS QUALITY OF LIFE. WHEN WE HAVE THAT KIND OF ENABLEMENT, WE WILL HAVE QUALITY OF LIFE, OUR CHILDREN WILL HAVE A GUARANTEE AT OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. HERNANDEZ. HOLD ON, MR. PENA. PAUL ROBBINS WAS KIND ENOUGH TO SORT OF TABLE HIS COMMENTS. WE'LL HEAR FROM PAUL ROBBINS NEXT FOR THREE MINUTES, THEN BE FOLLOWED BY GUS PENA.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITIZENS OF AUSTIN. I'M PAUL ROB BE BINS. I'M AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST AND CONSUMER ADVOCATE. I AM CONCERNED THAT TAXPAYERS AND RATEPAYERS ARE BEING SHORTCHANGED BY THE PROPOSAL TO REDEVELOP THE AREA AROUND GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT. AND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS NOT DONE ITS DUE DILIGENCE IN DETERMINING THE BEST USE OF THE LAND. MY LARGEST CONCERN IS THAT THE CITY WILL NEED MORE OFFICE SPACE IN THE FUTURE AND THAT THIS LAND MAY BE INVALUABLE IN PRESERVING THAT OPTION. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION I'VE RECEIVED FROM THE CITY'S REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT, THE CITY LEASES ABOUT 50,000 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE IN OR VERY NEAR DOWNTOWN FOR \$1.5 MILLION. THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO THREE FLOORS OF A MEDIUM SIZE OFFICE BUILDING. CITYWIDE THE CITY LEASES ABOUT 280,000 SQUARE FEET FOR 3.5 MILLION. THIS CAN BE EQUIVALENT TO 18 FLOORS OF A MEDIUM SIZED OFFICE BUILDING. SOME OF THIS CAN PROBABLY BE ECONOMICALLY CONSOLIDATED IN A CENTRAL AUSTIN LOCATION. AND THE CITY WILL NEED MORE SPACE AS ITS POPULATION GROWS. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY COMPLAINED THAT IT NEEDED MORE SPACE FOR ITS HEADQUARTERS. THE FACT THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE ANALYZING THIS INFORMATION IS DISCOMFORTING. THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE COUNCIL'S FIRST QUESTION BEFORE IT EVER THOUGHT ABOUT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OPTIONS. BEFORE YOU FEED THE BEAST OF DOWNTOWN GROWTH, YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THE TAXPAYERS' BASIC NEEDS. THE COUNCIL

NEEDS TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CITY'S GROWING OFFICE NEEDS OVER THE NEXT TWO DECADES BEFORE IT SELLS CRITICAL LAND THAT IT MAY NEED LATER. ANOTHER THING THAT IS DISTURBING IS THE LACK OF INFORMATION ABOUT WHICH CITY DIVISION ACTUALLY OWNS GREEN LAND. THE CITY ATTORNEY MAINTAINS THE LAND IS OWNED BY THE GENERAL FUND AND PROCEEDS OF THE SALE MAY BE USED FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES. BUT THE WATER DEPARTMENT THROUGH A MEMO THAT I RECEIVED FROM THEM MAINTAINS THAT IT PAID FOR THE LAND. IF THIS IS CORRECT, THEN USE -- THEN USE OF THE SALE MONEY BY THE GENERAL FUND COULD PROMPT CHARGES OF INPRUDENT SPECIAL OCCURS IN THE NEXT WATER -- INPRUDENT SPEND. I HAVE INFORMATION REQUESTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ANSWERED. IT WOULD -- IT APPEARS AT THIS MOMENT THAT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE CITY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE LEFT HAND DOES. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. I HOPE THAT YOU CAN GET BETTER INFORMATION THAN I HAVE GOTTEN SO FAR ABOUT WHO ACTUALLY OWNS THIS LAND. AND AGAIN, I URGE YOU TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CITY'S FUTURE OFFICE NEEDS BEFORE YOU SELL LAND THAT YOU MAY NEVER HAVE ACCESS TO AGAIN. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GUS PENA AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DAVID SMALLWOOD.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I AM TRYING TO KEEP MYSELF FIT IN THIS FIT CITY. I'VE LOST 29 POUNDS AND I'M TRYING TO LOSE 40 POUNDS. A VETERAN NEEDS A CAT SCAN WAS DENIED SERVICES BY A HEALTH CARE FACILITY HAS HAD NEGATIVE INTERACTION WITH VETERANS AFFAIRS REGARDING DISABILITY BENEFITS. IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. ANOTHER HOMELESS VETERAN, MR. CANTU, AND I HAD PERMISSION TO MENTION THE LAST NAME, BE WENT TO THE EAST CESAR CHAVEZ M.A.P. ELIGIBILITY TO FILL OUT THE APPLICATION AND PROVIDED NECESSARY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AND WAS TOLD TO COME BACK IN AUGUST TO GET HIS M.A.P. CARD. BUT THEN HE SAID THEY TOLD HIM, GO AHEAD AND GO DOWN TO THE ARCH AND THEY WILL HELP YOU OUT. THEY HAVE A CLINIC. NOT ACCEPTABLE. WE TALK ABOUT MONEY BEING SPENT BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO KEEP THEIR EMPLOYEES HEALTHY. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT COULD HAVE HELPED KEEP THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS HEALTHY AND POSSIBLY AVERT DEATH. THIS COULD BE FATAL TO A LOT OF PEOPLE. VETERANS, WE'RE NOT GETTING THE HEALTH CARE WE NEED FROM DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE ASSISTANCE OF US VETERANS. WE SERVED OUR COUNTRY. WHATEVER YOUR POSITION IS REGARDING THE WAR, SUPPORT THE MILITARY VETERANS, PRAY FOR THEM. THEY NEED YOUR HELP. A LOT OF VIETNAM WAR VETERANS WERE DISRESPECTED BY ACTRESS JANE FONDA. SUPPORT OUR VETERANS, MILITARY VETERANS. SENIOR CITIZENS, THE POOR, THE NEEDY AND HAVE NOT'S, CANNOT AFFORD TO BE ON A HEALTHY DIET, BE CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY FRUIT OR VEGETABLES TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIFE-STYLE BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO PAY THEIR RENT OR PAY THEIR MORTGAGE OR PAY THE TAXES. THIS IS NOT AN AFFORDABLE CITY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. SOME PEOPLE WANT TO KEEP IT WEIRD. WE WANT IT AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYBODY. LUCIO, MY BOY, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD A HOUSE WHEN HE BECOMES 21. THAT'S THE NAME OF THE GAME. AN INDIVIDUAL CAME OUT ON TELEVISION, I BELIEVE HE'S A CANDIDATE. I'M NOT GOING TO

MENTION NAMES. HE SAID WE BUILT AN AFFORDABLE HOUSE IN EAST AUSTIN, \$215,000. AFFORDABLE!!?? AFFORDABLE FOR WHOM. THIS IS NOT AFFORDABLE FOR A LOT OF OUR PEOPLE, 60 TO \$80,000 WE'LL TALK ABOUT AFFORDABILITY. AGAIN I MENTIONED THE FAMILY ELDER CARE NEED TO PROVIDE PLANS FOR THE CITIZENS -- TO PROVIDE FANS FOR PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD THEM. IT'S GOING TO BE A HOT SUMMER. IT'S ALREADY HIT 100 DEGREES AND OVER. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, HAS A GRANT FUNDING MECHANISM TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO HELP FIGHT CRIME. INSTEAD OF -- I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BIG CUT IN THE BUDGET. SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO DOJ AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT OUR OFFICERS. LET ME WRAP UP. BECAUSE CRIME IS ON THE INCREASE, A LOT OF HOME BOYS AND HOME GIRLS ARE OUT THERE. [BUZZER SOUNDS] LET ME FINISH WITH THIS, MAYOR. IN MY YEARS, MANY YEARS OF COMING TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROACH THEM ABOUT ISSUES IN THE BUDGET, SINCE MAYOR ROY BUTLER'S ADMINISTRATION, NEVER HAVE I EVER SEEN THIS TYPE OF OFFENSIVE ERROR OCCUR IN THE AGENDA WHEREBY SOMEBODY ELSE'S -- TO ME OFFENSIVE COMMENTS ARE INCLUDED IN MY FACE SPACE FOR COMMENTS. THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. I KNOW YOU MADE MENTION TO THAT, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT? IN THE FUTURE LET'S TRY TO ALLOW THIS NOT TO HAPPEN BECAUSE HI A LOT OF MY FRIENDS SAY, HEY, GUS, WHY YOU TALK ABOUT THE KKK. I SUPPORT THE A.P.D. WHAT I DO NOT SUPPORT IS OFFICERS GOING ACROSS THE LINE. THE OTHER THING IS WE HAVE GOOD OFFICERS OUT THERE. SOUTHEAST AREA COMMAND, SOUTH CENTRAL COMMAND. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO US IN FIGHTING CRIME. PLEASE, FIND SOME WAY OF NOT ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN BECAUSE IT IS VERY OFFENSIVE TO ME. THESE ARE NOT MY COMMENTS, MR. BLACKWOOD'S COMMENTS ARE INCLUDED WITH MY COMMENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. PLEASE PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE POOR, THE NEEDY AND THE HAVE NOT'S AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. AND AGAIN I APOLOGIZE FOR THE AGENDA POSTING. COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ?

Martinez: CAN WE MAKE SURE WE GET IT CORRECTED IN THE MINUTES SO THAT IT DOESN'T REFLECT AS BEING PART OF HIS COMMENTS WHEN WE APPROVE THE MINUTES AT THE NEXT MEETING?

Mayor Wynn: YES, THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DAVID SMALLWOOD. TO BE FOLLOWED BY JOY PULSHIHER. TO BE FOLLOWED BY CAROL ANNE ROSE CANDY. CAROL ANNE ROSE KENNEDY. COUNCIL, THAT CONCLUDES OUR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FOR THIS AFTERNOON. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL NOW GO BACK INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO TAKE UP LEGAL MATTERS RELATED TO ITEM 54, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND/OR AUSTIN ENERGY CONTROL CENTER SITES. AND POTENTIAL LEGAL ITEMS RELATED TO THE SEAHOLM WATER INTAKE BUILDING AND PROPERTY. WE MAY ALSO TAKE UP THOSE MATTERS AS REAL ESTATE MATTERS, NOT LEGAL MATTERS,

PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. TECHNICALLY WE DON'T HAVE ANY POSTED ACTION -- DISCUSSION ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA UNTIL A BRIEFING FROM THE CREATE AUSTIN FOLKS. AND ALTHOUGH THAT'S POSTED FOR 2:00 O'CLOCK, MY SUGGESTION IS WE LIKELY WON'T TAKE UP THAT PRESENTATION AND POTENTIAL DISCUSSION UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 3:30, WHICH WILL THEN LEAD US INTO OUR 4:00 O'CLOCK ZONING CASES. SO I ANTICIPATE US BEING IN CLOSED SESSION UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 3:30 IN THE AFTERNOON. IF WE FINISH OUR CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO THAT, I WILL LIKELY COME OUT AND RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL 3:30. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU.

THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT I WILL CALL BACK THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. WE'VE BEEN IN RECESS ABOUT AN HOUR OR SO. IT IS TIME TO TAKE UP OUR AFTERNOON BRIEFING AND POTENTIAL DISCUSSION WHICH IS THE PRESENTATION OF THE CREATE AUSTIN CULTURAL MASTER PLAN AND THAT WILL LEAD US INTO OUR ZONING CASES FOR THE EVENING. WITH THAT, I GUESS I WILL WELCOME MR. VINCENT KITCH.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR. COUNCIL MEMBERS, CITY MANAGER. MY NAME IS VINCENT KITCH, I'M THE CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAM MANAGER IN THE REDEVELOPMENT GROWTH AND SERVICES OFFICES. WE ARE PLEASED TO PROVIDE WITH YOU A BRIEFING ON THE RESULTS OF CREATE AUSTIN. THE FIRST PART OF THE BRIEF WILLING PROVIDE THE BACKGROUND AND TIME LINE FOR THE PROSECT. THEN THE PLANNING CONSULTANT WILL PROVIDE HIS INSIGHTS FROM FACILITATING THIS PROCESS. AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AUSTIN WILL TALK ABOUT THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THIS PLAN. IN FISCAL YEAR 2006, COUNCIL REQUESTED THAT STAFF INITIATE A CULTURAL PLANNING PROCESS AND ALLOCATED \$100,000 FROM THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX TO BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THAT YEAR, STAFF COMPILED RESEARCH INFORMATION AND RELATED MATERIALS FOR THE PROJECT, CONDUCTED THE RFP PROCESS, AND WITH LOCAL PARTNERS, THE CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION HAS RECEIVED TWO GRANTS, 20,000 FOR THE ASSESSMENT PHASE AND 40,000 FOR THE PLANNING PHASE. CULTURAL PLANNING SUCH AS CREATE AUSTIN IS REALLY A PROCESS THAT ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY IN ASSESSING LOCAL ASSETS AND NEEDS TO CREATE A VISION AND PLAN FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FUTURE. THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS FOR ABOUT 15 MONTHS AND WILL BE FOR ABOUT FIVE TO 10 YEARS. IN STARTING THIS PROCESS, OUR COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP COUNCIL WAS ASKED TO HELP SHAPE THIS EFFORT. THIS WAS THE LANGUAGE THEY USED TO DESCRIBE THIS PROCESS. THEY ALSO ADOPTED VALUES THAT DROVE THE PLANNING PROCESS, INCLUDING INCLUSION, COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION. CULTURAL PLANNING WAS EXPECTED TO PLAN FROM NOVEMBER OF 2006 UNTIL SPRING OF 2008. WE HELPED AS THE CULTURAL PLANNING CONSULTANT TEAM. A 70 MEMBER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL COMPRISED OF CIVIC, EDUCATION, BUSINESS AND CULTURAL LEADERS WAS CONVENED AT THE INVITATION OF THE MAYOR AND THEN CITY MANAGER. AUSTIN LEADERSHIP INCLUDES MAYOR WILL WYNN AND OTHERS. FROM FALL 2006 TO SPRING 2007, NUMEROUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS, INTERVIEWS AND LEADERSHIP MEETINGS WERE HELD INVOLVING HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS. WE USED WEB SITES,

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS AND THE MEDIA. BASED ON INPUT FROM COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND INTERVIEWS, THE CONSULTANT DEVELOPED A FINDINGS DOCUMENT AND THE WEB FOR COMMUNITY INPUT. RESULTS WERE SHARED WITH THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL WHO IDENTIFIED SIX KEY TOPIC AREAS. DURING THE SUMMER OF 2007, THEY CONVENED TO EXPLORE TOPICS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMUNITY AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS. THE TASK FORCE SUBMITTED THEIR RESULTS IN JULY AND THOSE FINDINGS WERE REPRESENTED FOR REVIEW AND PRIORITIZATION. AFTER THEY MET AND REVIEWED THE TASK FORCE REPORT, THEY DEVELOPED A DRAFT PLAN BASED ON THE INPUT AND REPORTS. THAT PLAN WAS PUT ON THE WEB AND SENT TO STAKEHOLDERS FOR REVIEW AND INPUT. THE CONSULTANT GATHERED FEEDBACK AND INCORPORATED THAT INTO THE PLAN AS WELL. SINCE THEN, THEY'VE WORKED ON FEW DRAFT REPORTS, SEEKING CLARIFICATION AND INCORPORATING CHANGES A FEW TIME, ALL WAS CONSIDERED IN THE FINAL PLAN DOCUMENT. THE PLAN HAS BEEN PRESENTED AND SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION, MUSIC COMMISSION AND DESIGN COMMISSION AND PRESENTATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO THE PARKS BOARD, LEADERSHIP AUSTIN, IMPACT AUSTIN, AND THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ALLIANCE AS WELL AS OTHER NUMEROUS GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS. THE CONSULTANT COMPLETED HIS FINAL REPORT THAT BRINGS US TO THE POINT OF PROVIDING WITH YOU THIS BRIEFING TODAY. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE BILL WHO SERVED AT THE LEAD CONSULTANT ON THE CREATE AUSTIN PLAN PROCESS AND TURN THE NEXT PART OF THE PRESENTATION OVER TO HIM.

THANK YOU VINCENT. WELCOME.

HI THERE, IT IS A PLEASANT TO BE HERE TO PRESENT THIS CULTURAL PLAN TO YOU AND TO HAVE WORKED WITH MANY PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM AND MANY HUNDREDS MORE ON THIS EFFORT. I'M FROM PORTLAND. I SOMETIMES CONSIDER PORTLAND AND AUSTIN SISTER CITIES BECAUSE WE SHARE A LOT OF THE, A LOT OF THE GOOD THINGS ARE TRUE ABOUT BOTH CITIES. I WANT TO INTRODUCE GREEN LIGHT FOR SUCCESS WHO ARE OUR FANTASTIC CONSULTANT BASED TEAM PARTNERS. AND I WILL TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR FINDINGS. FIRST, KIND OF SETTING THE STAGE IN TERMS WHAT HAVE SOME OTHER CITIES HAVE DONE THROUGH DREAMING BIG CULTURAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT. THE VILLAGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES EMERGED IN A DISTRESSED NEIGHBORHOOD IN PHILADELPHIA AS AN ARTS PROJECT, THEY PLANTED A GARDEN AND GOT LOCAL NEIGHBORS AND YOUTH INVOLVED AND SOON THEY WERE CREATING SCULPTURES AND MURALS AND THEY GOT YOUTH INVOLVED AND IT MORPHED INTO A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION THAT OWNS AND PROVIDES AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND A HEALTH CLINIC. THE YOUTH PROGRAMS HAVE EXPAND AND THEY'VE PLANTED GARDENS AND REVITALIZED THE NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH AN ARTS PROJECT. THE MASSACHUSETTES MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF CULTURALLY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE SMALL TOWN IN MASSACHUSETTES HAS CREATED ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUMS IN THE WORLD AND HAS BENEFITS FROM THE REVITALIZATION AND ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT OF THAT TREMENDOUSLY. IN HOUSTON, A LITTLE BIT CLOSER TO HOME, PROJECT ROW HOUSE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1993 AND A NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED ART AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION WITH 22 ABANDONED WHAT THEY CALL SHOT GUN HOUSES WHICH ARE STUDIOS FOR ARTISTS AND HOMES FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND AFTER TWO PROJECTS AS WELL. IN MY HOMETOWN OF PORTLAND, WE WENT THROUGH A CULTURAL PROCESS THAT HAD INCREDIBLE RESULTS. THE EXPANSION OF THE ARTS PROGRAM AND THE YOUTH PROGRAM THAT BECAME A NATIONAL MODEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG ARTS BUSINESS GROUP. A FIVE FOLD INCREASE OF BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FUNDING FOR CULTURE AND ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT FOR PORTLAND AS A MAJOR MAGNET FOR YOUNG CREATIVE -- MAGNET FOR YOUNG, CREATIVE IDEAS AND ENTERPRISE. WE'VE GOT GOOD IDEAS TO MOVE THE COMMUNITY FORWARD HERE. EARLY ON, I, MYSELF, CAME TO BELIEVE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF AUSTIN'S, WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL SENSE OF PLACE, IS ACTUALLY A STATE OF MIND AND WE COINED THE TERM CULTURE OF CREATIVITY FOR THAT STATE OF MIND, AND IT IS THE CREATIVITY YOU FIND EVERYWHERE YOU TURN IN AUSTIN, ENCOMPASSING ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, NONPROFIT ARTS, CULTURAL BUSINESSES, AND WE SEE IT EVERYWHERE AND I SAW IT EVERYWHERE AND ENJOYED IT EVERYWHERE FROM THE VITALITY AND ORIGINALLY ORIGINALITY OF THE LIVE MUSIC SCENES, THE VIBRANCY OF THE EAST AUSTIN SCENE, THE PHILIP GLASS OPERA THAT I SAW THAT WAS CO-COMMISSIONED BY UT, AND THE BIRTH OF THE DIGITAL INDUSTRY FROM VISUAL ARTS, FILMS AND MEDIA PROGRAMMING. ALL OF THAT AND \$2.2 BILLION PER YEAR AS OF 2005 IN COMMISSION IMPACT SO IT IS A HUGE SECTOR, IT IS AN IMPORTANT SECTOR AUSTIN, AND IT'S WHAT WE REALLY HAVE TO BUILD ON WITH CULTURAL PLANNING. AND WE ALSO NOTED DURING PLANNING THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN AS EXEMPLIFIED ACTUALLY, WE STAND IN A BUILDING THAT IS ARTFULLY CREATED AND FILLED WITH ART AND AMAZING TESTIMONY TO THE CULTURE OF CREATIVITY. OF COURSE, THE CITY ALSO PROVIDES SUPPORT THROUGH THE CULTURAL CONTRACTS PROGRAM, THE PUBLIC ART PROGRAM, AND IN PARTICULAR THE BONDING THAT YOU'VE DONE ON BEHALF OF CULTURAL FACILITIES LIKE THE CARVER CENTER, DEHERTY CENTER, THE ASIAN RESOURCE CENTER AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER. SO WE HAVE A LOT TO BUILD UPON. WE HAVE A CITY THAT IS ALREADY INVESTED AND FEELS THE ARTS ARE IMPORTANT. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? THERE ARE SOME CHALLENGES HERE IN AUSTIN. THE COST OF LIVING, ESPECIALLY, OF AFFORDABLE AND STUDIO AND PRESENTATION SPACE AND HOUSING HAS RISEN TO A POINT WHERE MOST OF THE ARTISTS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ARE WONDERING IF THEY CAN AFFORD TO LIVE IN AUSTIN. THE CULTURAL CENTER IS SILO-IZED. DIGITAL MEDIA CREATOR, MUSICIANS, REALLY AREN'T TALKING TO ONE ANOTHER AND THE CITIZENS AND FUNDS ARE SPREAD ACROSS MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS AS WELL. AND SO THESE DISCONNECTED MEAN THAT SOME OF AUSTIN'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS LIKE THE BRANDING OF LIVE MUSIC AND DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE TO MUSICIANS ARE AVAILABLE. IT BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER AND SPURS, ALREADY, NEW COLLABORATIONS AND STRATEGIES YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT AS WE PROCEED TODAY. ANOTHER CHALLENGE IS

CONGESTION AND THE LACK OF TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS. RESTRICTING ACCESS, AS WE SAW IN THE VERY DRAMATIC EXAMPLE WHEN THE LONG CENTER OPENED, BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET TO CULTURAL EVENTS BECAUSE OF THE CONGESTION. LIKE OTHER MAJOR CITIES, AUSTIN IS WRESTLING WITH ITS RAPIDLY CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS, AND THIS CREATES TENSION IN THE COMMUNITY ANNUAL TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING AND VALUING OF AUSTIN'S MANY CULTURES. AND THE CITY'S KNOWN SUPPORT OF VENUES FOR THE MEXICANS-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND THE ASIAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY ARE EXEMPLARY AS THEY ARE SPUR UNDERSTANDING AND VALUE OF MULTI CULTURES. THERE ARE WONDERFUL EXAMPLES OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN AUSTIN, BUT BASED UPON OUR FINDINGS NOT ALL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO THEM SO THERE IS ALREADY AN EFFORT UNDER WAY TO INVENTORY AVAILABLE CULTURAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND WORK TOWARDS SYSTEMIC EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CREATIVE EDUCATION THAT WILL HELP TO FUEL THEIR PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS AND MAKE THEM PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. AUSTIN, DESPITE THE EVIDENT WEALTH HERE, DOES NOT HAVE A STRONG CULTURE OF PRIVATE PHILANTHROPY. PRIVATE GIVING IS ACTUALLY QUITE LOW HERE COMPARED TO OTHER MAJOR CITIES AND WE THINK THERE IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT TO GROW. AND FINALLY, ALTHOUGH THE CULTURAL SECTOR ITSELF IS SELF AWARE OF ITS VITALITY, THERE IS LIMITED, WE HEARD AND FEEL, SENSE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE VALUE OF ARTS AND CULTURE, SO THE WORD NEEDS TO GET OUT FURTHER. SO WHAT DID WE DO TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES? WE CONVENED WHEN THERE WERE FINDINGS DEVELOPED IN THE SIX TOPICAL AREAS AND WE CONVENED TASK FORCES TO DIG MORE DEEPLY AND TO WRESTLE WITH STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THEM AND THAT IS BUILT ENVIRONMENT, FINANCIAL RESOURCES, SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL CREATIVITY, CREATIVITY IN LEARNING, COMMUNICATIONS AND CLAP COLLABORATIONS, AND CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE. NOW WE GET TO THE IDEAS THAT CAME OUT OF OUR PLANNING AND PRESENT THEM TO YOU AS 10 BIG IDEAS. IN THE PLANNING DOCUMENT WITH FINDINGS THAT THERE ARE 34 SEPARATE RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT THESE WERE THE IDEAS THAT EMERGED AND LOOM AS THE REALLY BIG P IN SOME CASES CROSS-CUTTING INITIATIVES THAT WE FEEL WILL LAY THE GROUND WORK FOR AUSTIN'S NEXT PHASE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE FIRST OF THOSE THREE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS, ARE TOP RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'RE CALLING INSTRUMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE REALLY ABOUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE LEADERSHIP NEEDED TO MOVE FORWARD, AND THERE ARE THREE OF THESE, ONE OF THEM IS ALREADY UNDER WAY, AS YOU WILL HEAR LATER, THE FORMATION OF A CREATIVE ALLIANCE TO JOIN THE CULTURAL SECTOR MEMBERS TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR SERVICES FOR ARTISTS AND CREATORS AS AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZE SAYS AND SPUR CRAG RATIONS. -- ORGANIZATIONS AND SPUR COLLABORATIONS. TO REFORM A LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE AS A TASK FORCE TO IN AN ON GOING WAY, OVERSEE CULTURAL PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION AND REPORT TO YOU AND BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. AND FINALLY, TO CREATE A CITY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE TO BRING ALL FUNCTIONS TOGETHER UNDER ONE DEPARTMENT AND ELEVATE IT IN TERMS OF ITS

LEADERSHIP AND VISIBILITY IN THE CITY AS A FORCE FOR REALLY INTEGRATING THE ARTS AND CULTURE THROUGHOUT THE CITY'S BUSINESS AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO REALLY SPUR AUSTIN'S FUTURE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE OTHER 10 BIG IDEAS ARE TO LAUNCH A FOCUS PUBLIC WILL BUILDING, AND CULTURAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. WE HAD FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY AND ALTHOUGH THERE ARE ALREADY WONDERFUL PARTNERSHIPS, THERE IS A SENSE THOSE CAN BE DEEPEMED, SO THAT IS RECOMMENDATION NUMBER FIVE, BIG IDEA NUMBER FIVE. THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY WE FEEL TO INCREASE PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT, THE SIXTH BIG IDEA. TO ADDRESS THE CAPACITY OF CREATORS AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH INCREASED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANT SERVICES. TO ENCOURAGE NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVITY. TO DEVELOPMENT AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE SPACE OF ALL TYPES BEING AND TO DEVELOP A CREATIVITY TEACHING AND LEARNING PROSPECT, WHICH IS A CULTURAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE. SO THOSE ARE THE 10 BIG IDEAS OF THE PLAN, KIND OF WHERE WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU FOCUSED FIRST AS YOU DIG INTO THIS RICH DOCUMENT. THE FORMAT OF THE PLAN UNDER EACH OF THE 34 RECOMMENDATIONS, WE SUGGEST LEAD AND PARTNER IMPLEMENTERS, A TIME LINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION, FIRST STEPS, IDENTIFY RESOURCES NEEDED. I DID A LOT OF RESEARCH ON MODELS AROUND THE COUNTRY FOR PROGRAMS IN COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN AND THOSE ARE CITED WITH WEB URLS IN THERE. WE IDENTIFIED OUTCOMES AND WE IDENTIFIED THE BENEFITS AND RATIONALES FOR EACH OF THE 34 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND FINALLY, WE IDENTIFIED SOME FIRST STEPS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION AND THOSE INCLUDE TAKING THE PLAN OUT AND COMMUNICATING IT TO THE BROADER COMMUNITY, VIA SPEAKER'S BUREAUS AND MAKING EVERY CONNECTION WE CAN. SEEKING ADOPTION AND ENDORSEMENTS FROM ALL MANNER OF CIVIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS. DEVELOPING THE TASK FORCE, THE LEADERSHIP GROUP, REFORMING IT TO KEEP THE LEADERSHIP WE'VE IDENTIFIED AND CULTIVATED ON BOARD IN HELPING TO MOVE THIS THING FORWARD. AND TO INTEGRATE CREATE AUSTIN WITH OTHER PLANNING EFFORTS, SUCH AS WE ARE ALREADY DOING WITH THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN STUDY AND PLAN AND WE FEEL THERE IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO INTEGRATE CULTURAL PLANNING INTO NEIGHBORHOOD AND DISTRICT PLANNING THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, TOO. SO IN CLOSING, I HAVE TO SAY THAT I'M PROUD OF THE WORK OF ALL OF THESE FOLKS, AND OF THE CITY STAFF IN PULLING THIS TOGETHER. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING WITH THE FINAL FOLKS OF AUSTIN. WE WORKED HARD, WE'VE DREAMED BIG. WE FOUND THAT AUSTIN HAS INCREDIBLE CREATIVE ASSETS TO BUILD UPON AND WE FEEL THAT WE'RE OFFERING YOU CREATE AUSTIN CULTURAL MASTER PLAN THAT PROVIDE AS ROAD MAP TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE NEXT PHASE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TO AN EVEN MORE VITAL AND LIVEABLE PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY. WE YOUR REVIEW AND SUPPORT AND ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AT ANY POINT. I NOW HAVE THE DISTINCTION PLEASURE OF INTRODUCING COOKIE, WHO EXEMPLIFIES AUSTIN'S CULTURE OF CREATIVITY. SHE COMBINED INNOVATIVE, DECISIVE THINKING, INCREDIBLE ENERGY AND PASSION INTO REALLY

AN UNSTOPPABLE FOR AND WE'RE GLAD WE ARE HER ON OUR SIDE AND BASICALLY SHE IS ON AUSTIN'S SIDE, SHE HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE LEAD ARE FOR THIS PROCESS AND SHE WILL MENTION THE PROCESS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU. WELCOME.

THANK YOU, IT IS WONDERFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT OUT TO YOU TODAY. I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING AS THE WORKING CHAIR JOINED BY OUR MAYOR AS OUR HONORARY CHAIR AND DR. LONG. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE SOME CREATE AUSTIN PARTICIPANTS, IF YOU WOULD RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU WERE INVOLVED AT ALL IN CREATE AUSTIN. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY. AT THE BEGINNING OF -- GET CAUGHT UP. AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS PROCESS, THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL DEVELOPED A CREATIVE VISION FOR THE YEAR 2017, HOPE-FOR OUTCOMES FOR A CULTURAL PLANNING PROCESS OVER A 10-YEAR HORIZON. THE PLAN BUILT A REALITY NOT VISION AND A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EARLY VISION STATEMENTS WE CAME UP WITH INCLUDE THE OUTCOMES OF CREATE AUSTIN REFLECT AND REINFORCE OUR AUTHENTIC AND DISTINCTIVE IDENTITY THAT ARTS AND CULTURE AND CREATIVITY ARE VALUED AS VITAL CONTRIBUTORS TO AUSTIN'S CHARACTER, QUALITY OF LIFE AND ECONOMY. THAT EVERY CHILD IN AUSTIN HAS ACCESS TO IN-DEPTH COMPREHENSIVE CULTURAL LEARNING THROUGH PROGRAMS THAT ARE INTEGRATED INTO OUR SCHOOLS, THAT AUSTIN HAS A NETWORK OF SUCCESSFUL, SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CULTURAL CENTER, MUSEUMS, CONCERT HALLS THAT REFLECT THE DIVERSITY, HERITAGE AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION TO MEET THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY'S GROWTH. THAT OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT REFLECTS THE INSPIRATIONAL SPIRIT THROUGH GOOD DESIGN, PUBLIC ART, ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC SPACES. AND FINALLY, THAT AUSTIN IS A HAVEN FOR CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS WITH AFFORDABLE WORK SPACES, HOUSING AND HEALTH CARE AND NETWORKING. SO OUR VISION FOR THE YEAR 2017 WAS PRETTY WIDE-REACHING. THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AND AS IT, FORCES INVOLVED HUNDREDS OF AUSTIN ITEMS THAT CAME FORWARD -- AUSTINITES THAT CAME FORWARD. WE HAD REPRESENTATIVES FROM BUSINESS, TOURISM, EDUCATION AND PHILANTHROPY, NONPROFITS AND CULTURAL COMMUNITIES, FILM AND OTHER CREATIVE INDUSTRIES. WE HAD FINALLY, 70 PEOPLE ON OUR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL THAT PROVIDED VISIBLE LEADERSHIP FOR REACHING OUT TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY. THEY ASSISTED IN THIS PLAN AND ARE CURRENTLY GALVANIZING THE EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN'S RECOMMENDATIONS. WHEN THE TASK FORCES WERE FORMED, WHICH I'M SHOWING YOU SOME OF THE TASK FORCES, OVER 70 PEOPLE ENDED UP ROLLING UP THEIR SLEAVES AND DIVIDING THEMSELVES INTO SIX ISSUE-FOCUSED AREAS. THEY MET OVER A SIX-WEEK PERIOD OF TIME AND PRODUCED OVER 120 PAGES OF FINDINGS AND SUGGESTIONS. NAMES OF MORE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN OUR PROCESS, WE OFFERED NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO BE INVOLVED THROUGH INTERVIEWS, THROUGH FOCUS GROUP, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES, COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND SURVEYS, BECAUSE WE WERE INTERESTED IN TAPPING THE CREATIVITY AND PASSION AND COMMITMENT THAT WERE EVIDENT FROM THE VERY OUTSET OF THIS PROCESS. 120

PEOPLE WERE INTERVIEWED EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN FOCUS GROUPS. SIX COMMUNITY MEETINGS WERE HELD AND ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 250 PEOPLE. AND THEN THE USE OF THE WEB SITE, eNEWSLETTERS AND OTHER BRIEFINGS ON-LINE AND OTHER OUT REACH EFFORTS WERE USED TO INFORM OVER THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT OUR PROCESS CONCERNING CREATE AUSTIN. MANY HAVE SAID THE COMING TOGETHER AND BREAKING DOWN THOSE MENTIONED BEFORE AND FORMING SOME NEW COLLABORATIONS HAS REALLY BEEN THE BEST PART OF THIS PROCESS. THERE ARE ALSO MANY DOABLE IDEAS THAT ARE ALREADY IN THE PROCESS OF BEING IMPLEMENTED THAT REPRESENT THIS EXERCISE IN CIVIC CREATIVITY. SO THE PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION, HERE WE GO IS ALREADY UNDER WAY. A TEAM OF INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING ARTS AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, EDUCATION, CIVIC LEADERS AND PHILANTHROPY ARE ALREADY MEETING AND DEVELOPING THE COMMUNITY-BASED ALLIANCE SO THAT WORK IS -- ALLIANCE SO THAT WORK IS ALREADY UNDER WAY. THERE IS A BASIS FOR A SEARCHABLE DATA BASE THAT LEADS US TO CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS. THERE IS AN ARTS EDUCATION SURVEY THAT IS BEING PUT TOGETHER AT THIS POINT THAT WILL IDENTIFY GAPS AND OUR ARTS EDUCATION ACROSS AUSTIN. THERE IS A CREATIVITY AND LEARNING TEAM WORKING RIGHT NOW THAT IS BRINGING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, ACC, THE CITY MUCH AUSTIN AND COMMUNITY -- CITY OF AUSTIN AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY OTHER COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES. ACC IS DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAM AS WE SPEAK AND WILL HOST A COMMUNITY ARTS SUMMIT IN 2008. THE CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION IS ALSO BEGINNING TO IMPLEMENT SOME DEVELOPING PROGRAMS THAT BRING OUT NEEDS IN THIS PROCESS. IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY COLLABORATION, OUR PLAN AND OUR PROCESS REFLECT THE CITY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP THAT IS NEEDED TO FURTHER DEVELOP AUSTIN'S CULTURE OF CREATIVITY AS A RESOURCE FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR CITY'S CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. BEING EVER MINDFUL OF THE PRESSURE OF COMPETING BUDGETARY NEEDS, WE'VE IDENTIFIED STRATEGIES WE FEEL BEST ALIGNED WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S STRENGTHS ARE FOR WHICH THE CITY WOULD BE UNIQUELY CAPABLE OF MOVING FORWARD. AND SOME OF THOSE ARE CONTINUED SUPPORT, ONE WAS MENTIONED BEFORE, THROUGH OUR CULTURAL CONTRACTS GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. ASSISTANCE WITH THE SPACE AND VENUES, AND THEN FINALLY THE LEADERSHIP FOR THE CULTURAL SECTOR THROUGH THE CREATION OF A MORE VISIBLE AND FOCUSED DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE. LIKEWISE, WE'VE IDENTIFIED IMPORTANT INITIATIVES AS THE FOCUS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OUR CULTURAL COMMUNITY. OUR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP IS ALREADY STEPPING FORWARD TO BEGIN WORK ON THESE ITEMS. WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE RECEIVED COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THIS PLAN PROCESS. I THINK SOME OF US HAVE SEEN THE WONDERFUL ARTICLE IN THE CHRONICLE ENTITLED SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME, AND ALSO, WE WERE PROUD TO RECEIVE A LIVEABLE CITY AWARD FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT LAST WEEK. FINALLY, THERE IS A TREMENDOUS SENSE OF WHAT TIME ABOUT WHAT OUR NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS CAN MEAN FOR AUSTIN'S FUTURE AND MY MESSAGE TODAY IS THAT THERE IS A LOT AT STAKE FOR AUSTIN'S VITALITY AND PROSPERITY YOU HAVE

ENTHUSIASTIC PARTNERS, WE NOW HAVE A CULTURAL MASTER PLAN, A GUIDE THAT PROVIDES GOOD WORK AHEAD TO BUILD UPON TO ENHANCE AUSTIN'S CULTURE OF CREATIVITY. AS FURTHER EVIDENCE AS A COMMITMENT TO OUR CITIZENS TO THIS PLAN, A SMALL GROUP HAS BEEN WORKING SINCE JANUARY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS CREATIVE ALLIANCE. THEY HAVE MET WITH EXPERTS IN THE FIELD AND PURSUING FUNDING NECESSARY TO MAKE IT A REALITY. I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THROUGH YESTERDAY THIS GROUP LEARNED THAT FUNDING HAS BEEN COMMITTED, SUFFICIENT TO TAKE THE CREATIVE ALLIANCE THROUGH THE FIRST THREE TO FIVE YEARS OF ITS OPERATION. DETAILS OF THAT FUNDING WILL BE RELEASED AFTER THE FOUNDATION'S OWN CONTRACTUAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BUT THEY WILL BE ANTICIPATED IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS. THANK YOU, COUNCIL, FOR YOUR REPORT OF CREATE AUSTIN, THIS HAS BEEN AN EXCEPTIONAL PROCESS AND ONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. OUR COMMUNITY THANKS YOU FOR PROVIDING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO JOIN TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS AND IT IS OUR SINCEREST HOPE IT WILL BECOME AN APPROPRIATE PRIORITY OF THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN AS IT MOVED FORWARD. I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EGR.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. WELCOME.

THANK YOU, COOKIE. MAYOR AND COUNCIL, WE HAVE PROVIDED WITH YOU LOTS OF INFORMATION THIS AFTERNOON. AS WAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, THERE ARE OVER 34 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS CULTURAL MASTER PLAN. SOME OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE AN IMPACT OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS. WE OF STAFF HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DELVE INTO THE RECOMMENDATIONS SO WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO BACK, WORK OUT THE DETAILS IN THE THE RECOMMENDATIONS, DETERMINE ANY ASSOCIATED COST THAT THERE COULD BE, AND THEN COME BACK, RETURN TO COUNCIL WITH VERY DETAIL ACTION PLANS. SO WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION THIS AFTERNOON AND WE'RE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, ROSIE. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF OR MR. BULIK OR MISS RUIZ? COMMENTS? I WILL JUST SAY I WAS FLATTERED TO SERVE A VERY MODEST ROLE AS HONORARY CHAIR, AS MISS RUIZ POINTS OUT, THE NUMBER OF FOLKS AND SORT OF EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE AND PASSION AND INTELLECT THAT WAS BROUGHT TO THIS WORKING GROUP WAS REMARKABLE, IT SPEAKS HIGHLY OF THE INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY WE ALREADY HAVE IN THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMUNITY HERE IN AUSTIN. I DO LOOK FORWARD TO STAFF WORKING WITH OUR OFFICES TO COME UP WITH WHAT WOULD BE, YOU KNOW, AN ACTIONABLE PLAN FOR US, THE COUNCIL, TO TAKE. YOU KNOW INDEPENDENT OF BUDGET DISCUSSIONS WE MAY BE HAVING ON GOING, AND LOOK VERY MUCH FORWARD TO US LOOKING, AS A COUNCIL AND FUTURE COUNCIL, HOW WE TEAM WITH THE WORKING GROUP AND HOPEFULLY THE ALLIANCE, TO MOVE FORWARD AND BUILD UPON WHAT I THINK ARE GOOD FUNDAMENTALS IN TOWN, BUT AS BILLPOINTS OUT, THERE IS A LOT OF FRAGMENTATION, THERE IS A LOT OF UNUSED CAPACITY THAT WE

COULD FILL WITH THE RIGHT PLAN AND ACTION ITEMS. SO ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: THANK YOU, MAYOR. AS I MENTIONED THIS MORNING, ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS TODAY IS TO LOOK AT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE AND WHAT I WANTED TO ASK, COOKIE, IF YOU GUYS HAVE ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATIONS TOO WHAT THAT MIGHT LOOK LIKE OR WHO WE MIGHT LOOK TO IN TERMS OF A PEER CITY TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY AND COST. BECAUSE AS I MENTIONED THIS MORNING DURING CONSENT AGENDA, I WOULD BE ASKING THE CITY MANAGER TO LOOK AT THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING ITS OWN DEPARTMENT.

THERE ARE MANY MODELS AND WE CITE QUITE A FEW IN THE PLAN, INCLUDING DALLAS, SAN ANTONIO, CHICAGO, MANY MAJOR CITIES HAVE SIMILAR KINDS OF DEPARTMENTS AND WE DO CITE THEM THE PLAN. OBVIOUSLY, WITH ANY CITY, ANALYSIS OF HUMAN RESOURCE AND ISSUES WOULD NEED TO OCCUR BUT THERE ARE SOME REALLY TERRIFIC MODELS TO LOOK AT.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: SO MAYBE THE CITY MANAGER COULD CALL UPON YOU GUYS TO PROVIDE SOME OF THAT INFORMATION?

QUITE A FEW ARE CITED IN THE PLAN AND WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU NEED.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: ANY FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, OF STAFF OR ANYBODY ELSE? THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. VERY IMPRESSIVE, WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO FIGURING OUT THE PARTNERSHIP. [APPLAUSE] COUNCIL THAT TAKES US TO OUR 4:00 ZONING MATTERS. UNFORTUNATELY, MR. RUSTHOVEN BROUGHT A DOLLY IN WITH HIM, THAT IS NEVER ENCOURAGING, BUT WE WILL WELCOME MR. GREG GUERNSEY. AND IF FOLKS WOULD BE KIND NOW HAVE TAKE THEIR CONVERSATIONS OUT INTO THE FOYER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. WE STILL HAVE MUCH MORE BUSINESS TO DO.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. MY NAME IS GREG GUERNSEY, DIRECT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. I WILL CAULK YOU THROUGH OUR 4:00 ZONING ORDINANCES AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANT WHERE THE HEARINGS HAVE BEEN CLOSED. THE FIRST ITEM SEMITE EMNUMBER 42 THIS IS CASE C14-2007-0210 AND --

MAYOR WYNN: HOLD ON, GREG. FOLKS, IF YOU WOULD TAKE YEAR CONVERSATIONS OUT IN THE FOYER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. WE HAVE ZONING BUSINESS TO CONDUCT NOW. THANK YOU. SORRY, GREG.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. THIS IS AGAIN, THE ITEM NUMBER 62, CASE C14-2007-0210 AND C14H-

2007-0011. KOCUREK BUILDING. 511 WEST 41ST STREET. THIS IS TO REZONE THE PROPERTY FROM FAMILY RESIDENCE, NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION COMBINING DISTRICT SF-3-NCCD COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING TO NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE- HISTORIC LANDMARK- NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION COMBINING DISTRICT NO-H-NCCD. THIS IS READY FOR THIRD READING. WE HAVE WORKED WITH THE APPLICANT AND SPOKEN WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD VIA E-MAIL REGARDING A CLARIFICATION TO THE TWO-FAMILY USE ON THE PROPERTY, AND WE KNOW THAT THIS, THERE IS SOME ADDITIONAL STANDARDS THAT YOU HAVE ON THE DAIS AND WILL PROVIDE THE CLERK WITH REGARD TO THE TWO-FAMILY USE TO CHANGE THE WORD FROM A SECOND DWELLING UNIT TO A SECOND, OR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT TO A SECOND DWELLING UNITY REFERENCE TO THE ORDINANCE AND ALSO TO NOTE A MODIFICATION TO AN ACCESSORY BUILDING WHICH COULD BE A GARAGE OR A SMALL SHED ON THE PROPERTY WOULD BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM 15% OF THE SITE AREA. NOTING THOSE CHANGES FOR THIS TWO-FAMILY USE THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON THIRD READING. AND THAT IS ITEM NUMBER 62. ITEM NUMBER 63 IS CASE C14-2007-0225. PARMER PLACE. THIS IS TO APPROVE SECOND AND THIRD READING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1600-1622 EAST PARMER LANE. DR DISTRICT ZONING AND SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE- STANDARD LOT-CONDITIONAL OVERLAY SF-2-CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE-LOW DENSITY MF-2 DISTRICT ZONING FOR TRACT ONE AND COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL GR DISTRICT ZONING FOR TRACT 2. THIS IS READY FOR CONSENTS APPROVAL ON SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 64, THIS IS CASE C14-2008-0038. 1705 & 1715 GUADALUPE STREET. THIS SO TO APPROVE SECOND AND THIRD READING FOR THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTY GOING FROM DOWNTOWN MIXED USE DMU DISTRICT ZONING TO DOWNTOWN MIXED USE-CENTRAL URBAN REDEVELOPMENT DMU-CURE COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THE APPLICANT HAS AGREED TO AND ENTERED INTO A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT ON THE PROPERTY AND THE OWNER SHALL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT STREET SCAPE IMPROVEMENTS IN COMPLIANCE TO THE CITY'S GREAT STREETS REQUIREMENTS AND ALSO THAT ALL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL COMPLY WITH THE AUSTIN ENERGY GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM IN EFFECT JUNE 1, 2008, FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO-STAR RATING. AND THAT IS SOMETHING NEW THAT THE DEVELOPER, PROPERTY OWNER HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE WITH THAT, WE CAN OFFER THAT FOR SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. SO THOSE ARE THE ITEMS I CAN OFFER FOR CONSENT ON THIS PORTION OF YOUR ZONING AGENDA.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. GUERNSEY. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? IF NOT, THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA WHERE WE HAVE CONDUCTED AND CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO APPROVE ON THIRD READING ITEM NUMBER 62 AND TO APPROVE ON SECOND AND THIRD READING ITEM NUMBER 63 AND 64. I WILL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER McCRACKEN. SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEG TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA READ. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCIL MEMBER KIM TEMPORARILY OFF THE DAIS.

LET ME CONTINUE WITH THE 4:00 ZONING ITEMS. ITEM NUMBER 65 IS CASE NUMBER C14-2008-0071. TWIN LIQUORS HANCOCK CENTER. 1000 E. 41ST STREET. GENERAL COMMERCIAL

SERVICES-CONDITIONAL OVERLAY-NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN CS- CO-NP COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING TO COMMERCIAL-LIQUOR SALES- CONDITIONAL OVERLAY- NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN CS-1-CO-NP COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT THE REQUEST FOR CS-1-CH-NP ZONING AND THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 66 IS CASE C14H-2007-0017. DOROTHY NICHOLS DUPLEX. 1206 LORRAIN STREET. STAFF IS REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM UNTIL THE JULY 24th MEETING. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE PROMPT OWNER AND SEE IF THERE IS A WAY TO AVOID A DEMOLITION PERMIT ON THIS PROPERTY. ITEM NUMBER 67, CASE NUMBER C14-2008-0088. ALLANDALE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA. VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING V ZONING OPT-IN OPT-OUT PROCESS. STAFF IS REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT UNTIL THE JUNE 18 MEETING. NEXT IS ITEM NUMBER 68, CASE NUMBER C14-2008-0032. NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA. VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING V ZONING OPT-IN/OPT-OUT PROCESS AND STAFF IS ALSO ASKING FOR A POSTPONEMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 68 UNTIL YOUR JUNE 18 MEETING. ITEM NUMBER 69 IS CASE C14-2008-0002.001. NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA. VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING V 56TH STREET TO THE NORTH, MIDDLE FISKVILLE ROAD TO THE EAST, AND THE AUSTIN AND NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD TO THE WEST. THIS IS TO COUNTRY PROMPTS INTO THE VERTICAL MIXED USE FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX TRACTS ON APPROXIMATELY 10-ACRES OF LAND IN THIS AREA. THE STAFF WOULD RECOMMEND THE PLANNING RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT THIS REQUEST FOR CONSENTS APPROVAL ON ALL -- WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS RIGHT, ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 70 IS CASE C14-2008-0019.001. THIS IS THE SOUTH LAMAR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA. PLANNING AREA. ZONING OPT-IN/OPT-OUT PROCESS 2121 SOUTH LAMAR BOULEVARD. THIS PARTICULAR TRACT WAS LEFT OUT AND THIS WOULD GRANT THE VERTICAL MIXED USE THIS HAVE HAD FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON FIRST READING ONLY. ITEM NUMBER 71 IS CASE NUMBER C14-2008-0034. UNIVERSITY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA. VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING. OPT-IN/OPT-OUT PROCESS. THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT THIS BUT THE STAFF IS ASKING FOR POSTPONEMENT, SOME INDIVIDUALS CANNOT BE HERE THIS EVENING AND WE ARE REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT UNTIL THE JUNE 18 MEETING. THAT IS ALL THE ITEMS I CAN PRESENT AT THIS TIME.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. GUERNSEY. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? IF NOT, THEN THE CONSENTS FOR CASES WE HAVE YET TO CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING WOULD BE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON -- I TAKE THAT BACK. BEFORE I TAKE A MOTION OR CONSENT AGENDA, WE HAVE ONE CITIZEN WHO SIGNED UP TO ADDRESS US ON ITEM NUMBER 65. MR. WATLEY SEENED UP NEUTRAL SO I WILL LEAVE THIS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA BUT HE SIGNED UP WISHING TO GIVE US TESTIMONY ON THIS CASE NUMBER 65. WELCOME SIR, YOU HAVE UP TO THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, I'M PRESIDENT OF THE HANCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND I WANTED TO SAY THIS WAS A CONCERN FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE'VE HAD VERY THOROUGH DISCUSSION WITH THE APPLICANT AND WE'VE REVIEWED THE ORDINANCE AND

IT MEETS AND ADDRESSES OUR CONCERNS.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, FOR YOUR WORK AND YOUR NEIGHBORS. SO THEN, COUNCIL WITH THAT, OUR PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE TO COAST THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS ITEM 65, POSTPONE CASE 66 TO JULY 24, 2008, TO POSTPONE CASES 67 AND 68 TO JUNE 18, WEDNESDAY, 2008, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS CASE 69. TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON FIRST READING ONLY ITEM 70, AND TO POSTPONE ITEM 71 ON JUNE 18, AGAIN, WEDNESDAY, 2008. I WILL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION. MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER McCRACKEN, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO APPROVE THE CONSENTS AGENDA AS READ. ANY COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTES OF 6-0 WITH COUNCIL MEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS.

MAYOR THAT CONCLUSIONED THE ITEMS I CAN OFFER THIS EVENING.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, AND ENCOURAGE MR. RUSTHOVEN TO BRING HIS DOLL WHICH BACK NEXT WEEK. COUNCIL THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE OUR 5:30 BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, THEN SOME PUBLIC HEARINGS FOLLOWING THAT, TECHNICALLY WE ARE NOW IN RECESS AND SO OUR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, GENERALLY WE DON'T CALL THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER SO TECHNICALLY I DON'T THINK WE WILL RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING UNTIL A FEW MINUTES AFTER 6:00 P.M. WE ARE NOW IN RECESS.

MAYOR WYNN: OKAY, FOLKS. WELCOME BACK TO OUR WEEKLY LIVE MUSIC GIG HERE AT THE THURSDAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING. JOINING US TODAY ARE MIKE AND IKE AND D.J. DIAMOND TIP. MIKE AND IKE MET WHEN THEY WERE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND THEY'VE BEEN PERFORMING TOGETHER EVER SINCE. THEIR MUSIC INCORPORATES INTELLIGENT PLIT ALLEY SAVVY, I HOPE REVERENT, BLENDED TO JAZZ AND SOUL TO CREATE A UNIQUE STYLE OF RAP MUSIC. MIKE AND IKE WERE RECENTLY FEATURED ON THE COMPILATION CD OF INDEPENDENT AUSTIN MUSICIANS TITLED INDY ROUTE AND WAS RELEASED IN FEBRUARY OF 2008. THEY RELEASED INTRODUCING MIKE AND IKE AND MIXED TAPE TITLED MILK AND DOUGHNUTS. JOIN ME IN WELCOMING MIKE AND IKE D.J. DIAMOND TIP. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY. WE LOVE AUSTIN. WE'VE BEEN AROUND AUSTIN FOR ABOUT EIGHT YEARS NOW. [MUSIC PLAYING] WORKING AT BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW. [MUSIC PLAYING]

THIS IS A BRAND-NEW SONG RIGHT HERE. ONE OF OUR GOOD FRIENDS FROM HOUSTON TEXAS, WE COLLABORATE WITH A LOT OF ARTISTS FROM ALL MAJOR CITIES IN THE STATE, EVEN OUT OF STATE. [RAPPING] [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: WELL DONE. OKAY. SO TELL US, HOW DO WE FOLLOW THE CAREER? WHAT'S THE WEB SITE ADDRESS? WHERE MIGHT WE HEAR YOU, SEE YOU NEXT?

AS FAR AS THE CAREER, IT'S KIND OF ALL OVER THE PLACE RIGHT NOW. LIKE MIKE SAID EARLIER, HE'S A THIRD YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT -- OR MED SCHOOL STUDENT AND I'M ACTUALLY AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RIGHT NOW, AND MY PROFESSORS ARE TRYING TO GET ME TO WORK ON MY DOCTORATE. D.J. -- HE'S AN EMPLOYEE OF BELL, SO WE ALL HAVE REALLY BUSY SCHEDULES. LIKE I SAID, THIS IS A BRAND-NEW SONG WE JUST WROTE THE OTHER DAY. AS FAR AS THE WEB SITE, SOUL 2020.COM, SOUL2020. THAT'S WHERE YOU CAN FOLLOW US, PRETTY MUCH IN MYSPACE. KIND OF WITH OUR JOBS, MYSPACE IS SHUT DOWN, BUT PRETTY MUCH --

2020.COM, DIAMOND TIP HAS SEVERAL GIGS ON SIXTH STREET AND -- 4TH, 5TH, SIXTH STREET, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY.

MAGGIE, THURSDAY, FIRE HOUSE SIXTH STREET ON SATURDAYS AND BARS LOAN ON A SATURDAYS.

BEFORE YOU GET AWAY I HAVE THE OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION THIS READS, THE CITY OF AUSTIN TEXAS IS BLESSED WITH MANY CREATIVE MUSICIANS WHOSE TALENT EXTENDS TO EVERY MUSIC AL GENRE, OUR MUSIC AL SCENE THRIVES BECAUSE WE SUPPORT NEWCOMERS AND FAVORITES ALIKE. WE'RE PLEASED TO SHOWCASE OUR ARTISTS. I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD DO HEREBY PROCLAIM TODAY, JUNE 5, 2008, MIKE AND IKE WITH D.J. DIAMOND TIP DAY HERE IN AUSTIN. PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THIS FINE TALENT.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU AGAIN. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

AND SO MIKE AND IKE, THEY BREAK DOWN ON THAT SIDE OF THE ROOM, I'LL USE THIS PODIUM TO START OUR WEEKLY PROCLAMATIONS. WE ESSENTIALLY USE THIS TIME EACH WEEK TO RAISE AWARENESS OF IMPORTANT ISSUES AROUND TOWN, TO SAY THANK YOU TO FOLKS, TO SAY GOOD-BYE OCCASIONALLY TO RETIRING EMPLOYEES. THE FIRST PROCLAMATION IS REGARDING EMPLOYEE SAFETY MONTH, AND SO I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION, I THINK SHELLY BUCHMAN IS GOING TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT EMPLOYEE SAFETY MONTH. AND I'LL SAY, WHEN YOU HAVE A COMPLICATED BUSINESS MODEL LIKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, CITY OF AUSTIN HAS ALMOST 12,000 EMPLOYEES AND WE'RE IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, YOU KNOW, 40 OR 50 DEPARTMENTS BUT EVERYTHING FROM TECHNOLOGY TO AND THROUGH, YOU KNOW, MEN AND WOMEN WITH DUMP TRUCKS AND BACKHOES AND MEN AND WOMEN CARRYING GUNS. SO IT'S A BIG, COMPLICATED OPERATION TO MANAGE AND TO RUN, AND SAFETY CAN BE A CHALLENGE FOR US AT TIMES. AND SO WE TAKE -- TAKE THIS STUFF VERY SERIOUSLY AND IT'S GOOD TO KNOW THAT WE'RE TRYING TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE SAFETY AT THE WORK FORCE. SO I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION AND I THINK SHELLY OR SOMEBODY WILL SAY A FEW

WORDS. [LAUGHTER] PROCLAMATION READS, THE CITY OF AUSTIN RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ITS EMPLOYEES AND ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENT. AND WHEREAS THE CITY ALSO RECOGNIZES THE CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEE SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH NETWORK AS LEADING FORCES IN EMPLOYEE SAFETY ADVOCACY, AND WHEREAS THE CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEE SAFETY ASSOCIATION IS COORDINATING AND PROMOTING CITY-WIDE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH. SO THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF AUSTIN, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 2008 AS ONCE AGAIN EMPLOYEE SAFETY MONTH HERE IN AUSTIN, AND AS SHELLY TAKES THE MICROPHONE, PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING, CONGRATULATING A BUNCH OF FINE, GOOD CITY EMPLOYEES. SHELLY? [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, MAYOR. IT IS MY HONOR TO BE HERE REPRESENTING THE EMPLOYEE SAFETY ASSOCIATION AS THEIR PRESIDENT. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THE FINE WOMEN AND GENTLEMEN BEHIND ME WHO SUPPORT ME AND ARE MEMBERS IN THE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE EMPLOYEE SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE CITY AS YOU SEE OF THE PICTURES THAT ARE ON THE SCREEN BEHIND ME, WE JUST HAD OUR FIRST ANNUAL SAFETY CONFERENCE YESTERDAY OUT AT THE LRC AND REALIZED THAT WE IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THIS CONFERENCE OUTGREW THE FACILITY THAT WAS AVAILABLE TO US WITH OVER 240 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING. WE CURRENTLY HAVE ALMOST 90 MEMBERS REPRESENTING 23 DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND IT'S THROUGH THESE EFFORTS OF NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL AND OUR EVENTS THAT WE HOST THROUGHOUT THE MONTH THAT WE HOPE TO IMPROVE THE WORKING ENVIRONMENTS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES, AS WELL AS PROMOTE BEST BUSINESS PRACTICES THAT WILL INCREASE THE SAFETY OF OUR WORKPLACE. WE ALSO WANT TO PROMOTE QUALITY SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG THESE CITY EMPLOYEES. WE ALSO LOOK TO INSURE THAT ALL EMPLOYEE CONCERNS RELATED TO SAFETY AND HEALTH ARE TREATED WITH CONSISTENT, EQUITABLE AND CONFIDENTIAL CARE. WE ENCOURAGE THAT PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AMONG ALL EMPLOYEES THROUGH CITY SAFETY STAFF, THOSE ASSIGNED SAFETY DUTIES, OR THOSE LIKE MYSELF WHO OUR PRIMARY ROLE IS NOT SAFETY BUT WE ARE INTERESTED IN THAT ASPECT OF THE FIELD, GET TAKEN CARE OF IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER, AND THAT WE ACHIEVE A MORE EFFECTIVE INPUT IN THE MANAGEMENT DECISION-MAKING. AND SO WE DO WANT TO THANK MAYOR WILL WYNN AS WELL AS ALL THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND EFFORTS OF HELPING TO PROMOTE SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF AUSTIN, NOT ONLY TO THE EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO THE RESIDENTS AND CITIZENS OF AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY. AND SO WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THEM WITH THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL CERTIFICATE THANKING THEM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO A SAFER WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES. SO I DO HAVE ONE FOR THE MAYOR AND ALL THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. [APPLAUSE] AND JUST TO BRIEFLY ANNOUNCE WHO THE OTHER PEOPLE ARE HERE WITH ME, SHARON WARREN, JOANNE CALLEN, I'M AT A LOSS FOR WORDS, CAROL LEIBEL, MARK MEDICALLY, KEITH LAN, TONY MALDONADO AND EMMA --

EMMA --

YOU GOT THAT? [LAUGHTER] SORRY. THANK YOU SO MUCH AGAIN FOR ALL YOU-ALL'S SUPPORT. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

MAYOR WYNN: SO OUR NEXT PROCLAMATION TECHNICALLY IS A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. THIS GOES TO THE SUPERHERO GROUP. I'M JOINED BY STEPHEN SCHULTZ AND MATT CURTAIN. I THINK MATT WILL SAY A FEW WORDS AFTER THE PRESENTATION. WHICH DOES READ: FOR THE SUCCESS IN THEIR INAUGURAL FUNDRAISING EVENT TO HELP BREAK THE CYCLE OF CHILD ABUSE, THE SUPERHERO GROUP, INCORPORATED IS DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND RECOGNITION. WITH ONLY TWO MONTHS LEAD TIME THE SUPERHERO GROUP RAISED \$10,000 FOR THE HELPING HAND HOME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION BY STAGING A RUN-IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TEXAS ROUNDUP. THE GROUP'S GOAL IS TO EDUCATE CHILDREN AND ADULTS ABOUT CHILD ABUSE TO HELP BRING HEALING TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED AND TO HELP RESTORE THE INNOCENCE AND JOY OF AN ABUSED CHILD'S CHILDHOOD. WE APPLAUD THE SUPERHERO GROUP ON THEIR INITIAL ACHIEVEMENT DURING THIS YEAR'S CHILD PREVENTION MONTH AND WE WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN OF AUSTIN. THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR 2008, SIGNED BY ME MAYOR WYNN BUT ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ENTIRE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO THE SUPERHERO GROUP. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON BEHALF OF THE SUPER HERO GROUP OF WHICH YOU-ALL SEE A VERY SMALL COMPONENT OF THATTHAT, THERE IS SOMEONE IN THE CROWD THIS AFTERNOON. ON JANUARY 2 OF 2008 I WOKE UP AT 2:00 IN THE MORNING WITH A VERY HEAVY MESSAGE ON MY HEART, AND THAT WAS THE MESSAGE THAT THERE ARE MILLIONS OF CHILDREN AROUND THIS WORLD BEING ABUSED. AND I HAD SPENT THE LAST 13 YEARS WITH A VERY SUCCESSFUL SOFTWARE CAREER NOT FOCUSING ON WAYS TO HELP THOSE POOR CHILDREN. AND IT WAS AWAKE-UP CALL, AND I REMEMBER HAVING A DISTINCT CONVERSATION WITH GOD SAYING, YOU KNOW, I KNOW THAT'S A BIG PROBLEM. THESE KIDS, EVERY CHILD NEEDS A HERO, BUT THESE ABUSED CHILDREN NEED SUPER HEROES, AND THAT'S WHEN IT CAME TO ME. THAT'S WHEN I TALKED TO STEVEN SCHULTZ ABOUT IT AND THUS WAS BORN THE SUPERHERO RUN. GOVERNOR PERRY INVITED US TO BECOME A RUN WITHIN A RUN. THE SUPERHERO RUN, A HUNDRED PEOPLE SHOWED UP IN SHORT OF AUSTIN'S CHILDREN AND OUR NATION'S CHILDREN, AND WE RAN IN VERY EMBARRASSING SKIN TIGHT SUPERHERO OUTFITS. [LAUGHTER] BUT THE LOVE THAT WE FELT THAT DAY AND THE PRIDE THAT WE FELT RAISING AWARENESS FOR THIS CAUSE, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, OUT WEIGHED ANY EMBARRASSMENT WE HAD THAT AFTERNOON. WE RAISED, A OH, AS MAYOR WYNN SAID, \$10,000 TO BE DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN THE CHILD PROTECTION CENTER AND THE HELPING HAND HOME FOR CHILDREN. WE'LL CONTINUE THIS ENDEAVOR. I'D LIKE TO TELL PEOPLE, A HUNDRED PEOPLE IS GREAT. A LOT OF AWARENESS DOWNTOWN AUSTIN IS GREAT BUT YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET.

THIS IS A PROBLEM ACROSS OUR ENTIRE COUNTRY. LAST YEAR THERE WERE 905,000 CASES OF ABUSE HERE IN THE STATES, AND THAT'S 905,000 TOO MANY. WE ALL HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO BE SUPER HEROES TO THESE KIDS. WE ASK YOU TO JOIN US. WE ASK THAT YOU GIVE SOME LOVING ON THE CHILDREN IN YOUR LIFE. LET THEM KNOW THEY'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, THE CENTER OF OUR WORLD. WE THANK YOU, HOPE THAT YOU'LL JOIN US AS A SUPERHERO AND HELP FIGHT CHILD ABUSE. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, FAR TOO FREQUENTLY, SADLY, WE'RE HERE ALSO SAYING GOOD-BYE TO EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS, BUT ALSO, OF COURSE, WE'RE SAYING THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK. THIS NEXT PROCLAMATION AGAIN TECHNICALLY IS A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR LOLITA SLAGLE, JOINED BY HER FAMILY, SO I TRUST LOLITA WILL SAY A FEW WORDS AFTER I READ HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO CITIZENS OF AUSTIN DURING HER 23 YEAR CAREER, LOLITA SLAGLE IS DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND RECOGNITION. MRS. SLAGLE STARTED HER CAREER AS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO CITY MANAGER JORGE CARASCO AND HELD SEVERAL POSITIONS IN THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE BEING SELECTED TO HEAD THE CITY'S PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE. SHE CAME FROM THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 1993 TO PILE UP THE MOBILE -- TO PILOT THE MOBILE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM. BUT HER LEADERSHIP SKILLS SOON LANDED HER IN THE ROLE OF FORMER APD CHIEF STAN NIECE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. MAJOR CREDITS INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF APD'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON, WHOSE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CITY'S EFFORTS TO SERVE HURRICANE KATRINA AND RITA EVACUEES. SHE DEVELOPED A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEER PROGRAM CALLED THE CIVILIAN DEFENSE BATTALION AND WARMED THE HEARTS OF THOUSANDS OF AUSTIN'S CHILDREN THROUGH HER PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE BLUE SANTA PROGRAM. THE CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION OF HER ENERGY, INNOVATION AND UNENDING PUBLIC SERVICE THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE, THE YEAR 2008. AGAIN, SIGNED BY ME, MAYOR WYNN BUT ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ENTIRE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, A VERY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR MS. LOLITA SLAGLE. [APPLAUSE]

I BROUGHT MY OWN PEANUT GALLERY. [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO SERVE THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR THE LAST 23 YEARS. I'LL TELL ONE LITTLE STORY. WHEN I STARTED WORKING AT THE CITY IN 1985 THERE WERE PLANS IN THE WORKS FOR A NEW MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX AND THERE WERE ALSO PLANS TO RENOVATE THE OFFICES OF THE OLD CITY HALL, AND I SPOKE UP IN ONE OF MY FIRST STAFF MEETINGS AND SAID, "WELL, IF WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A CITY HALL VERY SOON, ISN'T IT A WASTE OF MONEY TO RENOVATE THOSE OFFICES?" WELL, THIS NEW BUILDING TELLS YOU THAT THAT 23 YEARS WAS ABOUT HOW LONG IT TOOK TO GET A NEW BUILDING BUILT. SO IT IS A PLEASURE TO RETIRE FROM THE NEW CITY HALL AND FROM A WONDERFUL ASSOCIATION WITH THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

?OO WELL DONE. WE'REJOB WELL DONE.WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU SO MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: OKAY. SO OUR NEXT PROCLAMATION, I'M JOINED BY MARGARET SHAW, WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF OUR HOUSING DEPARTMENT, HAS A LONGER TITLE THAN THAT ACTION BUT THAT'S WHAT MOST OF US KNOW HER AS. THE PROCLAMATION IS REGARDING NATIONAL HOME BUYER MONTH, AND AS YOU PROBABLY HAVE SEEN IN SOME OF THE STATUS, IN PART BECAUSE AUSTIN IS A VERY YOUNG CITY, MEDIAN AGE, AND HAVE OVER 90,000 COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS LIVING IN OUR CITY LIMITS, WE HAVE A VERY LOW -- TECHNICALLY A VERY LOW HOME OWNERSHIP RATE HERE IN AUSTIN, SO ONE OF OUR LONG-TERM GOALS HAS BEEN TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO INCREASE HOME OWNERSHIP HERE IN AUSTIN. AND SO WE'RE GOING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NATIONAL HOME BUYER MONTH TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THAT AND I TRUST MARGARET WILL SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS WE HAVE IN TRYING TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT HOME OWNERSHIP HERE IN AUSTIN AND THE VALUE OF THAT. SO THE PROCLAMATION READS: HOME OWNERSHIP HAS BEEN A HALLMARK OF THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE, AND FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICAN WORKING FAMILIES OWNING A HOME HAS COME TO SYMBOLIZE THE AMERICAN DREAM, AND WHEREAS THE CITY PROVIDES A VARIETY OF RESOURCES TO ASSIST OUR RESIDENTS IN BECOMING HOMEOWNERS, INCLUDING OUR SMART HOUSING PROGRAM, DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE, FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF NON-PROFITS AND PRIVATE DEVELOPERS WHO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND WHEREAS DURING THE SPECIAL MONTH WE REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE AMERICAN DREAM AND EVERY AUSTINITE WHO SEEKS TO ACHIEVE IT. NOW, THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF AUSTIN, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE, 2008 AS NATIONAL HOME BUYER MONTH IN AUSTIN AND CALL ON MARGARET SHAW TO SAY A FEW MORE WORDS ABOUT OUR PROGRAM HERE IN AUSTIN. MARGARET, WELCOME.

THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. IT'S ACTUALLY A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TONIGHT TO CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL HOME OWNERSHIP, HOME BUYER MONTH. AS YOU KNOW, FOR MOST AMERICANS THE PURCHASE OF A HOME IS THE LARGEST PURCHASE THEY'LL EVER MAKE IN THEIR LIFETIME, AND IT'S ACTUALLY USUALLY THE BIGGEST ASSET AND THE LARGEST ASSET ANY OF US WILL EVER OWN IN THEIR LIFETIME. SO IT'S ACTUALLY AN HONOR AND PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER STAFF FOR MY TEAM TO BE ABLE TO MAKE HOME OWNERSHIP A REALITY FOR HUNDREDS AND OVER THE YEAR, THOUSANDS OF LOW INCOME FOLKS WHO WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO BUY A HOME IN AUSTIN IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THE SERVICES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN. SO IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE A PART OF THAT. WE OFFER BOTH DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AS WELL AS SUBSIDIZING DEVELOPERS, WHO THEN SELL THEIR HOMES AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE TO MEET THAT AFFORDABLE INCOME LEVEL. AND THOSE PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE BOTH ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE, WHICH IS THE CITY OF AUSTIN.ORG'S HOUSING OR CALL 974-3100, TO

LEARN MORE ABOUT BUYING YOUR FIRST HOME IN AUSTIN. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE AND I WANT TO THANK CITY COUNCIL FOR ITS LEADERSHIP AND ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR WYNN: WELL DONE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: COME ON AROUND HERE. OKAY. AND FOR MY LAST PROCLAMATION BEFORE I TURN THE PODIUM OVER TO COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL, THIS IS REGARDING NATIONAL CPR/AED AWARENESS WEEK. I'M JOINED BY A NUMBER OF OUR CITY PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE BEEN DELIVERING REMARKABLE MEDICAL SERVICES. I HAVEN'T SEEN THE STAFF RECENTLY, BUT I KNOW UP UNTIL RECENTLY WE WERE MEASURING THINGS LIKE HOW MANY CARDIAC ARREST VICTIMS OUR EMS FOLKS WOULD GET TO IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM WITH A PULSE. THAT MEANS THEY WOULD COME IN AND SOMEONE'S HEART HAD STOPPED, AND THEN BECAUSE OF ACTION THERE AT THE SITE AND ACTION USUALLY IN THE BACK OF AN AMBULANCE ALL THE WAY TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, WE WERE AT ABOUT A 25%, 27% RATIO. SO IMAGINE ONE OUT OF FOUR PEOPLE WHOSE HEART HAS STOPPED WERE STILL ABLE TO GET TO AN ER WITH A PULSE, AND MANY, MANY, MANY OF THOSE CITIZENS, YOU KNOW, LEAVE THE HOSPITAL HEALTHY AND FINE. AND SO IT'S WITH THAT AND OTHER APPRECIATION THAT I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM BRIAN OR JASON AFTER I PROCLAIM THIS NATIONAL CPR AND AED AWARENESS WEEK. THE PROCLAMATION READS: HEART DISEASE IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE U.S., AND 95% OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST VICTIMS DIE BEFORE ARRIVING AT A HOSPITAL. AND WHEREAS PROMPT DELIVERY OF CPR MORE THAN DOUBLES THE VICTIM'S CHANCES OF SURVIVAL BY HELPING TO MAINTAIN VITAL BLOOD FLOW TO THE HEART AND BRAIN, AND IN AED, AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR, WE HAVE IN THIS BUILDING, WE HAVE IN VIRTUALLY ALL CITY BILLIONS AS WELL, EVEN WHEN USED BY A BISTANDER WHO IS NOT TRAINED, IS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE IN RETURNING THE HEART TO NORMAL RHYTHM. WHEREAS A CARDIAC VICTIM'S CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON A PUBLIC TRAINED IN CPR/AED. WE JOIN THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL IN ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO BECOME PROPERLY TRAINED. SO THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF AUSTIN, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THIS WEEK, JUNE 1 THROUGH 7TH, 2008, AS NATIONAL CPR/AED WEEK IN AUSTIN, AND AS I CALL JASON AND OR BRIAN UP TO THE PODIUM PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING SOME FINE, FINE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS HERE IN TOWN. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN, ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN RED CROSS, AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY, EMS, EVERY SINGLE FIRST RESPONDER IN OUR AREA. OUR THANKS TO THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, FOR THE SERVICE THEY PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY, ENSURING THAT WE ARE A SAFE AND WELL PROVIDED FOR COMMUNITY. AUSTIN IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK. NOT ONLY DO THEY ENSURE WE HAVE WELL TRAINED PUBLIC SAFETY TO PROTECT OUR CITIZENS, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HAVE ENCOURAGED A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE THROUGH VARIOUS FITNESS INITIATIVES. WE APPRECIATE THAT. COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ COULDN'T BE HERE

TODAY BUT I HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF SOMETHING I WANTED TO SAY TO HIM SO HE'LL HAVE TO WATCH THIS LATER. SPECIAL THANKS TO COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ WHO BEFORE HE ACCEPTED HIS DUTIES FOR AN EVEN HIGHER LEVEL OF SERVICE BY SERVING ON CITY COUNCIL, HE SERVED AS AN AUSTIN FIREFIGHTER. COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ AND I ACTUALLY SHARED A JOINT EMS FIRE STATION FOR PART OF OUR CAREERS, AND I GUARANTEE YOU HE CAN PLAY A MEAN AED. A FEW LITTLE FACTOIDS ABOUT CARD YAT YAK ARREST. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 165,000 DEATHS RELATED TO SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST A YEAR, THAT MEANS ABOUT 450 A DAY. ACROSS THE NATION ABOUT 6% OF THOSE SURVIVE. AS THE MAYOR SAID EARLIER WE'RE BEATING THAT. UP TO 250% IN CERTAIN CINCINNATIS AND INSTANCES. THOSE FOLKS AFFECTED BY SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST. WE NO LONGER NEED A DOCTOR PRESCRIPTION TO BUY AN AED. I DID A GOOGLE SEARCH BEFORE I CAME HERE AND WAS ON OVER STOCK.COM AND EBAY. YOU CAN BUY AN AED. EVERY YEAR THE HEART ASSOCIATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN CPR/AED USE THANKS TO PROGRAMS BY BRIAN BOWSER. IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY, THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF PEOPLE LIKE JOHN VILLA NUEVA, THE AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY CPS EDUCATION COORDINATOR, WE HAVE TRAINED -- WE TRAINED 8200 PEOPLE LAST YEAR, PRETTY IMPRESSIVE WHEN OUR GOAL IS 6500. WE'RE BREAKING THE RECORD AGAIN THIS YEAR. IN A RECENT SURROUND SURVEY 89% OF THE FOLKS SURVEYED SAID THAT THEY WOULD DO SOMETHING IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY. 6% OF THOSE FOX KNEW WHAT AN AED WAS. NEW EMPHASIS ON COMPRESSION, PUSH HARD, PUSH FARCE, AND THIS WILL GIVE AWAY MY AGE, BUT THE GOAL IS 100 COMPRESSIONS A MINUTE. IT'S THE BEAT TO STAYING ALIVE BY THE BEE GEES. IN ORDER TO NOT HAVE A DISCO REVIVAL, WE HAVE SOMEONE LISTENING TO THE JAMES BROWN SONGS SO WE CAN REPLACE THAT SONG. THESE ARE GETTING EASIER AND EASIER TO USE. I TAUGHT MY DAUGHTER HOW TO USE AN AED WHEN SHE WAS 10 YEARS OLD. SHE CAN PROBABLY GET IT ON FASTER THAN I AM. THEY'RE EVERYWHERE, EVERYBODY IN TRAVIS COUNTY D.A.'S OFFICE IS TRAINED IN AED AND KNOWS CPR. YOU CAN VISIT AMERICAN HEART.ORG TO LEARN MORE. IN OUR OWN, ATC EMS.ORG, YOU'LL FIND OUT WHO ARE ON HOW TO GET TRAINED. I DON'T WANT TO TAKE UP A LOT MORE TIME. I'LL INTRODUCE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE. OUR DIRECTOR, ERNIE RODRIGUEZ, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US FORWARD AS WE GO FORWARD WITH THIS. BUT ONE PERSON THAT I REALLY WANT TO INTRODUCE, I PROMISED SHE WOULDN'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING BUT THAT SHE HAD TO COME UP HERE WITH US. CONNIE SNELL WAS THE CHAIR OF THE AUSTIN CHAPTER OF THE AUDIT CARDIAC ARREST ASSOCIATION, AN ORGANIZATION OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN MORE OR HELP WITH SURVIVAL ASPECTS OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST. SHE'S ALSO A COVER GIRL FOR THE MOST RECENT TEXAS EMS MAGAZINE. SHE'S THERE WITH SOME FRIENDS FROM ATCMS AND ALSO RECEIVED OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. CONNIE, HER HUSBAND JERRY, AND A RESCUE PUP BY THE NAME OF SHRUGY, HAVE BECOME LIFELONG FRIENDS TO THE OTHER FOLKS ON THE COVER AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY ALL BECAUSE SHE HAD THE GALL TO DIE ONE SUNDAY MORNING. HER HUSBAND JERRY CALLED 911 AND STARTED CPR AFTER BEING ALERTED BY SHRUGY, THE DOG, THAT SMN WAS WRONG WITH CONNIE. THE REST IS HISTORY. CONNIE SURVIVED AND KEEPS COMING

BACK TO TALK ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF CPR AND AED TRAINING AND AWARENESS. I LOVE THIS PICTURE AND AS THE SAYING GOES, IT SAYS A THOUSAND WORDS. I THINK THAT CONNIE SNELL, MY FRIEND CONNIE SNELL, A CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVOR WHO HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE OF THE SURVIVOR TO HEART, KEEPS COMING BACK, COMING OUT AND PUSHING THE MESSAGE. THANK YOU FOR ACTION HERE TODAY. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: WITH THAT I'LL TURN THE PODIUM OVER TO COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

LEFFINGWELL: THANK YOU. SO SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO WE STARTED A PROGRAM TO TRY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PLASTIC BAGS IN OUR LANDFILLS, AND IT WAS GOING TO BE A VOLUNTARY THING. SO NOW NOT QUITE A YEAR LATER, A LITTLE OVER A YEAR LATER, AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE'VE SETTLED ON A PROGRAM, AND EVERYBODY HAS AGREED THAT WE'RE GOING TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE OUR PLASTIC BAGS BY 50% BY NEXT YEAR. AND THESE THREE GENTLEMEN HERE ARE THE ONES WHO ARE GOING TO DO IT. SO I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM, BRIAN BLOCK WITH KEEP AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL, RONNIE VOCANING, THE TEXAS RETAIL ASSOCIATION, AND OF COURSE WILLIE ROADS WITH SOLID WASTE. SO I'M GOING TO READ THIS PROCLAMATION. BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS THE PRODUCTION OF PLASTIC BAGS CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL WARNING AND THE BAGS THEMSELVES TAKE 1,000 YEARS TO BREAK DOWN IN THE LIL, PRESENTING A PROBLEM FOR CITIZENS, WILDLIFE, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND WHEREAS THE AVERAGE FAMILY COLLECTS 60 PLASTIC BAGS IN JUST FOUR TRIPS TO THE GROCERY STORE, RECENTLY THE CITY ADOPTED A VOLUNTARY PLAN TO REDUCE BY 50% THE NUMBER OF BAGS ENTERING THE CITY'S SOLID WASTE STREAM. WHEREAS, TO HELP THE CITY REACH ITS GOAL, KEEP AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL IS LAUNCHING A CAMPAIGN ENTITLED AUSTIN HAS GOT A BRAND-NEW BAG, TO ENCOURAGE AUSTIN RESIDENTS TO SHOP WITH REASONABLE BAGS THAT WILL REPLACE 1,000 BAGS OVER THEIR LIFETIME. NOW, THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, PROCLAIM JUNE 18, 2008 AS REASONABLE BAG DAY IN AUSTIN. SO BRIAN, ARE YOU FIRST? THE THE PODIUM IS YOURS.

THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL. AS THE COUNCIL MEMBER MENTIONED, KEEP AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL IS SUPPORTING THIS VOLUNTARY EFFORT BY RUNNING THE AUSTIN'S GOT A BRAND-NEW BAG CAMPAIGN, AND WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR WITH THE CAMPAIGN IS CREATE THESE REUSABLE BAGS, AND GAVE AWAY THOUSANDS OF THEM ALREADY. AND WE LAUNCHED THE CAMPAIGN WITH A BIG KICK-OFF EVENT IN APRIL. WE PROMOTED REUSABLE BAGS AND DISPOSABLE BAG RECYCLING AT EARTH DAY IN APRIL, AND ANOTHER THING WE DID WAS HOST -- OR COORDINATE A CONTEST WHERE KIDS DECORATED CANVAS BAGS, AND THE WINNERS ARE ACTUALLY ON DISPLAY IN THE ATRIUM. SO HAVE A LOOK AT THEM IF YOU GET A CHANCE. THEY'LL BE UP THERE BETWEEN NOW AND REUSABLE BAG DAY ON JUNE 18. AND WHAT WE HAVE COMING UP IS REUSABLE BAG DAY. WHAT THAT'S GOING TO BE, WE'RE REALLY LOOKING FOR A BIG IMPACT. WE'RE ASKING EVERY AUSTINITE

TO USE A REUSABLE BAG WHEN THEY'RE SHOPPING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18. WE WANT PEOPLE TO USE THEM EVERY DAY, BUT WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE A BIG IMPACT WITH THIS ON JUNE 18. IN ADDITION, SINCE WE HAD SUCH GOOD SUCCESS WITH THE KIDS DECORATING BAGS, WE HAVE SIX RETAIL STORES AROUND AUSTIN THAT ARE GOING TO HOST AN ACTIVITY. SO PARENTS AND KIDS ARE INVITED TO COME TO THESE SIX STORES, AND THERE WILL BE FREE BAGS AND ALL THE ART SUPPLIES TO CREATE THEIR OWN REUSABLE BAG. TO BOTH TAKE HOME AND RAISE AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY SOME MORE. YOU CAN GO TO THE WEB SITE, A BRAND-NEW BAG.ORG, TO GET ALL THE DETAILS AND LOCATIONS, AND WITH THAT I'LL TURN IT OVER TO RONNIE VULCANING.

THANK YOU, BRIAN, AND ON BEHALF OF THE TEXAS RETAILERS ASSOCIATION WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL AND THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PROCLAMATION ANNOUNCING JUNE 18 AS REUSABLE BAG DAY. WE ARE VERY PLEASED, AND THE PARTICIPATING RETAILERS THAT ARE PART OF THIS EFFORT, WHICH ARE INCLUDE H.E.B., RANDALL'S, TARGET, WALGREEN'S, WAL-MART AND WHOLE FOODS, REALLY APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP EXHIBITED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL AND THE CITY COUNCIL AND BRIAN AND KEEP AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO BE PART OF THIS EFFORT. I DO WANT TO TAKE ONE EXCEPTION WITH WHAT MR. LEFFINGWELL SAID EARLIER, WHEN HE SAID THE THREE OF US, BRIAN, WILLIE AND I ARE GOING TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. IT'S ONLY GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THE FULL COOPERATION AND THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF ALL THE CITY OF AUSTIN. AND SO THE JUNE 18 IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE OVERALL VOLUNTARY COOPERATIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT WE'RE ALL ENGAGED IN TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN AUSTIN. SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE ACTIVITY ON JUNE 18 AND APPRECIATE, AGAIN, THIS PROCLAMATION ANNOUNCING JUNE 18 AS REUSABLE BAG DAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

LEFFINGWELL: DO YOU WANT TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS? WELL, THANKS TO EVERYBODY, AND AS I SAID BEFORE, SINCE THIS IS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE TELL PEOPLE ABOUT IT. SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ABOUT HERE TODAY. AND WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO JUNE 18 WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR DISPLAY OUT IN THE ATRIUM. THANKS A LOT. LANDFILL

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL, EARLIER AS PART OF THE CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS THIS MORNING, I ANNOUNCED THAT STAFF WOULD BE REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT OF THREE OF THESE POSTED PUBLIC HEARINGS, THAT BEING PUBLIC HEARING NO. 72 REGARDING THE EAST SIXTH STREET, PECAN STREET OVERLAY DISTRICT. PUBLIC HEARING NO. 73 REGARDING OUR PUD, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING NO. 77 REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE DEALING WITH VISITABILITY. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THAT COMBINED POSTPONEMENT. MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO POSTPONE PUBLIC HEARING NO. 72, 73 AND 77. ALL TO OUR NEXT MEETING, WHICH IS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION TO POSTPONE PASSES ON A VOTE OF 5-0 WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS MCCracken AND KIM OFF THE DAIS. THAT TAKES US TO OUR FIRST PUBLIC HEARING, THEN, THIS EVENING, THAT BEING PUBLIC HEARING NO. 72, REGARDING A FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE -- I'M SORRY, 74, A FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE. WELCOME.

MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, I'M MOPPY VIGIL FROM WATERSHIP. I HAVE A PLEASURE TODAY TO PRESENT REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM SECTION 25792 B OF THE CITY CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENCE OF ABOUT 2,841 SQUARE FEET, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 10,021. THIS IS THE ONION CREEK SUBDIVISION AND WATERSHED. AND ALSO WE NEED TO ASK FOR ANOTHER VARIANCE IN -- TO WAVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECTION 27 -- 257152 AND THAT'S TO DEDICATE A DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN. I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE INFORMED THE SITE CONDITIONS. THIS IS A VACANT LOT BUT IT WAS PLATTED IN TRAVIS COUNTY BACK IN MAY 17, 1985, AND IT IS IN THE ONION CREEK SUBDIVISION EAST OF I-35. YOU CAN SEE HERE, IT'S ENTIRELY WITHIN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN, AND IT'S ABOUT 573.4, THE LEVEL. THE DARK BLUE IS A 25-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND THE LIGHT BLUE IS A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN, SO THE 25 DOES NOT ENCROACH INTO THE LOT. THIS IS JUST ABOVE THE LOT. HERE IS A PICTURE THAT YOU CAN SEE FROM THE STREET LOOKING AT THE LOT THAT IS BEHIND THAT INLET, AND THIS ONE IS AT THE REAR OF THE LOT LOOKING AT THE CREEK. IN 1985, THE PLAT SHOWS THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN TO BE AT THE BACK OF THE LOT. YOU CAN SEE THERE IS A DRAINAGE EASEMENT THAT WAS DEDICATED THROUGH THAT PROCESS. THIS PLAT WAS BASED ON A FEMA STUDY THAT WAS BACK IN THE LATE 1970S AND WAS ADOPTED IN 1982. THAT STUDY HAS BEEN SUPERSEDED APPROXIMATELY ABOUT FOUR TIMES, I THINK, IN 1993 AND 1997, IN 2000 AND 2005. AND THE FLOOD -- SHOWED ON THE FLOODPLAIN MAP, IT'S BASED ON THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE TIME THAT THE MAPS ARE PREPARED. THE CURRENT OWNERS BOUGHT THE LOT IN 1997, AND THE FEMA MAP SHOWED A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN ELEVATION SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT IS BEING USED TODAY. THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP OF JUNE 5, 1997 SHOW THE ENTIRE LOT TO BE IN THE FLOODPLAIN. THE CHALLENGE FOR THIS PARTICULAR SITE IS THAT UNDER THE HUNDRED YEAR FLOOD CONDITIONS THERE WILL BE ABOUT 5.8 FEET OF WATER ON THE ROAD IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE AND THE DISTANCE TO DRY LAND FROM THE HOUSE IS ABOUT 400 FEET FOR JUNE FER HILLS DRIVE. OUR RECOMMENDATION IS IN ORDER TO ALLOW VARIANCES BASED ON THE DEPTH OF WATER, DUE TO THE INACCESSIBILITY OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONDERS WHO TRAVEL TO THE RESIDENCE -- TRAVEL THROUGH THE STREETS AND THEREFORE THE FOR THE RESIDENTS TO LEAVE THE HOUSE. THAT'S THE MAIN REASON FOR US TO RECOMMEND AGAINST THIS VARIANCE. THE RESIDENCE WOULD ALSO BE SURROUNDED BY ABOUT 3 FEET OF WATER IN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER THE FLOODS OF 1998 AND 2001. WE NEEDED TO EVACUATE ANOTHER SUBDIVISION, ONION

CREEK, AND THAT ONE IS -- THE RESPONDERS NEEDED TO GO THERE AND EVACUATE. WE ARE DOING A BUYOUT RIGHT NOW AND WE BEGAN IN 1999 AND WE HAVE MORE THAN 200 HOUSES. SOME OF YOU COUNCIL MEMBERS KNOW WE ARE PLANNING TO BUY ANOTHER MORE THAN 200 IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. THE OWNERS ARE PROPOSING TO ELEVATE THE STRUCTURE BY THE 100-FOOT FLOODPLAIN, TO ABOUT 574.4, SO WE HAVE A HUNDRED YEAR FLOOD EVENT NO WATER WILL GET INTO THE HOUSE, BUT THE HOUSE WILL BE SURROUNDED BY WATER. WE WILL NEED TO HAVE A STORM THAT EXCEEDS THE HUNDRED YEAR STORM BY ABOUT ONE FOOT TO GET INTO THE INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE. AND JUST FOR YOU TO KNOW, YOU KNOW, THE STRUCTURE THAT IS LOCATED IN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN, IT HAS A 26% CHANCE OF FLOOD DAMAGE DURING THE TIME OF THE 30-YEAR MORTGAGE. THAT ONE -- THIS ENDS MY PRESENTATION. ANY QUESTIONS, WE WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO RESPOND.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? WE DO HAVE ONE CITIZEN SIGNED UP WISHING TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. PHIL MANCADA SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. WELCOME, MR. MANCADA. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR WYNN AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M PHIL MANCADA WITH AEC INCOME THE AGENT FOR MR. WHIT MOORE AT THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROJECT LOCATED AT 10021 WILD DUNES. WHAT I HAVE HERE IS AN EXHIBIT THAT WE RECEIVED THROUGH THE CITY OF AUSTIN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CENTER, AND ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO SHOW YOU-ALL IS THAT THE SUBJECT TRACT IS APPROXIMATELY 500 LINEAR FEET FROM ONION CREEK, AND I'VE HIGHLIGHTED THE LOT ITSELF. YOU CAN ALSO SEE THERE'S A CUL-DE-SAC DIRECTLY TO THE RIGHT THAT ALREADY HAS STRUCTURES ON IT, AND I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND JUST READ A REAL BRIEF SUMMARY THAT WE PREPARED. THE OWNER HAS AGREED TO MAINTAIN THAT REAR PORTION OF THE LOT IN A DRAINAGE EASEMENT SO WE'LL NEVER DO ANY ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES ON THAT SUBJECT LOT. NO PORTION OF THIS LOT IS IN THE 25-YEAR FLOODPLAIN. WE HAVE AGREED TO CONSTRUCT THE HOUSE ONE FOOT OVER THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN ELEVATION. WE ALSO HAVE A FLOODPLAIN IMPACT ANALYSIS THAT WAS DONE BY DON WILLFORD, WHO IS A PE HERE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. WE'VE ALSO DONE A FOUNDATION DESIGN BY PDG, PROFESSIONAL DESIGN GROUP, AN ENGINEER BY THE NAME OF ALEXANDER, WHO DESIGNED OUR FOUNDATION TO MAKE SURE WE HAD A GOOD STRUCTURE THAT WOULD, IN THE EVENT OF A FLOOD, WOULD BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN IT. IN ADDITION TO THAT THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANY SIGNAGE PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN THAT REFLECTS FLOODING POTENTIAL ON THAT ROADWAY. THERE WAS A PREVIOUS VARIANCE GRANTED FOR LOT 23 THAT'S A FEW LOTS DOWN FROM THIS ONE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY. MR. WHITMORE, MY CLIENT, HAS ACTUALLY LIVED ON THIS STREET FOR MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS AND HAS NEVER HAD A HOUSE FLOOD ON THIS ROADWAY. HE HAS CONSTRUCTED 13 HOUSES IN THIS PARTICULAR SECTION OF ONION CREEK SUBDIVISION, SECTION 8. NONE OF THOSE HAVE EVER FLOODED. AND HE HAS ACTUALLY BUILT ALMOST A HUNDRED HOUSES IN THE ONION CREEK SUBDIVISION OVER THE YEARS, AND IF I CAN ANSWER ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, I ALSO HAVE ONE MORE EXHIBIT TO SHOW. THAT ONE JUST

SHOWS PER THE PREVIOUS DISCUSSION BY MS. VIGIL. YOU CAN SEE THE DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND PUE THAT WERE GRANTED BY THE SUBDIVISION WERE QUITE LARGE AND SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO CONTAIN THAT WATERWAY. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE AGENTS AGENT, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? THAT'S OUR ONLY SPEAKER SIGNED UP ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM 74, FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? MOTIONS? WE HAVE A STAFF RECOMMENDED DENIAL, A NUMBER OF THINGS INCLUDING PROJECTED 5-FOOT WATER DEPTH ON THE ROAD IN FRONT OF THIS LOT. I'LL JUST SAY, WAITING FOR COMMENTS FOR A MOTION, THAT I WILL BE SUPPORTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION, THE LEVEL OF WATER IS SIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO OTHER VARIANCES WE'VE GRANTED. COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

LEFFINGWELL: I HAD A QUESTION FOR STAFF. SEEMS LIKE FOR ABOUT THE LAST SIX OR EIGHT MONTHS WE'VE BOUGHT A LOT -- WE'VE DONE A LOT OF LOT BUY-OUTS ON ONION CREEK. IS THIS ANYWHERE NEAR THOSE OR DO YOU KNOW?

THIS ONE, IT'S ABOUT THREE MILES UPSTREAM FROM THAT AREA.

LEFFINGWELL: IT'S THREE MILES UPSTREAM FROM THE BUYOUT AREA? OKAY. THANKS.

MAYOR WYNN: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

LEFFINGWELL: I'LL MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND DENY THE REQUESTED VARIANCE.

MAYOR WYNN: MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLE, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF THIS DENIAL OF THIS FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE REQUEST. FURTHER COMMENTS? THESE ARE ALWAYS PAINFUL CASES, PEOPLE HAVE INVESTMENTS, BUT ULTIMATELY WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LARGER WELL-BEING, INCLUDING OUR OWN FIRST RESPONDERS. A MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE FOR DENIAL. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION TO DENY PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCIL MEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS. THE PUBLIC HEARING NO. 75, WE HAVE NO SPEAKERS FOR, SO PERHAPS A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION REGARDING A SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENT TO OUR SAVE OUR SPRINGS INITIATIVE. WELCOME.

GOOD EVENING, MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. MY NAME IS TOM FRANKY. I'M WITH THE WATERSHED PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

DEPARTMENT. I AM HERE TODAY TO, AS YOU SAID, REQUEST AN APPROVAL FOR SITE SPECIFIC AMENDMENT TO THE SOS ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER QUALITY CONTROL WITHIN THE CRITICAL WATER QUALITY ZONE OF THE BARTON SPRINGS ZONE, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE 258514 B. THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON APRIL 8, AND I AM PREPARED TO GIVE A FULL PRESENTATION, BUT IF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DESIRES I CAN SKIP THE FULL PRESENTATION AND JUST GO DIRECTLY TO ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON THIS PROJECT.

MAYOR WYNN: QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? AGAIN, WE HAVE NO SPEAKERS SIGNED UP ON THIS SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENT. IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. THIS IS STAFF RECOMMENDED SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENT, WITH NO SPEAKERS SIGNED.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE HEARING.

MOTION BY MCCracken, SECOND BY COAL, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM 75 AND APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION RECOMMENDING THE SITE SPECIFIC AMENDMENT. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCIL MEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS. THANK YOU, YES. THANKS US TO PUBLIC HEARING NO. 76 REGARDING THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF THE REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS FOR NONCONFORMING OFF-PREMISE SIGNS, OR BILLBOARDS, AS WE COMMONLY REFER TO THEM. I APPRECIATE A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, JESSICA KING WITH RESIDENTIAL REVIEW WATERSHED PROTECTION. I HAVE WITH ME DAVID LLOYD AND BRENT LLOYD, BOTH ATTORNEYS WITH THE CITY'S LAW DEPARTMENT. WE'RE HERE TONIGHT ON ITEM 76 REGARDING THE SIGN REGULATION AMENDMENTS. AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 8 THE COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO COME BACK WITH BASICALLY FIRST WE PASSED ON FIRST READING AN AMENDED RESOLUTION DRAFT ORDINANCE, DID SEVERAL THINGS AND THEN COUNCIL DIRECTED US TO COME BACK REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT PROVISION. SO I'LL WALK THROUGH THE FIRST COUNCIL ACTION FOR MAY 8 AND THEN WHERE WE ARE TODAY. SO ON MAY 8 THE AMENDED DRAFT RESOLUTION STATED THAT WE WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. BANNING MOBILE BILLBOARDS AND GIVING 16 COMPANIES TWO YEARS TO COMPLY, CLARIFYING PENALTIES REGARDING REPLACEMENT AFTER REMOVAL OF THE BILLBOARD, REQUIRING SIGN OWNERS TO INSTALL ENERGY EFFICIENT DARK SKYLIGHTING. REQUIRING BILLBOARD OWNERS TO DO THE FOLLOWING, REGISTER THEM ANNUALLY, PROVIDE AN ANNUAL INVENTORY OF ALL OWNED AND MANAGED BILLBOARDS WITH INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE DIRECTOR AND IDENTIFY THE BILLBOARD WITH INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR. CLARIFY

PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, AND THEN ESTABLISHING A NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR THE CITY TO NOTIFY SIGN OWNERS OF UPCOMING REGISTRATION, AND THEN ALSO CREATING AN ACCESSIBLE ON-LINE DATABASE. THESE WERE THE ITEMS THAT WERE ACTUALLY INCLUDED AS PART OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AND THAT HAS BEEN ADDED INTO AS THE FIRST -- ON FIRST READING TO THE NEW ORDINANCE. THE ITEMS THAT WERE REMOVED FROM THE ORIGINAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION LANGUAGE, THESE ITEMS WERE ACTUALLY REMOVED. SO CHANGING THE WAY THE SIGN HEIGHT WAS MEASURED. WE ORIGINALLY HAD A 42-FOOT HEIGHT MEASURE: PROPOSAL WAS TO CHANGE TO 43.5 FEET AND ELEVATED HIGHWAYS WOULD BE INCLUDED AT 25 FEET ABOVE THE ELEVATED TRAVEL LANE. THAT SECTION WAS REMOVED. THE ADDITIONAL PORTIONS REMOVED WERE BILLBOARDS -- BILLBOARDS ON LIMITED COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS WITHIN SCENIC ROADWAY SIGN DISTRICTS. RELATED TO COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SIGN DISTRICTS REGARDLESS OF SIGN SIZE, AGGREGATION OF MULTIPLE BILLBOARDS SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE WITH A 10% REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF AGGREGATED SQUARE FOOTAGE. AND THEN REQUIRING A TAXICAB REGISTRATION FEE. THAT WAS REMOVED. CLARIFYING ADJACENT TO MEAN SIGN SPACE ORIENTED TO THE TRAVEL WAY. AND ACCEPTING MAJOR INTERCHANGES AND INTERSECTIONS. THE REASON THESE ITEMS WERE REMOVED LATER IS BECAUSE WE WERE ACTUALLY -- WE WERE DIRECTED TO COME BACK BECAUSE COUNCIL WISHED TO LOOK INTO REMOVING THE REPLACEMENT PROVISION. SO THE REPLACEMENT PROVISION PERTAINS TO 25-10-152, WHICH IS WHY WE'RE CONDUCTING THE PUBLIC HEARING TONIGHT. 25-10-15 1:30 52 B 5 REPLACEMENT PROVISION ALLOWS EXISTING BILLBOARDS TO BE REPLACED IF THE REPLACEMENT SIGN IS 25% LESS THAN ASSIGN HEIGHT AND WIDTH AND THE ORIGINAL SIGN IT REPLACES DOES NOT DIRECT ELIMINATION ON TO PROPERTY SEASONED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE, DOES NOT EXCEED THE HEIGHT OF THE SIGN IT REPLACES AND IS CONSTRUCTED IN THE SAME LOCATION WITH THE SAME MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION DESIGN AS THE SIGN IT REPLACES. WE CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FIRST BEGINNING WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MAY 20. THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO REPLACEMENT PROVISION AND REAFFIRM THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATIONS THEY FORWARDED AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 8TH. ON MAY 27 THE FULL COMMISSION ALSO HEARD AND CONDUCTED A FULL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ITEM. THEY SUPPORTED THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITH ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION TO RESTATE THE COMMISSION'S SUPPORT OF THE EVENTUALLY REMOVAL OF BILLBOARDS FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND ITS PLANNING JURISDICTION. REREPLACEMENT PROVISION ALTOGETHER AND REITERATE THE COMMISSION'S ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE CLARIFICATION THAT THE RELATION TO LIMIT THE LIFE SPAN OF A RELOCATED BILLBOARD SHOULD BE LIMITED TO TEN YEARS VERSUS 25 AND AN ADDITIONAL 6 YEARS FOR EACH BILLBOARD REMOVED. SO I'LL GO OVER JUST TO REITERATE THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE STILL ON THE TABLE. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION OF A ENERGY EFFICIENT DARK SKIES LIGHTING, WHICH YOU ACCEPTED, CLARIFYING PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER A SIGN, WHICH YOU ALSO ACCEPTED, ANNUAL REGISTRATION BY

THE PROPERTY OWNER, AGGREGATION OF BILLBOARDS BUT LIMITED RELOCATED SIGNS TO A TOTAL OF 300 SCWOOT SQUARE FEET AS OPPOSED TO 632 SCWEER FOOT, BAN A NEW BILLBOARD COMPANIES, AND BAN -- A TWO-YEAR DELAY. NOTICE OF SIGN COMPANIES PROVIDED WITH AN ANNUAL INVENTORY OF SIGNS OWNED AND THEY ALSO RECOMMENDED A REGISTRATION FEE FOR TAXICABS WHICH YOU DID NOT INCLUDE. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDSES INCLUDED ADDING LANGUAGE TO REQUIRE SIGN OWNERS TO MARK THE SIGN FOR CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION FEATURES WHICH INCLUDED SIGN OWNERS TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL INVENTORY OF ALL OWNED SIGNED, ALSO INCLUDED. CLARIFY LANGUAGE TO REQUIRE THE SIGN OWNER TO REMOVE THE ORIGINAL SIGN BEFORE RELOCATING A SIGN TO ORIGINAL LOCATION, CLARIFY THAT THE RELOCATED BILLBOARD MUST HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF SIGN FACES AS THE ORIGINAL BILLBOARD IT'S REPLACING. CONTINUED OR CLARIFYING ANY ADDITIONAL BILLBOARDS REMOVED BE OF LIKE SIZE NUMBER OF SIGN FACES, CLARIFY THAT THE BILLBOARDS CANNOT BE RELOCATED WITHIN A THOUSAND FEET OF RESIDENTIAL ZONING OR USE OR WITHIN 800 FEET OF SCHOOL PROPERTY, AND AMEND THE CODE TO REFLECT THAT A RELOCATED SIGN MAY REMAIN AGAIN FOR TEN YEARS AS OPPOSED TO 25 YEARS AND ANY ADDITIONAL SIGN REMOVED RESULTS IN AN ADDITIONAL 6 YEARS OF LIFE FOR THE RELOCATED LIFE AND GRANT ADDITIONAL SIGNS TO THE BILLBOARD COMPANIES TO COMPLY WITH INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENT POLLUTION, PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 8. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS IS TO SUPPORT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND WE'RE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MS. KING. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? WE DO HAVE A HANDFUL OF FOLKS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP WISHING TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION WE'LL GO TO THAT TESTIMONY FIRST. LET'S SEE. FIRST SPEAKER IS CAROL FILGERSON HERE. WELCOME BACK. IS LESLIE McCULL YOU MEAN HERE? YOU'VE DONATED YOUR TIME TO CAROL SO CAROL HAS 6 MINUTES AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY PETER.

I'M CAROL TORGESON. I'M A RESIDENT OF LONG CANYON IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN. I'M HERE, SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION TO THE -- TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SIGN AMENDMENTS AS WERE PASSED ON THE FIRST READING AT THE LAST HEARING ON MAY 5. I'M HERE IN OPPOSITION TO DELETION OF THE REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THOSE -- WITH THOSE PARTICULAR AMENDMENTS. I COULD SUPPORT REPLACE -- THE REMOVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS BECAUSE THAT MAKES MORE SENSE. THERE ARE SOME SUBTLE CHANGES THAT ARE DIFFERENT BETWEEN THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND THOSE THAT YOU APPROVED ON FIRST READING, AND I WOULD SERIOUSLY ASK YOU TO CONSIDER LOOKING AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. THEY WERE WELL THOUGHT OUT. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF HEARINGS INVOLVED, A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT ON THE PART OF A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT YOU IT WILY APPOINTED TO LOOK INTO THOSE SPECIFIC -- THOSE SPECIFIC KINDS OF THINGS, AND I WOULD REALLY

REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS TONIGHT BEFORE JUST VOTING SECOND AND THIRD READING OF THE -- WHAT IS CURRENTLY BEFORE YOU. THERE ARE NOT VERY MANY PEOPLE TONIGHT, MOSTLY BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME. THEY THOUGHT YOU HAD ALREADY MADE UP YOUR MINDS. I HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN THAT. I BELIEVE THIS COUNCIL IS CAPABLE OF TAKING INPUT EVEN AT THIS LATE DATE AND ACTING ACCORDINGLY. SO I AM ASKING YOU TONIGHT TO CONSIDER THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS AS A REASON THAT THE STAFF RECOMMENDED THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RELATIONS, AND I ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TONIGHT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY VOTED ON, THAT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DELETION OF PARAGRAPH B 5, THE REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS, CONSTITUTES WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS TO SEE YOU DO, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT-TERM. IN THE LONG-TERM OF COURSE WE WANT THE RELOCATION PROVISIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE NOT ABOUT TO DO THAT TONIGHT. I DON'T THINK THIS COUNCIL WOULD BE GOING TO DO THAT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT HOPEFULLY YOU WILL AT LEAST CONSIDER THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S ALTERNATIVE AS THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY TO GO FORWARD AT THIS POINT. THEY DO RECOMMEND -- THEY DO REPRESENT A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT -- RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE PUT FORWARD BACK IN MARCH, AND WHAT THE PUBLIC WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE. I THINK THAT'S A REASONABLE COMPROMISE AT THIS POINT, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION TONIGHT. WE'LL BE WATCHING. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, CAROL. PETER PILGRESO. WELCOME BACK. PETER. WE'LL NOTE YOUR SUPPORT FOR CAROL'S COMMENTS. THANK YOU. LET'S SEE, JOHN ANDERSON IS SIGNED UP WISHING TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. THANK YOU, MR. ANDERSON. AGAIN, WE'LL NOTE YOUR SUPPORT FOR CAROL'S COMMENTS FOR THE RECORD, AND BILL REGAN HAS SIGNED UP WISHING TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. WELCOME, MR. REGAN. LET'S SEE, IS GARRETT MIDDLETON HERE? GARRETT, WELCOME, SO YOU'VE DONATED YOUR TIME TO MR. REGAN, SO BILL YOU'LL HAVE UP TO 6 MINUTES. WELCOME.

MY COMMENTS ARE VERY BRIEF. EXCUSE ME. I DON'T HAVE MUCH MORE TO ADD ON THE DISCUSSION POINTS OTHER THAN JUST TO SAY THAT I THINK THAT THE CURRENT ORDINANCE IN PLACE DEALING WITH RELOCATION IS A POSITIVE STEP. IT'S WHAT I HE CAN OWED PREVIOUSLY. IT PROVIDES -- HE CAN OWED, PROVIDES SIGN COMPANIES A REASON TO RELOCATE SIGNS. WE'RE GETTING THEM OUT OF CERTAIN AREAS SUCH AS NEIGHBORHOODS AND POSSIBLE AREAS THAT MIGHT NOT BE AS COMMERCIALY DENSE AND MOVING THEM TO MORE COMMERCIALY DENSE AREAS. AS A RESULT OF THAT YOU'RE ALSO CAPPING THE LIFE OF THOSE BOARDS. OTHERWISE THE BOARDS WILL STAY THERE INDEFINITELY, AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. REGAN. QUESTIONS FOR MR. REGAN, COUNCIL? HECOUNCIL? COMMENTS? LET'S SEE. I BELIEVE THAT'S ALL OF OUR CITIZENS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. MY SYSTEM DOESN'T SHOW IT SO YOU'RE WELCOME

TO APPROACH THE PODIUM AND PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

MY NAME IS PATRICIA MICHAELS, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF TEXAS OAKS SUBDIVISION, AND BASICALLY WE DON'T WANT THE RELOCATION OF SIGNS, AND IF THEY ARE RELOCATED WE DON'T WANT THE SIZE INCREASE, AND ALSO, SINCE WE HAVE A PROPOSED RELOCATION SITE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, RIGHT ACROSS THE FIELD FROM OUR SCHOOL, AND IT'S PROBABLY NOT 800 FEET, IT MIGHT BE 807 FEET, WE DON'T WANT THEM WITHIN SIGHT OF THE SCHOOL, BECAUSE MOST BILLBOARDS ADVERTISE LIQUOR AND CIGARETTES AND THINGS THAT WE REALLY DON'T WANT TO TOUT TO OUR STUDENTS. THOSE ARE THE MAIN THINGS. WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO NOT HAVE BILLBOARDS AT ALL, BUT IF -- YOU KNOW, IF WE HAVE TO HAVE THEM, THEN WE FEEL LIKE IT'S A SILLY THING THAT AUSTIN KEEPS REVISITING THIS ISSUE OVER AND OVER AGAIN. IT SEEMS LIKE THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN A LONG TIME AGO EXPRESSED THEIR WISHES TO NOT HAVE BILLBOARDS. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MS. MICHAEL. COUNCIL, I BELIEVE THAT NOW CONCLUDES OUR CITIZEN TESTIMONY OF FOLKS WHO ARE HERE WANTING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. SO COMMENTS? QUESTIONS OF STAFF OR ANYBODY ELSE? COUNCIL MEMBER MCCrackEN?

MCCrackEN: WE HAVE A PROPOSED MOTION SHEET TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE ADOPTED ON FIRST READING? OKAY.

GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL, BRENT LLOYD WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT, NO RELATION TO DAVID LLOYD, BUT THE MOTION SHEET ESSENTIALLY --

MCCrackEN: KEEP REPEATING THAT OVER AND OVER AGAIN. [LAUGHTER]

NO RELATION OTHER THAN AFFINITY FOR SIGN LAW. BUT THE MOTION SHEET ESSENTIALLY TAKES THE VERSION OF THE ORDINANCE THAT WAS APPROVED ON FIRST READING AND MAKES A FEW CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS, AND THE FIRST ONE IS TO DELETE THE REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS. THAT WAS AN ISSUE THAT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE LAST COUNCIL HEARING ON MAY 8 AND WAS ALSO SOMETHING THEN THAT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY LOOKED AT BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. AND SO THIS MOTION SHEET ESSENTIALLY TAKES THE VERSION THAT YOU APPROVED ON FIRST READING AND IMPLEMENTS THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION BY DELETING THE REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS. AND IT ALSO RESTORES TWO SENTENCES, TWO FAIRLY CRITICAL SENTENCES TO THE ORDINANCE THAT WERE, I THINK, CONSISTENT WITH COUNCIL'S INTENT AND ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION BUT INADVERTENTLY DROPPED OUT OF THE FIRST-READING DRAFT. AND THOSE TWO SENTENCES ARE SET FORTH AT SECTION 2 A AND B OF THE MOTION SHEET. AND THE ATTACHMENT TO THE MOTION SHEET, EXHIBIT A, SETS FORTH ALL THE PROPER LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE YOU WOULD SEE IN AN ORDINANCE.

MAYOR WYNN: AND MR. LLOYD, CAN YOU POINT THOSE TWO SENTENCES OUT FOR ME?

YEAH, THE TWO SENTENCES ON THE FRONT OF THE MOTION SHEET. IN 2 A, IT WOULD ADD THE SENTENCE ANY TRACT UPON WHICH AN OFF PREMISE SIGN HAS UNLAWFULLY REPLACED SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE AS A SITE FOR A RELOCATED SIGN. AND THAT ESSENTIALLY IS -- SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. IT'S ESSENTIALLY IF YOU'VE ILLEGALLY REPLACED A SIGN ON A TRACT, YOU CAN'T THEN SUBSEQUENTLY USE THAT SITE AS ONE FOR A RELOCATION AS WELL. AND THE SECOND PROVISION THAT'S ADDED, SECOND SENTENCE, IS IN 2B AND READS A SIGN OWNER IS PROHIBITED FROM RELOCATING A SIGN IF THE SIGN OWNER IS IN VIOLATION OF THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY SIGN OWNED BY THAT SIGN OWNER WITHIN THE CITY'S JURISDICTION. AS I MENTIONED, THE ONLY OTHER AMENDMENT ADOPTED AS A FIRST READING ORDINANCE IS THE WHOLESALE DELETION OF SECTION 2510, 153 HB 5, WHICH IS THE REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS.

MAYOR WYNN: AND SO WITH THESE CHANGES, THEN WHAT WE PASSED ON FIRST READING IS ALIGNED WITH STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION?

NO, AND JESSICA KING CAN ADDRESS THAT. THERE ARE DEFINITELY SOME COMPONENTS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE NOT CARRIED FORWARD IN THE APPROVED FIRST-READING VERSION, AND SHE PROVIDED COUNCIL WITH A TRACKING SHEET AND I THINK SHE CAN ARTICULATE EXACTLY WHERE THE DIFFERENCES ARE.

MAYOR WYNN: GREAT. THANK YOU. WELCOME BACK, MS. KING.

IN THE ITEM -- IN YOUR BACK-UP, EXHIBIT A, THERE IS A FULL TRACKING SHEET THAT IDENTIFIES THE INITIAL NOVEMBER RESOLUTION PROPOSALS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY EACH COMMISSION, AND THEN THE COUNCIL ACTION COMPARED TO THE NOVEMBER RESOLUTION PROPOSAL. AND SO IF YOU'D LIKE, I CAN GO THROUGH EACH PORTION, BUT WHAT I CAN ALSO DO IS CLARIFY THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THOSE TWO AND FOCUS ON THOSE ITEMS, IF YOU'D PREFER TO DO THAT.

MAYOR WYNN: THAT WOULD HELP -- WELL --

GO THROUGH LINE ITEM?

MAYOR WYNN: IF YOU CAN. IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DO THAT IN A RELATIVELY FAST WAY.

WE'LL GO AS QUICKLY BUT EFFICIENTLY AS WE CAN. SO ITEM 1 IS CONSISTENT WITH COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSION -- COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THAT. ITEM 2 IS ALSO CONSISTENT BETWEEN BOTH THE COMMISSIONS AND COUNCIL. ITEM NO. 3 IS CLARIFYING AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES, AND THAT IS ALSO CONSISTENT BETWEEN BOTH COMMISSION AND THE COUNCIL. ITEM NO. 4, ALLOWING SIGNS TO BE

RELOCATED TO COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS HAS BEEN REMOVED, WHICH IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION. ALLOWING SIGNS ON COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS WITHIN THE SCENIC ROADWAY COMMISSION WAS NOT RECOMMENDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND COUNCIL'S ACTION IS CONSISTENT. ITEM NO. 6, CHANGING THE WAY THE SIGN HEIGHT IS MEASURED WAS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND IS CONSISTENT WITH COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION. ITEM NO. 7, CLARIFYING THAT THE SIGN IS DEEMED -- ADJACENT WASN'T NECESSARILY NEEDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A VOTE, AND COUNCIL HAS BEEN CONSISTENT WITH THEIR ACTION THERE. BY REMOVING IT. ITEM NO. 8, ALLOWING THE SIGN -- ALLOWING THE FACE SIZE OF NEWLY RELOCATED SIGNS TO BE AS LARGE AS A TOTAL AGGREGATE. THIS IS ONE AREA WHERE THERE IS INCONSISTENCY ONLY BECAUSE THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED AGGREGATION. IT WAS ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED UNDER THE RESOLUTION BUT COUNCIL DID NOT INCLUDE IT IN FIRST READING AND IT'S STILL ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S ORIGINAL RELATIONS. ONE OF THE -- RECOMMENDATIONS. ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CLARIFY THE NOVEMBER RESOLUTION STATED THE AGGREGATION WOULD BE ALLOWED UP TO 672 SQUARE FEET AND THEN A 10% REDUCTION. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT MAX AMOUNT WOULD BE 300 SQUARE FEET. AND JUST FOR REMINDER, AGGREGATION MEANS YOU WOULD TAKE MORE THAN ONE SIGN, COMBINE THOSE TWO SIGNS TO BE REPLACED WITH ONE SIGN. DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THAT? OKAY. SO ITEM NO. 9, ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSISTENT BETWEEN COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION. NO. 10, AMENDING THE CODE TO REQUIRE SIGN OWNERS. THE ONLY INCONSISTENCY HERE IS BETWEEN -- IT HAS TO DO WITH ANNUAL REGISTRATION. BASICALLY COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDING AND PROPOSING AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION, BUT THAT ANNUAL REGISTRATION BE DONE BY THE SIGN OWNER. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDS AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION, BUT THAT THE REGISTRATION BE RETAINED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, WHICH IS WHERE IT CURRENTLY LIES. PENALTIES WERE BOTH AGREED UPON BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND COUNCIL. ITEM NO. 11, PROHIBITING ANY SIGN OWNER FROM RELOCATING A SIGN IF THAT SIGN OWNER IS IN VIOLATION OF THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. THAT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. IT WAS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY BECAUSE IF THE MOVE -- SIMPLY -- MAINLY BECAUSE OF SEMANTICS. IF THE MOVE FROM CREATING A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE SIGN OWNER FROM RELOCATING A SIGN WAS -- DEPENDED UPON THE PROPERTY OWNER, THEN THEY DIDN'T WANT TO RECOMMEND SOMETHING IF -- THEY WERE JUST TRYING TO BE CONSISTENT BETWEEN THE PROPERTY RIGHTS BETWEEN THE SIGN OWNER AND THE PROPERTY OWNER. SO I HOPE THAT MAKES SOME SENSE. ITEM NO. 12, ANNUAL REGISTRATION. WE'VE SPOKEN TO THAT. ITEM NO. 13, ESTABLISH A NOTICE REQUIREMENTS. THAT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND COUNCIL HAS ALSO ADDED AN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT TO MAKE AN ON-LINE ACCESSIBLE BBS OF INFORMATION REGARDING BILLBOARDS, 14, IMPOSE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING REQUIREMENT TO PAY A REGISTRATION FEE ON TAXICABS. THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, PLANNING COMMISSION ALL RECOMMENDED THIS ITEM BUT THIS DID NOT MAKE IT INTO THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY COUNCIL. 14 A WAS THE REMOVAL OF THE

REPLACEMENT PROVISION AND THAT WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ALSO ACTION IS TO BE DETERMINED BY COUNCIL. ITEM NO. 15, THESE ARE ALL THE ADDITIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 15, 16, 17 AND 18 THAT CAME AS A RESULT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. NO SIGN MAY BE RELOCATED WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF A RESIDENTIAL ZONING OR USE OR WITHIN 800 FEET OF SCHOOL PROPERTY. THIS HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED. ITEM NO. 16 WAS REQUIRING IDENTIFYING MARKERS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE PLACED ON SIGNS AS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR. THAT WAS ALSO ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL. ITEM NO. 17 ALSO RECOMMENDATION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS RELOCATING SIGNS LIMITED TO A FACE PER FACE BUT A DOUBLE FACE SIGN CAN'T BE RELOCATED TO TWO SEPARATE LOCATIONS AND THEREBY BECOME TWO SINGLE FACE SIGNS. THAT WAS NOT ACCEPTED. AND THEN -- OR HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED. AND THEN ITEM NO. 18, ALL RELOCATED SIGNS MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE THE NEW SIGN MAY BE BUILT. RELOCATED SIGNS ARE PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN PLACE FOR TEN YEARS. THE PERMITTED MAY BE EXPANDED IN SIX-YEAR INCREMENTS. THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE TEN VERSUS 25. CURRENTLY THE CODE SAYS 25, ONCE IT'S RECOMMENDED -- THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS IT'S 10 YEARS, INSTEAD OF 25. ANY ADDITIONAL BILLBOARD THAT'S REMOVED, ALLOW THE SIGN TO REMAIN IN PLACE FOR SIX YEARS AS OPPOSED TO AN ADDITIONAL 25 YEARS. AND THAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT FIRST READING VERSION. I HOPE THAT WASN'T TOO FAST.

MAYOR WYNN: NO. THANK YOU, MS. KING. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR MS. KING? I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE -- LOOKS LIKE PERHAPS ANOTHER CITIZEN HAS SIGNED UP. IS KATE LEEHAN HERE? AND DOES KATE WANT TO GIVE US TESTIMONY? IF YOU WILL INDULGE ME, COUNCIL. WELCOME, KATE.

THANK YOU. YOU GUYS CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD. YOU MOVED QUICKLY TODAY. I'M WITH SCENIC AUSTIN. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANTED TO SPEAK TO YOU SPECIFICALLY WAS SCENIC AUSTIN IS REALLY EXCITED BY THE FORSYTH OF PLANNING COMMISSION, FORESIGHT SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE TERMS FOR REMOVING SIGNS THAT WERE RELOCATED FROM 25 YEARS TO TEN YEARS. AND I WANTED TO JUST BRIEFLY EXPLAIN TO YOU HOW THEY CAME TO THAT NUMBER. IF THERE IS A HIGHWAY WIDENING OR A TAKING, STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU PAY FOR THE COST OF THE SIGN PLUS SIX YEARS OF REVENUE. AFTER DISCUSSING WITH MIKAEL MEADE, WHO I'M SURE YOU'VE MET, SHE AGREED ABOUT THREE YEARS IS ENOUGH TIME TO RECOUP THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SIGN, ASSUMING THAT NONE OF THE ORIGINAL SIGN ELEMENTS ARE INCORPORATED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SIGN. FROM THERE THEY CHECKED THE SIX YEARS OF REVENUE ADDED BACK TO THE THREE AND GAVE THEM AN ADDITIONAL YEAR, WHICH OBVIOUSLY MAKES TEN YEARS. THE GENERAL PREMISE BEHIND THEIR SUGGESTION WAS THAT 25 YEARS IS AN AWFULLY LONG TIME AND IT'S ESSENTIALLY A ONE FOR ONE TRADE, IF THEY TAKE DOWN ANOTHER BILLBOARD, THAT OTHER BILLBOARD CAN REMAIN UP IN PERPETUITY. INSTEAD OF DOING IT LIKE THAT THEY RECOMMENDED ALLOWING THE TEN YEARS, WHICH WOULD BE WHAT THE CITY'S COST WOULD BE IF THEY ATTEMPTED TO BUY DOWN THE SIGN THAT THE SIGN COMPANY HAS

GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS FAIR VALUE FOR THE SIGN. AND THEN IF THAT SIGN IS IN A HIGH PERFORMING LOCATION THEY CAN REMOVE ANOTHER SIGN TO GET ANOTHER SIX YEARS OF LIFE EXPECTANCY OF THAT SIGN AND THEY CAN CONTINUE REMOVING OTHER SIGNS TO GET ADDITIONAL SIX YEARS AS LONG AS THEY HAVE BILLBOARDS TO TAKE DOWN, WHICH WE THINK IS A REALLY GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITY TO REALLY SEE A DECLINE IN BILLBOARD NUMBERS OVER WHAT WE WOULD SEE FROM THE RELOCATION ORDINANCE AS WRITTEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MS. MEHAN. COUNCIL, I APOLOGIZE, I THINK THAT NOW CONCLUDES THE CITIZENS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP. QUESTIONS FOR MS. KING? COMMENTS?

COUNCIL, I ALSO -- I'M SORRY, I HAVE ONE -- I'VE BEEN ASKED TO MAKE ONE CLARIFICATION. WITH REGARDS TO THE REMOVING OF A RELOCATED SIGN, ESSENTIALLY THE ORDINANCE CURRENTLY STATES THAT ONCE A SIGN HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION AND RELOCATED TO ITS NEW SITE, IT CAN STAY THERE FOR 25 YEARS IN ITS NEW LOCATION. IT CAN STAY THERE FOR ONLY 25 YEARS AND HAS TO BE REMOVED UNLESS ANOTHER SIGN IS REMOVED IN ITS PLACE, AND THEN ONCE ANOTHER SIGN IS REMOVED IN ITS PLACE, IT DOESN'T REMAIN FOR 25 YEARS, AS I ORIGINALLY STATED. IT MAY REMAIN THERE IN PERPETUITY.

MAYOR WYNN: MS. KING. FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF? COMMENTS? COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ?

MARTINEZ: THANK YOU, MAYOR. OBVIOUSLY THIS HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH A LENGTHY PROCESS SINCE THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL IN NOVEMBER, AND MANY CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE. I THINK WHAT WE HAVE TONIGHT IS SOMETHING THAT PUTS US IN A STEP FORWARD IN RELATIONSHIP TO DEALING WITH THE, YOU KNOW, OUTDOOR SIGN AND ADVERTISING INDUSTRY. IT CREATES FEES, FEES THAT WILL GO TO OUR GENERAL FUND BUT THAT HOPEFULLY CAN BE USED TO HAVE STRICTER SIGN ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT. IT BANS MOBILE BILLBOARDS BUT IT GIVES THEM A TWO-YEAR PERIOD TO EITHER RETROFIT THEIR VEHICLES, SO THAT THE ADVERTISEMENT IS A THIRD PARTY SERVICE, OR IT WOULD ALLOW THEM TIME TO PUT THEIR ADVERTISING VEHICLES ON THE MARKET IN ANOTHER CITY WHERE THEY WOULD ALLOW THOSE TYPES OF VEHICLES. IT CREATES A DATABASE, AN ON-LINE DATABASE, SO THAT FOLKS CAN TRACK BILLBOARDS TO KEEP UP WITH ANY RELOCATION, AGE OF THE BILLBOARD. AND SO I THINK WE'VE COME UP WITH SOME PRETTY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, AND I'M GOING TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE AMEND THE ORDINANCE AND APPROVE ON SECOND AND THIRD READING -- DO WE JUST HAVE TO DO THIS ON FIRST READING TONIGHT, TOM, SINCE WE -- WE DIRECTED STAFF TO ADD THE LANGUAGE?

NO, COUNCIL MEMBER, THE REMOVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS IS A PART OF THE ENTIRE ORDINANCE, AND I GUESS FOR PURPOSES OF CLARITY YOU COULD SAY THAT YOU'RE APPROVING THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING,

ALTHOUGH THAT'S NOT NECESSARY FOR THE PORTION OF THE ORDINANCE THAT WAS APPROVED TWO WEEKS AGO.

BUT WE CAN MOVE ON SECOND AND THIRD READING?

YES.

MARTINEZ: THEN THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION. AND MOST OF YOU HAVE THE MOTION SHEET BEFORE YOU AND IT'S QUITE LENGTHY. I THINK IT'S ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN PAGES. WHAT I'LL DO IS JUST MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE ON SECOND AND THIRD READING, AND I'LL READ THE FIRST PAGE, ONE, TO DELETE CITY CODE SECTION 2510152 B 5 WHICH ALLOWS REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING NON-CONFORMING SIGNS AND RENUMBER THE REMAINING SECTIONS ACCORDINGLY, DELETE ANY REFERENCES TO THIS ELSEWHERE IN THE CODE INCLUDING ALL OF 2510153 B 6 J. THIS AMENDMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE THE REPLACEMENT PROVISION. NO. 2, MAKE THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ORDER TO DISCOURAGE ILLEGAL REPLACEMENT, ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE. JESSICA MENTIONED THIS EARLIER. ANY TRACT UPON WHICH AN OFF PREMISE SIGN HAS BEEN UNLAWFUL REPLACED SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE AS A SITE FOR RELOCATED SIGN. B IS -- IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE. TO SECTION 2510152 F, 1 E, A SIGN OWNER IS PROHIBITED FROM RELOCATING A SIGN. THE SIGN OWNER IS IN VIOLATION OF THE REGULATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY SIGN OWNED BY THAT SIGN OWNER WITHIN THE CITY'S JURISDICTION, AND THEN OF COURSE THE REST OF THE EXHIBIT IS THE LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE FOR THE OTHER CHANGES THAT WE WILL BE MAKING TO BAN MOBILE BILLBOARDS TO CREATE AN ON-LINE DATABASE, TO CREATE REGISTRATION FEES FROM THE SIGN OWNER, AND CREATE NOTIFICATION -- LET'S SEE -- NOTIFICATION PROVISIONS FOR THE EXPIRATION OF SIGN REGISTRATIONS, AND THE OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE IN THE EXHIBIT.

MAYOR WYNN: SO MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, OR I GUESS THE CONTINUATION OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING, PERHAPS, AND APPROVE ON SECOND AND THIRD READING, HIS AMENDED MOTION -- OR HIS MOTION. SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCracken. FURTHER COMMENTS? I'LL JUST SAY, YOU KNOW, WE'VE -- IN EIGHT YEARS I'VE BEEN UP ON THIS Dais WE HAVE REVISITED THIS ISSUE PAINFULLY TOO OFTEN. I WAS ON THE SHORTENED OF A VOTE SHORT END OF A VOTE, THE MOST RECENT OF THE VOTES, EVEN BRINGING UP THE CONCEPT OF RELOCATION, THAT PHILOSOPHICALLY I WAS PREPARED TO VOTE BUT DIDN'T LIKE WHAT ULTIMATELY WAS BEFORE US LEGISLATIVELY. THERE ARE ELEMENTS ABOUT THIS ONE THAT I -- THAT I CAN'T SUPPORT. I'M RESPECTFUL OF WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE STRONG COUNCIL SUPPORT OF THIS. IN LIEU OF MAKING SOME PERHAPS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS THAT I DON'T BELIEVE WILL GET SECONDED, LET ALONE SUPPORTED, I RESPECTFULLY WON'T BE SUPPORTIVE OF WHAT'S BEFORE US TODAY. MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE. SECOND AND THIRD READING, AMENDED ORDINANCE. FURTHER COMMENT? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN

FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: OPPOSED? NO. MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 4-2 WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER COLE VOTING NO AND COUNCIL MEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS. THANK YOU ALL.

LEFFINGWELL: MAYOR?

MAYOR WYNN: YES, COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

LEFFINGWELL: CAN WE PASS ON SECOND AND THIRD WITH A FOUR VOTE MAJORITY?

THAT'S A GOOD POINT. I THINK THE ANSWER TO THAT IS THAT'S A VOTE ON THE SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE, SO -- WE'LL PLACE THIS ON THE NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THIRD READING.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. LLOYD. SO THE MOTION PASSES ON SECOND READING. OKAY. SO COUNCIL, MAKE LEAVES US WITH ONE. COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN?

MCCRACKEN:

COLE: COUPLE ISSUES, I GOT THAT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN. I THINK WE SHOULD RETAKE THE VOTE.

MAYOR WYNN: OKAY. SO MOTION BY SOMEBODY WHO WAS ON THE -- SO WE NEED A MOTION TO RECONSIDER -- MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ, FOR RECONSIDERATION. COMMENTS ON THE VOTE TO RECONSIDER THIS ITEM 76. HEARING NONE, ALL THIS FAVOR OF THE RECONSIDERATION SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION TO RECONSIDER PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCIL MEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS. SO I BELIEVE NOW I'LL JUST -- SO WE'RE BACK TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN -- MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN, FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING, THIS AMENDED ORDINANCE. COUNCIL MEMBER COLE?

COLE: THIS HAS BEEN A VERY LENGTHY ARDUOUS PROCESS, AND THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS THAT I HAD ABOUT IT THAT I JUST NEEDED SOME CLARIFICATION ON, AND NOW

THAT I'VE GOT THAT CLARIFICATION I'M FINE WITH SUPPORTING THE MOTION.

MAYOR WYNN: ALL RIGHT. SO WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE, SECOND AND THIRD READING. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: OPPOSED? NO. MOTION PASSES ON SECOND AND THIRD READING WITH A VOTE OF 5-1, THE MAYOR VOTING NO AND COUNCIL MEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS. THANK YOU ALL. SO COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US TO PUBLIC HEARING -- OUR FINAL ITEM OF THE EVENING, PUBLIC HEARING NO. 78. THIS IS TO RECEIVE CITIZEN COMMENTS ON THE CITY'S ANNUAL PLAN PURSUANT TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, OR HUD WORK. APPRECIATE A STAFF PRESENTATION FROM MS. MARGARET SHAW.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS MARGARET SHAW. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE THAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. TONIGHT WE BRING YOU OUR ANNUAL EVENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN WHICH IS REQUIRED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO RECEIVE ROUGHLY \$13 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS. THE PLAN ITSELF ACTUALLY INCLUDES \$28 MILLION. THAT'S \$13 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS AND \$14 MILLION IN LOCAL FUNDS THAT WE APPROPRIATE TO USE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT OUR CITY, TO ASSIST LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES. THE HEARING TONIGHT IS BEFORE CITY COUNCIL TO HEAR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE DRAFT PLAN. FOR THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING YOU CAN SEE THE DRAFT PLAN THROUGH A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT MECHANISMS. IT'S AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN.ORG BACK SLASH HOUSING. IT'S ALSO AVAILABLE IN HARD COPY AT TEN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS THROUGHOUT THIS CITY, WHICH IS ALSO LISTED IN OUR WEB SITE. YOU CAN -- THE PUBLIC MAY MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGH WRITING OR THROUGH VERBAL. THE WRITTEN COMMENTS ARE ACCEPTED FROM JUNE 2 TO JULY 2, MAILED INTO OUR OFFICE, AND THEN THROUGH THIS CITY COUNCIL HEARING TONIGHT AND WE HAVE ANOTHER HEARING ON JUNE 26 AT CITY HALL WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON JUNE 26. SO WITH THAT I'D LIKE TO OPEN IT UP FOR CITIZEN COMMENT UNLESS THIS COUNCIL HAS ANY QUESTIONS OF ME.

MAYOR WYNN: QUESTIONS OF MS. SHAW, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? IF NOT, WE DO HAVE A HANDFUL OF CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US TESTIMONY, LOOKING AT THAT LIST HERE. LET'S SEE, OUR FIRST SPEAKER TO GIVE US TESTIMONY WHO SIGNED UP IN SUPPORT IS CHRISTINE HENLON. WELCOME, MS. HENLON. APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES TO BE FOLLOWED BY JOYCE McDONALD.

GOOD EVENING, I'M KRISTEN TEEN HANLON. I MANAGE CARE COORDINATION AT

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS WHICH IS UNDER THE YOUTH AND FAMILY ASSESSMENT OF TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. WE BENEFIT FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES - YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES PORTION UNDER NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION, PUBLIC SERVICES PORTION OF THE CDBG GRANT. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO INCLUDE US IN YOUR ACTION PLAN AND TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE. WE USE THE CDBG DOLLARS WE RECEIVE AS FLEX FUNDS TO PURCHASE SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR PROGRAM BASED ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS. CARE COORDINATION USES A WRAPAROUND APPROACH WITH FAMILIES WHO ARE REFERRED TO US BY 12 TARGET AISD SCHOOLS AND THEY'RE ALL LOCATED EAST OF I-35, CHILDREN WITH MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS ARE REFERRED TO US, AND WE WORK WITH THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO PROVIDE A HOME BASE, FAMILY DRIFNL CULTURALLY COMPETENT APPROACHES, TO WRAP THE FAMILY IN SUPPORTS THAT ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE CHILD'S OVERALL FUNCTIONING AND THE FAMILY'S OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE. RECENTLY I SPOKE WITH A PARENT IN OUR PROGRAM WHOSE FAMILY HAS BEEN ENROLLED WITH US FOR THE PAST YEAR. THE FAMILY WILL GRADUATE FROM OUR PROGRAM THIS SUMMER. THE SINGLE MOM OF THREE COULDN'T BE HERE TONIGHT BUT WANTED ME TO SHARE HER COMMENTS WITH HER EXPERIENCE ON OUR PROGRAM. SHE SAID, "WHEN WE STARTED IN THE PROGRAM WE WERE LOST. MY KIDS' DAD HAD JUST GONE TO PRISON, LEAVING US NEAR HOMELESS AND EMOTIONALLY DISTRAUGHT. THEY, MEANING THE WRAP AROUND TEAM, CAME AT THE PERFECT TIME. MY THERAPIST SHOWED MY SON AND ME HOW TO MAKE CHANGES FOR THE POSITIVE, TO MOVE FORWARD, FIND THE RIGHT PATH AND HOW TO SEE OUR STRENGTHS. MY SON'S TUTOR WAS PATIENT AND ADVOCATED FOR MY SON AT THE SCHOOL SO THEY WERE ABLE TO DISCOVER HIS LEARNING DISABILITY AND GIVE HIM THE RIGHT HELP. MY SON'S ATTITUDE GREATLY CHANGED BY THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR, FROM SAYING I CAN'T TO I CAN. OUR THERAPIST GUIDED ME IN DEALING WITH MY KIDS' DIFFICULT BEHAVIORS. MY SON BECAME MORE RESPONSIBLE. I GOT MORE INVOLVED WITH THE KIDS' SCHOOLS AND LEARNED HOW TO BE A GOOD LEADER FOR MY KIDS. OUR COORDINATOR REALLY RESPECTED OUR CULTURE, OUR BELIEFS AND BACKGROUND. I NOW HAVE PLANS TO FINISH MY GED. I KNOW THERE ARE MORE GOOD CHANGES TO COME, AND ONE LAST THING WHICH WAS SO NICE, LAST CHRISTMAS WHEN I WASN'T ABLE TO PROVIDE A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION FOR MY FAMILY, THE PROGRAM LINKED US TO A SPONSOR WHO BROUGHT US GIFTS AND FOOD. IT WAS A WONDERFUL SURPRISE. SO THIS PARENT'S COMMENTS SHOW JUST ONE GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW WE ARE USING THE CDBG DOLLARS TO HELP FAMILIES MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES. IN THIS CASE WE USED THESE FLEXIBLE FUNDS TO PURCHASE SPECIALIZED SERVICES FROM A FAMILY THERAPIST, A TUTOR AND MENTOR WHO WAS SPECIALLY TRAINED IN DEAL WITH KIDS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES. AND THE CHILD MADE BIG IMPROVEMENTS, ACADEMICALLY AND BEHAVIORALLY IN SCHOOL. AND THE PARENT RECEIVED SUPPORT DURING THE TIME OF CRISIS AND TRANSITION. THE WHOLE FAMILY WAS ABLE TO COPE AND THRIVE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. OUR PROGRAM SERVES AT LEAST 90 FAMILIES PER YEAR IN SIMILAR WAYS WITH SIMILAR RESULTS. AND I HAVE THIS PARENT'S COMMENTS PLUS ANOTHER LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM A GREAT

GRANDPARENT WHO IS RAISING THREE CHILDREN THAT I'D LIKE TO LEAVE WITH YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: HAND THOSE TO MS. GENTRY. WE'LL MAKE COPIES AND PUT IT IN THE RECORD AS WELL. THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOYCE McDONALD. WELCOME, MS. McDONALD. LET'S SEE. IS JENNIFER TODD IN THE ROOM? HELLO, JENNIFER. HOW ABOUT BRET BRANNON. I ASK BECAUSE WE NEED TO HAVE YOU PRESENT TO DONATE TIME. YOU'LL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF NEEDED. FOLLOWED BY KEVIN JOHNSON.

THANK YOU. GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. MY NAME IS JOYCE McDONALD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH FRAMEWORKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT FAMILIES AND THEM KEEPING THEIR HOMES. WE WANT TO THANK YOU, CITY COUNCIL, NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF FOR INCLUDING COUNSELING SERVICES IN THE DRAFT ACTIONS ACTIONS PLAN OF 2008-2009. WE ALSO WANT TO URGE YOU TO COMMIT TO ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THOSE SERVICES. FRAMEWORKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IS A NONPROFIT HOUSING COUNSELING AGENCY PROVIDED PREPURCHASE POST-PURCHASE FINANCIAL EDUCATION TO LOW TO MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU A LITTLE ABOUT FORECLOSURES AND HOW THEY'RE CONTINUING TO HURT FAMILIES IN AUSTIN. THERE WAS A BIG INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FORECLOSURES IN JANUARY 2008 AND ANOTHER HUGE SPIKE AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE. LOOKS LIKE THERE WILL BE ABOUT 4500 FORECLOSURES IN 2008, WHICH IS MORE THAN A 30% INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEARS. WHO GETS HURT? ISOLATED PERSONS, LOWER INCOMES, LOWER EDUCATION LEVELS, PREDOMINANCE OF MINORITY PERSONS AND MORTGAGES WITH HIGH INTEREST RATES, WHICH ARE SUBPRIME LOANS. THE IMPORTANCE OF ONE-ON-ONE FACE-TO-FACE COUNSELING, TO UNDERSTAND THE MORTGAGE REQUIREMENTS, WHICH IS ONE OF THE LEVELS OF WHY WE BELIEVE FACE-TO-FACE COUNSELING IS SO IMPORTANT. WE GET TO EXPLORE THE FAMILY BUDGET, DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN AND NEGOTIATE WITH THE LEARNED FOR REALISTIC WORKUP PLAN THAT IS MOST EFFECTIVE FOR THE FAMILY. HIGHLY SKILLED STAFF WITH ADVANCED TRAINING ARE ESSENTIALLY TO ACHIEVING POSITIVE OUTCOMES. FORECLOSURE PROBLEMS ARE COMPLEX. FRAMEWORK CDC STAFF RECEIVED ADVANCED TRAINING IN FORECLOSURE PRESENTATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. BEST PRACTICES. THE PROGRAMS AT FRAMEWORKS CDC HAVE BEEN DESIGNED UTILIZING BEST PRACTICES AND STANDARDS FOR FORECLOSURE PREVENTION COUNSELING. SOLUTION, LOAN MODIFICATION, FORBEARANCE, PARTIAL CLAIM, SHORT SALES AND FINALLY REPAYMENT PLAN. LEVERAGING RESOURCES. AT THE SAME TIME WE'RE ASKING THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR \$50,000 TO SUPPORT FORECLOSURE PREVENTION COUNSELING. WE HAVE ALSO TURNED TO BANKS AND MORTGAGE COMPANIES AND A STATEWIDE TASK FORCE FOR FUNDS TO PREVENT FORECLOSURE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR ME I'M AVAILABLE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, JOYCE. QUESTIONS FOR MS. McDONALD, COUNCIL? THANK YOU

FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER IS KEVIN JOHNSON.

KEVIN JOHNSON TOOK ILL SO HE WILL NOT BE WITH US TONIGHT.

MAYOR WYNN: WE WILL NOTE HIS SUPPORT FOR THE RECORD.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. LET'S SEE. ALSO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK IS DONALD DELGADO. SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCED THAT, DONALD. AND IS EDDIE PHILLIPS WITH US IN THE CHAMBERS? HOW ABOUT GRISELDA JACKSON. WELCOME. SO DONALD, YOU HAVE SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT. WELCOME.

OKAY. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DONALD, I'M WITH FRAMEWORKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THE CITY'S EFFORT TO INCLUDE COUNSELING. I'M NOT GOING TO TALK LONG. I BROUGHT ANOTHER FAMILY WE'RE CURRENTLY HELPING TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION AS WELL, AND HE'S A SPANISH SPEAKER SO WHAT I'LL DO IS AS HE GOES THROUGH IT WE'LL TRANSLATE SO YOU-ALL CAN UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION HE'S IN. HIS NAME IS HUMBERTO JOHNSON. HE LEARNED ABOUT FRAMEWORKS THROUGH HIS MORTGAGE COMPANY. HE CAME OUT TO A SEMINAR WE WERE HOLDING IN CONJUNCTION WITH WASHINGTON WASHINGTON MUTUAL, WHERE THEY INVITED SOME CLIENTS WHO CAME OUT AND IS SEEKING ASSISTANCE CURRENTLY.

MAYOR WYNN: DONALD, YOU'RE WELCOME TO USE THIS OTHER PODIUM TO TRANSLATE WHILE HE SPEAKS.

THANK YOU. I'M HUMBERTO JOHNSON, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, MY LAST NAME IS JOHNSON. I SPEAK SPANISH, MY LAST NAME JOHNSON. BECAUSE MY FATHER IS FROM ENGLAND, AND I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY -- MY HOUSE. [IN SPANISH] \$1,570 A MONTH. AND THE PERCENTAGE IS 10 POINT -- 10%. [IN SPANISH] I'M PAYING WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE COMPANY. WHEN I STARTED BUYING THIS HOUSE, EVERYTHING WAS OKAY. I WAS DOING PRETTY GOOD. I'M WORKING HARD, ME AND MY WIFE. AND THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED. MY COMPANY CLOSED DOWN AND THEY MOVED TO WACO, TEXAS, AND THERE CAME PROBLEMS AND PROBLEMS AND PROBLEMS. IN THAT TIME, YOU KNOW -- YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN SOMETHING HAPPEN, YOU KNOW, PROBLEMS, SITUATIONS, DIFFICULT SITUATIONS, YOU KNOW, AND WHEN THE SITUATIONS BECOME DIFFICULT, I GOT BEHIND PAYMENT, BEHIND PAYMENT, BEHIND PAYMENT. I CAN'T CATCH THE PAYMENT. AND REALLY I DON'T KNOW WHAT -- I WAS -- ME AND MY WIFE WERE DEPRESSED, ARGUING, SAD, YOU KNOW, WELL, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? WE GO OVER HERE, WE GO OVER THERE. WE COULDN'T FIND A PLACE, SOMEBODY TO HELP ME. IT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE, THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE UP THERE WHERE I LIVE, THE NEIGHBORS, A LOT OF PEOPLE LOSING HOUSES BECAUSE PROBABLY THEY DON'T KNOW, THEY DON'T KNOW PLACES TO GO. WHEN I SEE

THIS GUY, MR. DONALD, I SAW ON THE TV, UNIVISION, I TOLD MY WIFE, LET'S GO. SO WE VISITED WITH DONNA AND -- DONALD AND STARTED TALKING AND STARTED TALK -- HE TALKED WITH THE COMPANY, THE MORTGAGE COMPANY. AND HE SAYS HE'S GOING TO HELP ME. HELPING ME. THE PAYMENT IS GOING TO GO DOWN TO 1,067. THAT'S BIG. THAT'S -- TAKE OFF \$500 DOWN, SO A THOUSAND \$67. I MEAN, THAT'S A BIG HELP. NOT ONLY FOR ME. A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE, THEY DON'T KNOW -- THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. ONE OF MY FRIENDS, HE LOSE THE HOUSE. HE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, LET IT GO. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE UP THERE. WE NEED HELP. AND WE NEED THAT HELP LIKE THAT COMPANY, MR. DONALD. HELPING A LOT OF PEOPLE. BUT THAT'S WHY I'M HERE, AND I'M ASKING TO HELP US. I MEAN, HELP -- THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE, AND THAT'S -- I MEAN, I GOT THREE KIDS. I'VE GOT ONE 4 YEARS OLD, AND MY BABY 4 YEARS OLD ALWAYS TELL ME, PAPA, THAT'S MY HOUSE, PAPA. THIS IS MY HOUSE, AND HE'S 4 YEARS OLD, I GOT ANOTHER, 2 1/2 YEARS OLD, ANOTHER BABY 4 MONTHS. SO WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE HOUSE. WE WORKED TOO HARD, HARD, HARD, TRY TO SAVE THE HOUSE. AT THE START WE DON'T KNOW -- WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT MR. DONALD COME AND I CALL HIM AND I SAW ON TV. I KNOW -- I KNOW HE'S GOING TO HELP ME. IT'S GOING TO BE GOOD SUCCESSFUL. REAL, REAL GOOD, YOU KNOW. I'M HAPPY WITH WHAT HE'S DOING. HE'S NOT CHARGING -- THEY -- THEY DON'T TALK ABOUT THE MONEY. YOU'RE GOING TO PAY THIS, YOU'RE GOING TO PAY -- GOING TO CHARGE -- NO, NO, NO. MIGHT HAVE COME FROM GOD, BECAUSE ME AND MY WIFE, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. THE FIRST TIME WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. WE SAY, WELL, WE'RE LETTING GO OF THE HOUSE. BUT THIS COMPANY COMES IN, MR. DONALD, AND HE STARTED TO SAVE MY HOUSE. MY WIFE RELAXED, ME, HAPPY, BECAUSE WE'VE GOT HELP. REALLY, I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE HOUSE. I TOLD MY WIFE, WE HAVE TO LOSE, WELL -- BUT I APPRECIATE MR. DONALD AND ALL PEOPLE, CITY COUNCIL, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING. I APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: GRACIAS, SENIOR JOHNSON. LET'S SEE, OUR NEXT SPEAKER SIGNED UP. AURORA JOHNSON HAD ALSO SIGNED UP. RIGHT. SO THANK YOU AGAIN. AND LET'S SEE, ROY O'MALLEY SIGNED UP WISHING TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. WELCOME, SIR. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES GLOO GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I'M ALSO WITH FRAMEWORKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND I JUST WOULD BRIEFLY LIKE TO REITERATE THAT, YOU KNOW, THE FORECLOSURE PROBLEMS ARE INCREASING, AND WE THINK THERE WILL BE ABOUT 4500 FORECLOSURES IN THIS COMMUNITY IN THIS YEAR WITH THE TREMENDOUS FLEX THAT OCCURRED. AND THOSE ARE HAPPENING BECAUSE OF ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES, BECAUSE MORTGAGES START OUT WITH VERY HIGH SUBPRIME RATES AND BECAUSE OF INSTANCES LIKE MR. AND MRS. JOHNSON WHERE THE FAMILY GETS INTO A CRISIS OF EMPLOYMENT OR ILLNESS OR SOMETHING HAPPENS IN THE FAMILY. NATIONALLY THE HOT LINES, YOU'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 3500 TO 4,000 CALLS DAILY WITH FAMILIES IN FORECLOSURE PROBLEMS, AND THEY DO A LOT OF WORK WITH THOSE

FAMILIES TRYING TO INTERVENE DIRECTLY ON THAT -- ON THAT IMMEDIATE TELEPHONE COUNSELING. IF YOU TALK TO THE FOLKS THAT ARE OPERATING THOSE NATIONAL HOT LINES, THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ONE-ON-ONE, FACE-TO-FACE COUNSELING WITH FAMILIES WHERE YOU CAN REALLY DIG IN AND DETERMINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES, UNDERSTAND THE MORTGAGE, UNDERSTAND THE FAMILY'S BUDGET AND THEIR OTHER OBLIGATIONS AND COME UP WITH A WORKABLE REALISTIC PLAN THAT, YOU KNOW, CAN BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE LOAN SERVICING COMPANY AND WORK FOR A POSITIVE OUTCOME WITH THE FAMILY, IT'S THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO GO ABOUT IT. WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT FORECLOSURE PREVENTION COUNSELING SERVICES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT ACTION PLAN, AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THIS COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. O'MALLEY. COUNCIL, I THINK THAT'S ALL THE FOLKS WHO WANTED TO GIVE US TESTIMONY ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING OUR ANNUAL HUD PLAN. ARE THERE ANY OTHER CITIZENS HERE WHO HAD SIGNED UP WISHING TO GIVE US TESTIMONY ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 78? THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS FOR THE RECORD. SO REMIND ME, MY SHE WILL, WE'RE NOT POSTED FOR ANY ACTION, UNLESS IT'S JUST TO RECEIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AS WE HAVE DONE. SO THANK YOU. SO COUNCIL, THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS -- LET'S -- COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS OF STAFF OR ANYBODY REGARDING OUR HUD PLAN? MICHELLE?

NO QUESTIONS HERE, NO COMMENTS. I'M HERE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT. WE'LL BE BACK IN JULY FOR OUR REGULAR REPORT AND A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT BASED ON WHAT THE PUBLIC'S COMMENTS ARE AND TO GIVE YOU CONCLUSIONS ON WHERE THAT PLAN ENDS UP.

MAYOR WYNN: RIGHT. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: WELL, COUNCIL, THEN, THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THIS CITY COUNCIL, WE STAND ADJOURNED. IT IS 7:18 P.M. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO REMEMBER THAT OUR NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS ON A WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH, NOT THURSDAY.

End of Council Session Closed Caption Log