

Closed Caption Log, Budget Worksession, 9/8/08

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good morning, I'm austin mayor will wynn. And -- if ever we needed an invocation for our city council, this might be it. This being a special called meeting we don't have one scheduled. There being a quorum present at this time I will call this meeting on the order. This is the first of our three posted potential city council meetings where we approve the fiscal year 2008-'09 budget. We do have a couple of changes and corrections to the posted agenda. We do have a non-fiscal year budget item posted as item no. 1. We should note that councilmember morrison is an additional sponsor of that -- of that waiver. We had some posting problems with the -- with the numbering system for our items today. So -- so as originally posted, we're going to change the sequence of the -- of the 11 items, -- originally posted as number 2 will now be item 10, item posted originally as item 3 will now be item 12, item 4 will now be item 2, that's the actual operating budget, item 5 will now be item 9, item 6 will now be item 3, item 7 and 8 were posted correctly, item 9 will now be item 4, item 10 will now be item 6, and item 11 was posted correctly and item 12 will now be item 5. I'm told that on the website and any of the late -- late backup all had those numbers corrected. Also, on -- what was posted 3, will now be 12, we should correct the spelling of principal and note that it's pal, not ple. Same correction on item no. 11, Principal should be with an al, not an le. Those are our changes and corrections to this meeting's posted agenda. Perhaps just to keep -- be a little cleaner with our budget budget work, I will entertain a motion on action 1, approving the waiver of certain fees and requirements regarding an olympic recognition procession, special events to be held friday, september 12th, 2008. Motion made by councilmember morrison, seconded by councilmember leffingwell to 1 as posted, further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0. Now we will take up our more traditional budget items. 2 which is on our corrected agenda, actually is the operating budget that originally was posted as item no. 4. To remind folks, the way where he do this historically is of course the city manager as per the charter proposed a balanced fiscal year '08-'09 budget back in late july, I guess it was, or late june. So now I'll entertain a motion regarding that proposed budget and then after I get a motion and a second, we'll set that aside and then take up potential amendments to what otherwise was the original proposed fiscal year '08-'09 budget.

Cole: Mayor? I move to approve the fiscal year '09 budget on all three readings.

We have a -- we have a motion by councilmember cole, a second by mayor pro tem mcCracken to approve the proposed '08-'09 budget on all three readings. Before I call for a vote, i will ask if there are any amendments, general fund operating budget amendments. Councilmember leffingwell.

Leffingwell: I move to amend the proposed budget by increasing property tax revenue by \$302,675 which reflects a certified tax role roll and adoption of 12 cents per \$100 valuation.

Second.

Mayor Wynn: So we have a motion by councilmember leffingwell, a second by councilmember cole -- especially this is acknowledging the additional revenue from the certified tax roll that came after the city manager proposed his budget. Greg, remind me, should we vote individually on each of the amendments prior to them going back to our main motion.

Yes, mayor.

Again, we have a motion and a second acknowledging, accepting this additional tax revenue of \$302,675. Further comments on the proposed motion? Amendment? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of -- amendment number one passes on a vote of 7-0. Any other -- councilmember shade?

I would like to amend the proposed budget by increasing the appropriations in the amount of 234,675 for social services contracts to be allocated during fiscal year '09.

So motion by councilmember shade, seconded by councilmember leffingwell essentially taking \$234,675 of our first amendment, that being the \$302,675 figure, and specifically allocating that amount for the social service contracts that will be allocated during fiscal year '09. And that -- should this pass, that leaves an ending balance of \$68,000 based on the first amendment. Again motion and a second on the table for our second general fund operating budget amendment. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Amendment number 2 passes on a vote of 7-0. Councilmember morrison? mayor, in order to restore the funding to the housing trust fund i move to amend reducing transfers to the housing budget in the amount of \$202,624 and increasing transfers out to the housing trust funds by the same amount. This amendment along with a subsequent amendment for the will restore 1 million-dollars to

the housing trust fund and the net impact to the general fund is 0.

Mayor Wynn: So a third amendment motion by councilmember morrison.

Mayor, I'll second that.

Seconded by councilmember martinez.

Martinez: I want to make a quick comment this he is a one-time -- this is a one-time fund. Not going to be here next year. If we want to maintain our commitment from the general fund to the housing trust fund we need to start working on that today for next year to identify the resources, to maintain our commitment to the values of producing affordable housing.

Agreed. And I'll just say I applaud city staff for particularly in our housing department for coming up with this opportunity for us. We have a motion and a second on the table proposing a third amendment regarding our housing budget, no net cost, if you will, to our -- to our general fund cash flow as we walk through the -- this proposed operating budget. But nonetheless creating the million dollar infusion. Of funds into our housing trust account. Further comments on our third proposed amendment? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0. Actually, before greg was going to -- going to talk to us about the potential last amendment that would allocate the \$68,000 balance, if you will, i think councilmember morrison might have an additional amendment.

I wanted to make a motion to amend the budget to show two additional positions in neighborhood planning and zoning -- in the neighborhood planning and zoning department. And then to reflect those positions as being held vacate or frozen for now in order to keep open the possibility that we would have additional input ombudsmen personnel.

Motion by councilmember morrison, seconded by councilmember martinez, as i understand it, it included in this year's proposed budget was actually the elimination of those two non-funded what we call neighborhood ombudsmen position. This motion would reinstate the line item, if you will, but acknowledging that they are to remain vacate until such time as -- as this council or future council would take action to fund those two positions. So no net cost as i understand it to the operating budget. But again acknowledging those two positions for future --

mayor, I have a question.

Mayor Wynn: Yes, councilmember cole. canale to explain to us how that would work.

Sure, councilmember. What we would do if this motion passes, we would add those positions back into

the neighborhood planning and zoning department budget, two positions. We would also add back in the actual salary amount of a total of \$147,404 but at the same time we would increase the vacancy savings of that department, so in essence it would be keeping those positions frozen and unfunded for the year or until time funding becomes available.

Cole: So there's no net increase on this year's budget?

That's correct. It's a net impact of 0 to the general fund.

Mayor Wynn: Just -- I'll be supportive of this amendment. What it really is, it's acknowledging philosophically, that we would like to have those positions funded by recognizing this budget year might not be the time that it's going to happen. Again, so we have a -- a fourth proposed general fund operating budget amendment and second on the table. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0. Greg, can you talk to us now about -- we have the \$68,000 balance, if you will.

That's correct, mayor. We just have a staff cleanup item in trueing up some costs. The final amendment would be to amend the fiscal year '09 proposed budget by increasing appropriations for the health and human services department in the amount of \$68,000 and social service contract for family elder care. Again that would be \$68,000.

Mayor Wynn: I will entertain a motion on this cleanup. Councilmember leffingwell?

Leffingwell: Mayor, i would move to amend the proposed fiscal year '09 budget by increasing appropriations for the health department in the amount of \$68,000 for the social services contract for family elder care as mr. Canale just read.

Mayor Wynn: So we have a fifth proposed amendment to the general fund operating budget by councilmember leffingwell, seconded by councilmember shade, again taking the 000000000 and allocating it to family elder care. If I remember this would be the follow-up to last year's action when we did attempt to commit for a two year cycle.

Mayor, that's correct. We basically orally committed to capital improvement project, it involves family elder care, children's shelter and the people's clinic. And we decided at that time to commit 125,000 last year and follow-up this year and this year is a combination of -- of fee waivers and -- and balance in cash and that's where that comes from

Mayor Wynn: Thank you, again, a motion and a second on the table, a fifth proposed amendment to the

general fund operating budget. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0. So greg, remind me, that takes us down to a 0 general fund operating budget balance. But we still have a number of other items that we need to take up in order to then approve this budget, correct?

Correct. We still have other items within the city's operating budget to move forward through some other amendments. Section c. But we are now -- mayor, as you indicated, the amendments to the general fund have now been made and we now have a balance of 0 in the general fund.

Correct.

Mayor, I move that we amend the proposed budget of the public works department, transportation fund, operating budget, by increasing transportation user fees for the amount of 4,770,000 and by increasing expenditures in the amount of 4,819,727 for increased preventive maintenance street work.
Preventive maintenance street work.

Motion by councilmember cole, seconded by councilmember leffingwell.

Leffingwell: Could i add that in our original budget proposal due to increased costs of raw materials, using the same amount of funding as last year would have funded only 8% of our lane miles for preventive maintenance which is very important because if you don't pay for it now, you pay for it later a whole lot more. So this modest increase in the transportation fee will enable us to -- to come back to 10% preventive maintenance on lane miles, which is the optimum number which we did 10% a year. We avoid this process of allowing our roads to deteriorate beyond repair, so I think that it's very important.

Mayor Wynn: Agreed. Greg I see this amendment we are identifying the actual number of that we need to increase that fund in order to reach this threshold of 10% as the councilmember pointed out. I guess somewhere later in our budget we actually take the action to -- to -- to increase that transportation user fee by however many pennies it is or this is the action that -- that does that?

Mayor, you're correct. It takes two actions. First we are amending the operating budget to get the -- to recognize the revenue that will be generated from the increased transportation fee and then when the council takes up the item on the fines and fees, we will also have an item in there actually putting in the approval of -- of increasing the transportation fee. To generate that revenue.

Right. Okay.

Again, council, we have a -- an additional or a first other fund amendment, that being increasing the -- the budget for our preventive street maintenance by -- by \$4,770,000. Further comments? Hearing

none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0. Councilmember cole? Or councilmember martinez?

Martinez: In continuing our efforts to -- to reach some of our young minority students, we have a couple of programs in the city that -- that I think I feel like it's really important that we continue to support. So I want to make a motion to designate a total of \$100,000 in austin energy budget for the african-american men and boys conference through the existing fy '09 appropriations.

Cole: Second.

Mayor Wynn: Motion by councilmember martinez, seconded by councilmember cole to designate \$100,000 of austin energy's budget for the african-american men and boys conference through the '09 appropriations. Further comments on our second additional amendment? Hearing none, all those in --

Cole: I would like to thank councilmember martinez's leadership over the years, even before he was actually in the office on this program and his support of this program. With that I would like to make a motion to dedicate of a total of \$100,000 in austin energy budget for the hispanic futures conference through existing fiscal year '09 appropriations.

Mayor Wynn: So, councilmember martinez, do you consider that a friendly amendment to -- to add an additional \$100,000 for the austin energy budget for the history futures conference through our '09 appropriations?

Martinez: I do, mayor. This hispanic futures conference is modeled after the african-american men and boys conference to now reach out to young latino students that are struggling to get through their daily high school work. I appreciate councilmember cole's support.

Mayor Wynn: Again our second proposed other fund amendment would be for a total of \$200,000, \$100,000 for the african-american men and boys conference and \$100,000 for the hispanic futures conference both coming from austin energy's budget. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0. Greg, I know we had a number of other amendments that we need to make sure that we handle appropriately before we go back to the main operating budget motion, correct?

Correct. So thank you, mayor. We do have some items to clean up after the proposed budget. Approval and changes review what occurred, I would like to review those with you. On the first it's just to

recognize and amend other fund expenditures, authorize positions and transfers to reflect amendments that have just been made where that would occur. Additionally, would amend the '09 proposed operating budget of the aviation department, by decreasing 's by 22, reducing total revenue by 8,142, reducing expenditure by \$1,644,500 and reducing transfers out to the airport capital fund by \$7,497,500. Again, this is due to what the city is seeing with the airline industry and in making sure that we're in line with -- with this upcoming year. Additional amendment would be to amend the proposed airplane capital fund by reducing transfers in from the aviation department operating fund in the amount of \$7,497,500. The next item relates to the certified tax roll. Now that we have it in, we need to do some -- we recalculated some revenue. We amend the proposed budget of the mueller tax increment financing fund to reflect property tax revenue of \$470,925, based on the certified tax roll. And increasing the requirements by that same amount. Likewise, we would also amend the proposed budget of the waller creek tax increment financing fund to reflect property tax revenue of \$211,861 based on the certified tax roll. The next item that we bring forward is to amend the proposed budget by creating a new transportation department and transferring in from the public works transportation fund. And then finally, we would amend the proposed budget of the housing trust fund, again this is a companion item to the amendment, to increase transfers in in the amount of 2,026 four dollars, to increase the transfers in from the in the amount of 798,000 and to increase expenditure appropriations in the housing trust fund in the amount of \$1,624.

Thank you -- \$1,624,000.

Greg, I will entertain a motion on what I will call the third threw 9th other fund amendments. Motion made by the mayor pro tem, seconded by councilmember morrison to approve these additional six other fund amendments. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0. Now we will get greg to read the special revenue fund before we go back to the main motion.

Thank you, mayor, after the proposed budget we received in two additional grants, our special revenue funds, they are good news for the city. I would like to just walk council through those. First is to amend the '09 proposed budget with a management services special revenue fund by increasing appropriations in the amount of \$50,000 for the hazard mitigation grant program which will be administered by oem. Second, we would amend the '09 proposed budget of the health and human services special revenue fund by increasing appropriations in the amount of \$195,000 for the refugee health screening grant program and increasing f.t.e.'s by 1.75.

Council, I would entertain a motion acknowledging these two special revenue fund amendment. Motion made by councilmember cole, seconded by councilmember morrison acknowledging these two special revenue fund amendments. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0. So council, that now takes us back to our main motion 2, which is our operating budget. Again, we now have voted on it, accepted a number of general fund special revenue other fund amendments. We have a motion and a second on the table to approve the operating budget on all three readings, further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? 2 passes on a vote of 7-0. 3, which is our capital budget. I will entertain a motion regarding capital budget as proposed which would include the errata.

Cole: Mayor, I move that we adopt the capital budget as proposed on all three readings. Approving capital budget for the fiscal year beginning on OCTOBER 1st, 2008, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30th, '09. And making appropriations for each department project account, including the errata.

Mayor Wynn: We have a motion by councilmember cole, seconded by councilmember martinez to approve our capital budget as proposed, including the errata on all three readings. And if you don't mind, council, we will set that aside because I suspect there will be a couple of amendments to this capital budget. I will entertain at this time.

We do have -- we do have a couple of amendments to read into the record. The first is to amend the proposed capital budget of the public works department by increasing the appropriations in the amount of 2 million-dollars for sidewalk improvements, including ada funding or for americans with disabilities act for a total of \$5 million. Funding is anticipated from reimbursements due from the texas department of transportation.

Mayor Wynn: I will entertain that proposed amendment to our capital budget. Motion by councilmember morrison, seconded by the mayor pro tem to approve -- to propose this first amendment to the capital budget, that being an additional two million for sidewalk and a.d.a. Improvements, taking that total fund to \$5 million. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0.

The second amendment is to amend the proposed capital budget of the neighborhood housing and community development by reducing the transfer in from the general fund in the amount of \$202,624 and reducing the appropriations in the same amount and by deappropriating \$798,000 in existing appropriations and transferring cash in that same amount to the housing trust fund. This is related to the action that we took earlier regarding the housing trust fund.

Mayor Wynn: I will entertain a motion on this potential amendment to our capital budget. Motion by councilmember morrison, seconded by councilmember leffingwell to approve this second amendment to our capital budget. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye. motion passes on a vote of -- motion to amend passes on a vote of 7-0. Council, that takes us back to our main motion for the capital budget. We have a motion and a second on the table that now includes two amendments. Further comments on our capital budget? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on item 3 on a vote of 7-0. 4 is the ratification of our property tax rate for fiscal year 2008-'09. This is the property tax rate that's reflected in the budget. I will entertain a motion to ratify the property tax rate as reflected in the fiscal year devise-'09 -- '08 2009.

Mayor, I move to revise the property -- ratify the property tax rate increase as reflected in the '08-'09 budget.

Motion by councilmember cole, seconded by councilmember leffingwell to approve the ratification of this property tax increase reflected in the budget of fiscal year '08-'09. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? 4, the ratification of the property tax rate is approved on a vote of 7-0. So that takes us now technically to the item no. 5, Which is the actual ad valorem tax rate and per state law we have a little bit of a script to follow including an itemized roll call vote for the record. Again, this is the -- the levying the actual property or ad valorem tax rate for the city of austin for fiscal year '08-'09 I will entertain a motion.

Mayor, I move that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of the tax 12 cents per \$100 valuation.

Mayor Wynn: So we have a motion by councilmember cole. Establishing the property 12 cents per \$100 valuation. Seconded by the mayor pro tem. Further comments? If not, then I will ask gentry to please call the roll for a record vote although we record all of our votes narrow.

Mayor win.

Yes.

Mayor pro tem.

Yes.

Councilmember cole?

Yes.

Councilmember leffingwell?

Yes.

Councilmember martinez?

Yes.

Councilmember morrison?

Yes.

Councilmember shade?

Yes. 5 passes on a vote of 7-0. Which takes us to item 6, which are the fines, fees and other charges. I'll entertain a main motion that likely will then be amended.

First, second and third .. to be set or charged by the city for fiscal year '08-'09 beginning on october 1, '08 and ending on september 30th, '09 AND AMENDING THE City code including the errata.

Mayor Wynn: So motion by councilmember martinez, seconded by councilmember shade to approve on all three readings the ordinance that authorizes the fees, fines and charges from -- we will now set that motion aside and likely take up any potential amendments, I know earlier we talked about the transportation fund and there are probably some others. Councilmember leffingwell.

Leffingwell: Mayor, this is what we just talked about a few minutes in a previous item. To approve an amendment to the transportation user fee by increasing monthly fees per the revised fee schedule to generate an additional 4470 thousand for street preventive maintenance.

Motion by --

motion by councilmember leffingwell, seconded by councilmember cole amending the transportation user fee with that revised schedule to generate that additional \$4.77 million. Further comments on our first potential amendment to our fines, fees and other charges? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion to amend passes on a vote of 7-0. Any other additional amendments to our --

mayor?

Councilmember martinez?

Martinez: I'm going to make a motion that we approve an amendment to the solid waste service fee scheduling by adjusting residential and commercial garage cart rates in order to encourage the use of smaller carts and increase our recycling efforts and also amend the fee for contracted residential dumpster service in the central business district by increasing the monthly 50 to \$13.

Mayor Wynn: So a motion by councilmember martinez amending our fee schedule regarding our solid waste services. Seconded by councilmember shade. Further comments on the proposed amendment regarding our solid waste services --

Leffingwell: Just a quick one, mayor. I note that the size fee that portion of of the garbage fee that is determined by what size cart that you have for the small 32-gallon cart will remain the same. Unchanged for next year. Obviously that's an incentive to recycle.

Right.

Mayor Wynn: So we have a motion and a second on the table regarding a second proposed amendment to our fines, fees and other charges. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion to amend passes on a vote of 7-0. Takes us back to the main motion, the now amended proposed fines, fees and other charges. We have a motion and a second on the table. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye? Opposed? 6 passes on a vote of 7-0. So, council, I think these next three items, 7, 8 and 9, I believe we could take up as one potential motion. These are regarding the personnel matters, both our civil service, fire and police items, as well as a minor change to our service incentive pay personnel policies.

Martinez: I move approval on all three readings, items 7, 8, 9, regarding the classification of civil service positions in the austin fire department and the austin police department as well as a resolution amending the personnel policies regarding service incentive pay.

Mayor Wynn: So we have a motion by councilmember martinez, seconded by councilmember leffingwell approving this combined motion items 7, 8, 9, essentially personnel matters. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Items number 7, 8, 9 pass on a vote of 6-0 with the mayor pro tem temporarily off the dais. Likewise, council, I think we can take up items 10, 11, 12 at one time. These are regarding mostly regarding our reimbursable actions. I would like for greg to summarize and walk us through these three items.

Thank you, mayor, items 10, 11, 12 all related to the capital budget. They are related to the appropriations in the capital budget for which we will reimburse the -- the -- reimburse next year during bond sales and likewise, item 10 is related to the go bonds, reimbursing \$1,171,000 in public 5 million in certificates of obligation, item 11 deals with the austin water utility, in -- in aggregate maximum principal amount of \$240 million. Item 12 is the austin energy reimbursement resolution in a maximum principal amount of \$137 million.

Council, I will entertain a combined motion for items 10, 11, 12.

Cole: Mayor, I move that we adopt items 10, 11, 12, on all three readings.

Motion by councilmember cole. Seconded by councilmember shade to approve these combined items 10, 11, 12, on all three readings. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Items, 10, 11, 12, pass on a vote of 7-0. Then I believe items 13 and 14 can be taken up together. These relate to -- to our austin convention and visitors bureau partnership. Greg, could you summarize these for us, please.

> Sure, thank you, mayor, item 13 is the approval of the acvb marketing plan. In the amount of 10,183,790 and the contract payment to acvb in the amount of \$8,439,500. Item 14 is the contract with acvb, a slight modification related to the funding of three f.t.e.'s. Again, so items 13 and 14 are related to -- are -- our relationship with acvb.

Mayor Wynn: Questions of staff, council? If not, I will entertain the combined motion for items 13 and 14. Motion by the mayor pro tem, seconded by councilmember cole to approve this combined item 13 and 14. Our agreement with acvb. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0. Item 15 are our cultural arts contracts. Which I believe we have actually itemized on our dais here, council. I would entertain a motion on item 15. Motion by councilmember martinez, seconded by councilmember morrison. Again this will be approving the resolution that awards the contracts for our cultural arts services for the fiscal year '08-'09 funding in the amount of \$6,132,924, and is available again fiscal year '08-'09 proposed budget for the cultural arts

fund for cultural arts contracts. \$25,000 is expected in the fiscal year '08-'09 texas commission on the arts subgranting program grant for a total arts funding this year of \$6,157,924. Again, our backup actually identifies all of the different -- different partners out in the community who will be receiving this money. We have a motion on -- and second on the table. 15 our cultural arts contracts. Further comments? I will say I believe that it was back in 2004-2005 when -- when city staff working with a lot of stakeholders in the arts community completely sort of revamped that whole process. Prior to that, this meeting oftentimes was where on the dais we would start having individual amendments for individual, you know, non-profit arts groups around town and instead we changed that format. I think it has been very received by the arts community over these last three or four years now. Very structured formats, peer reviewed. Panelists of -- of austin community and visiting folks to help us on the ranking, on the scoring, ultimately very pleased to see how little heart burn there is now as we get to award over \$6 million to a bunch of good arts partners out in the community. So I applaud staff once again and the -- and the partners, the community out there who keep this format working so well.

Mayor?

Mayor Wynn: Comal?

Leffingwell: I agree, in fact it's worked so well we are going to try to emulate that process for social service contracts beginning in calendar year 2010. Obviously we didn't have enough time to get it worked out for this year. It's a good process and we hope to do the same thing for social service contracts.

Mayor Wynn: Again, a motion and a second on the table. Item no. 15. Our cultural arts contracts. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0. Council, I think technically we can now adjourn this meeting of the austin city council as we now have approved all of the -- all of the budget items and all of the other pieces to that puzzle. gentry I believe we now have approved all of the -- all of the austin city council posted action items, correct? Greg?

That's correct.

Mayor Wynn: So with -- without objection then, we -- austin city council meeting for september 8th stands adjourned. I would like to -- to call to order -- councilmember martinez?

Martinez: Can I make a quick comments on the -- on the council agenda that we just adopted, approved fee waivers for an event this friday. This is for our austin olympians. We have confirmed at least two gold medalists, about half a dozen olympians so far. We will walk up congress avenue, end on the south steps of the capital where we will recognize and honor them this friday evening, have a little bit of live music. I want to thank in particular our pio office working pretty much non-stop on this and in particular

leslie [indiscernible] who has been helping out my staff to pull this event off with the sponsorship of councilmember morrison and leffingwell. Should be a great event, we would like to invite everyone out this friday 00 to celebrate our austin olympians who are back home.

Mayor Wynn: Agreed, thank you, councilmember. Again, we still have more business to take care of, wrap up all of the different moving parts. But again we now have adjourned this meeting of the austin city council. I'll call to order this meeting of the austin housing finance corporation board of directors meeting and welcome ms. shaw.

Good morning, mr. President. My name is margaret shaw, I'm the treasurer of the austin housing finance corporation. I offer for you two items that you can adopt on consent jointly. It is our operating budget and capital budget for the austin housing finance corporation board as posted.

Mayor Wynn: Questions of staff, board? Again, we have two posted items for our ahfc board meeting. Hearing no additional questions or comments, i will entertain a combined motion for items 1 and 2, of our ahfc board of directors meeting agenda.

Move approval.

Motion by councilmember leffingwell, seconded by councilmember cole to approve this combined items one and two of our ahfc board meeting agenda. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of 7-0. shaw, no more business before the austin housing finance corporation board of directors meeting. We now stand adjourned. I would like to now call to order this meeting of the mueller local government corporation. Welcome a brief staff presentation.

Thank you, mayor. 2 is the approval of minutes for the september 10th, 2000 REGULAR BOARD Meeting. So I will request approval for that.

Why don't you walk us through the whole agenda and take that as a combined item.

Item 3 is the approved appointment board chair will wynn, vice hire mccracken, director lee leffingwell, director mike martinez, director sheryl cole, director randi shade, director laura morrison, director -- excuse me, president marc ott, vice-president leslie browder, secretary juan e. Gonzalez and treasurer art 4 is to approve a resolution adopting the corporation's fiscal year '08-'09 operating budget in the amount of \$1,455,906 for the mueller redevelopment project.

Mayor Wynn: So, board, we have a proposed consent agenda for this meeting of the mueller local government corporation. Since we do this once a year. So we are taking the -- the revenue that's are generated by that property and that's how we are funding so much of the improvements on the tract.

Questions for staff? If not, then I will entertain a motion on this proposed consent agenda.

Cole: Move approval.

Mayor Wynn: Motion by director cole. Seconded by the vice chair. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Wynn: Opposed? The consent agenda for the mueller local government corporation passes on a vote of 7-0. So there being no more business before the mueller local government corporation meeting, we now stand adjourned. Again, I want to congratulate staff, my colleagues, our individual staffs in our offices for all of the work. I think this has been a successful format despite otherwise challenging economic times. But again congratulations to -- to city manager ott on his first budget. Thank everybody.

Mayor, if I may, I just want to pause for a second in light of what you said to say, yay! [Laughter] but well I -- more important than that, want to pause to obviously acknowledge my staff and my budget team, the core of which obviously you see sitting right in front of you, our chief financial officer leslie browder, greg who has guided us through this process, leslie, jeff and certainly marisa who are also on the staff and leslie's office. Thank you all for a tremendous effort. Extend my appreciation to your staff as well for all of the hard work and the many hours, after hours and on weekends for all that you have done. I want to acknowledge my executive team, the city manager, assistant city managers and the chief of staff for their leadership, relative to their respective departments, the department heads and their staff. Obviously, mayor, I want to acknowledge you and the councilmembers for all of your hard work beginning at the beginning of this process and your willingness to -- to work with us in the various work sessions that we had. It got us to this point. Of course you were doing lots of other work on your own to come to terms with a lot of information that's provided along with any -- any municipal budget development. So we really appreciate all of your input and your leadership that -- that allowed us to shape ultimately a budget that we think is both sound and responsible. So my thanks to you all. And I can actually say that I -- that I enjoyed this experience. I -- as funny as that may sound. As difficult as some of the decisions were that we had to make, it was truly an enjoyable experience for me and it was my privilege and honor to work with such a fine staff and this mayor and council to get it done, thank you very much.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Again, collective congratulations to everybody. Thank you all very much. [Applause]

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thank you.

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